

## Ashley Pointe bans use of fireworks



Contrary to a story in last week's *Leader*, the shooting of fireworks will not be allowed in the Ashley Pointe subdivision. While the neighborhood is not within the Houston city limits and is under Harris County's control, the items are prohibited by the subdivision's deed restrictions, according to Nita Hayward, who manages the area's homeowners association. Submitted photo

## Holiday observances

### South Belt-Ellington Leader

The *Leader* office will be closed July 3 and 6. Clear Brook City MUD

The office of Clear Brook City MUD will be closed Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day. The office will reopen Monday, July 6, at 8 a.m. Payments may be left in the drop box located on the drive-through window side of the building.

### Parker Williams Library

The library will be closed Friday, July 3, and Saturday, July 4, for Independence Day.

## Dolcefino to visit South Belt

Channel 13 investigative reporter Wayne Dolcefino will be the guest speaker at a local luncheon Wednesday, July 8. Sponsored by the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, the meeting will take place at the new community center at El Franco Lee Park beginning at noon. Admission is \$15 and includes a lunch from Perry and Sons Market and Grille. For information or to purchase tickets, call the chamber at 281-481-5516.

## K of C holds blood drive

The Knights of Columbus Council at St. Luke's Catholic Church will hold a blood drive Sunday, July 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the church at 11011 Hall Road. Those who donate will receive a free health check and may save up to three lives.

For more information, call John Urdiales at 713-991-1425, visit [www.giveblood.org](http://www.giveblood.org), or call 1-888-482-5663 to schedule a donation.

## Library events scheduled

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

The summer reading program will be held through Aug. 8. There is a program for everyone: adults, teens and children. Visit [www.hcpl.net](http://www.hcpl.net) or call the library at 281-484-2036 for more information.

Movie Madness is Thursday, July 2, at 2:30 p.m. Call the library for feature title.

The library will be closed Friday, July 3, and Saturday, July 4, for Independence Day.

Investigate ancestries and family histories when the genealogy discussion group meets Monday, July 6, at 2 p.m.

Explore the world of owls when the Houston Audubon Society presents *Silent Hunters* on Tuesday, July 7, at 2:30 p.m. Free tickets are required and will be available the day before the program.

A teen movie will be held Wednesday, July 8, at 3 p.m.

Play board games and more on game day Thursday, July 9, at 2:30 p.m.

Family storytime is Tuesday at 7 p.m. Preschooler storytime is Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Toddler time is Thursday at 10 and 11:15 a.m.

## Dobie reunions set

### Class of 1979 - 30-year

The Dobie High School Class of 1979 30-year reunion will take place at Moody Gardens on Saturday, July 11. Contact Danice (McBurney) Oliver for more information at [daniceoliver@yahoo.com](mailto:daniceoliver@yahoo.com) or 281-481-4206.

### Class of 1989 - 20-year

The Dobie High School Class of 1989 will hold its 20-year reunion Friday and Saturday, July 10 and 11. For more information, contact Cathi Brockman at [cathi\\_riley@yahoo.com](mailto:cathi_riley@yahoo.com) or Shannon Chatagnier-Bowser at [shannonandshawn@yahoo.com](mailto:shannonandshawn@yahoo.com).

## School supplies on-line

Students who will be attending the new South Belt Elementary may order on-line school supplies through July 15, 2009. Orders may be placed by logging on to [www.epipacks.com](http://www.epipacks.com) and entering the school ID SOU525. All supplies ordered on-line will be delivered to the campus prior to the beginning of school.

## Sullivan's hurricane meeting scheduled for July 7 at UHCL

By Matt Griesmyer

Houston City Councilmember Mike Sullivan wants the Gulf Coast area to be aware and prepared for the forthcoming hurricane season.

Sullivan, in collaboration with the City of Houston's Public Works and Engineering Department, Harris County's Office of Emergency Management, the City of Houston's OEM, the Houston Fire Department, the Houston Police Department and Transtar, will hold a town hall meeting at the University of Houston-Clear Lake campus to discuss hurricane preparedness and contingency plans for the 2009 hurricane season.

"I view it as my responsibility to the constituents to get this information out," Sullivan said.

Representatives from the aforementioned city departments and county branches will give presentations on their 2009 plans and will be available to answer questions from the public. In addition to information being given at the town hall meeting, fliers, DVD instructional material and other such literature will be available on site.

"Every year we learn and make improvements to our operations," Sullivan said. "I want my

district to be ready and well-informed should we experience another hurricane this year."

The town hall meeting will be held Tuesday, July 7, in the Forest Room at UHCL, located at 2700 Bay Area Blvd. from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Forest Room is located in the Bayou Building.

The organizations involved decided to hold the meeting in the most vulnerable area of district E, an area which extends as far north as Kingwood, and as far south as Clear Lake.

Sullivan believes that the organizations involved with their hurricane planning are adequately prepared, and wants to inform the public in the area of the services that will be provided should another hurricane make landfall in the Houston-Gulf Coast area.

"This time around, different agencies are truly cooperating with each other for the good of the region," Sullivan said. "We want to be helpful to anyone we can be."

Sullivan will host a similar meeting Tuesday, July 21, at San Jacinto College South to discuss flooding in the South Belt area.

For more information regarding the meeting, call 832-393-3008 or e-mail [districte@cityofhouston.net](mailto:districte@cityofhouston.net).

## July 4th parade honors military

By James Bolen

The annual South Belt Fourth of July parade and fireworks show will take place Saturday, July 4.

Now in its 22nd year, this year's parade, titled *Honoring Our Military*, will be a salute to U.S. troops both past and present.

In keeping with this year's theme, multiple military vehicles will take part in the parade. Confirmed vehicles include machinery operated by U.S. Army Reserve and U.S. Marine Corps personnel, according to Maj. Mark Williford of the U.S. Army 75th Division.

Williford attempted to make arrangements with BAE Systems in Sealy to also provide a mine-resistant, ambush-protected prototype vehicle to participate in the parade. His efforts, however, were unsuccessful.

Southeast Volunteer Fire Department Chief Chuck Tylka said he, too, will provide vehicles for this year's event. The department will have three fire engines and one ambulance taking part in the parade.

Tylka further said the department will provide three recently purchased military trucks. The three vehicles are Vietnam-era, U.S. Army supply trucks purchased by the department for high-water operations.

Referred to as "deuce and a halves" by military personnel, the vehicles are 2.5-ton, diesel, six-wheel-drive trucks.

The Houston Police Department and the Har-

ris County Precinct 2 Constable's office will also be participating in the annual event.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. at Beverly Hills Intermediate and wind its way through the community to San Jacinto College South. Participants, however, are encouraged to arrive early, as the lineup will begin at roughly 9 a.m.

Awards will be given to both commercial and noncommercial entries, and vehicles/floats will be judged on patriotism and originality.

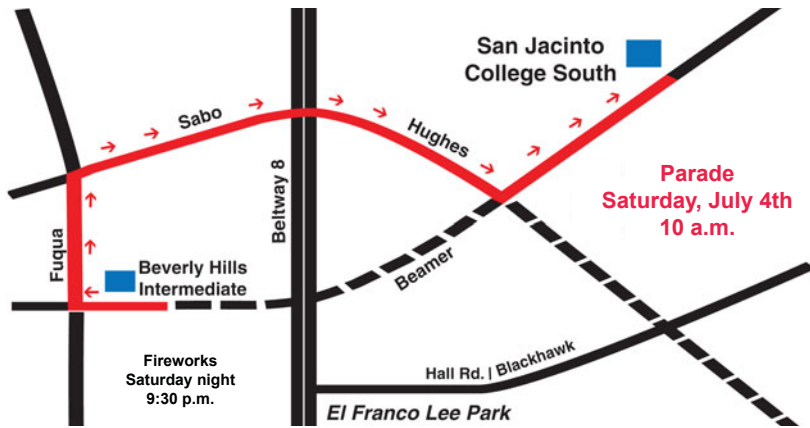
All community and nonprofit groups may participate in the parade at no charge, unless they wish to be eligible for a prize. There is a \$50 fee for commercial entries, and noncommercial entries may enter the contest for \$25.

Entry forms are available by e-mailing the *Leader* at [mynews@southbeltleader.com](mailto:mynews@southbeltleader.com). The forms are to be filled out and returned to the *Leader* office, 11555 Beamer, or faxed to 281-481-5730.

The deadline to register for the parade is Friday, July 3. Those registering after Thursday, July 2, however, will need to call the *Leader* at 281-481-5656. If no one is available at this phone number, call 281-948-2714.

Later that evening, residents are invited to El Franco Lee Park at Hall Road and Blackhawk Boulevard to watch this year's fireworks display. Funded by the annual South Belt Spectacular Cookoff and the supplemental June 13 cookoff, the show will start at 9:30 p.m.

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## Green bank breaks ground

Nigel Harrison, First Community returning to South Belt area

By Matt Griesmyer

Despite funding and loan issues that are revolving around banks in the current economic times, First Community Bank is coming back to South Belt with a new location.

Nigel Harrison, CEO of FC Holdings, Inc. broke ground on June 26 for a new First Community Bank. The bank is the first of its kind in many ways.

Once the bank is completed, not only will it be the first step back in southeast Houston for First Community Bank, but it is also one of the first Gold LEED-certified banks in the area.

The plans for the bank have been analyzed by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design as a Gold-ranked building. LEED rankings come in the form of a grading scale from one to 100, with strict prerequisites before grading can begin. "Certified" ranking is 40-49 points, "Silver" is 50-59 points, "Gold" is 60-79 points and "Platinum" is 80 points and up.

Scoring is based on a number of factors, including water efficiency, materials and resources, indoor environmental quality and innovation of design.

"The groundbreaking ceremony had a nice turnout," Harrison said. "I'm glad to get presence back in southeast Houston."

right thing to do, considering the times," Harrison said. "If it is possible, I will continue to strive to produce more green buildings."

Within the next five years, Harrison plans to have another five to seven banks in the southeast Houston area, with more banks being planned for locations closer to downtown Houston.

Harrison, a banker who got his start in southeast Houston with numerous branches including one on Scarsdale Boulevard and one on the Gulf Freeway between Scarsdale and Dixie Farm Road, pulled out of the Houston area due to a purchase and noncompete agreement with Wells Fargo, which ended early this year.

The reason Harrison came back to the area was the ties he has to the community.

"We have a large customer base in the Southeast Houston area, and it was the right thing to do for the community," Harrison said.

Out of the numerous years that Harrison has been in the banking business, his philosophy has remained constant.

"Our business is based on 'relationship banking,'" Harrison said. "That is when you treat everyone fairly. Without good and happy customers, you can't have a good bank."

The facility is planned for the 12900 block of the Gulf Freeway near Las Haciendas and the Metro Park and Ride on the east side of the freeway. It is expected to open at the end of this year.

## Baye prepares for July 4th



A week before the July 4th parade, one team is getting a head start on preparations. Left to right, Rosanne Kerr, Frank Baye and Mattie Alvarez, 11, plan out design elements for Baye's Independence Day parade float, celebrating the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's 25th anniversary. This is Baye's 23rd year participating in the parade. Photo by Matt Griesmyer

## Float toasts chamber's 25th

By Matt Griesmyer

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce will celebrate its 25th anniversary this year, and Frank Baye is honoring it with his float in the 4th of July parade.

Baye has participated in the Independence Day parade for 23 years, and his float and effort has grown with each celebration.

"We first had cars draped with red, white and blue," Baye said. "The parade and our floats have grown every year since then."

While it would be easier to trace designs and buy prefabricated decorations, Baye refuses to

use anything that is pre-made. All of the lettering, designs, emblems and other decorations adorning his floats are hand-drawn and based on a design that Baye sketches out.

"We don't ever use the same idea as the previous year," Baye said. "Every parade is something new and completely from scratch."

Baye, an employee of H-E-B grocery store has been partnering with his employers for funding for his project.

"As far as the float is concerned, we want to do it, and we want to do it right," Baye said.

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## Area water pressures lowered

Record-high temperatures have forced both the Clear Brook City and Sagemeadow municipal utility districts to lower the water pressure in the subdivisions they respectively serve.

In addition to above-average use of water due to the extreme heat, recent high temperatures have also caused several area mainline pipes to break, worsening the problem.

The Clear Brook City MUD has had roughly 12 lines collapse this past week, while the Sagemeadow MUD has had around eight lines snap in the last month.

Subdivisions in the Clear Brook City MUD have seen a drop from roughly 65 pounds of pressure per square inch to around 50 to 55 pounds

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## HC offers cool, local help

Residents invited to escape heat at Parker Williams Library

By Matt Griesmyer

Harris County Homeland Security and Emergency Management offices are offering residents advice to beat the heat this summer.

Harris County Public Library branches, including the Parker Williams branch on Scarsdale Boulevard, are now offering their facilities as a place to cool off and avoid the heat, which in the summertime can be not only oppressing, but harmful.

For the nearest HCPL location, contact the HCPL administration offices at 713-749-9000 or visit their Web site at <http://www.hcpl.net>

Also, Reliant Energy has set up eight cooling centers throughout the city. Cooling centers are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For the location of the nearest cooling center or to schedule free transportation to one, call 713-497-2711.

In an effort to keep costs – and temperatures – down this summer, the Harris County HSEM office advises residents to limit their energy consumption, stay indoors, use fans as an alternative to air-conditioning, stay hydrated and wear loose clothing.

## First Community Bank returning



First Community Bank will return to the South Belt area with a new location. To be located in the 12900 block of the Gulf Freeway, the new bank will be one of the first in the area to be certified as "Gold" by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design group and will include grass and flowers on its roof. A groundbreaking ceremony for the new facility was held Friday, June 26. Construction of the new building is scheduled to be complete by the end of the year.



# From the Publisher

## See you on the 4th!

Once again, the Fourth of July is upon us. Many of our newer residents may not realize how fortunate we in the South Belt area are.

Although we are not a city, we do have our own Fourth of July celebration, complete with fireworks and parade. Our community is quite rare in being able to sponsor these two events. This is not easy for a non-taxing, not major industry community, as we have to raise our own money. We can't use taxpayer money such as our city neighbors of Pearland, Friendswood and Pasadena do.

The fireworks celebration that will be held at El Franco Lee Park cost \$20,000. All this money was raised through donations and through the annual cookoff.

This year, we had two cookoffs! Since

the first one got drowned out, without the needed firework funds, the South Belt Spectacular committee held a second cookoff to supplement the needed funds.

A lot of people work hard to see that we have our annual event. These include not only our committee members, but the City of Houston Police Department, Constable Gary Freeman's officers and El Franco Lee and those working for Harris County Precinct. 1.

Hope to see all of you at the parade (see parade route, Page 1A) and know you will enjoy the great fireworks Saturday evening. It is still not too late to enter the parade. Call me at 281-481-5656 or 281-948-2714. Happy 4th!

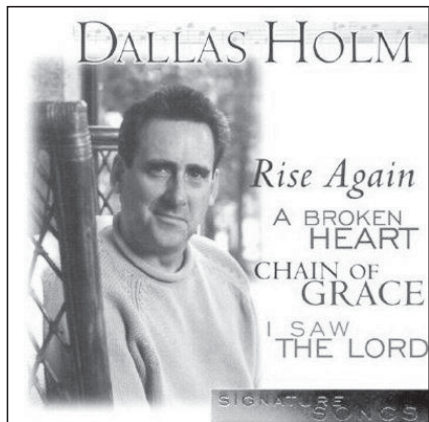
—Marie Flickinger, publisher

## Ferreira earns Herb Smith Award for history



On May 28, 2009, Beverly Hills Intermediate School held its annual awards ceremony. Pictured are, left to right, teacher Rodney Martin, student Maria Ferreira and presenter Herb Smith. Ferreira was awarded the Herb Smith Award for her outstanding knowledge of history.

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# Reader's Opinion

## Does Olson support the constitution?

HR 450, The Enumerated Powers Act, introduced by Representative Shadegg of Arizona, requires that each act of congress contain a concise and definite statement of the constitutional authority relied upon in the enactment of each portion of the act. It makes congress consider the constitutionality of every act they pass, and so state, before it is passed and thus eliminates congress from passing bills/laws that are not constitutional.

It was introduced in January of this year and is currently in committee. It has been introduced into every congress since 1994 and has never made it out of committee for lack of support. HR 450 currently has 45 co-sponsors, ten of whom are from Texas, but Pete Olson is not one of them. Why are there not 435 co-sponsors? Do we not live by the Constitution? We do until it becomes inconvenient and

interferes with an agenda. We have too much "situational constitutionalism." Much of what Mr. Obama and the Congress has done since January is not constitutional.

I have written Mr. Olson three letters since March 25th asking him to become a co-sponsor or tell me in writing why he will not. I've had one response saying he'll consider my opinions if the bill comes before the floor for a vote. That was my point in three letters. It will never make it to the floor due to lack of support.

We have multiple problems in America today, many of which are instigated by the folks we elect. Some simply don't want to follow the law of the land. They appear to be more self-serving than We The People serving. Mr. Olson needs to decide if he's on the side of the US Constitution. Voters need to force the issue otherwise we'll keep getting the kind presidential and congressional actions we've had since Obama took office – big government, big spending, big bailouts, big debt, big mistakes.

Larry Reams

## HPD officers citywide to arrest those with outstanding warrants

The Houston Police Department has a message to those who have ignored numerous warnings and have warrants out for their arrest: Pay your fines or be handcuffed by an officer at your place of business or home and be taken to jail.

Officers will begin a warrant sweep in neighborhoods and businesses throughout the city and urge anyone with an outstanding warrant to go to any of six municipal court annexes to take care of their business or take advantage of other options like paying their fines online, over the phone or by mail.

"We prefer those individuals with warrants to avoid the embarrassment of an officer coming to their workplace or home to arrest them in front of their co-workers or family members," said HPD Assistant Chief John Trevino. "Our goal of publicizing this warrant sweep is to avoid having our officers make such arrests and to have those with warrants come forward

and clear their names before it's too late," he added.

"It is unfortunate that individuals with outstanding citations now face arrest," said Judge Berta Mejia, director and presiding judge of the municipal courts. "The City of Houston Municipal Courts provides various options to individuals to assist them in resolving their delinquent traffic citations, including the recent amnesty period, which just concluded. With the impending warrant sweep announced by HPD, I strongly urge anyone with outstanding warrants to come in and resolve their citations instead of facing arrest."

Director/Chief Clerk Sahira Abdool said municipal court officials have mailed notices to those with active warrants pending against them.

"We are here to assist individuals with clearing their warrants as quickly as possible," Abdool said. "It is our priority to ensure that individuals who have

cleared their warrants are not subject to arrest, and to support the HPD warrants sweep for those individuals refusing to take care of their business with us."

For more information about warrants or citations, visit [www.houstontx.gov/courts](http://www.houstontx.gov/courts) or contact the City of Houston's helpline at 3-1-1 or 713-837-0311 if outside the city of Houston.

## Death

### Jose Guadalupe Soto



Jose Guadalupe Soto, 78, died June 21, 2009, in Houston and was buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Born July 4, 1930, in Mexico, Soto immigrated to the United States and raised a family with his wife, Eulalia.

He is survived by his wife, Eulalia; sons Philip Soto, Guadalupe Soto, Armando Soto and Jose Soto; daughters Lourdes Soto, Solida Soto and Rosa Ceballos; and other family members and friends.

- A Gratitude**  
The men and women of the United States armed forces need the support and respect of their fellow Americans.
- B Solidarity With Families**  
Every community must be ready to give encouragement and reassurance to the families of U.S. military personnel.
- C The Ultimate Sacrifice**  
It's up to all of us to protect freedom as the fundamental cornerstone of the American way of life.



## Stuchbery students receive Safety Patrol award



Fourth-grade students Cassandra Garcia (middle, left) and Tori Roy (middle, right) were presented the Matthew Barton Safety Patrol Award at Stuchbery's end-of-the-year awards ceremony. This prestigious award is given to safety patrol students in honor of Matthew Barton, a former Stuchbery student who was tragically killed in an automobile accident in the summer of 1988. Pictured with Garcia and Roy are Barton's parents, Mike and Karen Barton.

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## Edens awarded San Jacinto Day Foundation scholarship



Christen Edens, a senior at J. Frank Dobie High School, was recently selected to receive a 2009 scholarship from the San Jacinto Day Foundation. The foundation is instrumental in making the Pasadena Strawberry Festival a success. The foundation helps area students realize their dreams through scholarships. The scholarships were awarded at the opening ceremonies of the Strawberry Festival. Edens will attend Tarleton State University in the fall where she will major in animal science/genetics and education.

## Trinh receives Hazel Eska award



At the Beverly Hills Intermediate awards night, the Hazel Eska Award was presented to Jennifer Trinh, the top reader in the school. Trinh read 60 books, accumulated 641 Accelerated Reader points with 96 percent accuracy. The award is named after a former Beverly Hills librarian with a great love for reading. Pictured with Trinh is Susan Jennings, Beverly Hills librarian.

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## Shoe fundraiser set for parade

**By Gordon Berg**  
Before the last bell rang ending the school year, the telephone at the office of Action Ministries was ringing with people asking for help for the 2009-2010 school year. The need was specific: many children in the South Belt area would be starting the new school year in old, worn-out, too small shoes.

Gordon and Pat Berg, co-founders of Action Ministries, and South Belt residents for more than 10 years, started thinking how they could help. With the economy in a down-

turn and their finances at an all-time low, the couple did not know what to do. They needed a place to hold a fundraiser to get the children shoes. An idea to hold a fundraiser during the 4th of July parade popped like a firecracker. The day of the parade is always hot, so they thought selling ice cream would be best. The Bergs contacted Dreyers Ice Cream Company, which agreed to donate ice cream bars. Volunteers will be along the parade route on July 4, before and during, with ice cream bars for sale. The cost will be a donation to help purchase new shoes for local school children in need.

## Melillo names honor, merit rolls

Melillo Middle School recently released its honor, merit and perfect attendance rolls for the fourth nine-weeks grading period. Students are named as follows:

**Fifth grade Honor roll**  
Cera Alvarado, Daniel Alvarez, Cristian Ascencio, Jaylon Bolden, Jacqueline Bui, Camilla Busselberg, Jessica Bustamante, Kara Campos, Mandy Cao, Katie Carnish, Diana Castillo, Gabriela Cavazos, Andrea Cedeno, Amber Chavez and Brandon Chung.

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Mateo Rivera, Sarina Rodriguez, In Sarathany, Megan Schuetz, Samantha Schwartz, Naseem Shafaei, McKenna Simecek, Alaina Sitka, Alyssa Solis, Michael Spiller, Laura Stephens, Kevin Thai, Damien Tilley and David Torres.

Elizabeth Tran, Kimngan Tran, Vinh Tran, Mariana Triana, Diana Tufino, Kellie Tyer, Javier Vasquez Rodriguez, Hugo Velarde, Jolissa Villalobos, Anthony Vu, Rachel Vu, Logan Walker, Raven Wilson and Jose Zavala.

**Merit roll**  
Ahmad Abusaf, Luis Adame, Alexis Alfaro, Marisa Amezcua, Hannah Brady, Derek Bui, Kristen Carranza, Blair Carter, Noah Caughlin, Megan Cook, Aaron Cosse, Jacob DeLaGarza, Hung Tony Dinh, Jose Duarte, Alba Flores and Joslyn Gallien.

Adrian Garcia, Adriana Garcia, Aileen Garcia, Lizett Garza, Raymon Garza, Justin Gee, Andrew Ghansyam,

Tyler Giron, Holly Gonzales, Eliana Gonzalez, Deja Goodwin, Stephanie Goudeau, Tarian Hall, Braelyn Hamilton and Brandon Harris.

Shelby Henderer, Jacklyn Hernandez, Pedro Herrera, Michelle Hoang, Darius Hypolite, Aryn Ibarra, Enily Le, Cassandra Loera, Orlando Logan, Robert Longpre, Nohelani Lopez, Patience Lyons, Anthony Martinez, Rafael Martinez and Timesha Miller.

Mirna Murillo, Amber Newsom, Albert Nguyen, Thuanh Nguyen, Tina Nguyen, Giselle Oveido, Kevin Pham, Leslie Pina, Anthony Quiroz, Tyler Redmon, Ben Reyes, Jacquelyn Rubio, Clarissa Sanchez, Iveth Santibanez, Iris Sinisterra and Jasmine Smith.

Christian Sosa, Roderick Spikes, Lindsey Stewart, Mayalen Suarez, Joanne Tran, Vinh Tran, Alexandra Velasquez, Nicklaus Velasquez, Lorez Walker, Skylar Williams, Matthew Wolf and Alexis Woodruffe.

**Sixth grade Honor roll**  
Savannah Amaro, Nereida Balderas, Yenlynn Banh, Gabriela Barragan, Deneil Bell, Kyara Bellini, Evan Blaylock, Carl Blue, Zachary Blue, Celeste Briones, Xavier Brown, Trang Bui, Alyssa Castillo, Greyson Chisholm, Valerie Colunga, Julian Coronado and Everest Cox.

John Matthew DeLaRosa, Stacy Edokpa, Marco Garza, Rachel Glass, Kiara Hart, Carolina Herrera, Kallee Hicks, Jessie Huynh, Anabel Jimenez, Jordan Jimenez, Desiree Johnson, Rihana Johnson, Jessica Jones and Daniel Kim.

Alexander Martinez, Isamar Martinez, Israel Martinez, Sabrina Mata, Luke McDonald, Alyssa Medrano, Valerie Mendoza, Mason Miller, Madisen Minter, George Molina, Catherine Nguyen, Dona Nguyen, Giaan Nguyen, Julie Nguyen, Kevin Nguyen and Lisa Nguyen.

Michelle Nguyen, Taylor Nguyen, Austin Perkins, Amalia Perla, Caxton Petri, Linh Pham, Nhi Pham, Phuong Pham, Roberto Pineda, Celina Rabe, Francisco Rangel, Kayla Richard, Vanessa Rojas, Tyler Ryan and Kyler Scott.

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**BIRTHDAY CHEERS FOR 21 YEARS!**  
 Robert Griffin of Perry, Ga., will celebrate his 21st birthday Wednesday, July 8. He is wished a great day from his grandparents, **Bobby and Kenneth Griffin**, and other family members in the South Belt area.  
**CHERYL CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY**  
 Local author **Cheryl Bolen** of Green Tee, formerly of Sagemont, is wished a happy birthday on Wednesday, July 8. Sending her this wish are her family and friends in the South Belt area.  
**WELCOME BABY CHRISTIAN!**  
**Jason and Rebecca Carter** welcome home baby! **Christian Brian Carter** was born at 8:26 p.m. on Friday, June 19, weighing 8 lbs., 3 oz., and stretching 19.5 inches long. Big brothers **Zachery, Joshua, Jonathan** and big sister **Samantha** also welcome home "itty bitty Christian."  
**SCHOOL DAZE**  
 The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays July 2 through July 8.

day cake for **Olga Soto** is July 6.  
**Burnett Elementary**  
 Best wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Amy Benavides** on July 2. Blow out the birthday candles July 4 for **Eliezer Torres**.  
**Bush Elementary**  
 July 2 is the day for **Stacy Anthony** to celebrate her birthday. Birthday greetings are sent to **Derenda Dehoyos** who enjoys a 4th of July birthday.  
**Jessup Elementary**  
 July 7 is the day for a party for **Maria Bowden**. Enjoying a birthday July 8 is **Minerva Benavides**.  
**Meador Elementary**  
 A birthday is celebrated by **Sanjuanita Nuncio** July 8.  
**Moore Elementary**  
**Brenda Hull** enjoys a birthday July 3.  
**Stuchbery Elementary**  
 On July 4, **Linda Overton** marks a birthday. Blow out the birthday candles for **Cristel Lasater** July 6. The day to send a birthday wish to **Denise Palos** is July 8.  
**Melillo Middle School**  
 On July 5, blow out the birthday candles for **Ashley Chapman**.  
**Morris Middle School**

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Leticia Trevino** July 8.  
**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
**Ben Portis** and **Cecilie Williams** are sent birthday wishes July 5. **Maria Herrera** has a birthday July 8.  
**Thompson Intermediate**  
 Blow out the birthday candles for **Lamona Lemarr** July 2. Happy birthday wishes are sent to **Nicole Cannon** July 5. On July 8, a birthday is celebrated by **Maria Martinez**.  
**Challenger School**  
**Debby Bowen** is wished a happy birthday July 7.  
**Dobie High**  
 On July 3, happy birthday wishes are sent to **My Kim Huynh**. The day for a birthday cake for **Crystal Ruiz** is July 4. Birthday greetings are sent to **Azar Gaminian** July 5. On July 6, **Jennifer Boushley** has a birthday. **Martha Martinez** has a birthday July 7. July 8 is the day for a birthday party for **Erin Kramer**.  
**LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS**  
 E-mail birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line. Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

**Presas receives Dwayne Miles Award**



Beverly Hills Intermediate student James Presas was awarded the Dwayne Miles Award at the school's annual awards ceremony held recently. This award is presented to a student with a gigantic heart for helping others.  
 Photo submitted

**BHI names sixth six-weeks honor rolls**

Beverly Hills Intermediate School recently announced its honor rolls for the sixth six-weeks grading period. Students named are as follows:  
**Honor roll**  
**Seventh grade**  
 Rene Max Aguirre, Maria Isabel Alarcon, Eliza Selena Alvarado, Heidi Christine Applegate, Benjamin Dean Arnett, Carolina Sanmiguel Avila, Liliana Azar, Abner Mike Baerga, Valerie Alena Baez, Zechariah Isaac Bailey, Destiny Ayesha Barnes-Hall and Dessarae Rose Blackwell.  
**Corey Boulers**, Ironesha Lynn Brewer, Zachary Thomas Bright, Danielle Alyse Buckholt, Peter Dinh Bui, Naasiha Ruqayya Buksh, Carolina Bustos, Krystal M. Castellanos, Angel Cervantes, Roslynn Abigail Charles and Alexandra Guadalupe Cirlos.  
**Eric Daniel Cortes**, Martin Cruz, Anthony Dang, Judy Nga Dang, Javier Delgado, Sergio Diosdado, Scott Ryan Dornak, Russell Glenn Dyess, Joseph Donnelly Fe, Ricky Ted Flores, Stephanie Alicia Galaviz, Roberto Miguel Gallegos, Cassandra Marie Garcia and Efrén Garcia.  
**Joslyn Rene Garcia**, Evelin Cristina Garmendizeales, Nicholas Rohan Ghansyam, Courtney Taylor Gonzales, Mark Anthony Gonzalez, Hannah Celeste Graham, Sofia Alejandra Guerrero, Brianna Guevara, Mikaela Guevara, Amy Denise Hallaron and Leslie Marie Hernandez.

**Nguyen, Thao Mai Nguyen**, Shelby Keith Nunez, Stephanie Orozco, Jasmine Osorio, Alejandro Cruz Pack and Aimee Gabriela Perez.  
**Eduardo Adrian Perez**, Hong Thixuan Pham, Lesley Summer Preza, Edward Rene Ramirez, Julia Ariana Ramirez, Jordan Robert Razo, Jonathan Isaac Rivera, Sabin Reese Rocha, Breanna Ashley Roddy, Rodolfo Vicente Rodolfo, Gabriela Jazmin Romero and Yadira Ruiz.  
**Yesica Ruiz**, Ivana Salazar, Steven Sanchez, Emily Nicole Sargent, Christopher Craton Shotwell, Rosalva Elizabeth Solis, Bandur Tessa Somdah, Lorena Belle Stover, Daniel Dat Trung Ta, Timothy Ray Tatum, Ernest Martin Thumann, Luynnda Tieu, Anh Tran and Bryan Huy Phong Tran.  
**Diana Tuy Duong Tran**, Emily Phuong Tran, Jennifer Gia Bui Trinh, Sabrina Paige Troxlar, Bianca Michelle Valerio, Samanta Hisela Venegas, Ilse Alejandra Vielma, Greer Ethan Vincent, Brian Mbugua Williams, Ytzel Yzaguirre and Lourdes Zavaleta.  
**Honor roll**  
**Eighth grade**  
 Oluchi Chinonyerem Aarouchukwunyer, Allyson E. Abrom, Ivette Alejandra Alba, Analia Victoria Alcobia, Dominique Latrice Anderson, Mason Patrick Ankenbruck, Jacquelyne Marie Baade, Ronnie Gene Barnes, Rhianna

Tran, Nghia Trung Tran, Ngocque Thi Tran, Thione Tam Nhi Tran and Modesta C. Ugochukwu.  
**Jacob Michael Urdiales**, Cecilia Uribe, Brayan Javier Vargas, Matthew Jay Vargas, Robert Daniel Vargas, Rudy Javier Ventura, Venerson Orquillano Villanueva, Denny Hoang Vu, Catherine Danielle Wagster, Shondrell Christinemeyon Wallace, Lauren Ashley Walker, Jonathan Brandon Zapata and Naomi Marie Zaragoza.  
**T.E.A. party set**  
 Pearl and Friendswood's Independence Day T.E.A. Party will be held Friday, July 3, 2009, from 5 to 8 p.m. Speakers begin at 6:30 p.m. at Independence Park, 3919 Liberty Dr. in Pearlland.  
 Those who are concerned about America's future are asked to bring friends, family, signs, posters, flags, water and a picnic dinner (optional) for an inspiring and informative evening.  
 For more information, visit www.pearlandteaparty.com. The group is non-partisan.

**American Legion Post 490 holds two fundraisers in one day**

South Houston/Ellington Field Post 490 of the American Legion will hold two fundraisers, open to the public, at the post on Saturday, July 11.  
 The first of the day's events will be in the afternoon. The post will sell barbecue plates, prepared by post member Jon Nelson, a seasoned cook on the award-winning Continental Airlines cooking team. In addition to the good food, activities will be at the post for adults and children.  
 The second event will be an evening event open to adults. Post member Joe McHam, the "Houston

Steelman," and his collection of musicians, singers and other entertainers, will conduct a Houston "Country Opry" in the main hall. McHam's band, Real Country, is a four-member classic country band.  
 Post 490 Country Opry auditions are open to everyone. The Opry is interested in all kinds of acts. Comedians, vocalists/vocal groups, musicians and dancers are encouraged to audition. Auditions are held every Friday at 6 p.m. at the Post 490 jam session. Contact McHam at joemcham@sbcglobal.net or call 713-795-0112 or 832-423-3034 for audition information.

Bring a musical back-up track to sing with, or audition acapella. There is a \$10 donation for this event.  
 This is one of many fundraisers held by the post throughout the year to assist veterans, the local VA hospital and children and youth activities in the local communities.  
 Post 490 is located on Old Galveston Road, across the street from Ellington Airport.  
 The largest American Legion post in Texas, Post 490 serves Southeast Houston, South Houston, Ellington Airport, the South Belt, a portion of Pasadena, and the Clear Lake area.

**Remember When**

**30 years ago (1979)**  
 Harris County Sheriff Officers apprehended a juvenile in regards to a break-in of a Sageglen home. The youth, reported to be a neighbor of the victim, apparently gained entrance to the home by throwing a brick through a back bedroom window.  
 Residents of Sageglen were asked to vote on a recreational facility for that subdivision that would include a 25-meter swimming pool with diving area, wading pool, offices, storage, lounge facilities and lighted tennis courts.  
 A local resident reported her yard was vandalized when a car drove over a row of 22 silver leafed poplar trees that had recently been replanted as a result of a similar incident that had occurred two weeks before, when eight trees were damaged.  
**25 years ago (1984)**  
 The Holiday Foods space on Scarsdale, which had been vacant for three years, was leased by Hong Kong Supermarket.  
**10 years ago (1999)**  
 Dr. John Morgan and

brothers attending Beverly Hills Intermediate School.  
 Councilman Frank Mancuso announced that Houston would not annex the Kirkmont subdivision.  
**20 years ago (1989)**  
 Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees named Stephanie Wright the assistant principal at Beverly Hills Intermediate School.  
 Rain spawned by tropical storm Allison pelted the South Belt area and area ditches and creeks swelled and left their banks in several areas causing anxious moments for many area motorists trying to make it home.  
**15 years ago (1994)**  
 Thompson Intermediate School principal Vicki Thomas was named to direct the Pasadena Independent School District's entire vocational program.  
 The Holiday Foods space on Scarsdale, which had been vacant for three years, was leased by Hong Kong Supermarket.  
**10 years ago (1999)**  
 Dr. John Morgan and

four male companions survived a plane crash on a trip to Africa.  
 Stan Labay, Dobie High School's head football coach, was to serve as parade marshal for the annual July Fourth parade.  
**5 years ago (2004)**  
 The annual South Belt July 4th parade was just days away. Houston Mayor Bill White would serve as grand marshal and City Councilmember Addie Wiseman would be the special guest.  
 The Texas Retirement Service notified Pasadena Independent School District Superintendent Rick Schneider that he could not claim non-taken vacation pay for the purpose of increasing his retirement.  
 Preliminary figures indicated a 7.9 percent increase for the Summer I session at San Jacinto College South campus.  
 Dobie High student and Boy Scout Justin Lai designed a flagpole receptacle composed of a pipe with a cap to keep out dirt for the esplanades in Sagemont. The project was part of his qualifications to become an Eagle Scout.  
**1 year ago (2008)**  
 In a surprising move, workers under the direction of the City of Friendswood Fire Marshal's Office shut down eight fireworks booths on Beamer between Astoria and Dixie Farm Road. While the shops were not technically located in Friendswood, city officials were still able to close the operations, citing extrajurisdictional jurisdiction.  
 Lt. Jonathan Carter, a 1995 Dobie High School graduate, was selected the first representative from the U.S. Coast Guard to serve in the President's Emergency Operations Center at the White House. Carter was honored at a change of command ceremony at the Coast Guard base in St. Petersburg, Fla.  
 Lori Alexander was named the new director of the Dobie Lariatettes. Alexander is a Baytown native and a lifelong dancer. She replaced outgoing director and new mother, Shanna Grubb, a 1997 Dobie graduate.

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# Ashlocks celebrate 60 years



Shirley and Coleman Ashlock celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary July 1. The Ashlocks, residents of the South Belt area for approximately 35 years, were married at Park Place Baptist Church in Houston and have remained active members in their church. Coleman, a World War II veteran, fought in the Battle of Iwo Jima, and worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone company, while Shirley worked for Houston Independent School District. The Ashlocks have two children, Larry and Sharon; five grandchildren, Lauren, Aaron, Michael, Joshua and Travis; and six great-grandchildren, Evie, Blake, Hunter, Reagan, Mariah and Seth.

# Shackleton, Smerican to wed



Masis and MaryLou Shackleton Mandani of Sagemont announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of her son, Stephen Shackleton, to Jennifer Smerican of San Diego. The prospective groom is employed as a graphic designer, and the bride-to-be practices as a licensed clinical social worker. The Shackletons resided in Sagemont since 1980, then Stephen and his brother, Derek, relocated to California in 2002. The wedding is planned aboard the ship Endeavor in Newport Beach, Calif., in early October.

# Community theater announces 45th season

Clear Creek Community Theatre held its third annual season launch recently to announce its 45th season. The 2009-2010 season will be full of shows to entertain and delight all audiences. Board President Aprille Meek said, "CCCT is very excited about the plans the directors have for the plays of the 2009-10 season. They are already challenging themselves to top the excellent shows of this season, and with the comedy selection we have coming up, we think that audiences are really going to enjoy these shows." CCCT will open the season with the 1936 Pulitzer-winning play *You Can't Take it with You*, by Moss Hart and George Kaufman, running Sept. 18 through Oct. 4, followed by the originally adapted play, *The 7 Keys*, at which author Jack Stanley will be in attendance Oct. 30 through Nov. 1. For Christmas, the audience is sure to be delighted by *Rented Christmas*, written by Norman C. Ahern Jr. and Yvonne Ahern, running Dec. 4-20. Starting the New Year will be Agatha Christie's *The Hollow* Jan. 15 through Feb. 7, followed by Neil Simon's *Biloxi Blues* March 5-21. And rounding out the season will be Oscar Wilde's classic *An Ideal Husband* April 16 through May 2, and *A Trip to Bountiful* by Horton Foote May 28 through June 13. For more information about CCCT's summer programs and the upcoming season, visit the theater's Web site at [www.clearcreekcommunitytheatre.org](http://www.clearcreekcommunitytheatre.org). Clear Creek Community Theatre is located at 18091 Upper Bay Road in Nassau Bay. Curtains are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors and students, and \$10 for groups of 10 or more. For reservations, call 281-335-5228.

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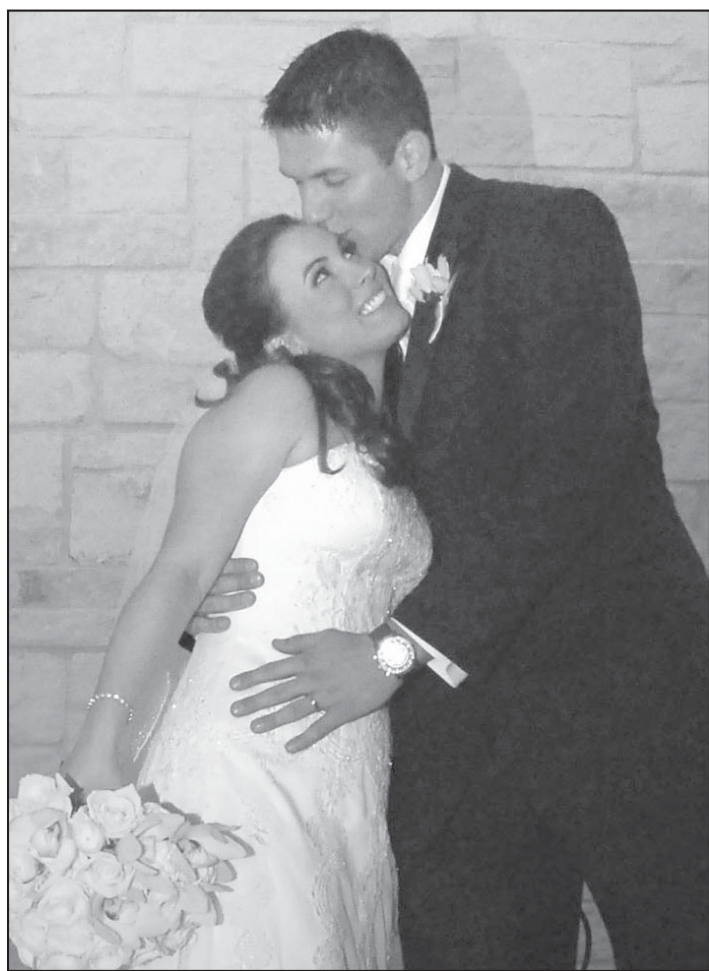
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# Vander Wiele, Maier wed in double-ring ceremony

Taylor Diane Vander Wiele, daughter of Diane and Gary Vander Wiele Sr. of Pasadena, and Derek Edward Maier, son of Valerie and Martin Maier of Friendswood, were united in marriage on May 22, 2009, at Briscoe Manor in Sugar Land. The bride was given in marriage by her father in a double-ring ceremony in which the bride passed down her "True Love Waits" ring to her younger sister, Hannah. Wes Holloman of Sagemont Church performed the ceremony. Hannah Vander Wiele served as maid of honor, and Sarah Vander Wiele was junior maid of honor, both sisters of the bride. Bridesmaids were Leslie Maier, sister of the groom, and Kristen Oberman, Holly Arnold, and Becca Martin, all friends of the bride. Serving as best man was Kyle Maier, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Gary Vander Wiele Jr., brother of the bride, Larry Van Pelt, grandfather of the groom, and JT Sanders and Matt Schmidt, both friends of the groom. Flower girls were Hayley Bowers and Angel Fletcher, both cousins of the bride. Colby Bowers, cousin of the bride, served as ring bearer. Escort for the junior maid of honor was Killian Berss, cousin of bride. Escorts for the flower girls were Brantley Fletcher, McCade Fletcher, Joseph Bowers and Derrick Bowers, cousins of the bride. The bride graduated from First Baptist Christian Academy in 2005, then

from Houston Baptist University with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and chemistry in 2009. The groom graduated from Bay Area Christian School in 2005, and from the University of Texas Nursing School in 2009. He will be commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Navy in September. The couple enjoyed a seven-day cruise in the western Caribbean, stopping in Jamaica and Grand Cayman. They will live in Webster for the summer, then they will be stationed in Pensacola, Fla., for several years. They are both members of Sagemont Church.



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# 75th Division soldiers celebrate those returning home

By Maj. Mark Williford  
Fifty local Army Reservists were honored June 20 at Ellington Field during a "Welcome Home Warrior" ceremony at the 75th Division's recently constructed Armed Forces Reserve Center at Ellington Field.

U.S. Rep. John Culberson, of the 7th Congressional District, along with Sen. John Cornyn and Rep. Pete Olson's office lauded the citizen soldiers for their selfless service.

Culberson said. Prior to the ceremony, an invitation-only open house tour and strategic briefing was provided to the visiting representatives and guests.

and security to the emerging democracy." Gazis said the willingness of the Iraqi people to stand up and begin participating with in the new democratic nation is inspiring.

Several organizations provided support for the event, including the Houston Military Affairs Committee, the Houston USO, City of Houston Airport System and BAE Systems.

square-foot, \$13,973 army that will serve local Texas Army National Guard and Army Reserve units.



Brig. Gen. Edward Arntson, left, deputy commanding general, 75th Division, presents an encased flag award to Lt. Col. Bill Gazis during the Welcome Home Warrior ceremony conducted at Ellington Field.

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"It is really encouraging to know the Ellington community is so supportive," said Maj. Mark Williford, 75th division spokesman. "Many reservists who serve on active duty at Ellington are separated from their families, and the presence and support of the USO is indeed reassuring."

Susan Barlow, director of Houston USO, and several USO volunteers coordinated food and refreshments.

One of the interesting points of attention was a BAE Systems prototype multi-role protected tactical armored vehicle. The system is a member of the new light Mine Resistant Ambush Protected, family of tactical wheeled ground vehicles.

The 28,000 pound Caiman Light 4X4 prototype, provided as a static display, is manufactured at the Sealy, Texas, facility. Soldiers clamored over the 10 foot tall by 21 foot long armored cab.

Many, who are returning from Iraq, credit vehicles like the Caiman, for saving sol-

diers' lives. "Many of the employees at BAE Systems in Sealy are veterans," said Michael Teegardin, director of communications. "Many more have family members that are serving. We take our construction of tactical vehicles seriously. We work hand in hand with the Army and Marine Corps in our systems design so soldiers and Marines have a vehicle that allows them to accomplish their mission and return to ceremonies like the one we are having today."

BAE Internal Communications manager, Suzanne Lammers, said plant workers sometimes find thank-you notes taped to returning damaged battle vehicles.

"When we see these gestures of thanks, it really brings home the importance of our job of building these tactical vehicles," said Lammers.

The 75th Division, whose members train at the new completed \$35 million, 173,000-square-foot Armed Forces Reserve Center located on 43 acres of Ellington Airport property, will also serve as home to Army, Navy and Marine Corps Reserve units.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville, Ky., region, is currently supervising the construction of 10 structures with projects scheduled for completion in 2011.

Development is now also under way at Aerospace and Popa Road for a 100,000-

Students named are as follows:

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Attendees will understand the role and importance of influencing without authority in the organization during this workshop. Participants learn a plan to influence without authority, which includes how to share ideas and perspectives, improve relationships and use tactics to influence. Course fee is \$345 per person. Advanced registration is preferred.

For more information or to register, call University of Houston-Clear Lake's Center for Advanced Management Programs at 281-283-3121 or e-mail [camp@uhcl.edu](mailto:camp@uhcl.edu).



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## SBHLL's AS 11s, 12s win openers

Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League's 11-year-old and major division (12-year-old) all-stars won District 15 tournament openers June 29 at El Franco Lee Park. At left, Marcus Martinez had a terrific outing on the mound as the 12s defeated OFA 5-3. At right, Isaiah Meyers banded an RBI single to right field during a five-run second inning against Friendswood. The locals won the seesaw battle 10-9 but then lost to Pearland White 16-0 June 30. SBHLL's 10-year-old all-star team opened play June 30 against Dixie, losing 15-11. For more SBHLL all-star news, see Page 2B.



Photos by John Bechtle

## SBHLL board to meet, amend its constitution

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League's board of directors will meet Thursday, July 16, at the Harris County Annex (courthouse), 10851 Scarsdale. Officials will focus on amending the constitution. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. For more information on SBHLL activities, visit the league's Web site at [www.eteamz.com/sbhll](http://www.eteamz.com/sbhll).

## Ellington Rams plan casino trip

The Ellington Rams of the Bay Area Football League will host a fundraiser for adults, complete with a trip to the Coushatta Casino Resort in Louisiana. A party bus will depart at 7:15 p.m. July 10 and return July 11 at 7 a.m. Adults may purchase \$25 tickets for the bus ride. Admission includes a hamburger plate and soft drink. For more information, call Jennifer Scott at 832-398-8806 or Kim Polk at 713-870-6486.

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## Krienitz ends Dobie softball career in style

By John Bechtle  
Sports Editor  
As her curtain call in a Dobie High School softball uniform nears, JoJo Krienitz has plenty to be proud of.

She, along with catcher Chelsea D'Ambrosio and infielder/outfielder Nicole Andrade, stamped their names in the Lady Longhorn record books, having been a part of more than 100 victories at the varsity level.

"It's so rewarding to be part of the history of the program," Krienitz said. "This program will move forward, and I'm sure they will have a great season next year and beyond. Stepping in the circle as a freshman, Krienitz lived up to her advanced billing as Dobie's next great pitching ace. Krienitz split time with transfer Kristina Gutierrez in 2007 but came back

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The 2009 graduate, who helped guide the Lady Longhorns to the regional quarterfinal round, figured her high school career was finished after the team lost to Clear Creek.

It wasn't. Krienitz will instead represent Dobie as a member of the Class 4A-5A East all-stars, which will take on the 4A-5A West all-stars July 14 in Austin.

The contest is part of two that will highlight the Texas Girls Coaches Association Clinic, running July 13-17.

"I feel grateful to be chosen to play and to be part of something special like that," Krienitz said while attending a select tournament in Colorado.

"If I get a chance to pitch, that would be great, too. Just being there is great. I'll be there representing my school, myself, my coach (Robin Rackley) and all of my Dobie teammates one more time."

Krienitz being given this all-star opportunity is truly fitting given what she has meant to the Dobie softball program since her arrival prior to the 2006 season.

Perhaps not since Christa Williams led Dobie to two of its three state championships has there been a pitcher who has meant more to the program than Krienitz.



JoJo Krienitz's remarkable four-year varsity softball career at Dobie brought her many honors, the latest a berth on the All-Greater Houston team and a Texas Girls Coaches Association all-star team nomination.

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## Sports news, notes

### Stingers softball tryouts

The South Belt Stingers, currently a 6-under select softball team, will hold tryouts later this month for spots on the 8-under squad that will begin play this fall. All roster spots are open for competition, and the top 11 players will be selected based on tryout performance. The team competed in local events throughout the season. Anyone interested in trying out may call Les Wincher at 832-746-1745 or direct e-mail to lwincher@athleticdreams1.com.

### US Spring Training baseball

The staff at the US Spring Training youth baseball facility will host a youth clinic July 13-16 from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Players age 5 to 15 are eligible to attend the clinic, which is \$145 per student. During the sessions, students will get instruction in all phases of the game, including pitching, fielding, catching, throwing, hitting, bunting, outfield play and baserunning. Students will be divided into age groups, and advanced training will also be included for the older players. On the final day of the clinic, students will take part in a home run derby at Dobie High School and also be included in the baseball Olympics. US Spring Training is located at 10330 Blackhawk. The facility phone number is 281-412-0622. For more information, visit the Web site at www.usspringtraining.com.

### Dobie girls hoops camp

Dobie High School varsity girls' basketball coach Shane Brown will host the Lady Longhorns' Basketball Camp July 6-8 from 9 a.m. to noon at the school. Students entering the fourth through ninth grades as of the 2009-2010 school year are eligible to attend the camp. The cost is \$50, which includes a camp T-shirt. The camp staff will teach the fundamentals of the game. Registration forms may be picked up in the Dobie High School front office. For more information, direct e-mail to Brown at rbrown@pasadenaisd.org.

### San Jac College soccer camp

San Jacinto College head coach David Santesteban will host the Coyote Soccer Clinic for two sessions on the South campus, one in July and another in August. The July 27-30 session, which will run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., is open to players age 13 to 18. The Aug. 3-6 session, which will run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., is open to players age 6 to 12. Cost per player is \$100. The focus of the clinic is to improve players' fundamental skills and tactical knowledge of the sport. Players should bring a soccer ball, shin guards, sunblock, water and a good attitude. Checks may be mailed to Athletic Endeavors at 3149 Indian Summer Trail, Friendswood, Texas 77546. For more information, call Santesteban at 281-658-7441.

### Youth swimming lessons

Staff members of the Sageglen pool will offer swimming lessons during two morning time sessions. The session is July 7 to July 17. For more information or to register, call 281-660-6669.

### Dolphins football to golf

The Southbelt Dolphins of the Bay Area Football League will host a fundraising golf tournament July 11 at the Gus Wortham Golf Course, 7000 Capitol St. in Houston. The event is of the four-person scramble variety and is \$320 per team or \$80 per individual player. The fee includes a round of golf, green fees, cart fee, range balls and lunch. The team is also seeking hole sponsors. To get involved, call Henry Caballero at 832-495-3463 or Raul Rodriguez at 713-545-7834.

### SBYSC registration online

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club is now accepting online registration for the upcoming fall season. The league offers play in the under 5 through under 18 divisions. Players are placed on teams based on their age as of July 31, 2009. Online registration is \$80 in the U-5 through U-8 divisions, \$90 in the U-9 and U-10 divisions and \$110 in the U-11 through U-18 divisions. Registration fee includes uniform shirt, shorts and socks. Online registration, including a credit card payment option, is available on the league's Web site at southbeltssoccer.org. Practices will begin in August, and games will begin in September, running for 10 consecutive Saturdays.

### San Jacinto College hoops

San Jacinto College men's head basketball coach Scott Gernander will host the 2009 boys' and girls' youth camp for two sessions. Participants age 7 to 18 are eligible to attend. Session I is July 20-24 and Session II is July 28 to Aug. 1. Both sessions will run from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Central campus, located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena. Cost per session is \$90. Medical insurance is included in the fee. For more information, call Gernander at 281-476-1847. Families may register online at www.sjcd.edu. Click on athletics, then select men's basketball.

### Clear Brook volleyball clinic

Clear Brook varsity volleyball coach Meredith Thompson will host the Lady Wolverines' youth camp July 20-23 at the school. Incoming fourth- through ninth-grade students as of the 2009-2010 school year may attend from 9 to 11:15 a.m. Fourth- through sixth-grade students may attend from 8 to 10 a.m. Seventh- and eighth-grade students, as well as sixth-grade students who currently compete at the club level may attend from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Eighth-grade students currently involved in club volleyball and incoming ninth-grade students may attend from 2 to 5 p.m. The fourth- through sixth-grade camp is \$90, while the two camps for older students is \$100. The sessions will include skill work in the areas of passing, serving, setting, attacking, defense and more. Each participant will receive a camp T-shirt. For more information, direct e-mail to Thompson at mthomps1@ccisd.net or brookvball@yahoo.com.

### Clear Brook football camp

Clear Brook High School varsity football coach and his staff will host the 2009 Wolverine Football Camp Aug. 3-5 on campus. Students entering the second through ninth grades are eligible to attend the camp. The camp will offer instruction to both young players new to the game or who are involved in youth leagues as well as to the older students who are involved with middle school programs. At the youth levels, students will receive instruction on the fundamentals of the game and receive quality instruction in all phases of the game. Middle school athletes will have a chance to learn more about the Wolverines' high school program, including the offensive and defensive systems being used at the various high school levels. Cost of the camp for all students is \$75. For more information, visit the Wolverines' Web site at www.brookfootball.org.

# District 15 tournaments: SBHLL gets strong start



At left, SBHLL 12-year-old all-star Jimmy Trevino edges off second base during the locals' 5-3 victory over OFA to open the District 15 tournament at El Franco Lee Park. Above, outfielder Kevin Caballero makes a strong throw back to the infield.

With his team down 3-0 in the bottom of the second inning, Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League 11-year-old all-star Tyler Giron kept a 5-run rally going with an RBI hit. The locals went back and forth against Friendswood before edging out a one-run victory. In 2008, Sagemont also scored a one-run win over Friendswood after an 18-17 decision.



Hunter Sique of the 11-year-old Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League all-star team came through with a big hit as the locals twice fought back from a deficit to defeat Friendswood 10-9 in an opening round game in the District 15 tournament at El Franco Lee Park June 29. Next up, the 11s will play Friendswood in an elimination game July 2 after falling to Pearland White 16-0 June 30.

Michael Mora of the Sagemont 11s all-star team (left) had trouble handling the return throw after a wild pitch as Friendswood scored a run in the third inning of the two teams' game June 29 at El Franco Lee Park. But Mora continued to battle on the mound, keeping

the locals close. In the end, Sagemont built a 10-8 lead and then held on for a 10-9 victory. Mora and his teammates then took on Pearland White June 30, losing 16-0. Sagemont will take on Friendswood again July 2 at 6 p.m. at El Franco Lee Park.

## Sagemont-Beverly Hills all-stars in contention

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July 1 after press time

Event runs through July 9

The hottest month for Little League baseball all-star play is under way, and six teams from the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League are still alive.

The trick is, each of the teams sit in varying degrees of shape. In the world of double elimination play, teams get a second chance, but no more.

The 10 and 11-year-old teams are in win-or-go-home mode after early round action in District 15.

The 12-year-old all-stars had one victory in hand at press time but were set to take on a tough Pearland Maroon team.

The news is also good for the junior, senior and Big League division teams, which have yet to begin play.

#### 10s take early hit

Sagemont's 10-year-old stars faced a tough challenge in the District 15 opener. Dixie, coming off a 17-0 win in its first game, went on to hand SBHLL a 15-11 defeat.

Sagemont led 2-0 after one inning and eventually went on to build an 11-4 cushion.

However, Dixie responded with an 11-run fourth inning to take the victory.

The locals played OFA July 1 in an elimination game.

#### 11s split pair

The SBHLL 11-year-old all-stars were on a high note after coming back twice

from deficits June 29 to beat Friendswood 10-9 in its first game.

The down note came the next night as Pearland

White delivered Sagemont a 16-0 setback.

There will be a second chance for the 11-year-olds, but now the team must win

out. Next up is a July 2 rematch against Friendswood, to be played at El Franco Lee Park beginning at 6 p.m.

Sagemont 12s win opener

Marcus Martinez pitched well, and the Sagemont 12-year-old squad generated

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### Sagemont-Beverly Hills 12-year-old stars set



The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League 12-year-old (majors) all-star team includes, left to right, (front row) Garrett Hunt, Marcus Martinez, Michael Munoz, Issac Belle, (middle row) Jimmy Trevino, Jacob Alford, Damian Molina, Ryan Shofner, Nathan

David, (back row) coach Rick Trevino, Kevin Caballero, Nate Martinez, Johnathan Garcia, Adrian Rivera, assistant coach Rudy Rivera and manager Daniel Martinez. The team defeated Dixie 5-3 in its District 15 opener June 29 at El Franco Lee Park.



## Sawyer picks Marion Military Institute; starting pitcher to join JUCO ranks



Dobie varsity baseball player Daniel Sawyer (seated center) will continue his education and playing career at the Marion Military Institute in Marion, Ala., after signing a letter of intent. Those with Sawyer at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Cathy Sawyer (mother), Doug Sawyer (father), (back row) Amanda Bates (sister), Brian Sawyer (brother) and

Miguel Torres (Dobie varsity baseball coach). A 2009 high school graduate, Sawyer will team with former Longhorn and 2008 Dobie graduate Frank Mora, who will enter his sophomore season at MMI, Division I two-year college in the National Junior College Athletic Association.

## Horns' baseball moves Torres rounds up JFD staff, announces youth camp dates

Miguel Torres, who took over as Dobie's varsity baseball coach earlier this month, remains busy in rounding out his staff.

Torres, the Longhorns' varsity assistant the previous four seasons, has promoted Shaun Stanton to the top varsity assistant role.

As for the other sub-varsity roles, Torres is still working to fill some spots. Richard Wulf, the sophomore level coach a season ago, is at this time expected to return in some capacity. Greg Mitchell, who volunteered as a varsity assistant last season, is likely to return as well.

Torres said he would like to involve former Longhorns' subvarsity coach Ronnie Thomas in some way.

Thomas, a Dobie graduate who is currently a teacher and spring tennis coach at Beverly Hills Intermediate, had previously coached the Longhorns' junior varsity program.

Dobie head football coach campus athletic coordinator Bobby Cotton will play a key role in the process. Subvarsity coaches typically work in two sports, and Cotton is also responsible for filling other vacancies on the staff.

Torres simply wants dedicated individuals.

"You are always looking to surround yourself with coaches who are dedicated but who are also good people," Torres said. "Everything will come together for us as the summer months pass."

Torres and his staff will host the Dobie High School Youth Baseball Camp July 28-30 at Longhorn Field.

Students age 7 through those entering the ninth grade as of the 2009-2010 school year are eligible to attend.

Cost of the camp is \$60 cash per camper if paid in full on or prior to July 27. Students who register after July 27 will be required to pay \$75 cash. No checks will be accepted.

The Longhorns' coaching staff will offer instruction in all phases of the game, including throwing, hitting, fielding, bunting, baserunning and more. Water will be provided, and other concessions will be available for purchase.

## All 24-5A baseball picks include CB pair

Clear Brook, the fourth-place team in the District 24-5A varsity baseball race, had two players named to the league's all-league first-team.

Senior outfielder D.J. Julks made the first team along with sophomore Ryan Vrugink, who was listed in a utility role.

Both players were key to the team's eventual 8-6 record and a bidistrict playoff berth.

Wolverines' pitcher Colton Cromer and outfielder Lane Berry were named to the second team by the 24-5A coaches.

## All-District 24-5A First Team Baseball

**MVP** – Jake Gonzalez, Brazoswood  
**Newcomer** – Jacob Campbell, Alvin  
**Coach/Year** – Bobby Williams, Alvin  
**P** – Colton Lindloff, Brazoswood; Jason Gareli, Clear Lake; Aaron Garza, Galveston Ball; Shawn Blackwell, Clear Lake; Aaron Stewart, Alvin  
**C** – Ryan Gunhouse, Clear Creek; **1B** – Reed Gordy, Clear Creek; Andrew Gross, Alvin; **2B** – Tyler Green, Brazoswood; **SS** – Derek Hamilton, Brazoswood; **3B** – Ben Coram, Brazoswood; **OF** – Andrew Garner, Brazoswood; J.R. Bethell, Clear Lake; Andrew Garner, Brazoswood; **D.J. Julks**, Clear Brook; Greg Olson, Clear Creek; Chris McDonald, Alvin; **DH** – Cody Williams, Brazoswood, **Util** – Ryan Vrugink, Clear Brook

## Brook pair get baseball honors

Clear Brook sophomore Ryan Vrugink (right) made the 24-5A first-team baseball squad as a utility player after a solid season for the Wolverines. Vrugink pitched well for the Wolverines and also delivered big at the plate. The Wolverines' other first-team pick was outfielder D.J. Julks, a senior who played youth baseball in the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League. Vrugink will return in 2010 as the team's top starting pitcher. Julks, still considering his collegiate options, flourished in his first full season as a starter in the Wolverines' outfield.



## 7-U Legends take first in La Porte baseball



The 7-under Legends, a select baseball team composed of South Belt area youths, went 5-0 to win the Summer Home Run Classic tournament in La Porte. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Robert Green, Robert Romero, William Sweeney,

Dylan White, Jonathan Marroquin, (middle row) Peyton Miller, Gage Parham, Rex Thompson, Joseph Mohammadi, Christopher Thomas, (back row) coaches James Miller, Mark Parham, Jeff White and Chris Thomas.

# CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JULY 2	SATURDAY, JULY 4	Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
7 a.m. <b>AA Meeting</b> – "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.	Independence Day <b>SUNDAY, JULY 5</b> 2 p.m. <b>Grief Support Group</b> – 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.	11:30 a.m. <b>Local NARFE Meeting</b> – The National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1321, meets the first Tuesday of each month in the Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Parkway. A meal will be available for \$6. For more information, call Bob Mitchell at 281-333-2881.
Noon <b>AI-Anon</b> – 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 p.m. <b>Alcoholics Anonymous</b> – Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.	Noon <b>Free Exercise Class</b> – Basic low impact aerobic classes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at noon at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road. Registration is required. For more information, call Beatrice at 281-922-2343.
6:30 p.m. <b>Diabetes Support Group</b> – A support group for young adults with diabetes. All subjects are open for discussion: new technologies, research advances, fears, phobias, dating and other personal matters. Meets the first Thursday of each month at 1315 St. Joseph Parkway #1705, Medical Place One. Contact Dan Steiner, CDE, at 713-756-8536 for more information.	<b>MONDAY, JULY 6</b> 7 a.m. <b>AA Meeting</b> – "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.	1 p.m. <b>Trailmixers</b> – Meets the first Tuesday of the month at the Luby's Cafeteria on Fuqua. Former and current employees of J. Frank Dobie High School are welcome for lunch and conversation.
7 p.m. <b>The Bay Area Writers League</b> – Meets the first Thursday of each month at Barnes and Noble at Bay Area Boulevard and the Gulf Freeway. Newcomers are welcome.	9 a.m. <b>Houston Area Parkinson Society</b> – Free exercise and speech therapy from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit <a href="http://www.hapsonline.org">www.hapsonline.org</a> for a complete list of services offered.	5 p.m. <b>Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum</b> – 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. For information, call 713-472-0565.
8:30 p.m. <b>Alcoholics Anonymous</b> – 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.	Noon <b>Free Exercise Class</b> – Basic low impact aerobic classes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at noon at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road. Registration is required. For more information, call Beatrice at 281-922-2343.	1:30 p.m. <b>Houston Area Parkinson Society</b> – Free exercise and speech therapy from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Bayshore Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Center, 4021 Brookhaven, Pasadena. Visit <a href="http://www.hapsonline.org">www.hapsonline.org</a> for a complete list of services offered.
<b>FRIDAY, JULY 3</b> 7 a.m. <b>AA Meeting</b> – "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.	6 p.m. <b>Scrabble Club #511</b> – 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.	5 p.m. <b>Houston Area Parkinson Society</b> – Free water therapy from 5 to 6 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit <a href="http://www.hapsonline.org">www.hapsonline.org</a> for a complete list of services offered.
10 a.m. <b>Free Line Dance Class</b> – 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.	6:30 p.m. <b>Civil Air Patrol Meeting</b> – Weekly at Ellington Field in the Civil Air Patrol Building. Call 281-484-1352 and leave a message for more information.	6:30 p.m. <b>TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)</b> – Meets at Sagemont Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes. For information, call Erma Coskey at 713-946-6049.
Noon <b>Moving Forward Women's Adult Children Anonymous</b> – 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.	7 p.m. <b>Grief Support Group</b> – "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.	8 p.m. <b>Alcoholics Anonymous</b> – Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Tuesdays and Sundays from 8 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.
	<b>TUESDAY, JULY 7</b> 7 a.m. <b>AA Meeting</b> – "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist	<b>WEDNESDAY, JULY 8</b> 7 a.m. <b>AA Meeting</b> – "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

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## Bay Area Football League establishes weigh-in dates

Bay Area Football League officials have set July 18 and July 25 as weigh-in dates for youth players entering the 2009 season. For more information on team weigh-in times and other details, visit [bayareafootballleague.com](http://bayareafootballleague.com), then click on links to visit a respective team site. The regular season is set to get under way Aug. 22.

## Sagemont Coyboys 2009 BAFL schedule

Date	Opponent
Aug. 15	BAFL Fun Day
Aug. 22	at Friendswood Mustangs
Aug. 29	League City '49ers
Sept. 5	at Alvin Raiders
Sept. 12	Pearland Patriots
Sept. 19	Magnolia Sharks
Sept. 26	at Ellington Rams
Oct. 3	Santa Fe Braves
Oct. 10	at La Marque Cougars
Oct. 17	Pasadena Panthers
Oct. 24	at Southbelt Dolphins

## Ellington Rams 2009 BAFL schedule

Date	Opponent
Aug. 15	BAFL Fun Day
Aug. 22	at Manvel Ravens
Aug. 29	La Marque Cougars
Sept. 5	at Pearland Patriots
Sept. 12	Alvin Raiders
Sept. 19	at Pearland Hurricanes
Sept. 26	Sagemont Cowboys
Oct. 3	Pasadena Panthers
Oct. 10	at League City '49ers
Oct. 17	Santa Fe Braves
Oct. 24	at Pearland Texans

## Southbelt Dolphins 2009 BAFL schedule

Date	Opponent
Aug. 15	BAFL Fun Day
Aug. 22	La Marque Cougars
Aug. 29	at Magnolia Sharks
Sept. 5	Pearland Texans
Sept. 12	at Texas City Stingrays
Sept. 19	at Alvin Raiders
Sept. 26	Pearland Hurricanes
Oct. 3	at Friendswood Mustangs
Oct. 10	at Manvel Ravens
Oct. 17	East End Eagles
Oct. 24	Sagemont Cowboys

## Bay Area Football League Key Dates

**July 18:** First eligible date for player weigh-ins. Respective teams may also host a second weigh-in day July 25. All football players, drill team members and mascots must attend one of the sessions.

**Aug. 1:** First eligible date for practices for football players.

**Aug. 22:** Regular season opening game for each of the league's 16 teams.

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9:30 a.m.  
**Active Living Every Day** - Seniors Active Living Every Day is a free class that is held every Wednesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the EFL Community Center, 9500 Hall Road. During the 20-week course, individuals will learn how to get and stay physically active, live healthier, build confidence, overcome obstacles and stay motivated in ways that work for each person. Classes are practical and personalized, including a study guide, a free step counter, field trips and fun. For more information, call the El Franco Lee Community Center at 281-464-9708.  
**Young at Heart Club** - Meets the second and fourth week of each month at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Nellie Galney at 713-991-3517 for more information.

11:30 a.m.  
**American Business Women's Association Bay Area Vision Chapter** - Now meets at Sudie's Restaurant, I-45 South/League City on the second Wednesday of the month. For more information, call Sheila Hardy at 281-337-9407 or Carolyn Wagner at 281-337-9410.  
**Free Exercise Class** - Basic low impact aerobic classes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at noon at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road. Registration is required. For more information, call Beatrice at 281-922-2343.  
**Houston Area Parkinson Society** - Free exercise held from 4 to 5 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Pearland, 3005 Pearland Parkway, Pearland. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.  
**Alzheimer's Support Group** - The free group meets the second week of each month at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. For more information, call Steven Williams at 281-929-4199.  
**Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center** - Domestic violence support group for male survivors meets each Wednesday at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway. Call 281-338-7600 for information.

Participants may join at any time as this is an open group.  
**Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center** - Confidential domestic violence support group for women meets every week. For information, call 281-338-7600 or visit www.bayareaturningpoint.com. BAPT is located at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway between Interstate 45 South and Highway 3. The 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525.  
**Bay Area New Democrats** - Meet at the Clear Lake Court House on Buccaneer Drive, across from the new Clear Lake Library. For more information, contact John Cobarruvias at john.cobarru.vias@bayareanewdemocrats.org or visit www.bayareanewdemocrats.org.

**THURSDAY, JULY 9**  
7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.  
9:30 a.m.  
**NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse** - meets the second Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at the Lighthouse Fellowship of Friends, 144 Park Avenue in League City. The public is welcome and encouraged to bring others to the interdenominational meeting.  
Noon  
**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.  
6:30 p.m.  
**Houston Chapter of Inmate Families Organization** - Meets at the Montrose Library, 4100 Montrose. Call 713-515-3736 for more information.  
8:30 p.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

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# Krienitz's Dobie softball career lettered by superlatives

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with all-district honors as a designated hitter.

In 2008, Krienitz was entrenched once more as Dobie's full-time pitching starter. The team advanced to the area round.

As a senior, Krienitz got out of the gate slowly as a biceps strain kept her out of much of the nondistrict action.

Both her arm and performance recovered as she led Dobie to the regional quarterfinals for the first time since 2005.

The truly special moments are too numerous to recount, but the list of accomplishments is there forever: four all-district nominations, four playoff appearances, a TGCA all-star game selection, All-Greater

Houston second team and Texas Sportswriters Association 5A all-state third team.

What makes Krienitz most proud is the way the Lady Longhorns came together in 2009, her final season in the program.

Rackley made no bones about the fact that she thought the Lady Longhorns should be considered a Region III title threat.

With Krienitz pitching, so many veterans surrounding her in the field and a solid-hitting lineup to boot, the team was confident.

In the end, while the regional quarterfinal berth was nice, things seemingly were never on course.

Krienitz's arm injury prevented her from opening the season as the starting

pitcher.

Freshman Shannon O'Connor and sophomore Alyssa Zarate pitched well in Krienitz's absence, but the team missed its leader.

Krienitz eventually came back in fine form, but injuries continued to hit the team.

Outfielder Julie Cross, a key to the team's defense as its center fielder, broke her collarbone diving for a ball and missed much of the season.

Nearly every other team member battled nagging injuries.

Add in the emotions surrounding teammate Gabby Romero's continuing battle with cancer, and it was, honestly, a tough go of it.

Still, the Lady Longhorns persevered.

"Shannon and Alyssa did a great job of coming in and pitching well while I was out," Krienitz said.

"It's not easy for a freshman (O'Connor). Alyssa came up for the playoffs last season but this was her first real test at the varsity level.

"Sometimes coach Rackley can be tough on freshmen. I just tried to help Shannon and some of the others through all of that.

"I was there once and know exactly what they were feeling. In the end, it was a great season."

Rackley concurs. A member of Dobie's state title team in 1993, Rackley was promoted to head coach before the 2006 season.

She quickly not only placed Krienitz, D'Ambrosio and Andrade on the varsity team but started them.

"Sometimes the pitchers get more recognition," Rackley said.

"JoJo had a great career for us, and Chelsea D' and Nicole Andrade were right there with her. That's a special senior class, and Julie Cross and Tessa Wells were also great for us."

"JoJo and all of those others gave us so much leadership. It was a great career for all of them."

One of which Krienitz can be proud as she prepares

for the next chapter in her life, which includes joining the University of Texas at El Paso softball program this fall.

UTEP began its softball program in 2004 under the direction of co-head coaches Kathleen and James Rodriguez, a wife-husband team. The Miners went 27-29-1 in 2009 as junior pitcher Stacie Townsend started 37 of the team's 57 games.

Krienitz knows it won't be easy to crack the lineup in El Paso right out of the gate.

She simply wants her shot as she pursues her education while playing the game she loves.

"I'm looking forward to earning my spot," Krienitz

said.

"I stepped up and did a pretty good job at Dobie, and I think I can do that again. The team (UTEP) has two seniors and a sophomore coming back, but I'm just going to give it my all and see what happens."

She's also excited to further her education, likely in the field of science. Krienitz graduated within the top 15 percent at Dobie, barely missing a spot in the top 10 percent.

The chance to earn an education and keep playing softball is all she has wanted. Now it's time.

"It's going to be a lot of fun," she said. "I'm proud of what I did at Dobie. Hopefully, I can come up with good memories at UTEP."



**Dobie pitcher JoJo Krienitz (left) and catcher Chelsea D'Ambrosio formed a true bond as four-year starters for the Lady Longhorns. Part of more than 100 team wins at the school, both players will soon be off to college - Krienitz at the University of Texas-El Paso and D'Ambrosio at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.**  
Photo by John Bechtle

## Dobie pitcher JoJo Krienitz A career by the numbers

**Overall record: 78-27**  
**District record: 43-7**  
**Earned run average: 0.70**  
**Innings pitched: 654**  
**Strikeouts: 833**  
**Shutouts: 28**  
*Notes: Struck out 22 of 24 batters faced against Coppell in 2008; tossed a perfect game during her career; part of more than 100 Dobie wins in four-year career; four playoff appearances*

## SBHLL all-stars...

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enough offense to beat OFA 5-3 in the District 15 opening game June 29 at El Franco Lee Park.

The 12s then played Pearland Maroon in a winner's bracket contest July 1 after press time at El Franco Lee Park.

**Three others yet to start**  
In the older age divisions, all-star competition has yet to begin.

Sagamont's junior division all-stars will open the D-15 event July 6 against host East End at 8 p.m.

The 14-year-old team is

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In the 15-16-year-old senior division, the Sagamont-Beverly Hills team is managed by Robert Buisson. That group is to begin play July 7 at Pearland Little League against either Southeast or East End.

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