

## Heavy trash scheduled

Tree waste will be picked up Thursday, July 15, for city of Houston residents living north of Beltway 8. Residents south of the beltway are scheduled for Thursday, July 22. For more information, call 3-1-1.

## PIP meeting July 20

The next Positive Interaction Program will meet Tuesday, July 20, at 7 p.m. in the first floor staff meeting room at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria. Guest speaker will be Officer Jacob Webb of the Houston Police Department's financial crimes unit who will speak on identity theft. The PIP program consists of police and citizens working together to make neighborhoods safer. For more information, call Officer Randy Derr at 281-218-3900.

## Beverly Hills Civic to meet

Beverly Hills Civic Club will meet Monday, July 19, at Beverly Hills Park from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Bring a friend.

## Library events scheduled

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

The library will present *Stranger Danger* by the Harris County Sheriff's Department on Tuesday, July 20, at 2:30 p.m. Free tickets are required and can be picked up at the library.

Ten button/pin craft will be held Wednesday, July 21, at 3 p.m. Registration is required.

Movie Madness is scheduled for Thursday, July 22, at 2:30 p.m. Call the library at 281-484-2036 for feature title.

On Saturday, July 24, Vietnamese storytime will include Reading Club at 9 a.m., intermediate storytime at 11 a.m., and beginner storytime at 1 p.m.

Preschool storytime, designed for ages 3-6, is at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, and toddler storytime, geared toward children who are walking to age 3, is at 10:30 a.m. Thursdays.

An ESL tutor information and training session is set for Saturday, Aug. 7, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call the library for details.

## St. Luke's VBS set

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church is currently registering 4-year-olds through fifth grade for Vacation Bible School set for Monday, July 19, through Friday, July 23. VBS will travel through Discovery Canyon, exploring the wonders of the Word through stories, songs, prayer and activities. Families and friends are invited to the open house on Thursday, July 22, at 7 p.m. when the children will take their family and friends on a tour of the various "canyon sites." At 7:30 p.m., in the church, the children will present reflections on the Scripture stories and songs they have learned. Refreshments will be available in the social hall before and after the prayer service. Registration forms for Vacation Bible School week are available in the parish offices and on the Web site at [stlukecatholic.com](http://stlukecatholic.com). Space is limited - register early.

## Health fair at church

A community health fair will be held at Bibleway Fellowship Baptist Church, 10120 Hartsook Road, on July 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The entire community is invited. Screenings and information for preventing various illnesses will be provided. A nutritionist and pharmacist will be available to answer questions or concerns. Doctors, nurses and other medical professionals will be available. There will also be school supplies (while they last), screenings for children, door prizes, activities and more.

## Larriette dance clinic set

The Dobie Larriettes will hold their annual summer dance clinic, *Fun In the Sun*, Thursday and Friday, July 29 and July 30, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Dobie High School. Cost will be \$40 for pre-registration, or \$50 at the door (cash or money order only). Pre-registration ends July 20. Lunch and a snack will be provided along with a certificate and camp souvenir. Show-off of camp routines will be at 3 p.m. on July 30.

To register or for more information, contact Lori Perez at 281-797-8370 or e-mail [lp.lori.perez@gmail.com](mailto:lp.lori.perez@gmail.com).

## Dobie choir alum to reunite

A reunion for Dobie High School Choir alumni under Debbie Tidwell's direction (1982-2002) is in the works. The planning committee needs help finding former choir members. Join the Facebook group "J. Frank Dobie High School Choir Alumni 1982-2002" or e-mail contact information to [DobieChoirReunion@yahoo.com](mailto:DobieChoirReunion@yahoo.com). More information about the reunion will be forthcoming.

## Sageglan annual meeting set

The Sageglan Community Association will hold its annual meeting Monday, July 19, at 7 p.m. Homeowners and residents of Sageglan Meadows of Clear Creek, Estates of Green Tee Sections 6 and 8 and Green Tee Terrace are invited to attend. The meeting will be held in the community building at 11610 Sageyork.

# Voters to decide on drainage funding

By James Bolen

Come November, Houston voters will likely play a pivotal role in determining how future city drainage and street renewal projects are funded.

The nonprofit organization, Renew Houston, is on a mission to add an amendment to the city charter that would create a dedicated fund to provide for necessary infrastructure improvements.

Currently, Houston drainage and street repair ventures are paid for using money from the city's general fund, with projects often taking a backseat to other city needs in this time of economic hardship.

Proposed by Houston At-Large Position 1 City Councilmember Stephen C. Costello and Jeff Ross, City of Houston Planning Commis-

sion member and vice president of Pate Engineers, Inc., Renew Houston on Thursday, July 1, submitted more than 35,000 signatures to the city secretary - far more than the 22,000 required to place the issue on the Nov. 2 ballot for a referendum.

If approved by voters, the proposal would create a dedicated fund for drainage and street renewal, using revenues from fees charged to businesses, homeowners and developers, as well as a portion of property tax money that is currently being used to pay off debt associated with infrastructure projects.

According to the organization's Web site, funding for the 20-year, \$8 billion plan to shore up the city's infrastructure would come from three sources: a "Stormwater User Fee" that is

expected to cost about \$5 per month for an average homeowner with a 5,000-square-foot lot and a 2,500-square-foot home and \$90 a month for an average commercial property owner with 14 units per acre; a "Development Impact Fee" that would set up a program in which developers have to pay for the degree to which their projects impact surrounding density; and a "Pay-as-you-go" plan that would take the estimated one-sixth of total city property tax revenues used now to pay for interest costs on debt that has financed infrastructure and drainage ventures and apply it directly to new projects.

Houston Mayor Annise Parker is supportive

of the program only if other government entities, such as the Harris County Flood Control District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, are also involved in the process.

"I'm a big believer in democracy, and these are serious dollars that we're talking about for flooding and drainage needs in the Greater Houston area," Parker said at a recent press conference. "But I have said clearly and consistently that we would never go to voters without a clear plan with identifiable projects, without having all the other stakeholders engaged in this. Drainage is not something the City of Houston can do by itself."

## Speer named PISD president

Jerry Speer was recently named president of the Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees.



Jerry Speer

Speer, who has served on the board for 10 years, is replacing South Belt resident Fred Roberts, who will remain on the board as a member.

The newly named board president retired from PISD in July 2000 after serving 39 years in education. He was principal of J. Frank Dobie High School from 1986-2000.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, Speer also

coached football at Pasadena High School.

Speer holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Central University in Edmond, Okla., and a master's degree in administration from the University of Houston-Clear Lake. He was a math and science teacher for 20 years before entering administration.

He has been married for 42 years to his wife, Mary, a retired PISD school nurse. They have four daughters, all of whom graduated from Sam Rayburn High School.

Speer is also a lecturer at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church.

The board is composed of seven members elected at-large to three year terms. Positions are voted on once a year by the board following the annual board election, in what the district calls a reorganization period.

Marshall Kendrick was named vice president; Mariselle Quijano-Lerma will serve as secretary; newly elected Jack Bailey was named assistant secretary; and Vickie Morgan and Nelda Sullivan will serve as members.

## Local youth dies from abuse

A 6-year-old boy who recently completed kindergarten at Stuchbery Elementary died Sunday, July 11, 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, 30, of Sagement, 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.

HPD Homicide Division Sgts. B. Harris and J. Roberts reported that Duncan, also known as "Boomer," put Jackson to bed at about 7 p.m. Saturday, July 10, but became upset when the child would not go to sleep.

For the next eight hours, Jackson was made to kneel with his arms extended in front of him. Duncan told investigators that whenever Jackson lowered his arms, he would receive a series of blows as part of what Duncan described as "chest boxing."

Duncan described this as a flurry of punches to the chest and other parts of the body.

After reportedly suffering seizures Sunday, July 11, Jackson was transported to Texas Chil-

dren's Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. The Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences ruled the death a homicide caused by multiple blunt traumas to the child's body.

Duncan is charged with murder in the 230th State District Court. Duncan's girlfriend, Tammyra Lanette Sampson, 30, who witnessed the beatings along with her 11-year-old daughter, is charged with injury to a child by omission in the 230th State District Court for failing to report the abuse.

Court records show Duncan has a lengthy criminal history in Harris County, including convictions for drug possession, attempted possession of drugs, assault of a family member, evading detention, failure to identify himself to a police officer as a fugitive and resisting arrest.

Sampson also has a lengthy criminal history in Harris County, including convictions for theft, illegal redemption of food stamps and hindering apprehension.

At press time, both Duncan and Sampson remained in Harris County custody, each held on \$50,000 bail.

An account has been set up to aid the Jackson family. Donations may be made to the Shell Federal Credit Union account No. 64165410 or dropped off at Stuchbery Elementary any time after Monday, Aug. 2.

## Fireman retires after 30 years



Former South Belt resident Leonard "Kirk" Narcisse recently retired from the Houston Fire Department after serving for more than 30 years. Narcisse worked his entire HFD career serving the South Belt community. After completing the Houston Fire Department Training Academy located behind Hobby Airport, Narcisse was initially assigned to Fire Station No. 61, located on Monroe Road near Almeda Genoa Road, where he worked from March 1980 until May 1991. He then transferred to Fire Station No. 70, located on Beamer Road near Beltway 8, where he served the last 19 years on the "B" shift until his retirement this year. Originally from Louisiana, Narcisse was admired at the station for his Cajun cooking. "His cooking was awesome," said former co-worker Jason Coronado. "He took care of us." Coronado said Narcisse was also known for his kindness. "He was a real nice guy," he said. "If you ever needed anything, he was there." After retiring, Narcisse said he intends to travel and spend more time with his family.

## Police seek shooting suspect

The Houston Police Department is investigating the shooting of a man that occurred about 5:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 8, in the 10900 block of the Gulf Freeway.

According to police, the unidentified male victim, 34, of Highland, suffered a gunshot wound to the face and was transported by Houston Fire Department personnel to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. He was then transferred to Ben Taub General Hospital, where he remained in critical condition at press time.

Authorities say officers responded to a report of a major accident on the Gulf Freeway service

road in front of the Oxford Apartments between Almeda Genoa and Edgebrook.

When officers arrived, the victim was found in the complex's parking lot bleeding from his face and left ear.

Upon being hospitalized, it was determined the victim had been shot in the ear.

At press time, police say there was no known motive nor suspect(s) in the case.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to call the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

## MHSH offers new treatment

Doctors at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital are some of the first in the area to use a newly Food and Drug Administration-cleared device that removes potentially deadly artery-clogging plaque in leg arteries for patients suffering from peripheral arterial disease (PAD), a chronic condition that affects nearly 12 million Americans.

PAD occurs when plaque builds up on the inside walls of blood vessels, causing a blockage of blood flow to the extremities, and is often associated with high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease, stroke and aging.

The Jetstream Atherectomy System is the first on the market capable of treating an entire spectrum of disease found in the PAD patient, including hard and soft plaque, calcium, thrombus and fibrotic lesions with consistent clinical results.

The Jetstream catheter is equipped with tiny rotating blades and a vacuum that cuts through accumulated plaque in the legs, then vacuums away the debris left behind. This treatment has the potential to reduce procedure time and minimize vessel trauma, which can mean fewer complications for patients. Removing the loose

plaque also minimizes the potential for that plaque to travel back through the leg's arteries and cause another blockage.

"This treatment represents an innovative and minimally invasive solution to clear blockages in the peripheral arteries, restoring blood flow and effectively treating the disease without surgery," said Dr. Karan Bhalla, cardiologist at Memorial Hermann Southeast.

Bhalla was the first physician at Memorial Hermann Southeast to treat a patient using the device.

PAD usually affects adults from age 60 to 80, but patients can be younger. Further, while people with elevated cholesterol, smokers or those with a history of heart disease can develop PAD, many people do not realize they have blocked arteries.

PAD is responsible for more than 150,000 leg amputations each year, and only about 400,000 patients receive the endovascular intervention they need. In addition, many patients are poor surgical candidates for whom surgery can be life threatening.

## SJC presents Black Comedy

The San Jacinto College South theater department will dim the lights this summer to present *Black Comedy*, a lively one-act play by Peter Shaffer.

Action illuminates a dark stage in this production, directed by Mark B. Robbins, about the lovesick and desperate sculptor, Brindsley Miller.

The sculptor has embellished his apartment with furniture and objects "borrowed" from the absent antique collector next door in hopes of impressing his fiancée's pompous father and a wealthy art dealer visiting to purchase one of his art pieces.

When a blown fuse plunges the apartment into darkness just before the guests arrive, the evening spirals out of control. Errant phone cords,

unexpected guests, aging spinsters and a mischievous mistress impede the young man's frantic attempts to keep the event from becoming a disaster.

Curtain time for *Black Comedy* is 8 p.m., Thursday, July 22, through Saturday, July 24.

A matinee performance will be presented at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 25.

The production will take place in the studio theater of the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Building at the San Jacinto College South campus.

Tickets are \$5 in advance. Late seating will not be available due to limited space.

For more information, call 832-588-2968 or e-mail [sdramaboffice@sjcd.edu](mailto:sdramaboffice@sjcd.edu).

## SVFD honors CBC MUD



At its monthly meeting Thursday, July 8, members of the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District were honored by the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department for their involvement in the construction of the new SVFD station. At the meeting, MUD board members were named honorary volunteer firefighters and were presented a plaque with a mounted firefighter's ax. Shown above at the function are, left to right, SVFD Chief and CBC MUD Director Chuck Tylka, CBC MUD President Jim Bishop, CBC MUD Vice President Bill Morgan, CBC MUD General Manager Chris Clark, CBC MUD Assistant Secretary David Flickinger, SVFD Medical Officer David Feil, CBC MUD Secretary Steve Buckman and SVFD Assistant Chief Tom Golightly. Photo by Marie Flickinger

# New SVFD station nears completion



Construction of the new Southeast Volunteer Fire Department station is nearly complete with the new facility set to open in mid-August, according to SVFD Chief Chuck Tylka. Located on Scarsdale adjacent to the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, the station will be the third in the area for the department and will serve as its main station and first large-scale disaster headquarters. Funded by a Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District bond that voters approved in March 2007, the station cost roughly \$2 million to construct and occupies approximately 9,500 square feet. In the photo at left, construction workers are shown putting the final touches on the new building.

# J. Frank Dobie HOSA student captures top spot at nationals



Dobie High School student Dac Vu took top honors in the medical terminology category at the national Health Occupations Students Association competition recently. The competition was held in conjunction with the HOSA National Leadership Conference held in Orlando, Fla. More than 5,000 students from around the nation competed in a variety of contests

during the three-day conference. Vu advanced to the national event by placing among the top students in the medical terminology category at the regional and state competitions. HOSA is a national student organization endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education and the Health Science Technology Education Division of ACTE.

# Heather Ogilvie Regimbald, Miss Texas USA '00 keeps ties

The tight-knit community that is the South Belt-Ellington area is unlike any other community in Houston. Neighbors know each other, kids go to school together and grow up playing sports or in the same clubs. It really is a community where one can hardly go anywhere and not run into someone who is known.

Students who attend area high schools have been preceded by many graduates, but unfortunately, friends and neighbors lose touch after moving on from secondary education. It is for this reason the Leader is presenting a series of profiles spotlighting the achievements that have come to graduates and attendees of South Belt high schools.

By Matt Griesmeyer  
"I remember the friendships that I have made and that I still cherish and carry with me today," said Heather Regimbald. "The area helped shape my character."

Regimbald may not be a familiar name to South Belt residents; before she married she was Heather Ogilvie, South Belt's very own Miss Texas USA 2000.

Regimbald grew up in Chicago but moved to South Belt in her sophomore year

of high school and lived in Sageglen. Attending Dobie, she was very involved in the theater arts and also volunteered with the student council.

Regimbald acknowledged that moving at that time in her high school education was difficult, but that the South Belt area helped her acclimate to her new surroundings.

"When I was still brand new to the area, I was outside my house building a scarecrow because it was around Halloween time, and a popular cheerleader from Dobie came up to me," Regimbald said. "She asked me to help decorate the town for homecoming. That is what is great about the area - everyone celebrates life as a community, works together and knows no strangers. The popular cheerleader is one of my best friends to this day."

Finishing her education at Dobie and graduating in 1996, Regimbald always knew that she wanted to work for a television station, but she did not know what field to go into. Upon graduation, she chose to attend the University of Houston and pursue a degree in communication.

Currently, Regimbald

works for KHOU-TV in Houston as an accounts executive, but she has also served as a consultant for on-air segments. While she felt that working in the television industry was always in her future, what inspired her to go that route was much closer to home.

"I'd have to say that my influence came from my family," Regimbald said. "I come from a family of small entrepreneurs and realize that the sales team is the face of the company and the backbone to helping generate revenue. While being in front of the camera at a TV station might seem glamorous, I quickly learned that the real satisfaction and reward comes on the sales side of things. Knowing that what we do on a day-to-day basis helps companies grow is truly rewarding."

The road to KHOU has not always been a smooth one. Regimbald acknowledged the major bump in the road that she hit, particularly when she was new to the area.

"One thing I struggled with as a young girl was reading and phonics," Regimbald said. "I will always remember Dobie because it taught me that if I did not address my limitations, I would not be successful. When other people were doing cheerleading or sports after school, I was at home studying."

At the University of Houston, she earned a degree to start her career, but UH also gave her a husband. Then-Ogilvie met her husband, Scott Regimbald, and they have been married for seven years. Scott works for Halliburton in Fort Worth where the family resides. They have one daughter, Rachel, who is 15 months old.

When asked about plans for the future, Heather's answer was simple and family-oriented.

"We are wanting to grow our family and live happily ever after," she said. Heather's mother, Ellynn Ogilvie, still resides in the Houston area, and father Bob Ogilvie currently lives in Chicago.

"I come back to Houston pretty often," Heather said. "I have quite a few friends who teach at Dobie. The new school is phenomenal. It really shows the growth of the area; (South Belt) is really booming."



Top photo: Heather Ogilvie Regimbald is a former South Belt resident and Miss Texas USA 2000. Below, Heather Regimbald is pictured with husband Scott and daughter Rachel.



# Readers' Opinions

## An 'atta girl' to Byrd from Keener

Wow! Thank you, Karen Byrd, for your comments in the July 1 edition of the Leader. I couldn't have said it better! Several members of our community have so much time on their hands that they regularly contribute venomous diatribe to the Reader's Opinions section of the paper, when their spare time could better be spent in trying to make America and our community even better than it already is.

When I see certain names below opinions in this column, I simply move on to something else more interesting and informative. Please continue reading the Leader on a regular basis, Karen, because there are so many articles and comments that are worthy of your attention and respect.

I have lived in the South Belt community more than 50 years, and I learned long ago not to let narrow-minded opinions of some, muddy the waters for all.

Brenda Keener  
Publisher's comment: Thanks for the plug Brenda; the Leader staff appreciates it.

## Consumers not king with government

The concept of the consumer-driven economy is everywhere. We are told a consumer-driven recovery is going to turn our economy around. Consumer-driven health care was supposed to drive down medical costs.

Yet the real power of consumers is generally ignored by those proposing government solutions to problems.

This is evident in the current sunset review of the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) and Public Utility Commission (PUC) taking place in Austin. The sunset review process is supposed to find ways to make government more efficient. Instead, it has turned into yet another way to reduce consumer welfare in the marketplace.

Take the homeowners insurance market. If consumers don't like the prices and products offered by one company in this competitive market they can easily switch to another.

But many "consumer advocates" want to use the sunset process to implement a system of prior approval for homeowners insurance. Put another way, consumers wouldn't be able to buy homeowners insurance until TDI gives its permission. The Texas electricity market is even more competitive than the insurance market.

The problem, however, is that the price of electricity is loaded up with government fees, taxes, and mandates that make electricity more expensive.

Franchise fees are one example. The average household pays around \$154 a year in franchise fees on electricity, cable, telephone, and gas bills - for an annual cost to Texas consumers of more than \$400 million.

Electricity prices also contain subsidies for wind energy producers and energy efficiency programs - the annual price tag for these will likely top \$1 billion in the near future.

Recommendations made in the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission's Staff Report would further increase electricity prices. One recommendation calls for the PUC to have the ability to order a generator to reimburse electricity buyers if it has used "market power" to manipulate electricity prices.

This concept of restitution may sound consumer friendly, but it is not.

There have been no alleged instances of market power abuse in years in this heavily monitored market. So what this recommendation will result in is that large users of electricity (industrial, commercial, and municipal users) will use

## Deaths

### Everett "Sonny" Vore



Everett "Sonny" Vore, 42, died Thursday, July 8, 2010, after a two-year battle with cancer. He was a South Belt resident.

Vore is survived by wife Dena, son Mason, stepson Christopher Young, mother Donna Okozaki of Hosuton, stepfather Blazo Kovacevich of Akron, Ohio, sister Debbie Snyder of Singapore, brothers Blazo Kovacvich and Stefan Kovacevich of Akron, Ohio, and many family members and loved ones.

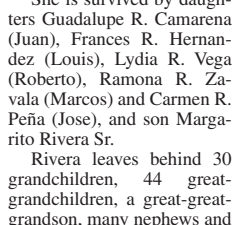
### Carlota Tamayo Rivera



Carlota Tamayo Rivera, 90, died Thursday, July 8, 2010. She was a South Belt resident.

Rivera is preceded in death by her parents, Margarito and Guadalupe Tamayo, husband David Rivera Sr., son David Rivera Jr., daughter Susan R.

### Carmen Ambro



Carmen Gonzalez Santamaria Ambro, 69, of Pearland, formerly of South Belt, died unexpectedly on Monday, July 12, 2010, with her family by her side.

Ambro was born Feb. 1, 1941, in Rota, Spain. In 1969 she married an American naval officer who was stationed in her hometown, her husband of 41 years, David Ambro. After living in Spain, Iceland, Virginia, Illinois and Pennsylvania, the couple settled in the Houston area. They spent the last 29 years there raising their family with frequent trips to see loved ones in Spain.

Ambro said she was happiest when surrounded by her family. Despite numerous health issues, she actively lived out her Catholic faith in service to those whom she loved.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Antonio Gonzalez Sanchez and Vicenta Santamaria Gomez de Lara, and siblings Antonio, Rosario and Vicenta Gonzalez Santamaria, all of Rota, Spain.

Ambro is survived by her husband; children Paul Ambro and wife Kimberly, Michael Ambro and fiancée Laura Brenner, and Lisa Ambro, all of Pearland; grandchildren Emma, Isaac and Elena Ambro; siblings Manuel, Juan, and Manuela Gonzalez Santamaria; numerous other relatives in Spain and countless friends.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 15, 2010, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Niday Funeral Home, where a rosary will be said at 7 p.m.

A funeral Mass will be held Friday, July 16, 2010, at 2 p.m. at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, with the Rev. James Burkart officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Dickinson.

## Leader obituary policy

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

# Patterson reports on oil spill, tar balls in Texas

Texas Land Commissioner and former South Belt resident Jerry Patterson recently announced the rapid response to remove Deepwater Horizon tarballs from the upper Texas coast this week won't affect the state's \$20 million fund set aside for oil spill cleanups.

"In Texas, we're ready," Patterson said. "I think the rest of the nation could learn a few lessons from us when it comes to planning ahead and preparing for oil spills."

The Oil Spill Prevention and Response Division of the Texas General Land Office is funded with a 1.3 cent per barrel fee assessed on oil passing through Texas ports.

That fund pays for prepositioned equipment such as skimmers, air boats and oil boom at five offices along the Texas coast, staffed full-time by GLO oil spill response experts who have spent years working with local contractors, local governments and the U.S. Coast Guard preparing to respond to any oil spill in Texas waters.

"In Texas, our oil spill folks already know their federal and industry counterparts when there's an emergency because they've worked together before, in drills or responding to an actual spill," Patterson said. "Responding to a crisis is not the time to be meeting your partners or determin-

ing who is in charge." Patterson said this level of cooperation between industry, local, state and federal responders in Texas ensures a quick and effective response.

Funds are available when it comes to oil spill response in Texas, thanks to the Texas Legislature's foresight in passing the Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act of 1991, shortly after the Exxon Valdez spill.

In the case of an oil spill from an unknown source, Texas has \$20 million set aside for cleanup costs. That \$20 million fund is from the 1.3 cent tax on imported oil coming through Texas ports.

"For spills where the responsible party is known, such as the Deepwater Horizon spill, we don't have to touch that fund," Patterson said. "We just bill the responsible party, such as BP, directly for all cleanup costs." The cost to the consumer for this fund is negligible: about 7/1,000 of a penny per gallon of gasoline refined in Texas.

"I think the Texas response to oil spills in general shows that it really pays to plan ahead," Patterson said.

To find information on the Deepwater Horizon spill and its impact on the Texas coast, visit <http://www.glo.state.tx.us/Deepwater>.

## Thompson names 2009-2010 American Legion honorees



Six Thompson Intermediate eighth-grade students were honored by the American Legion for their academic achievements along with their leadership skills and service in the community during the 2009-2010 school year. Nominated by faculty members at Thompson, the students included, left to right, Khoa Truong, Alyssa Williams, Taylor Surratt, Savana Velasquez, Wesley Schoppe and Tanya Torres. Among the talented nominees, Velasquez and Truong earned top honors. GaryWPhotos

## 1st BCT Brigade, 75th BCT Division awarded for Army Safety Excellence

The 75th Battle Command Training Division celebrated a proud moment recently when Maj. Gen. James Sholar, deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Reserve Command, awarded the newly authorized Army Safety Excellence Streamer in recognition of the division's record of achieving 12 consecutive months without a soldier or unit having an at-fault Class A or B accident.

Chief Warrant Officer Robert Shultz, 75th Division safety officer, accepted the award on behalf of the division with Maj. Gen. Eldon Regua, 75th Commanding General, by his side.

Shultz, who is new to the division, was quick to give credit to fellow safety program director, Chief Warrant Officer Paul Paradis. Paradis, who recently

returned from a tour of duty in Afghanistan, initiated a robust divisionwide safety program that resulted in the recognition for the unit.

"The 75th leadership completely embraces an organizational culture of safety excellence that has resonated throughout their ranks," said Anna Gibbs, U.S. Army Reserve Command safety director.

Gibbs added that the 75th wholeheartedly created and put into place command and control measures that motivated soldiers throughout their division to embrace and put into practice critical safety procedures.

The 75th Division is only the second Army Reserve unit to receive the safety streamer since its authorization last year.

"Commanders in the Army realize that safety



75th Division Commander Maj. Gen. Eldon Regua and Division Safety Officer Chief Warrant Officer Robert Shultz, accept the Army Safety Excellence Streamer from Maj. Gen. James Sholar, deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Reserve Command. The 75th Division earned the award by achieving 12 consecutive months without an at-fault Class A or B accident. The brigade is stationed at Ellington Air Field. Photo by Master Sgt. Dave Thomas

## Dobie grad Leighton awarded scholarship

TPC Group recently hosted a luncheon in honor of its 2010 recipients of the TPC Group Sons and Daughters scholarship award. Houston resident and Dobie High School graduate Ashlyn Leighton was a recipient this year.

Leighton was an honor roll student and a member of the National Honor Society.

She received an Academic Excellence Award, MVP Soccer Award and

Best XI High School Soccer Player Dynamo Award. She plans on attending St. Mary's University in the fall to major in pre-law.

The efforts of TPC Group build on a solid foundation of community involvement and support and seek to improve and promote educational advancement, environmental responsibility and the overall well-being of the community. Since 2006, the company has awarded more

than \$300,000 in academic scholarships to graduating high school seniors.

Headquartered in Houston with an operating history of more than 68 years, TPC Group Inc. has manufacturing facilities in the industrial corridor adjacent to the Houston Ship Channel, Port Neches and Baytown, and operates a product terminal in Lake Charles.

The company is a leading producer of products derived from niche petro-

chemical raw materials such as C4 hydrocarbons.

For additional information, visit the company's web site at [www.tpcgrp.com](http://www.tpcgrp.com).

## GCLFEDS holds July general meeting

Join Greater Clear Lake Families Exploring Down Syndrome general meeting for a presentation on creating a Microboard/nonprofit organization.

Heather Burdeaux, the regional coordinator for the Microboard Collaboration with the ARC of Texas, will tell about this innovative way

to make dreams and plans for the future of children with special needs come true.

The meeting will take place on Saturday, July 24, at 10:15 a.m. at the Clear Lake Baptist Church, 15700 Space Center Blvd. (El Dorado and Space Center) in Houston. Refreshments and child care will be provided.



Pictured are Dobie graduate and scholarship recipient Ashlyn Leighton, left, and Charles Shaver, president and CEO of TPC Group. Photo submitted

## SJC student wins laptop



San Jacinto College South student Angela Cohen-McGaskey (left) recently received a free Dell Notebook to type up her class notes. Cohen-McGaskey won her prize after filling out an online class evaluation at the end of the spring 2010 semester. Ellie Meyer, coordinator for student life (right), presented her with the computer during a recent student orientation at the South campus. The Dell laptops are awarded each semester as an incentive to encourage student participation in SJC surveys. For more information about San Jac, call 281-998-6150 or visit [www.sanjac.edu](http://www.sanjac.edu). Photo submitted

## CCISD leadership changes

School's out for summer, but the Clear Creek Independent School District is already making plans for a stellar 2010-2011 school year. When students return to campus in August, some of them will find there's a new principal welcoming them in the hallways.

"I am pleased to announce some exciting administrative changes for the 2010-2011 school year," said Superintendent Greg Smith. "I commend each of these leaders for embracing new opportunities in Clear Creek ISD."

Leading the way with a principal change is Wedgewood Elementary School. Principal Ann Arrington moves to Brookwood Elementary School. Brookwood Principal Cathy Homer moves to League

City Elementary, and League City Elementary Principal Carla Massa moves to the Wedgewood campus.

Clear Lake City Elementary Principal Leslie Dragg is leaving CCISD to finish her doctorate. Jepsy Kimble will replace her as principal of Clear Lake City Elementary School.

Other administrative moves around the district include: Elementary - Greene Assistant Principal Michael Rivera to Bay Elementary; White Assistant Principal Ann Begley moves to Greene Elementary; League City Elementary Assistant Principal Tammy Gonzalez moves to Stewart Elementary; Bay Assistant Principal Kristina Lasserre moves to White Elementary; Bay Elementary Literacy Coach Debbie John-

son moves to Mossman Elementary as assistant principal; Stewart Elementary intern Elena Self to League City Elementary as assistant principal; and Laila Glenn, teacher at Whitcomb, has been named assistant principal at Whitcomb Elementary.

Secondary - Clear Creek Intermediate Assistant Principal Amy McDonald returns to Clear Lake High School; Jennifer Chiles, teacher at Victory Lakes, has been named assistant principal at Clear Creek High School; John Palumbo, intern at Brookside Intermediate, has been named assistant principal at Clear Lake High School; and Alison McBride is new to CCISD and will be the assistant principal at Creekside Intermediate.

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**Over The Back Fence by Jan**

**GERRY COLE TURNS 77**  
Gerry Cole, longtime South Belt resident, turned 77 on July 8. Best wishes from all his family and friends at the Leader.

**FRANK BAYE TURNS 75**  
Frank Baye, who has had a winning float in every one of the July 4 parades since the beginning in 1988, turned 75 on July 8. Best wishes to him from the Leader staff and his wife, Gwen.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays July 15 through July 21.

**Atkinson Elementary**  
Greetings for a double birthday are sent to **Diana Bradshaw** and **Nora Smith** July 18.

**Burnett Elementary**  
Celebrating a birthday July 15 is **Teresa Able**. **Sandra Trojan** enjoys a birthday July 19. On July 21, **Wendy Childs** and **Katy Gump** share a birthday.

**Frazier Elementary**  
Maria Amaro is sent birthday wishes July 18.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
Marking a birthday July 15 is **Sharon Brantly**.

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

**Morris Middle School**  
Blow out the birthday candles for **Hilda Rodriguez** July 15. On July 18, **Stephanie Owen** enjoys a birthday. A birthday is celebrated by **Andrine Villalta** on July 19.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
Birthday greetings are sent to **Susan Jennings** July 15.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
Blow out the birthday candles for **Youlanda Ravenell** July 17.

**Dobie High**  
Special birthday wishes are sent to **Jose Saavedra** July 16. Birthday greetings are sent to **Betty Blackburn**, **Brian Johnson**,

**Michelle Malveaux**, **Josefa Rodriguez** and **Simon Sanchez** July 18. Wishes for a happy birthday are sent on July 21 to **Debbie Ganske**.

**LAUREATE PSI CHAPTER MEETS**  
Laureate Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its June meeting in the home of **Susan Watson** with **Sherrie Cox** as co-hostess. Eleven members were present and three absent, and **Margie Dobbins** is a new transfer member affiliating with the chapter. **Carroll McCullough** called the meeting to order, and final plans to see *Fear the Ducks* at Radio City Theater on July 10 were discussed. Following the meeting, Watson presented the program, *New Paths to Friendship Through Quilting*. The chapter's July meeting will be hosted by **Judy Switzer** and co-hosted by **McCullough**.

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**Frazier Elementary creates legacy of success**



Frazier Elementary's principal, Rhonda Parmer, stands in front of the school. Photo by Matt Griesmyer

By Matt Griesmyer  
Frazier Elementary has been an institution in the South Belt area since 1975 when it was opened for the first day of school. Since its first year, the school has been under the caring eyes of five different principals, including the current - Rhonda Parmer. The school is named after a former Pasadena Independent School District trustee, Robert Bevis Frazier, and has served as a friendly first foray into education that area children experience. One of the ways Frazier ensures students enjoy their school years is through visits to the principal's office. Yes, the principal's office. Throughout the school year, teachers can nominate students to have a happy visit with the principal or other administrative staff. The past school year had

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**Remember When**

**30 years ago (1980)**  
In an election still sparked by controversy, write-in candidates Joe Champion and Norma Stroud were elected to the Sageglen Community Association board. Houston City Council passed a motion to have the city legal advisors prepare an ordinance that would permit the introduction of fluoride into the city's water system. Alameda Mall was undergoing approximately \$2 million of improvements which included more parking for shoppers. Sageglen resident Angela Shifflett placed in the top 10 out of 69 girls in the Miss Texas pageant.

**25 years ago (1985)**  
Redesigning and widening of the Kingspoint/Kleckley intersection at Alameda Mall would cost \$267,743 and would take two months to finish. Houston Arson investi-

gators arrested a southeast Houston man in connection with the May 29 fire at the Sagemont Townhomes on Beamer. The fire was allegedly set to get back at the man's ex-wife who lived in the townhomes. The South Belt Security Alliance filed a \$10,000 lawsuit against Southeast Security Associates for remarks made against the company on a local news program. Mouth-to-mouth resuscitation by a lifeguard at the Sageglen Community Association swimming pool was credited with saving the life of a 3-year-old girl. Houston homicide detectives investigated the skeletal remains found on Dixie Farm Road near Clear Creek, south of the creek.

**20 years ago (1990)**  
The Veteran's Administration altered its policy. Under the new policy, any veteran considering buying a new home in Southbend would have to visit the regional VA office to review the information on file before a case number or appraiser could be assigned. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced it was temporarily discontinuing insuring mortgages in the Southbend subdivision. Lawyers for two Weber elementary students charged the Clear Creek Independent School District with fraudulently withholding documents concerning alleged contamination of the school water supply in 1985.

**15 years ago (1995)**  
Christopher Williams, Mr. J. Frank Dobie High School of 1984, was killed at Fort Sill, Okla., during a training exercise. He reportedly lost his life while trying to save the lives of many of his men. A nine-member Community Partnership Team from the Clear Creek Independent School District supported a reduced bond issue. Cash, checks and charge slips were stolen from Central Ace Hardware during an after-hours burglary. Only two of the original 670 homes in Southbend remained three years after a court settlement in which the subdivision's developer agreed to take title to all homes.

**10 years ago (2000)**  
Rep. Ken Bentsen announced \$10 million in federal funding for a new supply complex for the Air National Guard located at Ellington Field. Southeast Volunteer Fire Department called on the community for assistance. The fire department was seeking volunteers to help serve the 30,000 residents in their zone. They were serving the area with only 30 volunteers - a ratio of 1,000 to 1.

**5 years ago (2005)**  
At a public hearing in San Antonio, accusations were made that the decision to eliminate the Texas Air National Guard at Ellington was flawed, inaccurate and mathematically wrong. The accusations were made to members of the Base Realignment and Closure committee by Rep. Tom DeLay, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, County Commissioner Sylvia Garcia and Houston Mayor Bill White. Trial dates were set for two of the four men accused in the murder-for-hire killing of South Belt resident Luan Cong Pham. The other two men remained in the Harris County Jail awaiting trial. The pool at Beverly Hills Park was closed after plaster began falling off the sides, making it unsafe for swimmers. Charges of indecency with a child were filed on a 17-year-old Kirkmont resident after his stepmother walked in while he was exposing himself to his 5-year-old stepsister. Houston police released a photo of the wig-wearing man who robbed the Bank of America on Blackhawk at Beltway 8. Clear Brook principal Michael Kreis resigned after only one year to return to the Dallas area, his original home.

**1 year ago (2009)**  
Roughly 10 parking tickets issued the previous week by the City of Houston in areas not incorporated by the city were dismissed after it was determined they were issued in error. Several readers notified the Leader they had received the suspect tickets, most for parking in the wrong direction or more than 18 inches from the curb. It was discovered all of the citations had been issued on the same day by the same city parking enforcement officer. Channel 13 investigative reporter Wayne Dolceno was the guest speaker at a luncheon sponsored by the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce. South Belt resident Matthew Connally was badly injured by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan. Connally was the driver of a military vehicle that was struck by an improvised explosive device. He was awarded the Purple Heart. A passenger in the vehicle was killed. Angela (Widener) Stallings was named the new principal of Memorial High School. She replaced Billye Smith, who had recently been promoted. Most recently, Stallings worked at Thompson Intermediate, where she served as principal for two years. Prior to this, she worked at Dobie High School for 16 years as an English teacher, cheerleader sponsor, counselor and assistant principal at the school. Stallings had graduated from Dobie in 1986.

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# Frazier creates a legacy of success

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The students at Frazier have had four principals prior to Parmer: Jack Harvey from 1975 to 1977, Gene Hensen from 1977 to 1983, John Markgraft from 1983 to 1986 and Sharon Oakes from 1986 to 2004.

In terms of academics, Frazier has held exemplary status based on its Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test scores for four years straight. Ninety percent of its students pass the state-issued exam with all of the students passing the writing portion and 50 percent to 70 percent garnering commended scores from the state.

Even though the building itself may be old, it has stayed up-to-date with the technology of today. The school boasts a mobile laptop computer lab, enabling students to have use of computers throughout the building.

In terms of the student body, the population of the building for the last three years, with the exception of the 2009-2010 school year, has been between 750 and 800. With the opening of South Belt

Elementary, however, the school was provided some relief, and the population dropped to approximately 500.

When the school opened in '75, it was the first school in the district to have what is called an open pod concept, allowing teachers to see and communicate with each other in an open teaching environment without walls, save for the ones separating the different grade levels. As time progressed, however, the techniques of education changed and called for

to separate the class, but with some openness throughout the building. Walls were built between classrooms, along with a new office for the staff to occupy and better be able to administer and provide safety for the students.

The community has always been an integral part in the Frazier educational experience, with around 90 percent participation from area parents. While the direct community has always been important to the school, the students have put forth tremendous efforts to provide for their

indirect community, reaching as far as Africa. Within the past six years the students and staff have raised more than \$100,000 for various charities including Hats for Hope and money to provide mosquito nets for villages in Africa. Frazier was also the first school to participate in the Leader's annual toy drive and has participated in it every year since.

Students have been experiencing the friendly face of Frazier for going on 36 years, and it is Parmer's wish to "continue the legacy of success."



# Dobie grad Ferraro communications manager, freelance writer

*The tight-knit community that is the South Belt-Ellington area is unlike any other community in Houston. Neighbors know each other, kids go to school together and grow up playing sports or in the same clubs. It really is a community where one can hardly go anywhere and not run into someone who is known.*

*The students who attend the area high schools have been preceded by many graduates, but unfortunately, friends and neighbors lose touch after moving on from secondary education. It is for this reason that the Leader is presenting a series of profile pieces spotlighting the achievements that have come to graduates and attendees of high schools in the South Belt area.*

**By Matt Griesmyer**  
 "The sense of community (in South Belt) is still there," said Andrew Ferraro. "People talk about how spoiled we were to have friends that we grew up with. Nobody really left, and if they did they always kept in touch."

Ferraro, Dobie class of '95, grew up in South Belt and is perhaps best known for his part on the 1989 Little League all stars team. Before attending Dobie, he went to Atkinson and Beverly Hills and lived in the Beverly Hills subdivision near Fuqua and Aldis.

Memories with the '89 all stars are very vivid for Ferraro.

"That was the team that was supposed to be the one," Ferraro said. "We were all confident that we were going to Williamsport and were told later on that had we beaten that Westbury team, we would have gone a lot further."

Ferraro's memories about going to school at Dobie are very fond and revolve around his relationships that were developed in the organizations that he belonged to.

"Personally, it was the friends that I made in choir and how tight we were (that I remember most)," Ferraro said. "A lot of the people that I talked to and hung out with back then I still talk to today. When we run into each other it is always to catch up and have good times."

While he was attending Dobie, Ferraro played freshman and sophomore baseball for the Longhorns and was a member of the choir for all four years.

When he was approaching the end of his high school career, though, he was unsure as to what he wanted to do with his post-high school life.

"At the time, I was in choir and I was in it just because I had to have a fine art credit," Ferraro said. "Then I had some thoughts as to a music career, but I always wanted something to do with radio or television or casting. I knew that one of those two routes was where I was going."

While he was attending school at University of Houston, Ferraro secured two jobs: first as an intern with the Houston Aeros and then at Continental Airlines. Both jobs led him to the positions he holds today.

"I was an intern with the team in '97-98 and learned how to write about hockey," Ferraro said. "I got a job covering them for a local sports paper called Space City Sports that folded in late 2002. Later that fall, the Aeros beat writer for the Houston Chronicle resigned. I knew the writer and sent an e-mail to him.



**Top photo: Andrew Ferraro on the flight deck of a Continental 757. Bottom: Ferraro and wife Dana, son Caden, 5, and daughter Ellie, 1.**

The editor asked to see some writing samples; I sent them and he liked them all right. He tried me for a few games to see what would happen. That was in November of 2002. I have been (reporting for them) ever since."

In addition to his position with the Chronicle, Ferraro has also worked his way up to communication manager for Continental, does freelance work as announcer for the Rice University football and baseball teams and covers all Houston sports teams as a correspondent for the Associated Press.

His job at Continental, however, has provided him with more opportunities than just employment; it gave him the opportunity to meet his wife, Dana.

"Because of Continental and my flight benefits, I would fly around the country to see the Astros play at different parks," Ferraro said. "I had a friend that worked for another airline in Milwaukee, and when I went to see the Astros play the Brewers, my friend introduced me to Dana. We met in July 2000. For the first year we dated long distance, and I would fly up as many weekends as

I could. The second year I was able to convince her to move here - because of my flight benefits she could still go see her family with the passes that we got for travel. We dated for another year while she lived down here and got married in 2002."

Together they have two

children, Caden, 5, and Ellie, 1.

Despite having moved from the area in 2000 to live in an apartment in midtown, he moved closer to South Belt after marrying Dana and currently resides in Pearland just off Dixie Farm Road and FM 518.

"I love the area so much that I did not want to move far away from home," Ferraro said. "I can't see myself moving too far away. I love the people, love how close it is to the coast, and I still have lots of friends in the area."

The South Belt community has remained a fond memory for Ferraro.

"I remember Hurricane Alicia very well and how the community pulled through that," Ferraro said. "It was weird reading through the Ike stories and seeing similar pictures. In the choir, we used to do concerts in the area and saw how the elementary school kids looked up to you and how (the community) did not seem to think of us as just another group, it was their hometown choir that was coming to entertain them."

Ferraro still remains close to the community since moving away in 2000.

Aside from driving through the area every day on the way to work, his parents still live in the area in the same house that he was raised in.

His father, Bruce, is a manager for a company called Uniflex, and mother Janet is an office manager for Southern Dental.

His siblings still remain in Houston as well, although in different locations. Older brother Todd, Dobie class of '97, is a Houston police officer, and younger sister Lisa, Dobie class of '03, is a nurse at St. Joseph Hospital in downtown Houston.

Throughout his career in writing, Ferraro has done many stories on local sports. His attitude for the events that he has covered is brief, but sums up his feelings for his career so far.

"I have covered the NBA All-Star game, MLB All-Star game, the Superbowl, World Series, another national division championship series, three of the four WNBA championships for the Comets and one Aeros championship," Ferraro said. "I have been so lucky to be able to be around those things. When I look back I feel so lucky to have been there."

# SJC's chancellor to serve on community college honorary National Collegiate Scholars board

San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer will serve on the Community College Honorary Board of The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS).

and who embody the NSCS core values of scholarship, leadership, service and integrity.

Hellyer joins members from such organizations and institutions as the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Los Angeles Southwest College, Miami Dade

College and Houston Community College System.

"San Jacinto College supports The National Society of Collegiate Scholars and its mission to further student academic achievement by combining academic excellence and civic responsibility," said Hellyer. "I am honored for

the invitation to serve on the Community College Honorary Board and look forward to working and collaborating with the other board members and NSCS personnel. Our college goals are aligned with the work of NSCS, which provides numerous opportunities for our students."

The NSCS is a member organization of the Association of College Honor Societies that provides students with opportunities to develop leadership skills, positively change their campuses and communities, as well as prepare for future endeavors.

Recognized at 250 campuses across the country, the NSCS offers more money for undergraduate scholarships than any other honor society nationwide, according to its Web site.

Honorary board of regents include such high-profile members as famed poet Dr. Maya Angelou; Z. Smith Reynolds, professor of American Studies at Wake Forest University; Children's Defense Fund founder Marian Wright Edelman; and CEO J.W. Marriott, Jr. of Marriott International, Inc.

SJC recently established a NSCS chapter for students with at least a 3.6 grade point average and more than 12 credit hours within an academic program. Membership allows students to apply for transfer scholarships, participate in an induction convocation and gain access to NSCS conferences.

"We are impressed with Dr. Hellyer's accomplishments and efforts in higher education and truly appreciate her support of the NSCS Community College Program," said Lindsay Bowen, NSCS senior director for chapter development. "We look forward to working with the newly chartered San Jacinto College chapter of NSCS and gaining valuable insight from Dr. Hellyer as we continue to move forward in the launch of this program."

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# Sagecrest fire raises alarm



On Wednesday, July 14, at 8:45 a.m., a fire was reported at 10903 Sagecrest. Firefighters were able to extinguish the fire by 9:15 a.m. One firefighter at the scene was injured and transported for medical treatment. The residence was not occupied at the time of the fire. The official report with the Houston Fire Department mentioned that the arson division was called to investigate the cause of the fire, as is routine with house fires, but as of press time it was undetermined.

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# Leader vacation photos

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## Exploring St. Lucia, West Indies



Sonny and Deanie Breaux, along with another couple, vacationed in St. Lucia, West Indies, May 22-30. They stayed on the southwestern end of the island near the town of Soufriere, with views of the Pitons and surrounding mountains from their deck. They spent a lot of time on the beach and exploring that end of the island. The couples visited the botanical garden, hiked the rain forest, and took a private catamaran sailing trip up the coast to Marigot Bay, stopping along the way to snorkel. They also experienced the mineral bath and visited the drive-through volcano and had a little time to party and dance in the tree-top bar at the villa where they stayed.

Top photo: (left to right) Deanie Breaux of Sageglen and Kathy Peters of Lake Charles, La., stand on a hill above the town of Soufriere and Piton Mountains in St. Lucia.

Right: The group hikes through the rain forest.

Bottom right: Sonny and Deanie tour the botanical garden.

Bottom: Sonny and Deanie overlooking the town.



## Velasquez family visits Disney World

The Velasquez family of South Belt recently vacationed at Disney World. Pictured below, left to right, (front) grandson Joseph, (second row) oldest son Carlos, mom Sylvia Velasquez, middle son Davin, Nicklaus and dad David Velasquez pose in front of Cinderella's Castle at the Magic Kingdom. Top right, Davin and David spend time with Toy Story characters. Bottom right, Davin poses with the Incredibles at Walt Disney World's Hollywood Studios.



## Trevinos take vacation to Destin



The Trevino family took their annual vacation June 4-9, 2010, to Destin, Fla. The family visits Destin every year with friends, and this year despite the threat of oil, had a great time. They only saw oil one day (out in the distance) from their balcony, but a weather front came through and blew the oil back out, and the family never saw any more. The Trevinos are Sageglen residents and lifetime residents of the South Belt area. Roberto and Gina are both Dobie graduates. Son Nicholas recently completed kindergarten at Weber Elementary and will be in first grade this fall. Gina and Roberto are both actively involved with SBHLL.

At left, Roberto, Nicholas and Gina enjoy the white sands and seafoam-green waters of Destin. Below left and below right, Nicholas poses on the beach. Below center, Nicholas and Roberto play in the water.

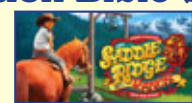


## Moreno catches sailfish



South Belt Elementary student Jon Jon Moreno (right) catches a 100 pound sailfish 35 miles off the coast of Quepos, Costa Rica, on June 21, 2010. Jon Jon was assisted by his brother, Oren Moreno (Melillo Middle School student), and a fishing guide (left). It took Jon Jon 27 minutes to reel in the big catch. The Moreno family, Roger, Linda, Oren and Jon Jon, recently spent 10 days exploring Costa Rica. They visited the erupting Arenal Volcano, toured the Monte Verde Cloud Rainforest canopy by zipline and swinging bridges, horseback riding, and the beaches of Manuel Antonio. They experienced the rain forests flora and fauna to include monkeys, sloths, reptiles and birds of many species.

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# SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

## Brook, Dobie football programs finalize report times as workouts near

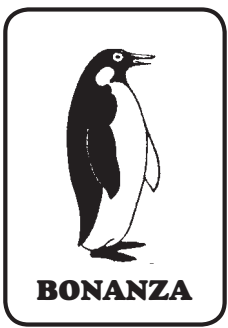
Monday, Aug. 9 – the first allowable preseason football workout date for teams that hosted spring workouts – is quickly approaching, and area varsity head coaches have been moving briskly to finalize the details.

At Clear Brook, Paul

Lanier will begin his fourth season as the Wolverines' head coach. Lanier's staff will get into the swing of things by hosting the school's incoming freshman football camp Aug. 2-4 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost of the camp is \$75, and participants are asked to report at 8 a.m. on Aug. 2 to take care of the registration details. All players in the Clear

Brook football program will begin preseason workouts Aug. 9. Lanier said all grade level athletes, including incoming ninth-graders, must report for a team meeting at 8 a.m. The varsity, junior varsity and freshman programs will host Santa Fe in a series of scrimmages on campus Friday, Aug. 20, and Clear Brook opens the regular season against Houston La-

mar Friday, Aug. 27, at Veterans' Memorial Stadium. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. **Dobie sets schedule** The Dobie coaching staff, led by first-year head coach Jim Phillips will host a free incoming freshman camp Aug. 3-5 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. each day prior to the start of preseason workouts. The Longhorns' players at all levels will begin preseason workouts Monday, Aug. 9. Seniors through sophomores will report at 4 p.m., and workouts will continue, with breaks, until 8 p.m. Dobie's incoming freshmen will work out from 5 to 7:30 p.m. each evening. Phillips has stressed that each player must have an up-to-date athletics physical (valid for 2010-2011 school year) on file prior to being allowed to participate in the workouts. Football players must also turn in their \$20 laundry fee (\$10 per semester) during the first day of workouts. Dobie will host a Meet the Longhorns scrimmage session Saturday, Aug. 14 at Newcomb Field. The freshman action will begin at 6 p.m., with the varsity/JV to follow at 7 p.m. All teams in the Dobie football program will take part in the first scrimmage Friday, Aug. 20, at El Campo at Ricebird Stadium. After that, the Longhorns will prepare for the start of the regular season. Subvar-



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## Local trio, Phaze2 make perfect team

Refusing to give up their first love, three 2010 South Belt area high school graduates are keeping their dreams alive on the competitive softball field. The three, including Dobie High School graduates Chaibly Bennett and Danielle Rodriguez and South Houston High School graduate Leticia Rodriguez, have been teaming up with the Phaze2 18-under program in the southeast Houston area. So far, the combination has worked well for everyone involved. The three locals will travel with the rest of their Phaze2 teammates when the squad heads for nationals in Beaumont later this month.

The three players were in the Dobie High School program until their junior years. Bennett and Danielle Rodriguez quickly joined Phaze2 in hopes of eventually finding a college program to play for. Leticia Rodriguez moved with her family to the South Houston area in between her junior and senior years and played at the varsity level for the Lady Trojans program. She, like her pals back at Dobie, also began playing for Phaze2. The players agree that the Phaze2 program has given them, and many of their teammates, a second chance not only in club softball, but also has provided rising hopes of playing collegiately. Bennett, who has played at first base and in the outfield, has received attention from several colleges in the South Western Athletic Conference. Danielle Rodriguez said she has had some interest coming from some colleges, too, including a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics program in Washington. As for Leticia Rodriguez, she will attend San Jacinto College and said she may try out for the team. Regardless of what's in the mix when the next door opens for these three, they are each grateful for having found Phaze2.

Brown, whose daughter is a student at La Marque High School, wanted not only to help his daughter explore more options in the game but to help other Galveston County youths. So far, so good. The team has won 18-under Independent Fastpitch Association sectional and regional titles and is now preparing to go to nationals for the first time in the short history of Phaze2.

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Phaze2 players, from left, Leticia Rodriguez, Chaibly Bennett and Danielle Rodriguez, rejuvenated their softball playing careers after joining the Phaze2 18-under softball program. Leticia Rodriguez formerly attended Dobie and graduated from South Houston High School this year. Bennett and Danielle Rodriguez graduated from Dobie High School this year. All three players are now exploring their college options with an eye on playing softball.



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## SBHLL senior division wins District 15 crown



Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League's senior division (ages 15-16) all-star team won the District 15 title and has qualified for the Texas East Section 3 tournament, to be played at Robinson Stadium in Texas City. The locals open sectionals Friday, July 16, against West Isle in a start time 8 p.m. or later. Members of the SBHLL team are,

left to right, (front row) Juan Huizar, Rickey Coppens, Niko Manriquez, Austin Nguyen, Ryan Henry, John Colunga, Aaron Gonzalez, Ryan Divin, Wade Buisson, (back row) coach Eddie Colunga, Troy Tapper, Alvaro Gonzalez, Emmitt Pitts, Albert Gonzalez, Josh Santiago, Phillip Gay, coach Sam Pitts and coach Robert Buisson.

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# BHI students admit, "I love it coach, can't get enough."

For the past two summers, the coaching staff at Beverly Hills Intermediate has hosted a voluntary strength and conditioning program.

Open to boy and girl athletes ages 8 to 15, the sessions are headed by coach Ben Portis, with plenty of help from his assistants as well as members of the girls' coaching staff.

During the camp, which ended the first week of July, the participants took part in both indoor and outdoor training sessions.

The purpose of the camp

is to prepare the athletes both mentally and physically, and according to Portis, to develop a certain "mind set" that athletes need in order to not only reach but to exceed their goals.

Participants are grouped by their age and ability levels.

These groups go to different stations varying from agility exercises and weight lifting to other conditioning drills.

Although the camp is not mandatory, Portis strongly encourages participation as a way to stay active during

the summer when vacations aren't taking place.

The conditioning drills for this summer are complete, but there will certainly be more in the future given the success of the previous two.

Portis enjoys seeing the students work hard to excel and constantly encourages them. His motto is "Don't look behind you, look at your future (and toward) team oriented success."

That's the Beverly Hills way these days, and it should lead to a lot more success for the students.

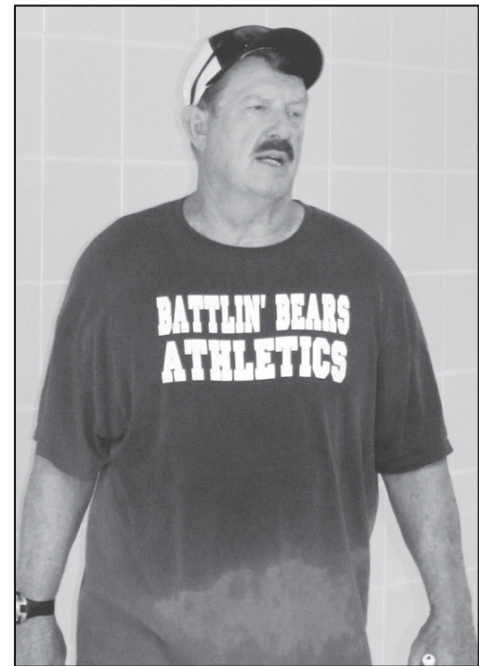


At left, Beverly Hills student Lorenel Peeraza shows his flexibility while doing the "spiderman" stretch. This is Peeraza's first year participating in the school's speed camp, and he hopes to use his increased skill set to improve as a lineman in anticipation of playing for the Battlin' Bears' eighth-grade football team this fall.

Story and photos by  
**Loreal Curtis**  
LSA senior-to-be



Beverly Hills eighth-grade student Marcela Reina (right) challenges herself during box drills with the encouragement of coach Crystal Lilly. Reina believes the camp will make her more versatile in school sports such as basketball, cross country and track.



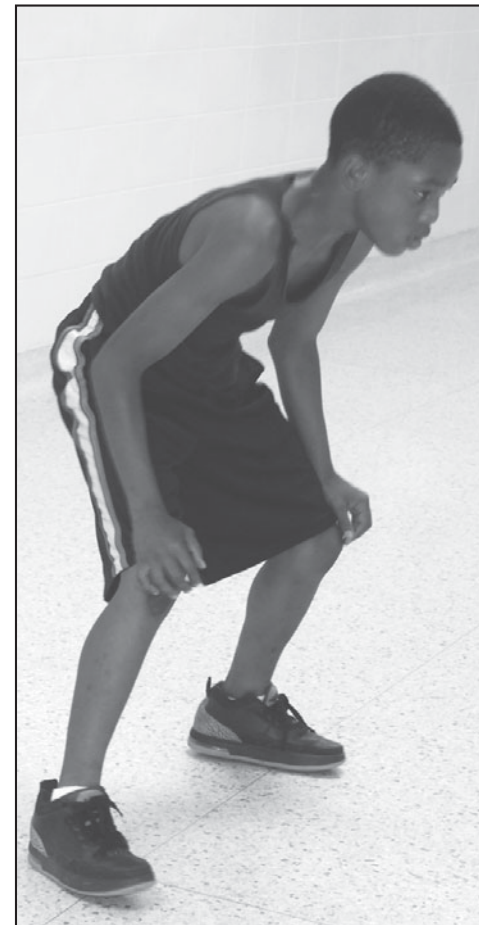
Camp director Ben Portis gets a workout while setting up the various stations prior to the start of activities and by roaming the area providing encouragement.



Dobie High School sophomore Kyerra Simmons focuses on her form during squat drills at the beginning of the camp at Beverly Hills. Simmons, a former student at Beverly Hills, uses these drills to improve her techniques on the volleyball court and on the track.



Tyler Myers pushes himself while doing "over, unders" on the hurdles at the gym station. During the school year, Myers is a quarterback in the school's football program, a catcher in baseball and a guard in the basketball program.



At left, Chauncey Blanton performs side jumps at Beverly Hills head coach Ben Portis's indoor station. Blanton is a member of Morris Middle School's football and basketball teams.



Erica Romero (left) challenges herself during squat workouts using the spotting of Miranda Romero (right) at the weight room station. The Romero sisters

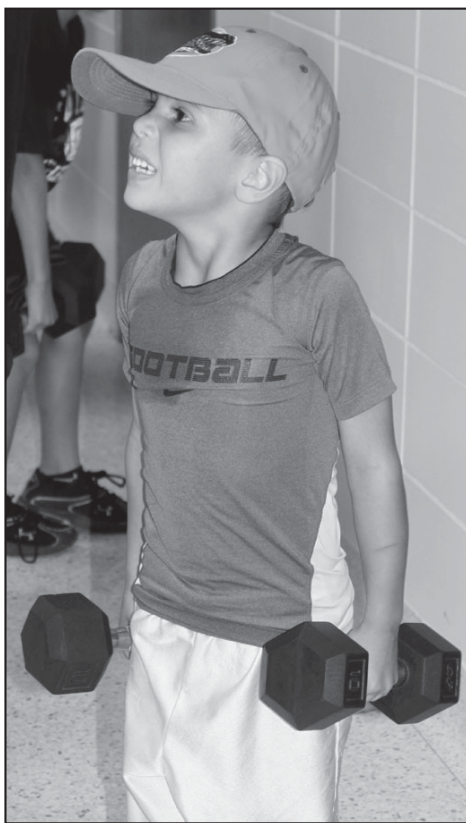
are students at Beverly Hills. During the school year, the pair takes part in a variety of athletic programs at the school.



Eighth-grader Marielena Rodriguez performs jumping drills onto the variety of blocks at Coach Crystal Lilly's station. Rodriguez enjoys the camp because it challenges her enough to prepare her for volleyball tryouts for the upcoming year.



At left, second-year camp attendee Kory Hubbard warms up at the beginning of camp with straight leg lunges. The various drills help prepare Hubbard for the approaching football and basketball seasons at Beverly Hills Intermediate.



At right, 5-year-old Andrew Aguilar performs pyramids with a variety of dumbbell weights. Pyramid drills consist of sets of lunges with dumbbells. With each set, the students either decrease or increase their weight sizes depending on how they progress.



At the end of the camp, the dozens of young athletes who participated listened to one final discussion about taking care of their bodies over the summer before

leaving. Coach Ben Portis (not shown) told the Leader he was pleased to have had such a large turnout in the second year of the event, and he's ready for 2011.

## Texans 11-U third at USSA World Series



Above, the Texans' 11-under select baseball team placed second at the United States Specialty Sports Association AA World Series in Dallas. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Nikko Puga, Luis Adame, Joseph Castaneda, Jeremy Green, Alec Barosh, Juan Moreno, Nate Blain, (middle row) Isaiiah Henry, Tywon Mackey Jr., Tyler Redmon, Stephen Moreno, Wayne Lominac Jr., (back row) head coach Craig Redmon and assistant coaches Wayne Lominac Sr. and Jay Green.



At left, Luis Adame (third from left) displays his most valuable player award after earning the distinction during the United States Specialty Sports Association World Series in Dallas. Those with Adame include assistant coach Wayne Lominac, head coach Craig Redmon and assistant coach Jay Green.

## South Belt Sluggers 10-under second at Pasadena baseball



The South Belt Sluggers, a 10-under select baseball team, advanced to the championship game of a Pasadena tournament after playing well throughout the event. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Jacob Sulak, Triston Gibson, David Zermeo,

Jacob Simms, Zach Medina, head coach Taji Garcia, (back row) coach Kent Sanders, Mikey Fuqua, Andrew Ledee, Kevin Gartner, Coach Kenneth Scott, Colton Johnson, Mitchell Johnson, DeJuan Dixon and Kaleb Sanders.

## Phillips set to debut

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Able to get a glimpse of the Dobie program and many of the athletes within it during spring workouts, Phillips is obviously anxious to take the field as his official debut nears. "I'm just ready for Aug. 9 to get here and for us to get on the field and get to work as a program," he said.

## JFD football key dates

- Aug. 3-5:** Incoming freshman football camp.
- Aug. 9:** Preseason workouts begin. Incoming seniors, juniors and sophomores report at 4 p.m. Incoming freshmen start at 5 p.m.
- Aug. 14:** Meet the Longhorns scrimmages at Newcomb Field.
- Aug. 20:** Dobie scrimmage at El Campo.
- Aug. 27:** Dobie varsity hosts season opener vs. Alief Taylor, Newcomb Field.

## Local sports news, notes

### Brook volleyball camp

Clear Brook varsity volleyball coach Meredith Thompson will host the Lady Wolverines' volleyball camp July 26-29. Students entering the fourth through ninth grades as of the 2010-2011 school year are eligible to attend. The camp staff will place students in proper ability and age groups for training sessions involving the various skills in the sport of volleyball. For more information, direct e-mail to brookvball@yahoo.com.

### San Jac College hoops camp

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

### Dobie incoming freshman football camp

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

### Clear Brook youth football camp

The Clear Brook High School football staff, guided by head coach Paul Lanier, will host the Wolverines' youth football camp Aug. 2-4 at Clear Brook High School. The sessions will run from 8:30 to 11 a.m. each day. Students entering the second through eighth grades as of the 2010-2011 school year are eligible to attend. Cost is \$75 per youth and includes a camp T-shirt. Youths may register prior to the start of workouts Aug. 2 beginning at 8 a.m.

### Dobie freshman VB camp

Dobie High School varsity volleyball coach Joe Sabatell and his staff will host the 2010 incoming freshman volleyball camp July 28-30, from 8 to 11 a.m. at the school. Students who will be freshmen as of the 2010-2011 school year are eligible to attend. Cost is \$55 per participant. Registration is ongoing Mondays through Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the front office.

## Softball players headed to 18-under nationals

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Bennett said the team has also benefited greatly through the help of team advisor Otis Brown, who also aids high school-aged players through his scouting/recruiting agency.

"All of us have gotten a lot better and learned a lot through Otis Brown," Bennett said.

"He also puts together skills videos and sends them

to colleges.

"Joining Phase2 was a great move for all of us. We all feel like this has given us a second chance at playing softball in college."

Bennett, who plans to study criminal justice in college, is excited about the chance to play at nationals in Beaumont.

The event, dubbed "The College View," will attract many talented teams But

the Phase2 squad feels like it can win.

"I wanted to have the chance to keep playing softball and to see where it takes me," said Danielle Rodriguez, who is leaning toward getting into a nursing program in college.

"In a lot of ways, I believe (joining Phase2) this was meant to happen."

Leticia Gonzalez concurs. She will have her

hands full in college while minoring in kinesiology and majoring in business administration, but she simply wanted to play softball for as long as she could. Mission accomplished.

"It's been great playing for Phase2," Leticia Gonzalez said. "We've had a lot of great coaching and have all become better players. This is what we wanted all along."

### Beverly Hills Intermediate Football Camp

July 26 to Aug. 6 (M-F) at the school

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade entering 2010-2011: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Positions: Offense: \_\_\_\_\_ Defense: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to enroll my child in the 2010 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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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact/phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician/phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Camp to be held at Beverly Hills Intermediate School

Cost is \$30 per student. Please no checks or money orders. Cash only.

Camp hours are 5 to 6 p.m. each day for incoming seventh-grade students;

6 to 7 p.m. for incoming eighth-grade students.

Report 15 minutes early July 26. Bring tennis shoes. Cleats optional.

For more information, call coach Ben Portis at 281-484-0145

### Thompson Intermediate Football Camp

Aug. 2 to Aug. 6 at the school

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade entering 2010-2011: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Positions: Offense: \_\_\_\_\_ Defense: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to enroll my child in the 2010 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.

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Physician/phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Camp to be held at Thompson Intermediate School

Cost is \$25 per student.

Please no checks or money orders. Cash only.

Camp hours are 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. each day.

Report 15 minutes early Aug. 2. Bring tennis shoes. Cleats optional.

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

# CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, JULY 15

**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.

**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](http://www.hapsonline.org) for a complete list of services offered.

**Al-Anon** - Meets every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 111. For information, call 281-487-8787.

**Texas German Society, South Belt (Southeast) Chapter** - A social group interested in the culture, music, heritage and language of the immigrants in early German settlements in Texas. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors are welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for more information.

**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 16

**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.

**Free Line Dance Class** - The Friendswood Senior Citizen Program offers free line dancing classes. The class is held at

the activity building, located at 416 Morningside. All area senior citizens, 55 or older, are invited. Previous experience not required. For more information, call 281-482-8441.

**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 17

**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](http://www.frontiersquares.com).

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

### SUNDAY, JULY 18

**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.

**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 19

**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.

**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](http://www.hapsonline.org) for a complete list of services offered.

**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.

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

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

**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.

**The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.** - Meets the third week of each month at the Clear Lake Park building, 5001 NASA Parkway. Guests welcome. Designed to promote education and

popular interest in the various earth sciences, hobbies dealing with the art of lapidaries and the science of minerals and fossils.

### TUESDAY, JULY 20

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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](http://www.hapsonline.org) for a complete list of services offered.

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

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

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

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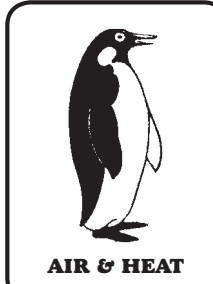
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**TUESDAY, JULY 20**  
7 p.m.  
**The Compassionate Friends** - TCF meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Friendswood United Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Dr. in Room 2351. TCF is a non-denominational, self-help organization offering friendship, support and understanding to bereaved families who have lost a son, daughter or sibling. For information, call 281-332-2887 or 281-992-0145.

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

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

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

**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.

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

**THURSDAY, JULY 22**  
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. BAPT 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.

**8 p.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.

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**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.

**1:30 p.m.**  
**AI-Anon** - Meets every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 111. For information, call 281-487-8787.

**8:30 p.m.**  
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# South Belters truly enjoyed July 4th festivities

As promised, the *Leader* has come through with additional photos from the 23rd annual South Belt Fourth of July parade. The event, attended by thousands of residents across the area, was again a huge success. Special thanks not only to all of those who snapped pictures during the parade but also to those who helped us track down names of those shown. We could not have done it without you. We would also like to once again pay tribute to all of those who took part in the special event. You are part of what makes our community so special. All of us at the *Leader* are looking forward to the 2011 event!



## Dobie High School cheerleaders deliver winning float

Members of the Dobie High School cheerleading squad were in the spotlight during the 23rd annual Fourth of July parade as they delivered a winning float, signifying NASA's excellence in the space program. Those riding the float included, left to right, (front row) Kayla Sydzo, Abby Pedroza, Sydney Gutierrez, Brittany Peralez, Andrea Mitrowski, Catarina Johnson, Ashley

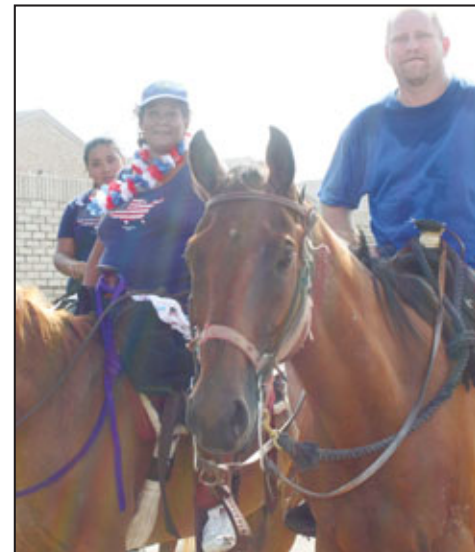
Hoggard (varsity captain) Tristann Trujillo (varsity captain) Krista Carter, Summer Sarabia, (back row) Kaneesha Williams, Aleeyah Holland (JV captain) Emily Sargent, Cree Dorsey (JV captain) Korney Neely, Kimber Hubanak, Christina Susarus, Cassie Gilman, Alyssa Perry, Desiree Alvarez, Megan Gary and Sabrina Troxlar.



Judge Jo Ann Delgado gathered with the children of some of her staff clerks including, from left, Anahi Sanchez, Kaitlin Flores, Kiara Sanchez, Trinity Gomez and Hannah Salazar.



The group from US Spring Training included, left to right, Telsie Molina, Josh Carter, Devin Molina, Yolanda Walker, Zaire Walker, Kaden Hooks Fernandez and DiAnn Fernandez.



The area trailriding group *Los Vaqueros* was represented at the parade by members, from left, Priscilla Perez, Lisa Gutierrez and Michael Gutierrez.



Houston police officer Randy Derr (not shown) and his family were involved in the parade. Derr's daughter Courtney, riding in the back seat, pretended to be going to jail. At right is Derr's daughter, Elyse.

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