

Graduation issue planned

The *Leader's* high school special edition will be published June 2. It will feature graduation information for Dobie, Clear Brook, South Houston high schools and Lutheran South Academy. To honor a candidate with a personalized ad, call the *Leader* at 281-481-5656 or e-mail mynews@southbeltleader.com. The deadline is 3 p.m. Thursday, May 26.

Tree waste pickup set

Tree waste only will be picked up Thursday, May 19, for city of Houston (77089) residents living north of Beltway 8. Residents south of the beltway are scheduled for Thursday, May 26. For more information, call 3-1-1.

PIP meeting May 17

Positive Interaction Program will meet Tuesday, May 17, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. A presentation will be given by the Neighborhood Protection Corps. PIP consists of police and citizens working for safer neighborhoods. For more information, call Officer Randy Derr at 281-218-3900.

Legion hosts BBQ benefit

American Legion Post 490 will sponsor its third annual barbecue championship cookoff June 9-11 at 11702 Galveston Road (across from Ellington Field).

Entries will include brisket, ribs and chicken. Entry fee for all three is \$150 with cash prizes and trophies given in each category, based on 35 entries. Beans entry is optional with a \$10 fee - winner takes 90 percent of entries. The last date to enter is June 1. For more information, call 713-515-8267 or 281-481-1179.

Melillo health fair May 13

Melillo Middle School will hold its communitywide third annual Health/Fitness Fair on Friday, May 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. The purpose is to increase health and fitness awareness through education and prevention.

The fair will include a blood drive run by the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center and will wrap up Melillo's Book Fair week. Melillo Middle School is located at 9220 Hughes Road in the Riverstone Ranch subdivision. For more information, call 713-740-5260.

AARP picnic May 13

The South Belt AARP will hold its annual picnic for members and guests on Friday, May 13, at 10 a.m. at El Franco Lee Park.

Rainbow Valley sets sale

Rainbow Valley Civic Club will hold its annual fundraiser (garage sale) Friday and Saturday, May 13 and May 14, at 11002 Green Arbor. Funds raised will go toward the Neighbors Night Out in October, civic club signs, and mainly to help provide required school supplies to neighborhood families.

Stingers hold fundraiser

Stinger Baseball 8U Kid Pitch will have a Crawfish Boil fundraiser on Saturday, May 14, at Scooter's Ice House, 1134 North Main St. in Pearland. Stinger Baseball will be representing the South Belt/Pearland area in the 2011 World Series in Atlanta and needs the support of the community to get there.

St. Frances Cabrini bazaar

St. Frances Cabrini Church's annual festival will be held at 10727 Hartsook May 15 and 22. On May 15, from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., barbecue and Mexican dinners will be served. There will be a Chalupa card game, arts and crafts and Trash & Treasure, one of southeast Houston's largest garage sales. On May 22, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., there will be activities, food, children's games and rides, bingo, music and dance, and a raffle with five prizes, including a \$4,500 VISA gift certificate. Trash & Treasure is open daily through May 22. For more information, call 713-946-5768.

Health seminar at church

Gulflaven Health Ministries will hold a free health seminar Saturday and Sunday, May 14, 15. On Saturday, *Heart Diseases* will be presented, and on Sunday, *Cancer: Fight for Your Life and Win*. Sessions are from 3 to 6 p.m. at Gulflaven, 10716 Sabo. For more information, call 713-944-6912.

Cowgirls host clinic

Sagemont Cowgirls will host a drill/cheer clinic May 16 through May 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. in Dobie's dance room. For \$50, each participant will receive a camp T-shirt, learn a dance routine, have dinner nightly. A showoff of the routine will be presented to attendees Friday, May 20, at 7:15 p.m.

For information, e-mail the Cowgirl drill director at michelle@sagemontcowboys.com or call 281-809-8817.

KS scholarships available

2011-2012 scholarship applications are available for graduating seniors at Dobie High who reside in Kirkwood South. Application and information sheets can be picked up in the scholarship coordinator's office at Dobie.

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Redistricting plans to affect South Belt

While the official Texas House and Senate redistricting maps have yet to be approved, preliminary drawings indicate that many South Belt residents will have new officials representing them come next session.

The state Senate Committee on Redistricting

Cookoff, family fun May 13-14

The 15th annual South Belt Spectacular Cookoff will take place Friday, May 13, and Saturday, May 14, at El Franco Lee Park, 9400 Hall Road.

Friday's activities kick off at 4 p.m. with open karaoke hosted by Michael Brown. This will be followed by a performance from the Blue Note Brothers Band. Known for their mix of modern country, southern rock and funky blues, the band will play from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Saturday will be more geared for families, with several free children's activities during the daytime. A play area that includes an inflatable moonwalk, slides, an obstacle course, a Jacob's Ladder, a rock climb, a digital game truck and a Hamster Ball will open at 10 a.m.

Students from the San Jacinto College Cosmetology Club will be on hand to do hair braiding, face painting and henna art. Further fun will be provided by Gabby the Clown and the Sagemont Church Clown Ministry, which will entertain children from noon until 4 p.m.

The South Belt Idol karaoke competition will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. for contestants 8 years and older. Awards for the karaoke contest, as well as the barbecue cookoff, will be presented at 6 p.m.

A silent auction will also take place Saturday. Current auction items include a chance to name an area street, four rounds of golf at Timber Creek Golf Club, tickets to Schlitterbahn and tickets to the Galveston Historic Homes Tour.

Saturday's musical entertainment will be provided by Rene Hinojosa and the Texas Heat band, who will perform their style of country, rock, blues and Tejano music beginning at 8 p.m.

Drinks and barbecue will be sold by the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department, which is organizing the event, throughout the weekend.

Parking will be available at Dobie High School with a shuttle service running both days from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Admission is \$5. Children 12 and under will be admitted free. All proceeds will benefit the annual South Belt Fourth of July fireworks show.

Advance tickets are buy five, get one free and can be purchased at State Farm Agent Thy Epperson's office, 10904 Scarsdale Blvd # 226; the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale; the *South Belt-Ellington Leader*, 11555 Beamer; Central Ace Hardware, 11676 Beamer; the Kirkmont MUD office, 10102 Blackhawk; and the Clear Brook City MUD office, 11911 Blackhawk.

No outside alcohol will be allowed.

For more information, e-mail John Layton at jlayton@live.com. See editorial Page 2A.

HCSO to Shred-It

In an effort to help prevent identity theft, the Harris County Sheriff's Office will hold a Shred-It event Saturday, May 21, at the Harris County Annex at 10851 Scarsdale from 9 a.m. to noon. The event will allow citizens to permanently destroy old or unwanted personal documents. For more information, call 713-759-9454.

CCISD elections set for May 14

The Clear Creek Independent School District will hold an election Saturday, May 14, to fill the District 2 and District 4 positions on its board of trustees.

District 2 incumbent Win Weber is being challenged by Lisa Salinas. A Clear Lake resident, Salinas, 39, is a practicing real estate agent.

District 4 incumbent Page Rander is being challenged by Alan D. Benjamin, a 42-year-old

Clear Brook teacher resigns following bin Laden comment

A Clear Brook High School teacher accused of making an insensitive comment about the death of Osama bin Laden to a Muslim student resigned Monday, May 9.

The teacher, whose name was not released, was initially placed on administrative leave after he reportedly told the ninth-grade student, "I bet that you're grieving."

In a statement, Clear Creek Independent School District officials said, "In the Clear Creek Independent School District, we believe diversity strengthens our community and seek opportunities to celebrate the different cultures within our

schools and neighborhoods. The sentiments allegedly shared by this teacher are not reflective of the staff at Clear Brook High School or anyone within the Clear Creek Independent School District.

"In accordance with CCISD policy, the teacher has been placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of a personnel investigation. The student did the right thing and immediately notified an adult regarding the teacher's comments. The principal at Clear Brook High School notified the child's parents and has been in communication with the family."

Some view the changes as being possibly advantageous, as the South Belt area as a whole would be served by both a Republican (Jackson)

and a Democrat (Gallegos).

Gallegos, who has long ties to the South Belt community, is among these and is upbeat regarding the proposed changes.

"I'm excited," Gallegos said. "I'm not a newcomer." Gallegos has lived in the area and has a daughter living in the community.

Similar changes are expected to take place with the redrawing of the state's House districts.

Preliminary maps indicate that most of the South Belt area currently served by District 144 Rep. Ken Legler will transfer to District 147, which is served by Rep. Garnet F. Coleman.

Legler's district, which currently extends as far west as Highway 35 at some points, will cover only areas east of the Gulf Freeway under the new proposal.

Out with the old, in with the new



A demolition crew tore down the Sagemont Community Center this past week to make room for a new facility on the grounds. The new center, which is scheduled to be completed by spring-time of next year, will be 11,526 square feet. Included in the plans will be a full-sized gymnasium, lobby, office space, storage and two classrooms. Construction of the new facility is part of the

City of Houston Capital Improvement Plan. The new center will be funded in part by a \$1 million grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. In the 1970s, the above building originally served as the Sagemont Municipal Utility District Building before the subdivision was annexed by the City of Houston.

Photo by David Flickinger

Higher-than-expected drainage fees upset many

While the actual payments for the City of Houston's new drainage fees will not be due until July, many South Belt residents are upset that sample bills received in the mail are far higher than expected.

While campaigning for the Rebuild Houston program, voted on last November's ballot as Proposition 1, Mayor Annise Parker told residents the average price per household would be roughly \$5 per month or \$60 per year.

Several South Belt residents, however, have complained to the *Leader* about receiving sample bills that are more than twice that amount.

Now officially part of the city charter, the program requires the city to collect a minimum of \$125 million annually.

According to the sample bills, the fee for a curb-and-gutter home is based on a rate of 3.2 cents per square foot of impervious surface, or

concrete, that is located on each piece of property.

This method of calculation is consistent with precampaign promises, according to Houston City Councilmember Mike Sullivan, who has been a staunch opponent of the program.

"It's absolutely killing people at the worst possible time," Sullivan said, adding that some of his Kingwood constituents are being asked to pay more than \$25 per month.

The Rebuild Houston program was initially going to also charge schools and churches the drainage fee, before Parker agreed to exempt

these institutions. Sullivan said, however, these exemptions were not to raise the fees for residents.

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

Wood Meadow II HOA holds election

An April 28 election for the Wood Meadow II CIA Homeowners Association resulted in a shake-up of the group's board of directors, as all incumbents were defeated.

The new board members are Danyu Malveaux, David Criswell, German Canizales, Harry Richey and Anthony Dial.

Prior to the election, there had been threats of lawsuits between the challengers and the incumbents, with accusations being made on both sides. The differences, however, were resolved without the need for legal action.

Officials said the meeting was the most attended in the organization's history.

Man arrested following house fire

A Beverly Hills resident, who was locked in his home on Elmhurst Street near Kingspoint following a dispute with his brother, was taken into custody after their house caught fire Wednesday, May 4.

Police say the two siblings had gotten into an argument that resulted in one of the brothers locking the other in the house with a dead bolt. The house, which also had burglar bars, caught fire shortly thereafter at roughly 9:30 p.m.

After seeing the flames, a neighbor was able

to free the trapped brother by breaking through a locked window using a hammer.

The rear of the house sustained serious damage.

The brother who was trapped inside was treated for smoke inhalation, but refused hospitalization. He was then apprehended and questioned by arson investigators, as firefighters determined the blaze was not accidental.

At press time, the fire was still under investigation, and no charges had been filed.

Motorcyclist dies in accident

Houston police are investigating a fatal traffic accident that took place on the feeder road of Beltway 8 just west of the Gulf Freeway about 6:20 a.m. on Sunday, May 8.

The identity of the male victim, 37, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences. He was pronounced dead at Ben Taub General Hospital.

According to police, the victim was operating a black Kawasaki Ninja motorcycle and travel-

ing west on the feeder road when he lost control of the motorcycle and struck a curb. The impact ejected the victim off the motorcycle. No other vehicles were involved in the accident.

There have been at least 15 fatal traffic accidents at the intersection in the last three years, with this being at least the fourth fatal motorcycle crash.

The intersection has also been the site of two suicides in the past three years.

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Join us: Lots of fun & a good cause

This weekend is the South Belt cookoff. This year the event is under the direction of the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department. (See related story Page 1A.)

One of the main objectives this year is to have a number of free activities for children and adults. The Friday evening event is geared more toward adults, and the Saturday event is very child friendly.

This event has really become a community tradition.

I am hoping that many of you attend and support this event. Remember,

Friday is geared more toward adults, and Saturday is the activity days geared toward children.

This year, unlike most past years, food will be available to purchase at the SVFD booth. Admission is \$5, children 12 and under are free, and there will be many free activities for the children.

Don't forget, the profits go to fund the annual South Belt July 4 fireworks which thousands of members of the South Belt community enjoy. See you there.
—Marie Flickinger

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Gorman: Response to A.C. Volper

Thanks to Ms. Keener for her kind comments about my last letter to the *Leader*. Unfortunately, Mr. Volper was not so kind, so I feel that I need to reply to his remarks. He says that I don't understand freedom and history, but I don't know how he came to this conclusion because nothing in my letter said anything about either. However, since he has brought up the subject, I would like to state what I do understand.

I understand freedom, and that is why I can't agree with Mr. Volper that "he would prefer to live life that is governed by an oligarchy of Tea Party members." I believe people should be free to elect their leaders and representatives and not be governed by an oligarchy composed of Teapartyers or any other minority group. The freedom to elect our representatives is what a democratic republic is all about. I also understand history, and I know we have had previous Democrat presidents who were just as liberal, if not more so, than Obama (consider F.D.R., L.B.J., and Harry Truman.) Truman's national health insurance plan was considerably more radical than Obama's, but unlike Obama's, it was never approved by Congress. Our republic survived these previous liberal Democrat presidencies, and it will survive Obama's, even if he is elected to a second term.

I understand the difference between democracy and totalitarianism. Saying that we have a "totalitarian democracy", as Mr. Volper does, is an oxymoron, akin to saying that we have "dry humidity" in the Texas Gulf Coast area. Also, I'm not sure that Mr. Volper understands what a "Marxist" is, but it isn't just someone whose politics you don't agree with.

I also understand what it takes to amend the U. S. Constitution, so I am not concerned, as is Mr. Volper, that "Our American Marxists" are planning on "...revoking the first and second amendments..." A constitutional amendment requires the approval of two-thirds of both houses of Congress and ratification by three-fourths of the state legislatures, and there aren't enough "American Marxists" to pull that off. The same applies to our right to vote, which Mr. Volper hints darkly could be taken away from us. (In 2008 the conspiracy theorists on the late night "Coast to Coast" radio program were speculating that President Bush might issue an executive order cancelling the election so that he could remain in office for another four years. (The conspiracy theorists were wrong then, and they are wrong now.)

Fortunately, we still have the right to vote, and we will have it in 2012. Unless the legislature changes the date, the Texas primary elections are less than a year away. It isn't too early to be thinking about what we can do to help our favorite candidates in addition to voting for them. If members of the "silent majority" of Americans could be as enthusiastic and passionate as the Teapartyers, we would have a more participative democracy, and our republic would be better for it.

While awaiting for the latest broadside from Mr. Volper, I have a brief reply to Mr. Valtasaros's latest letter to the *Leader*. I am well aware of his Greek heritage, partly because of his last name and partly because of the delectable Greek dishes at his restaurant, but I didn't think that his ethnicity was relevant to the topic being discussed. I assume he knows more about Greek government than I do (that is a reference to his ethnicity), but I would like to point out one thing: The original democracy in the Greek city-states was an attempt

at direct democracy whereas we have a representative democracy (a.k.a. a republic.)

Mr. Valtasaros has cherry-picked sixteen quotations to support his anti-democracy views, and he concludes by saying "I think these guys said it all." Well, not quite. I think that I could come up with sixteen or more pro-democracy quotes, but I will settle for just one. It was by Winston Churchill, himself a product of a democracy (it's called the United Kingdom). Churchill said "Democracy is the worst form of government except for all of the other forms of government in the world." It can always be improved, but it is still, as Churchill said, the best of the worst.

Even if Mr. Valtasaros's preposterous statement that "every country that has called itself a democracy has failed" were correct, which it is not, we shouldn't give up on our democracy because it has worked for over 200 years. We can improve it by getting more involved in the political process by voting regularly, working for our favorite candidates, and attending precinct caucuses, if we support one of the major parties. It is a little embarrassing that some of the fledgling democracies in the world have much higher voter turnout than we do. Hopefully, this won't happen in 2012.

Bowman responds to Larry Black letter

I found the letter written by Larry Black in the 04/28/11 *Leader* so offensive I had to respond.

I am the proud owner of an American Pit Bull Terrier (APBT). He is not vicious, has not mauled anyone, has all required licenses, is a patient of Sagemont Animal Hospital, and does not run loose through our neighborhood. I am a very responsible pet owner and am not harboring dangerous animals. I also did not choose this breed because they are "cool."

The stability of the APBT breed, their extreme human friendliness, and desire to please are wonderful traits that have been overlooked by the media which have maligned the APBT. I have joined the fight against breed specific legislation and I promote responsible ownership of the APBT and other related breeds. We need to promote education on responsible dog ownership, promote voluntary spay and neuter initiatives, support education about various breeds of dogs so new owners can select the best dog for their families. Quiet as it is kept, any breed of dog or cat can wreak havoc and become dangerous. This is not an issue with APBT's only. Responsible ownership and education is the key.

Fear mongering is never good whether it is regarding an animal or a human being. Our APBT is a loving, loyal, and beautiful member of our family.

I encourage Mr. Black and others who feel the way he does to educate themselves regarding APBT and not judge the entire breed because of a few who are unfortunate and have irresponsible owners. (Various book stores) and our local libraries have several good books which can provide insight. I would be happy to provide guidance.

Parr endorses Rander for CCISD

I am encouraging all South Belt residents who reside in the Clear Creek ISD to return your very capable representative, Page Rander, to the Board of Trustees. The election is Saturday, May 14, and Ms. Rander represents District 4 on the CCISD Board. She is a parent of a school aged

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child (Brookside Intermediate) and very involved in CCISD in many capacities.

With the current funding crises in public education and myriad other issues, now is not the time for a learning curve on the Board. Page Rander has been on the Board, knows her stuff, and has the determination wisdom, and drive to serve you well. Please vote for Page Rander for CCISD Board May 14.

Ralph Parr
CCISD Administrator and Board member, retired

McDonald declares Constable candidacy

To all of my neighbors, I would like to formally declare my candidacy for Constable of Precinct 2. I have served the Baytown Police Department for 16 years and would like to now serve the area I call home. As the only candidate who has been a lifelong resident, I am in touch with the needs of the community. I drive the same roads you do and my children go to school with yours. My career has taught me to be a good police officer, an exceptional leader, and a responsible fiscal manager.

As a conservative, I honor the Constitution. I believe government should be limited and always maintain a balanced budget. Come meet my family and I at this weekend's South Belt Spectacular at El Franco Lee Park where I lead the entertainment committee. I would appreciate your vote in 2012. May God Bless the United States and the great state of Texas.

METRO solicits input from community

Are you tired of paying so much for local transportation costs? You may want to attend a METRO Public Workshop to discuss the Future of Transit in the Southbelt/Ellington area, and share your vision...

The new METRO has an eye on the future and wants to hear from you. The METRO Vision long-range plan will be

developed using community input from a series of public workshops and coordination with agencies to continue building a comprehensive regional transit plan.

I would like to see METRO utilizing the rail that runs along Highway 3 north and south, for commuting and pleasure trips.

METRO's goal for the workshops is to gain a better understanding of area public transit needs, and encourage input from diverse communities to help meet those needs. Twenty-four workshops will be held during May and June to hear from you and your neighbors.

For more information on the workshops and how you can play a role, contact Larry Badon at 713.739.6092 or email him at metrovision@ridemetro.org, or please visit <http://www.ridemetro.org/metrovision/>.

Get active...Get results! **Gary Waits**

Muse thanks Sageglen HOA

Thank you Sageglen Homeowners Association for painting the address numbers on the curbs. Our neighborhood is a fine one and things as this only helps and keeps it looking good.

Toni Muse
Sageglen Resident

Walsh concerned about flag conditions

I am saddened and appalled to see the flag of the United States flying in shreds over two churches on Scarsdale Blvd. It is better not to fly it than to do it in a disrespectful way.

I was not born in this country but became a citizen in 1973. I love and respect the flag for what it represents. I am married to a retired officer of the United States who served our Country in WWII. Many are still serving and giving their lives for us to be able to fly our flag with the honor it deserves.

Sincerely,
Stella Walsh

K of C missing signs found



Several Knights of Columbus sandwich boards that were posted outside of Houston city limits were impounded after city employees took them in by mistake. Upon further investigation, the error was discovered and the sandwich boards were released back to the Knights of Columbus. Pictured are, left to right, Steve Buckman with the Knights of Columbus, and senior inspector with the City of Houston Reggie Harris. Photo submitted

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Project Graduation needs volunteers

Dobie Project Graduation, Class of 2011 Senior Picnic, needs donations for the drawings to be held on June 2 from 1 to 6 p.m. at El Franco Lee Park.

The Project Committee needs help with donations of food, items and funds, to sponsor a successful event for Dobie's Class of 2011. They are in dire need of senior parent volunteers to assist with all planned activities including the Powder Puff football game for the senior girls, with coaching assistance by the senior boys. Contact Christine Duensing at 281-974-0867 or Sharon Finney at 281-793-5918 to volunteer. Details will be posted on the Dobie Project Grad Facebook.

Library events set

The following events are set for the week of May 12 through May 18 at Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.:

On Saturday, May 14, Vietnamese storytime will include Reading Club at 9 a.m., followed by intermediate storytime at 11 a.m. and beginners at 1 p.m.

A required meeting will be held Monday, May 16, at 5:30 p.m. for all teens wishing to volunteer this summer. Teens must be at least 14 to participate in this program. For information, contact the library.

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

Swimming lessons set

Swimming lessons will be offered for three sessions (Tuesday through Friday) in June and July: June 7-17, June 21-July 1, and July 5-15.

Registration will be held April 26 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., and April 30 from 10 a.m. to noon, at Sageglen Pool, 11610 Sageyork. For more information, call 281-660-6669.

Cheerleaders hold car wash May 21

The Dobie cheerleaders will hold a car wash on Saturday, May 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at McDonalds on Fuqua. The squad

is asking for a \$5 donation, but any amount is welcome. Proceeds will help the cheerleaders with spirit items given away at football and basketball games and other events, and competition fees and scholarships the booster club gives out each year.

Kindergarten Roundup at Atkinson

Atkinson Elementary will hold Kindergarten Roundup Tuesday, May 24, for students who will be in kindergarten for the 2011-2012 school year. The Roundup will be held in the cafeteria from 4 to 6:30 p.m. To enroll a child, the following information must be brought: birth certificate, record of immunizations, Social Security card and proof of residence. For information, call 713-740-0520.

Dobie reunions set

10-year class reunion
Dobie Class of 2001 will hold its 10-year reunion on July 9, 2011, from 7:30 p.m. to midnight at Golfcrest Country Club in Pearland. The cost, April 15 through June 1, is \$50; June 2 through July 2, \$60 (this is the last day to pre-order tickets); and on July 9, \$75 (cash only at the door). For information, contact <http://www.dobie2001.webs.com/>.

20-year class reunion
The Dobie High School Class of 1991 will hold its 20-year reunion Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Treviso Restaurant & Ballroom, 6550 Bertner Ave. in Houston. For information and/or tickets sales, visit <http://www.jfdo bie91reunion.com/> or on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/dobieclassof91reunion>.

35-year class reunion
Dobie Class of 1976 will hold its 35-year reunion on June 11, 2011, from 6 p.m. to midnight in the Marina Ballroom at South Shore Harbour Resort in League City. The cost through May 20 is \$75; May 21 through May 31, \$85 (last day to pre-order tickets); and June 11, \$85 (cash only at the door).

For more information, contact Milly Valez McHale at sillymilly40@yahoo.com or face book.com/millyrosales or John Pfister at pfisterlevel@att.net or facebook.com/pfisterlevel. There is also a link on the Dobie website.

Deaths

Darren Lee Lajaunie



Darren Lee Lajaunie, 45, died on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, after a battle with melanoma.

He was born April 25, 1966, in Lake Charles, La.

He is survived by his wife, Camille, and son Andrew; parents Laura and Ronald Lajaunie; brother Kelly Lajaunie and wife Laura Gross and their daughters Sydney and Kylie.

Lajaunie was employed by Lockheed Martin for 22 years as a hardware operations manager for the Cargo Mission Contract at the Johnson Space Center.

An accomplished engineer and manager, he loved being a part of human spaceflight.

He graduated co-valedictorian of Dobie High School in 1984; received his BSEE from the University of Texas in 1988; and his MBA from the University of Houston Clear Lake in 1999. An avid tennis player and member in good standing at Bay Area Racquet Club, Lajaunie was also a fanatical University of Texas, Miami Dolphin and Yankee fan.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2011, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Crowder Funeral Home in Webster, with a rosary at 7 p.m.

The funeral Mass will be held on Friday, May 13, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Bernadette Catholic Church in Clear Lake.

Interment will be at Forest Park East in Webster.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to MD Anderson Melanoma Clinic at <http://www.mdanderson.org/melanomaresearch> or O'Connell Prep High School, 1320 Tremont, Galveston, TX 77550.

Benny L. Neer



Benny L. Neer, 70, of South Belt, died Sunday, May 8, 2011.

He graduated from Wichita High School and attended the University of Oklahoma and Midwestern State University.

Neer was a Master Mason of the Faith Lodge since May 24, 1968. He was a member of the Scottish Rite and York Rite and had the honor of serving as potentate of the Maskat Temple in 1983.

He owned and operated a family business, Neer Electric, from 1976 to 1988 and was a member of the IEC-Independent Electrical Contractors Association. He was also a life member of the National Rifle Association and believed strongly in the right to bear arms.

Neer is preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Patra Neer of Wichita Falls, Texas.

Survivors include his wife of 31 years, Barbara Neer; daughter Christy Whiteley and husband Bobby; son Scotty Neer and wife Manuella; son Jay Hyle and wife Kay; grandchildren: Dustin Whiteley and wife Meredith; Sven Neer; Travis Jay Neer; sisters, Jolene Brantley and husband Jack; Janet Drake and husband Leon; and his best "doggie" friend, Daisy.

The celebration of Neer's life began on Tuesday, May 10, 2011, in Houston at Niday Funeral Home. The celebration continued in Wichita Falls on Wednesday, May 11, and a service on Thursday, May 12, both at Owens & Brumley Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice Compass or a local chapter of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Cecil Louise Callahan



Cecil Louise "Mrs. Al" Callahan, 95, died Sunday, May 8, 2011. She was born Jan. 29, 1916, in Dallas, Texas, to the late Louis S. and Made McDowell Schmucker.

She was a parishioner of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, a member of Sagemont Civic Club and AARP. Callahan retired from Baylor College of Medicine.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Alfred N. Callahan Jr., and son Geoffrey Wayne Callahan.

Survivors include three sons, Alfred N. "Skip," III and wife Josefa of Houston, Michael A. and wife Connie of Canyon, Texas, and Dennis K. and wife Nanette of Rockville, Md.; sister-in-law Katie Schmucker of Lewisville, Texas; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

A Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 12, 2011, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road. A graveside service and interment will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, May 13, 2011, at Calvary Hill Cemetery in Dallas.

Kathleen Wilks



Kathleen G. Wilks, 89, of South Belt, died on Sunday, May 8, 2011. She was born on Dec. 7, 1921, in Okmulgee, Okla., to Edith and Noah Greenhaw.

Wilks retired from First Baptist Church of Pasadena where she served as church secretary and which she had been a member of since the early 1950s.

She is survived by her three children: the Rev. Carl C. Wilks Jr. and wife Lou; Donald Wilks and wife Alice; and Judy Hirt and husband Dr. Fred Hirt.

She is also survived by her grandchildren, Dianne Hirt, Carol Hirt, Dr. Eddie Hirt and wife Fariah, and Dr. Jonathan Wilks and wife Sonia.

The funeral service was held Wednesday, May 11, 2011, at Pasadena Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. Jon Redmon officiating. Interment followed at Forest Park East Cemetery in Webster.

Christopher Loyd Taylor

Christopher Loyd Taylor, 32, died on Friday, April 22, 2011. He was born Sept. 9, 1978, in Pasadena, Texas.

Survivors include his wife of 12 years, Evangelina "Angie" Taylor; son Ashton Taylor; daughter-to-be Leyla Taylor; parents Rachel and Mark Garza, Steve and Mirra Taylor; grandparents, Ethel Canon, Jeannie and Herman Taylor; brothers, Stephen

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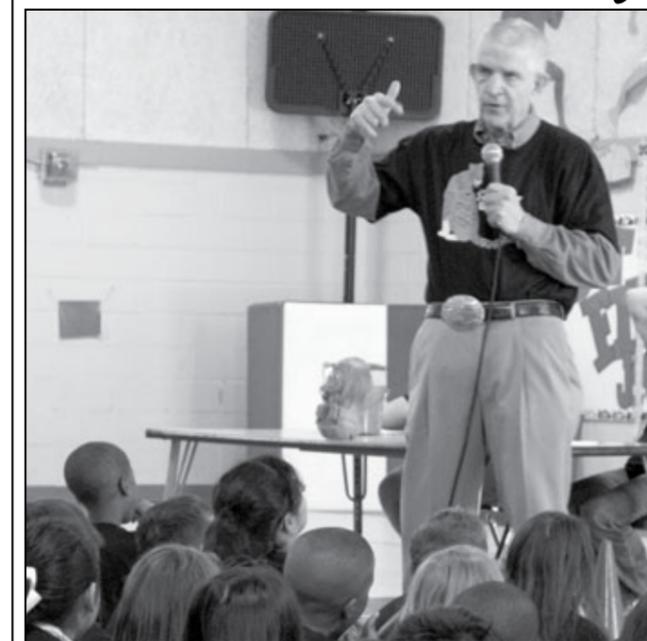
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Mack visits Stuchbery



On Monday, April 25, Stuchbery Elementary School held a pep rally to get third- and fourth-grade students excited about taking the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test. Also among the teachers and faculty decked out in jeans and Stuchbery T-shirts was local celebrity Jim "Mattress Mack" McIngvale, owner of Gallery Furniture. McIngvale treated all who attended to a rendition of his well-known radio commercials and encouraged the kids to do well on the test and work hard with their education. After McIngvale's inspirational speech, the students participated in a series of relay races, quizzes and puzzles geared toward getting them excited about taking the TAKS test and helping them to succeed. Photo submitted

Dobie 6-weeks honor rolls released

Dobie High School recently announced its honor rolls for the fifth six-weeks grading period. Students earning status are:

Honor roll Ninth grade

Jannessa Renee Ackman, Faria Akhter, Sadia Akhter, Deanna Marie Alanis, Miryam Alanis, Maria Isabel Alarcon, Eliza Selena Alvarado, Carlos Omar Amaro, Heidi Christine Applegate, Taylor Nichol Ard, Benjamin Dean Arnett and Stephanie Arroyo. Erika Thalia Ascencio, Carolina Sanmiguel Avila, Abner Mike Baerga, Valerie Alena Baez, Ronnie Gene Barnes, Destinee Ayesha Barnes-Hall, Daniel Jacob Barrantes, Amanda Catherine Bates, Tyler Gregory Baumann and Antonio R. Beltran.

Erin Nicole Blackwell, Joseph Robert Boutwell, Emily Margaret Bray, Duc Anh Bui, Peter Dinh Bui, Thy Thi Thanh Bui, Carolina Bustos, Kevin Ruiz Caballero, Alondra Maria Cahue, Jennifer Keren Calderon, Pablo Canales and Victor Manuel Castillo.

Angel Cervantes, Nicholas Dale Cessna, Roslynn Abigail Charles, Javier Chavez, Darian Anthony Childs, Alexandra Guadalupe Cirlos, Kierra Siobhan Cook, Diana Alondra Cordero, Eric Daniel Cortes, Jason Asarel Cruz, Martin Cruz and Isabel A. Curiel. Anthony Dang, Judy Nga Dang, Jaclyn Monica DeLeon, Jeremiah R. DeLeon, Javier Delgado, David Dinh, Hoang Kim Dinh, Sergio Diosdado, Dynasty Morique Edwards, Jennifer Michelle Egnus, Nicholas Paul Engle and Angelica Vanessa Enriquez.

Yasser Otoniel Erazo, Edgar Aljandro Escalera, Jacquelyn Mikayla Estrada, Destinee Desiree Evans, William Fernandez, Dalia Lisbeth Flores, Nazib Sarahi Flores, Ricky Ted Flores, Stephanie Alicia Galaviz and Athziri Yanelly Garcia. Cassandra Marie Garcia, Jesus Garcia, Karen Banessa Garcia, Rommel Rudy Garcia, Kamaran Rhynae Gardner, Roberto Armando Garza, Nicholas Rohan Ghansyam, Arianna Misha-Lae Givens, Anthony Joel Gomez and Courtney Taylor Gonzales.

Bryant Alonso Gonzalez, Mark Anthony Gonzalez, Hannah Celeste Graham, Erika Lucia Guerra Alcalá, Sofia Alejandra Guerrero, Brianna Guevara, Mikaela Guevara, Joshua Alan Guillory, Sydney Nicole Gutierrez and Daisha Marie Hagan. Amy Denise Hallaron, Bryson Payne Hamilton, Samantha M. Hart, Paulina Hay, Arianna Hernandez, Alexis Nicholle Hicks, Brianna Danielle Horton, Dominique Deon Hunter, Michael Huynh, Sydney Amber Idele and Megan Jagdeo.

Greissy Carolina Jerezano, Marquette Larule Johnson, Christian Nyasia Jones, Matthew Alan Kahanek, Emmi Trang Kieu, Crystal M. King, Madeline Renee Lacamu, Cassandra Lara, Amari Brianna Lavergne, Tiffany Kim Trang Le and Tran Bao Lee. Tu Anh Le, Wilson Lee, Karina Guadalupe Lopez, Lauren Alexis Lozano, Jenny Ly, Tony Ly, Aimee Celeste Mar, Marlem Yannet Martinez, Dazhanique Tyree McCloud, Zachary Dallas McCloud, Audrey Lee Medina and Johanna Fredesvinda Mejia. Steven Andres Mendieta, Joshua Andrew Mendiola-Garcia, Joslyn L. Mendoza, Riley Ann Miller, Jennifer Nicole Mitchell, Mohamad O. Mohamad, Yvonne Marie Molina, Savannah Nicole Montoya and Celeste Crystine Moon and Chanse M. Morris.

Jazmine Abigail Munoz, Geraldine Navarrete, Ahmad Rashaad Neal, Carmen Nering, Alexander Nhan Nguyen, Amber Autumn Nguyen, Anh Thi Cindy Nguyen, Annie Lam Nguyen, Billy Nguyen, Hieu Trung Nguyen and Jennifer Nguyen. Kenny Nguyen, Mailyng Nguyen, Tai Ngoc Nguyen, Thien Luong Van Nguyen, Vivian Oanhhoang Nguyen, Jeremy Chieu Nhan, Shelby Keith Nunez, Mykayla Elizabeth O'Connor, Christina Oliveira, Aliyah Cierra Ortega and Aimee Gabriela Perez.

Alexia Andrea Perez, Eduardo A. Perez, Burgandy Rose Petri, Lauren Ashley Pettay, Hong Thixuan Pham, Khanh Minh Pham, Tuan Manh Pham, Lesley Summer Preza, Gerardo Adrian Pruneda, Anthony Gilbert Ramirez and Karina Nichole Ramirez. Ayesum Rasool, Jordan Robert Razo, Zachary Dale Reyes, Diamond Tiara Richardson, Kayla M. Richardson, Mauricio Alexander Rivera, Sabin Rese Rocha, Breanna Ashley Roddy, Cesar Rodriguez and Mayve Desiree Rodriguez. Octavio A. Rodriguez,

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Tenth grade
Frida Janeth Aguirre, Ivette Alejandra Alba, Carol Lilian Amaro, Aaronnathaniel Gabino Arambula, Joel Michael Arhelger, Jessica Carina Armenta, Genevieve Au, Debbie Amy Auguste, Jacquelyne Marie Baade and Madeline Margaret Ball. Jennifer E. Bardales, Rhianna Raquel Barrientos, Angelica Michelle Benavides, Cody Edwin Bennett, Travis Berkstresser, Audrey Lenore Beyer, Sobia My Bhatti, Krystal M. Brewer, Kaytlin Simone Brooks and Jasmine Hien Thanh Bui.

Alisa Michelle Calvillo, Jose Luis Cantu, Roland Cao, Neftali Antonio Carcamo, Melina Ceja, Thelma Chavez, Jennifer Guadalupe Cortez, Avery Lynne Crocker, Travis Pham Dao, Raven Elizabeth Davis and Dennis Rafael Diaz. Alberto Joel Dorantes, Michael Quoc Thang Du, Daniel Francisco Duran, Noah West Escamilla, Rene Giovanni Escobar, Maria E. Ferreira, Andrew Joseph Flores, David Eduardo Fraga, Angel Phillip Garcia, Jason Vy Giang and Lisa Renee Gill.

Claudia Bianca Gonzalez, Dianna Lizbeth Gonzalez, Martin Gonzalez, Yadiria Gonzalez, Michael Ryan Graham, Johnathan Lloyd Griffin, Eva Nataly Grimaldo, Rebecca Michelle Guerra, Johnathon Dylan Guzman and Damon DeSean Hall. Osaka Heng, Brittany Marie Hernandez, Marcy Lee Higginbotham, Katherine Marie Houghton, Brent Regan Hubbell, Jasmin Bentancourt Huerta, Jimmy Thien Huynh, Kenny Khang Huynh, Nantiporn Kate Inchun and Anna Lynn Ingalls.

Alexia Janelle Jackson, Jesmi Jacob, Sidney Joseph Jacques, Jacqueline Jaramillo, Terrence Keith Jefferson, Paige Mackenzie Jones, Sabrina Juarez, Sydney Ann Keatts, Paul Kwang Mo Kim, Tori Nickole King and Ira Mitchell Lanza. Aaron Chaise Lariviere, Minh Leon Le, Katherine Erin Lee, Eric James Leuenberger, Destiny Rene Lopez, Minhtrung Nguyen Lu, David Luna, Kimberly Oanh Luu, Denise Thuy Ma, Eusebio Maldonado, Giordano Ivan Maldonado and Scott Earl Marsella.

Gabriel Martinez, Lorin Rose Mata, Erin Marie Mauk, Britany M. McLean, Cristyan Medina, Alexia Levi Mendez, Tiffany Marie Mercado, Sarah Marie Merrill, Lily Nicole Meyer, Eric Montoya, Britanny Lee Montross and Brooke Ashley Montross. Syeda Siddra Naqvi, Courtney Neely, Hector David Neira, Christine Thao Nguyen, Cuong Sy Nguyen, Khanh Phuong Nguyen, Mason Man Nguyen, Quynh Anhminh Nguyen, Sally Nguyen, Melida O. Ortez, Jess Dalton Parcell and Samantha A. Paredes. Cassidy Lily Peng, Katherine Lauren Perrone, Rebecca Linn Peters, Anh Hoang Pham, Jennifer Vy Pham, Karen Pham, Kevin The Pham, Tracie Phan, Viktoralvino P. Pineda, Karen Marie Ponce, Evin Mikal Prescott and Manuel Alexander Reyna.

Tyler Renee Reyna, Eduardo Rios, Samantha Joanna Rios, Deanellys Rivera, Crista Rodriguez, Marcos Alejandro Rodriguez, Luis Anthony Romero, Angelie Victoria Ross, Kimberly Ruiz, Orfa Zaid Ruiz and Angel S.

Salinas. Savannah F. Sanchez, Kaitlyn Rae Schuetz, Itzayana Serma, Tyler James Sias, Nicole Victoria Skaggs, Loana Magaly Solis, Zachary Matthew Trahan, Amanda Hien Thu Tran, Christina Tuong-Nhi Tran, Kim-Lynn Thi Tran and Lan Hoang Tran.

Michael Tran, Ngocque Thi Tran, Thione Tam Nhi Tran, Macy Nicole Traywick, Cecilia Uribe, Robert Daniel Vargas, Giovanni Vega, Venson Orquillano Villanueva, Gregorio Junior Villegas, Tri Minh Vu, Peter Duy Vu, Thomas Lee Vu, Leah D. Weaver and Lauren Ashley Wilkerson.

Eleventh grade
Amjad Shareef Abushaban, Javier Aguirre, Jacob Jamal Al-Asmar, Saida Monica Alanis, Brenda Yvette Albaran, Edward Jesse Alvarado, Michael C. Anagbogu, Tessa Suzanne Andrade, Raquel Lasha Ardoin, Andres Armenta and Barry A. Authenreith. Emily Nicole Averitt-Cleavela, Alex Avila, Cynthia Joanna Avila, Areli Aviles, Michael Phillip Baez, Veronica Beatriz Bardales, Joshua Emmanuel Basquez, Todd Christian Baumann, Chelsea Jannette Beltran and Lindsay D. Belus.

Celery Adriana Benitez, Luis Blanco, Deandre Jerrod Bolden, Ashley Christine Bowdoin, Ceci Kasandra Brizuela, Kameko Shana Bryant, Kayla Corin Bryce, Christine Bui, Shaun Tunkhang Bui, Wade Connor Buisson and Carlos Canales. Roy Cantu, David Allen Carrier, Ana Isabel Cavazos, Joe Michael Cavazos, Javier G. Chavez, Michael Wayne Clark, Cadarius Lebrant Clayborn-Booker, Sebastian J. Colunga, Benjamin Alexander Cordero, Samantha Paige Coyle and Danielle N. Crawford.

Gabriela Cruz, Veronica Michelle Delafuente, Frances Elizabeth Delao, Gabriella Lisette Deleon, Oscar Aaron Delossantos, Jessica Dennis, Jordan Taylor Deubner, Kemerly Dexter, Hibba Arsan Diab, Rebecca Diane Diaz and Duyen Thi Thao Dinh. Vicki Dinh, Sanny Do, Aaron David Dryden, Nancy Du, Julia Nicole Duenez, Elizabeth Ngo Duong, Karnea Jasmin Duran, Chloe Liseth Escobar, Eric James Everett, Adrian Jesus Flores, Morena Yesenia Flores, Erick Frias and Lizeth Frias.

Jorge Luis Fuentes, Jose Angel Galarza, Crystal Ashley Galaviz, Andrea Gamez, Megan Alyce Gary, Joanna Marie Garza, Mantej Kaur Gill, Miranda Gloria, Samantha Gomes, Karelia Gomez, Andrea C. Gonzalez and Brandon Edgardo Gonzalez. Diego Gonzalez, Jazmin Rosemary Gonzalez, Sandra Enid Gonzalez, Nora Guerra, Alexis Najeeah Hall, Allison Kay Hall, Briana Maritza Harper, Cella Lorraine Hawkins, Brianna Marie Hernandez, Tyara Xiomara Hernandez and Alejandro Hinojosa.

Anh Hoang, Elizabeth Mai Phuong Hoang, Kevin Duc Hoang, Mai Khanh Hoangle, Eden Mikala Hogan, Nguyen Bac Hong, Mohammed Hossain, Ngoc Nguyen Boa Huynh, Rachael Annalisa Jagdeo, Gerardo Azael Jaimes and Karen Johanna Jimenez. Donna Loshay Johnson, Nina Jasmine Johnson, Angela Beth Kahanek, Katharina Langheim, Nicole Marie Lara, Van Tuyet Le, Douglas Worthington Leighton, Edward Alexander Lewis, Kyle Lohse, Zachery Morgan Long and Angelica Lee Lopez.

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Meagan Darby Snyder, Christopher R. Sorensen, Crystal Sosa, Melissa Sosa, Treg Edward Spigner, Sheldon Avery Stockfleth, Kristen Danielle Stolicke, Dajah Elies Swinton, Anatoli Hara Symeonidis, Clarissa Tamez, Tony Tieu, Carol To-Uyen Tran and Dorothy Thituyen Tran. Hong Tuyet Tran, Julie My Tran, Paul Huy Tran, Steven Sang Tran, Thuy Tien Tran, Thomas Ray Trevino, Katie V. Tyer, Chukwuemeka Kendrick Uchendu, Kenneth Javier Valerio, Andy Van, Rigoberto G. Vargas and Nyla Osiris Vasquez.

Shannon Janee Veal, Jose Luis Vega, Brenda Velasquez, Erica Cecilia Villarreal, Robert Vo, Andrew Steven Vu, Long Hoang Vu, Vivian Vu, Jasmine Gabrielle Walker, Kayla M. Williams, Eric Anthony Wilson, Joseph Duval Wright, Erika G. Yglesias and Alejandra Ysaguirre.

Twelfth grade
Anas F. Abuhawala, Mark Timothy Admani, Daniel Jake Alanis, Stephanie Vanessa Alfaro, Asia Brooke Allen, Janelle Alexandra Arqueta, Cynthia Arias, Brittany E. Avila, Leslie Avitia, Christian Baez, Magaly Balderas and Sabrina Marie Barajas. Nicole Rene Barnett, Destiny L. Bellamy, Mohamed Benachour, Jacob Andrew Boelsche, Shelby Noelle Bradley, Nhat Minh Bui, Erin Nichole Caballero, Monica Cecilia Campos, Michelle Lisette Cantu, Ariel Shanice Carter and Krista Carter.

Izzy Castillo, Lourdes Cristina Castillo, Caitlin Elizabeth Caughlin, Patricia Nmi Cedillo, Katia Graciela Ceja, Aimee Rene Cessna, Davy Chan, Michael Brady Chrestman, Marissa Ann Correa, Jorge L. Cortez and Dorothy Tramahn Dao. **Continued on Page 5A**

Christine Casandrapatag David, Rodney Devon Davis, Rebecca Angela Day, Huy Steven Dinh, Phong Quoc Do, Christine Myhanh Doan, Cristina J. Dorantes, Daring Eap, Aaron Scott Ebbinghaus, Justin Loyd Eckols and Juston Ryan Edwards. Zachary Allen Ezzell, Victoria Aunitamarie Fee, Kimberly Fernandez, Ashley Nicole Feyes, Katherine Fern Finney, Julianna Grace Fort, Caitlyn Francis, Nickolas Martin Fuentes, Solmayra Gallardo, Carla L. Galvan and Jordan Alexander Gammom.

Christopher M. Garcia, Madelyn Angelica Garcia, Nancy Janice Garcia, Kelley Suzanne Gartner, Ashley Danielle Garza, Devin Hannah Gettig, Karla M. Gomez, Kellen Denise Gomez, Melissa Gonzales, Alvaro Gonzalez and Eduardo Gonzalez. Yasmeen Marie Gonzalez, Justin Lee Goodin, Jessica Daniela Graham, Treydell Jewon Gray, Theresa Elizabeth Greene, Kayla Nicole Guel, Amy Lynn Hall, Elise Ashley Harper, Tyler Rae Hefflin, Erin Britanni Henderson and Ryan Richard Henry.

Amber Paula Hernandez, Julian Augustine Hernandez, Tanisha Nirvana Hernandez, Adriana Herrera, Hongnhung Thanh Ho, Ashley Danielle Hoggard, Katlyn Michelle Hoggard, Arndreya Angelica Howard, Diandra Lee Hurd and Jessica Hanh Huynh. Sallu Jabati, Zaheer Umar Kamal, Christopher Michael Krivik, Jacob Austin Lacamu, Jeremy Allen Lacamu, Michelle Lam, Kristen Lanza, Darrian Lavergne, Norma L. Lazo, Kevin Nguyen Le, Ngocbao Thanh Le and Phuong-Duyen Mai Le.

Eun Kyeong Lee, Christopher Isai Lopez, Alyssa Jade Loreda, Huy Phan Luu, Jimmy Ly, Kevin Khanh Ly, Yolanda Yvette Marcano, Brandon Micheal Marr, Angelica Rivera Martinez, German Martinez, Marcelo Martinez and Kaitlyn McMurrough. Rolando Medina, Luis Humberto Mejia, Jose Felipe Mendoza, Katelynn Marie Miille, Malaz Osama Mohamed, Otmarr Nicolas Montes, Kia Montgomery, Chrystal Kaitlyn Montoya, Marlyn Silvana Montoya and Alberto Alexander Moreno.

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Beverly Hills breakfast essay winners



Recently, students at Beverly Hills Intermediate were invited to submit essays for a contest. Students were invited to write on the importance of eating breakfast. Pictured are, left to right, Debbie Murray, cafeteria manager; Meleny Menjivar, third place; Matt Hampton, second place; and Ashley Salinas, first place. As part of the winnings, Salinas was given an iPod Shuffle, headphones and a \$25 iTunes gift card. The runners-up received iTunes gift cards as well. Photo submitted

SJC, Clear Horizons at meet & greet

San Jacinto College faculty and staff and Clear Creek Independent School District Clear Horizons Early College High School faculty and staff spend time together creating relationships and making clarifications to ensure student success. This collaboration has bred great success. Clear Horizons Early College High School is CCISD's only three-time Exemplary high school, the home of more world champion Robonauts than any other CCISD high school, the CCISD high school with the highest attendance rate and the CCISD high school with more than 25,000 service learning hours among current students. It is also the CCISD high school with more than 10,000 free community internship hours this year, the CCISD high school with the highest top 10 percent GPA and the CCISD high school where community members are getting more for their tax dollars — providing high school and a college degree for a lower per-pupil cost than half of the comprehensive high schools.



Shown at the biannual Clear Horizons San Jacinto College Faculty and Staff Meet and Greet are, left to right, Dominic Beggan, SJC government professor; Jimmy Ramos, Clear Horizons Spanish teacher; Nina Triche, SJC geology professor; Lynne Brandt, SJC music professor; and Kate Graham, Clear Horizons internship teacher. Photo submitted

Pasadena school district named to elite music education list

For the sixth consecutive year, the Pasadena Independent School District has been selected as one of the best communities for music education in America. The announcement of the honor was made recently by the National Association of Music Merchants.

The NAMM selected 172 school districts across the nation for the honor. Fourteen of those school districts are in Texas. Pasadena ISD, Fort Bend ISD and Katy ISD were the only three districts named from the Houston area. "The district is proud of the outstanding achievements of our bands, choirs and orchestras," said Linda Fletcher, Pasadena ISD's executive director of fine arts. "Many of our student musicians receive scholarships to continue their music education in college. I salute the teachers, directors, students and their parents for their efforts in continuing to prove that our district is indeed one of the best places in the United States for music education." The honor is based upon a nationwide search for school districts whose scholastic programs exemplify a strong and unwavering commitment to music education. The NAMM considers such recognition an important way to support music education in times of funding cuts for many fine arts programs. Districts nationwide are asked to complete surveys documenting their commitment to music education. The surveys are collected in collaboration with the Institute for Educational Research and Public Service, an affiliate of the University of Kansas. "Research continues to prove that student involvement in music education results in higher scores on standardized tests, including the SAT," Fletcher said. "Additionally, there is documentation that students involved in music education at the secondary level have a lower dropout rate than the general student population."

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.

AARP Chapter 199 meets
AARP Chapter 199 will meet Friday, May 20, at 10 a.m. at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway in Seabrook. This month's feature will be by the University of Texas Medical Branch on audiology. Deborah L. Carlson, Ph.D., the Audiology and Speech Pathology Center director from UTMB, will provide a program on the topic of hearing, balance and related disorders. The public is always welcome to attend this free informational program. Refreshments will be served.

BHI sweeps essay contest



The Pasadena Noon Optimist Club recently announced the winners of its annual Optimist International essay contest and for the second year in a row, Beverly Hills was able to sweep the Pasadena essay contest. This year's essay topic was *How My Education is the Key to a Successful Future*. Pictured are, left to right, Rob Hasson; Catherine Thai, first place; Alexis Jimenez, second place; Lorissa Saiz, third place; and Liz Tolsen. Photo submitted

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Getting Sara Married opens May 13 at PLT

Getting Sara Married, by Sam Bobick, opens Friday, May 13, at Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road.

This comedy, directed by Vanessa Pearson and Janet Sharpley, runs weekends through May 29. Show times are 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, and Thursday, May 26, with Sunday matinees at 3 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$14 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors. On Thursday, May 26, a special two-for-one show will be offered. A \$14 ticket will admit two to this performance.

Sara Hastings is an unmarried lawyer in her mid-30s, much too busy to get involved in any romance. Her Aunt Martha has decided to take matters into her own hands and find her a husband.

Unfortunately, Aunt Martha's method of doing it amounts to having the prospective groom bopped over the head and brought to Sara's apartment.

Aunt Martha's choice is Brandon Cates, a young man who handles her finances. Although Brandon is already engaged to be married, this does not deter Aunt Martha.

After being bopped on the head a few times, having a temporary loss of memory and experiencing several instances of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, and a confrontation with a very angry fiancée, Brandon, slowly comes to realize that Sara is really the girl for him.

Make reservations online at www.pasadenalittletheatre.org or by calling 713-941-1758.

Over The Back Fence by Jan

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY AIDEN!
Aidan De La Rosa turned 2 years old on April 15. Lots of hugs, kisses and birthday wishes are sent to him from his mom and dad, **Kristin and Fernando De La Rosa**, big brother **Jacob**, Gran and Pop, **Rose and Larry Konzelman**, aunt **Kimmie** and uncle **Mike Frazee**, aunt **Allison** and uncle **Cody Reynolds**, Grandma and Papo, **Hilda and Fernando De La Rosa**, Aunt **Lizet Martinez**, and cousins **Matthew, Lauren and Zachary Frazee**, **Avery** and **Sydney Reynolds**, and **Nikki Martinez**.

JACOB TURNS EIGHT!
Jacob De La Rosa turned 8 years old on May 1. Lots of hugs, kisses and birthday wishes are sent to him from his mom and dad, **Kristin and Fernando De La Rosa**, little brother **Aidan**, Gran and Pop, **Rose and Larry Konzelman**, aunt **Kimmie** and uncle **Mike Frazee**, aunt **Allison** and uncle **Cody Reynolds**, Grandma and Papo, **Hilda and Fernando De La Rosa**, Aunt **Lizet Martinez**, and cousins **Matthew, Lauren and Zachary Frazee**, **Avery** and **Sydney Reynolds**, and **Nikki Martinez**. Jacob is in the second grade at Frazier Elementary.

SOFIA IS NOW A BIG SISTER!
 Congratulations is sent to **Sofia Martinez**, the proud big sister of **Lionel David Martinez** born on April 10, 2011. Lionel weighed 7 lbs., 12-1/2 oz., and stretched 19-3/4 inches long. Sofia is a first-grader at Laura Bush Elementary. Proud parents are **Marcos and Imelda Martinez**.

Birthday greetings are sent to **Shirley Young** May 17.

On May 12, **Debbie Tatauca** is wished a happy birthday.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
 May 12 is the day for a double birthday party for **Linda Bray** and **Jessica Newcomb**.

Thompson Intermediate
 Wishes for a happy birthday are sent to **Sue Evans** and **Claudette Lunar** May 12. The day for a double-layer cake for **Stephanie McGough** and **Todd Taylor** is May 13. On May 14, greetings for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Sandy Costoreno**.

Dobie High
 May 12 is the day for a birthday surprise for **Evelia Rocha**. On May 13, blow out the birthday candles for **Tina Dvorak**. **Carolyn McCain** is wished a happy birthday May 14. The day for a party for **Melissa Rios-Gutierrez** is May 15. Sharing a birthday May 16 are **Leisha Lewis** and **Isidra Martinez**. Enjoying a birthday May 18 is **Tyler Ruberg**.

DOBIE TRAILMIXERS MEET
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Turkey this time.

Helen Kainer has had to miss Trailmixers several times recently because she is committed to taking communion to several nursing home residents during that time. Helen and her son, **Danny**, a veterinarian, enjoyed attending a wedding in Santa Margarita, Calif., during the Easter weekend.

Phyllis and Carl Shaulis, with **Jean Woest**, enjoyed a recent visit with **Bettie Holt**, a retired Dobie science teacher who now lives in Kingwood.

Julius Knebel, retired social studies expert, has recently taken over the job of travel coordinator for PARSE. He and his wife, **Nell**, have the job of organizing educational travels for the membership. Those of us who experienced many social studies inservice programs during the **Jack Ray** era have interesting memories of Julius' loquacious talents, which he still utilizes abundantly.

Vickie Morgan, 25-year veteran PISD school board member, shared her experiences at the April PARSE meeting concerning "the choking game," which caused the death of her youngest daughter at Christmas two years ago. The program was fascinating and quite unsettling for members unaware of this activity. Vickie has shared her story with many students and adults. The website, jennymorgan.com, gives more information.

Don Williams, retired agriculture teacher, recently shared interesting views about the state of education in Texas. He asks why teachers should wear the "scarlet letter" for the failings of a nation. He asks about a label for the lawmaker whose policies fail to clean up the poorest neighborhoods. Perhaps we should establish "annual targets" for legislators to meet. He also questions the half-billion dollars spent on tests created by the Pearson Company in England.

Ted Grant, retired Rayburn counselor, reported on legislative events at the last PARSE meeting. Some Texas lawmakers are trying to reduce funding for TRS Care. Also, the legislature is proposing to change TRS retirement from a defined benefits plan to a defined contributions plan. If this change takes place, those left on the defined benefits plan will probably NEVER get another raise. Something to consider...

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SCHOOL DAZE
 The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays May 12 through May 18.

Atkinson Elementary
 Happy birthday wishes are sent to **Jessica Slater** May 13.

Bush Elementary
 On May 12, birthday wishes are sent to **Andrew Duron** and **Whitney Shook**. **Crista Bearden** is wished a happy birthday May 17.

Frazier Elementary
 Greetings for a happy birthday are sent to **Sarah Lyssy** May 13. On May 16, **Connie Groves** has a birthday. The day for a cake for **Susan Blue** is May 18.

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SJC donates 684 inches of hair to Locks of Love

The annual Share Your Hair week at San Jacinto College South has cut and donated a campus record 684 inches of hair from 60 haircuts. Thanks to student **Matthew James**, the cosmetology department was able to greatly surpass last year's total of 400 inches.

The weeklong event took place April 11 through 16 and brought in a number of campus participants, community members, and children wanting to donate their hair to this great cause.

"I am so thrilled at how the campus staff, faculty, and administrators rallied together to get people to come out and donate their hair," said **Mary Lindsay**, South campus department chair of cosmetology. "We even had one donor come in who told us that he had challenged his friends on Facebook to come in and match his donation of 12 inches of hair, or to make a monetary donation."

Matthew James was the final donor needed to make 60 locks of hair to be donated



Student **Matthew James** gets his hair cut by South campus cosmetology student **Karen Hernandez** for the annual Share Your Hair week event benefiting **Locks of Love**. This year, the South campus cosmetology department will donate 684 inches from 60 heads of hair to the **Locks of Love** organization.
 Photo by **Andrea Vasquez**

to Locks of Love. As a student assistant for the business and technology division, **James** says that his long hair was being sought after a week before the event even started.

"At first I wasn't really thinking about doing it because I haven't really gotten a true haircut since the eighth grade. When I saw how much hair I actually had, I figured, six inches off wouldn't hurt. So if this can help someone, that's great with me," said **James**.

Dr. Brenda Jones, dean of business and technology, is also proud of the goal reached by the department. "The South campus cosmetology department is both thrilled and honored to be a supporter of such a worthy cause. We reached our goal through the hard work and dedication of our students, departmental personnel, and the outpouring of support from our community."

Locks of Love is a public non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under age 21 suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis.

For more information on how to donate to Locks of Love, visit www.locksoflove.org.

Remember When

35 years ago (1976)
 1976 marked the first year for a girls track team at Dobie High School.

Lana Shannon, daughter of **Bobby and Joyce Shannon**, was named Miss Black Gold Jamboree at a festival held at Southern State Bank.

Jeffery Tate was fatally injured when he was struck by a truck on South Belt and Sagedwood.

30 years ago (1981)
 During heavy rains, 75 area homes were flooded.

State Rep. **Randy Pennington** called for the resignation of **Harris County Flood Control Director Jim Green**. Pennington said Green "is not competent to carry out the duties of the Harris County Flood Control director as evidenced by the flooding in Harris County over the weekend."

25 years ago (1986)
 Approximately 300 people visited with Harris County political candidates at an open house at San Jacinto College in anticipation of the upcoming election.

Precinct 654 was formed in the South Belt area. The boundaries were **Beamer, Kingspoint, Blackhawk and Hall Roads**.

A fight, which began at Dobie High School, resumed after school and resulted in the arrest of one juvenile. The fight wound up on Fuqua near **Randalls**, and involved 10 to 15 high school students from Dobie and **Ross Sterling High Schools**.

A "contract of termination" in the murder-for-hire killing of **Gilbert Boyce Swain** was entered into evidence at the trial of the accused. The four on trial were **Swain's widow**, the victim's stepson and two others, who claimed money was left in a prearranged location and a door was left unlocked to gain access to murder **Swain**.

20 years ago (1991)
 Dobie varsity football coach **Buzzy Kieth** accepted the second annual **Tom Landry Award** from **Baylor University Coach Grant Teaff**. The award was presented at

the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame banquet in **Waco**.

More than 900 cases of truancy were filed in court by the Pasadena Independent School District. Approximately a quarter of those involved South Belt area schools and students.

15 years ago (1996)
 Dobie senior **Alisha Broussard** won her third straight gold medal at the state triple-jump competition.

Memorial Hospital South-east Vice President/C.E.O. **Dan Martin** cut the ribbon to open the hospital's new quarter-mile walking track.

10 years ago (2001)
 The Gardens was named the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce SEED business of the year.

Mayor **Lee Brown** nominated acting Fire Chief **Chris Connealy**, a 1977 Dobie graduate, to serve as fire chief for the Houston Fire Department. He will assume the position pending City Council approval.

For the third consecutive year, South Belt area homeowners faced a major increase in their Harris County tax appraisals.

Incumbent **Paula Thomas** garnered more than 70 percent of the 2,649 votes cast in her run for at-large Position B in Clear Creek Independent School District's board election.

5 years ago (2006)
Kirk Lewis, who for years served as a spokesman for PISD, was officially named superintendent.

Houston firefighters responded to a townhome fire on **Sabo** near **Sagedowne**. The fire was caused by a

short in the aluminum wiring of an electrical outlet on the first floor.

The congregation of **Cokesbury United Methodist Church** honored its pastor, the Rev. **Dr. Sara Owen-Gemoets**, with a retirement reception and appreciation.

For its military service during World War II, **Ellington Field**, the joint-use civil/military airport, was declared a historical landmark by the **Houston Airport System**.

1 year ago (2010)
Frazier Principal Rhonda Parmer was named Texas' 2010 National Distinguished Principal in a surprise announcement at the area elementary school. She was also awarded a check for \$10,000, thanks to a generous donation from **Mentoring Minds**.

Recent elections found incumbents winning all races. In the Clear Creek Independent School District elections, **At-Large Position B** incumbent **Ann Hammond** easily defeated two challengers. **District 1** incumbent **Robert Davee** ran unchallenged and would maintain his position.

In the **Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District** elections, incumbents **Jim Bishop** and **Bill Morgan** would both maintain their positions. **Bishop** narrowly won in the race for the **Position 5** seat, winning by a mere two votes. **Morgan** won in the race for the **Position 4** seat.

In the **Kirkmont Municipal Utility District** elections, incumbents **Michael Grizzaffi**, **Debra Carroll** and **Gordon Bevil** retained their positions.

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Doyle, Hunter to marry



Cindy Doyle of South Belt announces the engagement and upcoming marriage of her daughter, Jennifer Ann Doyle, to Kelly Joseph Hunter, son of Connie Marie Crim of Cedar Park, Texas. The bride-to-be graduated from Dobie High School in 1994. She is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree and is employed as an assistant account manager at Lockton Companies, L.L.C. The prospective groom graduated from Leander High School in 1992 and from Southwest Texas State University in 1999 with a BBA in accounting. He is a shareholder with the accounting firm Fitts, Roberts & Co., P.C., in Houston. The couple is planning a mid-May wedding.

Thompson names fifth six-week honor rolls

Thompson Intermediate recently released its honor roll list for the fifth six-weeks grading period. Students earning status are:

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Seventh grade
Luis Alan Adame, Beulah Chinyerem Akpan, Aliana Cristina Aleman, Adrianna Alise Allen, Cera Elizabeth Alvarado, Daniel Alvarez, Amandanicole Gabino Arambula, Cristian Ernesto Ascencio, Jaylon Deon Bolden and Hannah Marie Brady.

Isaiah Rondal Brooks, Robert Erving Brown, Daniela Campo, Kara Ashley Campos, Mandy Thuy Cao, Katie Ann Carnish, Kristen Celeste Carranza, Anthony Noah Caughlin, Andrea Rene Cedeno, Brandon Van Chung and Madeline A. Colunga.

Tristan I. Cool, Kevin Joseph Cortez, Zoe Nicole Cortez, David Alejandro Cruz, Melissa Sarahi Cruz, Alyssa Nicole Cumpian, Nicole Marie Cypert, Allison Marie Dasilva, Wesley Wade Dawson, Jacob Elan Delagarza and Ashley Ann Deveza.

De Ann Celeste Dimas, Hung Tony Dinh, Joshua Micah Dishongh, Alex Amir Dosal, Jose Narciso Duarte, Ryan Vaughn Ehlinger, Marquise Juane Francis, Joslyn Denae Gallien, Adriana Garcia, Aileen Victoria Garcia and Kenia Giselle Garcia.

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Myles A. Harris, Kallie Nicole Hart, Chantelle Marie Hatchet, Shelby Ann Henderer, Michelle Ngoc Thao Hoang, Jason Huerta, Aryn Danielle Ibarra, Esmeralda Ibarra, Sarathany Duong In, Jacob Ryan Izaguirre and Tea Ajaha Jackson.

Brady Houston Jacobs, La Claudia Ty Kee Anna Labarrera, Nathan Murrell Lazenberry, Anna Nguyen Le, Bobby Nhiyen Le, Emily Ngoc Le, Matthew Khang Le, Kacie Lyn Little, Sarah Ruth Loftin, Orlando Nigel Logan and Julia Michelle Lohse.

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Vinh Qang Tran, Vinh Thanh Tran, Mariana Chavez Triana, Diana Pamela Tufino, Kellie Amanda Tyer, Abraham Joseph Valencia, Hugo Gilberto Velarde, Nicklaus Noel Velasquez, Jolissa Lynn Villalobos and Alejandro Villarreal.

Anthony Long Vu, Rachel Nhi Vu, Lorez Lonn Walker, Charish La Nae Williams, Latroya Nicole Williams, Skylar Elise Williams, Raven Anjell Wilson, Matthew E. Wolf, Alexis Bailey Woodruffe and Kaelon Jamaul Woods.

Eighth grade
Guadalupe Isabel Acosta, Savannah Joe Amaro, Jackelin Andrade, Justyn Andrew Arnesen-Gonzalez, Alexandra Nicole Banda, Yenlynn Hoang Binh, Gabriela Renee Barragan, Deneil Simone Bell, Evan Lamar Blaylock, Carli Elizabeth Blue and Zachary Grant Blue.

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Hailey Rachelle Davis, Racquel Marie Delgadillo, Christopher Rayman Dufresne, Abdon Jose Ferreira,

Nathaniel Christian Flores, Sabrina Andreina Frias, Luis Eduardo Garay, Tiffany Amber Garcia, Patrice Elaine Gilbert and Rachel Taylor Glass.

Joshua Paul Godwin, Luis Carlos Gonzalez, Anna Mae Goodman, Cameron Devante Guy, Kiara Doneisha Hart, Salina Hay, Carolina Alejandra Herrera, Yesenia Herrera, Jessie Ngoc Huynh, Nicholas Daniel Jagdeo, Jordan Luis Jimenez and Desiree Shantal Johnson.

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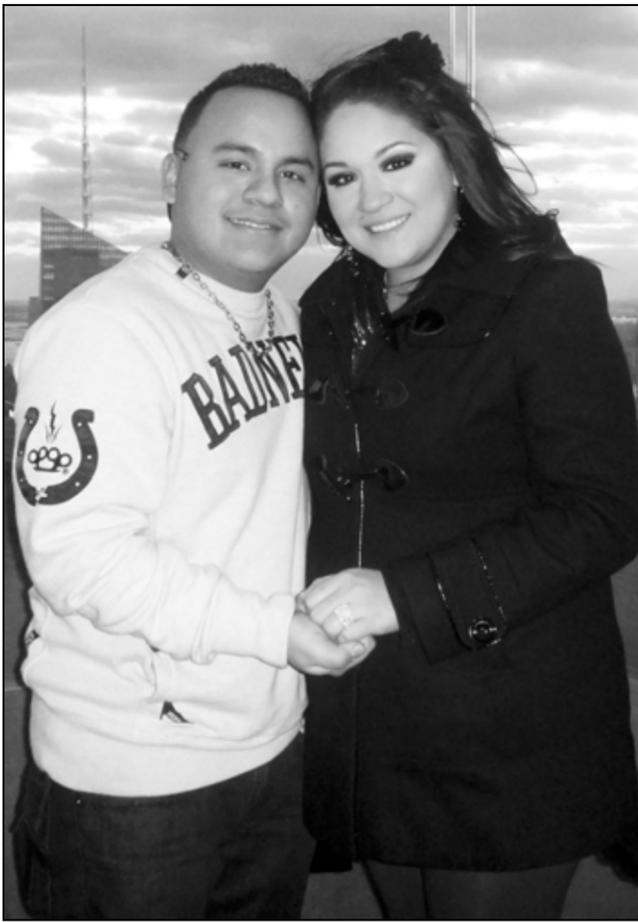
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Martinez, Sanchez engaged



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Dobie AFJROTC helps at egg hunt



The Dobie AFJROTC helps out at the annual Easter egg hunt held at El Franco Lee Park. Those participating are, left to right, (front row) Mark Gonzalez, Jasmine Castro, Alondra Harper, Carlos Flores, (middle row) Stephanie Cherry, Jennifer

Chicas, Samantha Paredes, Micheal Lee, Judge Jo Ann Delgado, El Franco Lee, Gilbert Aguilar, instructor Alfonso Viera, (back row) Cristina Dorantes, Adrian Cano and Francisco Ledezma.
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Science students create foaming toothpaste

On March 25, Thompson Intermediate eighth-graders concluded their chemistry unit by conducting the Foaming Elephant Toothpaste experiment. One student from each class was chosen to be the "scientist" that was in charge of conducting the experiment in a safe, methodical way. The Foaming Elephant Toothpaste is a combination of 30 percent hydrogen peroxide, potassium iodide solution, dish soap and food coloring. Each "scientist" used the proper safety equipment while he or she poured the potassium iodide (which acts as a catalyst) into the other combined ingredients. The chemicals combined instantaneously and an exothermic reaction took place. The students were all amazed to see the extremely hot steam come out of the graduate cylinder and foam.



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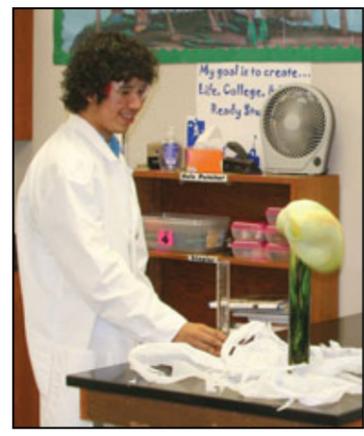
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Beverly Hills announces fifth six-week rolls

Beverly Hills Intermediate recently released its honor roll list for the fifth six-weeks grading period. Students earning status are:

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Alexandra Rocio De Alejandro, Angelica Cuaping DeJesus, Ariel Jordan Delarosa, Joshua Arthur Dobbs, Daniel Escobedo, Raheem Shaquil Florence, Daisy Guadalupe Fuentes, Yohana Galvan, Jonatan F. Garcia and Ivonne Monsterrat Gauna-

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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

Dobie softball, baseball advance in playoffs

JFD nine sweep Falcons

By John Bechtle Sports Editor
Al Gonzalez was just one of many heroes as the Dobie varsity baseball program ended a 13-year drought, winning a playoff series for the first time since 1997 with a come-from-behind 5-3 victory over Channelview May 6 at Dickinson High School.
Coupled with a 4-3 win in the best-of-three series opener, the Longhorns' 5-3 victory ended a long stretch of frustration. Now, the Longhorns have advanced

to take on Clements, the state's No. 1 ranked team, in the area round.
That one-game area playoff is set for Friday, May 13, at Pearland High School. First pitch is at 7:30 p.m.
"Clements is obviously a very good baseball team," Dobie head coach Miguel Torres said.
"They are ranked No. 1 in the state and No. 5 in the nation I believe. But anything can happen in a one game series. We're going to go out there and work to be at



Dobie senior third baseman Edward Peabody (20) and his teammates finally saw some hits fall in the series clincher against Channelview, and Al Gonzalez's three-run homer in the seventh inning of game two was the final straw as the Longhorns won a baseball playoff series for the first time since 1997.

Regional Q softball pits Dobie, Brazoswood

And then there were eight.
The Dobie varsity softball team is one of the final eight remaining in the chase for the Region III title.
Coming off a 7-6, 2-1 series sweep of Clements in the area round, Dobie is in the regional quarterfinals for the second time in three years.
Back in 2009, Dobie was eliminated by Clear Creek in a one-game playoff that was forced by Hurricane Ike.
This time around, the Lady Longhorns will take on District 24-5A champion Brazoswood in a best-of-three series May 12-14, with each game to be played

at Manvel High School. The winner will advance to play either Cy-Fair or Katy Taylor in the regional semifinals.
The other four remaining teams in the mix include defending state champion Pearland, which will face Pasadena Memorial, and also Bellaire versus Katy.
"Right now, it's all about going out there and having fun," Dobie head coach Robin Rackley said.
"This is an amazing accomplishment for us because each of the eight teams that are left are great teams. But we also have to remind ourselves that this is not good enough for us. We want to keep playing be-

yond this series and more."
Brazoswood owns two victories over Dobie this season, one 6-2 and another by a 3-0 count. But both of those games were played in February, a long time ago

in the high school softball ranks.
Granted, at this point in the season, all other results have to be tossed out the window.
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our best and let it play out. If we play the way we can, there's no doubt we can win in a one-game scenario."
JFD fells Falcons
Against Channelview, the last thing the Longhorns wanted to do was see the series stretched to a third game.
But with five innings in the books in the second game, it sure looked like it was headed that direction.
But the Longhorns rallied because the pitching staff kept the game close enough for the hits to finally start falling.
When the hits did start finding the gaps, the tide turned in Dobie's favor.
"It was like that for us in both games," Torres said.
"We hit a lot of balls hard but right at players in the first game, too. That's baseball. Thankfully for us, they started falling in eventually."
Through the first five innings of game two, Channelview recorded 13 fly ball outs against the Longhorns, including a good number of line drives that were hit directly at or very near Channelview outfielders.
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LSA's Curtis rules state track meet

There's no debate, the gold medal count speaks for itself.
Loreal Curtis, the track and field star from Lutheran South Academy, has set the new standard in Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools track and field history.
Four, five or six? No, that was prior to her senior season with a sweep of the 200- and 400-meter dash titles during the 2008, 2009 and 2010 seasons.
Instead, Curtis pushed her gold standard to nine after winning the 100-, 200- and 400-meter titles at the 2011 TAPPS Class 4A state meet at Baylor University in Waco.
Curtis added a silver medal to her stash by placing second in the triple jump during first-day competition May 6.
Along the way, Curtis helped guide the LSA girls' team to a third-place overall finish at state.
Her sprint sweep came May 7 as she won the 100-meter dash and then reset her own record in the 400-meter dash with a time of 56.46 seconds. For the encore, Curtis captured the 200-meter dash.
"I think I'm still a little bit in shock," Curtis said, adding that final exams dominated her thinking just after the state meet. "It hasn't hit me yet that I was able to do it."
Curtis, who has signed a letter of intent to continue her track and field career and her studies at DePaul University this fall, is undoubtedly one of the top TAPPS tracksters of all time.
She won state gold medals in the 200 and 400 during each of her four seasons and added the 100 this time around.
Seeing that her times in the 100 as a junior might have given her a shot at state, Curtis bypassed the relay this season in order to go for the win in the 100.
Admittedly slow out of the blocks, Curtis trailed early in the 100 before

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Lutheran South Academy's Loreal Curtis ran her string of state track and field gold medals to 10 with three more during her final season, including wins in the 100-, 200- and 400-meter events.

Back-to-back defeats end SJC softball year

Leaving 16 runners on base over the final two games proved to be costly as the San Jacinto College softball team took fifth place at the Region XIV tournament at Northeast Texas Community College.
Jaclyn Bechtle's two-run, walk off homer in the bottom of the eighth lifted San Jacinto to a 5-3 win in the opener against Bossier Parish.
From there, the Coyotes seemed to have momentum moving into a winner's bracket game against Navarro, but the big hits quit coming.
Despite another great pitching effort from Shannon Millman, San Jacinto lost 4-1 to Navarro and then slipped out of the tournament after a tough 5-4 loss to Paris in 10 innings.
Blinn, ranked seventh nationally entering the tournament, went on to win the event and will advance to nationals as the Region XIV representative.
Still, San Jacinto knows it had a chance or two.
"It was just a situation where we couldn't get the key hits at the right time to drive in the runs we needed," San Jacinto head coach Kelly Saenz said.
"We out-hit Navarro eight to six and out-hit Paris, too, but we left six runners on base against Navarro and 10 more against Paris."
The 1-2 record at the regional tournament left San Jacinto with a 40-22 record for the season, the program's fourth 40-win season out of five.
Obviously, San Jacinto had hopes of advancing to nationals, but Saenz said she could not be disappointed with the effort she saw.
"The kids did not give up, and as a coach that is all you can ask for," Saenz said.
"We won 40 games, and any time you do that, you've had a good year. I think maybe at regionals we gripped the bats a little too tight in an effort to do well, but that's the way the game goes."
Millman, a freshman from Pasadena Memorial High School, finished with 21 wins to lead all pitchers.

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Softball pitcher Katie Vogt, who pitched in the tournament finale against Paris, is one of several key players who will have to be filled in for next season.

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Nguyen makes all-conference



Three members of Army's softball team, including class of 2010 Dobie High School graduate Amanda Nguyen, were honored by the Patriot League on the conference's first unit. Nguyen, also a candidate for the league's freshman of the year, was cited a league-high three times for rookie of the week honors as the Black Knights dominated with three players combining for six citations. Nguyen led Army and the Patriot League with 64 hits, 40 runs and 26 stolen bases as the squad's leadoff hitter with a .403 on-base percentage. Her speed allowed her to beat out infield hits and rank among the toughest players on the basepaths with 26 steals in 29 attempts. Nguyen set a school single-season record for stolen bases, hits and runs scored, and her batting average (.366, third in the league) is tied for 10th place. Nguyen's 26 stolen bases is just one shy of breaking into Army's all-time career list. The left fielder led Army in league games in batting (.394), hits (18), runs (18), stolen bases (12-12) and on-base percentage (.434). Nguyen is also the team leader with a .991 fielding percentage, having made just one error in 106 chances, while showing a perfect percentage with no errors in 32 chances in league games.

Dobie softball train rolls on to quarterfinals

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Yes, Brazoswood owns a pair of wins over Dobie, but Pearland has already won two series after losing the first game of each, and Pasadena Memorial is the Cinderella team of the final eight.

There is no more flying under the radar or sneaking up on opponents. Dobie just has to go out and win games.

In the area round against Clements, the Lady Horns built a 7-1 lead in the first game before having to hang on for a 7-6 win.

In the series clincher, pitcher Shannon O'Connor paved the way as she was again brilliant in the 2-1 win.

"Shannon has been there all year for us and has done a terrific job," Rackley said. "When the pitching rubber was moved back to 43 feet this year, the game plan became more about getting ground balls and pop ups than getting strikeouts."

"Shannon has done exactly what she has to do, make quality pitches and let her defense do the rest of the work. For the most part, we have done that."

And Rackley believes one more thing is aiding Dobie - the memory of teammate Gabby Romero, a member of the class of 2011 who died of cancer in 2009.

"I really think Gabby and her memory is giving us inspiration to move forward

and to keep battling for her," Rackley said.

"All of these girls are familiar with Gabby, her fight and what she meant to this program, school and the community. I know it's on the minds of our kids."

As for the action on the field to come over the next

few days, Rackley simply wants her players to leave it all on the field.

"Every player and every coach on this team are together on this thing," Rackley said. "Everyone has made a contribution, and you have to have that."

"We understand that

none of these other teams are going to quit. Clements showed us that in both of the games, so we have to keep up the pressure. "Our goals are still in front of us, and we are in a position to focus and get this done and to keep playing."



Dobie varsity softball head coach Robin Rackley has her team in the regional quarterfinals for the first time since the 2009 season. Next up, the Lady Longhorns will face District 24-5A champion Brazoswood.



Senior outfielder Amie Gallant has played a big role during the season, and especially in the playoffs as the team's center fielder and No. 2 hitter in the lineup. After 7-6 and 2-1 wins over Clements, Gallant and her teammates are ready to face Brazoswood in the regional quarterfinals.

Sports news, notes

SBHLL sets monthly meeting

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League board of directors will host its monthly meeting Wednesday, May 18, at 6:30 p.m. at the courthouse annex located on 10851 Scarsdale.

SBYSC sets fall registration

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club will host a single on-site registration Saturday, May 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sagemeadow MUD Building, located at 10755 Hall Road. Players ages 4 to 18 are eligible to compete. The league will accept checks or money orders at the sign-up. No cash will be accepted. Those who wish to do so may register online at www.southbeltsoccer.org. There is a \$10 discount available to those who register online. The registration fee includes a uniform, socks and shorts.

Dolphins' mascot openings

The Southbelt Dolphins mascot program is seeking girls 5 to 8 years old, as of Sept. 1, 2011, to fill openings for the 2011 season. Those interested may call Cequisha Proctor at 281-875-5696 or direct e-mail to southbeltdolphins@gmail.com. The Dolphins are part of the Bay Area Football League.

Sagemont-Beverly Hills notes

SBHLL Senior/Big League division coaches sought - The league has openings for the senior and big league divisions that will soon start play. Those interested may call Cindy Munoz at 832-618-3649.

Beverly Hills speed camp

The Beverly Hills Intermediate coaching staff will host a 5-week speed camp beginning June 6 and running through July 8. The drills will focus on agility, muscle strength and muscle endurance. The sessions will run weekly on Mondays through Thursdays, with the exception of the final week. Hours are 10 a.m. to noon. The fee is \$60 cash, which includes a camp T-shirt. Deadline to register is Monday, May 23. The camp is open to all boys and girls ages 11 to 15. For additional information, call coach Ben Portis at 713-740-0420, ext. 05124 or 713-299-0251.

Brook softball camp

Clear Brook High School head softball coach Ashley Pillow will host a youth camp June 14-16 at Lady Wolverine Field from 9 a.m. to noon each day. Registration prior to June 1 is \$60 and \$75 thereafter. Girls entering kindergarten through the ninth grade as of the 2011-2012 school year are eligible to attend. For more information, direct e-mail to Pillow at apillow@ccisd.net.

Brook soccer camp

Clear Brook High School varsity boys' soccer coach Chris Stromeyer and varsity girls' head coach Jeff Brewer will host the Wolverines' youth camp June 6-10 at the school. Boys and girls entering the fifth through ninth grades as of the 2011-2012 school year are eligible to attend. The camp will run from 9 to 11 a.m. each day. Fee is \$50, which includes a camp T-shirt. For more information, call Stromeyer at 832-457-5181 or Brewer at 713-822-9107.

Brook soccer camp

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

Thompson athletic physicals

There will be an opportunity for those needing to take a physical exam for athletics at Thompson Intermediate on Thursday, May 12. The cost will be \$20 cash.

SBASA scholarship offering includes May 15 deadline

Each year, the South Belt Area Sports Association presents \$500 scholarships to be applied toward collegiate academic costs to one deserving boy and girl student.

Eligibility requirements for the SBASA scholarship are as follows:

The student must have completed a minimum of three seasons in any of the six youth sports leagues supported by the SBASA, including the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League, South Belt Girls' Softball Association, Sagemont Cowboys, South Belt Senior League Baseball (Pony/Colt), South Belt Youth Soccer Club, and Southbelt Dolphins.

Eligible candidates must be in satisfactory standing in both attendance and academic standing and should also exhibit good citizenship, character and community involvement.

The scholarship may be used to defer expenses in the approved areas, including tuition, fees, books or miscellaneous expenses.

The selection will be made by the SBASA committee. Financial need will be considered in the selection process.

The applications must be completed and returned to the respective school's counseling office by May 15, 2011.

The recipient must enroll in a minimum of 12 class hours at an accredited institution, including a two- or four-year college or technical/vocational school.

The funds will be distributed to the chosen candidates once registration and other appropriate receipts are provided to the committee for approval.

Applicants should also submit a copy of their transcript and a senior portrait with the application when turning in the paperwork.

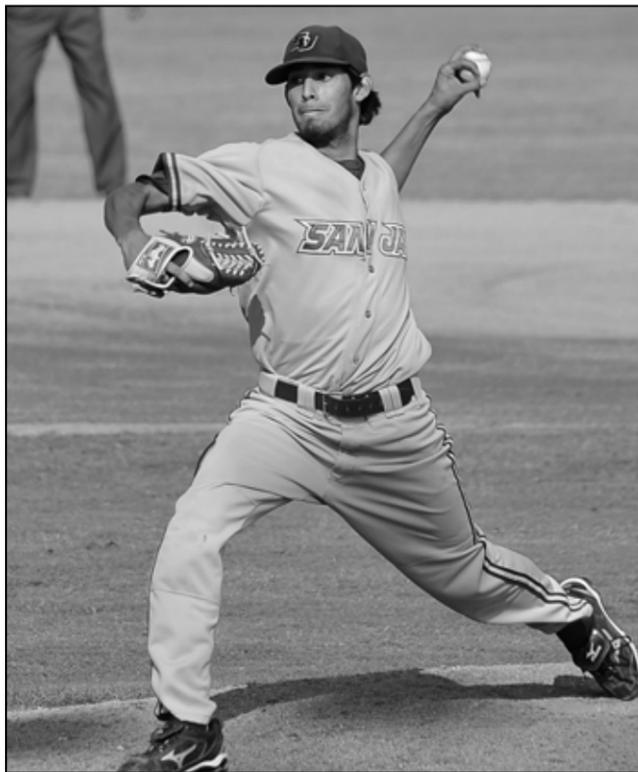
Questions should be directed to Rich Newell, president of South Belt Area Sports Association, at rdnewell2@auspex-inc.com, or to Karen O'Connor, secretary of the association, at karenocannon9694@sbcglobal.net.

Horns' 11-U wins, climbs rankings in select baseball

The South Belt Horns, an 11-under select baseball team, went 5-0 to take first place at the Springfest. The event featured six of the country's top-rated Nations Baseball Select Division I teams, and the Horns' performance allowed them to move into the top five in the rankings. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Leo Martinez, Seth Barber, Jose Esparza, Alex Perez, Alex Arriaga, Matthew Morales, (middle row) Michael Avila, Michael Villarreal, Alex Gonzalez, Andrew Arriaga, Gilbert Alejandro, (back row) coach Joe Saldana, Jonathan Saldana, manager Alex Arriaga, coach David Gonzalez and team mom Kat Kiel.



San Jac baseball, Pena to nationals



Sophomore pitcher Miguel Pena (above) will guide the No. 12 ranked San Jacinto College baseball team into the Region XIV tournament May 14-18 at Blinn College. The locals will face Paris in the first round in a bid to return to nationals.

Sports Calendar

**SOFTBALL
Thursday, May 12
Area playoffs**

Dobie vs. Brazoswood, Manvel, 7:00

Friday, May 13

Dobie vs. Brazoswood, Manvel, 7:00

Saturday, May 14

Dobie vs. Brazoswood, Manvel 11 a.m. (if necessary)

**BASEBALL
Area playoffs
Friday, May 13**

Dobie varsity vs. Clements, Pearland, 7:30

TENNIS

Monday, May 16

Dobie varsity hosts faculty/student tourn., 3:00

Tuesday, May 17

Dobie varsity hosts faculty/student tourn., 3:00

Wednesday, May 18

Dobie varsity hosts faculty/student tourn., 3:00

**Sagemont-Beverly Hills
Little League Standings**

As of May 11 on league website

Junior Division

Team	W	L	T
Phillies	10	1	0
Padres	8	2	0
Marlins	5	5	0
Reds	5	4	1
Astros	3	6	1
Mets	3	8	0
Red Sox	1	9	0

Major Division

Team	W	L	T
Astros	14	2	0
Diamondbacks	12	2	1
Braves	11	3	1
Rangers	10	8	0
Cubs	9	7	1
Orioles	4	10	0
Marlins	4	14	1
Cardinals	4	12	1
Phillies	3	13	1

AAA Division

Team	W	L	T
Orioles	10	1	0
Astros	8	4	0
Phillies	4	6	1
Rangers	3	8	1
Diamondbacks	3	9	0

AA Division

Team	W	L	T
Cardinals	9	3	1
Cubs	8	7	0
Astros	4	7	1
Athletics	4	8	2

A Division

Team	W	L	T
Mets	11	0	1
Mud Cats	10	1	1
Hooks	8	2	0
River Dogs	6	2	1
Express	6	5	0
Scrappers	6	5	0
Bulls	6	5	1
Muck Dogs	4	6	1
Raptors	3	6	1
Owlz	3	7	1
Blue Claws	1	8	1
Thunder	1	8	1
Storm	0	10	1

T-Ball Division

Team	W	L	T
Scrappers	8	0	1
Hooks	7	2	1
Express	5	3	2
River Dogs	5	4	0
Raptors	5	4	0
Thunder	4	3	2
Red Wings	4	6	0
Rattlers	2	7	1
Storm	2	7	0
Hot Rods	1	7	1

Craft to Tarleton State VB

At right, Dobie class of 2009 graduate Courtney Craft (seated center) will finish her education and volleyball playing career at Tarleton State University in Stephenville after signing a letter of intent with the TexAnns. Craft played her freshman season at Galveston College and then transferred to Blinn, where she attended the national tournament with the Lady Bucs. She has now finished her school year at Blinn and will head to Tarleton State sometime this summer. Shown with Craft are her parents, Lori and Joe Craft. Courtney Craft also has two sisters, Amanda and Kristin Craft.



Houston Nine capture South Belt Blast tourney title



The Houston Nine, a South Belt area select baseball team, won top honors at the South Belt Blast tournament after defeating the Pearland Warriors 9-5 in the championship game. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Martin Cano, Mason Miller, Angel Ramos, Luis Briseno Jr., Efrain Cisneros, Joshua Navarrete, (back row) coach Juan Navarrete, coach James Miller, Aldo Izaguirre, Erasmo Alejos Jr, coach Thomas Delgado, Rogelio Rodriguez, DeAndre Jackson, Ivan Alfaro, John Rico Jr and manager Roy Nunez.

San Jacinto College softball team drops crucial pair at regionals

Continued from Page 1B and fellow freshman Alexis Estrada will also return in 2012 after a strong first season.

Saenz has also signed current Pearland High School senior Brooke Dubois, who should be able to add to the mix in the circle in a hurry.

"Our pitching wound up being our strength this season, and we could not have asked for anything more from Shannon, Alexis or Katie Vogt," Saenz said.

"They all pitched very well and kept us close in games all season long. At the end of the day, that's how you put 40 wins together. You have to pitch well in this game, and we did that."

Bechtle homer wins it

Bechtle blasted a two-run homer in the bottom of the eighth inning as San Jacinto took the opener at the regional tournament with a 5-3 victory over Bossier Parish.

With one out in the bottom of the eighth inning, Tori Cummings walked before Bechtle blasted a deep shot down the left field line for the win.

"That was a great moment for us," Saenz said. "The only question was whether the ball was going to stay fair or not. She really got a hold of it."

SJC offense slacks

Unfortunately, San Jacinto could not capitalize on its opening win as the offense struggled the rest of the way.

Cummings doubled home Millman for the lone run of the game as San Jacinto fell into the loser's bracket after a 4-1 setback against Navarro.

Millman took the loss in the circle and ended the season with a 21-8 overall record.

Paris wins thriller

After a 10-inning, heart-breaking loss May 7 at the tournament, the Coyotes wound up fifth after taking one of three games in the double-elimination event.

San Jac, the No. 2 seed

from the South, fell 5-4 in extra innings to Paris Junior College, the second seed from the East.

The defeat left San Jacinto with a 40-22 record for the season, the third 40-win campaign in four years for Saenz and Co.

Eight San Jacinto College softball student-athletes earned all-conference or all-region honors.

Millman, sophomore catcher Megan Matejka,

At right, San Jacinto College shortstop Shelby Parham was one of the team's leading hitters this season and also played steady defense. She is one of several key players who must be replaced as the Coyote coaching staff works during the 2011-2012 offseason. Overall, the 2011 team finished with a 40-22 record after a 1-2 mark at regionals.



sophomore infielder Shelby Parham, sophomore outfielder Bethany Armstrong, sophomore outfielder Nicole Andrade and freshman outfielder Candyce Carter all earned All-South Conference honors.

In addition, Cummings, Bechtle and Matejka were named to the all-conference second team.

Regional honors went to Millman, Matejka and Andrade on the all-region first team, and to Armstrong, Parham and Carter on the all-region second team.

Looking ahead to 2012, the Coyotes will miss the offense of players like Armstrong and Andrade as well as Matejka at catcher and shortstop Shelby Parham.

Saenz referred to Armstrong's leadership as a big plus this season. Andrade, a Dobie High School graduate, enjoyed a stretch of games during the season in which she carried the team offensively with a power bat.

Matejka started the majority of the games behind the plate during her two seasons, and Parham played the key shortstop position.

Saenz has signed current

Dobie High School senior Ariel Morgan at catcher, and current plans involve Bechtle, who led the team in homers with nine, moving to shortstop.

Saenz has also signed Megan Lowe of Spring High School, one of the area's top power hitters.

"It didn't happen for us this year, but the goal is to be in the hunt to get to nationals every season. I feel

like we are there. All it takes is for a team to get hot at the right time, and that can be us any time. We showed this year that we could compete with anybody when we were playing well."

So the offseason has arrived, but it sounds as though Saenz and her staff have already done plenty to keep things moving toward the 2012 season.

SJC's Menezes picks Prairie View VB



San Jacinto College sophomore volleyball player Bruna Menezes (seated center) will continue her education and volleyball career at Prairie View A&M University. Shown with Menezes are Sharon Nelson (left), San Jacinto College volleyball head coach, and Dennis Allen, San Jacinto College volleyball assistant coach.

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South Belt Youth Soccer Club

It's time for FALL Soccer Registration!

Registration for Boys and Girls ages 4 to 18 years old is being held on: Saturday, May 14th at the Sagemeadow MUD Bldg. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

New players registering must bring original and copy of birth certificate at time of registration. For additional information and online registration, go to www.southbeltsoccer.org

SBYSC is a non-profit, all volunteer organization run by parents for the kids.

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Registration fees are as follows:

Ages as of 7/31/2011	Fees	Online
U5-U8 (4,5,6,7)	\$95	\$85
U9 & U10	\$115	\$95
U11 & Older	\$145	\$125

Late fee of \$10 will be assessed after July 1st, 2011.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MAY 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.

9:30 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 mlpnperez2002@yahoo.com for reservations, or visit the Web site at www.seen-abwa.org.

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

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

6:30 p.m.
St. Luke's Catholic Church - St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 11011 Hall Road, offers free tutoring on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tutoring is held in Room 2 of the Education Building. Contact Joe Pavlicek at 281-484-1397 or by e-mail at joe_pavlicek@yahoo.com.

8:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 281-487-8787.

FRIDAY, MAY 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.

10 a.m.
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.

8 p.m.
Pasadena Little Theatre - Opening night for Pasadena Little Theatre's *Getting Sara Married* by Sam Bobick starts at 8 p.m. at the theater located at 4318 Allen-Genoa Road. The show runs through May 29 - Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. One special priced Thursday show will be at 8 p.m. on May 26. Vanessa Pearson and Janet Sharpley are the directors. Reservations can be made online at pasadenalittletheatre.org or call 713-941-1758.

SATURDAY, MAY 14
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, MAY 15
2 p.m.
Grief Support Group - For any adult who has lost a loved one. Meets every Sunday, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas from 2 to 3:15 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. For more information, call 281-487-8787.

8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 281-487-8787.

MONDAY, MAY 16
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

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

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

6:30 p.m.
New Directions Singles Club - New Directions Singles support meetings are held each Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. Nasa Parkway. For further information, call Susan at 832-494-5098 or Carolyn 281-340-2354.

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

7 p.m.
Grief Support Group - "Friends Helping Friends" meets every Monday from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehab Hospital, 655 E.

Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Those who have lost a spouse or other loved one are invited to participate. For information, call Betty Flynn at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.

7:30 p.m.
The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society - Meets the third week of each month at the Clear Lake Park Building, 5001 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. Guests are welcome. Presenters for the educational program explore a variety of subjects such as fossils, planetary geology, mineralogy, lapidary, jewelry making, rock, fossil and mineral collecting, and field trips to various collecting sites throughout Texas and surrounding states. All persons with an interest in these topics are welcome to attend. Door prizes. Free parking. For more information, visit www.clgms.org.

TUESDAY, MAY 17
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

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

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

1:30 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Bayshore Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Center, 4021 Brookhaven, Pasadena. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.

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11102 SAGETRAIL. Fri., May 13, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. & Sat., May 14, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. For sale: wood pool table 6', standing cue rack, pool cues, household items, boy's clothes sizes 3T-5, boy shoes, maternity clothes, women's clothes sizes 8-16, and many more. 5-12

12202 PALMCREST/FREETON. Thurs., Fri. & Sat., May 12, 13 & 14, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Estate Sale! Discounting items on May 14. 50's/60's vintage glassware, new & gently used items. Everything must go! 5-12

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The National Association of Retired Federal Employees – NARFE Chapter 941 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the EFL Senior Community Center, 9500 Hall Road, in Houston. Visitors are welcome. For additional information, call Roy at 713-734-1461.

6:30 p.m.
Clear Lake Toastmasters Club – Meets at the Clear Lake Church of Christ, 938 El Dorado Blvd. Call Jerry Tate at 281-481-5417 for information.

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

7 p.m.
St. Luke's Catholic Church – St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 11011 Hall Road, offers free tutoring on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tutoring is held in Room 2 of the Education Building. Contact Joe Pavlicek at 281-484-1397 or by e-mail at joe_pavlicek@yahoo.com.

The Compassionate Friends – TCF meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Friendswood United Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Drive, behind the sanctuary in the Education Building – 2nd floor. TCF is a nondenominational, self-help organization offering friendship, emotional support and understanding to bereaved parents after the death of a child of any age. Grandparents and adult siblings are welcome as well. For information, call Nita at 713-412-4883 or Nancy at 713-941-2583.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18
7 a.m.
AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

10 a.m.
Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 – Free monthly gardening educational programs meet on the third Wednesday of each month. The programs are at 10 a.m. at Clear Lake Park in the meeting room located at 5001 Nasa Parkway, Seabrook (on the south side of the lake). The programs are free and open to the public. For information, call 281-991-8437 or visit the Web site at www.hcmgap2.tamu.edu.

11:30 a.m.
Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club – meets at 11:30 a.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Meetings are held at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway (Fuqua and I-45). For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531. 4 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society – Free exercise held from 4 to 5 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Pearland, 3005 Pearland Parkway, Pearland. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered. 6:30 p.m.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center – Domestic violence support group for male survivors meets each Wednesday at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway. Call 281-338-7600 for information. Participants may join at any time as this is an open group. 7 p.m.
Survivors of Suicide Support Group – The Southeast Houston group meets the first and third Wednesday of each month. The group offers support and coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adult individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. For information on registration or to obtain a physical address for a location, call 713-533-4500 or visit www.crisishotline.org. 8:30 p.m.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center – Confidential domestic violence support group for women meets every week. For information, call 281-338-7600 or visit www.bayareaturningpoint.com. BATS 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.

THURSDAY, MAY 19
7 a.m.
AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in. 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. 1:30 p.m.
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. 5:30 p.m.
Texas German Society, South Belt (Southeast) Chapter – A social group interested in the culture, music, heritage and language of the immigrants in early German settlements in Texas. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors are welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for more information. 6:30 p.m.
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Dobie softball's Gomez picks UT-Tyler program



Dobie High School senior softball player Kellen Gomez (seated center) will continue her education and playing career at the University of Texas at Tyler after signing a letter of intent. Those with her at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Laura Gomez (mother), Raymond Gomez (father), (standing) Chris Swinnen (Dobie varsity softball assistant coach), Carmella Swinnen (Dobie junior varsity softball coach), Jesus Romero (youth softball

coach and family friend), Rudy Peralez (TCB Coach), Nikki Bush (Lethal Weapon assistant coach-18Gold Select Team), Pug Bush (Lethal Weapon assistant coach), Kristin Gomez (sister), Kendall Gomez (sister), Robin Rackley (Dobie varsity softball head coach, Albert Ramirez (head coach, Lethal Weapon-18 Gold Select team), Steve Jamail (Dobie principal) and Mary Le (friend and Dobie student athletic trainer).

Gonzo's homer, clutch pitching land Longhorns a series victory

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Despite the lingering 2-0 deficit, Torres was undeterred, instead imploring his players to keep swinging. The hits eventually came, including Gonzalez's three-run homer that fell over the fence. In turn, Dobie took a series win for the first time since making the Region III semifinals in 1997.

"As soon as Al hit that ball, I knew it was out, and I put my arms in the air," Torres said. "He absolutely crushed it, and it couldn't happen for a better kid. It was a great moment for him and the entire team.

On the mound, junior left-hander Zach Long battled his way through five innings, keeping the Longhorns in the game despite the lack of runs scored.

Long ran into some trouble in the bottom of the first inning as Channelview's Ricky Stelzer plated two runs on an RBI double that was grounded past the bag at first base and into right field.

But Long then got a big out to leave the bases loaded, leading to only a 2-0 lead for Channelview.

"Zach had some control issues in the first inning, but we figured he could work his way through them," Torres said. "He did settle down and gave us four shutout innings after that. It was big because we had to be able to save some of our pitching in case that third game was needed. What Zach was able to do was big."

After that first inning, the Longhorns' nerves were on edge through five innings against Falcons' starter Arturo Garcia, who allowed just three hits heading into the sixth inning.

In the top of the sixth, the Longhorns' tide turned for a bit. Gonzalez led off with a walk and courtesy runner Jose Sanchez raced all the way to third on a throwing error by Channelview catcher Garrett Parsons.

Xavier Johnson cut the lead to 2-1 with a sacrifice fly to left field, and Edward Peabody doubled to center field.

Following a single to center field by Marcelo Martinez, Channelview lefthander Reece Deshotel entered the game.

Two pitches into the sequence against Dobie left fielder Travarus Ansley, Deshotel balked home the tying run.

With the game tied, the Longhorns entered the bottom of the sixth inning with the momentum in their favor, but it was short-lived. Johnson came into the game as the reliever for Long and allowed a single to Stelzer before walking the next two hitters in between a 1-3 put-out.

With the bases loaded, Torres turned to sophomore reliever Aaron Gonzalez, who walked in the go-ahead run but then coaxed a double play ball from third to first to end the frame.

So Deshotel entered the top of the seventh inning needing three outs to send Channelview to a decisive third game, but he couldn't get those outs.

Xavier Hernandez led

off the Dobie seventh with a walk. One out later, Long walked to put runners at first and second. Gonzalez then crushed a long 3-run shot to left-center field, giving Dobie a 5-3 edge.

From there, Dobie's third reliever, Ryan McCormack, handled the rest. McCormack simply dominated, striking out two in the inning, including the final out, as Dobie won the series. McCormack threw nine pitches in all, including eight for strikes to get the save.

"For Aaron to come in there and do that as a sophomore was huge," Torres said of Gonzalez's sixth inning

work that included a strike-out and the double play ball. "Then Ryan came in there and was lights out. It was a great way to wrap up the series."

As for the symbolic series victory that ended a long stretch of first-round knockouts for Dobie, Torres believes the future will be brighter. "It's always been our goal to get this program to where getting to the second and third rounds is the norm rather than a party," Torres said.

"It's nice to get to the playoffs, but the goal is to win some games when you get there. We believe this series win will go a long way

toward getting us there."

Eck, Long key game one
Justin Eckols went 3 for 4 at the plate, and Long drove in a pair of runs as Dobie won the series opener over Channelview 4-3.

Starting pitcher Emmitt Pitts went four innings before loading the bases in the fifth inning. Reliever Ryan Henry bounced a pitch that allowed a run to score, but from that point on, he was brilliant.

"Ryan threw shutout baseball after that, and we are able to hang on," Torres said. "We made some big pitches when we needed them. In the playoffs, you have to be able to do that."



In the series clincher against Channelview, Dobie starting pitcher Zach Long was solid after a rough first inning. He wound up going four shutout innings as part of a five-inning stint, and the Longhorns eventually rallied for the win in the seventh inning.



From left, catcher Justin Eckols, head coach Miguel Torres, assistant coach Jeff Raymer, Edward Peabody and Marcelo Martinez discuss late-inning strategy during the Longhorns' eventual 5-3 victory over Channelview in the bidistrict round May 6 at Dickinson High School.



Dobie freshman left field Travarus Ansley moves back into first base after delivering the Longhorns' first hit of the game in the third inning of game two.



Senior second baseman Marcelo Martinez and his Longhorn teammates are headed to the area round after sweeping past Channelview.



Four individual gold medal wins and two more medals in the relays helped the Lutheran South Academy varsity girls' team take third place overall at the Class 4A Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools State Track and Field Meet May 6-7 at Baylor University in Waco. Members of the team are, left

to right, Jasmin Freeborn, Amy Dedmon, Barbara Newsom, Coach Gene Benson, Jacqueline Maher, Emily Rosenhagen, Loreal Curtis, Nika Tarfarroji and Abigail Hart. Not pictured is Erin Shireman, who won a gold medal in the pole vault on the first day of competition, May 6.

Lutheran South track sparkles at state meet

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catching the field at around the 50-meter mark and rallying to victory at 12.38.

In the 400-meter event, likely Curtis' best of the three at this point, she ran a clean race and coasted to the win in a new record time of 56.46.

Her final win of the day came in the 200 as she posted a 25.97 for the gold medal.

"I felt really good in the first 300 meters of the 400, but that 100 was really tough in the wind," Curtis said. "I knew I had a good chance for a good time, but the wind was tough."

Running in what she estimated at times to be 25 to 30 mile-per-hour winds, Curtis also claimed the 200 for her ninth gold medal over a four-year span.

Ivory Kimble, the head coach of the local Rising Stars Track Club youth program in the South Belt area, has worked with Curtis for just over a year.

Kimble was quick to give Lutheran South Academy coach Gene Benson plenty of credit for the work he has done with Curtis.

As for his role in helping Curtis arrive at this point, Kimble explained that most of it boils down to Curtis' desire.

"Loreal has a swagger, but it's not a cocky swagger at all," Kimble said. "Instead, it's one of confidence. She expects to do well. On top of that, she wants to soak up the knowledge and learn the techniques that will make you go faster and jump farther.

"Not every athlete can do that. Loreal has plenty of natural ability, and I am excited to see what she can do when she is coached by the best of the best at the college level.

"DePaul, along with probably 10 or so other

programs, saw something in her that I saw, and that is her desire to be the best and to do whatever it takes.

"Particularly over the last three months she has made remarkable progress. She deserves everything she gets along the way."

So Curtis has ended her career at LSA, with graduation essentially the final chapter of a book filled with big-time accomplishments.

"I'm happy, I'm grateful, and I am thankful to have been able to do what I have done at LSA," Curtis said. "I worked very hard, so I feel like I earned it, but it's a blessing to be able to come away with such a great finish to my career."

As for the move to DePaul and the big city of Chicago, Curtis is also excited.

"It's exactly what I was hoping for," Curtis said. "I wanted the right college for me in terms of my major (photography), and I also wanted to be in a place where the internship opportunities are big.

"And the track program is also improving. It's just a good fit for me, and I knew it was when I went on my visit."

LSA athletes shine

Curtis was far from the only Lutheran South Academy athlete to shine at the state meet.

In all, four other athletes won gold medals, and two

of the girls' relay teams also medaled.

On the boys' side of things, Rainer Richter won the 110-meter hurdles as he came up with a time of 14.97 for the win.

In the 300-meter hurdles, the Pioneers' Zach Lutz claimed a gold medal as he came across the finish line in a time of 39.86.

Ryan McGough also was a champion for Lutheran South in the pole vault as he cleared the 14-3 mark for the top spot.

Lutheran South's Zephun Lunz earned a bronze medal after placing third in the discus with a throw of 145-8.

For the girls, Erin Shireman was one of the champi-

ons of first-day action as she won a gold medal for a leap of 11-6 in the pole vault.

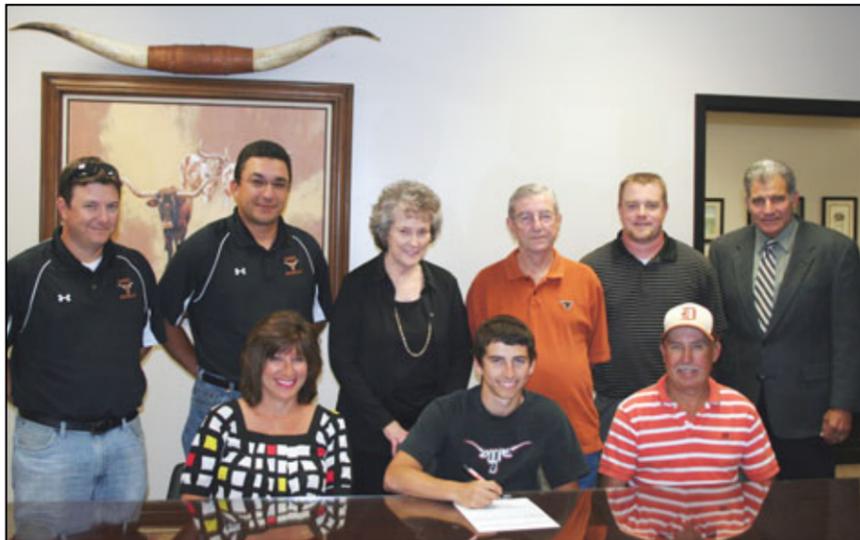
During the first event of the meet, Curtis went 35-0 1/2 for second place in the triple jump.

The Pioneer girls came up with medals in two of the relays.

In the 4x100-meter relay, Abigail Hart, Jasmin Freeborn, Nika Tarfarroji and Barbara Newsom combined for third place with a time of 51.57.

Later, in the 4x200-meter event, Hart, Freeman and Newsom joined Jacqueline Maher for second place at 1:47.6. At the end of the meet, LSA's athletes have delivered.

Eckols selects Paris baseball program



Justin Eckols, a varsity baseball player at Dobie High School, will continue his education and playing career at Paris (Texas) Junior College after signing a letter of intent. Those with Eckols at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Elizabeth Eckols (mother), Tim Eckols (father), (standing) Jeff Raymer (Dobie varsity baseball assistant coach), Miguel Torres (Dobie varsity baseball head coach), Mary Ellen Morgan (grandmother), Larry Morgan (grandfather), Stephen Sutton (junior varsity baseball coach) and Steve Jamail (Dobie principal).