

PIP to meet July 19

The Positive Interaction Program meets every third Tuesday of the month. This month, PIP will meet on July 19 at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital at 7 p.m. Guest speaker is HPD officer Felipe Belmarez and his K-9 partner, Nnevins, an explosive sniffing dog.

Help work together to make PIP the best in the city. PIP is police and citizens working together to help make neighborhoods safer.

For more information contact officer Randy Derr at 281-218-3900.

Tree waste pickup set

Tree waste only will be picked up Thursday, July 21, for city of Houston (77089) residents living north of Beltway 8. Residents south of the beltway are scheduled for Thursday, July 28. For more information, call 3-1-1.

Cowboys, Cowgirls register

Sagemont Cowboys and Cowgirls hold official registration and weigh-ins for the 2011 football season July 16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the El Franco Lee Park football field. All players who have preregistered are required to attend. New players need to bring their birth certificate. Outstanding registration fee balances are due at this time. Call President Denny Wranich at 281-785-8353 for information.

Library events set

The following events are set for the week of July 14 through July 20 at Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.:

Thursday, July 14 - Game Day activities begin at 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 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.

Monday, July 18 - Join at 2:30 p.m. for craft time. This program is for children ages 5 and up. Free tickets are required. Tickets may be picked up at the reference desk on the day of the program.

Wednesday, July 20 - Teen Craft Time will be at 3 p.m. The group will be making creepy cupcakes. This program is for ages 12 and up and registration is required.

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

VBS at St. Luke's

St. Luke the Evangelist, 11011 Hall Road, will hold Vacation Bible School Week, *Back to the Future*, July 18-22 from 9 a.m. to noon for children age 4 by Sept. 1, 2011, through fifth grade. Open house will be Thursday, July 21, from 7 to 9 a.m. for friends and family of participants. For registration information, call the Faith Formation office at 281-481-4251.

NARFE meeting set

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 941 will meet Tuesday, July 19, at 2 p.m. at the El Franco Lee Park community center, 9500 Hall Road. Visitors are welcome. For information, call 713-734-1461.

Lariaettes host dance clinic

The Dobie Lariaettes will host their annual Summer Dance Explosion Dance Clinic including dancing, games, crafts and lunch on Thursday and Friday, July 28, 29. The clinic will be held at Dobie from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for children in pre-K through eighth grade. Pre-registration is \$40, at the door is \$50, cash or money order only. A show-off of what was learned will be held Friday, July 29, at 3 p.m. in the Dobie auditorium. Participants will receive a clinic souvenir at this time. For more information, call Pam Burns at 281-412-7123 or e-mail pbruns1@earthlink.net.

Milby 30-year reunion set

Milby Class of 1981 will hold its 30-year reunion Saturday, July 30, at the DoubleTree Hotel, downtown Houston. Register at www.reunionsofhouston.com. Online registration is \$50. At the door, it will be \$60 per person.

Meador early registration

Meador Elementary will hold early registration on Tuesday, Aug. 9, for pre-kindergarten students only. The child must be present to enroll. Registration for all other new students will be held Aug. 10 and Aug. 11.

Bring proof of residency, a current utility bill, current immunization records, birth certificate, Social Security card and previous report card. Early registration will continue on Aug. 16, 17 and 18 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

PLT youth presentation set

Friday, July 15, is opening night for *Annie Jr* by Thomas Meehan. Charles Strouse, and Martin Chamin at Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road. The PLT Youth Workshop presentation, featuring children age 11-18, begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$8. The show is directed by Janet Sharpley with musical direction by Elizabeth Brown. *Annie Jr* will be presented July 15, 16, 21, 22, and 23 at 7 p.m. and July 17 and 24 at 3 p.m. Make reservations at www.pasadenalittletheatre.org or by calling 713-941-1758.

City miscalculating many drainage fees

While the City of Houston has significantly reduced the controversial new monthly drainage fees, residents are still urged to verify the accuracy of their bills, as miscalculations have become commonplace.

The Rebuild Houston program, voted on last November's ballot as Proposition 1, creates a dedicated pay-as-you-go fund for drainage and street improvements by using revenue generated from a fee attached to each month's water bill.

The proposal, now officially part of Houston's charter, requires the city to collect a minimum of \$125 million annually. The fee is based on the number of square feet of impervious surface, or concrete, that is located on each piece of property.

When residents were asked to vote on Propo-

sition 1, they were told by proponents of the program, including Mayor Annise Parker, that the average cost per household would be roughly \$5 per month or \$60 per year. Upon receiving sample bills this past May, however, many residents reported statements twice that amount.

To help rectify this problem, Parker announced last month that the amount of impervious surface used to calculate the fee for each piece of property would be reduced by 1,000 square feet. This change will lower the median residential drainage utility charge from approximately \$8.25 per month to between \$5 and \$6 per month.

Prior to November's election, city officials based their calculations on an average-size residential lot being 5,000 square feet with 1,875 square feet of impervious surface area. Parker

later acknowledged, however, that the average size of a lot in Houston is 7,500 square feet with 2,850 square feet of impervious cover.

The adjustments will lower the sum of funds raised each year by roughly \$15 million, Parker said. To compensate for the loss of revenue, the mayor said the city's airport system and water utility system will prepay next year's fees at an undisclosed discounted rate.

Despite the marked reduction in fees for the average resident, many have noticed they are still being overcharged.

The city uses satellite imagery to measure the surface area of concrete on a piece of land - a method the mayor recognizes is flawed, noting that shadows, recreational vehicles, trampolines and even lawn furniture often appear as being impervious.

An aerial view of the *Leader* office on the city's website calculates shadows from bushes and signage as being impervious surfaces. Similarly, an examination of a *Leader* staff member's property indicated that roughly a quarter of what was reported to be impervious was actually shadows from trees.

The owner of a local sand pit with virtually no concrete complained to the *Leader* that he initially received a sample bill of nearly \$60,000 - more than the company actually earns in a year.

Parker, along with Houston At-Large Councilmember Stephen Costello, a strong supporter of the Rebuild Houston program, and Alvin Wright, spokesman for City of Houston Public Works and Engineering Department, have since

said the sand pit's owner would be largely exempted from the fee.

The mayor has extended the deadline to contest the veracity of the recently mailed sample bills until the end of the year. Protested bills that are deemed inaccurate will be reimbursed retroactively.

Residents wishing to challenge the fees need to measure the amount of impervious surface on their properties, including sidewalks, driveways, slab, garage and swimming pools.

Homeowners and business owners wishing to dispute their bills have three options: Visit www.rebuildhouston.org to submit an online Request for Verification and Correction form; fax a Request for Verification and Correction form, attached to the sample bill, to 1-855-865-4617; or mail the attached Request for Verification and Correction form to City of Houston, Public Works and Engineering Department, PO Box 4244, Houston, TX 77210-4244.

Residents contesting their bills online will need to click on request for verification and correction, enter address, click on impervious surfaces and then click on request for verification and correction again. Users will then be asked to create an account with the city to continue.

Residents without computer access may call 713-371-1111 for assistance.

The *Leader* would like to hear from area residents who have either successfully or unsuccessfully contested their drainage fees. Residents may contact the *Leader* at mynews@southbeltleader.com.

Leader charged for shadows



Many South Belt residents have complained of receiving sample bills for the new Rebuild Houston drainage fee that are significantly higher than what they should be. According to the sample bills, the fee for a curb-and-gutter home or business 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. In the above satellite photo of the *Leader* office, the areas colored yellow are considered impervious by the city, even though much of it is merely shadows or grassy areas. Further, the *Leader* is being charged for a ditch that belongs to the county, which actually improves drainage rather than hinder it, qualifying the property for a reduction.

CBCMUD battles city billings

A July 8 meeting between City of Houston officials and representatives from local municipal utility districts to resolve a billing issue for past usage of the Southeast Water Purification Plant proved fruitless, according to Chris Clark, Clear Brook City MUD general manager.

"It was one of the least cordial and non-productive meetings I've ever been to," Clark said. "There was zero progress made."

At the heart of the meeting is more than \$5 million the city is trying to retroactively bill 10 area entities that utilize the purification plant. The Clear Brook City MUD's portion of this is roughly \$150,000.

The City of Houston also uses the plant and has served as its operator since 2006 when the contract with previous operator, American Water, expired. Per the arrangement, the City of Houston provides each of the other partners an up-front estimate of annual operational costs and then bills them each month accordingly.

At the end of the city's fiscal year, a "true-up"

of actual costs is calculated, and each entity is either given a prorated refund or billed the additional costs. The city is contractually obligated to present an audit detailing these expenses within 180 days of the end of the fiscal year.

Clark said, however, the city is claiming to have miscalculated the expenses for 2009 and 2010 and are now asking for additional payment well beyond the allotted 180 days.

According to Clark, Daniel Krueger, director of the City of Houston Public Works and Engineering Department, referred to calculating errors as "changes" and "learning experiences."

Clark said the situation reminded him of the Watergate-era comment made by Nixon press secretary Ron Ziegler: "That statement is no longer operative."

A second meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 14, between the plant's partners and Houston City Councilmember Mike Sullivan, who chairs the Water Resources Management Committee, to further discuss the issue.

Three teens face death penalty

Three South Belt teens charged with capital murder in the shooting death of a League City man could face the death penalty if convicted.

Stephen Christopher Roman-Garza, Andrew Rene Robles and Erick Herman Santos-Valdez, all 18, are charged in the June 5 murder of Daniel Lee Clark, 23.

According to League City police, Clark, a 2006 Clear Creek High School graduate, was likely defending his vehicle from a burglary at his home in the 1900 block of Acadia around 2:15 a.m. when he was shot multiple times. Despite efforts to revive him, Clark was pronounced dead at the scene.

All three suspects were apprehended that same day.

At the time of the alleged crime, Robles was enrolled as a student at Dobie High School, where he attended 11th grade this past school year. He has since been expelled from the school per the student code of conduct, according to Pasadena Independent School District spokeswoman Candace Ahlfinger.

Roman-Garza is a former Dobie student but hasn't attended the school since his ninth-grade year, Ahlfinger said.

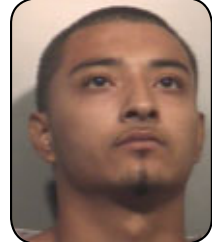
Santos-Valdez is a former Pasadena Memorial student but also hasn't attended the school since his ninth-grade year.

Each of the suspects was initially charged with aggravated robbery before having the capital murder charge added. The aggravated robbery charge carries an \$80,000 bond, while the capital murder charge carries a \$250,000 bond.

All three remained in the Galveston County Jail at press time.



Stephen Roman-Garza



Erick Santos-Valdez



Andrew Rene Robles

Dobie 30th reunion set for July 22

The J. Frank Dobie class of 1981 will celebrate its 30th reunion Friday, July 22, at the Doubletree Hotel Houston Downtown, 400 Dallas at Bagby, from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

The event will feature hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, as well as a disc jockey playing hits from the late '70s and early '80s.

To access the invitation and payment form for the reunion, go to www.reunionscoop.com, then

to the Roll Call of Reunions page. Click on the listing for Dobie 1981. The password is ED81, using capital letters.

Admission is \$42 per person for credit-card payments made by 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 20. Cost at the door will be \$55 each, cash only.

For additional information, contact Reunions by Class Act at 713-780-0020 or classact95@comcast.net.

June photo winners announced

The winners of the *Leader's* June vacation photo contest have been announced.

Taking home first-place honors were Bill and Terrie Morgan for their photo of their grandchildren, Mallory, Mason and McKenna Nickens, riding a longhorn at the Mayan Dude Ranch in Bandera, Texas. The family was awarded six tickets to Schlitterbahn water park.

The second-place winner was Jessica and Jerry Krustchinsky, who submitted a photo of their son Evan Krustchinsky, who reeled in a large red

fish on a trip to South Padre Island. The family was awarded four Schlitterbahn tickets.

The *Leader* is still accepting photo entries for the months of July and August.

All submissions should include where and when the photo was taken, as well as identify each person in the picture. All photos must be high resolution. No phone camera photos will be accepted. E-mail photos to mynews@southbeltleader.com. Do not compress photos when sending.

New lane to be complete this summer

Despite multiple setbacks, construction of the right-turn lane on Blackhawk south of Beltway 8 is scheduled to be complete before the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year, according to county officials.

The new lane will alleviate traffic on the area street by allowing drivers to turn east toward the Gulf Freeway.

The project was specifically scheduled for the summer for the reason of not hindering school-related traffic.

Initially slated to begin Tuesday, July 5, the work was pushed back to Friday, July 8, and then again to Monday, July 11. Construction was originally expected to take 60 days to complete, causing concerns of additional traffic for area residents, as school would have already started.

According to Harris County Precinct 1 Road and Bridge Operations Superintendent Deotis Gay, however, the contractor has agreed to complete the work by Monday, Aug. 15 - well ahead of the start of school on Tuesday, Aug. 23.

Blackhawk construction begins



Construction of the new right-turn lane on Blackhawk south of Beltway 8 heading east to the Gulf Freeway began Monday, July 11, after a few setbacks. While the work was originally scheduled to take 60 days to complete, Harris County officials said the project will now be finished by Monday, Aug. 15, to avoid additional traffic associated with the beginning of the school year on Tuesday, Aug. 23.

Photo by David Flickinger

Publisher's Opinion

Make sure you aren't paying for shadows

If you have not done so, please read the story on drainage fees on Page 1A. Then check your property online and make certain that the city is billing you properly. There are so many problems with this "fee". The main one being that the engineers, etc. who gave us this tax, did not even have a plan on how to

spend it! I won't bore you with the rest, because we are apparently stuck with it. But, no one should have to pay for shadows of bushes or anything else that is not impervious. Shadows, trampolines, etc. are not impervious areas even though they show up on the city's system that way. —Marie Flickinger

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PIP invites South Belters to meet Nnevins

Come meet Nnevins, the K-9 Explosive sniffing dog. We invite you to come to the next PIP (Positive Interaction Program) meeting to meet Nnevins, the explosive sniffing dog that works Hobby Airport security. This is his second PIP appearance. You see various trained K-9 dogs on the news, but this is your opportunity to actually see how well trained these dogs are. Our attendance is up and we want to fill the room and then look for a larger meeting room. Please join the PIP at Memorial Herman Hospital Southeast, 11800 Astoria, on Tuesday July 19, 2011 at 7 p.m. Free close parking. Bring a friend or family member. The Clear Lake station will have officers available to answer any questions you may have. The meetings last a little over an hour and it is well worth your time to attend.

James E. Muecke

Waites shares NASA Leinbach speech

Publisher's note: The following was sent to me by Gary Waites, longtime South Belt resident and 45-year NASA employee. I asked if we could share it with our readers and he responded with the following.

—Marie Flickinger

You can use my name with this information. I have worked at JSC for 45 years and have never seen the rug pulled out from under the NASA contractors like has happened with the end of the Shuttle program, and no viable NASA programs for that skilled and dedicated labor force to move to. It is a personal loss for them, but even larger than that...a loss to our country that has always been the leader in all forms of spaceflight.

After the next flight, NASA will not have the ability to reach the Space Station with our own spacecraft. The US built and paid for a high percentage of the cost of the Space Station. We will pay the Russians for every astronaut, that flies up on the Soyuz to the Station - that includes Americans, Canadians, Japanese, Italians, etc. The only ones we will not be paying for is the Russians... unless their new monopoly insists we also pay for them as well. America's hands are tied by the Russians.

I cannot believe what the NASA Administrator and President has allowed to happen to our country. They should be ashamed. The words ring true... and right to the hearts of everyone who worked on, or supported, this amazing flying machine of American pride.

Well said and well done Mr. Leinbach. Godspeed and good luck to you too.

Gary Waites

Mike Leinbach, the launch director at Kennedy Space Center, ran the final-launch simulation the other day in preparation for the final Space Shuttle launch scheduled for July 8. He took a minute or two to speak to his entire Firing Room Team and most eloquently summed up the frustrations of the entire Kennedy Space Center workforce over the state of our nation's Human Space Flight Program and did something amazing; He apologized to the workforce on behalf of NASA! "For the final S0044 folks, what I'm about to say would not be appropriate on launch day, and this is our last chance to talk together," noted Mr. Leinbach over the recorded Launch Director loop (transcribed from an audio recording via L2).

"The end of the shuttle program is a tough thing to swallow and we're all victims of poor policy out of Washington D.C., both at the NASA level and the executive branch of the government and it affects all of us - it affects most of you severely.

"I'm embarrassed that we don't have better guidance out of Washington DC. Throughout the history of the manned space flight program we've always had another program to transition into from Mercury to Gemini, and to Apollo to the Apollo-Soyuz test program, to Skylab and then to the shuttle. We've always had something to transition into.

"And we had that, and it got cancelled and now we don't have anything, and I'm embarrassed that we don't. Frankly, as a senior NASA manager, I'd like to apologize to you all that we don't have that so there you are. I love you all, I wish you all the best.

"We will press on through this flow and this launch in the way we always do. We're going to play this game to the final out and then we'll be done. I just wish you all the best, and again Godspeed to you all. Thank you."

As the loop was opened, rapturous applause could be heard ringing around the Firing Room.

You will never see NASA Administrator Charlie Bolden (let alone Obama or Senator Bill Nelson) or his second in command, Lori Garver "man up" and apologize to our nation and our Human Space Flight workforce for the damage they have done. The senior management team at NASA's Washington D.C. HQ could learn a thing or two about honor from Mike Leinbach, but they will probably punish him instead.

Reams questions congressional perks

Is it right for members of congress to have wealth generating perks not avail-

able to the rest of us? Put another way, should our employees have perks not available to their tax paying employers? Exempting themselves from the rules and regulations the rest of us have to live under may be one reason why Congress has a 20% approval rating. The "leadership group" in Congress is exempt from the provisions of Obamacare according to Representative Pete Olson. Why? If it's so great, why did they exempt themselves from it?

Members of congress are also exempt from Insider Trading Laws, by design. Having spent 26 years in this industry, this is unconscionable to me. "Insider trading" is a term used in the Securities industry to describe information not available to the public at large. Only "insiders" have it. Having this information and acting on it gives that person an advantage over others and is thus against the law—except for congress. Through congressional hearings or investigations, or just tips and favors from "insider" cronies, representatives and senators can gain this information and sell a stock before it tanks, saving themselves from the loss, or buy a stock before it goes up in value, thereby gaining a profit. It's clearly unethical and not fair to the rest of us but NOT illegal. According to the Wall Street Journal in 2008-09, 72 congressional aides traded shares of companies with their congressional bosses assistance, including the aides of Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi. If an aide knows the government is about to let a big defense contract before it's made public, they can take advantage of it before you and I can. According to a Newsmax report in December 2010, Senators, on average, beat the market by 12% vs. the average US household receiving a minus 1.4% during the whole decade of the 1990's. I wonder why there's no support for changing this law?

In the last session of congress there was a House bill to correct this inequity. It had only a handful of co-sponsors, Pete Olson was not one of them. It never got out of committee for a vote. There was no companion bill from the Senate. What does that tell you? The "privileged" want to keep their privileges. After all, they're our betters; they deserve it, right? I asked Representative Olson to become a co-sponsor on that House bill last session (December 6) and if the session expired before passage, to introduce another such bill this session. He did neither. In fact, he didn't even respond to my letter. I also wrote Senators Cornyn and Hutchison (December 6) requesting they introduce a companion Senate bill. They didn't. Cornyn did respond to me but took no action. Hutchison did not respond at all. I repeated the request to all three this past May 10. As of July 3, no response, no bills introduced. No member of congress retires a pauper. We pay them well and they collect a bundle on the side from many sources, even exempting themselves from the laws that apply to the rest of us, to their advantage. It's no wonder they'll say anything, do anything, promise anything to get elected and stay elected. They make decisions that effect the financial well being of all Americans and put themselves at the head of the line. As long as Americans are not aware of such matters, and / or take no action to hold our employees accountable, we will continue to be on the short end of the stick and our elected official will continue to stick it to us while doing quiet well for themselves.

Why not call Rep. Olson (202-225-5951), Senator Cornyn (202-224-2934) and Senator Hutchison (202-224-0776) and ask why they permit this inequity to exist? Then, hold them accountable for their actions or inactions. How else are we going to stop the steady slide into socialism and tyranny? The men who declared our independence 235 years ago didn't accept this privileged nonsense. Why do we? **Larry Reams**

Individual mandate not only issue

Recently, a federal appeals court heard oral argument in the case of Florida v. U.S., in which 26 state governments sued to have President Obama's signature health reform law struck down as unconstitutional.

Most of the discussion focused on the law's "individual mandate" requiring all individuals to have health insurance or pay a tax penalty, but the judges also wanted to hear about the constitutionality of the law's Medicaid expansion requirements — an issue we raised in our amicus brief to the appeals court. Both are critical tests of the vanishing constitutional limits to the expansion of federal power.

The federal government is appealing U.S. district court judge Roger Vinson's summary judgment, which declared that the individual mandate is an unconstitutional exercise of federal power. The federal commerce power has never been used to regulate inactivity, or to force people to buy anything, and if the oral argument last week was any guide, the judges are not inclined to sanction such an unprecedented expansion of federal power.

The Framers' vision of shared sovereignty between states and the federal government required that the powers of the federal power be both supreme with its sphere and strictly limited to those subjects enumerated in the Constitution. As James Madison explained during the ratification debates, "The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to

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the federal government are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the State governments are numerous and indefinite."

The new health care law requires that states expand their Medicaid rolls if they are to continue receiving federal matching grants. The choice is supposed to be voluntarily but it's not: the states' only other option is to bear the full cost of caring for their state's current Medicaid population, while continuing to subsidize the Medicaid programs of other states through the federal taxes their citizens pay.

The constitutional danger of such a scheme has long been recognized. In 1936, the Supreme Court warned in U.S. vs. Butler conditioning federal grants under taxing and spending power "could become the instrument for the total subversion of the governmental powers reserved to the individual states." The coercion arises when the federal government taxes money from the citizens of all the states, and then returns the revenue only to those states that comply with federal preferences on a range of matters that lie outside the federal government's power to regulate directly. The federal government is clearly prohibited from forcing the states to regulate in a certain way, but it can accomplish much the same thing through fiscal coercion, as the Supreme Court recognized in the case of South Dakota v. Dole.

In Dole, the Supreme Court let Congress condition 5 percent of federal highway funds on states raising their drinking ages to 21. The Court ruled that this modest penalty was mere persuasion, but cautioned that at some point the economic penalty for not complying with federal conditions might be so painful and coercive that states would unconsciously be compelled to comply.

The problem with the logic of Dole — and the reason why it has failed to protect states from federal coercion — is that coercion is not a matter of degree. The government always engages in coercion when it taxes money away from the citizens of all the states, and returns it only to those that comply with its conditions. The practice of conditional federal grants is coercive by definition.

The federal government is supposed to have limited, enumerated powers, but it is increasingly governing outside those powers across the board. The Constitution the states ratified at the birth of the Republic is being replaced by the principle of national majority rule with virtually no protection for state autonomy.

This relentless expansion of federal power is gradually replacing the diverse "laboratories of democracy" with a stifling and sterile uniformity imposed from Washington. That expansion spells the death knell both for competition among the states and for self-government and citizen choice at the state level — all of which the Constitution was meant to preserve. The new health law is on its way to the Supreme Court, and far more than the future of national health care policy hangs in the balance. **Mario Loyola** Director of the Center for 10th Amendment Studies

Scott writes more on Sageglen

As you may have seen in the Sageglen Community Association's most recent Newsletter, a \$20 reimbursement charge is tacked onto your annual assessment if you receive a certified letter regarding a violation. I wanted to take this time to throw out some more information on this issue and a few others I have learned.

In my opinion, \$20 is not a big deal and probably most others agree. I also agree with those that say plain and simple, "Don't break the rules." Setting those two opinions aside, I have a couple of concerns with this reimbursement demand. We are being charged \$20 for something the law requires the HOA to send to us (Sec 209.006), and this notice

is a cost our Annual Assessment fee already covers (2008 Annual Assessment Invoice, Fall 2010 Newsletter).

Unfortunately, after requesting documentation of when and how this charge was decided, passed, and calculated, I have not been shown anything. I have been told by the HOA that this was passed "over four years ago" and is a "reimbursement charge" and not a fine. I am left with the impression that it was passed while Sageglen was under a management company which we are no longer under. I believe the HOA has a right to request reimbursement of "reasonably incurred costs" under Sec. 204.010(a)(11), but I question whether they are allowed to request reimbursement for costs incurred prior to a hearing date per Section 209.008(a)(b). It costs only \$5.59 to mail a certified letter. I think the remaining \$14.41 is supposed to cover the time the staff spent driving the neighborhood and typing up the violation letter. Since the staff were on the clock, receiving pay from our annual assessments, and performing tasks that are a part of their job, that \$14.41 ends up being profit not a reimbursement.

Deed Restrictions: Even though we are all "governed" by the same HOA, By-Laws, and Articles, our deed restrictions have some pretty important differences from subdivision to subdivision. I have requested amendments and resolutions and have not seen anything showing that all subdivisions are controlled by the same Deed under this HOA. The Sageglen subdivision Deed requires 75% of the homeowners to amend it (Article VI Sec. 6.3). The Meadows of Clear Creek and Green Tee subdivisions' Deeds each require 2/3rds of the homeowners to amend them (Article VI Sec. 6.3). Prop. Code 204.005(c) would allow for "extensions of, additions to, or modifications of existing restrictions," under an association that has multiple jurisdictions if "75% of the owners on a section-by-section basis or of the total number of properties" approve. I am unsure what this means for the changes in 2006 and 2007 to the Deed restrictions mentioned in the HOA Handbook. If anyone has any information on whether or not the homeowners voted on these amendments and/or how many of them voted for the amendments, it would be great.

Annual Assessment: Since each subdivision has its own Deed, 66% of each subdivision is required to increase the annual assessment above 3% for that subdivision (Article III Sec. 3.3; Article III Sec. 3.3b). I compared our annual assessment amounts for the last 5 years and noticed that between 2007 and 2008 the annual assessment changed by more than 3%. I'm wondering if this was ok. I do not remember being asked to vote on an amount over 3%, do you?

I give credit to the Association for keeping our neighborhood visibly appealing. However, it should not be forgotten that this Non-Profit Corporation is funded by the money it seeks from the homeowners; and the homeowners should know what is and is not happening with our documents and our money.

A forum for our neighborhood has been set up at sageglenforum.com for neighbors who wish to communicate with each other on these issues or others.

Nicole Scott

Bowling fundraiser set

The Guadalupana Association of St. Luke's Catholic Church will hold a scholarship fundraiser bowl-a-thon on Saturday, Aug. 6, from 3 to 6 p.m. at Armadilla Lanes. The community is invited to join in the fun and help raise funds by soliciting sponsors to bowl. Each bowler is to raise a minimum of \$25 and will play three games. Prizes will be given to the first, second, third and highest games. All funds collected should be turned in on July 23. For information, call the Ruth Garay, Guadalupana president, at 281-635-1678.

Deaths

Gerald "Jerry" Raymond Dille



Gerald "Jerry" Raymond Dille, 78, died Monday, June 27, 2011. He is survived by his wife, of 53 years, Doris Denise Dille; daughter Diane Dille Duvall of South Belt, (James D. Duvall Jr.); grandchildren Fabian Simmons Duvall, Ethan Simmons Duvall, Brandi Trevino (Steve), Kevin Simmons, Timothy Simmons and great-grandchildren Madison Paige Trevino, Michaela Rae-Marie Trevino, Katherine Belle Simmons, Angelina Amelia

Simmons, Poet Loralee Simmons and Ayden Kane Simmons.

Dille was born in Akron, Ohio, and moved to the Houston area in 1957. He served in the U.S. Army from 1950 to 1953 and was a member of the American Legion.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, July 15, 2011, at 2 p.m. at Forest Park Lawndale Funeral Home.

Tommy Thompson



Tommy Champion Thompson, Sr., 77, of Bayou Vista,

former a longtime South Belt resident, died Friday, July 8, 2011, after enduring with perseverance a bout of health issues over the past five and a half years. He was born on Oct. 3, 1933, in Longview. Thompson leaves behind his wife of 53 years, Lucille R. Thompson; children Tommy Jr. and Tonya; sister Clarice; sister Jane; sister Penni and husband Richard; and numerous loving nieces and nephews and cherished friends.

Thompson served his country in the Navy during the Korean War and was a top salesman for many years with White Swan and Sysco Foods. Later in life, he pursued his people skills in the real estate market. He was employed by Roy Shiflet Realtors.

Thompson served his family and others, faithfully volunteering at Shriners Hospital. Thompson's life has touched and enriched lives in many ways.

Visitation was held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 12, 2011, followed by a chapel service at South Park Funeral Home in Pearland.

Zamora awarded Medal of Valor



Houston Police Chief Charles A. McClelland, Jr. proudly presented South Belt HPD Lt. Harry Zamora with the Medal of Valor Award July 6. On Feb. 22, Zamora saw a man, Lloyd Sanchez, trapped in a Cadillac engulfed in flames on the inside shoulder of the Southwest Freeway. Several citizens braved the flames to lift the vehicle away from the guard rail so Zamora could open the door and free the man. Zamora suffered third-degree burns to his hand. It was those actions which prompted McClelland to present Zamora with the department's most prestigious award. "I've known Lt. Zamora for a long time," said McClelland. "He has always been a dedicated professional and police officer," he said. "Heroes always think of themselves last, and clearly Lt. Zamora's actions fall into that category. However, they go to the heart and soul of what HPD is all about," McClelland added. Zamora said, "All I remember is seeing the vehicle completely engulfed in flames. There were pieces flying off, and it was exploding." "The heat was so intense, I knew I was going to get burned; I just didn't know how badly I was going to get burned," he added. "I'm deeply honored to be receiving this award today," said Zamora. "But it is also a sad reminder that Mr. Lloyd Sanchez passed away shortly after the incident." Zamora's actions were much appreciated by Sanchez's daughter. "April told me she was thankful we were able to get her father out of the car and get him to the hospital so she had time to make the trip from Dallas and say goodbye," said Zamora.

Legler named champion

In the now concluded 82nd session of the Texas Legislature, state Rep. Ken Legler stood out as a champion for the state's taxpayers. According to the biennial ranking of Texans for Fiscal Responsibility, Legler received a very strong pro-taxpayer rating of "A."

The 2011 Fiscal Responsibility Index rates lawmakers on their votes. In the House, more than 40

"Once again, I am honored to be given the highest recognition by Texans for Fiscal Responsibility," stated Legler. "Protecting taxpayers has been and will continue to be my primary goal, despite pressure from other lawmakers and outside influences. As a small business owner, I know that you can only spend what you have, and you cannot overextend your budget without dire consequences." According to information provided by Texans for Fiscal Responsibility, House Republicans averaged an 82.5 (up slightly from a 2009 average of 82.3), while House Democrats averaged a 22.8 (down from the '09 rating of 30.9). Senate Republicans averaged a 73.2 (up from 59.1 in 2009), while Senate Democrats averaged a 17.9 (down from '09's 29.7).



votes were used. It focuses on the size and cost of government, providing voters with a measure of which lawmakers are working to protect Texas taxpayers.

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Ly honors Ivanus



Jimmy Ly, left, one of J. Frank Dobie High School's Shining Stars is shown honoring his mentor, teacher Luz Ivanus. Ivanus, a 10th-12th grade AP/Honors Spanish teacher at Dobie High School, was awarded for being an inspiring and nurturing teacher who reminds her students to "celebra la vida." Photo above was used in the Shining Star program at the Hobby Hilton Hotel. Both student and teacher were honored at the annual Pasadena Independent School District banquet held in May. Ly plans to study pre-medicine upon graduating. At Dobie, Ly was involved in varsity tennis, National Honor Society, Math Club, Science Club and Health Occupational Students of America (HOSA).

The Dobie Shining Stars will be shown in a series of 10 students being honored along with their mentor. The others will follow in future issues of the South Belt-Ellington Leader. See related Top 10 Page 4A



BHI names rolls for 6th 6-weeks

Beverly Hills Intermediate recently released its honor rolls for the sixth six-weeks grading period.

Honor roll

Seventh grade
Maite Albarran, Marina Rosalyn Allen, Maria Ignacia Alvarez, Genevieve Uzoamaka Anagbogu, Edgar Arzate, Lidia Avitia, Uvia Azar, Keaahna Jhonia Bailey, Brandon Alexander Baker, Jocelyn Briana Banda, Adam Quinton Boswell and Jessica Yvette Bustamante.
Takira Nailah Butler, Gabriela Antonia Caceres, Andrea Monserrat Cahue, Alan Steve Campos, Michelle Huyen Cao, Valentin Capulin, Ashley Marie Castillo, Macalyn Marie Castro-Cardenas, Angelica Cervantes, Michael Jonathan Chavira and Kristy Jeanette Christmas.
Antonio Julian Cuellar, Alexandra Rocio De Alejandro, Angelica Cuapung Dejesus, Ariel Jordan Delarosa, Joshua Arthur Dobbs, Daniel Escobedo, Raheem Shaquil Florence, Daisy Guadalupe Fuentes, Yohana Galvan and Angelo Marcello Garcia.
Jonatan Fermin Garcia, Ivonne Monsterrat Gauna-Montalvo, Cecilia Gonzalez, Fernanda Gonzalez, Sandra Luz Gonzalez, Jennifer Gutierrez, Vincent Michael Gutierrez, Braelyn Paige Hamilton, Daniel Jared Harder, Lada Heng and Ariana Lenae Henry.

Oscar Maldonado and Noah Daniel Manzanales.

Crishly Veronica Marcos, Alejandro Andres Marron, Nathalie Martinez, Vanessa Alejandra Martinez, Melany Joanna Menivar, Rana Osama Mohamad, Francelli Galilea Monreal, Armando Montelongo, Anh Ngoc Truc Nguyen, Diana Thanh Nguyen and Mi Hieu Nguyen.

Nhi Thi Minh Nguyen, Phuong Hong Thi Nguyen, Vicky My Nguyen, Thanh Van Nguynvov, Iyesogie Stephanie Ogbonmwan, Emily Dezari Olivarez, Jacqueline Vanessa Orta, Alexis Padilla, Amy Hasmukh Patel, Michael Leroy Peavy and Yessika Lizeth Pena.

Jennifer Stephanie Penate, Jack Phan, Vy Hong Phan, Dejanise Tyvea Pradia, Vivian Arlen Prado, Austin James Pritchett, Sara Eliza Ramirez, Emily Rios, Hilda Paola Rodriguez Garza, Bailey Renee Rodriguez, Marcus Anthony Rull, Lorissa Victoria Saiz and Ernesto Salas.
Ashley Nicole Salinas, Victoria Guadalupe Sanchez, Naseem Mahrokh Shafaei, Roberto Solis, Neida Nayelli Soto, Isabella Yasmin Tamayo, Ikea Marie Taylor, Catherine Thanh Thai, Michelle Raye Thomas, Jesus M. Tijerina, Diana Nicole Torres and Daniel Hoai-Nam Tran.

Heidi Dung Tran, Quan Thien Tran, Daniel Velasquez, Ashley Delcarmen Veratudela, Vanessa Nicole Villa, Rebecca Kim Anh Vu, Van Vu, George Vanelle Nzouatchoua Wandji, Oscar Zachary Zarate, Toni Alexis Zatarain and Roberto Rafael Zavaleta.

Eighth grade

Gerardo Acevedo, Karina Selene Anguiano, Sarah Abigail Anleu, Erica Lorraine Anthony, Shikem Bryant Anthony, Noemi Armenta, Oscar Arredondo, Alondra Arriaga, Kristal Paloma Ayala, Janai Nicholle Baerga, Jose Carlos Benavides Sanchez and Gabriela Benavides.
Victoria Alexis Blackmon, Quinton Joshua Bolling,

Carlos Enrique Borri, Kiyah Simone Brooks, Madeline Nichole Buchman, Thao Thi Thanh Bui, Katherine Gibly Cabrera-Martinez, Genovy Lisette Cabrera, Gilberto Hernan Campa, Alyssa Castillo and Christina Castillo.

Flavio Gabriel Castillo, Maria Jose Cavazos, Andrew Chaidez, Karina Evelyn Chaidez, Anthony Chapa, Maria Alexis Charles, Cydney Ja'vaughn Clay, Jessica Lisette Cortez, Johrelle Justine Cruz, Erick Daza Aguilar, Samantha Jade Delacruz and John Matthew Delarosa.

Andres Delgado, Jason Alec Diaz, Phung Bao Dinh, Michael Anthony Duron, Gabriela Elizarraraz, Mariah Sierra Escobar, Estefani Elyzabeth Estrada, Alan Flores, Jocelyn Michelle Garcia, Michael Aaron Garcia, Mikaila Trena Gary and Estivaliz Larissa Garza.

Genesis Garza, Kenia Mabel Garza, Vincent Albert Gonzales, Cynthia Isabell Gonzalez, Isaisa Gonzalez, Suzette Gonzalez, Adolfo Javier Garcia, Luis Armando Guzman, Valeria Michelle Hernandez-Tavera, Briah Nyjhui Hightower, Tanya Tho Ho and Kerry Ellis Hubbard.

Ryan Duc Huynh, Austin John Ingalls, Caleb Ray Irving, Brittney Nicole Johnson, Vontonio Rico Jones, Anthony Duane Keller, Alex Sam Kwok, Henry Ming-Vuong Le, Angelica Antonia Lee, William Jacob Little, Maybelle Lopez and Nicolle Marguerite Lopez.

Linda Ly, Elmer Alexarber Machado, Deanna Gabrielle Martinez, Marcos Martinez, Bryan Osric Maxey, Jordan Kendall McBride, Savanna McCormack, Juan Luis Melesio, Victoria Yamileth Mendoza, Eduardo Alfonso Mira and Madison Taylor Moreno.

Chayse Martin Morris, Destiny Aliya Muniz, Gilbert Michael Nassif, Betram Truong Nguyen, Dan Thi Minh Nguyen, Elissa Huang

Nguyen, Hiep Phu Nguyen, Hung Thai Nguyen, Jimmy Hoan Nguyen, Lyly Thithanh Nguyen, Ngoc Mai Nguyen and Nhubinh Liza Nguyen.

Tina Hoai Nguyen, Andrea Nicargua, Jose Angel Nuncio, Malyn Lassette Nunez, Jaclyn Virginia Dianne Odenpeace, Mercedes Nikole Olguin, Adrianna Nicole Ontiveros, Ana Maria Ortiz, Fabian Osorio, Jonathan Dakota Parker and Shiv Nirmal Patel.

Arthur Estrada Pedraza, Amy Pham, Triet Minh Pham, Uyen Nhat Nguyen Pham, Kieu Kathy Phan, Walter Levi Pinedas, Gabriela Alexandra Quintanilla Hernandez, Marcela Dominiqua Reina, Jailene Reyes, Juan Miguel Reyes and Alexandre James Reyna.

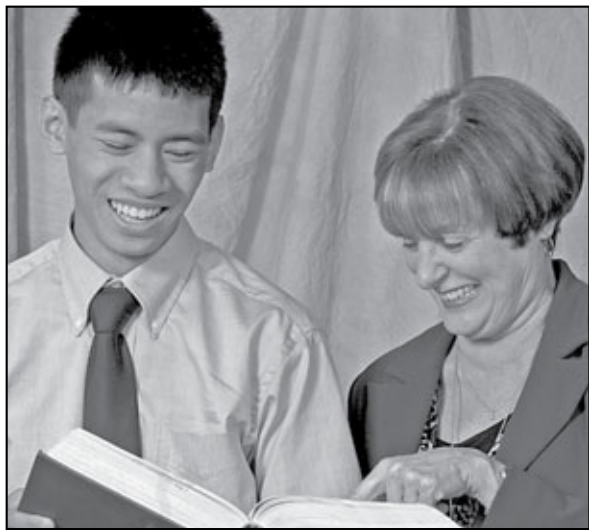
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Franklin Ivan Roque, Henry Giovanni Roque, Angela Grace Geopano Rosales, Mark Alan Rosales, Stephanie Johana Rosales, Angel Rosas, Javier Bernard Russel, Reginald Tyson Salinas, Alfonso Sanchez, Joshua Troy Sanchez and Keiry Soraya Sanchez.

Lauren Patricia Sanchez, Alyssa Alison Sandoval, Stella Ngonda Somdah, Jacqueline Esmeralda Soria, McKay Sumra, Tony Tieu, Lilianna Ruby Torres, Nikki Tinhdan Tran, Theresa Tran, Triny Ynhi Tran, Mary Elizabeth Tufino and Karla Melissa Turcios.

Samuel Valdez, Alex Valerio, Ruben Vargas, Wendy Raquel Vargas, April Brittany Vasquez, Cristian Vega, Rosa Alicia Velazquez, Princess Villanueva, Jacquelyn Simone Villarreal, Kevin Minhvuong Vo, Khanh Quoc Vu, Alyxus Jade Workmon and Christian Tylor Wright.

Top 10 Le, reunites with Jacobs



Kevin Le, one of J. Frank Dobie High School's Shining Stars is shown awarding sixth-grade honors math teacher from Thompson Intermediate. Debbie Jacobs is awarded for helping change his study and work ethics to get him to where he is today. Le plans to attend the University of Houston to major in biology. Le participated in many extracurricular activities including Boy Scouts of America, Phap Luan Lion Dance Team, National Honor Society, taekwon do karate and martial arts, Vietnamese Reading Club, United Band, Science Club, Spanish Club, Health Occupational Students of America and Science UIL. Le reunited with his sixth-grade teacher with photos taken before and after the annual Shining Star Gala banquet which was held in May at the Hobby Hilton Hotel.



Nadolney named new foundation board chair

Longtime San Jacinto College Foundation board member Frank Nadolney has been named the organization's new board chair. He takes over for Brad Hance, who earlier this month became one of two new members on the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees.

The local businessman has been on the San Jacinto College Foundation board since its inception in 1996. He feels it's important to be involved with the foundation because of the benefits the organization provides to students. "Scholarships help young people get ahead in life," he said. "An education helps students get a job and be more successful. It's giving back to our community."

Nadolney is an avid sports fan, and football is his favorite. His father, R.F. "Peaches" Nadolney, played football for Notre Dame under legendary coach Knute Rockne in 1918 and 1919. While in South Bend, the elder Nadolney played with Curley Lambeau (his roommate) and George "The Gipper" Gipp. He then went on to a career with the Green Bay Packers and Milwaukee Badgers from 1922 to 1926, and played against two legends, Jim Thorpe and Red Grange.

The younger Nadolney has known about San Jacinto College since its beginnings 50 years ago. The Texas native grew up in the North Shore area, and his business has been located in the same area since August of 1962.

The Nadolney family developed the Cloverleaf neighborhood in 1936. In 1943 the family donated land for the first school in the North Shore area, Cloverleaf Elementary School. His mother, Frances Nadolney, was an active philanthropist in the area. In 1975, Mrs. Nadolney donated land for the North Shore Little League's R.F. Nadolney Field.

Nadolney's passion for San Jacinto College runs nearly as deep as his passion for collecting sports memorabilia. When asked about his goals for the SJC Foundation for the upcoming year, he simply said, "To raise one million dollars."

"The foundation is delighted to have Frank Nadolney serve as our new board

chair," said Ruth Keenan, interim executive director of development. "He brings positive energy, expertise, and charm to the position. He is deeply entrenched in the mission and vision of helping our students achieve their dreams of education, and will work tirelessly to move the foundation forward to greater heights."

Nadolney is the owner of Nadolney Enterprises, a real estate brokerage firm located in the North Shore area. He is an active member and past president of the North Shore Rotary and has been a Rotarian for 47 years. He has helped the North Shore Rotary Club become the top fundraising club in North America, raising more than \$4 million.

Nadolney also served as a director on the East Houston Regional Medical Center board. He currently serves as a special commissioner for eminent domain hearings for the City of Houston and has served 15 years as a Harris County Sheriff Civil Service Commissioner.

A veteran of the Air Force, Nadolney is past president of the "C" Club of Houston, the Houston chapter of the National Association of Independent Fee Appraisers, the NASA Board of Realtors, the Greater Pasadena Board of Realtors, the North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce (where he is also a charter member), the San Jacinto River Authority, the Harris County Fresh Water District #36, and the North Channel Crime Stoppers. He served 28 years as the state director for the Texas Association of Realtors and six years as a director on the National Association of Realtors.

He is a graduate of Austin High School and holds a business and economics degree from the C.T. Bauer College of Business at the University of Houston.

Nadolney is a lifetime member of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and was a Houston Oiler season ticket holder for 36 years. He has supported a Little League team in North Shore for 48 years.

In addition to collecting sports memorabilia, Nadolney and his wife, Carmen, are active ballroom dancers.

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Memorial artists promote innovation through robotics

By Britta Gamino
Pasadena ISD

It was like Christmas in May a year ago when students in Memorial High's art department got the gift of their dreams, courtesy of the Pasadena Independent School District Education Foundation.

Down the halls streamed Education Foundation members into Adam Malek's art studio toting clanging clappers, towing balloons and, of course, an oversized check worth \$4,102. Malek's fantasy vision of robotic art cars was on its way to becoming reality.

Malek's dream was to one day enter the Houston Art Car Parade with miniature robotic vehicles. After applying for a mini-grant through the Education Foundation, Malek met with fellow faculty art teachers to see how he could improve math and science TAKS scores with art.

"We realized that we needed something the students had not seen before," Malek said. "We needed a different aspect of art that students would be intrigued by and excited to learn, while at the same time integrating math and science into the project."

In order for the students to

fully understand the structure and the technology of robotics, Malek brought in industry leaders from the fields of technology, robotics and engineering to give students a sense of real-world application.

"The kids are so appreciative of the Education Foundation," said Malek. "They were thrilled that they were going to be able to actually start the project we had been talking about for so long."

But building basic remote-controlled cars wasn't enough for Malek. He wanted to push student creativity even further by challenging them with a

surprise twist.

"Make these cars draw," Malek told his students. Somewhat baffled, Malek's team of 55 students stared blankly at the cold, white linoleum floors which were now covered by a sea of robotic car pieces.

In Lego fashion, the students began reassembling the remote-controlled cars piece by piece. It took over 40 hours, start to finish, for each project.

The students used special paint brushes, designed with paint inside, that would attach to the ends of the robotic cars and paint on any flat surface

— allowing the cars to draw. Malek said he believes experience will build students' confidence in their work and encourage team-building.

Missael Galvan, a junior, incorporated mixed mediums of plaster, paper mache, paint and foam pieces to complete his dragon robotic art car. "I wanted to create something that doesn't exist, something that could catch people's attention," said Galvan.

Fittingly named the "Mini Art Car Brigade," Malek and 30 of his students made their grand entrance into the Houston Art Car Parade on May 22.



Displaying the funds and the finished product are (front) April Rosse, Amy Truong, (back) Memorial High School teacher Miguel Herrera, Jessica Vega, Kirsten Wilson, Jennifer Flores, Michael Contreras, Esteban Blanca and teacher Adam Malek.

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Chicas achieves in JROTC



Cadet Jennifer Chicas, from J. Frank Dobie High School, stands with Alfonso Viera. Chicas made the top 20 percent of distinguished graduates out of 330 cadets who were in a one-week program at Prairie View A&M University. This was the first year for Dobie's JROTC to attend USAF JROTC Summer Leadership School. The program consists of military drill, academics, physical training, uniform and room inspections. This achievement marks a big boost for Dobie, as now Chicas will be able to share her newly learned skills with other cadets.

Over The Back Fence by Jan

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

Atkinson Elementary
Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Nora Smith** July 18.

Burnett Elementary
On July 14, **Deborah Jones** celebrates a birthday. **Teresa Abel** is wished a happy birthday July 15. July 19 is the day for a cake for **Sandra Trojan**.

Frazier Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for **Maria Amaro** on July 18.

Meador Elementary
On July 14, **Johanna James** celebrates a birthday.

Moore Elementary
Wishes for a happy birthday are sent to **Jennifer Spiller** July 14.

Stuchbery Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for **Melisa Nichols** July 14. Birthday wishes

are sent to **Sharon Brantly** July 15.

Melillo Middle School
The day for a party for **Alaina Egnatuk** is July 16. **Jennifer Vann** enjoys a birthday July 18.

Morris Middle School
On July 15, **Hilda Rodriguez** is wished a happy birthday. Enjoying a birthday July 18 is **Stephanie Owen**.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
July 15 is the day for a birthday party for **Susan Jennings**.

Dobie High
On July 14, **Melania Duarte** has a birthday. Blow out the birthday candles for **Sandra Villarreal** July 15. **Jose Saavedra** is sent birthday greetings July 16. Sharing a birthday July 18 are **Betty Blackburn**, **Brian Johnson**, **Michelle Malveaux**, **Josefa Rodriguez** and **Simon Sanchez**.

MORGAN SURPRISED BY PARTY
We got the following info from **Cathy Haney** who keeps us all up on Dobie former personnel. A great time was had

by all at **Mike Morgan's** surprise retirement party on July 2 at Hugh & Jeff's Car Wash & Grill! **Mike** and wife **Debbie** and daughter **Lauren** look great. Lauren has made the Aggie Dean's List three times so far.

Mike's head baseball coaching job will be filled by Dobie grad **Richard (Terry) Garza**.

David Chollett was in attendance. His children are in Thompson Intermediate now! Also there were **Angie** and **Richard Stallings**, **Dyana Ashcraft**, **Jimmy** and **Debbie Crane**. Debbie's job continues to call her to New York, and, with their three daughters all on their own, Jimmy will also make the move. Jimmy speaks fondly of enjoying social studies classes at Beverly Hills Intermediate with **Marlane Sgro** and **Tom Swan**.

Entertainment at Mike's party was provided by THE John Evans band, which is a big hit in the Houston area. It was great to visit with **John**, Dobie's football quarterback in 1986.

SJC offers medical lab tech program

San Jacinto College medical laboratory student Maegan Benbrook is on her way toward becoming a technician in a field that shows significant career opportunities.

Employment of medical laboratory technicians is expected to grow by 14 percent within the next seven years, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

SJC students who graduate with an associate degree in medical laboratory may choose from a variety of positions that include clinical laboratory, histology, anatomic pathology, medical office technician, research assistant, and positions with the Centers for Disease Control, Health and Human Services, medical billing and coding, education, biohazardous waste companies, and police departments.

"I've always known I wanted a career in health care, and after taking a few science classes and labs, I discovered my love for the laboratory," said Benbrook. "I would best describe medical laboratory technicians as medical detectives. I've had the opportunity to be exposed to a full range of topics from blood banking, microbiology, phlebotomy, hematology, and many other exciting courses."

After completing the SJC 23-month program, Benbrook plans to look for a full-time medical laboratory technician position. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, medical and clinical laboratory technicians generally have either an associate degree from a community or junior college or a certificate from a hospital, a vocational or technical school, or the armed forces.

"This program does an excellent job of preparing you for the next step: a career," said Benbrook. "I'm looking forward to finding a job as a technician. However, the sky is the limit with this degree; there are so many options available to graduates."

The SJC medical laboratory technician program introduces students to laboratory safety, hygiene, personal protective equipment, instrumentation, clinical chemistry, hematology, microbiology, serology, immunohematology, and urinalysis. Some courses are eight weeks long, and others are 16 weeks. An internship also is incorporated in the medical laboratory technician program.

"Students will work at selected clinical sites three times during their tenure in the program," said Benbrook. "After obtaining the degree, a student is eligible to apply to become a certified medical laboratory technician through the American Society of Clinical Pathology. This organization is world recognized and nationally recognized in most medical facilities."

Newsome said entry-level salary for technicians may range from \$35,000 to \$45,000 per year.

Top 10, Sanchez, honors Haynes



Shining Star student of J. Frank Dobie High School, Paige Sanchez (right), was awarded as a top 10 student. Shown along with Sanchez is her mentor, 12th-grade counselor Jennifer Haynes. Haynes was recognized by Sanchez for her guidance, motivation and encouragement to help with a successful college career. The Shining Stars Gala highlights the brightest students of the district's five high schools and their mentors in the Pasadena Independent School District. Photos for the annual Shining Stars Gala, which was held in May at the Hobby Hilton Hotel, were taken before and after being awarded. Sanchez participated in several extracurricular activities, including orchestra, National Honor Society, tennis and Science UIL. Next year, Sanchez plans to attend the University of Texas in Austin to get a degree in mechanical engineering. Upon graduation, Sanchez hopes to work with a NASCAR racing team and become one of the few female engineers. See related Top 10s on Page 3A.



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SJC holds financial literacy workshops for students

The financial aid department of San Jacinto College will host financial literacy workshops for SJC students beginning Thursday, July 14.

The workshops will cover basic money management skills and key strategies for financial success.

"The financial literacy workshops are designed to educate students on making smart financial decisions while sharing practical personal finance lessons," said Sonia Townsend, South campus financial aid coordinator.

"The goal of the workshops are to motivate students to take a positive and a proactive approach to their finances.

"Students will leave the workshop armed with a working knowledge of basic financial planning, financial goal setting, and how to create a spending plan.

"We want our students to be able to make smart financial decisions and to accomplish both their academic and financial goals."

There will be a morning and afternoon session for each workshop with the same material covered at each session.

All first-time financial aid appeal students are required to attend one of the workshop sessions. Scheduled workshop dates include:

July 14 - South campus Interactive Learning Center (ILC), room 1118, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

July 25 - Central campus ILC, room T-155, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

July 27 - North campus ILC, room NILC 205, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

August 4 - South campus ILC, room 1112, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The South campus is located at 13735 Beamer Road, the Central campus is located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena, and the North campus is located at 5800 Ulvalde Road in Houston.

For additional information on the financial literacy workshops, call 281-929-4654.

San Jacinto College student Maegan Benbrook is pursuing a career in medical laboratory, a field with an increasing amount of job opportunities.

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In spite of flooding in the area and predictions of more to come, most Houstonians didn't carry the government-subsidized flood insurance.

30 years ago (1981)
Sageglen resident Tracy Davis was part of the team which set the world's record for para-sailing.

Kingsgarden, a new duplex subdivision, was to be built off Kingspoint Road.

25 years ago (1986)
Harris and Galveston counties signed an agreement to share in an \$80 million flood control project that was 18 years in the making.

Fuqua became a major thoroughfare for the city.

20 years ago (1991)
The Brio Task Force awarded the Brio Superfund remediation design contract to a company known as one of the worst Environmental Protection Agency regulation violators. Chemical waste management's EN-RAC division was to proceed with the design contract for remediation of the site including incineration.

Ellington Field received a \$5 million federal award which was to be used to increase the airport's capacity, in turn relieving the air traffic at Hobby Airport.

15 years ago (1996)
Construction began on fire station #93 to be built near Sycamore Valley at 975 FM1959.

Robert Duncan, Nick Helton and Jimmy Wright, all 17, were charged with aggravated assault with reckless bodily injury and possession of a prohibitive weapon for allegedly injuring two Pearland teens with a bottle bomb.

10 years ago (2001)
Harris County officials planned to go door to door to check for repairs being done without permits. Without a permit for repairs, flooded homes could have faced a lawsuit or fines.

Donna Benfiglio, 32, a pioneer transplant patient of Dr. Michael DeBakey, died. Benfiglio was the first American to receive the DeBakey VAD and live to receive a heart transplant.

5 years ago (2006)
The annual South Belt Fourth of July parade was spared a deluge of rain by about 45 minutes. Although coming close, the parade had never been rained out since it began in 1988.

Officials from Precinct 2 Constable Gary Freeman's office made South Belters aware of a robbery at a local gas station and separate incidents where several checks had been stolen from residential mailboxes.

Harris County Republican precinct chairs met to advance the process of selecting a replacement for Tom DeLay's vacated congressional position on the November ballot.

The 18-year wait for a connection between Scarsdale Boulevard and Yost Road was hoped to be over by the end of the year.

1 year ago (2010)
A 6-year-old boy who had recently completed kindergarten at Stuchbery Elementary died after reportedly being beaten by his estranged father. According to Houston Police Department officials, Tekkerrious "T.K." Jackson had asked his mother, Lucy Jackson Adams of Sagemont, if he could spend the summer with his father, Alex McGowen Duncan, in an effort to bond with him. Police say that when Jackson failed to go to sleep as instructed by his father, he was repeatedly struck in the chest by Duncan, 34, who resided in the 4900 block of Polk.

After reportedly suffering seizures the next day, Jackson was transported to Texas Children's Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Duncan was charged with murder, while his girlfriend, Tammyra Lanette Sampson, 30, who witnessed the beatings along with her 11-year-old daughter, was charged with injury to a child by omission for failing to report the abuse.

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Melillo Middle School releases rolls for fourth nine-weeks

Melillo Middle School recently announced its honor rolls for the fourth nine-weeks grading period. Students earning status are:

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Jonathan Acosta, Diana Adame, Martin Aguirre, Adela-Marie Alanis, Raymundo

Alba, Thomas Aleman, Francesca Arellano, Rogelio Armenta, Clarissa Arredondo, Hector Arreola Covarrubias, Natalie Aviles, Jacqueline

Ayala and Leonardo Baez. Nicholas Barrientes, Pedro Barrientos, Felicia Barton, Hillary Bazaldua, Nathan Bennett, Michaela Berryman,

Shannon Bickers, Sydney Bonner, Dailon Botley, Joseph Bouleris Duarte, Ka'Naia Brown, My Linh Bui and Lauren Burleigh.

Madison Caballero, Derius Caldwell, Daniel Camacho, Valerie Cantu, Jamie Carman, Britney Casteneda Jasso, Alyssa Chapa, Nathan Chapa, Jalen Clark, Karissa Cook, Rafael Corea, Fabian Corrales, Jovan Correa, Steven Cortez and Christopher Coy. Ty Critchfield, Jasiel Cruz, Mateo Cruz, Vanessa Cruz, Julissa Davila, Camryn Davis, Trinity Davis, Andrea Del Villar Martinez, Mason Douglas, Emily Duren, Mark Embrey, Bryce Feagin, Renee Figueroa, Alex Fuentes and Alexis Gammon.

Yulisa Gandara, Adamaris Garcia, Jacquelyne Garcia, Joseph Garcia, Analise Garza, Kristen Giles, Michelle Gonzales Robles, Cyrus Gonzales, Destinie Gonzalez, Eleazar Gonzalez, Jose Gonzalez, Monica Gonzalez, Jacob Gossett and Mahogany Green. Brendon Griffin, Natalie Guzman, Susan Hatton, Alena Hay, Sage Henderson, Aiana Hernandez, Erick Hernandez, Maritza Hernandez, Jacob Hinojosa, Brendan Hoang, David Hoang, Chelsey Holman, Alejandro Ibarra and Sameria Jackson.

Cheyenne Jewell, Jasmine Jimenez, Jakob Jones, Hannah Klugh, Georgina Labarrera, Alexis Law, Diemtuyn Le, Jason Le, Vina Le, Sebastian Leal Rodriguez, Edgar Lerma, Dakota Lewallen, Andrew Logan, Ariel Lopez, Roman Lopez and Katelyn Loxterman.

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Michael Castillo, Zachary Castillo, Andrea Cavazos, Jordan Cervantes, Diana Chapa and Angelique Chau. Gabrielle Chretien, Tonetcha Clarke, Naya Cooper, Alyssa Corpus, Renee Coy, Alyssa Cruz, Belen Cruz, Chealse Cubos, Trinity Curry, Amanda Davila, Ajah Davis, Parker Deem, Samantha Delgado, Brynn Dempsey and Alvin Deveza. Gabriel Diaz, Jay Do, Mary Doan, Nathanael Doss, Jordan Efrid, Jackson Elings, Mariel Emiliano, Tiffany Flippen, Janneth Flores, Karen Flores, Bryanna Garcia, Pedro Garcia, Kevin Gartner, Luisa Garza Orozco, Jazalyne Garza and Brittany Gonzales. Leandra Gonzales, David Gonzalez, Joshua Gonzalez, Shelby Gonzalez, Austin Goodwin, Emily Granados Carranza, Jeremy Green, Trinity Harrison, Beatriz Hernandez, Emily Hernandez, Eric Hoang, Emani Hollins and Jazmine Howard.

Joe Huerta, Nicole Huynh, Thanh Huynh, Dillon Jackson, Rebekah Jagdeo, Cristina Jasso, Jeanrel Jolivet, Preston Kelley, Esther Kim, Alexa King, Michelle Kristoff, Stanley Krivik, Marissa Kruschinsky, Robert Lazo, Sean Le and Yamelith Leal. Mauro Lerma, Brandi Lindsey, Valeria Lomas, Nicole Lopez, Alanis Macias, Nikolas Maffei, Destiny Manzano, Amaya Martin, Zayda Martinez Reyes, Marissa Martinez, Brooke McGrath, Alexandra Meyers and Mohammad Mohebpor. Amy Montelongo, Viviana Montemayor, Eduardo Montoya, Deandre Moore, Oren Moreno Trevino, Oren Moreno, Matthew Morris, Sukaina Naqvi, Aimy Nguyen, Antony Nguyen, Bao Nguyen, Catherine Nguyen, Derek Nguyen and Dorothy Nguyen. Johnathan Nguyen, Quyen Nguyen, Taylor Nguyen, Tin Nguyen, Erin O'Brien, Laura Ochoa, Donatus Oguamanam, Raene Oliveira, Nathaniel

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San Jacinto College mental health instructor Steven Vestal, far left, leads a class session at the South campus. Through the college's Interactive Television network, Vestal is able to simultaneously teach students at the North campus, who are shown on a large TV screen on the wall. Photo by Rob Vanya

San Jac expands mental health tech program

To keep pace with growing demand in the career field, San Jacinto College is expanding its mental health technology program, as well as offering flexible distance learning and hybrid classes. The college offers mental health classes at the North campus, located at 5800 Uvalde Road in the North Channel area, and at the South campus, located at 13735 Beamer in the South Belt-Ellington area. The program trains mental health technicians (psychiatric aides and psychiatric technicians) and prepares individuals for testing as licensed chemical dependency counselors. The program offers three options: • associate of applied science in mental health and counseling psychology (two years); • certificate of technology as a mental health/psychiatric technician (one year); • certificate of technology in substance abuse counseling (one year). "The need continues to grow for both psychiatric mental health technicians, as well as substance abuse counselors," commented Fred Lara, mental health program manager for the college. "With the tough economic times and major job losses, there is a rise

in many mental health issues, including substance abuse and chemical dependency." In order to expand the program and better meet the needs of the community, the college recently added an adjunct position and more classes. "We are excited to have Steven Vestal, a graduate of our program, as a part-time adjunct professor, and as the program grows, his capacity will expand as well," remarked Lara. Vestal earned an associate degree from SJC in 2009, and also holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Ashford University, and a master's in counseling from Southwestern Assembly of God University. He also operates a private counseling practice. Vestal knows first-hand about mental health issues and wants to use that experience in helping to train students. "Coming from a background in addiction myself, I want to help mental health workers so victims can come through these issues and better themselves through education," he commented. "I believe San Jacinto College has the best mental health program in the state, and I want to help expand the program. By help-

ing the next generation of counselors, I am helping the next generation of clients, and the change we make in the field will be felt by each person who is helped." A person can obtain a full-time job in the mental health field with a two-year associate degree; however, many go on to get higher degrees. "There are many positions in the chemical dependency field that only require an associate degree," Lara said. "If someone is interested in moving forward with their education in psychology, counseling, or social work, completing our program allows them to begin working in the counseling field as they continue their education." The college's mental health program features an innovative mix of traditional classroom training, distance learning and hybrid classes (a blend of distance learning courses and on-campus classes). "We have developed flexible schedules that allow traditional and non-traditional students to have a variety of options in order to obtain either the one-year certificate, or the two-year associate degree," Lara said. "There are traditional day courses, and a new hybrid evening program for working stu-

dents. There are also distance education courses to provide for students who cannot make it to campus during traditional hours." SJC mental health students gain valuable hands-on experience by working as interns at Houston area treatment centers. Bayshore Medical Center in Pasadena, located close to all three SJC campuses, recently opened its first-ever mental health unit, and Lara says plans are in the works to develop a partnership with Bayshore so that mental health students can serve internships at the medical center. Student Kim Taylor, who will earn an associate degree in mental health from SJC next fall, says she especially values the real-world experience she gains by serving as an intern. "By working with high-risk teens I'm learning what kinds of issues they face and how to help them," she commented. "I spent time with a 15-year-old who has so many problems and helped her to resolve issues with her mother. She called me to say, 'thank you Miss Kim for helping me, because things are much better now.' That is the rewarding part of this work - to know you can make a real difference in someone's life."

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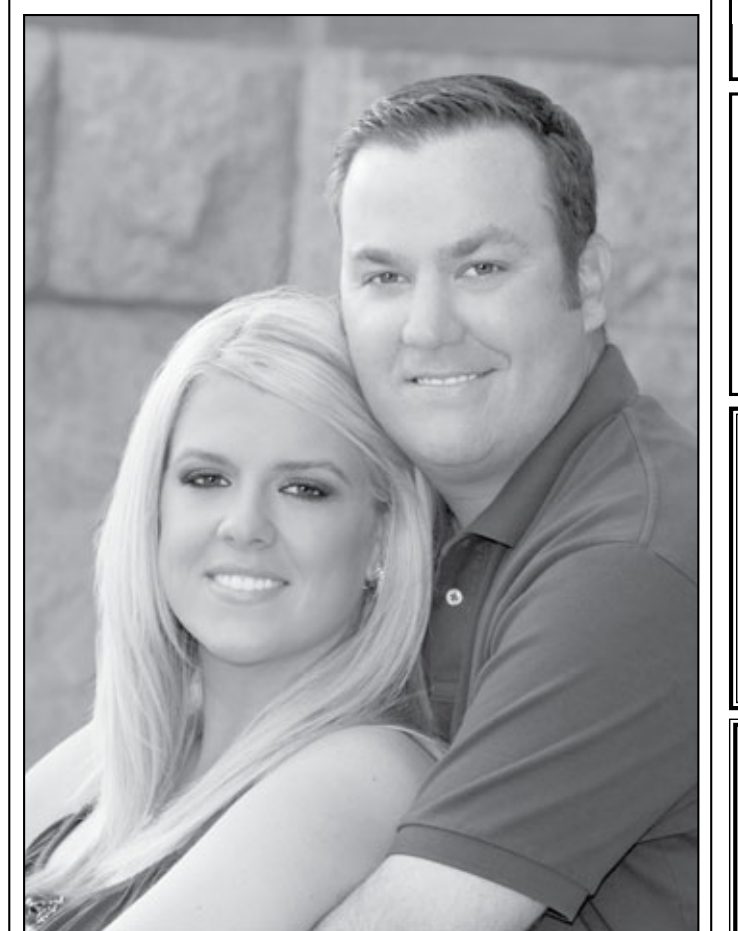
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Hooper, Weatherford to wed



Bill and Martha Weatherford of Friendswood, former longtime Sagemeadow residents, announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their son, Christopher Hooper, to Madelyn Lauren Arlene Hooper, daughter of Matthew Hooper of Houston. The prospective groom attended Stuchbery Elementary, Thompson Intermediate, and graduated from J. Frank Dobie High School in 1998. He graduated in 2003 from Texas State University with a bachelor's degree in communication studies. He is vice president of Houston Garden Centers. The bride-to-be graduated from Alexander Academy High School in 2005 and graduated from Texas A&M University in May of 2010 with a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics. She is a senior supervisor at Houston Garden Centers. The couple plan a late October wedding in Houston.

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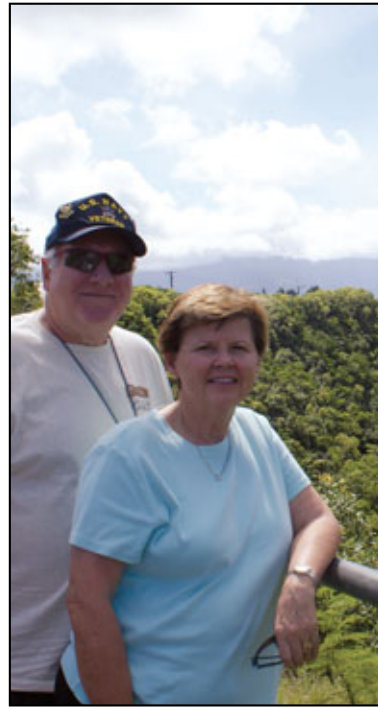
Erick and Jaime Dopp toured North and South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky on their Harleys during June. They toured many places including the Blue Ridge Parkway, the Nantahala National Forest, and they went rafting on the Tuckasee River. Erick has been a South Belt resident for more than 20 years. The Dopps married three years ago. Erick is employed as a builder in the Houston/Galveston area. Jaime works for Deer Park ISD. They share five children and six grandchildren and are huge Sagemont Cowboy fans!



Bennetts celebrate 40th in Hawaii

Peggy and Joe Bennett of Kirkmont celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a trip to Hawaii. They were married on May 29, 1971. Both Peggy and Joe have been involved in the community for many years, serving on a number of boards in sports, education and civic organizations. They have lived in the South

Belt area for more than 38 years. Son Travis (Dobie 2001) will be getting married on Oct 8 to Melissa (Missy) Williams. Daughter Mandy (Dobie 1997) just opened her new catering kitchen, D'lish, downtown at The Shops.



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SBHLL junior stars onto sectional championships

Steamrolling four opponents in virtually every phase of the game, Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League's junior division all-star team is now vying for the Texas East sectional crown.

The locals began the sectional tournament by facing West University in a first-round game July 13 after press time.

West Isle of District 14 and Parkwood of District 25 are also involved in the Texas East Section 3 tournament that runs through July 17 in Texas City. For a look at the tournament bracket, see page 2B.

Elsewhere, the Sagemont 12-year-old major division team was eliminated with a second loss to Friendswood.

So, the SBHLL 14-year-old all-stars wound up carrying the lone torch for the league onto sectionals, but

it's not the first summer of success for this group.

Sagemont's 11-, 12- and 13-year-old all-stars have enjoyed a great deal of success with many of these same players on the roster. Manager Daniel Martinez hopes the 2011 season is a bit different than some of the others.

"That District 16 team, either West U or Post Oak, has given us a lot of trouble in the past," Martinez said.

"We haven't been able to get over the hump against them, but we think this is our year."

At right, Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League junior all-star pitcher Nathaniel Martinez pitched his team past Pearland in a winner's bracket game July 8, and the team went on to win the Division 15 crown.



If the results shown at the District 15 tournament are any indication of things to come, SBHLL might just be sitting pretty.

The locals scored 34 total runs in shutout victories over Dixie and South Houston in the first two games at the district event.

After that, Sagemont smacked Pearland around twice, scoring double-digit runs in both games, to earn the title.

"We were expecting to have to play small ball and maybe manufacture some runs in the tournament, but our bats really came alive," Martinez said.

"We hit the ball really well and pitched well. Our defense also did its job out there on the field in the tournament."

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Texas East Section 3 Junior Division Tournament

*Sagemont-Beverly Hills, West Isle, Parkwood and West University vying for title. See event bracket on Page 2B.

*Sagemont-Beverly Hills defeated Dixie, South Houston and Pearland twice to win District 15 crown. Fourth straight district crown for many players on roster.

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Dobie 7-on-7 FB travels to state July 15-16

The Dobie High School 7-on-7 football team will be one of 64 vying for the Texas State Division I championship July 15-16 at Texas A&M University in College Station.

There will be a full day of pool play action July 15

at the Penburthly Intramural Fields on the A&M campus. On July 16, the teams will either move on to the championship or consolation brackets.

Dobie is in a pool of four teams along with Coppell. Continued on Page 2B

State 7-on-7 Division I championships July 15 Pool Play

Dobie vs. Coppell, 1 p.m., Field B
Dobie vs. Cinco Ranch, 3 p.m., Field B
Dobie vs. Belton, 5 p.m., Field A
*July 16 is reserved for trophy round action

High school VB workouts Aug. 1

The Dobie and Clear Brook varsity volleyball programs will join the competition in beginning workouts Monday, Aug. 1.

The state's high school programs will then officially begin the quest to reach the state tournament, with the regular season opening Tuesday, Aug. 9 for most teams.

Dobie, which finished fourth last season en route to the playoffs, will travel to Alvin Aug. 9 for a tri-match against Alvin and Manvel. A season ago, Dobie went 1-1 against those same opponents to begin the season.

Clear Brook, coming off a playoff berth, will play at St. Agnes Aug. 9. Last season, St. Agnes beat Brook in the opener.

Richards scored 45 career goals San Jac soccer great makes NJCAA hall

Former San Jacinto College star Dane Richards has been selected as a member of the class of 2011 National Junior College Athletic Association Soccer Hall of Fame.

The Jamaican-born Richards netted 45 goals, a school record, over the course of the 2003 and 2004 seasons at San Jacinto College.

In 2004, he was named the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Junior College Player of the Year, scoring 25 goals while leading his team to third place at the national tournament.

"I am honored and excited to be joining the Hall of Fame," said Richards, now a midfielder with the New York Red Bulls of Major League Soccer.

"When I came to San Jacinto College from Jamaica the summer before the 2003 season, I worked very hard to balance my school work and my playing career, and San Jac was a great place to begin my journey."

"Throughout my life, I have always tried to seize every opportunity in front of me and make the best of it."

"San Jacinto College allowed me to get started in this game toward my goal of being a professional. I played for two great coaches, Ben Hunter and David Santesteban."

"To soon be a member of the NJCAA Hall of Fame is a proud moment for myself and my family."

"I give many thanks to those who gave me an opportunity to achieve."

Richards was recruited to San Jacinto College by Hunter, who retired after that season.

In 2004, Santesteban took over the program and discovered Richards, a true

star player who had scored 20 goals as a freshman.

Together, Richards and Santesteban got the San Jacinto program back to nationals.

"When I think of Dane, I think of catching lightning in a bottle," Santesteban said.

"Every year in recruiting, you search for the next Dane Richards, and those players just don't come around very often. Players like Dane are very hard to come by. He is truly a special player."

After his two years at San Jacinto College, Richards moved on to Clemson University, where he led the Tigers to the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I National Tournament Final Four in 2005.

That season, he scored 11 goals and dealt eight assists to lead the Clemson program to within two wins of the national championship.

He was a Herman Award finalist, which goes to the nation's top player.

Drafted by the Red Bulls in 2007, Richards has now registered 17 goals and 23 assists through four plus seasons in the Big Apple.

Richards has also for several years been a member of the Jamaican National Team. During the 2011 CONCACAF Gold Cup, Richards had a pair of assists in four games for his home country.

Santesteban, who nominated Richards for the 2011 Hall of Fame class, is thrilled to see the former San Jacinto College star making a name for himself.

both in MLS and internationally.

"To get where Dane is, you have to be disciplined and avoid the distractions that can come with being a professional," Santesteban said.

"He has shown a great

ability to do that. To know that the San Jacinto College men's soccer program played a role in Dane's development is a special moment. All of us are proud of who he is as a person and the type of soccer player he has become."



Former San Jacinto College soccer star Dane Richards, now a member of the New York Red Bulls, will be inducted into the National Junior College Athletic Association Soccer Hall of Fame this fall.

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SB's August wins volleyball title



South Belt area resident Breana August (at right in photo) teamed with Heather Mitschke to capture first place in the beginner's division at the Gulf Coast Volleyball Association Juniors Sand Volleyball Doubles League. August, an 11-year-old student, will begin her sixth-grade year at Westbrook Intermediate next month.

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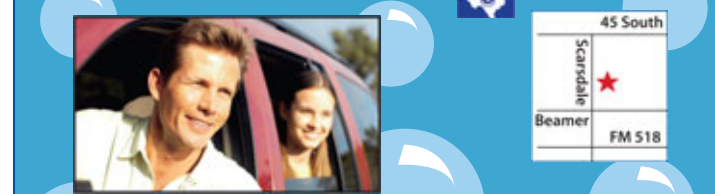
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Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League junior stars eye sectional championship

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Next up is a chance to take care of business at the sectional level. Parkwood and West Isle are also in the mix along with SBHLL and West U.

"We're going to have to be solid in all areas of the game," Martinez said. "One mistake here or there can be costly in a tournament like this. The guys know the competition has stepped up a notch, so we just have to be ready to go from the start."

12s ousted by Fwood
The Friendswood Little League program single-handedly ousted the SBHLL 12-year-old major all-stars at the District 15 level.

In the opening game of the tournament, Sagemont built a 4-0 lead in the early going but then struggled in the sixth.

Eventually, Friendswood came away with a 7-5 victory that sent the locals to the loser's bracket quickly.

"We made a couple of errors that really hurt," Sagemont manager Wayne Lominac Sr. said.

"Also, we came out in the first inning and scored four runs, but then couldn't get much going after that. It's tough to win games in that situation.

Jesse Paredes drew the start on the mound for Sagemont and went four shutout innings before Friendswood began its comeback.

Sagemont came back with three straight wins to claim a spot among the final three teams.

SBHLL beat Dixie 13-3 and then scored 30 runs to down Magnolia as Wayne Lominac Jr. homered twice.

In an elimination game against Friendswood, Sagemont lost 9-5 after getting behind early. Along the way, Sagemont loaded the bases with one out but could not score.

"It's disappointing to lose always, but we're proud of the kids for their effort," Lominac Sr. said. "We had plenty of chances against Friendswood, but they won the big games."

Players of the 12-year-old major division all-star team from Sagemont included Alec Barosh, Kristopher Cormier, Nathan Dominguez, Jeremy Green, Darrian Henry, Darius Hypolite, James Jackson, Lominac Jr., Paredes, David Riojas Jr., Jesus Tijerina and Robby Zavaleta.

The Sagemont coaching staff included Lominac Sr., Jesse Tijerina and Jeff Barosh.



Sagemont-Beverly Hills junior division all-star catcher Damian Molina was exceptional in the District 15 tournament, and he and his teammates will need to play air-tight defense to make a run at the sectional crown.

Sagemont's junior stars are champions in D15



The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League junior division all-star team claimed the Texas District 15 crown after downing four straight opponents in the tournament. The locals scored a total of 34 runs and allowed none in wins over Dixie and South Houston. The team then scored double-digit runs in back-to-back victories over Pearland for the championship. It marks the fourth straight District 15 title for this core group of all-stars dating back to 2008. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Nate Martinez, Roy Rodriguez, John Rico, D'Andre Jackson, Marcos Martinez, Damian Molina, Adrian Rivera, (back row) manager Daniel Martinez, coach Rudy Rivera, Angel Ramos, Jimmy Trevino, Tony Cantu, Garrett Hunt, Nathan David, Mason Miller, Jacob Alford and coach Rick Trevino.

South Belt Select '96-'97 Club Mexico reaches U-14 soccer president's cup

The South Belt Select '96-'97 Club Mexico, a U-14 boys' soccer team, finished second at the U.S. Youth Soccer National President's Cup in Des Moines, Iowa.

The locals went 3-0 in divisional play to advance to the championship games. In the division, Club Mexico downed the Corona (Calif.) Eagles 4-2 and then defeat-

ed Azteca (Kan.) 7-0. The team then beat the Virginia Swoosh 4-1.

In the championship game, the Corona Eagles avenged their earlier loss, taking down South Belt 2-0.

Members of the South Belt team are Hector Alvarez, Lucas Cairo, Armando Casarrubias, Bryan Castillo, Victor Cervantes, Miguel

Garza, Edwin Gomez, Jason Guzman, Jeffrey Hernandez, Jorge Hernandez, Nick Keller, Victor Mendoza, Julio Montano, Alex Quintanilla, Christopher Rodriguez, Alexis Saldivar, Pascual Sendra and Mixon Urrutia. The head coach is Santos Hernandez, and the assistant coaches are Guillermo Guzman and Rafael Sendra.

Fall sign-up at SB youth soccer club

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club is still taking online registration as the 2011 fall season approaches.

Youth ages 4 to 18 are eligible to compete in the league. For a list of age brackets and registration prices, visit the league web site at southbeltsoccerclub.org.

Registration fee includes

a uniform, which is a shirt, shorts and socks. There is a registration discount available to those who acquire a team sponsorship.

League practices will begin in August, and the games will begin in September and be played on Saturday afternoons at both El Franco Lee Park and Beverly Hills Park.

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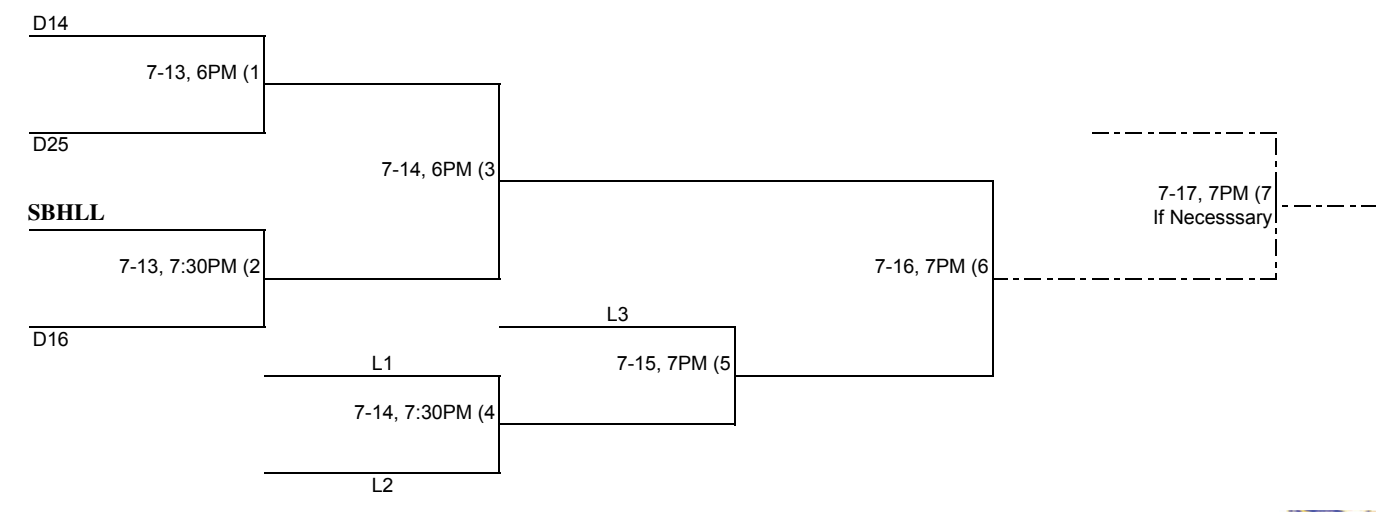
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Texas East Section 3 Junior Division Baseball Tournament

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State 7-on-7 tourney set to include Dobie

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Cinco Ranch and Belton. Following pool play, the top two finishing teams per pool will advance to the championship round. The lower two finishers will move on to the consolation round.

In the 2010 tournament, Belton, an opponent in Dobie pool play, lost in the first round. Coppell, another JFD opponent, advanced to the quarterfinals in bracket play.

Dobie has been to the state tournament once before, during the summer of 2001. That year, the team, led by coach Dave Bergeron, moved within two victories of the state final.

That was a long time ago, but today the goal remains the same. The Longhorns feel as though they can play with the best of them.

Montaga Bailey, the father of Dobie players Kalon and Kelton Bailey, has helped coach the local summer team.

Bailey said the group is ready to go to College Station and come back with something big.

"During our first practice of this final week, we talked about staying focused and playing as a team," Bailey said.

"We are going to play to our strengths, which are speed and the ability to spread the field. If we can make the opponent adjust to us and get out of the gate fast on the scoreboard, we can do some damage."

By its nature, the 7-on-7 game is quick-paced, and the football is continually flying through the air. This summer, Dobie believes this style of play fits them perfectly.

The state 7-on-7 tournament can be followed live by visiting state 7-on-7.com via the Facebook application.

At right, Dobie skill player Andrew Robinson and his teammates will be part of the 64-team field vying for the state 7-on-7 title July 15-16 at Texas A&M University in College Station.
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Butler exits JFD girls' soccer coaching spot

After one season at the helm of the program, Kristina Butler has stepped down as the Dobie varsity girls' soccer coach after one season.

During the 2011 campaign, Butler guided the Lady Longhorns to a third-place finish in District 22-5A. The team went on to compete in the area playoff round.

So Dobie will be seeking its third varsity girls' head coach in as many years.

Butler, who had been an assistant coach at Dobie, took over for Kersten Mul-

lan, who resigned following the 2010 season to spend more time with her family.

Mullan is now a high school teacher in Colorado, where her husband, Brian, is a player with the Colorado professional soccer team in Major League Soccer.

Butler had been an assistant coach at Dobie prior to taking the lead role last spring.

When 11 seniors graduated following the 2010 season, Butler oversaw a bit of a youth movement at Dobie, but the results were still very good. For the third

straight season, Dobie won Lady Longhorns defeated a bidistrict round playoff Baytown Sterling, then fell game. In that round, the to Clear Lake at area.

Sports news, notes

H-Town Jokers 10-U tryout

The H-Town Jokers select baseball program is seeking players for its 10-under baseball team. The Jokers will host tryouts, including an intrasquad game, July 16-17. Serious players may call coach Rudy Mendez at 713-478-1495 or direct e-mail to Josie Mendez at josie.mendez4@att.net. Those interested may also visit the team website at www.houstonjokers.webs.com.

SJC youth hoops camp

San Jacinto College invites boys and girls, ages 7-18, to register for the 2011 basketball camp at the Central campus. The first session is scheduled for July 18-22. The second is July 25-29. Both sessions are held from 2 to 5 p.m., inside Anders Gymnasium, located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.

Brook volleyball camp

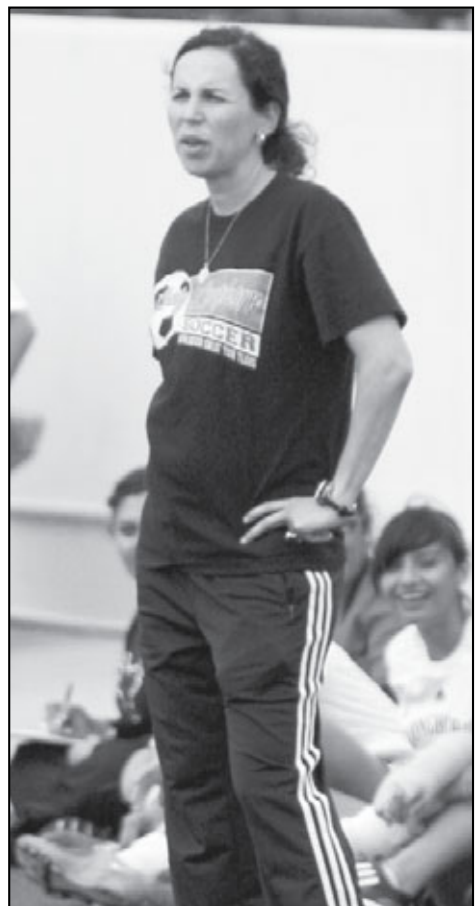
Clear Brook High School varsity volleyball coach Meredith Thompson and her staff will host the 2011 Lady Wolverines' youth camp July 25-29 at the school. Students entering the fourth through ninth grades as of the 2011-2012 school year are eligible to attend. To register, visit the volleyball website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

Dobie ninth-grade VB camp

Dobie High School varsity volleyball coach Joe Sabatell and his staff will host the Lady Longhorns' camp for incoming ninth-grade students July 27-29, from 8 to 11 a.m. at the school. Participants will take part in a variety of drills, including those for passing, setting, hitting, blocking, serving and digging. There will also be strength and agility drills. Cost of the camp is \$55 per student via cash, money order or cashier's check. Participants must have their own medical insurance as the Pasadena Independent School District does not provide coverage for summer fitness/recreation programs. Those in attendance should dress in athletic shoes, shorts, a proper T-shirt, knee pads (if wanted) and bring a good attitude. For more information, call Sabatell at 281-468-1066.

Brook youth football camp

Clear Brook varsity football coach Paul Lanier and his staff will host the 2011 Wolverine Youth Camp Aug. 1-3 at the school. Students entering the second through ninth grades as of the 2011-2012 school year are eligible to attend. Cost of the camp is \$75 per participant, which includes a camp T-shirt. The sessions will run from 8:30 to 11 a.m. each day. Registration will be held Aug. 1, beginning at 8 a.m.



Kristina Butler guided the Dobie varsity girls' soccer team to a third-place finish in District 22-5A last season and then watched as the squad advanced to the area playoff round. Butler resigned her post this summer.

Dobie, Clear Brook varsity football schedules released

The 2011 varsity football schedules for the Dobie Longhorns and Clear Brook Wolverines have been released.

Dobie, the defending District 22-5A champion, will have the benefit of plenty of home cooking this season.

The Longhorns, 8-3 overall in 2010 after a trip to the playoffs for the first time after a five-year absence, will play eight of their 10 regular-season games at home at Veteran's Memorial Stadium in Pasadena.

Clear Brook, trying to get back to the playoffs this season, will play five games at home and five on the road. The Wolverines play home games at Veteran's Memorial Stadium in League City.

Clear Brook High School Varsity football schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 19	at Santa Fe scrimmage	6 p.m.
Aug. 26	at Houston Lamar	7 p.m.
Sept. 2	at Conroe	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	Elkins	7 p.m.
Sept. 22	*at Alvin	7 p.m.
Sept. 30	*Clear Creek	7 p.m.
Oct. 7	*Clear Springs	7 p.m.
Oct. 14	*at Brazoswood	7 p.m.
Oct. 21	*Clear Lake	7 p.m.
Oct. 28	*at Pearland	7 p.m.
Nov. 5	*Dickinson	7 p.m.

Dobie High School Varsity football schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 19	at El Campo scrimmage	TBA
Aug. 26	at Alief Taylor	7 p.m.
Sept. 3	Alvin	6 p.m.
Sept. 9	at Dickinson	7 p.m.
Sept. 16	Humble	7 p.m.
Sept. 24	Channelview	6 p.m.
Oct. 6	*Pasadena (V)	6 p.m.
Oct. 13	*Memorial (H)	6 p.m.
Oct. 22	*Sam Rayburn (V)	1 p.m.
Oct. 18	*South Houston (V)	7 p.m.
Nov. 3	*Deer Park	7 p.m.

Bay Area Football League readies for season –no lockout here

The professionals may be enduring yet another week of lockout status, but it's all systems go for the Bay Area Football League as the 2011 season nears.

League officials have mandated Saturday, July 23, as the first day of practices for each of the league's 16 teams.

Up first is the last opportunity for registered players to pay off any remaining fees, pick up their equipment and weigh-in for the season opener.

The Ellington Rams will host their weigh-in and equipment pickup Saturday, July 16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Wilson Park in Pasadena.

The Sagemont Cowboys will host their weigh-in and equipment pickup July 16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at El Franco Lee Park.

The Southbelt Dolphins' weigh-in and equipment pickup is July 16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Blackhawk Park.

As for the first day of practices, the respective teams will get under way July 23.

The Rams, Cowboys and Dolphins will start practice at 8:15 a.m., at their respective practice locations.

The Bay Area Football League regular season will get under way Saturday, Aug. 13.

The schedule will include pee wee division play at 8 a.m., followed by the seniors at 9 a.m. and the juniors at 10:45 a.m.

Sophomore division play is slated to begin at 12:30 p.m., and freshman play concludes the day of action at 2:15 p.m.

The Rams, Cowboys and Dolphins are all part of BAFL's American Conference. In the American Conference, the three local programs will be joined by the Bayou City Gators, Pear-

land Patriots, Alvin Raiders, Texas City Stingrays and League City Wildcats.

The BAFL National Conference is represented by the League City '49ers, Santa Fe Braves, La Marque Cougars, East End Eagles, Pearland Hurricanes, Pasadena Panthers, Magnolia Park Sharks and Pearland Texans.

The Bay Area Football League regular-season schedule will span 11 Saturdays beginning Aug. 13 and ending Oct. 22.

Each team will play 10 regular-season games, and there is a built-in bye week for each of the teams.

Following the completion of the regular season, the top four finishing teams in each division of the respective conferences will qualify for the playoffs.

The BAFL playoffs will include conference semi-final and conference final rounds prior to the Super Bowl.

The Rams will play their home games this season at Dobie High School, while the Cowboys will return to El Franco Lee Park. The Dolphins will play at Blackhawk Park.

On opening weekend, the Rams will play at the Pasadena Panthers. The Panthers' home field is at Pasadena High School.

Also on opening day, the Cowboys will travel to take on the Magnolia Park Sharks at Mason Park.

The Dolphins will host the La Marque Cougars on opening day at Blackhawk Park.

The *Leader* will have games results, photos and standings throughout the regular season and playoffs.

Fans of the league may also keep up with their favorite team by visiting bayareafootballleague.com, southbeltdolphins.com, ellingtonrams.com or sagemontcowboys.com.

Bay Area Football League Pre-Season Notes

Final weigh-in, equipment p/u: Saturday, July 16

First day for practice: Saturday, July 23

Opening day: Saturday, Aug. 13

Ellington Rams opener: at Pasadena Panthers, at Pasadena High School

Sagemont Cowboys opener: at Magnolia Park Sharks, at Mason Park

Southbelt Dolphins opener: La Marque Cougars at Blackhawk Park

Youths make strides during BHI summer fitness camp



Gabriel Fonseca finished off his final set of lateral lunges with a medicine ball during the closing session of Beverly Hills' summer fitness camp.

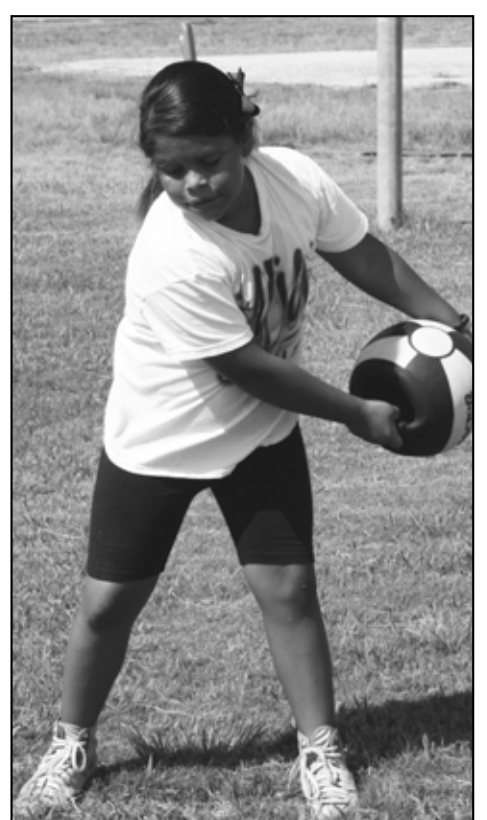


Longtime Beverly Hills Intermediate athletics coach Ben Portis headed the camp at the school, and his next task is the youth football camp starting Aug. 1.



Kimberly Ontiveros, who will enter the sixth grade this fall, was one of more than 150 youths who took part in the Beverly Hills camp over a five-week period.

At right, Mia Myers performs her medicine ball workout on the final day of the Beverly Hills Intermediate Speed, Strength and Conditioning Camp. Over the course of five weeks, more than 150 South Belt area youths took part in a variety of activities, including short sprints, medicine ball workouts, weight room routines and more.



Javier Figueroa performs a squat while holding a 6-pound medicine ball at his mid-section during the final day of the Beverly Hills Speed, Strength and Conditioning Camp. He will be a seventh-grade student at BHI beginning next month.

Thompson Intermediate Football Camp
Aug. 1 to Aug. 5 at the school

Applicant's Name: _____

School: _____

Grade entering 2011-2012: _____

Age: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

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I wish to enroll my child in the 2011 football camp. I understand that neither the coaches nor anyone connected with the football camp will assume any responsibility for accidents, medical, dental or other expenses incurred as a result of injuries sustained during the camp. I further acknowledge that my child is physically fit to participate.

Parent / Guardian signature: _____

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Camp to be held at Thompson Intermediate School

Cost is \$25 per student.

Please no checks or money orders. Cash only.

Camp hours are 4 to 6 p.m. each day.

Report 15 minutes early Aug. 1. Bring tennis shoes. Cleats optional.

For more information, call coach John Fowler at 281-991-4209

Beverly Hills Intermediate Football Camp
Aug. 1-5 and Aug. 8 at the school

Applicant's Name: _____

School: _____

Grade entering 2011-2012: _____

Age: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

Positions: Offense: _____ Defense: _____

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Camp to be held at Beverly Hills Intermediate School

Cost is \$20 per student. Please no checks or money orders. Cash only.

Camp hours are 4 to 5:30 p.m. each day for incoming seventh-grade students; 5:30 to 7 p.m. for incoming eighth-grade students.

Report 15 minutes early Aug. 1. Bring tennis shoes. Cleats optional.

For more information, call coach Ben Portis at 713-299-0251

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JULY 14
7 a.m.

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

9:30 a.m.

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

11:30 a.m.

ABWA - Southeast Express Network – American Business Women's Association-South meets on the second Thursday of each month at MIMI's Cafe in the Pearland Town Center, 11200 Broadway Street, #1600. Lunch is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes networking with professional business women, lunch and guest speaker. Women of all ages and occupations are invited. Bring plenty of business cards. Reservations are appreciated. Contact Monica Perez at mlynnperez2002@yahoo.com for reservations, or visit the Web site at www.seen-abwa.org.

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 114. For information, call 281-487-8787.

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 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.

8:30 p.m.

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

FRIDAY, JULY 15
7 a.m.

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

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, JULY 16
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 Aroflo Civic Center, 300 Walker in League City. For more information, visit http://www.bayareabluegrass.org.

SUNDAY, JULY 17
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, JULY 18
7 a.m.

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

9 a.m.

Pasadena Little Theatre – Registrations for Pasadena Little Theatre's Young Actors Workshop production of *Many Princesses, Only One Crown* by Judie Valentine will be held at 9 a.m. at the theater located at 4318 Allen-Genoa Road. Auditions are open to ages 8 to 13. Workshop rehearsals run Monday to Friday, 7-18 to 7-28, from 9AM to 1PM. Show dates 7-29, 30, and 31 (5 performances). Cost of workshop is \$125. Contact the instructor, Judie Valentine, at garbov@aol.com for more information or check the website at www.pasadenalittletheatre.org

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,

tion, call Susan at 832-494-5098 or Carolyn 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, JULY 19
7 a.m.

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

11 a.m.

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

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CALENDAR

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TUESDAY, JULY 19
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.
6:30 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 non-denominational, 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 victim/survivors of rape and sexual abuse. To attend or for more information, call 281-286-2525.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Tuesdays and Sundays from 8 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 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.
10 a.m.
Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 - Free monthly gardening educational programs meet on the third Wednesday of each month. The programs are at 10 a.m. at Clear Lake Park in the meeting room located at 5001 Nasa Parkway, Seabrook (on the south side of the lake). The programs are free and open to the public. For information, call 281-991-8437 or visit the Web site at www.hcmgap2.tamu.edu.
11:30 a.m.
Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets at 11:30 a.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Meetings are held at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway (Fuqua and I-45). For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.
4 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise held from 4 to 5 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Pearland, 3005 Pearland Parkway, Pearland. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.
6:30 p.m.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Domestic violence support group for male survivors meets each Wednesday at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway. Call 281-338-7600 for information. Participants may join at any time as this is an open group.
7 p.m.
Survivors of Suicide Support Group - The Southeast Houston group meets the first and third Wednesday of each month. The group offers support and coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adult individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. For information on registration or to obtain a physical address for a location, call 713-533-4500 or visit www.crisishotline.org.
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. BAP 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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More photos from South Belt's 24th Fourth of July parade



Neil West, longtime supporter and organizer of South Belt's annual Fourth of July Parade, lines up to show his patriotism with the rest of the participants.



Residents show off their classic cars and their pride along the 24th annual parade route this year.



Members of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary stand next to one of the two patrol boats they had in the parade.



Residents assembled along the parade route to enjoy the floats and Fourth of July festivities with their friends, families and neighbors.



The Sagemont Cowboys participated in this year's parade with a football-themed float. Sitting left to right on the trailer are Joseph Reyes, Mason Banheart, and Dominic Tamez Jr. Sitting left to right on the bench are Jonathan Tamez, Bryant Brown, Max Garcia, Coach Kenny Brown with son Andrew, Logan Wranich, Kenny Brown Jr. and Nicole Wranich. Standing is coach Dominic Tamez.



The West family show off their decorated '57 Chevy. Pictured, left to right, are Zach Roberts, Eloise West, Neil West, Sara Roberts, Diane Lister and Bobby Lister.



The South Belt Sharks swim team traversed the parade route in style - lounging in a pool! Shown, left to right, are Coach Sarah Woernley, Assistant Head Coach Alexandra Zayas, Michael Watson, Mrs. Bui, Nicole Cypert, Jacob Chacon, Cassandra Lazo, Andrea Dawkins, Eden Jimenez, Victoria Gonzalez, Jacob Colunga, Joe Garcia, Garrett Marshall, Jeffrey Wilson, Marisa Mendieta, Drew Williams, Clif Williams and Bo Williams.



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South Belt residents Rick and Delilah Hymas attended the South Belt Fourth of July Parade with their three Alaskan Malamutes in tow. Miki, Bear and Buck donned patriotic collars to show their spirit while joining in the festivities.
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