

Junk waste pickup set

Junk waste will be picked up Thursday, June 16, for city of Houston (77089) residents living north of Beltway 8. Residents south of the beltway are scheduled for Thursday, June 23. For more information, call 3-1-1.

PIP meeting June 21

Positive Interaction Program will meet Tuesday, June 21, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria in the staff meeting room on the first floor. The new captain from the division, Capt. Mark Fougere, will be on hand to meet with attendees. PIP consists of police and citizens working for safer neighborhoods. For more information, call Officer Randy Derr at 281-218-3900.

CDA hosts games, raffle

On June 22, Catholic Daughters Court Mother of Unity #2292 will sponsor a games party/luncheon from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets are \$10 and include games, prizes, a homemade lunch, dessert and a drink.

A raffle with many great prizes will be held that day. Proceeds will be used to benefit the community, many charities, and college scholarships. Call Carol at 281-412-2825 or Gere at 281-799-5600 for games party and raffle tickets.

Dobie band car wash set

The J. Frank Dobie Longhorn Band will hold a car wash on Saturday, June 18, at the Food Town on Scarsdale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A \$5 donation is requested.

Knights to serve barbecue

The Knights of Columbus will host the annual brisket dinner on Friday, June 24, at St. Luke's Catholic Church from 5 to 8 p.m. Dinner, both dine-in and take-out, will consist of barbecue brisket and sausage, potato salad, baked beans, pickles, onions, bread, and iced tea or lemonade. Desserts will be available. The \$9 plate proceeds will help support the St. Luke Knights of Columbus community activities.

NARFE meets June 21

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees, Gulf Freeway Chapter 941, meets the third Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the El Franco Lee Park Community Center, 9500 Hall Road. The next meeting will be June 21. Visitors are welcome. For additional information, call 713-734-1461.

Duff helps SoHo dance team

The South Houston High School dance team, to raise money for summer camp, will receive a major boost from a face familiar to both Trojan alumni and pop music fans.

Susan Cobb Duff, a 1971 South Houston graduate and mother of entertainment stars Hilary and Haylie Duff, will take part in a giant garage sale on Saturday, June 18, in the front parking lot of the high school.

Proceeds from the sale will help the school's Jannette dance team attend the Showmakers Dance Camp at Blinn College in Brenham. The sale will be held from 6 a.m. to noon.

Duff, herself a former Jannette, has enlisted the help of friends in the business community to donate hundreds of items for the sale.

Turner benefit June 18

A benefit will be held for Thomas "Tom" Turner Saturday, June 18, at Scotty's Pub, 10943A Scarsdale Blvd. (formerly The Nutty Bar) from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Turner has been diagnosed with bilateral, Stage 4 lung cancer and is currently undergoing chemotherapy. Barbecue plates will be sold for \$7, and sandwiches for \$5.

There will be a raffle and silent auction. Raffle tickets are \$2 each or 6 for \$10. Winners will be announced between 3 and 4 p.m. For more information, contact Marty Reeder at 409-599-4498. Raffle and silent auction items are still being accepted.

K of C blood drive June 26

The Knights of Columbus, St. Luke's Catholic Church, will sponsor its quarterly blood drive Sunday, June 26, for the Commit for Life Program, Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center. The blood drive will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the church parish hall at 11011 Hall Road. Donate to ensure an adequate supply is available for the summer months.

Vacation Bible Schools set

Kirkwood South Christian Church
Kirkwood South Christian Church, 10811 Kirkfair, will hold its Vacation Bible School, *Pandamania - Where God Is Wild About You!* for ages 4 through 12, Sunday, June 26, through Thursday, June 30, at 6:30 p.m. For information, call 281-481-0004.

Freeway Baptist Church
Freeway Baptist Church, 8702 Kingspoint, will hold its Vacation Bible School, *Beach Blast*, June 26-30 from 6 to 8 p.m. for ages 4 and up. For more information, call 281-484-0323 or visit www.freewaybc.com.

Dobie cuts spare athletic programs

By James Bolen

While the state Legislature has yet to hammer out a school budget plan for the next two years, Pasadena Independent School District officials have been forced to make significant cuts as they brace for a projected shortfall of \$21 million per year.

For Dobie, this means the loss of two social studies teachers, three science teachers, one English teacher, one Spanish teacher, one business teacher and three math teachers.

Fewer teachers will result in higher class

loads.

According to PISD Superintendent Kirk Lewis, Dobie's current class size of 24 to 25 students per teacher will increase to 26 to 27 students per teacher. Lewis said, however, some classes may have as few as 20 students per class, while others may have up to 32 students per class.

Teachers who remain at Dobie will now be required to teach six out of seven periods, as opposed to the existing five out of seven, losing a planning period.

Contrary to earlier considerations, Lewis said

no athletic programs will be cut from the area high school. To conserve money, however, the school district will be eliminating night games for junior varsity and freshman teams. In all, 31 games will be rescheduled districtwide.

New uniforms will also be put on hold for at least a year, Lewis said.

To further save money, PISD is eliminating both of its assistant athletic director positions at its central office.

At press time, members of both the House and Senate conference committees were being

selected to iron out the budget issue.

Lewis said he expects a plan to be adopted by the end of June but is hopeful it will come earlier.

PISD officials have also laid off 13 elementary school teachers in the South Belt area, as well as two middle school instructors and one intermediate school teacher.

If state cuts result in a funding loss to PISD of more than \$21 million a year, the district will be forced to make even more drastic cuts, Lewis said.

Collapsed chimney from home damages neighbor's garage



The chimney of a house at 9803 Sagemark in the Sageglen subdivision recently collapsed, severely damaging the garage of the home located next door.

According to Deborah Wieser Barfield, the neighbor whose garage was damaged, the chimney had been in need of repair for at least two years.

"The sad thing about this whole ordeal is that it was completely preventable," Barfield said.

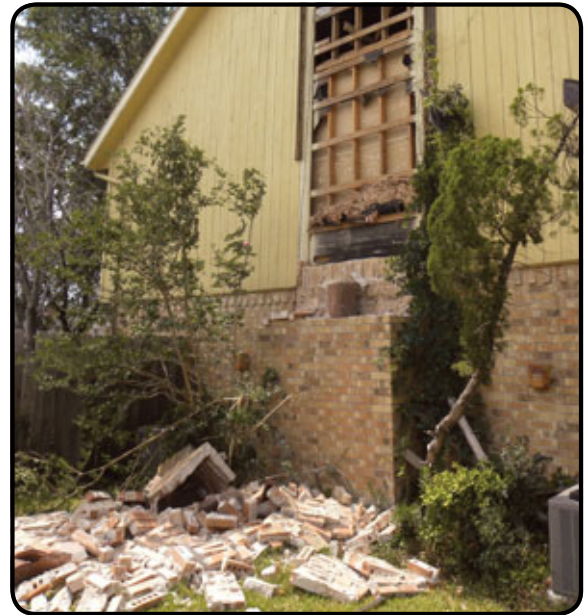
Harris County officials had been made aware of the situation several months ago but were unable to act because the home was occupied. County workers did, however, put up warning tape around the structure, but it was quickly removed by residents who are renting the property, according to Barfield.

Harris County Appraisal District records indicate the house is owned by Rogelio Olivetti. When contacted by Barfield, Olivetti told her that he had no insurance to cover the damage to her home.

Barfield's own homeowner's insurance will cover the damage, but she will be forced to pay a \$6,000 deductible. Olivetti said he is unable to pay the deductible, as he is currently living on disability.

Barfield is thankful that no one was injured in the incident.

"We're lucky no one died," she said. The Sageglen Homeowners Association has since filed a lawsuit against Olivetti.



Drainage fees disputed



The new Rebuild Houston program, aimed at improving city streets and drainage by charging a monthly fee, continues to brew controversy. The fee is based on a rate of 3.2 cents per square foot of impervious surface, or concrete, that is located on each piece of property. However, the above property, located on Grayson near Genoa Red Bluff and Beltway 8, is a sand pit with virtually no concrete, yet it will be charged nearly \$10,000 annually for having 310,381 square feet of impervious surface. A similar piece of property located near Mykawa Road in Houston City Councilmember Wanda Adams' district will be charged nearly \$60,000 annually. That sand pit's owner said the charge of \$1,100 per week is more than the company actually brings in. The *Leader* has submitted both properties to city officials for review.

Parade, fireworks set for July 4

The yearly South Belt Fourth of July parade and fireworks show are fast approaching.

Set to take place Monday, July 4, the 24th annual parade will wind 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.

The theme for this year's event is *Honoring Community Builders*. All participants are encouraged to decorate their vehicles and floats, as prizes will be awarded in various categories.

Members of the U.S. Coast Guard will be participating in this year's event, carrying multiple boats on trailers. Also participating will be Houston City Councilmember Wanda Adams and Judge Ruben Guerrero.

Former Dobie swim coach and recent inductee to the Texas Senior Games Hall of Fame Dennis Shippey will take part in the parade, riding in an Indy pacesetter Corvette.

Several youth groups are scheduled to participate, including the Sageмонт Cowboys and Cowgirls, Dobie cheerleaders, Little League teams and Boy Scout troops.

Organizers are currently seeking musical acts to perform in the parade. Musicians from all community organizations, as well as groups of individuals, are encouraged to participate. A prize of

10 Schlitterbahn tickets will be awarded to the best musical performance.

Entry forms for the parade are currently being

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Deputies battle crime

South Belt resident Reynaldo Veal was arrested Tuesday, June 14, for using a stolen credit card, following a June 9 break-in of an area vehicle.

Deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office initially responded to the break-in, in which a woman had her purse stolen, at Clear Brook City Park at roughly 10 a.m. When the victim reported her credit cards missing, she was notified that someone had used one at a convenience store on Telephone Road.

Upon examining the store's surveillance footage, Precinct 2 Sgt. Zerick Guinn recognized Veal from a previous incident. Veal, 27, was then arrested by Deputy Margaret Magana and charged with credit card abuse, a felony.

Guinn said both Clear Brook City Park and Bishop Park on Blackhawk have become common spots for vehicle break-ins and suggests that patrons of the parks hide their valuables or lock them in the trunk.

Proposed apartments irk some

A proposed low-income apartment complex that will cater to seniors has drawn the ire of many South Belt residents.

To be located on Sabo at Sagetree, adjacent to the Sagemont Park Townhomes, the facility would be a three- to four-story structure composed of 65 units.

A primary concern of residents is additional flooding in an area already suffering from drainage problems.

While the developer, Retirement Housing Foundation, said it would provide a detention pond on the grounds, officials from the Harris County Flood Control District have said in the past the two-acre space is too small for an appropriate drainage pond.

The development is being opposed by the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, which is supportive of a similar project to be located at Beltway 8 and the Gulf Freeway.

Sageglen, Ashley Pointe to share pools

An arrangement was made this past week that allows residents of Sageglen and Ashley Pointe to utilize each other's swimming pools.

The agreement will allow residents of each subdivision access to a pool seven days a week, rather than the current six days.

Both area pools are presently closed for cleaning on Mondays.

Under the new arrangement, the Ashley Pointe pool will now be closed on Tuesdays for cleaning, while the Sageglen pool will still be cleaned on Mondays.

The Ashley Pointe pool's hours will now change from 2 to 9 p.m. to 1 to 8 p.m. The Sage-

glen pool's hours will remain noon to 9 p.m.

The agreement is a win-win for residents of both subdivisions. In addition to the increased availability, each pool has features that the other does not. For instance, the Sageglen pool has a diving board - something the Ashley Pointe pool lacks - while the Ashley Pointe pool has a children's splash pad - a feature the Sageglen pool is missing.

There will be no additional costs to residents of either subdivision. However, all residents must be up to date on their homeowner's dues and possess an identification badge to use either swimming pool.

Hughes extension begins



Construction recently began on the Harris County portion of the Hughes Road/Barry Rose expansion into Pearland. The work is expected to take six months and cost \$1,704,505. Plans call for an elevated bridge just west of Blackhawk to go above the existing hike-and-bike trail. The county also plans to install stop signs at the Sageorchard intersection as well as a cautionary traffic light in front of the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department station.

Readers' Opinions

James Gorman replies to Volper

Well, there you go again Mr. Volper! In his latest rambling exposition in the *Leader* he has come to some unwarranted conclusions regarding my previous statements. He says "Your opinion and your original statement seem to imply that you don't like the system as it was founded or as it is today." To the contrary, I have been trying to defend our democratic system while he has stated that it would be all right for us to be governed by an oligarchy as long as it is composed of Teapartyers. He also says "You seem to support a change that is leftist of what the Bill of Rights and the Constitution say." The only "change" that I have suggested is greater citizen participation in the electoral process, which is not exactly "leftist" of the Constitution (which includes the Bill of Rights). Teapartyers have set a good example for others in this regard, and I don't think that they are "leftist" of the Constitution. The only reason that I described the method for amending the Constitution was to allay the concerns of any *Leader* readers who might believe his statement that "American Marxists are planning on revoking the first and second amendments." As far as my comments on "Bush 43" are concerned, he completely missed my point, which was that this year's conspiracy theorists are just as wrong as they were in 2008 when they speculated that Bush might issue an executive order cancelling the election. Of course we "never heard Bush make reference to such a thing", and we "never saw any legislation drawn up as a bill..." because there was never any substance to the wild speculation, which, again, was my point.

I suppose that I should comment on Mr. Volper's latest alarmist statements about executive orders, czars, the New World Order, China, and his claim that "Obama has made reference to the (22nd) amendment several times". Frankly, however, "Ah'm gittin' tarred" (as we say in Texas) of this seemingly endless colloquy which has strayed a long way from my original letter, which was a commentary on Mr. Valtasar's anti-democracy views. It was never my intention to try to change the viewpoints of people like Messrs. Volper and Valtasaros. (As Chester A. Reilly used to say on the old "Life of Reilly" radio show, their "heads are made up.") Rather it was my intention to present a different viewpoint, as Ms. Keener has mentioned, so that *Leader* readers can decide for themselves who (or is it "whom?") they want to believe, if anybody. I believe that I have accomplished that purpose and that I have said everything that I need to say in defense of democracy. I realize that by withdrawing from this stimulating conversation I am leaving myself vulnerable to numerous "unanswered points" (to use a sports term) by the "V-team", but I believe that I have made enough points of my own that I don't need to be concerned about that.

Finally, I would like to commend Marie and her staff for their willingness to devote so much space on their editorial page to these sometimes unnecessarily lengthy letters, and rarely without editing them. (In the interest of saving space, you might consider limiting the number of words in each letter, and then the writers can be their own editors.) Anyway, I believe that the *Leader* performs a valuable service by providing a public forum for differing opinions, regardless of how outrageous some of them may be.

I submitted my last letter to the *Leader* as a commentary on Volper's letter in the May 26th edition. After reading his letter in the June 9th edition, I am adding the following: Volper has now sunk to a new low by falsely accusing me of being a "Socialist". I don't know if he knows what a "Socialist" is, but I can assure him that I am not and never have been one, and nothing in any of my previous letters has given the remotest impression that I am. It is a serious indictment of him that he would call someone who attempts to

defend our democratic system a Socialist. I have never said that we don't have a republic, but the definitions of a republic and a representative democracy are the same, which Volper is apparently incapable of comprehending. He says that he trusts that his comments should not be taken as a personal attack, and yet he falsely accuses me of being a socialist. He says that he never expressed any harm or ill will, but I have been harmed by being calling something that I am not. I'm sure that he will be glad to know that I am abandoning the editorial page of the *Leader* to him because it's not worth it to me to express my opinions if I am going to be subjected to false accusations about my political beliefs.

James J. Gorman

Black speaks on dangerous dogs

I have been challenged to educate myself about the Pit Bull.

According to PetsDo.com, the Pit Bull is the number one on their most dangerous list. "A pit bull is a fearless dog that will take on any opponent. They will lock their jaws onto the prey until it's dead. Pit bulls have a reputation of mauling people to death and they are highly sought for dog fighting."

<http://www.dirjournal.com/info/most-dangerous-dogs-in-the-world/> Number one on the list for most dangerous is "Pit Bull."

According to TheDailyBeast.com, the Pit Bull is the most dangerous dog. "691 child victims, 519 adult victims, 819 maimings, and 159 deaths."

PlusPets.net says the "Pit bull is a term commonly used to describe several breeds of dog in the Molosser family. Many breed-specific laws use the term "pit bull" to refer to the modern American Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, and Staffordshire Bull Terrier, and dogs with significant mixes of these breeds; however, a few jurisdictions also classify the modern American Bulldog and Bull Terrier as a "pit bull-type dog." The term can also refer to dogs that were known as "bull terriers" prior to the development of the modern Bull Terrier in the early 20th century." The Pit Bull tops this list as most dangerous.

From Edgar Snyder and Associates, a personal injury law firm: "Commonly recognized as the most authoritative study on dog bite injuries and dangerous dog breeds to date in the United States, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released "Breeds of dogs involved in fatal human attacks in the United States between 1979 and 1998" in 2000. This study found that 25 breeds of dogs were involved in 238 fatal dog bites from 1979-1998. In over half of the deaths where the dog's breed was known, Pit Bulls and Rottweilers were responsible."

From DogsBite.org: "Legislating dangerous dogs Over 500 U.S. cities, the U.S. Marine Corps, the U.S. Army and the New York Housing Authority have adopted policies that target pit bulls and several other breeds due to the unreasonable risk posed by them. Such policies are designed to prevent an attack before it occurs, as there is never enough insurance funds to put these severely injured victims "back together" after an attack. (Top former U.S. enforcer of pit bull laws, Tom Skeldon, explains this clearly in an online interview.)"

The Pit Bull is a dangerous dog, period. The owners must be held accountable. If the current animal control laws are not enforceable, then ban the dog!!! If responsible dog owners state that it is unfair to them, then let them make sure the current laws are enforced. Leash laws, tags, license, vet care, et al. I see loose dogs and cats on the streets all the time. No one picks them up, puts them up, or is held accountable. I agree that the problem is the owner. I think the solution is to ban the breed. A Boston Terrier is just as loving and sweet but does not provide that intimidation factor that pit bull owners crave.

Larry Black

3 Eagle Scouts honored



Boy Scout Troop 692 at S. Luke's Catholic Church, recently celebrated the achievement of three young men who have earned the rank of Eagle Scout. An Eagle Court of Honor will be held Saturday, June 18, honoring, left to right, Blake Dillon, Swordsman Morris and Michael Clark. Dillon is the son of Billy and Misty Dillon of Garden Villas. He is a 2010 homeschool graduate,

and is currently attending San Jacinto College. Morris is the son of David and Lisa Morris of Garden Villas. He attends Mt. Carmel Academy and will graduate in 2012. Clark is the son of Dewey and Terry Clark of Clear Brook Meadows. He will be a senior at Dobie High School in the fall.

Photo submitted

Summer School bus schedule

The 2011 Dobie at Memorial High (initial credit) and Rayburn High (credit recovery) extended year bus stops are as follows:

Bus #	Bus stop	AM time	PM time
#832 Mesa	Buena Park & Hoffer	7:44 a.m.	3:55 p.m.
	Blackhawk & Lettie	7:47 a.m.	3:59 p.m.
	Dove Way & Heathertrail	7:50 a.m.	4:02 p.m.
	Blackhawk Ridge & Great Hawk	7:53 a.m.	4:05 p.m.
	Dobie High-Southbluff turnaround	8:00 a.m.	4:10 p.m.
#8006 Cutshall	FM 1959 & Gulfbreeze	7:50 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
	725 FM 1959-Summer Cove Apts	7:53 a.m.	4:03 p.m.
	Grosvenor & FM 1959	7:55 a.m.	4:05 p.m.
	950 FM 1959-Windjammer Apts	8:00 a.m.	4:10 p.m.
#8039 Riley	Morris Middle-Seafood turnaround	7:48 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
	Dobie High-Southbluff turnaround	7:54 a.m.	4:06 p.m.
	Wolcott Park & Clearwood Crossing	7:59 a.m.	4:05 p.m.
	Lambright & Radio	8:02 a.m.	4:08 p.m.
	Easthaven & Lampbright	8:05 a.m.	4:10 p.m.
#8046 Villarreal	Frazier Elem-Sage Meadow turnaround	7:55 a.m.	3:55 p.m.
	Sagecreek & Sage Meadow	7:58 a.m.	3:58 p.m.
	Flushing Meadows & White Plains	7:38 a.m.	4:01 p.m.
	Fairbury & Astoria	7:40 a.m.	4:03 p.m.
	Astoria & Teanek	7:42 a.m.	4:05 p.m.
#8055 Groves, C	Sabo & Sagetree	7:44 a.m.	3:50 p.m.
	Sageaspen & Sageblossom	7:48 a.m.	3:54 p.m.
	Sugarbush Ridge & Riverstone Ranch	7:51 a.m.	3:56 p.m.
	Blackhawk & Kirkfair	7:55 a.m.	3:59 p.m.
	Dobie High-Southbluff turnaround	8:00 a.m.	4:06 p.m.

All buses will drop off at Memorial High (initial credit) at 8:15 a.m. and then drop off at Rayburn (credit recovery) at 8:25 a.m. Buses will pick up at Rayburn High (credit recovery) at 3:30 p.m. and then pick up at Memorial (initial credit) at 3:40 p.m. All students should begin waiting for the buses 3-5 minutes prior to the scheduled morning times listed. Transportation will not be provided at midday.

Community events

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Library events scheduled

The following events are set for the week of June 16 through June 22 at Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.:

The Houston Museum of Natural Science will present *Dinosaur Discovery* Thursday, June 16, at 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. This program is for ages 5 and up. Free tickets are required, and can be picked up at the reference desk on the day of the program.

On Saturday, June 18, 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. During Science Quest on Monday, June 20, at 2:30 p.m., there will be science experiments, music and live animals. This program is for ages 5 and up. Free tickets are required, and can be picked up at the reference desk on the day of the program.

Teen Craft Time will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 22. The group will be making buttons. This program is for ages 12 and up. Register online or in the library.

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

Dobie sets class reunions

10-year class reunion
Dobie Class of 2001 will hold its 10-year reunion on July 9, 2011, from 7:30 p.m. to midnight at Golfcrest Country Club in Pearland. The cost through July 2 is \$60 (the last day to pre-order tickets); and on July 9, \$75 (cash only at the door). For more information, contact <http://www.dobie2001.webs.com/>.

20-year class reunion
The Dobie High School Class of 1991 will hold its 20-year reunion Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Treviso Restaurant & Ballroom, 6550 Bertner Ave. in Houston. For information and/or tickets sales, visit <http://www.jfdobie91reunion.com/> or on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/dobieclassof91reunion>.

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Deaths

Betty Bee Bradley Swift



Betty Bee Bradley Swift, 79, died on May 18, 2011, of a heart attack resulting from thyroid disease.

Swift is preceded in death by her parents, Brooksie Boyd Bradley and Gladys Cleo Clegg Bradley, and a brother, Martin Bradley.

She is survived by two daughters: Shelly Swift and Kelly Kuehn; two granddaughters: Candice Reyes and Megan Kuehn; four sisters: Joyce Ward, Patsy Brethen, Marion Bradley and Linda Clineinst.

Swift was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2004 but continued to know her family until her death. She was often described as a lively, positive and comical lady who kept everyone laughing.

A memorial service was held at Christ Church on Saturday, May 21, 2011.

Stacy Dean

South Belt resident Stacy Lynne Dean, 34, died Saturday, June 11, 2011. She was born March 21, 1977, in Pasadena. Dean is survived by her parents, Davey and Kathy Dean; daughter Madison Kendrick; brother David Dean; sister Christina Dean; nephews, Jacob Cahill, Zarrion Clements, Cashton Dean and Nathan Placker; niece Hannah Placker; and numerous other relatives. She was preceded in death by her sister, Stephanie Dean.

Visitation will be Saturday, June 18, 2011, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Grand View Funeral Home in Pasadena. A celebration of life will follow at 11 a.m. in the chapel. Burial will follow at South Park Cemetery in Pearland.

To share words of comfort with the family, visit www.grandviewfunerals.com.

Deaths

Daisy Hill



Daisy Hill, 61, of Kirkwood South, died Friday, May 13, 2011, after a long battle with carcinoid cancer. She was born on Oct. 31, 1949. Hill is preceded in death by her only child, Ronnie Hill.

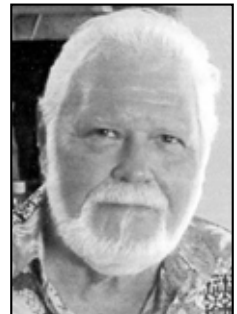
She is survived by her husband, David Martinez; mother Mary Nickerson; and brother Glen Nickerson and wife Ann. She is also survived by her nephew, Arthur Nickerson; niece Christina Hernandez and husband Zedi; and great niece Onya.

Hill was a member of Christ Church. She lived in Kirkwood South for more

her 38-year tenure. She was given the Texas State Award for Excellence when she retired from teaching in 1993.

Some of Swift's students wrote poems about her, which she kept in an album of "Special Students." Her daughters would like to add to her collection with special notes of Betty and would like to ask if anyone has thoughts, funny stories, or a list of "Betty Swiftisms" they would like to share, send them by e-mail to kclcanmeg@yahoo.com or mail them to Kelly Kuehn in care of the *South Belt-Ellington Leader* at: 11555 Beamer Road, Houston, TX 77089.

Lynn "Bert" Spence



Lynn "Bert" Spence, 70, of South Belt, died Sunday, June 5, 2011.

Spence graduated from Milby High School in 1958 and attended the University of Houston. He also served in the U.S. military and retired from the Local 211 Pipefitters Union. He was a member of Sagemont Baptist Church.

Spence is survived by his wife, Jan Spence; son Bart Spence; sister Jody Tacker and husband Wayne; stepsons Scott and Rusty Vann; stepdaughter Cindy Heald and husband Craig; grandchildren Clay and C.J. Heald, Blake Vann, and Jonathan and Cristen Crites; and the newest addition, great-grandson Lincoln Crites.

A service celebrating Spence's life was held Tuesday, June 14, at Niday Funeral Home. Interment followed at Forest Park East Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Spence's name may be made to the Living Proof Project at Sagemont Church, www.sagemontchurch.org.

April, May BHI Bears named



Students of Beverly Hills Intermediate strive to achieve positive characteristics which will guide them throughout their lives. The characteristic for April was optimism. Optimism is positive beliefs; the inclination to take a hopeful view or think that all will work out for the best, to strive to be positive in beliefs about oneself, others, and the future. Students pictured were selected by their academic teams as best representing this characteristic.

They are, left to right, (front row) Vincent Gutierrez, Stephanie Ogbonmwan, Jonathan Sabal, (back row) Lorissa Saiz, Alan Campos, Sumra McKay, Aron Arriaga, An Huynh and Triny Tran. Not pictured are Anjelica Cuellar, Yessika Pena and Abigail Benavides. These students were congratulated by Principal Alyta Harrell and given a special Bear paw print pin to wear proudly. Bears of the Month are also treated to a special lunch.



Students of Beverly Hills Intermediate strive to achieve positive characteristics which will guide them throughout their lives. The characteristic for May was perseverance. Perseverance is the quality of trying hard and continually in spite of obstacles and difficulties. Students pictured were selected by their academic teams as best representing this characteristic. They are, left to right, (front row) Princess Villanueva, Suzette Gonzalez, Adrian

Taylor, Michelle Cao, (back row) Shiv Patel, Maria Alvarez, Alfredo Banda, Hainhu Ho and Thanh Nguyen. Not pictured are Emmanuel Hernandez, Fabian Olivio and Maybelle Lopez. These students were congratulated by Principal Alyta Harrell and given a special Bear paw print pin to wear proudly. Bears of the Month are also treated to a special lunch.

Photo submitted

Moore celebrates Cinco de Mayo



Moore Elementary recently celebrated Cinco de Mayo by dressing for the occasion and having a parade. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Evelyn Wheeler, Olivia Lugo, (second row) Kaylinn Lugo, Julia Westfahl, Victor Hernandez, (third row) Kareem Saloman, Taylor Richardson, Sofia Hernandez, kindergarten teacher Maria Abarca, Betzabe Solis, Jeimmy Salinas, Alex Lugo, (back row) Counselor Angelica Perez, Kobe Ruiz, Max the Moore Dog and Librarian Cindy Walker.

PLT offers new program for youth

Pasadena Little Theatre will start a new summer program, the Young Actors Workshops, that puts child participants on stage in a full theatrical production.

Starting July 2011, PLT will offer two summer sessions.

The first, for ages 11 through 13 years, will feature the musical *Annie, Jr.*, directed by Janet Sharpley, book by Thomas Meehan, music by Charles Strouse and lyrics by Martin Chamin.

The second, for ages 8 through 13 years, will showcase the play *Many Princesses, Only One Crown*, written and directed by Judie Valentine.

Each session will end with a complete show with several performances.

The goal of the new program is to teach youth participants all aspects of acting by providing safe, non-competitive performance opportunities.

Participants will not only learn to act, but also learn theater etiquette, theater terms, self-expression, team work, and respect for other actors and the directors.

The musical session will begin Tuesday, July 5, meeting daily from 1:15 to 6 p.m. There will be seven performances during the dates of July 15 through July 17, and July 21 through July 24. Tuition is \$175.

The play session will begin Monday, July 18, meeting daily from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be five performances between July 29 and July 31. Tuition is \$125.

E-mail Janet Sharpley at actsharp@sbcglobal.net to reserve a spot for the workshop sessions.

E-mail Judie Valentine at garbov@aol.com for information about the play, *Many Princesses, Only One Crown*.

Over The Back Fence by Jan

HANEYS WELCOME NEW GRANDSON!
Roy and Cathy Haney welcomed their new grandson, **Dash William Choate**, born in Cedar Park at 9 a.m. on Monday, June 6. Dash weighed 5 lb., 4 oz. and stretched 18-1/4 inches long. Proud parents are **Leigh Haney Choate** and **Dayne Choate**.
BIRTHDAY GREETINGS FOR EMORY
 Happy birthday greetings are sent to **Emory Gadd** on Tuesday, June 21, from his family and friends.

SCHOOL DAZE
 The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays June 16 through June 22.

Atkinson Elementary
 On June 18, **Venice Boatwright** and **Crystal Wright** share a birthday.

Burnett Elementary
 The day for a cake for **Jocelyn Baker** is June 16. Blow out the birthday candles for **Tonna Clay** June 20.

Bush Elementary
 Happy birthday greetings are sent to **Mariana Meneses** June 17. **Cynthia Meguarder** is wished a happy birthday on June 20.

Frazier Elementary
 Blow out the birthday candles for **Lilian Espinoza** on June 17. Enjoying a birthday June 19 is **Monica Trevino**.

Moore Elementary
 Wishes for a happy birthday are sent to **Dixie Thompson** June 16. On June 17, **Mercedes Mata** has a birthday. Marking a birthday June 20 is **Romelia Graham**.

Stuchbery Elementary
 Birthday wishes are sent to **Quyen Tieu** June 20. The day for a party for **Carolyn Waller** is June 21. Blow out the birthday candles for **Lauren Nalepa** on June 22.

Meillilo Middle School
Edith Sierra is sent a birthday greeting on June 20.

Morris Middle School
 On June 20, **Diana Murray** is wished a happy birthday.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
 June 17 is the day for a birthday party for **Blanca Reyna**. Enjoying a birthday June 19 is **Raquel Alamos**.

Thompson Intermediate
Gary Hickman enjoys a birthday June 18. Wishes for a happy birthday are sent to **Jenifer Hill** June 21.

Dobie High
 On June 17, greetings for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Benjamin Childress**, **John Kneisler**, **Stephanie Patrisso** and **Veronica Zuniga**. A double birthday is cel-

ebrated by **Karol Chamorro** and **Lachee Payne** on June 18. Blow out the birthday candles on June 21 for **Ana Hurtado**.
DOBIE TRAILMIXERS MEET
 The Dobie Trailmixers recently met at Luby's for their monthly meeting. Topics included:
 Dobie's 2011 seniors were the first PISD class to graduate this year at Hofheinz Pavilion on Friday, June 3.

It's been an excellent year of achievement at J. Frank Dobie. Teacher of the Year is **Steven Higginbotham**, Academic Decathlon coach. **Bob Daugherty** was named one of 12 Outstanding Teachers of the Humanities. **Kathleen Murrell** is Teacher of the Year in the National Math and Science Institute, and science teacher **Eric Brown** earned the PISD "Achieve More" recognition award.

Longtime Dobie Spanish teacher **Gloria Shifflet** died in May. Her cheerful smile was a welcome sight around the school.

Mike Montz said he enjoys the Trailmixers newsletters, but really wishes Dobie "old-timers" could enjoy a reunion party. Maybe more retirees could meet at the Luby's on Fuqua with the group on the first Tuesday of each month, year-round...

Matt and Cheryl Park have moved into their new home. Matt is Instructional Technology liaison now, and Cheryl is teaching at Rayburn. Their youngest son, **Dalton**, is now three years old, and **Drayton** is registered for kindergarten in the fall. The family is planning an active summer, including swimming lessons, Sea World, and Vacation Bible School. They said they will also take another Christmas cruise this year.

Jan Woest has earned the United States Census Bureau's Award of Excellence, which she recently accepted in Washington, D.C. She received a framed statement as well as \$5,000.

Lois Sumner says she is 100 percent recovered from her double knee surgery. She walked out of the hospital without a walker and hasn't looked back. She said she enjoyed the retirement reception at Dobie the last week of school and impressed everyone with her walking ability.

A feature story in the *Houston Chronicle* recently told the story of La Porte High School senior class valedictorian **Kristy Tatom**, an outstanding student and athlete who plans to pursue a nursing career in college. She, her twin sister, **Misty**, and older sister **Katie** were inspired by their grandmother, **Carolyn Finley**, a 28-year history teacher who taught at Dobie for

15 years. Kristy said that her grandmother taught her and her sisters to read by the time they were three years old, and set the foundation for a lifelong love of learning. The sisters, in turn, inspired their mother, **Becky Tatom**, to return to school and work for a degree in nursing.

Pasadena High School librarian **Jane Golenko**, decided to retire this year. She and **Richard** are happy to welcome son **Jonathan**, his wife, **Ana**, and their two daughters to the South Belt area as Jonathan pursues his nursing degree at UTMB in Galveston.

Trish Boudra, Dobie speech chief, is pleased to report on her growing family. **Rita** and her husband are in South Africa and welcoming their first child. **Regan** and his family live in Houston, and **Rhonda** and her husband and two sons have moved here, also.

Cathy and Roy Haney reported that their two oldest grandchildren, belonging to son **Mike** and his wife **Jayna**, graduated from high school this year (Strake Jesuit and Episcopal) and are headed to college. Daughter **Leigh** and husband **Dayne** are preparing to welcome their first child, a boy.

Jean Boudreaux recently celebrated a milestone birthday in Las Vegas.

Lynne Champion is working for the Haak Winery in Dickinson, and helping to publicize this successful business.

Christine Pavalco recently celebrated her 87th birthday. Dobie's first nurse, Chris now lives with her daughter and family in Bellaire.

Rosemary Rayburn is editing the monthly magazine which publishes the writings of Sagemont Church members. She also enjoys spending time with her grandchildren.

The Dobie Trailmixers meet for lunch at 1 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Luby's Cafeteria on Fuqua.

Patterson graduates



Holly Patterson graduated May 15, 2011, from the University of Houston-Clear Lake with a Master of Arts degree in Industrial-Organizational Psychology. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology in 2008 from UH Main Campus, and she is a 2004 Dobie High School graduate. Patterson is currently employed by the University of Houston, a subcontractor for Wyle IS&E, a NASA contractor, in the Behavioral Health and Epidemiology sections. She is the daughter of Brett and Denise Patterson of Kirkwood.

Dobie rolls . . .

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HOME RUN CORNER
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Thompson honors PISD police



Thompson Intermediate honored fellow Pasadena Independent School District police men and women recently with a breakfast brunch in honor of Police Week. The faculty and staff at Thompson wanted to show their gratitude to the Pasadena Police who serve and protect their school on a daily basis. Pictured are, left to right, Joe Scarafile, Keri Smith, Eric Rojas, Lonnie Smith, Marco Vela, Bill McMahan and Ricardo Ontiveros.

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Remember When

35 years ago (1976)
 The Sagemont Jaycees held a raffle and raised \$400 for community service projects. They raffled a CB radio, which was won by Duane Voytoski.

HPD denied knowledge about the Blackburn purse snatching.

30 years ago (1981)
 Failure of the Texas Legislature to redraw lines for the state's congressional districts forced the governor to call a special session.

Southeast Volunteer Fire Department acquired a new \$37,184 ambulance.

25 years ago (1986)
 Harris County Commissioner's Court gave the green light for a Harris County Court Annex in the South Belt area.

Even if the Pasadena Independent School District hired every black person on file, PISD still could not fill the quota sought by the U.S. Justice Department, said PISD defense attorney Steve Greenberg.

20 years ago (1991)
 Doris Barnes, 31-year PISD employee and assistant principal of Pasadena High School, was named principal of South Houston High School by the PISD board of trustees.

News publications across America continued to use the Brio superfund site as an example of a good idea gone bad in looking at toxic waste sites in their areas.

15 years ago (1996)
 Pasadena elementary schools began releasing report cards every nine weeks instead of every six weeks.

Design of the quarter-mile extension of Blackhawk Boulevard to link the beltway to Fuqua was being done by an engineering firm in the city's attempt to accelerate the project.

10 years ago (2001)
 A return of Tropical Storm Allison flooded the area leaving 20 inches of rain in the week.

The City of Houston began a \$25 million program for debris removal.

5 years ago (2006)
 Sagemont Church celebrated its 40th anniversary by hosting more than 5,000 people in the Reliant Center.

The Rev. John D. Morgan, pastor since Sagemont's inception, was presented with a financial contribution to his retirement fund during the event.

Dobie Future Farmers of America participated in a benefit for Joshua Cranfill, infant son of Allan and Kara Cranfill, who was diagnosed with Rhabdomyosarcoma.

The theme of the South Belt July Fourth Parade was *Proud to be an American*.

Jean Liew, daughter of Yook-Ying and Wai-Ping Liew, was recognized as the first Dobie High student named Latin Student of the Year in Texas at the 2006 State Latin Convention.

1 year ago (2010)
 The First Convenience Bank inside the Kroger at Beltway 8 and Sabo was robbed. According to police, two suspects were involved in the robbery. According to police, no weapons were used, and no one was injured. The suspects reportedly fled the scene in an unidentified vehicle. The previous October, the bank was robbed by someone the FBI dubbed the "Billy Goat Bandit." No immediate arrests were made.

Former South Belt resident Leonard "Kirk" Narcisse retired from the Houston Fire Department after serving more than 30 years. Narcisse worked his entire HFD career serving the South Belt community.

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South Belter in South Korea still maintains ties

By Matt Griesmyer
Erik Finch, Dobie High School graduate of 1999, has gone a long way since his days in the South Belt community. However, when he was in school, he never expected to be halfway around the world in Seoul, South Korea.

"I really can't say that I knew at the time," Finch said. "I had a lot of close friends who I hung out with, and I really didn't think about the future."

Finch grew up in the South Belt area. He lived in Kirkwood on Kirkhollow. He went to Dobie when it was at its first location on Beamer. At Dobie, he was involved in the tennis team as well as Latin competitions.

Finch mentioned that he thought he would be doing something with computers when he got out of high school. Upon graduation, however, he decided to attend college at the University of Texas for a year, and after that, he joined the U.S. Air Force.

After his stint in the U.S. Air Force, Finch returned to UT and finished his bachelor's degree in Asian studies with a minor in the Korean language. During his last year at the university, he applied for and was offered a position at the Department of State as a foreign service officer.

Following his initial training, Finch attended a Korean language course at the Foreign Service Institute before moving to Korea to serve as a vice consul at the U.S. Consulate in Seoul.

While in Seoul, prior to separating from the U.S. Air Force, Finch met Toshie Takahashi at a Korean col-

lege. Since then, the two have married and are expecting their first child in September.

As for his own childhood, Finch remembers the South Belt area well.

"I lived very close to school, so the neighborhood around Dobie was a place where I spent a lot of time during and after class," Finch said. "I remember walking to and from school and hanging out with friends in the neighborhood"

Even the environment that Finch lived in while attending school in the South Belt area had a great impact on

his life. "The people I met there have obviously had a huge impact on my life and my world view," Finch said. "The South Belt area is very diverse, and I had a chance to meet and understand people of different cultures and ethnicity. It made my life a lot easier when I started working abroad because the mental leap you have to make to accept things that are vastly different from your own beliefs and customs is easier when you grew up in that kind of environment."

While he does currently live abroad in Seoul, he does

make sure to visit the South Belt area as much as possible. Finch still has family in the area, including his grandmother, whom he visits whenever he is in town.

Finch does recognize that the tight-knit community of South Belt has indeed changed since he left the nest.

"Well, obviously, Dobie switching buildings is the biggest change," Finch said. "By the time I went to Dobie, some of the same teachers who taught my parents were still working and teaching in the same classroom. Now it is quite different."



Former South Belt resident Erik Finch (right) poses for a picture with his wife, Toshie Takahashi. Photo submitted

Williams, Bennett engaged



Julie and Rickey Bookman of Navasota, Texas, and Tom Williams of Albuquerque, N.M., announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Melissa Lee Williams, to Travis Dean Bennett, son of Peggy and Joe Bennett of South Belt. The bride-to-be is a licensed massage therapist and owner of Melissa Meliou Massage and Spa Inc. She recently opened a new office location in the Westchase District near Beltway 8 and Westheimer. The prospective groom is a 2001 graduate of Dobie High School and attended San Jacinto College. He is currently a project manager for Basic Builders Inc. General Contractor. The couple is planning an October 2011 wedding in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, with a reception in Waller, Texas.

GRE Review set

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The GRE Review is scheduled for June 18 and 25, from 8 a.m. to noon in the Bayou Building, University of Houston-Clear Lake.

Course fee is \$349 per person and includes course materials; the Princeton Review's *Cracking the GMAT or GRE* and access to practice software and exams.

For more information or to register, visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/camp>, call UHCL's Center for Advanced Management Programs at 281-283-3133 or 281-283-3121, or e-mail camp@uhcl.edu.

UH art gallery showcases graduate student artwork

The University of Houston-Clear Lake Art Gallery will showcase graduate student artwork through Aug. 25 in the Bayou Building, Atrium 1, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

The Graduate Exhibition 2011 features the university's graduate student artwork. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday 9 to noon.

This exhibition and the artists-in-residence are funded through the Art Exhibitions, Office of University Advancement, Cultural Arts and the School of Human Sciences and Humanities Dean's office.

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Meador lists end of year rolls

Meador Elementary recently released its honor and merit rolls for the fourth nine-weeks grading period.

First grade Honor roll
Hussiel Arias, Emily Carlos, Julian Ceron, Tiana Clark, Ariana Martin, Rhiannon Morell, Edwin Moreno, Tjasa Murray and Kaili Ochoa.

Merit roll
Kassidy Pham, Colleen Powell, Trinity Reed, April Rodriguez, Kaley Saucedo, Jose Torres and Jacob Valladares.

Second grade Honor roll
Brandon Alonzo, Jhannatul Asfi, Brianna Ayala, Jackie Blondet, Elizabeth Bui, Alberto Campa, Gizelle Cardona, Alaysia Fuster, Darren Groves, Mia Myers, Marcos Sanchez and Christopher Walker.

Merit roll
Noe Botello, Sameer Buksh, Jaiden Campbell, Jackson D'Cruze, Natalie Garza, Daisy Gonzalez, Tarzis Lobos, Juan Rodriguez and Jennifer Thorpe.

Third grade Honor roll
Nathan Ancira, Ethan Cristancho, Bianca Cruz, Charisma Denoon, Roman Galvan, Artemio Garza and Brianna Gomez.

Merit roll
Alejandro Mena, Omar Parada, Ambar Robles, Ariel Robles, Angela Torres and Andrew Zayas.

Second grade Honor roll
Matthew Barajas, Jesse Herrera, Edgar Limon, Daniel Ortega, Fernanda Peredo, Ailene Rivera, Giovanni Solis and Oscar Valladares.

Fourth grade Honor roll
Corina Banda, Henri Bui, Priscilla Bui, Roberto Campa, Atziri Galarza, Kennedy Nguyen, Rebecca Reyna and Jack Yo.

Merit roll
Hector Anaya, Gabriel Barrerae, Raul Delgado, Alyssa Dominguez, David Garcia, Angel Gomez, John Hoang, Joshua Kay, Gilianne Rangel, Natalie Rodriguez and Alyssa Walker.

All Year Honor/Merit roll
The following students earned honor and/or merit roll status throughout the school year:

First grade All Year Honor roll
Hussiel Arias, Tiana Clark, Ariana Martin, Edwin Moreno, Kaili Ochoa and Colleen Powell.

All Year Honor or Merit roll

Merit roll
Emily Carlos, Andrea Gonzalez, Christopher Goudeau, Damarcus Groves, Tjasa Murray, Trinity Reed, April Rodriguez, John Rodriguez, Trey Rutherford and Jose Torres.

Second grade All Year Honor roll
Elizabeth Bui, Alaysia Foster, Mia Myers and Christopher Walker.

All Year Honor or Merit roll
Sameer Buksh, Alberto Campa, Gizelle Cardona, Jackson D'Cruze, Natalie Garza, Darren Groves, Marcos Sanchez and Jennifer Thorpe.

Third grade All Year Honor roll
Bianca Cruz, Alejandro Mena and Ariel Robles.

All Year Honor or Merit roll
Matthew Barajas, Ethan Cristancho, Daniel Ortega, Omar Parada-Diaz and Oscar Valladares.

Fourth grade All Year Honor roll
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UHCL presents gifted, talented seminar June 24

University of Houston-Clear Lake will present a seminar on GT Curriculum Differentiation Friday, June 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Bayou Building, Room 1438.

Elementary and secondary teachers of gifted and talented students get practical strategies with the seminar offered through University of Houston-Clear Lake's Center for Educational Programs offering differentiation with a focus on cognitive content, affective content, process, product and research.

Registration is \$60 per teacher and \$40 for members of the Southeast Co-op and includes a light lunch. Participants earn six clock hours of credit toward required training hours.

For more information or to register, visit <http://soe.uhcl.edu/BackToTheU/> or call UHCL Center for Edu-

cational Programs Registrar Joyce Young at 281-283-3530, or e-mail youngj@uhcl.edu.

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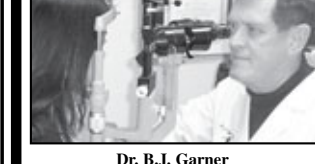
The Bay Area Singles Club monthly dance will be held Saturday, June 18, from 7 to 10:30 p.m. at the VFW Lodge in Bacliff, located at 1401 Grand Avenue on FM-646, one-quarter mile west of Highway 146.

Bring snacks to share. Cost is \$6 for members and \$8 for nonmembers.

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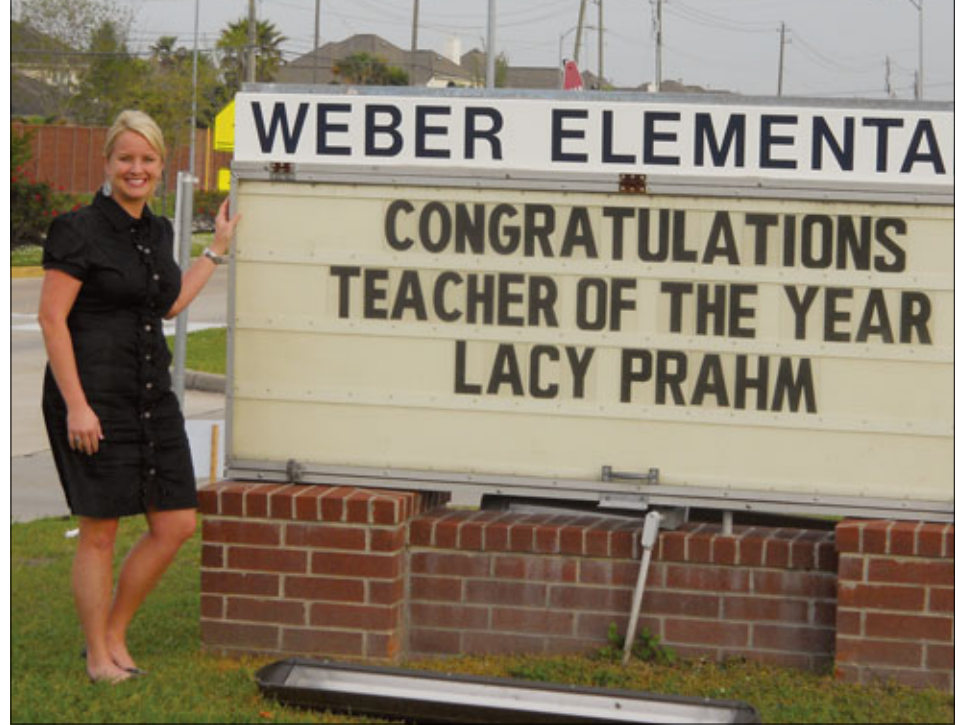
Lacy Simmons Prahm, former student at Weber Elementary, currently teaches at Weber where she was recently presented the Teacher of the Year award. She is the daughter of Mark and Linda Simmons who have been South Belt residents for 35 years. When Weber Elementary was located on Southbend, she attended the school for seven-years and has currently finished her seventh year teaching at Weber.

Creates an environment where my students feel safe to learn from their mistakes." All of her hard work and dedications have shone through her many leadership activities and staff developments. Her activities include being a mentor for student teachers and informing and motivating staff to plan better educational strategies. Becoming a teacher was a goal at a very young age for Prahm. "When I think about

where my passion for teaching started, I always see myself at the age of 4 playing school," said Prahm. Along with passion for a job well done comes influence. Prahm believes that her mother has played a huge role in leading her passion for teaching. "She was a substitute teacher for several elementary schools, and during this period of my life, my mother became an inspiration to me

through her relationships with students, staff, and even the parents at my elementary campus," said Prahm. Another major influence in her educational career is her grandfather, Kenneth J. Tice. "He served 18 years on the local school board and spent countless hours at meetings where he became a voice for the community's needs," said Prahm. "Finally, in 1979, Kenneth J. Tice Elementary opened in Galena

Park ISD and was named after my grandfather." Today she continues to learn from her students who inspire her every year to be the teacher she is. "Their desire to learn and be loved is my reason for waking up and coming to school every day without hesitation," said Prahm. "The learning amongst myself and my students within my classroom will forever be an ongoing process."



Parade, fireworks

Continued from Page 1A accepted. All residents, organizations and businesses are welcome to enter. All community and non-profit 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 3A or by e-mailing mynews@southbeltleader.com. The forms are to be filled out and returned to the Leader office at 11555 Beamer, faxed to 281-481-5730 or e-mailed by July 2. For convenience,

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Dobie 7-on-7 football advances to state tournament

A new name has joined the ranks of the summer 7-on-7 high school football scene.

Dobie, led by quarterback Blake Jackson and a slew of talented skill position players, has advanced to the Division I Texas State 7-on-7 tournament, to be held July 15-16 at Texas A&M University in College Station.

The locals overcame an early loss to host Texas City in the early rounds, rallying

to win three straight games to win the Greater Houston Area Qualifying Tournament at Stingaree Stadium.

Surrendering a large halftime edge, Dobie lost to Texas City 27-26.

After that, though, Dobie got its act together and punched its ticket for the state level.

Dobie downed Bay City (49-32), Clear Lake (45-13), Chavez (45-20) and Friendswood (37-26) to win the tournament. Both Dobie

and Friendswood qualified for the state tournament.

Some of the current Do-

bie athletes were part of several successful teams representing Beverly Hills

Intermediate that enjoyed a great deal of success in years past, but this is uncharted territory for Dobie.

Clearly, the Dobie athletes have quickly taken to the Pistol offense, a spread formation utilized by Longhorns' head coach Jim Phillips and offensive coordinator Damian Judge to best utilize the schools' stable of athletic ability.

The high school coaches are in no way associated with the 7-on-7 action, but

Phillips, Judge and others have to be smiling at the sight of the group's success being seen at the moment.

Anthony Simmons Sr., father of Dobie senior-to-be Anthony Simmons and Montago Bailey, father of players Kelton and Kalen Bailey, have been coaching the Dobie squad for the most part.

Tracy Washington, the mother of Jackson, the team's starting quarterback, is handling the arrange-

ments for the team moving forward.

The players and coaches are responsible for their own expenses for the state tournament, and Washington is currently planning several fundraising activities for the group.

Those wishing to help out with a donation may call Washington at 832-396-7839.

There are a couple of state qualifying tournaments yet to be completed, so the state schedule has yet to be decided. But at least Dobie knows it's in the mix.

State 7-on-7 Football Tournament
Texas A&M University
July 15-16, schedule to be set soon
Dobie making first appearance at state level after winning Greater Houston area qualifier



The Dobie High School 7-on-7 football team is headed to the state tournament after winning a qualifying tournament at Texas City High School. Members of Dobie's championship team include, left to right, (sitting) Blake Jackson, (kneeling) Dwight Tucker, Vaughn Leonard, Marlon Jackson, (third row) Andrew Robinson, D.J. Bolden, Shawn Butler, Tyler Wolfe, Anthony

Simmons, Duke Edwards, Andre Timmons, Deshawn Butler, Kalen Bailey, Kelton Bailey, coach Montago Bailey, (back row) coach Anthony Simmons Sr., Chris Uzomah, Kyle Lohse, Dominique Bilbo, Chris Stockman, Jordan Harrison and Vance Leonard. The state tournament will be held July 15-16 in College Station.

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The men's soccer program at San Jacinto College fortified its 2011 recruiting class, particularly on the offensive end, with the signing of a pair of local class of 2010 high school seniors. The players, Martin Castillo (left) of Sam Rayburn High School and Dobie's Jose Gonzalez,

have signed letters of intent and will play under the guidance of SJC head coach David Santesteban later this summer. Gonzalez is coming off a senior season at Dobie in which he helped the Longhorns reach the Region III championship game.

JFD soccer star Gonzalez headed to SJC

Jose Gonzalez, a class of 2011 senior who led the Dobie High School varsity

boys' soccer team to the Region III championship game, is set to take his talents

to San Jacinto College.

The high-scoring forward has signed a letter of intent to join the Coyotes' program later this summer.

San Jacinto College has also signed Sam Rayburn High School class of 2011 senior Martin Castillo.

Gonzalez, a three-year starter for the Longhorns, received 2009 Newcomer of the Year Award in District 22-5A.

Although slowed by a fractured wrist as a junior, Gonzalez returned for his senior year and was one of the Houston area's top players en route to winning the District 22-5A Most Valuable Player Award.

The Longhorns were fortunate enough to have many talented players on the roster, but Gonzalez was the team's leading goal scorer as he helped the team advance within one victory of the state tournament.

Gonzalez also plays for the Texas Rush AJ Auxerre U-18 team, part of the U.S. Soccer Development Academy, and will play in the finals later this month.

Castillo comes to San Jacinto College with first-team All-District honors for 2010 and 2011 at Sam Rayburn High School, scoring a total of 17 goals his senior year. He is also a former member of the Houston Dynamo U-18 Academy.

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SBHLL all-star 7s slip; 13s to start up June 17

The Sagmont-Beverly Hills Little League's 13-year-old age division all-star team will begin play in the District 15 tournament Friday, June 17, at the Pearl-

and the two Pearlard teams are in a three-way mix for the District 15 crown.

The double-elimination tournament runs June 16-20 at the Pearlard complex.

Meanwhile, the all-star season is complete for the SBHLL 9-year-old all-stars, who went 2-2 in the District 15 tournament. SBHLL won its opener over OFA but then lost to Pearlard Mar-

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SBHLL all-star 13s start June 17; 7s eliminated

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 room in a winner's bracket contest.

Sagemont-Beverly Hills remained alive in the tournament by taking down Dixie 18-5, but then fell 4-1 to Friendswood in an elimination round contest.

Pearland Maroon advanced as the District 15 champion, taking down neighboring Pearland White 12-8 in the championship round.

Locally, the Sagemont-Dobie H.S. softballers state-ranked

The Dobie High School varsity softball team, which played in the Region III championship series, finished the season with a state ranking.

The Texas Girls Coaches Association listed Class 5A state tournament champion The Woodlands at No. 1. Dobie, meanwhile, grabbed the No. 8 overall slot in the poll.

Beverly Hills Little League has released the names of the players and coaches for the 7, 8, 9 and 13-year-old all-star teams.

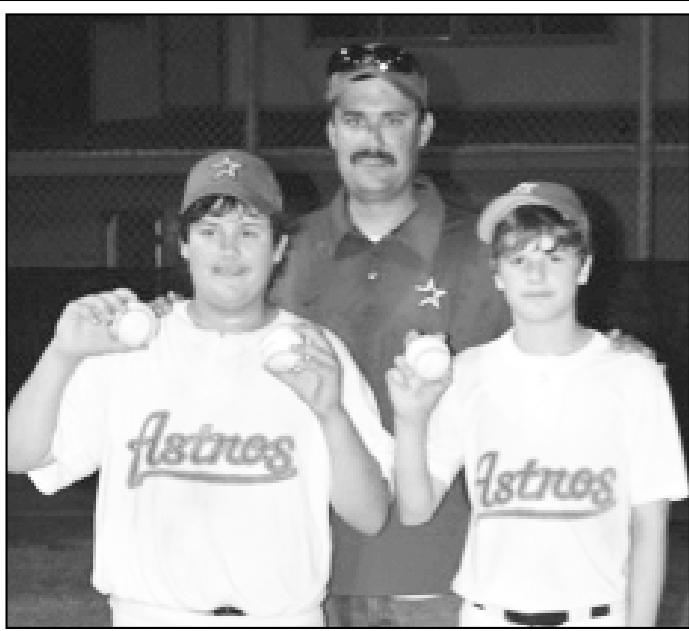
Closing ceremonies were held Wednesday, June 15, after press time, and the *Leader* will list the other age group all-stars in the

June 23 issue. SBHLL is part of District 15, and the D-15 website states that the 9-10, 10-11 and 11-12-year-old all-star

tournaments will begin July 1. The junior division District 15 all-star team will commence July 5.

Lominac Jr., Barosh pace Astros' title

The major division Astros used power bats to capture the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League divisional title game as Wayne Lominac Jr. (left) socked a pair of homers and drove in five runs. Meanwhile, teammate Alec Barosh hammered a 3-run homer as the Astros cruised to the championship. With the players is Astros' manager Wayne Lominac Sr. The Astros put together a regular season record of 19-4 this season.



Sagemont-Beverly Hills major Astros win championship



The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League major division Astros took first place after coming through with a record of 19-4 in the regular season. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Dillon Jackson, Jose Cruz, Mikey Fuqua, Tristan Flores, (middle

row) Cody Giles, D.J. Andrus, Joe Angel Huerta, Wayne Lominac, Jr., Robby Zavaleta, Alec Barosh, (back row) coach Danny Andrus, Darrian Henry, Christian Garcia, manager Wayne Lominac, Sr. and coach Jeff Barosh

AAA Orioles take league crown at SBHLL



The Orioles of the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League captured the AAA division championship crown, ending the season with a 17-1 record. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Quirino Guajardo, Trey Trevino, Aaron Ramirez, Mateo Guzman, Cristian Vela, (middle row) Max Garcia, Jason Cruz, A.J. Martinez, Devin Childs, Ramiro Moreno, R.J. Ortega, Griffin Hall, (back row) coaches Quirino Guajardo, Joe Martinez and Ernie Guzman.

AA Cardinals win SBHLL divisional title



The Cardinals of the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League AA division walked away with the championship during the spring season after putting together a record of 11-3-1. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) coach Javier Almaguez, Isaac Salazar, Jeremiah Shaw, Kalub Contreras, Dylan Villarreal, Joshua Perales, coach Chuck Johnson, (back row) manager Anthony Villarreal, Andres Melchor, Alec Johnson, Coby Rose, Marquice Scott, Zarian Forde, Jovan Silva and coach Dustin Johnson.

SBHLL 7-year-old All-Stars

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- Keelan Brannon, Mud Cats
- Jaydon Carter, Mets
- Joshua Carter, Muck Dogs
- Jacob Cueva, Raptors
- Jacob Estrada, Owlz
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- Landon Hunt, River Dogs
- Matthew Castillo, Scrappers
- Devin Molina, River Dogs
- Andrew Salazar, Raptors
- Allan Gonzalez, Raptors
- Nicholas Trevino, Raptors
- Manager – Roberto Trevino
- Coach – Jesse Salazar
- Coach – Jason Carter
- Alternates
- Ray Garcia, Express
- Zaire Walker, River Dogs
- Diego Torres, Muck Dogs
- Joseph Garcia, Jr., Scrappers
- Keaton Collins, Mud Cats
- Trent Jarvis, Storm

SBHLL 9-year-old All-Stars

- Christian Cleckley, Cubs
- Sandro Del Villar, Athletics
- Robert Green, Cubs
- Alec Johnson, Cardinals
- Joshua Perales, Cardinals
- Nathan Medina, Athletics
- Peyton Miller, Astros
- Sebastian Pichardo, Athletics
- Marquice Scott, Cardinals
- Caleb Exum, Phillies
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- Travis Watson Jr., Cubs
- Alan Lopez, Jr., Astros
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- Coach – Larry Etienne
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- Justin Blogg, Athletics
- Anthony Soto, Athletics
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- Jordan Garcia, Astros
- Kobe Ruiz, Cubs

SBHLL 8-year-old All-Stars

- Sean Bonner, Hooks
- Collin Dague, Scrappers
- Jacob Divin, Storm
- Jeffrey Escobar, Scrappers
- Miguel Torres, Mets
- Tomas Garcia III, River Dogs
- Luke Giron, Mud Cats
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SBHLL 13-year-old All-Stars

- Nicholas Alvarez, Astros
- Isaiah Brooks, Padres
- Tyler Giron, Cardinals
- Joshua Higgins, Mets
- Ryan Sosa, Astros
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- Alternates
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- Deandre Childs, Phillies
- Arthur Pedraza, Reds
- Austin Ingalls, Marlins
- P.J. Cruz, Reds
- Luis Cabreja, Phillies
- Socrates Guzman, Reds

H-Town Jokers select baseball wins title



The H-Town Jokers, a 10-under select baseball team from the South Belt area, captured first place at the United States Specialty Sports Association June Jam 11-AA event at Big League Dreams in League City. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Sam Velazquez, Brandon Valdez, Aaron Perea, Nick Gaytan, Jorge Garza, (middle row) Alex Hernandez, Frank Mendez, Dylan Heim, Bryan Cisneros, (back row) coach Oscar Perea, coach Donny Velazquez, Dave Amaya and manager Rudy Mendez. Not pictured are coach Mike Mendez and Lorenzo Mendez.

San Jac soccer reels in Dobie's Gonzalez, SR ex

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San Jacinto College men's soccer coach David Santesteban is confident in his new signees and continues to add to the best local talent the program has been known for obtaining. "We're really excited to have these guys on our team," said Santesteban. "Jose lit it up for Dobie and always showed to be a consistent player. "Martin is another great attacking player and looks to be versatile in the mid-

field as well; there could be some professional potential there. "Overall, we continue to keep our eyes on the local talent since they make up the backbone of our team. "We strive for success not just on the field, but in the classroom as well. "Both of these guys have set themselves apart from other local recruits and have excellent grades coming out of high school, so they know how to work hard. "We're glad to have them and look forward to their skills as we make a run for nationals." The San Jacinto soccer team will begin practicing for the 2011 season in August. As newcomers, Gonzalez and Castillo say they're looking forward to joining the team and adding their talents to the mix during the 2011 season. "I'm excited to join the team and get started," said Castillo. "I know what kind of coach we have in coach Santesteban. He'll push all of us to our limits, and I like that." "I know that being a part of this team will only help further my soccer career," said Gonzalez. "They're a great team, and I just hope to do my job well and get better as the season goes." San Jac finished the 2010 season ranked eighth in the

national by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and 11th by the National Junior College Athletic Association with an overall record of 14-4. It's now been two years since the San Jacinto team advanced to the national level, but Santesteban is confident he has added the right pieces moving forward. It all begins soon, and the local recruits are ready.

Pena, Wright are All-Americans



San Jacinto College pitchers Tyler Wright and Miguel Peña (shown above) have been named National Junior College Athletic Association All-Americans, the organization announced. Wright, a left-handed pitcher from Mayde Creek High School, was named to the third team after finishing the season 10-1 overall with a 2.69 ERA, second on the team. Peña, a left-handed pitcher from La Joya/Mission High School, an honorable mention selection, was one of the top pitchers in the country, ranking 19th with a team-best 1.98 ERA. He finished the season 10-3 overall, and was named the NJCAA pitcher of the week for the week of May 4. On June 7, Peña was drafted in the sixth round of the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft by the Boston Red Sox. San Jac won its fifth consecutive Region XIV South Zone championship this season and advanced to the fourth round of the Region XIV tournament. SJC finished with a 40-16 overall record, the fifth straight 40-plus win season for San Jac. Head Coach Tom Arrington was named the Region XIV South Zone Coach of the Year for the second consecutive year, and six players were named to the Region XIV South All-conference team.

Dobie baseball's Eckols, Brook pair set to play in HABCA all-star series

Dobie High School class of 2011 senior Justin Eckols will join Clear Brook's Ryan Vrugink and Keaton Miller as part of the Houston Area Baseball Coaches Association All-Star Series. The local trio are all a part of the 5A Southeast squad, which also features District 22-5A Most Valuable Player Kerry Cloud of Deer Park and two players from the state championship Brazoswood squad. The all-star series is part of a three-day event that begins with a scouting combine, to be held at Houston Lamar High School June 20. The Southeast versus Southwest All-Star Game is Wednesday, June 22, at Rice University's Reckling Park. First pitch is at 4:30 p.m. It will be the final time that Eckols, Miller and Vrugink represent their respective high schools. Eckols, a three-year starter at Dobie, has signed to play collegiately this fall at Paris Junior College. Miller, who like Vrugink was a three-year varsity starter at Clear Brook, is set to play collegiately at Hill Junior College, and played at Reckling Park Vrugink is headed to the University of Houston. For more information, visit www.Houston5Abaseball.com.

Sports news, notes

SBHLL board to meet

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League board will host its monthly meeting Wednesday, June 22, at the Kirkmont MUD Building, beginning at 6:30 p.m. For more details, visit eteamz.com/sbhll.

Brook volleyball camp

Clear Brook High School varsity volleyball coach Meredith Thompson and her staff will host the 2011 Lady Wolverines' youth camp July 25-29 at the school. Students entering the fourth through ninth grades as of the 2011-2012 school year are eligible to attend. To register, visit the volleyball website at www.clearbrookvolleyball.org.

LSA boys' basketball camp

Lutheran South Academy boys' basketball coach Jeremy Loudon will lead the Pioneers' camp June 20-24 at the academy. Boys entering the second through eighth grades as of the 2011-2012 school year are eligible to attend. Cost is \$100, and the session will run from 8 to 11:30 a.m. each day.

Lutheran South softball camp

Lutheran South Academy softball coach Ragan Cain will host the Lady Pioneers' camp June 20-23 at the academy. Girls entering the fifth through 12th grades as of the 2011-2012 school year are eligible to attend. Cost is \$75, and the session will run from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

Dobie girls' hoops camp

Dobie varsity girls' basketball head coach Shane Brown and his staff will host the 2011 Lady Longhorns' Youth Basketball Camp July 11-13 at the school. Students entering the fourth through ninth grades as of the 2011-2012 school year are eligible to attend. The cost per student is \$55 cash or money order, which includes a camp T-shirt. No checks will be accepted. The sessions will run from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, direct e-mail to Brown at rbrown@pasadenaisd.org.

Dobie youth football camp

Longhorns' varsity head football coach Jim Phillips and his staff will host the 2011 Dobie youth football camp July 11-14 at the school, from 6 to 8 p.m. Students ages 6 through 12 are eligible to attend. The cost is \$40 prior to the camp and \$50 the day of the camp. For more information, call Longhorns' assistant coach Kenneth Foster at 713-899-2054.



Dobie High School class of 2011 senior Jose Gonzalez (7) has decided to continue his education and soccer career at San Jacinto College after a star-studded career with the Longhorns, including a 2011 Region III championship game appearance.

Houstonians '97 soccer wins regional, onto nationals



The Houstonians '97 won the state tournament hosted at the South Texas Youth Soccer Association and represented the state at the regional competition in Alabama, where the team came up with another win to advance to nationals. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Amanda Avalos, Jazmine Bernade, Deysi Mendoza, Amanda Bautista, Sabrina Munquia, Miranda Gonzales, Katia Guzman, (back row) coach Denise Lewis, Mariah Escobar, Monica Ploucha, Abby Farias, Stephanie Espinoza, Riane Smith, Erica Romero, Ydalis Rea and assistant coaches Jose Rea and Jorge Farias.

HABCA All-Star Series

5A Southeast Roster

Player	Pos.	School
Kerry Cloud	P	Deer Park
Matt Brister	P	Clear Springs
Santos Saldivar	P	Rayburn
Chris Morales	P	Clear Creek
Ryan Moye	P	La Porte
Ryan Vrugink	P	Clear Brook
Felix Gomez	P	Milby
Preston Marsh	Inf.	Clear Lake
Andres Rangel	Inf.	S. Houston
Keaton Miller	Inf.	Clear Brook
Trey Williams	Inf.	Alvin
Zach Gibson	Inf.	Clear Creek
Joe Arechia	OF	P. Memorial
J.C. Neighbors	OF	Clear Springs
James Cantu	OF	Brazoswood
Cameron Smith	OF	Clear Lake
Justin Eckols	C	Dobie
Zach Zavala	C	Bay, Sterling
*Jordan Stephens	P	Alvin
*Brandon Bergen	P	Brazoswood
*C.J. McElroy	OF	Clear Creek
* Will not participate		
Head coach - Rupert Jaso, Clear Lake		
Asst. coach - Joe Betters, Clear Lake		
Asst. coach - Trae Grimes, Clear Lake		
Asst. coach - Mike Morgan, P. Memorial		

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 16
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
Noon
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free water exercise from noon to 1 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.
AI-Anon - Meets every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 111. For information, call 281-487-8787.
5:30 p.m.
Texas German Society, South Belt (Southeast) Chapter - A social group interested in the culture, music, heritage and language of the immigrants in early German settlements in Texas. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors are welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for more information.
6:30 p.m.
St. Luke'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 9:30 p.m., and Sundays from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.
8:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

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Noon
Moving Forward Women's Adult Children Anonymous - The ACA group meets Fridays at noon at the Up The Street Club in Webster, 508 Nasa Parkway, in room 4. ACA is a 12-step program of hope, healing and recovery for people who grew up in alcoholic or dysfunctional homes. For more information, call 281-286-1431.
SATURDAY, JUNE 18
6 p.m.
Frontier Squares - Meets to square dance at the Westminster Academy at 670 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Refreshments provided. For more information, contact Gina Sherman at 281-554-5675 or visit www.frontiersquares.com.
7 p.m.
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 Arolfo Civic Center, 300 Walker in League City. For more information, visit http://www.bayareabluegrass.org.
SUNDAY, JUNE 19
2 p.m.
Grief Support Group - For any adult who has lost a loved one. Meets every Sunday, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas from 2 to 3:15 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. For more information, call 281-487-8787.

8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.
MONDAY, JUNE 20
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
9 a.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.
6 p.m.
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets every Monday at the IHOP on Fuqua from 6 to 9 p.m. All who enjoy the game or want to learn to play are invited to join. For more information, call 281-488-2923.
6:30 p.m.
New Directions Singles Club - New Directions Singles support meetings are held each Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway. For further information, call Susan at 832-494-5098 or Carolyann 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.
Grief Support Group - "Friends Helping Friends" meets every Monday from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehab Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Those who have lost a spouse or other loved one are invited to participate. For information, call Betty Flynn at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.

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 21
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
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.

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All inquiries will be directed to Nathan Robinson at 281-804-8350. Plans will be distributed by Ridgway's Inc. through the "Plan Well" system. A mandatory pre-proposal meeting is scheduled for 2:00 PM, Monday, June 27, 2011 at the Central Campus Interactive Learning Center, Kaleidoscope Room, located at 8060 Spencer Hwy, Pasadena, TX 77505.

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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. 6:30 p.m.
Clear Lake Toastmasters Club - Meets at the Clear Lake Church of Christ, 938 El Dorado Blvd. Call Jerry Tate at 281-481-5417 for information.
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.
The Compassionate Friends - TCF meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Friendswood United Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Drive, behind the sanctuary in the Education Building - 2nd floor. TCF is a nondenominational, self-help organization offering friendship, emotional support and understanding to bereaved parents after the death of a child of any age. Grandparents and adult siblings are welcome as well. For information, call Nita at 713-412-4883 or Nancy at 713-941-2583.
Positive Interaction Program - meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, in the staff meeting room 1st floor. Bring a friend or neighbor and work together to make PIP the best in the city. PIP consists of police and citizens working together to help make neighborhoods safer. For more information, call Officer Randy Derr at 281-218-3900.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Weekly sexual assault support group offers a confidential self-help support group for victims/survivors of rape and sexual abuse. To attend or for more information, call 281-286-2525. 8 p.m.
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Young at Heart Club - Meets the second and fourth week of each month at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Nellie Gainey at 713-991-3517 for more information. 4 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise held from 4 to 5 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Pearland, 3005 Pearland Parkway, Pearland. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered. 6:30 p.m.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Domestic violence support group for male survivors meets each Wednesday at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway. Call 281-338-7600 for information. Participants may join at any time as this is an open group. 7 p.m.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Confidential domestic violence support group for women meets every week. For information, call 281-338-7600 or visit www.bayareaturningpoint.com. BATP is located at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway between Interstate 45 South and Highway 3. The 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525.
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Five Dobie varsity baseball players land 22-5A all-district first team berths



Three-year starting catcher Justin Eckols was the 22-5A first-teamer behind the plate and will now take his talents to Paris Junior College.



The Dobie Longhorns' varsity baseball program put together a memorable season in 2011, taking second place in the 22-5A standings and then winning a playoff series for the first time since the '90s. Along the way, several players delivered big-time performances on the field. Five players in all landed first-team berths when the district's coaches unveiled the all-district selections. Those first-teamers included pitcher Emmitt Pitts, catcher Justin Eckols, first baseman Xavier Johnson, outfielder Zach Long and designated hitter Al Gonzalez.

At left, Dobie junior right-hander Emmitt Pitts led the Longhorns in wins this season, playing a big role in the team's second-place finish in 22-5A. For his work, Pitts was a 22-5A first-team pick. Below, Al Gonzalez was the district's top designated hitter, leading the Dobie squad in home runs.

22-5A Varsity Baseball All-District Selections

- Most Valuable Player**
Kerry Cloud, Deer Park, Sr.
- Co-Newcomer of the Year**
Cole Bedford, Deer Park, Fr.
Jordan Wyatt, Memorial, Soph.

First Team Selections

- P Emmitt Pitts, Dobie, Jr.**
P Ethan Dillon, Memorial, Sr.
P Andres Rangel, South Houston, Sr.
P Santos Saldivar, Rayburn, Sr.
1B Xavier Johnson, Dobie, Jr.
2B Cameron Reed, Deer Park, Sr.
SS Logan Taylor, Deer Park, Jr.
3B Nick Goode, Memorial, Sr.
C Justin Eckols, Dobie, Sr.
OF Ricky Ramirez, Deer Park, Jr.
OF Zach Ford, Deer Park, Jr.
OF Joe Arechiga, Memorial, Sr.
OF Zach Long, Dobie, Jr.
DH Al Gonzalez, Dobie, Sr.
Util Frank Cruz, Pasadena, Sr.

Second team selections – P: Rocky Romero, South Houston, Jr.; **C:** Jo Jo Flores, South Houston, Sr.; **1B:** Ruben Guevara, South Houston, Fr.; **2B:** Marcelo Martinez, Dobie, Sr.; **3B:** Edward Peabody, Dobie, Sr.; **SS:** Kody Eaves, Memorial, Jr.; **Util:** Eric Aldrava, Rayburn, Jr.; **OF:** Michael Martinez, South Houston, Soph.; **OF:** Andres Armenta, Dobie, Jr.; **OF:** Bailey Darden, Deer Park, Soph.

Honorable mention selections – 1B: Mauricio Lozoya, Pasadena, Jr.; **2B:** Josh Solis, Pasadena, Jr.; **OF:** Troy Tapper, Dobie, Sr.; Josh Reynosa, Pasadena, Sr.

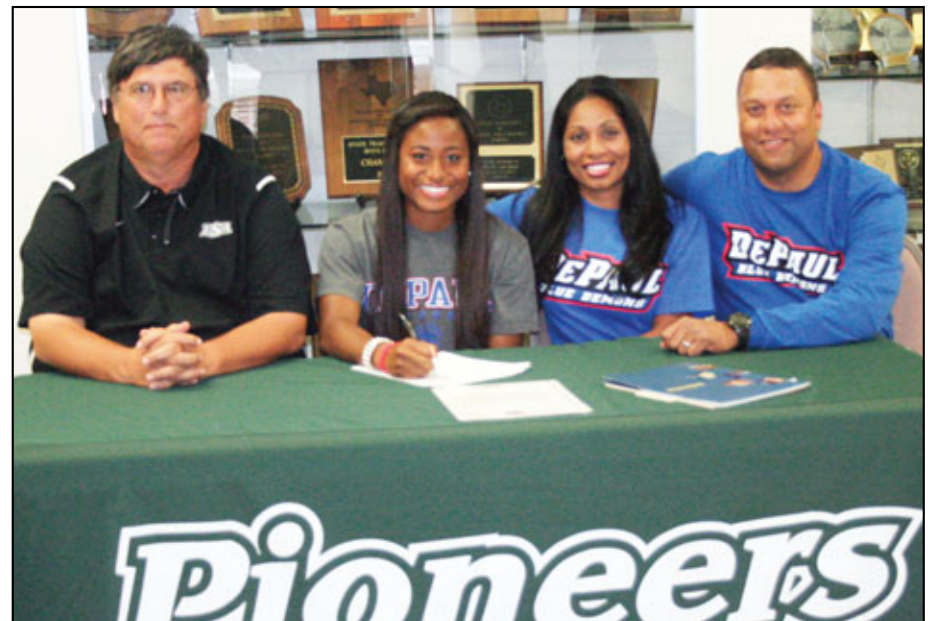


Xavier Johnson earned the starting spot at first base for Dobie in the preseason and went on to have a terrific season en route to a 22-5A first-team honor.

Dobie 2011 Team Awards

- Mr. JFD Baseball**
Jordan Monette
- Most Valuable Newcomer**
Xavier Johnson
- Most Valuable Pitcher**
Emmitt Pitts
- Most Valuable Defensive**
Jose Reyes
- Most Valuable Defensive**
Al Gonzalez
- Overall Most Valuable**
Justin Eckols

DePaul T&F lands LSA star Curtis



Lutheran South Academy class of 2011 senior Loreal Curtis (second from left) will continue her education and track and field career at DePaul University in Chicago after inking a letter of intent with the Blue Demons. Those with her at the signing included, left to right, Gene Benson (LSA track and field coach), Lan Curtis (mother) and Stephen Wiggins (stepfather). Curtis won a total of nine gold medals at Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools state track and field meets over her four years, including four straights wins in the 200- and 400-meter events.

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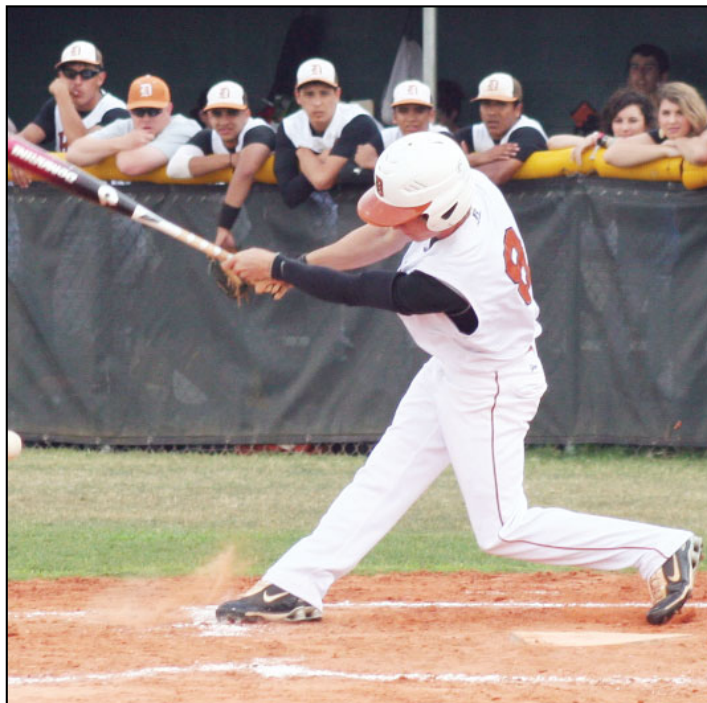
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