

Parade winners named

Despite minor rains, the 23rd annual South Belt Fourth of July parade went on as scheduled. Taking home the prize for best commercial entry were Frank and Gwen Baye of Baye's Gifts. The Dobie cheerleaders won the prize for best noncommercial entry. Winning the \$500 prize donated by Almeda Mall for the best musical performance was the Dobie band.

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.

Dobie 10-year reunion set

The J. Frank Dobie Class of 2000 will hold its 10-year reunion Saturday, July 24, at the Hilton Garden Inn Pearland, 12101 Shadow Creek Parkway, from 7 to 11:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at www.dobie2000.com. For information, follow the group on Facebook at Dobie High School - Class of 2000.

AARP meets July 9

The South Belt AARP will meet Friday, July 9, at 10 a.m. at El Franco Lee Community Center, 9400 Hall Road. Entertainment will be provided by Cloggers Unlimited from Spring. All seniors are invited to attend. Lunch will follow the meeting.

Sagemont CC meets

The Sagemont Civic Club will hold its monthly meeting Monday July 12, at 7 p.m. at Kirkwood South Christian Church, 10811 Kirkfair Drive (Beamer and Kirkfair). The public is invited. Visit Sagemontcivicclub.org.

CBC MUD office closing

The offices of Clear Brook City MUD will be closed on Wednesday, July 14, 2010, until 8:30 a.m. for an employee safety meeting. Payments may be left in the drop slot for convenience.

St. Luke's VBS scheduled

St. Luke's 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 stlukesatholic.com. Space is limited - register early.

Health Fair at church

Community Health Fair will be held at Bibleway Fellowship Baptist Church, 10120 Hartsook 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 and 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.

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.

MHSH seeks volunteers

Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital is currently seeking adult volunteers to work at its information desk. No previous experience is required. Good communication skills are preferred. Interested parties should contact Steven Williams at 281-929-4199 or Scott Schaeffer at 281-929-4164.

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 email lp.loriperez@gmail.com.

Dobie NHS hosts car wash

Dobie National Honors Society will host a car wash on Saturday, July 10, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sonic located at 2815 Broadway St., in Pearland.

South Belt spared Alex, but not rains

By James Bolen

While Houston was spared the brunt of Hurricane Alex, the South Belt area was still hit hard by heavy rainfall in its wake.

Roughly 8 inches of rain fell between Wednesday, June 30, at 10 p.m. and Friday, July 2, at 10 p.m., according to the Harris County Flood Control District's rain gauge located at the Beamer ditch at Hughes Road.

Photos winners named

The June winners of the *Leader's* vacation photo contest have been named. Winning the first-place prize of six Schlitterbahn tickets is the Hudson family, who submitted the photo of a flock of seagulls from their trip to Galveston. The second-place prize of four tickets was awarded to the Olivares family, who submitted the photo of fellow traveler Joel Sebastian swimming with dolphins from their trip to Mexico.

Parts of Brazoria County reportedly received as much as 13 inches of rain.

Despite the heavy rains, area flooding was minimal.

Heavy rainfall, however, is believed to have played a role in a fatal traffic accident that took place Thursday afternoon on the Gulf Freeway at Edgemoor, where an infant was killed when thrown from a southbound vehicle. The subsequent closure of the freeway caused extensive delays.

Several flights were diverted from Hobby Airport to Ellington Airport on Friday due to the heavy rains.

Rains tapered off by Saturday, allowing both the annual South Belt Fourth of July parade and fireworks show to go on as planned. Participation in the parade, however, was lower than expected with several entries dropping out.

Beamer ditch

In a related story, officials from the HCFC

announced its plan to repair and clean the Beamer ditch (A120-00-00), as well as the adjoining equalizer ditch that runs behind Sagedowne and connects to Turkey Creek.

The project will repair broken concrete slopes and erosion and clear silt deposits and debris.

The work is being done by Lindsey Construction and will cost \$264,605. Work was to begin July 1 but has been delayed due to weather. Once

started, the contract is for 45 working days, excluding weekends, holidays and rainy days.

The Beamer ditch has not been desilted since 2002.

The move to do so now comes, in part, in response to a May 2009 letter to the *Leader* from Florence Frey, who complained of the ditch's condition.

See related flood meeting story on this page.

4th of July parade rolls on



The 23rd annual South Belt Fourth of July parade took place as scheduled Saturday, July 3, despite minor rains. The inclement weather, however, did prompt many who had registered to participate to withdraw from the event. The beginning of the parade progression is shown above. See other photos on Page 6A. Additional photos will run in next week's edition of the *Leader*.
Photo by Bruce Summers

Sullivan appointed by mayor to head Houston redistricting

On Tuesday, July 6, City of Houston Mayor Annise Parker announced the establishment of the Special Ethics and Council Governance Committee on Redistricting and Term Limits and appointed Councilmember Mike Sullivan, who represents the South Belt, as its chair.



Mike Sullivan

All other councilmembers will serve as com-

mittee members.

The committee will consider matters related to City Council redistricting based on the provisions of the Houston City Charter and the 2010 federal decennial census.

It will also examine matters related to current city term limits.

The committee will facilitate Council and community input in the redistricting process and consider actions recommended by the administration to establish and effect a smooth transition to new Council districts.

Multiple area fundraisers set

Two separate fundraisers will be held to help South Belt families in need.

Garage sales benefitting Bruce Brown will be held Friday, July 9, and Saturday, July 10, from 7 a.m. to noon at 9754 Rambling Trail, near Atkinson Elementary.

Brown was recently diagnosed with a stage 4 glioblastoma (cancerous brain tumor). He has had surgery and is currently undergoing chemo and other therapies.

A private French horn instructor, Brown has taught lessons to several local band students over the years, and his wife Debbie has worked as a dental hygienist for Dr. Ray Pomykal for the past three decades. They have raised three sons in the South Belt area and are longtime members of Sagemont Church.

Organized by family friend Valerie Boessling, the garage sales are aimed at helping the family defray medical expenses, with 100 percent of the funds raised going to the Browns.

Boessling will also hold a quilt raffle and a barbecue brisket sale to benefit the Brown family.

Handmade by Boessling, the quilt measures 61 inches by 73 inches in size and is stitched using multi-colored batik. Raffle tickets are \$5 per ticket and are available at Pomykal's office, 13310 Beamer Road, Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The drawing will be held Tuesday, Aug. 31.

The Lighthouse Charity Cooking Team is as-

sisting Boessling with the brisket sale. Tickets are currently being sold at \$45 each for a fully cooked brisket that will come vacuum-sealed ready to heat and eat or freeze. In all, 350 tickets will be available. The pick-up date will be Saturday, Aug. 28, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pomykal's office parking lot.

Boessling is seeking donations to help underwrite the cost of the meat.

For more information, call Boessling at 281-414-4895 or e-mail helpingbruce@yahoo.com.

Hughhins family

A fundraiser to benefit the family of Michael Joe Hughhins will be held Saturday, July 10, at the Nutty Bar, 10943A Scarsdale Blvd. (behind PapaGayo's), beginning at 2 p.m.

Hughhins died June 12 after battling a long illness. A longtime member of the South Belt community, Hughhins attended Dobie High School through 1977, worked several years at Charlie Thomas/Champion Acura and Honda and coached the Colt 45s in 1986 for the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League Association.

The event will have barbecue plates for sale and multiple raffles. Proceeds will be used to help Hughhins' family offset medical costs and funeral expenses.

The family has additionally set up a memorial account at Chase Bank, In Loving Memory of Michael Joe Hughhins, account No. 905635918.

For information, call Staci Fields at 832-723-5489 or Michelle Scrimger at 281-814-4361.

Meeting held on Beamer expansion



The Harris County Public Infrastructure Department, along with the Texas Department of Transportation, held a public hearing Thursday, June 24, to discuss the proposed widening and extension of Beamer Road. The county project would widen Beamer Road from Dixie Farm Road to Tall Ships Drive from two lanes to four lanes. The project would also extend Beamer from Tall Ships to Bay Area Boulevard. Shown above viewing the proposed schematic layout of the project are Harris County Community Aide David Matthews and Lauren Doak, District E - South Sector manager for Houston City Councilmember Mike Sullivan.
Photo by Sally Mitchell

Senate votes to extend NFIP

By James Bolen

About the same time that Hurricane Alex made landfall Wednesday, June 30, the Senate passed a temporary extension of the National Flood Insurance Program.

The move comes one week after the House voted to extend the program, and it now awaits President Obama's signature.

The legislation, H.R. 5569, will reauthorize the federal program through Sept. 30, 2010. The bill will be retroactive to May 31, when the program lapsed for the third time this year.

During the lapse, no new flood policies, coverage increases or renewals could be processed, although most insurance agents continued to take applications and payments.

The temporary reauthorization is needed because H.R. 4213, a jobs bill that also contains an NFIP extension until Dec. 30, is stuck on the Senate floor due to budget considerations.

Created by Congress in 1968, the NFIP requires participating communities to plan for floods. In exchange, the NFIP makes federally backed flood insurance available to homeowners, renters and business owners in these com-

munities. Nearly 20,000 communities across the United States are involved in the program. Community participation, however, is voluntary.

The NFIP is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). All NFIP claims and operating expenses are funded by the premiums of flood insurance policyholders, not by tax dollars.

Rep. Pete Olson, who represents much of the South Belt, is pleased with the passing of the legislation.

"Flood insurance is critically important in the Gulf Coast region, and I am pleased that Congress has finally addressed this problem so that Texans can have peace of mind," Olson said. "This legislation should never have been tacked on to costly items that we cannot afford to pay for."

Homeowners and small businesses can rest easier knowing they will not lose their insurance."

Olson is also a co-sponsor of Rep. Kevin Brady's bill (H.R. 5650) that would extend the NFIP through May 31, 2011.

Sullivan holds meeting

Houston City Councilmember Mike Sullivan will host a town hall meeting on flooding and drainage Wednesday, July 14, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at San Jacinto College South in the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Building, Room 1210.

Representatives from the Harris County Flood Control District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the City of Houston's Public Works Department will also be in attendance.

The representatives will give updates on projects that have been completed since the last town hall meeting, those that are in progress and those that are scheduled for the future.

Following their presentations, the representatives will field questions from attendees.

For more information, contact Sullivan's office at 832-393-3008 or by e-mail at districte@houstontx.gov.

SBHLL meeting set Board to discuss missing funds

A special Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League board meeting to discuss funds that have recently gone unaccounted for will be held Monday, July 12, at the Harris County Courthouse, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., beginning at 7 p.m.

The meeting will be for members of the 2010 spring season board of directors only.

According to SBHLL Board President Amy Smith, more than \$3,500 has gone missing from the organization's concessions sales from late April to late June.

Smith said the funds have come up short on at least eight separate occasions, noting that each time a police report had been filed.

No money has gone missing in the last two weeks when changes were made to the group's money-handling procedures, according to Smith.

A previous meeting on the subject was to be held last month, but not enough board members showed up to make the organization's quorum, as established by its constitution.

Readers' Opinions

Robb urges going to flood meeting

On Wednesday, July 14, (see story Page 1A) there will be a meeting to discuss flooding in the South Belt area. Since 2001 there have been many meetings to address flooding, drainage and other problems pertinent to our area. Only two of these meetings had a large attendance. I understand people are busy, but a typical meeting lasts about an hour and a half. How long did it take to put your house back together after each flood? In 1979 my house flooded. I had less than 2" of water in my house. In 2001, I had 8" of water in my house. What about the next time? And remember, we are nine years older.

Please do not stand back and expect a handful of homeowners to try and solve the issues of the South Belt area. There is strength in numbers! Let's get these problems solved!

Sandra Robb

and Marie Flickinger for helping the youth of our community with this issue.

Alex Dokhani
SBYSC President

Publisher's comment: Our councilman, Mike Sullivan, deserves all the credit, but we are very happy at the outcome. This group has been a real benefit to the community the past three decades.

—Marie Flickinger

Wach: Mr. O'Brien, the sky if falling

If you are a Democrat who has always voted Democrat, this letter is not directed at you. You are who you are and nothing will change your mind. I do disagree with the direction the Democrats are taking this nation though. This letter is to Mr. O'Brien and others who claim they once voted Republican and now support President Obama.

I have very conservative values which have led me to vote Republican all the time. I believe in smaller government, lower taxes, strong defense, controlling our borders, and conservative values. I am pro-life. There have been times when I have been very disappointed in the Republican Party. For most of George W. Bush's second term, I was not a happy Republican. But, even though I was unhappy, I could not vote for Obama. He does not share my core beliefs. So instead of switching parties, I try to vote better Conservatives into office. Mr. O'Brien has done a complete switch around. How else can one vote one way and then the polar opposite?

Bush got away from the principles most Conservatives believe in. He started spending too much and adding to the deficit. He grew the government. He got punished for this in the mid-term elections of 2006 and the election of 2008. I was ready for change too, but not at the risk of losing my principles. I did not vote for McCain in the primary, but did for president. He is a wise, decent man who would have guided our nation safely. He was also a war hero. He received the support of many veterans who were loyal to one of their own. The Republican Party is going through change. Incumbents are being voted out and the Tea Party movement is a direct result of those who are not happy with the Republican Party. The Tea Party movement has not abandoned their principles. If Republicans do not do what we want them to do, we will elect those who will. We do not go running to a party that believes in the opposite things we do. Our core beliefs are intact.

Yes Mr. O'Brien, the sky is falling! Have you seen the deficit lately? I know Bush started it, but that was nothing compared to what Obama has done. You were worried about what Mr. Pace wrote and the impact his letter would have on young Americans. I am worried about the deficit. What kind of America will they have thanks to your vote?

I do not like how the Obama administration has bailed out banks and other businesses that needed to fail. The tax payers do not want to see their money going to these crooks that couldn't run their companies in an efficient manner. Since when does our government take over companies? It sounds like the governments of countries we have fought wars against. We don't want to bail out homeowners who had no business buying homes they couldn't afford. We want

our borders secured. The majority of Americans support the Arizona law. He is suing Arizona! Most Americans did not want his healthcare bill, but he did it anyway. I truly believe this is not the change many were looking for. They wanted to sock it to the rich, to get out of Iraq, and have a transparent White House. Hardly any of his promises have come true.

We are fighting two wars that most Americans still support. I would not call them "unnecessary wars." They were very necessary. You see, we could have not forgotten 9/11. I guess we could have rolled over after being viciously attacked like some wanted, but thankfully we didn't. We went after those who wished us harm. It is unpatriotic to say all we are doing is killing foreign people. The enemy is Al Qaida and the Taliban! Think of the innocent Americans killed on that fateful day. Our men and women over there are doing a terrific job! They are keeping us safe. Even when the wars don't make the

news or seems boring to some, they are keeping us from being attacked over here. These wars are winnable as long as there aren't many who think like you.

I will conclude by saying I am disappointed in those who switched from voting conservative in past elections and then voted for Obama in 2008. I don't understand it. How can you vote against the principles you believed in with one candidate and vote for a candidate who does not carry those core values? I was disappointed in the Republican Party in 2008 too, but not to the extent of throwing everything I believe in away. I will continue to vote for those who share my Conservative values.

I take comfort in knowing that real change is coming in the midterm elections this November. We are going to bring this spending under control, and Obama's spending party will be over. May God bless and protect the United States of America! Sincerely,

Ronnie Wach

Guest Editorial

ROTC scholarship application extended

By state Rep. Ken Legler

One aspect of the job as a Texas Representative is having the opportunity to submit names of people from the District for possible appointment to boards, citizen oversight committees, and special commissions. When the Legislature creates a board with a public member, most of the time the Speaker of the House is allowed to appoint one member and the Lieutenant Governor is allowed to appoint one member.

Prior to the announcement of the Speaker's appointment, my office receives a letter asking me to submit the names of the people I think would be interested in serving the State of Texas. When I receive such a letter, I will discuss the possible nominees from the district with my staff and then make a decision on who we should submit. It is then up to the Speaker to make the final decision.

However, there are certain appointments which my office can make directly. One of these appointments is the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program. The Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program was created during the 81st Legislative Session in order to provide scholarships to young men and women who are willing to give back to our state and nation by participating in an ROTC program to prepare for service in the Texas Army, Air Force National Guard, or a branch of the U.S. armed services.

This scholarship program is available to high school seniors entering a Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program at a public or private civilian college in the State of Texas in the Fall of 2010.

In order to be eligible to receive this scholarship, students must be nominated by their State Representative, State Senator, Texas Lieutenant Governor or Texas Governor. This is a competitive nomination process, as each State Representative and State Senator is able to nominate one student from their district, and the Lieutenant Governor and Governor are able to nominate two students each from throughout the entire state.

The conditional Texas Armed Services Scholarship gives students entering a college ROTC program in the Fall of 2010 the opportunity to receive a scholarship in the amount of \$10,000 for the 2010-

2011 academic year. Any additional funding in following years is dependent upon funding available in the state budget.

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has provided additional details regarding eligibility for nomination and receipt of scholarship.

Applicants must provide my office with the following information in order to be considered for scholarship:

- Completed application (students must contact my office to request an application form),
- High school transcript,
- Three letters of recommendation,
- Essay describing desire to participate in an ROTC program,
- SAT or ACT score report, and
- Two recent color photos (such as school photo or passport photo).

As outlined from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, in order to be considered for a Texas Armed Services Scholarship, a student must meet at least two of the following four academic criteria at the time of application:

- Has a current high school GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale;
- Achieve a score of 1590 or higher on the SAT or a score of 23 or higher on the ACT

- Is currently ranked in the top one-third of the prospective high school graduating class;

- Is on track to graduate high school with the Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP) or the International Baccalaureate Program (IB).

In order to be considered for the scholarship nomination, my office must receive all of the above application materials no later than Aug. 4.

The complete application packet may be mailed or hand delivered to my District office, 1109 Fairmont Parkway Pasadena, TX 77504.

It is important that students work directly with the private or public institution of higher education and its ROTC program in which they are interested in attending to navigate the admissions process.

For more information about the application process, contact the office at 512-463-0460 or the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board at 512-427-6111.

Deaths

Shirley Tollett



Shirley Tollett, born Dec. 21, 1952, in Houston, died on July 3, 2010. She was a J. Frank Dobie High School graduate and a South Belt resident.

She is preceded in death by her father, J.E. Lucas and sister Cathy Diane Jones.

She is survived by her husband of 31 years, Philip Tollett; daughter Christie Tollett; mother, Geraldine Lucas; brothers Jimmie and Larry Lucas; sister Patricia Merchant; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 8, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the SouthPark Funeral Home.

The funeral service will be held Friday, July 9, at 10 a.m. in the SouthPark Funeral Home Chapel in Pearland, with burial to follow at SouthPark Cemetery.

To sign the guest book, visit www.southparkfunerals.com.

Helen Marie Mundinger

Helen Marie Mundinger, South Belt resident for 37 years, died Saturday, July 3, 2010, in Houston at her home after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

Born in Decatur, Ill., Jan. 18, 1938, to Jacob and Edith Reed, Mundinger was one of fourteen children. She is predeceased by two of her brothers, Albert Reed and Jacob



Brenda Lee Matatall. As a military wife, Munding lived and raised their children in many places within the states including, but not limiting to, Michigan, Virginia and Colorado, finally coming to settle in Houston in 1973.

She is survived by her aunt, Betty Johnson wife of Arthur "Bud" Johnson, her husband and her two daughters along with her grandchildren, Christina Leann Harris-Karsten now married to Jacob Karsten, Heather Marie Layne, Roger Adam Matatall now married to Carol Matatall and great-grandchildren, Paige, Hailee and McKayla Karsten, Bailey Layne and Seth Matatall.

The funeral will be held on Thursday, July 8, 2010, at Houston National Cemetery, 10410 Veterans Memorial Drive in Houston.

PW Library events scheduled

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

Game Day will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, July 8. This is a time designed for children ages 5 and up to play board games with other children and their families. The library will provide games, but participants are welcome to bring their own to share.

On Saturday, July 10, Vietnamese Storytime will include Reading Club at 9 a.m., intermediate storytime at 11 a.m., and beginner storytime at 1 p.m.

The genealogy discussion group will meet at 2 p.m. Monday, July 12. Anyone interested in learning more about researching family history is welcome.

The summer reading program continues on Tuesday, July 13, with a Saltgrass Science production of *Spineless Wonders*. Participants can learn about different types of invertebrates with the help of live animals and specimens. Tickets are required for the 2:30 p.m. event and can be picked up the day of the program, which is recommended for children ages 5 and up. To attend, children should be able to sit through the approximately 45-minute performance without adult supervision because the library does not guarantee space for adults. Pick up tickets early the day of the event to ensure admission.

On Wednesday, July 14, teens can make magnets using marbles and their own photos or artwork. Registration is required for the 3 p.m. program and is limited to those ages 11-18.

A children's craft time will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, July 15. Tickets are required and can be picked up the day of the program.

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.

A Promoting Small Business

The Port of Houston Authority's Small Business Development Program is a goal-oriented initiative requiring contractors to make good-faith efforts to utilize certified small businesses on projects.

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San Jac South, Central awarded for food standards

San Jacinto College recently received three Food Standards Consultation Awards of Excellence for the A&W and Pizza Hut franchises at South and Central.

Awarded by the food safety consulting company, EcoSure, the restaurants underwent thorough inspections and were recognized for proper food handling and sanitation practices.

"Receipt of this award demonstrates an exemplary commitment to food safety

standards by the management and team members of both franchises combined," said Mark Escobedo, Central campus food service manager.

Central campus is home to 21 food service employees, 16 of whom are students. South campus is home to 14 food service employees; 11 are students.

Both of the cafeterias unveiled extensive renovations in the spring to include the two fast-food restaurants,

along with new table tops, booths, lighting and paint.

"This award goes out to my staff who have proven their commitment to food safety," said Mary Johnson South campus food service manager. "Through their dedication, extensive training and hard work, we have built an exemplary food program."

For more information about SJC, call 281-998-6150 or visit www.sanjac.edu.



San Jac South and Central cafeterias recently received awards of excellence for proper food handling and sanitation practices. Pictured, left to right, Mark Escobedo, Central campus cafeteria food service manager; Silvia Aguirre, lead cook for A&W and catering at Central; Carolyn Askew, assistant food manager at Central; Mary Johnson, South campus food service manager. Photo submitted

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Lariaettes excel at dance officer camp

The Dobie Lariaettes Drill Team officers recently attended Crowdpleaser's Dance Officer Camp in downtown Houston. They spent four days and three nights working on leadership, creativity and dance technique skills and did an outstanding job, coming home with numerous awards.

The social officers received the Outstanding Overall Achievement Award for a Social Officer Line, as well as Most Outstanding Social Officer Group Award.

The military officers received a Superior award for their lyrical Home Routine, as well as the Crowdpleaser's Award for one of the most entertaining routines of the night. They also were awarded the Gold Elite Team Award and received all blue ribbons throughout the week - meaning they scored 90 or above in all evaluations.

Finally, military officers Col. Aimee Cessna and Capt. Jon'tay Warner made the cut to finalists for Star Dancer.



Lariaette officers pictured with their awards on the final day of camp are, left to right, (front row) military officers Lt. Alyssa Loreda, Maj. Alaina Burns, Lt. Col. Aracely Perez, Col. Aimee Cessna, Capt. Jon'tay Warner, Lt. Elise Harper, (back row) social officers, Vice President Asia Allen, President Katlyn Hoggard, Party Girl Caitlin Woods and Spirit Leader Briana Harper. Photo submitted

Houston comprises nearly a quarter of Texas' community college enrollment

Almost a quarter of Texas' 677,000 community college students are enrolled in Houston area colleges, demonstrating that the associate degree and workforce training are making a comeback in the country's fourth largest city.

More than 156,000 students enrolled in one of the nine community colleges belonging to the Texas Gulf Coast Consortium of Community Colleges in fall 2009, according to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

The consortium colleges across the Houston region experienced an 11 percent increase in enrollment from the previous year, resulting in 23 percent of the state's community college enrollment.

"The Houston area has seen similar historic increases in student enrollment, just like what the rest of Texas is experiencing," said Steve Johnson, associate vice president for external relations for the Texas Association of Community Colleges. "A primary driver of this growth are students returning to community colleges to seek new skills to meet the changing demands of industry in the greater Houston market."

The Texas Gulf Coast Con-

sortium of Community Colleges includes Alvin Community College, Brazosport College, College of the Mainland, Galveston College, Houston Community College, Lee College, Lone Star College System, San Jacinto College, and Wharton County Junior College. The state of Texas is composed of 50 public community college districts, with multiple campuses.

A student can save nearly \$3,000 per semester by enrolling in a community college during his or her first two years of higher education, according to the TACC. Such a tuition difference has attracted more students in recent years, shedding new light on the value of the associate degree and the benefits offered by a two-year higher education institution.

"An associate degree is a valuable stepping stone," said Amy Korenek, a practicing surgical first assistant in Houston, who earned her Surgical Technology Associate of Applied Science at San Jacinto College in Pasadena. "I needed my degree to get licensed by the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners."

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics recently projected an

increase in occupations that require some post-secondary education, with a 19 percent growth in occupations in the associate degree category. Careers that require an associate degree, comparable in salary to those with bachelor degrees, include nuclear technician, computer specialist, aerospace engineering and operations technician, registered nurse, engineering technician, dental hygienist, radiation therapist, and diagnostic medical sonographer, according to the BLS.

During her time with SJC, Korenek also completed an additional surgical first assistant course to increase her job opportunities. She said many associate degree holders in the field of surgical technology begin their careers in the salary range of \$80,000.

While a two-year head start into the job market is incentive enough for some to attend a community college, so is the potential to increase marketable skills or change career paths through one of the region's many short-term workforce training programs.

Texas Gulf Coast Consortium of Community Colleges member institutions receive strong legislative support for

the development of courses and programs to meet the growing demands of the petrochemical industry, nondestructive testing, maritime, aerospace and health care, manufacturing, construction, fiber optics and child care.

"Community colleges are the backbone of our education system," said Texas state Sen. Mike Jackson (District 11). "Our local industries depend on a skilled workforce, most of which comes from job training programs at community colleges. Community colleges play a vital social and economic role and without them our economy would suffer."

The Texas coordinating board reported that approximately 13,843 students in the Houston region enrolled in state-funded workforce continuing education in fall 2009.

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

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HVAC at SJC South receives donation from Lennox

The Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning department at San Jacinto College South, HVAC, recently received a surprise delivery of four pieces of commercial air conditioning equipment from Lennox.

The donation, worth about \$30,000, will assist in the needs of training more than 260 HVAC students.

The department has experienced a growth of 600 percent in the last two years with the increase of students, an

additional lab room, an additional full-time instructor and six part-time instructors.

"It's important for Lennox to be involved in the future of HVAC and our technicians and installers," said Bill Sheppard, commercial territory manager

for Lennox. "By doing this, it ensures that the students have a good working knowledge before they go into the workforce. This is our part in helping out."

Previously, Lennox has contributed to the HVAC department with the donation of such items as residential gas furnaces, residential condensing units, air conditioning units and evaporator coils.

"With this donation from Lennox, we can continue to meet the needs of our students in preparing them for the work force," said Brian Sanders, lead HVAC instructor at SJC South.

"The HVAC field is amazingly strong compared to other professions."

"With San Jacinto College being located in one of the largest populated U.S. cities, in a high heat and high humidity area, the field will only continue to grow for at least the next 10 years."

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Lions Club meets July 13

The Houston Space City Lions Club will meet Tuesday, July 13, at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway.

For information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.

Singles dance set

The Bay Area Singles Club Monthly Dance is July 17 from 7 to 11 p.m. at the VFW Lodge in Bacliff, 1401 Grand Avenue on FM 646, 1/4 mile west of HW 146.

Bring party snacks to share. Cost is \$6 for members and \$8 for nonmembers. For more information, call 409-948-1156 or 281-337-3112.

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The Board of Trustees will appoint someone to fill the District 4 seat until the next trustee election (May 2011).

District 4 consists of Brookside Intermediate (Precincts 0349, 0378, 0416, 0655) and Clear Brook High School (Precincts 0417, 0474, 0475, 0537, 0545, 0782). For a map of District 4, visit www.ccisd.net.

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AARP to meet on health care, July 16

AARP Chapter 199 will meet Friday, July 16, at 10 a.m., featuring a program on the new health care program. Cookies and coffee will be served.

This program will be presented by an AARP representative. This will be a good opportunity to find out what the new health care program will affect and get answers to questions about the program. The public is welcome to attend this free program at the Bay Area Community Center, located at 5002 E. NASA Parkway in Seabrook.

For general information about the Bay Area Community Center or about what AARP Chapter 199 has to offer, call 281-326-2955 or e-mail President Carol Ledergerber, AARP Chapter 199, at cleder@hotmail.com

Over The Back Fence by Jan

BILL WILLIS FINDS TIME TO FISH
Bill Willis, recent Dobie retiree, reports that it's too hot to go fishing, but he will give it his best effort.

He is headed to Lake Livingston to work on his deer lease and, yes, try some fishing.

His youngest son, **Austin**, graduated from high school and is headed to a technological school in Arizona to become a recording sound engineer.

Charlotte Plummer is sent birthday wishes July 12.

Meador Elementary
 The day for a birthday cake for **SanJuanita Nuncio** is July 8. **Rebecca Nichols** is wished a happy birthday July 10. On July 14, **Johanna James** has a birthday.

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 Blow out the birthday candles for **Jennifer Spiller** July 14.

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Melillo Middle School
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Morris Middle School
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Beverly Hills Intermediate
 On July 8, double birthday greetings are sent to **Maria Herrera** and **Leis Rivera**.

Thompson Intermediate
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Dobie High
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SCHOOL DAZE
 The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays July 8 through July 14.

Atkinson Elementary
 Greetings for a happy birthday are sent to **Regina Barnes** July 13.

Burnett Elementary
 Celebrating a birthday July 11 is **Diane Renner**. **Carla Covarrubias** enjoys a birthday July 12. On July 14, **Deborah Jones** marks a birthday.

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Workshop offers improving web business information

The Small Business Development Center at San Jacinto College will host a workshop that provides valuable information about optimizing key words in order to enhance the effectiveness of a business' Web site.

Internet Marketing: Optimizing Key words will be conducted on Wednesday, July 21, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the SBDC's Pearland office, located at 6117 Broadway (inside the Pearland Commerce Center).

The "lunch and learn" workshop will cover such subjects as:

- How to achieve search engine optimization using key words.
- How to utilize key words to drive more traffic to a Web site and attract potential customers.

Persons who would benefit from the workshop include business owners who want to increase their Web site effectiveness and entrepreneurs who want to enhance their Web site.

The workshop presenter will be **Dick Myers**, owner of Small Business Consultants, which specializes in providing businesses with information about improving results through improved utilization of new technology and computer systems.

Myers is known for providing information about little known techniques that improve chances that a company's Web site will place high on major Internet search engine inquiries.

Myers holds an economics degree from Texas A&M University, and attended graduate business school at the University of Texas.

Because of his experience in professional consulting, Myers has insight into many different types of businesses and business environments. He brings that expertise to the aid of small businesses in which the greatest leverage for today's competitive business environment is a better, smarter and more economic use of computer technology.

The cost to attend the workshop is \$20 per person, which includes a box lunch. Space is limited and registration is required. To register and for more details, call 281-485-5214 or send an e-mail to sandy.vanya@sjcd.edu.

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Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer gardening questions during this free event.

Children are welcome

the Texas Forest Service, will speak on the Harris County Champion Tree Registry. Merritt will discuss how all the old trees in Harris County are identified and recorded.

This free lecture will take place on July 21 at 10 a.m. at the meeting room at Clear Lake Park at 5001 NASA Parkway in Seabrook.

For more information about these events, visit <http://hcmgap2.tamu.edu>.

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Wright donates to Locks of Love

Caitie Wright recently cut her hair with plans to donate the nearly one-foot-long ponytail to Locks of Love. She made the decision after returning home from attending the new student conference at Texas A&M University, where she will be a freshman in the fall. Wright is a 2010 graduate of J. Frank Dobie High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society, played flute in the Wind Ensemble, and led the Longhorn Marching Band for two years as drum major. She is the daughter of **Christine** and **Steve Wright**. Her brother, **Tim**, attends Thompson Intermediate.

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Remember When

30 years ago (1980)
 The three-year squabble between the only remaining local member of the Sagemont Maintenance Committee and the Sagemont Civic Club was reportedly close to being resolved.

Two South Belt area beauties, **Angela Shifflett** and **Jill Miller**, competed for the title of Miss Texas in Fort Worth. Shifflett competed as Miss Duncanville and Miller as Miss Pasadena.

25 years ago (1985)
 The Brio Site Task Force was conducting an extensive environmental study required by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The board of regents of San Jacinto College accepted a petition requesting deannexation of the North campus from the system, and they approved a salary increase for district employees.

The interim Pasadena Independent School District superintendent was preparing to relinquish his job to the new superintendent, **Dr. Lon Luty**.

20 years ago (1990)
 A 27-year-old woman died from stab wounds in an attack in her home in Woodmeadow.

A 10-foot boa constrictor attached himself to a car chassis to escape the heat. It was finally caught by its owner.

A Houston grand jury subpoenaed food service purchasing records of the Pasadena Independent School District.

Representatives of the Brio Site Task Force said they would welcome a healthy survey of the problems associated with the Brio site.

South Houston High School principal (and former Dobie High assistant principal) **James Barber** said requests by parents and teachers prompted him to withdraw his retirement resignation.

15 years ago (1995)
 Pasadena Independent School District students in grades 3-7 surpassed the last year's TAAS (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills) test scores. South Belt students topped district averages on every test.

Clear Brook High junior **Julie Carr** won first place in the Visual Arts Scholastic Event's statewide competition. Her entry was a colored pencil drawing.

10 years ago (2000)
 Winners of the 13th annual July Fourth Parade were

as follows: Commercial-Target, Randalls and Girl Scout Troop 161; non-commercial-Sagemont Cowgirls, Kirkwood South Christian Church and King of Glory Lutheran Church.

Two Dobie students, **Adam Witas** and **Lam Nguyen**, were named National Merit Scholars.

5 years ago (2005)
 Houston Mayor **Bill White** appeared in the annual Fourth of July parade for the third consecutive year.

Community leaders were preparing for the Base Realignment and Closure hearings. The first would be held locally at Ellington, and the second would be in San Antonio. A local delegation was trying to convince BRAC to leave the Texas Air National Guard at Ellington for local and national security.

The PISD board of trustees put an end to rumors regarding Superintendent **Dr. Rick Schneider's** retirement by renewing his contract for an additional six months.

San Jacinto College South was named one of two 10-year founding institutions to participate in a national funding known as the "Foundations of Excellence in the

First College Year." The program would be used to refine the overall approach to educating new students.

Weber Elementary teacher **Ronald Wach** was named the Clear Creek Independent School District's teacher of the year for the elementary level by the Space Center Rotary Club.

Former Sageglen resident **Rick Carr** unveiled a full-sized replica of the Liberty Bell at a service at Sagemont Church.

1 year ago (2009)
 The 22nd annual South Belt Fourth of July parade was a huge success with roughly 20 vehicles and floats taking part.

Several residents living in areas not incorporated by the City of Houston received parking tickets issued by the city.

It was announced Goodwill would occupy a large portion of the building at Fuqua and Sabo Road that formerly housed Kroger.

The Kroger at that location was the first major grocery store for the South Belt area and closed after a new Kroger opened at the corner of Beltway 8 and Sabo Road.

Raschke, Gilson engaged



Chester and Sharon Gilson of South Belt announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their son, Scott Matthew Gilson, to Morgan Elizabeth Raschke, daughter of Glendal and Stacey Raschke of Vernon, Texas. The bride-to-be graduated from the University of North Texas in 2008 with a degree in English-creative writing, and in certification in technical writing. She teaches fifth grade at Clara Love Elementary in Justin, Texas. The prospective groom graduated from the University of Houston in 2009 with a degree in marketing and psychology and is employed as a sales and service specialist at Bank of America in Las Colinas, Texas. An August wedding is planned.

Baker, Beyer marry in Galveston May 29

Monique Baker and Mark Beyer Jr. were united in marriage on Saturday, May 29, in Galveston.

The bride is the daughter of Kirt and Pamela Burns of Sagemont, and Carl and Amy Baker of Deer Park.

The groom is the son of Mark Sr. and Berna Beyer of Webster.

The bride was given in marriage by both her father

and stepfather, wearing a white gown of Chantilly lace and carrying a bouquet made of buttons.

Alaina Burns, the bride's sister, served as maid of honor, and Edward Jones, friend of the groom, served as best man.

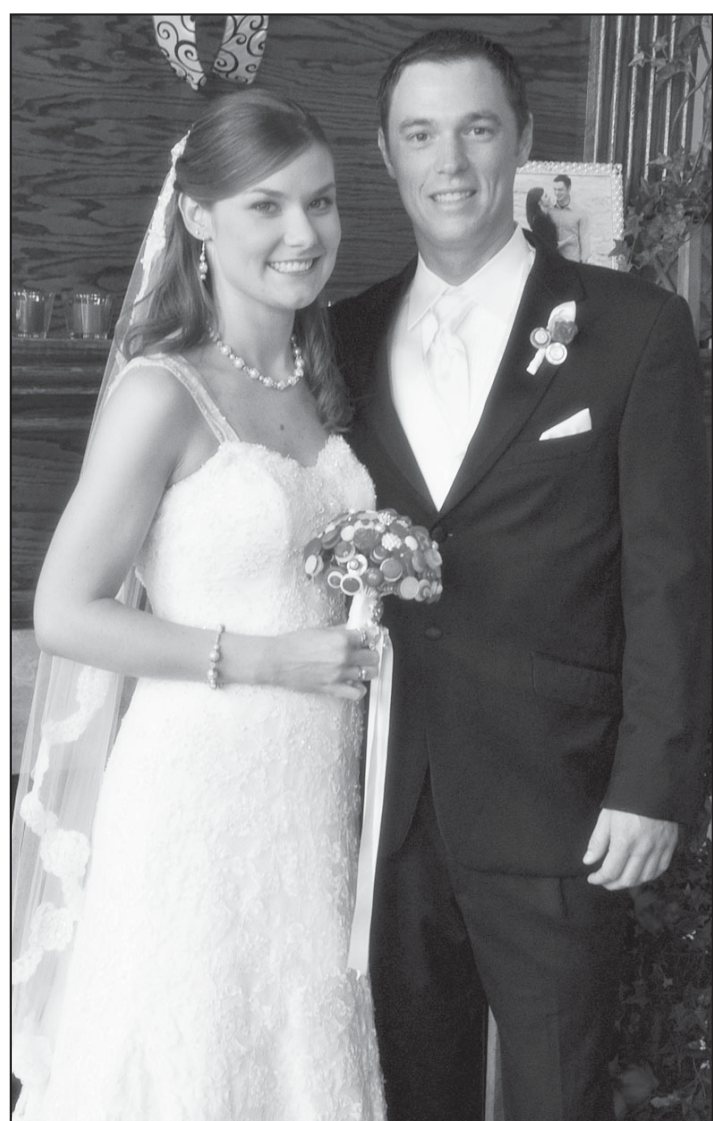
Flower girls were Gabriela Lozano, cousin of the bride, and Lyla Alexander, friend of the bride.

Ty Manning and Colton Moore, nephews of the groom, served as ringbearers.

The bride is a 2006 graduate of Dobie High School.

The groom graduated from Clear Brook High School in 2001, Texas State University in 2005, and the University of Houston in 2009.

After a honeymoon in Italy, the couple reside in the Friendswood area.



Mr. and Mrs. Mark Beyer Jr.

Schneider, Mann to wed



Maureen and the Rev. Charles Edwin Schneider, along with Ruth and Richard Mann Jr., announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their children, Veronica Elaine Schneider to Clint Andrew Mann. The bride-to-be is the youngest of three girls and a 2002 graduate of Clear Brook High School. She graduated from Texas A&M University in 2007 with a degree in exercise physiology and is currently working in Clear Creek Independent School District as girls' head varsity tennis coach at Clear Springs High School. The prospective groom is the youngest of three boys and a 2003 graduate of Pearland High School. He graduated from Sam Houston State University in 2007 with a finance degree and is currently employed at Key Energy in Houston. A late-July wedding is planned in George West, Texas.

SJC offers free Alternative Teacher Certification information session

The Continuing and Professional Development division of San Jacinto College will offer a free information session about the Alternative Teacher Certification program, which provides the opportunity to become a certified teacher in Texas.

The free information session will be held Tuesday, July 13, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the San Jacinto College North campus, 5800 Uvalde Road in Houston.

The session will take place in the Chablis Restaurant inside the Slovacek Student Center.

For more information about the free session, call 281-459-7119.

"If you've always thought about teaching, and are considering a career move, this is a perfect time to get the information you need on how to become a certified teacher in the state of Texas," said Tanya McGlothlin, program coordinator.

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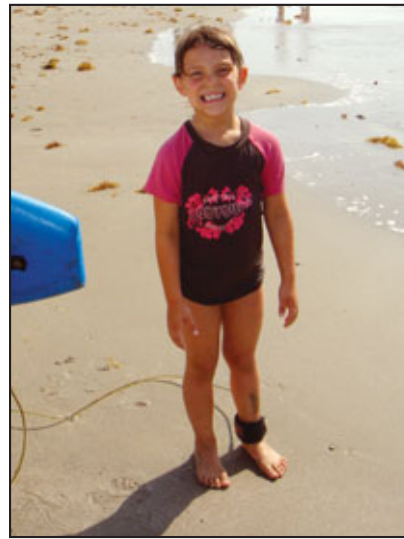
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The Morris family took a trip to Galveston with their church, Island Church, and received surfing lessons. Pictured below, Kendall Morris gets ready to surf, and at right, Trevor Morris enjoys surfing the waves. Both attend Stuchbery Elementary.



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Muse kayaks in Alaska

Jo Muse and her daughter, Jeanette Tapia of Sante Fe, recently traveled to Anchorage, Alaska, to visit daughter Jennifer Serna, granddaughter McKinsey Piper and Jennifer's fiancé, Micah Watson. The family enjoyed kayaking in Whittier, Alaska. Below, Jo Muse takes a break. Top right, Jo and daughter Jeanette paddle across the lake. Bottom right, left to right, Jeanette, Jo (front), Micah and Jennifer (back) stop to pose for a photo.



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Salazars spend time in Chicago

Charlie and Terri Salazar and family recently visited a cousin in Chicago. Below: Charlie and daughter Celeste visit the fire station behind Wrigley Field. Top right: Celeste and Layla Salazar, current and new students at Atkinson Elementary, stand on a bridge overlooking the Chicago skyline at the Lincoln Zoo. Bottom right: Celeste and Leyla end the day on the wall overlooking Lake Michigan with the Chicago skyline in the background.

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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

UIL '10-'11 calendar sets athletic start-ups

The University Interscholastic League, the state's official governing body for public school extracurricular activities, has finalized its calendar for the 2010-2011 school year.

The calendar includes the eligible start dates for each of the respective high school and intermediate school athletic programs.

As for the fall sports at the high school level, volleyball programs may begin workouts Monday, Aug. 2. Scrimmages are to be held Friday, Aug. 6 and Saturday, Aug. 7, and the regular season is eligible to begin Monday, Aug. 9.

At Dobie, the Lady Longhorns will follow that schedule, with workouts to start Aug. 2 at 7 a.m. There will be scrimmages Aug. 6-7.

Dobie's volleyball program will open the regular season Tuesday, Aug. 10, at Manvel as part of a tri-match that will also include Alvin.

Clear Brook will follow the pre-season schedule and then host St. Agnes Aug. 10 to open the season.

The Dobie and Clear Brook High School football programs will begin workouts Aug. 9. The regular season is eligible to begin Thursday, Aug. 26. Clear Brook will host Houston Lamar Friday, Aug. 27, at Veteran's Memorial Stadium in League City, and Dobie will host Alief Taylor Friday, Aug. 27, at Newcomb Field.

Intermediate school programs such as football and volleyball cannot get under way with practices until the first day of school.

In the Pasadena Independent School District, the first day of school is Aug. 24. In the Clear Creek ISD, classes begin Aug. 23.

Dobie trainer Sellers exits, ready for next chapter to begin

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

Following six years of what he admits were six of the most fulfilling years of his life, Dobie High School sports medicine instructor and athletic trainer Justin Sellers is ready for the next phase of his life.

Upon his acceptance into a physician's assistant program at Duke University in Durham, N.C., Sellers this spring notified school principal Steve Jamail and other administrative members of his decision to move on.

It wasn't easy to bid adieu to the Longhorns, but it's time for Sellers to broaden his horizons.

While at Dobie, Sellers met his wife Jessica (Longoria), a graduate of Dobie and longtime area resident.

Jessica, who formerly worked with the Lariaettes drill team program, and Justin were married in July 2008. The couple welcomed their first child, daughter Andie, in June 2009.

The Sellers truly love the area, yet it was Jessica who mustered so much support of her husband and his bid to get into the physician's assistant program.

"I was a non-science major, and the program at Duke required that a candidate have a bunch more science credits to qualify," Sellers explained.

"I took classes, both on-line and in person, at San Jacinto College and Houston Community College.

"Being an athletic trainer as well, it was a tiring schedule. There were days I wanted to just relax and weekends where I wanted

to just be off. But Jessica helped push me through. Without her, I wouldn't have been able to do this."

Sellers is also quick to credit fellow athletics trainer Erin Kramer and Dobie High School assistant principal Chad Barrett, who was formerly a trainer at Dobie, for their help.

And the work of the school's 32 or so student trainers also provided a big lift to Sellers' efforts.

"I have to thank Erin, Chad and a lot of the students for their help, too," Sellers said.

"They were willing to adjust their schedules to fit mine so that I could get my course work done, and I truly appreciate that as well."

After graduating from college, Sellers landed his first full-time athletic training job alongside Barrett at Dobie.

During the first three years of his career, Sellers learned from Barrett, who built Dobie's sports medicine and student athletic training programs into what Sellers believes is one of the Houston area's finest.

"From Chad Barrett to Steve Jamail (Dobie principal), the entire administration and the coaching staffs, this experience has been so great because of the 100 percent support you receive in your position," Sellers said.

"The community is also great. The parents respect what you say in your role as a trainer.

"They believe in you to not only maintain the health of their kids but to bring them back to health in the

event of an injury. I couldn't ask for a better school or community to work in."

The Sellers family will leave the South Belt area en route for North Carolina later this summer, and Sellers will begin his studies in the two-year program at Duke University.

Upon his completion of the course work, Sellers will be eligible to become a physician's assistant in a variety of medical fields of his choice.

Given the size and stature of the Texas Medical Center and the Sellers' love of the area, Justin says the family is merely eyeing this

stint as a two-year vacation of sorts.

He and his wife agree that if things fall into place the way they would like after this brief detour, the road will lead back to the South Belt community after he graduates.

"I'm sure we'll be back," Sellers said. "This is our home, and we truly love this area, our church and more.

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Six fulfilling years at Dobie in the books as an athletic trainer is good enough for Justin Sellers, who is now aiming to further his career in a physician's assistant program at Duke University.

SBHLL all-star 11s, juniors knocked out

Sagmont-Beverly Hills Little League's 11-year-old all-star team lost for a second time to Friendswood in District 15 action as the league watched another of its teams drop out of contention.

The 11s had begun the tournament with a loss to Friendswood but then had

won back-to-back games to remain in the mix for the District 15 crown. An 8-7 loss to Friendswood July 6 at El Franco Lee Park ended those hopes.

SBHLL's junior division all-star team made its way to the championship round in District 15 play at East End but was eliminated by

Pearland White.

The league still has the senior division (ages 15-16) in competition at the District 15 level. That event is being played at East End Little League.

The locals opened play July 6, but results were not available at press time.

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SJC softball tryout July 15

San Jacinto College will host Coyote softball tryouts Thursday, July 15, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the South campus softball field.

Pitchers and catchers will try out from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and position players will try out from 1 to 3 p.m.

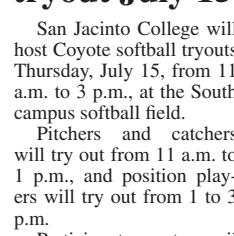
Participants must e-mail head coach Kelly Saenz at kelly.saenz@sjcd.edu before attending and bring with them a SJC softball insurance waiver and questionnaire.

These forms may be downloaded at <http://www.sanjacsports.com/athletics/softball/Insurance-Waiver.pdf> and <http://www.sanjacsports.com/athletics/softball/SB-Questionnaire.pdf>.



The Sagmont-Beverly-Hills 11-year-old all-stars, including James Jackson (above), lost twice to Friendswood in the District 15 tournament and were eliminated after going 2-2 overall.

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Bay Area Football League adds three

Providing a competitive youth circuit since 1977, the Bay Area Football League is preparing for its biggest season ever in 2010.

With the addition of three new programs, bringing the total to 19, the league will certainly be big in size, and the competition is bound to be fierce.

For 2008 and 2009, BAFL had 16 teams divided into two divisions. The respective teams competed primarily within their own divisions.

In the playoffs, qualifiers from the American and National conferences played one another, with the conference winners meeting in the Super Bowl round.

The format will be much the same this season, only there are now 19 teams after the Bayou City (Pasadena) Gators, the Hitchcock Red Raiders and the League City Wildcats joined the mix for 2010.

The American conference will now include the

Sagmont Cowboys, Southbelt Dolphins, Bayou City Gators, Pasadena Panthers, Pearland Patriots, Alvin Raiders, Ellington Rams, Manvel Vikings, Texas City Stingrays and League City Wildcats.

The National conference will include the League City '49ers, Santa Fe Braves, La Marque Cougars, East End Eagles, Pearland Hurricanes, Friendswood Mustangs, Hitchcock Red Raiders, Magnolia Park Sharks and Pearland Texans.

The season will begin Saturday, Aug. 14, and run through Saturday, Oct. 23. It's an 11-week regular season, but each team will have a bye week.

After that, the league will invite the eight top-finishing programs in each division to the playoffs.

It all starts with registration and equipment handouts, which are eligible to begin July 10. The first day of practice is July 24.

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Sagmont Cowboys 2010 BAFL schedule

Date	Opponent
Aug. 14	at Manvel Vikings
Aug. 21	Alvin Raiders
Aug. 28	at Texas City Stingrays
Sept. 4	East End Eagles
Sept. 11	Bye week
Sept. 18	Bayou City Gators
Sept. 25	at Magnolia Sharks
Oct. 2	League City Wildcats
Oct. 9	at Pasadena Panthers
Oct. 16	at Santa Fe Braves
Oct. 23	Southbelt Dolphins

Pee Wee games at 8 a.m., others follow with senior play at 9 a.m., junior play at 10:45 a.m., sophomore play at 12:30 p.m. and senior play at 2:15 p.m.

Brook's Fichtner named all-Greater Houston



Molly Fichtner, a 2010 graduate of Clear Brook High School, was named to the all-Greater Houston squad following the completion of the varsity softball season. A four-year varsity letterman for the Lady Wolverines, Fichtner was part of three playoff teams during her stay. The Lady Wolverines also won back-to-back District 24-5A titles with Fichtner anchoring the team from her catching position. Fichtner landed spots on four different all-district (24-5A) teams while starting all four seasons. With high school now complete, Fichtner will head to the University of Texas at San Antonio, where she has signed a letter of intent to continue her education and softball career.

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Youth football key dates

July 10 and July 17 – League has set these dates for teams to handle weigh-in/equipment hand-out. Details vary by team.

July 24 – Teams will be allowed to begin practices. Details vary by team, and the Leader will soon provide specific details.

Aug. 14 – Regular season opens. Cowboys at Manvel, Dolphins host Texas City, Rams host Hitchcock.

BAFL posts 2010 schedule

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With the addition of three programs, BAFL has now increased its membership to 19 teams.

The same 16 programs that were in the league remain. Manvel has changed its mascot from a Raven to a Viking.

As in 2009, the 19 teams will be divided between two conferences – Amercian and National. The top eight teams in each conference will qualify for the playoffs.

For the second straight season, league officials have

canceled the BAFL Fun day, a day-long scrimmage event held at the Pearland Dad's Club.

Instead, the regular season will get under way Aug. 14. Because there are an odd-number of teams (19) in the league, each program will have a bye week.

For instance, the Pearland Texans have a bye during the first week of games and therefore will not open the season until Aug. 21.

Weigh-in coming
The league has established available weigh-in and equipment hand-out

dates as Saturday, July 10 and Saturday, July 17. The Ellington Rams will handle the bulk of these activities July 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Wilson Park within the basketball court pavilion.

The Southbelt Dolphins will handle most of its duties July 10, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Blackhawk Park.

The Sagemont Cowboys will host weigh-in July 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at El Franco Lee Park and will distribute equipment at the park Sunday, July 18, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Ellington Rams

2010 BAFL schedule

Date	Opponent
Aug. 14	Hitchcock Red Raiders
Aug. 21	Bye week
Aug. 28	Manvel Vikings
Sept. 4	at Pearland Patriots
Sept. 11	Pearland Hurricanes
Sept. 18	at Southbelt Dolphins
Sept. 25	Friendswood Mustangs
Oct. 2	at East End Eagles
Oct. 9	at La Marque Cougars
Oct. 16	League City 49ers
Oct. 23	at Alvin Raiders

Pee Wee games at 8 a.m., others follow

Southbelt Dolphins

2010 BAFL schedule

Date	Opponent
Aug. 14	Texas City Stingrays
Aug. 21	at League City Wildcats
Aug. 28	at Pearland Patriots
Sept. 4	Friendswood Mustangs
Sept. 11	at Pearland Texans
Sept. 18	Ellington Rams
Sept. 25	Bye week
Oct. 2	at Manvel Vikings
Oct. 9	Santa Fe Braves
Oct. 16	Magnolia Sharks
Oct. 23	at Sagemont Cowboys

Pee Wee games at 8 a.m., others follow

Trainer Sellers moves on

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We certainly are planning to return if things fall into place."

So as he leaves, Sellers wishes to extend a huge "thank you" to everyone he has come into contact with during his stay.

He also has a few words for the student trainers, both past and present, who so willingly gave of their time.

"Those student trainers give of their time on a volunteer basis," he said.

"They could be out getting real after-school jobs and making money, but it's those kids who help make our sports medicine program so successful and help our athletic program run so smoothly.

"It's been a blessing to be able to work with those kids. I'm sure the program

will keep going strong. I wish them the very best."

Sellers certainly enjoyed helping Dobie's athletes both prevent injuries and recover from them when they occurred.

But the best part of his job came while guiding other young trainers forward. "They always wanted to soak up so much more knowledge," he said.

On a side note, Dobie is seeking two adult athletic trainers this summer.

Kramer, who joined the Dobie program three years ago, has elected to teach in the classroom only beginning this fall.

"Erin did a great job here, too," Sellers said. "I can't thank her enough for her help. Obviously, I hope everything goes well for her in the future."

SBGSA 8-under all-stars excel at area-wide tourneys

The South Belt Girls Softball Association's 8-under all-stars played in a pair of star-studded tournaments in Pasadena and Humble, taking third place in both events. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Karisa Hernandez, Angelina Ortega, Jessica DeLa-Cerda, Haleigh Carter, Bianca Cruz, (back row) Mikaela Garcia, Kassandra Cardenas, Justice Maes, Mikayla Gutierrez, Maritza Elizalde and Josee Rivas. The team is coached by (not pictured) Jennifer Chavez, Roy Cruz, Devan Iddings and Joe Gutierrez.

Submitted photo



SBHLL 11s grab second at Firecracker baseball



Prior to opening play in the Texas District 15 all-star baseball tournament, Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League's 11-year-old stars finished second in the Friendswood Firecracker warm-up event at the Friendswood Little League facility. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Kalvin Villalobos, James Bischof, Nathaniel Dominguez, Chris Cormier, Jesus Tijerina, (middle row) Wayne Lominac Jr., Robby Zavaleta, Alias Arizmendi, Adan Gonzales, James Jackson, (back row) assistant manager Wayne Lominac Sr., Jesse Peredes, Jacob Garcia and manager Tommy Bischof.

San Jac men's hoops names top assistant

San Jacinto College men's basketball head coach Scott Gernander completed his coaching staff for the 2010-2011 season with the hiring of Jacob Wonders, former head coach at Panola College.

Wonders comes to San Jacinto with more than 10 years' coaching experience.

"This was a great opportunity for me to return home and work under coach Gernander," said Wonders.

"I enjoy coaching at the junior college level to help student-athletes understand what college basketball is all about and to provide them an opportunity to move on to four-year schools."

Wonders spent the past four seasons as the head coach at Panola College in Carthage, Texas, where he helped the Ponies average more than 80 points per game each season.

Twenty-five student-athletes under Wonders' tutelage continued their education and basketball careers at four-year universities, including 16 who earned scholarships to play at the National College Athletic Association's Division I level.

Prior to his time at Panola, Wonders spent three years as an assistant men's basketball coach at Houston Baptist University.

While at HBU, Wonders was responsible for scouting, academic monitoring, on-the-floor coaching and coordinating the Huskies' recruiting efforts. During his tenure, HBU went 77-22, including three consecutive National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics

national tournament berths and a top-10 national ranking in points per game.

"We are so fortunate to have Jacob as our new assistant basketball coach," said Gernander, who will enter his 24th season at the helm of the San Jacinto program this fall.

"He has done a tremendous job wherever he has coached. He is a hard worker, a good recruiter, and has a great basketball mind."

"Jacob has a great feel for people, players, and coaches, and is well respected by many in the basketball profession."

"We are looking forward to having him help keep our great tradition alive at San Jacinto College."

Wonders began his coaching career at his alma mater, Central Michigan University, where he was a student assistant with the Chippewas before graduating.

He then moved on to Lamar University in Beaumont as an assistant coach, helping the Cardinals to the 2000 Southland Conference tournament championship and a berth in the NCAA tournament.

He has also held coaching stints at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho, and as a volunteer assistant coach at San Jacinto College during the 2001-02 season.

A native of Detroit, Wonders earned a degree in sports studies from Central Michigan University, and holds a master's in kinesiology from Lamar University. He and his wife, Caren, have two children.

Torres, U-19 Rebels win state championship



The Alliance Soccer Club's '91 Black Rebels U-19 team won the state championship and will now advance to U.S. Youth Soccer National Championships out of Region III. The team features Chris Torres, a former standout in the Dobie High School program who is currently playing soccer at the University of Mary-Hardin Bay-

lor in Belton, Texas. Members of the Black Rebels include, left to right, (front row) Mitchell Cardenas, Nick Webb, Dylan Dement, Jordan Phillips, Charlie Schreck, Christian Cruz, (back row) Felipe Marin, Josh Weed, William Morse, Chris Torres, Clint Lum, Seth Anderson, Gavin Bruce and Stephen Nicknish.



A former volunteer assistant coach at San Jacinto College, Jacob Wonders (above) has been named the college's top assistant alongside head men's basketball coach Scott Gernander. Wonders spent the previous four seasons as head coach at Panola College.

Sports news, notes

SBYSC online registration

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club is still accepting fall registration for online registrants. Boys and girls ages 4 through 18 are eligible to compete in the league. Those wishing to play this fall may register online at www.southbeltsoccer.org. Those in the U-5 through U-8 divisions may register for \$90 online. Those in the U-9 and U-10 divisions may register online for \$100, and those in the U-11 and older divisions may register online for \$125.

LSA tennis camp coming

The Lutheran South Academy Tennis Camp presents a great opportunity for fifth- through 12th-grade athletes a chance to improve and refine their skills, no matter their current skill level. Instructors will introduce the game of tennis to those who wish to start playing for the first time, and instructors will also work with more experienced players on sharpening their current physical and mental skills on the court. The session will be held July 12-15, at the tennis courts located at San Jacinto College South on Beamer. The session will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$75 per student. For more information, call Lutheran South Academy at 281-464-8299 or visit the school Web site at www.lutheran.south.org.

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 brookvb@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. For more information or to receive a camp brochure, call 281-476-1847 or 281-476-1849.

JFD incoming frosh FB 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.

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.

Thompson/BHI football camps

The coaching staffs at Beverly Hills and Thompson intermediate schools will host separate youth football camps for incoming seventh- and eighth-grade students. The Beverly Hills camp will be held for two weeks (students must attend both weeks), including Monday through Friday sessions. The first week is July 26-29, and the second week is Aug. 2-6. Seventh-grade students as of the 2010-2011 school year may attend from 5 to 6 p.m., with the incoming eighth-grade session to follow from 6 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$30 cash per participant. The Thompson camp will run Aug. 2 to 6 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. each day. Cost is \$25 cash per participant. Both camps will focus on technique drills, strength and conditioning, pass receiving, passing, running, catching, tackling, blocking and other fundamentals of football. Families of the students are required to sign an insurance waiver prior to participation.

Rams to host agility camp

The Ellington Rams of the Bay Area Football League will host a speed and agility camp for boys and girls ages 5 through 17 July 19-23 at Wilson Park in Houston. Camp fee is \$75 per participant, and a \$45 down payment is required at either of the pre-registration events July 10 and July 17 at Wilson Park, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The speed and agility camp, which will be directed by former Florida Marlins baseball organization player Quanta Jackson, will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wilson Park is located at 200 Gilpin St. All participants will receive a camp T-shirt.

6-under Smash baseball places second



The 6-under Smash select baseball from the South Belt area played in the Pasadena PeeWee League's summer tournament, taking second place after a great showing on the field. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Victor Careaga Jr., Devin Molina, Kaden Fernandez, Rey Izaguirre, Gael Amezcuita, Jayden Balderaz, (middle row) Eduardo Gonzales, Zaire Walker, Alexander "AJ" Garcia, Jacob Cueva, Allan Gonzalez, Josh Carter, Andrew Salazar, Justin Rhoden, (back row) coaches Jason Carter, Kenny Fernandez, Ignacio Izaguirre, Jesse Salazar, Victor Careaga and Romel Garcia.

UIL final schedule involves fall sports

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Of course much of the excitement surrounding the 2010-2011 school year has to do with realignment. It's out with the old and in with the new in many cases as the cast of characters has changed in many districts. Where Dobie is concerned, the opportunity to make the playoffs in team sports increased a great deal as La Porte and Pearland have exited the 22-5A ranks. No new teams have arrived. When the fall athletics season opens, Dobie will do battle with Pasadena Independent School District foes Memorial, Pasadena, Sam Rayburn and South Houston in addition to Deer Park. In the team sports, that means just six teams will be vying for four playoff seeds. However, it also means that coaches within the 22-5A ranks have had to scramble to pick up additional non-district opponents on schedules. For instance, Dobie's varsity volleyball team last season played 14 district matches, but will play just 10 this school year and next. In the 22-5A football ranks, each team will play five nondistrict games after taking part in seven a season ago. In 24-5A where Clear Brook resides, things have gotten a bit more difficult with football and volleyball power Pearland arriving this fall. The 24-5A ranks will include Brook, Pearland, Clear Lake, Clear Creek, Clear Springs, Alvin, Brazoswood and Dickinson beginning this school year.

SBGSA 10-U all-stars second



The South Belt Girls Softball Association's 10-under all-stars finished their season by taking second at the ASA Metros in Houston. Members of the team are, left to right, (lying down) Michelle Kristoff, (front row) Jacquelyne Garcia, Gabriela Rojas, Breana August, Celeste Ontiveros, Kendall Gothard, Diana Adame (middle row) Celina Saenz, Yasmine Myers, Hayley Garcia, Kimberly Ontiveros, Emily Perez, (back row) assistant coaches Ravi Saenz and Chris Ontiveros and head coach Bobby Kristoff.

11-under Texans unbeaten at state



The Texans, an 11-under select baseball team based in the South Belt area, went unbeaten in pool play at the United States Specialty Sports Association state tournament at the Big League Dreams facility in League City. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Jeremy Green, Juan Moreno, Nate Blain, Joseph Casteneda, Luis Adame, (middle row) Tyler Redmon, Alec Barosh, Stephen Moreno, Nikko Puga, (back row) Craig Redmon, Tywon Mackey Jr., Isaiah Vasquez, Jeremy Green and Isaiah Henry.

Dobie seniors enjoy rain-soaked Powder Puff action

Game, fun-filled festivities close out 2009-2010 year



Just playin' in the rain

Dobie class of 2010 senior Alex Alvarado was one of the dozens of powder puff players who had to brave the elements during the game. Despite a steady downpour throughout the action, the seniors had a blast.



Senior guys cheering on the Powder Puffs

Although they were not allowed to take part in the game, several Dobie male students attended the powder puff game in order to provide "cheer" and support to their teammates. Those students included, left to right, Phillip Harnish, Irving Garza, Eric Balderas, Raydell Davis and Arturo Betancourt.

Banditos win 10-under select baseball event

The 9-under Banditos Black select baseball team went 7-0 to win the championship in the 10-under division at the Slumpbuster tournament in Omaha, Neb., during the College World Series. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Kevin Ortiz, Cameron Godfrey, Justin Wishkowski, Kanin Dodge, Peyton Lejune, (middle row) Matthew Benitez, Mark Utley, Sammie Faltine, Joe Davis, Mike Fitzpatrick, (back row) coaches Roy Ortiz, Sanson Faltine and Stro Godfrey. The Banditos defeated teams from Illinois, Wisconsin, North Carolina, Colorado, Minnesota and Nebraska along the way.



Dobie 2010 Powder Puff family portrait

Prior to the start of the rain-soaked Powder Puff game, many of the participants and a few of their fans gathered for a family photo. The Dobie High School Class of 2010 planned the game to help celebrate graduation. The game was played on the Sagemont Cowboys' field at El Franco Lee Park. Those who took part included, left to right, (front row) Melissa Knight, Andrea Bertrand, Blythe Nguyen, Ceci Gonzalez, (middle row) Shanuy Lacour, Erin Robinson, Amanda Nguyen, Christina Diaz, Hien Nguyen, Danielle Rodriguez, (back row) Shelby Bennett, Angelique Varron, Londyn Crump, Shelby Guerra, Alex Alvarado, Jade Scruggs, Shelby Senegal, Chili Montgomery and Brittany Franklin.



CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JULY 8

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

9:30 a.m.

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

11:30 a.m.

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

Noon

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

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.

8:30 p.m.

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

FRIDAY, JULY 9

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

10 a.m.

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.

AARP-South Belt Chapter - The American Association of Retired Persons meets the second Friday of each month at the community center at El Franco Lee Park on Hall Road.

Noon

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

SATURDAY, JULY 10

6 p.m.

Frontier Squares - Meets to square dance at the Westminster Academy at 670 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Refreshments provided. For more information, contact Gina Sherman at 281-554-5675 or visit www.frontiersquares.com.

SUNDAY, JULY 11

2 p.m.

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

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MONDAY, JULY 12

7 a.m.

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

9 a.m.

Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.

6 p.m.

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

6:30 p.m.

New Directions Singles Club - 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.

7 p.m.

Sagemont Civic Club - Meetings are held the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at Kirkwood South Christian Church, 10811 Kirkfair Dr.

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.

TUESDAY, JULY 13

7 a.m.

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

9:30 a.m.

CCART - The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets the second Tuesday of each month, September through May. They are held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 Nasa Parkway in Seabrook near the Landolt Pavilion. All Texas retired school employees from all surrounding school districts are welcome to attend and join this organization. Annual dues are \$35.

10 a.m.

American Begonia Society - Meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Pasadena Town Square Community Room. For more information, call 713-946-4237 or 713-941-7158.

10:30 a.m.

Tri-County Republican Women - General meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month except June and July at Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive in Pearland. A luncheon is available. To make reservations, call 281-484-8083.

1 p.m.

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



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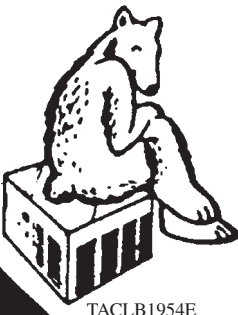
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Parade, fireworks display highlight South Belt's July 4th celebration

Community enjoys variety of events during nation's holiday



Precinct 2 Sgt. Zerick Guinn tosses out parade candy while being guided along the parade route by South Belt resident Chris Clark.



Girl Scout Troop 8015 has been a part of the parade every year since forming its troop seven years ago. Some of those involved this year included, left to right, Kalen Fleckenstein, Samantha Schwartz, McKenna Simecek, Megan Schuetz, Kallie Hart, Genneville Anagbogu and Laura Stephens. Not pictured is assistant troop leader Donna Stephens.



At left, state Rep. Ken Legler, a regular parade attendee, gets set to board his parade "float" as the festivities get under way.



Longtime South Belt area resident Neil West, shown here with his 1957 Chevy Bellaire two-door hardtop that he personally restored, was among the parade participants who displayed vintage automobiles along the route. West, a parade regular since its inception, has been in charge of organizing the parade float line since 1989.



At right, Frank (left) and Gwen Bays pose in front of their parade float that won top honors for best theme in the event. The Bays' float, colorfully representing the NASA space program, was one of the hits of the event as hundreds of parade onlookers watched in amazement as the float passed by.



Former South Belt resident Leon Petty, shown with Mickey Mouse, now resides in League City but regularly shows his patriotism at the local parade. This year, Petty rode in the parade in a Chevy SSR.



At left, USA All-American Dance and Cheer Academy had several of its students and parents involved in the parade. Those included were, left to right, (front row) Stephine Vega, Aubrei Vega, Natalie Olea, Alyssa Olea, Jazmin Munoz, (back row) Evelyn Aguirre, Leilani Zara, Arianny Bosques, Ninfa Bosques, Skylar Galvan, Hillary Bazaldua, Marissa Sanchez and Brissa Perez. The company is owned by Michelle Whitely (not shown).

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Above, hundreds of South Belt residents braved the warm temperatures to attend the annual South Belt 4th of July Parade, which wound its way through the area July 3. The fireworks display followed on July 4.



Those on hand from Fly Wellness and Movements Arts had a blast during the parade and other activities. Those representatives included, left to right, Lionel

Lozano, Mariela Ramirez, Kalee Hicks, Liibeth Rodriguez, Zach Ramirez, Sydney Keatts, Aerial Spivey and Myrei Vargas.

Was your group in the parade? Call us at 281-481-5656. We need names of those in the photos!

South Belt area optometrist Dr. B.J. Garner (right) had a custom-made set of eyeglasses for his pick-up truck during the parade. Joining him for the event was Lindsay McClure, the 9-year-old daughter of Garner's longtime assistant Melinda McClure. Lindsay is shown holding the McClure family pet, Demetri.



Members of the Sagemont Cowgirls and Sagemont Cowboys youth football, drill and cheerleading programs were part of the excitement during the parade as the members took time out to have some fun before the start of the 2010 season coming later this month. Those in attendance included, left to right, (front row) Stephanie Gutierrez,

Joanna Ortega, Priscilla Hernandez, R.J. Ortega, Jaden Clark, Seth Gutierrez, Miles Reyes, Chance Cadena, (back row) Denny Wranich, Zoe Becker, Hailey Ortega, Marilyn Gonzalez, Kobe Ruiz, Victoria Acosta, Gabby Hansford, Lizzi McMahon, Jordan White, Corina Banda, Heaven Cadena and Nicole Wranich.



Dobie High School Lariaette officers were part of the parade festivities as they rode one of the many aerospace-themed floats. Those taking part in the event to celebrate the July 4th holiday included, left to right, (front row) Aimee Cessna, colonel; Brianna Harper,

spirit leader; Aracley Perez, lieutenant colonel; Elise Harper, lieutenant; Katlyn Hoggard, president; (back row) Asia Allen, vice president; Alaina Burns, major; Alyssa Loredo, lieutenant; Jon'tay Warner, captain, and Caitlin Woods, event planner.