

Junk waste pickup set

Junk waste will be picked up Thursday, June 23, for city of Houston residents living south of Beltway 8. For information, call 3-1-1.

Knights to serve barbecue

The Knights of Columbus will host the annual brisket dinner on Friday, June 24, at St. Luke's Catholic Church from 5 to 8 p.m. Dinner, both dine-in and take-out, will consist of barbecue brisket and sausage, potato salad, baked beans, pickles, onions, bread, and iced tea or lemonade. Desserts will be available. The \$9 plate proceeds will help support the St. Luke Knights of Columbus community activities.

Book sale at PW Library

The Friends of the Parker Williams Library will hold their monthly book sale Saturday, June 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Paperbacks and hardback books will sell for \$3 a bag. Some books and audiobooks will be special priced and not included in the bag sale.

Swim team seeks pictures

The Southbelt Area Swim Team will celebrate its 40th anniversary season this summer. E-mail any team pictures to reffinej@msn.com so the team can incorporate them into its 4th of July parade float.

K of C blood drive June 26

The Knights of Columbus, St. Luke's Catholic Church, will sponsor its quarterly blood drive Sunday, June 26, for the Commit for Life Program, Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center. The blood drive will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the church parish hall. Donate to ensure an adequate supply is available for the summer months.

Vacation Bible Schools set

Freeway Baptist Church
Freeway Baptist Church, 8702 Kingspoint, will hold its Vacation Bible School, *Beach Blast*, June 26-30 from 6 to 8 p.m. for ages 4 and up. For more information, call 281-484-0323 or visit www.freewaybc.com.

Kirkwood South Christian Church
Kirkwood South Christian Church, 10811 Kirkfair, will hold its Vacation Bible School, *Pandamania - Where God Is Wild About You!* for ages 4 through 12, Sunday, June 26, through Thursday, June 30, at 6:30 p.m. For information, call 281-481-0004.

Holiday observances

South Belt-Ellington Leader
The Leader office will be closed Monday, July 4. Deadline for paid ads will be July 5. Deadline for free items will be July 1.

Clear Brook City MUD
The offices of Clear Brook City MUD will be closed Monday, July 4. They will open for regular business on Tuesday, July 5, at 8 a.m. To avoid late penalties, payments may be left in the drop box located on the drive-through window side of the building.

Health Fair at Bible Way

Bible Way Fellowship Baptist Church, 10120 Hartsook Road, will host a community health fair Saturday, July 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church. The community is invited. Free screenings will be available for blood pressure, diabetes and other conditions, as well as information on mental health, women's health programs, WIC and others that are important to healthy living. Screenings for children and free school supplies will be available (while they last). There will also be activities for children and door prizes.

Larriette car wash June 25

The Dobbie Larriettes will hold a car wash on Saturday, June 25, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Foodtown on Beamer and Scarsdale. Tickets can be purchased from any Larriette for \$5 in advance, and drive-ups are always welcome.

Blackhawk garage sale set

Blackhawk subdivision, Astoria and Blackhawk, will hold its community garage sale on Saturday, June 25, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Church celebrates 50 years

Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 9850 Mango, will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Sunday, June 26. Services begin at 10:45, with lunch following. The congregation will then return to the sanctuary for an afternoon of singing and testimonies. The public is invited. For more information, call 713-943-2275.

Music Fest at St. Stephen

St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta, will host Live Christian Music Fest June 25 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. There will be bands and solo artists - admission is free. For information, call 713-946-4006.

Milby 30-year reunion set

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

City reduces controversial drainage fees

Residents urged to check website; drainage fee being charged on shadows of trees, bushes, etc.

By James Bolen

Houston Mayor Annise Parker announced Thursday, June 16, the city will make adjustments to the controversial new monthly drainage fees, significantly lowering payments for area residents.

Parker has instructed Daniel Krueger, the director of the City of Houston Public Works and Engineering Department, to reduce the amount of impervious surface used to calculate the fee for each property by 1,000 square feet.

This change will lower the median residential drainage utility charge from approximately \$8.25 per month to between \$5 and \$6 per month (many South Belt residents have complained of receiving sample bills of more than \$10 per month).

Prior to November's election, supporters of the Rebuild Houston program, voted on the ballot as Proposition 1, based their calculations on an average-size residential lot being 5,000 square feet with 1,875 square feet of impervious surface area. Last week, however, Parker acknowledged the average size of a lot in Houston is 7,500 square feet with 2,850 square feet of impervious cover.

Parker said the move to change the ordinance was made to regain voters' trust.

"This will address the concerns of homeowners who expected that the average monthly fee would be about \$5," Parker said. "We want to make it right for the voters. This is about being fair to the voters who went out and voted for this program."

The adjustment will apply to all residential, multifamily and commercial properties. Residents who dwell in smaller homes will benefit most from the changes, as many will no longer be assessed the fee at all.

The change will lower the sum of funds raised each year by roughly \$15 million, Parker said.

"This change will have an impact on the amount of revenue we are able to collect, but it will still be a robust program of more than \$100 million a year that will, for the first time in Houston's history, provide for a dedicated pay-as-you-go source of funding to help address our flooding problems," Parker said. "With this behind us, we can now focus on moving the program forward."

Once the Rebuild Houston program gained approval, Houston's charter was amended to require that the city raise a minimum of \$125 million in its first year. To compensate for the loss of revenue, the mayor said the city's airport system and water utility system will prepay next year's fees at an undisclosed discounted rate.

Houston City Councilmember Mike Sullivan, a staunch opponent of the program since its inception, finds problem with this.

"We're robbing Peter to pay Paul," Sullivan said.

Homeowners will receive the adjusted bills in July. Parker, however, encourages residents to verify the accuracy of the amount of impervious surface on their property, as miscalculations have become commonplace.

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

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

Parker, along with Houston At-Large Councilmember Stephen Costello, a strong supporter of the Rebuild Houston program, both said

the sand pits reported on in last week's Leader should be largely exempted from the fees.

Minutes before press time Wednesday, this was confirmed by Alvin Wright, spokesman for City of Houston Public Works and Engineering Department.

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

Residents who feel their bills are miscalculated should visit www.rebuildhouston.org. Once logged on, click on request for verification and correction, enter address, click on impervious surfaces and then click on request for verification and correction again. Users will then be asked to create an account with the city to continue.

Shots fired during attempted robbery

A guard shot one of three suspects who tried to hold up an armored car outside the Bank of America on the Gulf Freeway near Alameda Mall on Wednesday, June 22.

Houston police responded to the call around 11:30 a.m.

Shots were reportedly exchanged between the Loomis armored car officer and the suspects, with one of the suspects getting struck.

The guard was not injured.

Two of the suspects fled the scene in a white 2004 Pontiac.

The third suspect fled on foot.

The vehicle was recovered a short time later behind a business on Alameda Genoa with blood inside.

Police later found one of the suspects at a nearby apartment complex.

At press time, the other two suspects were still on the run, including the one who was shot.

No money was taken.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the FBI at 713-693-5000.

A welcomed rain day



Construction crews working on the Hughes Road/Barry Rose expansion into Pearland received an unexpected day off Wednesday, June 22, due to rainfall. It was the first rain day the workers have had since the project began in early May. The South Belt community was in dire need of the moisture, as the area had not received any significant rainfall in more than 90 days.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Leader retraction: Veal not arrested

The *Deputies battle crime* story that appeared in the June 16 edition of the *South-Belt-Ellington Leader* contained an inaccuracy.

The story stated that Reynaldo Veal, 27, had been charged with credit card abuse.

While the charges had initially been accepted by one assistant district attorney on June 14, they

were later rescinded by another, citing insufficient evidence in the case.

A spokeswoman for the Harris County District Attorney's Office said Wednesday, June 22, that Veal had done nothing illegal.

The Leader staff apologizes for any confusion.

Woman's burned body found

A woman's burning body was found in a vacant lot at 9500 Seranton near Easthaven Thursday, June 16, just before midnight.

Employees at a business on the Gulf Freeway noticed the blaze and called 911. Houston firefighters responded to put out the flames and discovered a body.

Authorities said it appeared that someone poured a flammable liquid on the body before setting it ablaze.

The victim, 24-year-old Sherell Nicole Baldwin of Huntsville, was later determined to be seven months pregnant. Autopsy results revealed she also suffered various types of trauma.

Investigators believe Baldwin was killed elsewhere and then dumped in the field before her body was set on fire.

Police say Baldwin had come to Houston Wednesday to meet a friend and look for work.

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

For additional information, call Grace Cavazos at 281-799-9971.

Harris County bans fireworks

Harris County Judge Ed Emmett signed an order Tuesday, June 21, declaring a drought disaster and banning the sale or use of any fireworks anywhere in unincorporated Harris County.

Commissioners Court unanimously ratified Emmett's order moments later, extending its provisions and sending it on to Gov. Rick Perry. With Perry's approval, the disaster order remains in effect until rescinded by Emmett.

Because all 34 municipalities in Harris County already have permanent bans on the sale or use of fireworks within their jurisdictions, the action by Harris County means fireworks are illegal to sell or use throughout the entire county.

Harris County is experiencing unprecedented drought conditions this year, with measurements on the Keetch-Byram Drought Index approaching 750. The index, which ranges from 0 to 800, is a measure of soil moisture and an indicator of fire potential. Commissioners Court implemented a burn ban until July 19 for unincorporated Harris County earlier this year when the index reached 500. Court members extended that ban for 90 days Tuesday, keeping the county under a full burn ban until mid-October.

Violators of the fireworks ban face a \$1,000 fine and/or 180 days in jail. Violators of the burn ban face a fine of up to \$500 for each violation.

Annual South Belt Fourth of July parade honors community builders

Independence Day is around the corner and with it brings the annual South Belt parade and fireworks show.

Now in its 24th year, the parade will take place Monday, July 4, beginning at 10 a.m. The route will run from Beverly Hills Intermediate to San Jacinto College South. Participants are encouraged to arrive early, as the lineup will begin at 9 a.m.

The theme for this year's event is *Honoring Community Builders* and will be a tribute to all individuals, organizations and businesses that have contributed to the South Belt community over the years.

Several members of Sagemont Church will be participating, including 15 member's of Buddy Griffin's All-Star Youth Banjo Band, who will be performing on a trailer traveling behind a convertible Ford Thunderbird driven by the Rev. Emory Gadd, associate pastor of the church.

Also participating this year will be members of the U.S. Coast Guard, who will be pulling multiple vessels on trailers.

Houston City Councilmember Wanda Adams and Judge Ruben Guerrero will also take part in this year's event.

Former Dobbie swim coach and recent inductee to the Texas Senior Games Hall of Fame Dennis Shippey will participate in the parade, riding in a Corvette Indianapolis 500 pace car.

Several youth groups are scheduled to participate, including the Sagemont Cowboys and Cowgirls, the Dobbie Larriettes, the Dobbie cheerleaders, the Dobbie swim team, Galaxy Cheer, multiple Little League teams, the South Belt Sharks swim team, Boy Scout troops and students from Fly Wellness and Movement Arts.

Organizers are currently seeking musical acts to perform in the parade. Musicians from all community organizations, as well as groups of individuals, are encouraged to participate. A prize of 10 Schlitterbahn tickets will be awarded to the best musical performance.

Participants are encouraged to decorate their vehicles and floats, as prizes will be awarded in various categories. All residents, organizations and businesses are welcome to enter.

Community and nonprofit groups may sign up for the parade at no charge, unless they wish to be eligible for a prize. A \$50 fee is charged commercial entries. Noncommercial entries may

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Annie May

May fundraiser set for June 25

A barbecue fundraiser for South Belt resident Annie May will be held Saturday, June 25, at 11610 Sageyork from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

May, 58, was recently diagnosed with stage III breast

cancer. She is currently undergoing aggressive chemotherapy treatments and is unable to work and provide for her family, which includes three daughters.

Barbecue plates will sell for \$8 each, and cupcakes for \$1. Cash donations will also be accepted.

All proceeds will go to the May family to cover medical bills and expenses.

For additional information, call Grace Cavazos at 281-799-9971.

Jakubowski turns 100!

South Belt resident Catherine Jakubowski will turn 100 years old Sunday, June 26. A birthday celebration was held for her Tuesday, June 21, by the Helping Us Give Support (HUGS) group at St. Luke's Catholic Church. Jakubowski will also be recognized at the 11:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 26. Jakubowski attributes her longevity to not smoking or drinking and remaining active in community groups. In addition to the HUGS group, she is involved in the AARP, the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce Fun Bunch and the Le Chapeau Rouge (Red Hat Society). She also enjoys gardening and is in charge of the plant sale for the Catholic Daughters fall craft show.

Photo by Marie Flickinger



Publisher's Opinion

Join us in celebrating 4th of July

We are getting some great participants in our annual 4th of July parade. Members of the U.S. Coast Guard, Sagemont Church, Cowboy and Cowgirl football and drill team members, Little League team members and representatives of our local schools. Look for Joe Craddock representing local businesses. Other businesses are welcome also. No matter who you are, if you want to join the parade, do so!

What a neat way to start off the 4th of July: a good old community parade. We still are looking for additional participants. Our theme this year is *Honoring Community Builders*.

Think about it. Most of us in one way or another are involved in community - our churches, schools, businesses, youth activities and families. Yes, our parade even includes the involvement of families. Join us for the parade, and then after that, be sure to watch the fireworks at El Franco Lee Park. While many watch from the beltway, their nearby homes, or the school parking lots, it is much better if you get into the park. Plan a picnic, enjoy both the fireworks and parade for a day of free entertainment and community fellowship. See you there!

-Marie Flickinger

Readers' Opinions

The only reason is that politicians create our wars. It makes no difference who sits on the porcelain throne in the White House nor the color of the skin of that person nor their political ideology. The faces never change nor do the names and their always young...where do they come from?

I will answer that by saying they come from all over the US, they are our sons, our brothers, our cousins, our daughters, our wives and ourselves. We and they are what holds this country together and not that bunch of cretins in Washington DC. It is us patriots and vets who shed the blood that binds this country as a nation and let no politician nor political party ever forget that.

Good bless the troops and those who support them. For they are America's true treasure, including their families. Thanks and God bless them all.

Even though the South Belt area is a part of the community we call Houston, Houston as a city will experience the grief when we might lose a member of the community who serves. We who live here in the South Belt area will suffer more than the City of Houston. For Houston is our city but South Belt is our home and their families. God bless them and their families. Happy 4th of July.

A.C. Volper

At these drought levels, any fire can quickly spread out of control and endanger lives and property. Coupled with the long term drought, this makes fires increasingly difficult to control for area firefighters.

Recent fires are requiring the commitment of large numbers of firefighters and Forestry crews to bring them under control and many are continuing to burn and smolder for days. Most recent fires have been due to power lines downed by high winds, but some areas have seen an increase in juvenile fire setting activity as the school year comes to a close.

Residents are to be commended for complying with the burn bans, but the number of fires caused by improper outdoor burning has started to increase, too. If you have not done so already, now is the time to take a look around your property and take steps to prevent wildfires and protect your property in the event of a wildfire.

Here are a few simple steps:

Ten simple steps to protect your home from wildland fire

Wildfire can strike home if you have not taken some steps to protect your house and property. The actions and precautions listed below are designed to help you prepare your home and lessen the threat of wild land fire damage to you and your property.

1. DO NOT burn on red flag or windy days and think twice before burning outdoors when KBDI approaches 700 or more.
2. LPG tanks should be far enough away from buildings for valves to be shut off in case of fire. Keep area around the tank clear of flammable vegetation.
3. Store gasoline in an approved safety can away from occupied buildings.
4. All combustibles such as firewood, wooden picnic tables, boats and stacked lumber should be kept away from structures.
5. Clear roof surfaces and gutters regularly to avoid build-up of flammable materials such as leaves, debris, etc.
6. Remove branches from trees to a height of 15 feet or more.
7. In rural areas, clear a fuel break of at least three times the fuel length around all structures.
8. Have fire tools handy such as: ladder long enough to reach your roof, shovel, rake and a bucket or two for water.
9. Place connected garden hoses at all sides of your home for emergency use.
10. Assure that you and your family know all emergency exits from your home.
11. Assure that you and your family know all emergency exits from your neighborhood.

Jackie Lelsz

San Jac South remembers soldiers



In honor of Memorial Day, the San Jacinto College South campus created a Wall of Honor in the J.D. Bruce Student Center, which displayed photos of past and present military veterans. Photos ranged from 1945 to 2010 and represented every branch of the military. There were pictures of grandfathers, husbands, brothers and even SJC staff and alumni. Larry Holley (center photo), South campus technical support lead, was discharged from the Navy as an E-5 boatswain mate. The painting was made in 1970 in Newport, R.I. In 2010, SJC was named among the top 15 percent of the nation's colleges, universities and trade schools on the Military Friendly School list. That same year, the college obtained a \$400,000 grant from the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education from the U.S. Department of Education to provide all three campuses with funds to re-appropriate existing space to create Centers of Excellence for Veteran Student Success. These centers provide a single facility where veterans can access enrollment, financial aid, Veteran Affairs, educational planning and counseling needs. With about 200 veterans enrolling at SJC each year, these new centers will offer returning service men and women the resources, camaraderie and environment they need.

Photo by Andrea Vasquez

Readers' Opinions

Keener: Don't abandon writing

I feel the need to reply to Mr. Gorman's statement (*James Gorman replies to Volper*), and to Mr. Black, as well (*Black speaks on dangerous dogs*). Mr. Gorman, I have also periodically been a party to the name calling tirades in response to my comments in the Readers' Opinions section of the Leader. However, I generally try to take the sticks and stones approach we used as children because, after all, isn't that the time of our lives when name calling is generally most prevalent? We all need to take the high road when sharing opinions that others read, and avoid calling anyone insulting names like *Socialist*. I give you my word that lots of names come to mind when I read some of the annoying comments in the Leader, but I try to "do onto others" and not say the first thing that pops into my head, so Marie and her staff won't have to start accessing the bleep key on a regular basis! I implore you, Mr. Gorman, not to abandon the Readers' Opinions section of the Leader, and to continue sharing your comments and opinions, because I and many others find them most interesting and noteworthy!

Mr. Black, many of us have educated ourselves on the facts and figures regarding Pit Bulls, and a large number of them are frightening animals, indeed. However, please be aware that all Pit Bulls are not dangerous monsters...just the ones that are bred and taught to be. I agree that the problem in generally the owner and that the laws need to be enforced, but banning the entire breed is not the answer to solving the Pit Bull problem. It's best that I stop right there.

Brenda Keener

Publisher's note: What is still great about our country, and more importantly, our *South Belt-Ellington Leader* readers, is their passion and caring for community. Obviously, we are not all on the same side, but our readers do care. A lot of newspapers can not claim the caring, involved audience that we have. And for that, I thank you. For a new angle on this, read the next letter.

-Marie Flickinger

Political letters help fill education void

I just need to make a comment on the political articles that have been printed in the last few issues. The on going dialog between Gorman, Volper and Valtasoros has been most interesting. Since History and Government are no longer really taught in our schools, this has been or should have been an educational learning experience for all who took the time to read the articles.

Our great country is really facing some very difficult times today. We need better people to step up and run for office. I would hope this dialog will continue, and just maybe more people will find their way to a polling station. The newspaper is a great text book. Wish more people would chime in and voice their opinions. Thanks

Jim Muecke

Volper: Celebrating 4th of July locally

As we approach our national holiday I feel that I must bring light upon our local heroes serving in our military and their families who serve as well who serve this great country. I don't want to take on the appearance of partisan politics. One reason why and

High fire danger area tips for protection

The following article is from the *Harris County and Montgomery County Fire Marshals*. It may be beneficial to run in the Leader.

Southeast Texas Fire Danger Approaching Extreme Levels

With Summer Fire Season just around the corner, fires are becoming more dangerous and difficult to control. Residents are urged to remain vigilant and take steps to protect their Property.

As temperatures increase over the coming days and weeks, lack of rainfall is adding to an already high fire danger throughout our area. Most of the Houston area is now at or approaching an average Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI) average of 700 or more. The KBDI index ranges from 0-800 with 700 or more considered to be extreme levels of drought and fire danger.

Montgomery County average KBDI reading now sits at 706, with some areas nearing 750. Harris County currently sits at 690 and will surpass that level in a matter of days.

These levels are unprecedented for this early in the year and will continue to rise until the area experiences major rainfall. The area has not seen a soaking rainfall of 2 or more since October of 2010, leaving our wooded areas suscep-

PW Library events set

The following events are set for the week of June 23 through June 29 at Parker Williams Library:

A family-friendly movie will be presented on Thursday, June 23, at 2:30 p.m.

The Friends of the library will hold a book sale Saturday, June 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Paperbacks and hardbacks sell for \$3 a bag. Some books and audiobooks will be special priced and not included in the bag sale.

Craft Time is Monday, June 27, at 2:30 p.m. This program is for ages 5 and up. Free tickets are required and can be picked up at the desk on the day of the program.

Teen Craft Time is Wednesday, June 29, at 3 p.m. The group will make memory boxes. This program is for ages 12 and up. Register online or in the library. All materials will be provided.

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

Death

Vera P. Brown

Vera P. Brown, 92, long-time South Belt resident, died Sunday, June 19, 2011. She was born on Feb. 1, 1919, in Burrton, Kan., and was reinterred from Best Products.

Brown is preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Charley L. Brown. She is survived by many nieces and nephews. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 23, 2011, at New Life Lutheran Church, 3521 East Orange Street in Pearland.

Interment will follow at Forest Park East Cemetery in Webster. Memorials may be made in Brown's name to the charity of choice.

City of Houston implements Stage One Water Conservation Measure

Extremely hot weather, lack of rain, and record high temperatures have made it necessary to institute the city's Stage One Water Conservation Measures as outlined in Chapter 47 in the Code of Ordinances.

The city requests residents limit irrigation to the hours between 12:01 and 10 a.m. or between 8 p.m. and midnight on no more than two days per week. Residents are asked to abide by the following schedule:

- A. Sundays and Thursdays for customers with even-numbered street addresses.
- B. Saturdays and Wednesdays for customers with odd-numbered street addresses.

The city will also be contacting large commercial water customers to request voluntary reductions in water consumption.

As required by the ordinance, city departments are instituting a water use reduction program which includes but is not limited to:

- Reducing water use by 10 percent
- Implementing corrective measures to eliminate water waste.

While the City of Houston Public Works and Engineering Department has adequate water capacity to meet the demands of its customers, the following tips can also help customers be good water stewards during one of the most severe droughts in Texas history.

The Public Works Department website continues to encourage residents to use water wisely, which will reduce the large demand on the water system. Using water wisely can not only save water, but also reduce water bills.

Ways to conserve water:

- Keep showers under five minutes.
- Remember to turn water off while brushing teeth.
- Wash only full loads of dishes or clothes.
- Replace older model showerheads and older faucet aerators with new low-flow ones and install water conservative toilets.
- Inspect toilets for silent leaks by putting food coloring in the toilet tank. If colored water leaks into the toilet bowl before it is flushed, water is being lost due to a worn flapper.

Lunar Rendezvous offers family fun, fashion, royalty

Lunar Rendezvous Festival chairmen are putting the final touches together for a variety of events scheduled for July.

If looking for family together time, running a 5k competition, dining with celebrities, sitting by the runway during a fashion show, enjoying an inspirational worship service or being dazzled by the splendor of a coronation ball, the following July events will offer all of the above and more.

Come Fly with Me, the 2011 Lunar Rendezvous Festival theme, offers many opportunities to make July a month for making special memories. Contact the chairman listed for each individual event for more information.

- Lunar Rendezvous Festival Dining Event - *Dining With The Stars - A Red Carpet Event* - Sunday, July 10, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Tommy's Restaurant Oyster Bar, 2555 Bay Area Blvd. in Houston.
- Take a walk down the red carpet and smile for the paparazzi as you begin an evening at Tommy's with fine dining and cocktails, musical entertainment by Joe Mire, and participating in the silent and live auctions. Casual, cocktail-chic attire is suggested.
- Ticket prices are \$60 per person; table of four is \$300; table of 6 is \$450; table of 8 is \$600. Tickets may be purchased at Virgil Smith Insurance, 16850 Saturn Lane, Suite 100, Houston.
- For more information, contact Jenny McCorkle, event chairman, at 281-217-5183, virgil.s@sbcglobal.net, or co-chairman Annie Cummings at 281-435-5691, net set@aol.com.
- Lunar Rendezvous Festival Fun Night - *Blast Off Into Family Fun Night!* - Thursday, July 14, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., at Putt-Putt Fun House, 806 NASA Parkway in Webster. This event is all about families enjoying three hours of attractions, games and food.
- Tickets are \$20 for unlimited Putt-Putt golf, laser tag, bumper boats, 3-D motion theater, and rock climbing wall.
- To purchase tickets, contact Brandy Culp, event chairman, at blueeyesbac@aol.com or co-chairman Jennifer Farley at jfarley@greatmttle.com.
- Lunar Rendezvous Festival 33rd Annual Honeywell 5k Fun Run - Saturday, July 16, start time is 7:30 a.m. at Space Center Houston, 1601 NASA Parkway.
- The 5K competitive fun run is sponsored by Honeywell.
- The course starts at Space Center Houston and goes through the Johnson Space Center. Awards will be presented to the top three male and female runners in pre-determined age groups. T-shirts and refreshments will be available for all participants. Early registration fee sent by July 9 is \$18; after July 9 - \$22; race day - \$25; (\$2 discount to HARRA members).
- Online registration can be found at www.signmeup.com; or for more information about the fun run or registration, contact Jay Lee, event chairman, at the Lunar Run Hotline at 281-480-5388 or jay@ontherunx.com.
- Lunar Rendezvous Festival Sunset Service - *Soar on Wings like Eagles* - Sunday, July 24, at Clear Lake United Methodist Church, 16335 El Camino Real.
- This inspirational, non-denominational worship service is for the entire family. For more information, contact Tammy Barrier, event chairman, at cmbARRIER@aol.com.
- Lunar Rendezvous Festival Fashion Show - *Glitter in the Sky* - Tuesday, July 26, at 10:30 a.m., at the San Luis Convention Center Ballroom, 5600 Seawall Blvd. in Galveston.



Legler congratulates Admiral Gilley

Rep. Ken Legler hosted country music star Mickey Gilley at the Texas Capitol May 19. Legler honored Gilley for his achievements in music on the floor of the Texas House of Representatives with House Resolution 1980. Gilley was also recognized on the floor of the Texas Senate by state Sen. Mike Jackson. On the evening prior to Mickey Gilley Day at the Capitol, Legler presented Gilley with a certificate from Gov. Rick Perry appointing Gilley an admiral in the Texas Navy.

Atkinson names final rolls

Atkinson Elementary recently released its honor and merit rolls for the fourth nine-weeks grading period.

Students earning status are:

<p>Honor roll</p> <p>First grade Angelica Acac, Andres Castorena, Stephanie Covarrubias, Michael Garza, Delia Grantham, Taylor Ha, Dylan Harris, Tina Huynh, Mia Jones and Lance Joyce. Marcus Lind, Angel Morales, Jaelyn Nguyen, Caroline Orta, Fernando Perez, Kristyn Pham, Amy Pham, Victoria Ramirez and Aaron Rivas.</p>	<p>Second grade Maliha Akhter, Liberty Anderson, Danielle Bulman, Mariana Chavez, Nicholas Covarrubias, Matthew Dominguez, Erick Escobar and Lilliana Ferrell. Topanga Franks, Sandy Ho, Anthony Ho, Cindy Huynh, Faaizah Maleehah, Jhaila Mathews, Ashley Miranda and Neria Nanez.</p>	<p>Third grade Angela Chapa, Kay Duong, David Escobar, Leah Ha, Jacob Leopold, Ashley Nguyen, Jessica Nguyen, Minh To, Simon Tran, Charlie Tran and Andrea Uribe. Brianna Aguirre, Alyssa Carrico, Cynthia Cervantes, Martiza Elizalde, Eric Escobedo, Kathy Flores, Richard Fruetus, Kevin Galvan and David Garcia. Destinee Gonzales, Jocelyn Granados, Megan Harris, Victoria Huynh, Bao Huynh, Victoria Hyams, Nicolas Luna, Austin Luu, Jorge Marquez and Ezekiel Martinez. Jade Nanez, Khanh Nguyen, Wendy Pantoja, Gabriela Rodriguez, Daniel Saiz, Michael Sartor, Kanya Shannon, Yesenia Valdez and Clare Vanpelt.</p>
<p>Merit roll</p> <p>First grade Lillian Cosek, Sydne Forde-Richins, Evan Fuentes, Kevin Gayton, Jennefer Gonzalez, Luciano Hinojosa, Ronald Lymuel, Shayla Morrison, Andrea Nunez, Frida Ortiz, Oziel Reyes and Corey Reyes.</p>	<p>Second grade Sabastian Bice, Jordan Best, Andres Gallegos Molina, Briana Keim, Cassandra Keller, Lailah Martinez, John Norwood, Precious Oko and Priscilla Perez. Alberto Arriaga, Jade Cazarez, Purba Daria, Jonathan Espinal, Samantha Narvaez, Kevin Sanchez and William Vargas.</p>	<p>Third grade Erick Aguirre, Javier Armenta, Jasmine Ashworth, Joanna Cruz, Matthew Escalera, Mya Garcia, Ricardo Lima and Lauryn Locksey. Madison Lozano, Uziel Luna, Kathy Mai, Anthony Moreno, Fabio Moreno, Katherine Orta, Joseph Ortega and Alana Ortega. Jesus Tamayo, Nicolas Thomas, Fernanda Torres, Oscar Trevino, Cristiana Valadez and Leslie Vargas.</p>

Guerrero donates to Locks of Love



At Stuchbery Elementary, students who earned a commended grade on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test were put into a drawing to cut school nurse Anita Guerrero's hair. Pictured are, left to right, Kirby Nguyen, Guerrero, and Sandy Huynh. Guerrero, who grew her hair for more than a year, donated her hair to Locks of Love, a public nonprofit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under age 21 suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis.

McDonald's Texas Invitational reaches agreement for live national TV coverage of championship game

Phillips Gym has seen a lot over the years, but not the kind of electronic accoutrements set to be in place on the night of Nov. 19.

For the first time in the history of the field house - and for the first time in the eight-year history of the McDonald's Texas Invitational Basketball Tournament - a live national TV broadcast is in the works.

Officials of the McDonald's Texas Invitational have reached an agreement with FOX College Sports for a live cable telecast of the Boys Gold Division championship game on Saturday night, Nov. 19, from Phillips.

FOX College Sports has roughly 60 million subscribers through various cable providers nationwide. The tournament committee will pay \$25,000 in production costs, but that expense should be recouped from revenues generated by 16 advertising slots - each 30 seconds in length - to be used by the committee.

Much of the advertising time will be sold to major firms that routinely buy national ad time. But a major portion of the time will be used to showcase the Pasadena area.

"We're going to use this as an opportunity to promote what we're doing in this community," said Ben Meador, founder of the tournament and chairman of the tournament committee.

"There's no doubt this TV deal will help us attract teams from out of state. But the greatest benefit we will derive from this will be the economic development impact it has on our city and our community."

Last year, tournament officials secured a deal with FOXSports.com to provide a streaming feed of the Boys Gold title game for Internet viewers. Tournament organizers had been working through their national media coordinator, Jim Barton, for an agreement for a live telecast.

The Nov. 19 game will be televised in an 8 to 10 p.m. window. To ensure an 8 p.m. tip, no game will be scheduled for 6 p.m. at the facility.

"The tournament will have pregame and halftime opportunities to interview guests with ties to the tournament or to the community," Meador said.

Although game announcers haven't been set, Meador said it's likely that Gerald Sanchez will handle the play-by-play. Sanchez worked the streaming broadcast last November. A strong candidate to join Sanchez is Jim Haller, formerly the head basketball coach at Baylor and a veteran analyst on FOX Sports broadcasts.

In another first for the tournament, the Girls Gold Division title game will be offered through live streaming on FOXSports.com.

Meador said other title games in other divisions will likely be chosen for live streaming.

The tournament this year will feature 48 boys' teams and 32 girls' teams. All five Pasadena Independent School District high schools play in both the boys' and girls' divisions, and all five schools serve as game venues.

Proceeds from the tournament go to the Pasadena ISD Education Foundation to help fund mini-grants for teachers in the district.

UHCL's Ayadi named Fulbright Scholar

Mary Femi Ayadi, University of Houston-Clear Lake assistant professor of health-care administration, was recently named a Fulbright Scholar. The award is for both teaching and research.

Ayadi will be lecturing at Covenant University in Sango-Ota, Nigeria, from January through August 2012. Her research project will investigate the interdependencies that exist between health care expenditures and economic growth in Nigeria.

Ayadi holds several academic degrees including a bachelor's degree in agriculture from the University of Ibadan and a Master of Arts in economics and a doctorate in economics from Georgia State University.

The Fulbright Program is one of the most prestigious awards programs in the world, operating in more than 155 countries. It was established to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States

and other countries through the exchange of persons, knowledge and skills.

Other UH-Clear Lake School of Business Fulbright Scholars have included Professor of Finance Grady Perdue, 1989, The University of the South Pacific in Suva, Fiji; Associate Professor of Legal Studies and Management Alix Valenti, 2008, National Sun Yatsen University in Kaohsiung, Taiwan; and Professor of Management Louis White, a two time

recipient, 1989 and 1999, National Sun Yatsen University in Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

For more information about Fulbright opportunities and international education at the University of Houston-Clear Lake, visit the Office of International Initiatives web page at <http://www.uhcl.edu/OII>, or call 281-283-3972.

For more about the Fulbright Scholar program, visit the Council for International Exchange of Scholars web site at <http://www.cies.org>.

Melillo wins Best in Class 3 years in a row



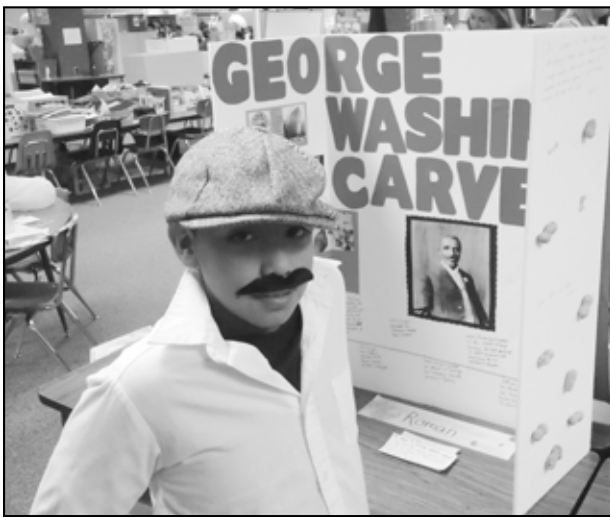
Melillo Middle School Honor Orchestra under the direction of Angela Bardon competed in the Spring High School Orchestra Festival recently. They received a first division award and the Best in Class award. This is the third year that the Melillo Honor Orchestra has received this award. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Caleb Connerly, Micheal Castillo, Sean Le, Ciriach Amerson, Trinity Curry, Joaquin Erik Jimenez, Eric Sahagun, Jordan Efir, (second row) Zacharay Aomari, Jazmyn Bolden, Esai Castro, Steven Phan, Nicole Huynh, Sabino Lozano, Viviana Montemayor, Ericka Ragasa, Emely Saravia, Jay Do, (third row) Gustavo Serrato, Brandi Lindsey, Cristina Jasso, Kiara Wells, Mary Doan, Quyen Nguyen, Vianney Sanchez, Andrea Cavazos, Oren Moreno, Donnayn Balderas, (back row) Derek Bui, Emily Hernandez, Lilianna Guevara, Esther Kim, Treyveon Prater, Austin Biondo, Cassandra Garcia, Erin O'Brien, Hector Rojas, Naya Cooper and John Wang.

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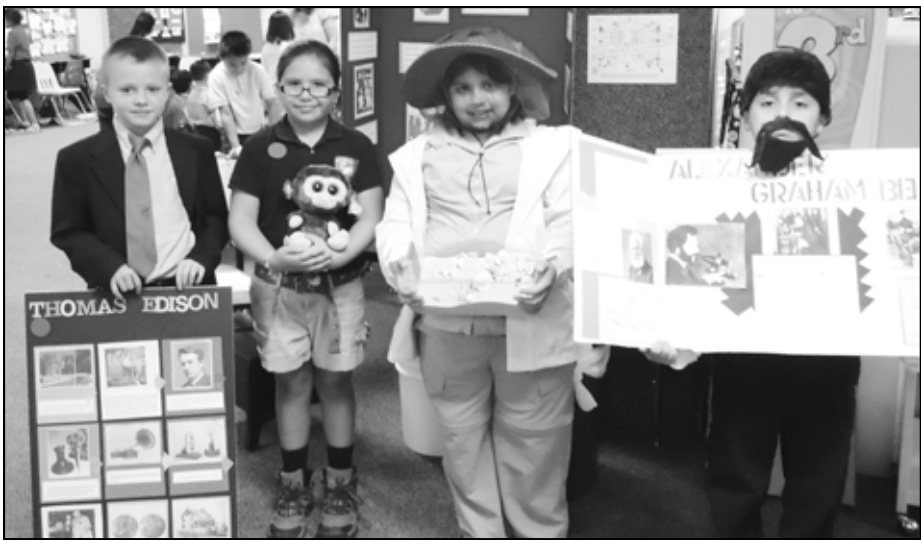
Students create wax museum

Third-grade students at Moore Elementary recently "opened" a wax museum of famous scientists for students and family members to visit. Each third-grade student was asked to research a famous scientist, then each created either a display board or scrapbook about that scientist. Students dressed as the scientist they chose. The student would tell about his or her scientist when a button each one wore was pressed.

Photos submitted



Roman Sanchez as George Washington Carver

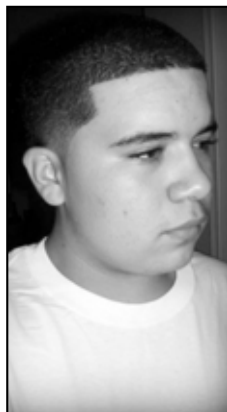


Left to right, Logan Riggan, Karina Perez, Juliana Espinoza and Victor Catillo display their projects.



Moore third-graders, left to right, (front row) Kobe Ruiz, Dwayne Mills, (back row) Ashley Rodriguez, Christian Davis and Matthew Springer, display scrapbooks, poster boards and attire worn by scientists chosen as their research project.

Perez seeks information regarding cousin's death



of her cousin.

Cynthia Perez is reaching out to the South Belt community in hopes of finding closure in the murder of her cousin Ernesto "Dada" Salidavar Jr.

Salidavar was found Jan. 22, 2011, at 10 p.m. at the Brookshire apartment complex at Theta Street and Hartsook Street. He was found dead that evening from a gunshot wound to the head.

Perez is hoping that someone in the area will have more information regarding the circumstances of his death.

If any resident has more information, contact Perez at 281-728-8076.

One South Belt resident from the Sagmont subdivision is looking for information regarding the death

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Little helpers go a long way Going green at children's center

The San Jacinto College South Children's Center is showing children the importance of recycling in today's "green" movement.

For more information on the FundingFactory, visit www.FundingFactory.com or call 1-888-883-8237 (toll-free).

The children's center is also participating with the FundingFactory, an organization that helps participating companies and organizations raise funds for technology, general supplies or recreational equipment.



Participants bring in empty laser and inkjet printer cartridges and old cell phones, then send them to the FundingFactory for their choice of technology products, recreation products or cash.

Those who are interested in demonstrating a commitment to education and the environment can either drop off cartridges or old cell phones or participate free of charge in the FundingFactory Business Support Program, which will send the South campus children's center free prepaid shipping labels for the collected items.

The South campus children's center is located at 13735 Beamer Road in Houston.

Pictured, left to right, in celebration of Earth Day, 4-year-olds Luis Salazar, Daniela Jimenez, Parker Cummings and Zoe Fusig show how they do their part by bringing used plastic bottles to class to help with recycling drives.

Photo by Andrea Vasquez

4th of July Parade Entry Form

A parade will be held in conjunction with the July 4th Spectacular. Parade lineup will be at 9 a.m. at Beverly Hills Intermediate, 11111 Beamer. The parade will begin at Beverly Hills Intermediate at 10 a.m. and will continue to San Jacinto College on Beamer Road. Businesses and individuals are encouraged to build floats and participate in the parade.

NO WATER BALLOONS, WATER GUNS, ETC.

For more information, call Marie Flickinger at 281-481-5656. All entries must be received by July 2.

Name of entry _____

Name of Organization _____

or

Name of Business _____

Person to Contact _____

Address _____ Phone _____

() Truck (2 axle) () Car () Float () Truck (3 axle) () Other

Due to the length of this parade, we request participants do not attempt to walk.

All entries for community and nonprofit groups are free of charge—unless those participants wish to be eligible for a trophy in the judging contest. These contest entries require a \$25 entry fee. ABSOLUTELY, NO REFUNDS.

All entries for business require a \$50 entry fee.

- Commercial float: \$50
- Noncommercial for trophy: \$25
- Noncommercial, not competing: no charge

* Each entrant is liable for the entry & participants involved with their entry. Adult supervision is a must!

Signed _____

Please complete this entry & drop off at the front desk, South Belt-Ellington Leader.

Baez graduates



2007 J.F. Dobie High School graduate and Trailblazer Luis S. Baez recently completed his undergraduate studies at Texas State University. Baez received his Bachelor of Arts in political science with a minor in criminal justice, magna cum laude. He was on the dean's list and a Lyndon B. Johnson Debate Society Scholar Award winner. He received a College of Fine Arts and Communications Scholarship, was an Alpha Chi inductee and earned a Liberal Arts Award for Academic Excellence. This fall, Baez will pursue a law degree at Michigan State University where he was awarded a Trustee Scholarship. Most recently, he has accepted a legal internship with a Houston-based real estate company.

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Over The Back Fence by Jan

KIRA TURNS 4!
 Kira Nilsson celebrated her 4-year birthday on June 5. Celebrating with her were her younger brother, 3-month-old Mattias Nilsson; proud parents Kari and Thomas Nilsson, longtime Sagemont residents; proud grandparents Pam and Lance Horst; and her aunt, Janna Horst. The celebration took place at The Rainforest Cafe in Glaveston.

ANOTHER SALES GIRL
 Travis and Jill Sales welcomed their second daughter, Sophie Jeanette Sales, on Friday, June 10, 2011, at 2:08 p.m. Sophie weighed 6lbs., 12.6 oz. and stretched 20 inches long. Welcoming Sophie home is her big sister, Chloe. Also excited by her arrival were her grandparents, Danny and Debbie Sales, Aunt Tami Sales, Aunt Traci and Uncle Chris Thompson and cousins Tyson and Jocelyn Thompson. Travis grew up in the South Belt area and graduated from Dobie High School in 1991.

NOAH TURNS 11!
 Noah Munoz will celebrate his 11th birthday on Thursday, June 23. Birthday wishes are sent from dad Danny, mom Christina and little sister Madisyn.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOCELYN!
 Jocelyn Thompson turns 11 years old Thursday, June 23. Jocelyn will enter the sixth grade at Melillo Middle School this fall. Birthday wishes are sent from mom Traci, dad Chris, brother Tyson and grandparents Danny and Debbie Sales. Also, birthday hugs are sent from Aunt Tami, Uncle

Travis, Aunt Jill and cousins Chloe and Sophie.

DOMINGUEZES VISIT WITH FAMILY
 Joe and Yolanda Dominguez of South Belt recently returned home from 10 days in the San Francisco area to see their grandson, Daniel, graduate from Menlo Middle School and visit with their daughter, Laura, and her family. From there, they flew to North Carolina by way of Chicago to be at their granddaughter's high school graduation.

WINNING TURNS 60!
 Local businessman Bill Winning celebrated his birthday on Wednesday, June 15. Best wishes are sent from his wife, Carol, family, friends, and the staff at the Leader.

SCHOOL DAZE
 The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays June 23 through June 29.

Atkinson Elementary
 On June 27, Tulu Sarkar celebrates a birthday. Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to Maria Zamora June 28. June 29 is the day for a party for Esther Janis.

Burnett Elementary
 The day for a cake for Nancy Fehst is June 26. Blow out the birthday candles for Marissa Gutierrez June 27.

Bush Elementary
 Maggie Mayes is wished a happy birthday on June 29.

South Belt Elementary
 June 23 is the day for a birthday party for Susi Barr. Happy birthday greetings are sent to Carmen Guyote June 24. On June 28, Amanda Maslonka has a birthday.

Stuchbery Elementary
 Blow out the birthday candles for Dana Sylvestor June 23. Birthday wishes are sent to Kristin Wallis June 24.

Melillo Middle School
 The day for a party for Larry Cochran is June 25. Penny Havard is sent a birthday greeting June 26.

Morris Middle School
 On June 25, Jeanne Roddy is wished a happy birthday.

Thompson Intermediate
 Greg Baumgartner has a birthday June 24.

Dobie High
 A double birthday is celebrated by Maria Morales and Ana Valencia June 26. Blow out the birthday candles on June 29 for Matthew Minus.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS
 E-mail birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line. Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

SJC ranks 26th on Top 100 Degree Producers list

San Jacinto College is ranked 26th in the nation this year as a top minority degree producer by *Diverse: Issues In Higher Education* magazine.

Published annually, the Top 100 Degree Producers list ranks institutions that award the most degrees to minority students.

San Jacinto College jumped nine spots from last year, and also ranked No. 1 in biological and biomedical sciences, No. 1 in mathematics and statistics, and No. 5 in transportation and materials moving.

Other areas of the college that placed within the top 50 include psychology; business, management, marketing, and related support services; nursing; health professionals and related clinical sciences; physical sciences; business operations support and assistant services; construction; engineering; English language and literature; and mechanic and repair technologies.

"Higher education increases awareness through a variety of disciplines, including the understanding of how we interact and live among others in a society that is increasingly diverse and ever changing," said San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer. "We are fortunate to have such a diverse student population at San Jacinto College. Because of this, we strive to provide students with an inclusive environment that supports all cultures and is open to many perspectives."

Minorities receive one-third of all associate degrees conferred in the U.S., with nearly equal numbers going to black and Hispanic students, who together represent 80 percent of minority associate degree recipients, according to the magazine.

San Jacinto College's minority student population is composed of 41 percent Hispanic, 11 percent black, and 5 percent Asian.

The Top 100 Degree Producers lists are based on the review of 2008-2009 U.S. Department of Education preliminary data.

Institutions are ranked according to the total number of degrees awarded to minority students across all disciplines, as well as in specific disciplines.

The entire Top 100 Degree Producers list can be found in the May 12, 2011, edition of *Diverse: Issues In Higher Education* magazine at <http://diverseeducation.com>.

Students participate in PISD GT Showcase

Ten students from Moore Elementary participated in Pasadena Independent School District's Gifted and Talented Showcase held recently. Students presented their Texas Standards Performance Projects to family, friends and community members, along with other students from around the district. Pictured below are some of the students from Moore who participated in the showcase.



Moore second-grade student Henry Nguyen.



First-grader Kailey Tsikis with mom Emma.



First-grader Kyle Stokes with mom Leann.



Maury Klann, third-grade teacher with students Alejandra Gracias, Aubrey Davis and Felicity Soto.

Jump For The Rose skydiving event set

Oct. 8-9, women skydivers will attempt to set a Texas state record, while raising money for those needing breast cancer services.

Women skydivers from all over the world will converge on Skydive Spaceland, Houston's premier skydiving center, to set an even larger women's Texas state record and national record in formation skydiving, while raising money to benefit women who need breast cancer services at The Rose.

Jump for The Rose is organized by women and performed by women, to save women. Come join in for two days of non-stop action, including raffles, food sales and, of course, women falling from the sky.

Women representing Jump For The Rose will appear on *Great Day Houston* hosted by Debra Duncan on Sept. 19, 2011.

There will be two warm-up camps held. The next camp will be held at Skydive Dallas on July 4, and another camp will occur at Skydive San Marcos on Sept. 10.

For more information about the event, visit www.JumpForTheRose.com.

Information can also be found about the work being done every day at The Rose by logging on to www.TheRose.org.

This event is open to the public. Volunteers and donations are welcome.

SJC hosts Disability Awareness Day

San Jacinto College will host Disability Awareness Day on Thursday, June 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to promote awareness of issues faced by persons with disabilities.

The event will take place in the Monument Room, located in the Slovacek Student Center at the North campus, 5800 Uvalde Road in the North Channel area.

The event is free and open to the public. "This will be an opportunity for people to receive information on service provided within higher education by local social service agencies and various other organizations," commented Santa Eastern, disability service counselor at the North campus.

In addition to SJC faculty and staff members, representatives from several agencies will be on hand to provide information, including Houston Center for Independent Living, Texas Veterans Commission, Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, and the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Foundation.

UHCL offers certificate courses in the legal field

Online certificate courses in the legal field will be offered June 27 through Aug. 12 at the University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

These courses were created to help participants prepare for careers in fast-growing fields of paralegalism.

Paralegal certificate courses teach basic legal concepts including the American legal system, terminology and ethics.

Advanced courses build upon the basic knowledge with classes in specialized facets of contemporary law. Legal secretary, law school prep and legal nurse consulting training courses prepare students for careers in law or medicine, and train medical professionals for careers as legal nurse consultants.

Fees cover tuition for seven-week courses, excluding textbooks.

For more information, visit <http://www.uhcl.edu> or call UHCL's Center for Advanced Management Programs at 281-283-3133 or 281-283-3121, or e-mail camp@uhcl.edu.

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Remember When

35 years ago (1976)
 Attempts were made to close off the "road which isn't a road" between the subdivision of Sagemeadow and Green Tee Terrace.

The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department ordered a \$56,000 1976 Pierce fire truck with the capacity of pumping 1,000 gallons of water per minute and a 750-gallon water storage tank.

30 years ago (1981)
 The median age of South Belt area residents was 37, and the median annual salary was \$35,000, according to a marketing survey by Texas Commerce Bank-South Belt.

The director of the Harris County Flood Control District told a large crowd at the Sagemont Civic Club meeting that he felt \$25 million would be needed to make the improvements necessary to alleviate the South Belt area flooding problems.

25 years ago (1986)
 Steve "Ace" Cummings, a 1982 Dobie graduate, was

drafted in the second round of the summer draft by the Toronto Blue Jays.

Toxic waste cleanup of the Southeast Water Purification Plant site added \$1 million to \$2 million to the projected plant project cost of \$72 million.

20 years ago (1991)
 Two burglary suspects backed a truck into a garage in an attempt to load it with stolen household goods. An alert neighbor called Precinct 2 Constable Gary Freeman's office to report the suspicious activity. Deputies captured the two men after a brief struggle.

Emmy nominee Scott Fults, a former Sagemeadow resident, came to Houston and starred as Eugene Morris Jerome in Neil Simon's semi-autobiographical play, *Brighton Beach Memoirs*, at Chris Wilson's Actors Theatre of Houston.

15 years ago (1996)
 San Jacinto College set up information booths at Baybrook and Pasadena

Town Square malls.

Beamer Towers, the skeleton structure located near the Brio Toxic Superfund Site, was tentatively scheduled for demolition.

10 years ago (2001)
 The city of Houston and Harris County, with assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, began spraying the mosquitoes which inundated the South Belt area after Tropical Storm Allison.

The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department responded to a mutual aid house fire call in Green Tee.

Firemen fought the fire standing in waist-deep water using jet skis to transport hoses, tools and personnel.

5 years ago (2006)
 Nationally recognized hurricane expert Bill King was the guest speaker at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

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Dugas, Johnson to wed



David and Ceeja Fullerton, longtime South Belt residents, announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, MaryAnn Elizabeth Dugas, to Gregory Cole Johnson, son of Sheryl Johnson of Spring. The bride-to-be is a 2007 graduate of Dobie High School, and the prospective groom is a graduate of Westfield High School in Spring. The couple is planning a February wedding in Magnolia.

Grays celebrate 60th anniversary

South Belter Roger and Eva Gray will celebrate 60 years of marriage on June 27, 2011.

They met in Mississippi and married on June 27, 1951.

Shortly thereafter, they moved to Houston.

The couple has two daughters, Ginny and husband Sid Perkins of Pearland and Cheryl Osburn of League City; one granddaughter, Cassie; and one great-grandson, Robert.

They have been residents of the South Belt area since 1970.

Nguyen wins Dow contest

Thompson Intermediate student Dona Nguyen, daughter of Toan and Thu Kieu Nguyen, recently won first place in the junior division of the Dow Chemical Calendar Contest with her piece, *Futuristic Aspirations*. The piece took four weeks to create and was inspired by a man named Hachi.

"I watched his style from music videos," said Nguyen, who credits her father for playing an instrumental role in inspiring her to draw. "My prominent style of drawing is animation like those in Japanese cartoons called animee," Nguyen explains.

Nguyen began taking art in fifth grade but has been "doodling" since the age of 5. She plans on being a digital artist in the future, even though traditional methods (pen and ink on paper) are her best areas.

Nguyen will receive \$500 for placing first in her division, and Thompson will receive \$1,500.



Dona Nguyen displays her first-place artwork, *Futuristic Aspirations*, from the Dow Chemical Calendar Contest. Photo submitted

Gobea, Ritter marry

Erica Gobea and Philip Ritter were united in marriage Friday, May 27, 2011. The intimate ceremony was held in Galveston in the presence of close family and friends.

The bride is the daughter

of Rose Ann and Marcelino Gobea Jr. of Sagemont. The groom is the son of Elna Ritter, also of Sagemont. Both are 1998 graduates of J. Frank Dobie High School.

The bride studied corporate communications at the

University of Texas in Austin and is currently an executive assistant at Stage Stores, Inc.

The groom studied business administration at San Jacinto College and is currently an assistant manager at a business in Pearland.



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Genoa students earn dance scholarships

Several students from Genoa Elementary recently earned scholarships for a program through the Houston Ballet called *A Chance to Dance*, to participate in a series of six academy classes.

Genoa Communities in

Schools Coordinator Monica Belcher presented the students with this opportunity.

Classes are all-inclusive with students actively participating, regardless of physical ability or previous dance experience.

Academy artistic staff,

however, will evaluate promising students for enrollment on scholarship in the year-round program that serves 25 students for six weeks, but only at six schools per school year.

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Genoa Elementary students who received a scholarship for the *A Chance to Dance* program are, left to right, Athziri Cervantes, fourth grade; Nalley Villareal, third grade; Kamila Cazares, third grade;

Giselle Diaz, third grade; and Mariah Montoya, fourth grade. Also pictured are, (back row) Genoa Elementary Principal Tiffany Bennett and CIS Coordinator for Genoa Elementary Monica Belcher.

Beta Sigma Phi holds Beginning Day

Members of Laetate Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their Beginning Day recently at Golf Crest Country Club in Pearland.

Newly elected President Sherrie Cox welcomed members giving a brief history of the yellow rose and strawberry table decorations.

The yellow rose represents the flower of the Beta Sigma Phi, and the strawberries represent

the favorite fruit of Marilyn Ross, widow of Bill Ross. Bill Ross was the son of the founder of Beta Sigma Phi, Walter W. Ross.

Beta Sigma Phi is a social, cultural, and service organization for women.

After an appetizing lunch, Carroll McCullough conducted the Preceptor Ritual for member Camille Nancarrow. The six attributes to

the Preceptor Ritual are the Red Ray of Courage, Yellow Ray of Vision, Blue Ray of Humility, Orange Ray of Loyalty, Green Ray of Fellowship, and the Violet Ray of Service. Nancarrow chose the Red Ray of Courage.

Following the completion of the ritual, Barbara Risinger, a preceptor member, came forward and renewed her attribute.

Risinger also chose the Red Ray of Courage.

Committee chairs reported briefly on their plans for the coming year. Carroll McCullough, yearbook chairman, presented the president with her yearbook.

All members received a new yearbook denoting the 2011-2012 Beta Sigma Phi International theme, *Building our Future on Traditions*.

HCMG sets July events

Harris County Master Gardeners recently scheduled their July events.

Green Thumb Gardening Series

Dr. Carol Brouwer will present a lecture on landscape design on Tuesday, July 12, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the meeting room at Clear Lake Park (on the lake side), 5001 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. These lectures are free and open to the public.

For more information, visit <http://harris-tx.tamu.edu/hort/greenthumb.htm>.

Master Gardener Lecture Series

Mike Howlett, project

Lions Club meeting set

The Houston Space City Lions Club will meet Tuesday, June 28, at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.

manager for Harris County Precinct 4 Parks Department, will speak on carnivorous plants on Wednesday, July 20, at 10 a.m. in the meeting room at Clear Lake Park (on the lakeside), 5001 NASA Parkway in Seabrook.

For more information, visit <http://harris-tx.tamu.edu/hort>.

Open Garden Day

The public is invited to tour the working and demonstration gardens maintained

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South Belters share 2011 vacation photos

Noah's first vacation, Florida 2011



Noah Chupin vacationed in May in Sarasota, Fla., at his aunt's house and on Siesta Key Beach, also in Sarasota. The family went there to attend Noah's cousin Jill's high school graduation. It was his first plane trip. Traveling with Noah were his mother, Sara Muller-Chupin, aunt Jessica Muller, grandmother Nancy Muller, and great-grandmother Patsy Murdock. Joining them in Florida were many cousins he'd never met before along with his cousin, Lindsay, from Boston, and her fiance, Mikey.

Peraleses discover Hawaii



Richard and Janie Perales recently enjoyed a dream vacation in Hawaii. Their daughter planned all the excursions, then sent them off to have a marvelous time. Pictured clockwise from top left: Richard and Janie Perales at Fern Grotto; the couple at Luau Kalamuku, a Hawaiian experience; enjoying a walk at the IAO Needle in IAO Valley State Park; and Richard "hangs over the edge" at Haleakala Crater.

Morgans, grandchildren visit dude ranch



Bill and Terrie Morgan and their grandchildren, Mallory, Mason and McKenna Nickens, recently became part of the western tradition at the Mayan Dude Ranch in Bandera, Texas. They had always heard there's a "Rootin' Tootin' Cowboy" in everyone and were able to enjoy the experience at the "Cowboy Capital of the World," just 47 miles from San Antonio.

At left: Bill and Terrie Morgan with grandchildren, left to right, Mason, Mallory and McKenna Nickens (on the pony). Above: Grandchildren, left to right, McKenna, Mason and Mallory enjoy a ride on a longhorn.

Muse surfs

South Belt residents Toni and Larry Muse's grandson, Lyndon Muse, 7, surfs along the beach during a recent weeklong stay at a beach house in Galveston. Others vacationing with the Muses included Jason and Vanessa Muse and their son, (Lyndon's brother) Devon; Erika and Mike and their two children from Colorado; and Carl and Paulina Sudderth of Spring. The group spent time on the beach and fished, surfed and ate way too much.



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Parade entry forms are available on Page 3A or by e-mailing mynews@southbeltleader.com. The forms are to be filled out and returned to the Leader office at 11555 Beamer, faxed to 281-481-5730 or e-mailed by July 2. For convenience, entry forms may be dropped through the mail slots located on each side of the front glass doors.

Fireworks display
Later that evening, residents may view the annual fireworks show at El Franco Lee Park, 9400 Hall Road. Funded by the annual South

Belt Spectacular Cookoff, the display is scheduled to begin at 9:30 p.m.

Earlier this week, Harris County Judge Ed Emmett signed an order banning the sale or use of any fireworks anywhere in unincorporated areas of the county due to the current drought. This order, however, does not affect professional displays conducted by a person holding a valid pyrotechnic operator's license.

At press time, the fireworks show was still scheduled to take place, but the situation was being closely monitored by county officials.

Krustchinsky catches a big fish

Evan Krustchinsky and his dad went on Evan's first fishing trip on June 9 to South Padre Island. Evan caught and reeled in (all by himself) a big red fish. Evan is the son of Jessica and Jerry Krustchinsky. He attends Moore Elementary and will be in the first grade this fall.



San Jac College Facebook page reaches 5,000 fans

On Friday, June 3, San Jacinto College reached a milestone with its 5,000th fan on the official San Jacinto College Facebook page, www.facebook.com/SanJacintoCollege.

The college has been using Facebook since early 2009 to increase student engagement, allowing its fans to interact with SJC in a familiar environment, and to share pertinent information such as stories about the college, videos and events.

"The college's Facebook page has become an important source of information not only for our students and community but for the

college as well," said Teri Fowle, associate vice chancellor for marketing. "By listening to our students on Facebook, through feedback and comments, we have gained a better understanding of the needs of our students. We take student comments and concerns to heart, and we want to make sure we provide them with the best possible resources, not only online but also when they get to campus."

During the month of May, the San Jac Facebook page had more than 3,000 active users who commented, "liked" a post or viewed content.

The college also recently began hosting live chats via its Facebook wall with experts from around the college on topics such as financial aid, testing, payment and admissions. Dr. Brenda Hellyer, San Jacinto College chancellor, also hosted live chat, answering questions about the state budget. "Live chats have allowed us to bring traditional face-to-face services to our students online," added Fowle.

Fans of the San Jacinto College Facebook page have also had some fun. A SJC gnome was hidden on each campus, and the first person to post the gnome's location on the SJC Facebook wall won a T-shirt.

The SJC gnome provides an avenue for students to get to know their campus, as it is hidden in various locations such as student success areas.

T-shirts were also provided to students on each campus during various campus activities to help promote the college's social media efforts.

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San Jacinto College names litter MLB baseball draft

Six current players and one former player from the San Jacinto College baseball team were selected in the 2011 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft.

The first San Jac player selected was pitcher Miguel Peña, who was taken in the

sixth round by the Boston Red Sox as the 202nd overall pick.

Peña was a National Junior College Athletic Association All-American honorable mention selection as well as a unanimous All-Region XIV South Conference honoree.

The left-handed pitcher from Mission, Texas, went 10-3 on the year with a team-best 1.91 earned run average.

He was also the NJCAA pitcher of the week for the

week of May 4, 2011. With the 677th pick in the 22nd round, the Detroit Tigers selected pitcher Tommy Collier.

The sophomore from

Houston's Cy-Fair High School went 2-1 with a team-best five saves.

He posted a 3.00 ERA, with 23 strikeouts in just 18 innings for the team.

Sophomore pitcher David Rollins of First Baptist Academy in Dallas went in the 24th round (739th pick) to the Toronto Blue Jays.

Rollins posted a 2.99 ERA behind a 7-3 overall record.

In 81 1/3 innings of play he struck out 91, allowing 72 hits.

Ryan Hornback, a catcher from Sweeny, was the 812th pick by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 27th round. Hornback hit .310 this year with 53 hits, including eight doubles and three home runs.

He was also a unanimous selection to the All-Region XIV South Conference team.

In one of the classic moves of the draft, the Houston Astros selected freshman pitcher Buddy Lamothe in the 40th round. Lamothe was injured in a diving accident after the

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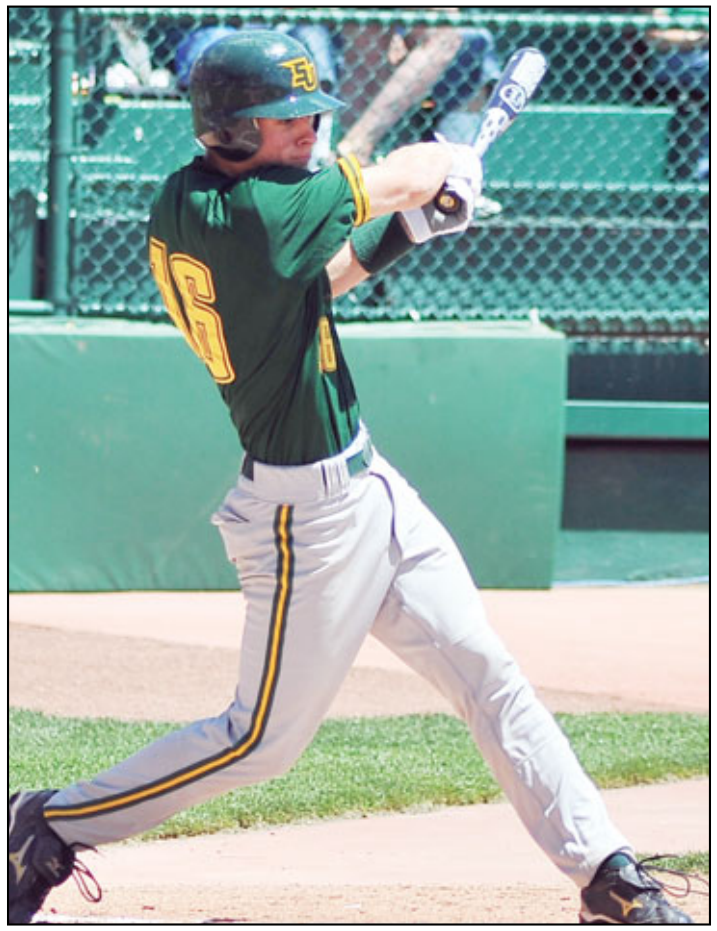
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- Buddy Lamothe, P**
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Atlanta, round 40



At right, Sophomore catcher Ryan Hornback was one of six current San Jacinto College baseball players picked in the 2011 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft.
Photo by Rob Vanya

Dobie 7-on-7 football planning state trip

Dobie is still preparing for its trip to the Division I Texas State 7-on-7 tournament, to be held July 15-16 at Texas A&M University in College Station.

The locals will be part of dozens of high school programs in the mix, but Dobie is a newcomer to the state level. The team is coached by Anthony Simmons Sr. and Montego Bailey.

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At right, despite the game being played with flags and no pads, there is physicality involved, just ask Dobie's Vaughn Leonard (23) and a Pearland opponent.
MannyGPhotography

Gallant, O'Connor All-Greater Houston picks



Dobie High School varsity softball players Amie Gallant (above) and Shannon O'Connor (at right in sunglasses) were named All-Greater Houston selections at the conclusion of the season. Gallant, the Lady Longhorns' center fielder, was named to the first

team. O'Connor, a second-team selection, was one of the top pitchers in the playoffs as she led Dobie to the Region III finals. Celebrating with O'Connor above is left fielder Kellen Gomez (2).
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SBHLL AS 13s downed; other stars named

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League 13-year-old all-star team advanced to the final pairing before falling to eventual champion Pearlland Maroon in the District 15 tournament. The locals were part of just a three-team mix in the tournament, joining Pearlland White and Pearlland Maroon in the double-elimination tournament at the Pearlland Little League facility. SBHLL received a first-round bye while Pearlland Maroon downed Pearlland White 17-0. Maroon then came back to down Sagemont-Beverly Hills 10-1 to advance to the championship round. The locals closed out Pearlland White with a 12-1 victory but then were eliminated by Maroon in the final round. Sagemont would have needed to beat Maroon

twice to advance to the sectional round. The 9-year-old and 13-year-old all-star tournaments are now complete, with Pearlland Maroon having won both crowns. The rest of the all-star schedule has yet to begin. The 9-10, 10-11 and 11-12-year-old age group tournaments are set to begin July 1. The junior division (14-year-old players) is slated to get under way July 5. At press time, the tournament brackets had yet to be published online via the Texas District 15 website. The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League officially announced all of the age group stars at closing ceremonies June 15. For all-star news, including updated brackets, visit www.eteamz.com/td15.

Hoopstarz sixth-grade basketball second at tournament

The Bay Area Hoopstarz' White team competed in a sixth-grade youth basketball tournament at Livingstones Church in Alvin, eventually taking second place. The Hoopstarz won two games in a row, beating the Friendswood Knockouts and HTX Fire before falling in the championship game to the League City Defenders. Members of the team are, left to right, Tyler Rondeno, Emily Pina, Camille Singleton, (middle row) Micka Jakis, Jennifer Moise, Kendall Gothard, (back row) coach Bobby Kristoff, Marissa Magoo, Michelle Kristoff, coach Alex Bowman and Deyon Gaston.



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SBHLL 10-year-old All-Stars

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Hoopstarz fifth-grade hoops team takes second place



The Bay Area Hoopstarz Purple Team, a fifth-grade girls' basketball team from the South Belt area, captured second place at the 2011 HFB Tournament of Stars at the Lutheran High North gym. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) coach

Alex Bowman, Kya Barlow, Renay Alonzo, Ellyssa Manriquez, Jada Castro, Treasure McGee, (back row) coach Jeremy Clement, Celeste Clement, NaKayla Bell, Miranda Bishop, Marissa Hart, Kimmie Ontiveros and coach Dart McGee.

SBHLL 12-year-old All-Stars

- Alex Barosh, Astros*
Kristopher Cormier, Braves
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SJC softballers grab NFCA regional, national honors

Three San Jacinto College softball players have earned National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) honors.

Freshman pitcher Shannon Millman of Pasadena Memorial High School, sophomore catcher Megan Matejka of Deer Park and sophomore infielder Bethany Armstrong of Cy-Fair High School have been named to the NFCA All-Midwest Region team.

In addition, Millman was named a third-team NFCA All-American.

Millman led San Jacinto this season with a 21-8 overall record and 1.68 earned

run average. In 200 innings pitched, she struck out 180, a school record.

The left-hander was named to the NFCA Midwest Region first team, the All-South conference team, and was also an All-Region selection. She will return to San Jac for her sophomore season.

Matejka and Armstrong were both named to the NFCA Midwest Region second team. Matejka hit .319 this year with 46 hits, including 11 doubles and two homeruns.

She was named to the All-South conference team, was a second-team

selection, and earned first-team All-Region honors. She plans to transfer to Sam Houston State University and try out for the softball team.

Armstrong broke the school hitting streak record

with 18 straight games with a hit this season. She led the team in hitting with a .419 average, including 83 hits, 13 doubles, and one triple.

Armstrong was an All-South conference and All-Region selection. She will

play next year for Northwood University.

San Jac finished the 2011 season fifth at the Region XIV tournament with a 40-12 overall record. It was the third 40-win season for San Jac in the last four seasons.

Chelsea D on dean's list



Chelsea DeLeon, a class of 2010 Dobie High School graduate, was named to the dean's list at the University of Houston-Victoria following the completion of the 2010-2011 academic year. Candidates must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or better for the fall or spring semester to be eligible for the list. DeLeon is a member of the UH-V women's soccer team.



San Jacinto College freshman pitcher Shannon Millman was selected to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Midwest Region first team and was also named an NFCA third-team All-American.

Photo by Andrea Vasquez

San Jacinto's Morales signs on with St. Thomas hoops

At right, San Jacinto College men's basketball player Adrian Morales (second from left) signed a national letter of intent to continue his education and basketball career at the University of St. Thomas in Houston. Those with Morales at the signing included, from left, Todd Smith (St. Thomas men's basketball coach), Julia Morales (mother) and Heriberto Morales (father). For his San Jac career, Morales, a guard who played his high school basketball at Deer Park, averaged 3.2 points, 1.3 rebounds per game and 2.5 assists per game. San Jac finished the season with a 29-4 record.



Sports news, notes

SJC youth hoops camp

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

Brook volleyball camp

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

Dobie girls' hoops camp

Dobie varsity girls' basketball head coach Shane Brown and his staff will host the 2011 Lady Longhorns' Youth Basketball Camp July 11-13 at the school. Students entering the fourth through ninth grades as of the 2011-2012 school year are eligible to attend. The cost per student is \$55 cash or money order, which includes a camp T-shirt. No checks will be accepted. The sessions will run from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, direct e-mail to Brown at rbrown@pasadenaisd.org.

Dobie youth football camp

Longhorns' varsity head football coach Jim Phillips and his staff will host the 2011 Dobie Youth Football Camp July 11-14 at the school, from 6 to 8 p.m. Students ages 6 through 12 are eligible to attend. The cost is \$40 prior to the camp and \$50 the day of the camp. For more information, call Longhorns' assistant coach Kenneth Foster at 713-899-2054.

SJC soccer's Calvo goes international

Francisco Calvo, 19-year-old freshman defender for the San Jacinto College men's soccer team, made his professional soccer debut for his native Costa Rica on May 29 against Nigeria in San José.

Returning for the summer to Costa Rica's national men's youth soccer team, Calvo had hopes of making the cut for the FIFA U-20 World Cup 2011 to be held in Columbia later this summer.

However, due to an injury to one of Costa Rica's senior professional players, he and two other U-20 players were asked by national head coach Ricardo La Volpe to play in a friendly game against Nigeria.

It represented an opportunity most young athletes only dream about. As the only non-professional player on the team, Calvo was called off the bench in the 59th minute and played very well for the last 30 minutes at center-mid, with Costa Rica winning 1-0.

San Jacinto College soccer head coach David Santesteban is thrilled about Calvo's chance to play professionally. "This is an incredible opportunity for Francisco, and I'm confident that he'll make the most of it," he said.

"He was one of our most talented players this past season. Although we'd like to see him return for us, the reality is that he'll most likely have several offers from pro teams that he won't be able to refuse."

Calvo helped SJC finish its 2010 season with an overall record of 14-4, ranking it eighth in the nation by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and 11th by the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Prior to his time at the college, Calvo also played for Deportivo Saprissa U-19.

"This is just another testimony to the number of talented players that come through San Jacinto College," Santesteban said.

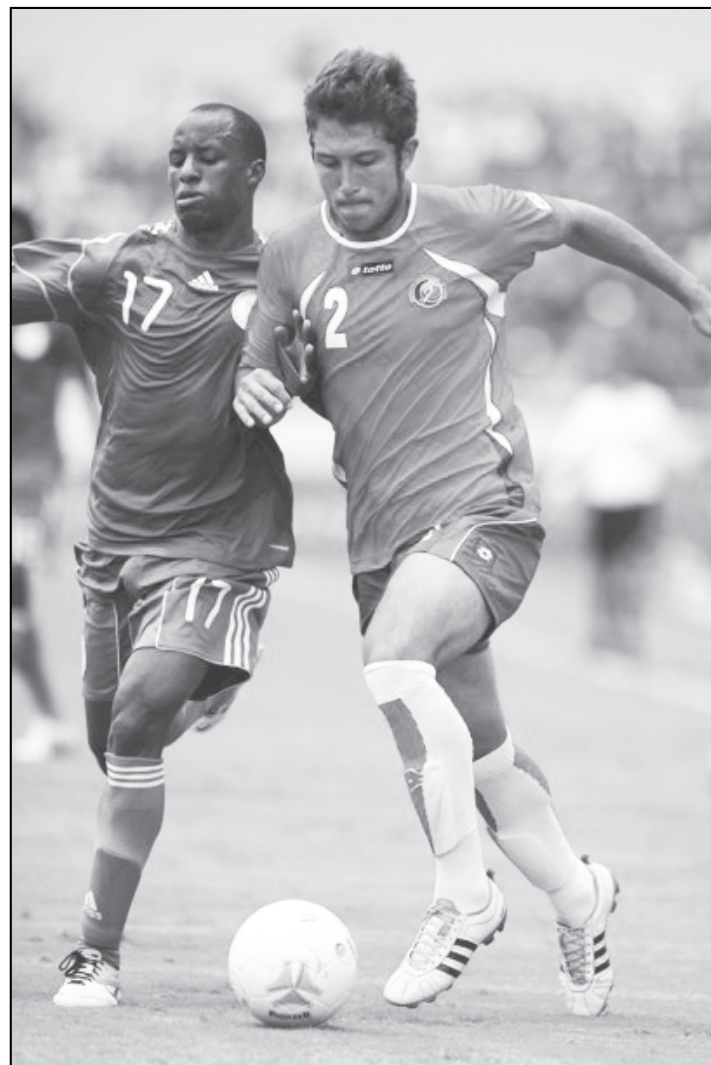
"While many of the top four-year universities know we have excellent players, I believe that more and more pro teams will start taking notice. We're so proud of Francisco."

Other SJC soccer alumni who have gone on to play professionally include Dane Richards (New York Red Bulls), Kieron Bernard (Orlando City), Carlos Villa (CSD Municipal), Moshesh Gyorio (Tampa Bay Rowdies), Ryan Maxwell (New England Revolution), Brandon Durden (River Plate

On June 9, the team came away with a draw against El Salvador at 1-1, and on June 12 it fell to Mexico 4-1.

Costa Rica eventually bowed out of the tournament in the quarterfinal round after facing Honduras. The two teams played to a 1-1 draw in regulation and overtime before Honduras won the match in a penalty kick session.

For more information on Gold Cup stats and game schedules, visit www.goldcup.org.



Francisco Calvo (2), freshman defender for the San Jacinto College men's soccer team will join the national Costa Rica professional soccer team in the 2011 CONCACAF Gold Cup.

12-under Sluggers rally to take championship



The Sagemont Sluggers, a 12-under team, came from behind in the championship game to capture first place at the Closed Base All-Star tournament at the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League facility at El Franco Lee Park. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) coach Taji Garcia, Evan Hausler, Gabriel Ro-

jas (bat boy), Juan Moreno, Jesus Tijerina, James Bischof, Darius Hipolite, Hunter Garcia, (middle row) Jesse Paredes, Kris Cormier, David Rojas Jr. and James Jackson, (back row) coaches Tommy Bischof and David Riojas.

First place goes to 11-under Sluggers baseball



The Sagemont Sluggers, a 11-under team, won the Closed Base All-Star tournament at the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League facility at El Franco Lee Park. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Jacob Sulak, Triston Gibson, Jacob Sims, De-

Juan Dixon, David Zermeno, Mario Rodriguez, Hunter Garcia, (middle row) manager Taji Garcia, Kevin Gartner, Andrew Hinojosa, Coach P.J. McAllister, A.J. Martinez, Torrey Tapper, (back row) coaches Joe Martinez and Mikey Fuqua.

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Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free water exercise from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 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.

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

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.

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.

Bay Area Genealogical Society - Meets the last Friday of each month at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Drive in Clear Lake. Coffee and socializing is at 6:30 and the meeting begins at 7 p.m. For more information, visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

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.

Pasadena Little Theatre - Auditions for Pasadena Little Theatre's Young Actors Workshop production of *Annie Jr* by Meekhan, Strouse and Chamin, will be held at 10 a.m. at the theater located at 4318 Allen-Genoa Road. Auditions are open to ages 11 through 18. Workshop rehearsals run Monday through Friday, July 5 through July 15, from 1:15 to 6 p.m. Show dates are July 15-17 and July 21-24. Cost of workshop is \$175. Contact the instructor, Janet Sharpley, at actsharp@sbcglobal.net for more information or visit the website at www.pasadenalittletheatre.org.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

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

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MONDAY, JUNE 27

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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.

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

New Directions Singles Club - 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.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

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.

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.

American Begonia Society - Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at Maxum Bank in League City. For more information, call 281-946-4237 or 281-471-5048.

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. For information, call 713-472-0565.

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

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - TOPS #1530 meets at the Beverly Hills Community Center, 10201 Kingspoint, from 2 to 4 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713.

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.

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.

Houston Space City Lions Club - Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For more information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.

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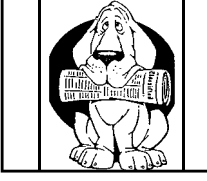
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 All inquiries should be directed to Nathan Robinson at 281-804-8350. Plans will be distributed by Ridgway's Inc. through the "Plan Well" system. A mandatory pre-proposal meeting is scheduled for 2:00 PM, Monday, June 27, 2011 at the Central Campus Interactive Learning Center, Kaleidoscope Room, located at 8060 Spencer Hwy, Pasadena, TX 77505.

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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.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Domestic violence support group for male survivors meets each Wednesday at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway. Call 281-338-7600 for information. Participants may join at any time as this is an open group.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Confidential domestic violence support group for women meets every week. For information, call 281-338-7600 or visit www.bayareaturningpoint.com. BATP is located at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway between Interstate 45 South and Highway 3. The 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525.
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In order to help cover expenses associated with the two-day trip to College Station, the team is hosting a car wash Saturday, June 25, at the Jiffy Lube location at 10605 Fuqua, across the street from the C&D Burger Shop.

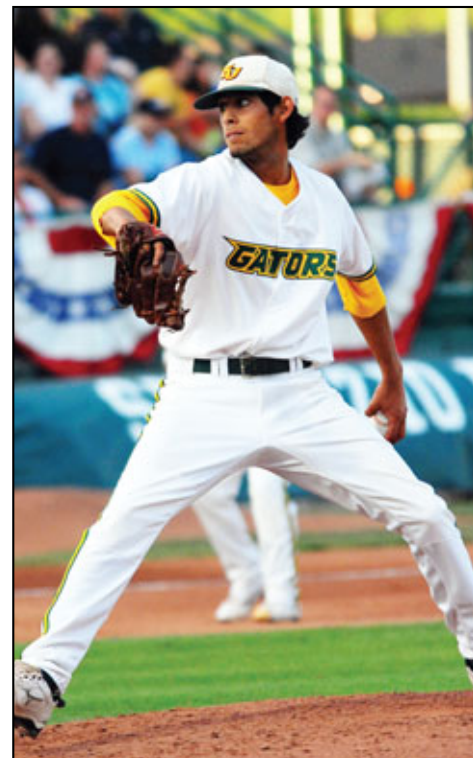
The school's first state appearance in 7-on-7 has come in large part because

of the the players' abilities to operate in the passing game with senior-to-be Blake Jackson at the quarterback spot.

Jackson has a variety of weapons at his disposal on offense, including Andrew Robinson, Vance Leonard, D.J. Bolden, Chris Stockman and more. The Dobie 7-on-7 unit has also excelled defensively.



Receiver Vance Leonard and the rest of the Dobie squad are preparing for the schools' first-ever trip to the state 7-on-7 championships July 15-16 in College Station. *MannyGPhotography*



San Jacinto College sophomore pitcher Miguel Pena was the top draft choice among his teammates in the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft, picked in the sixth round by the Boston Red Sox.

SJC baseball players litter MLB draft list

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regular season ended, and remains paralyzed.

The middle reliever posted three saves this year in 23 1/3 innings pitched. He struck out 28, and had an ERA of 0.77.

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Also in the 40th round, the Atlanta Braves selected freshman infielder Jacoby Almarez of San Antonio.

Almarez saw action at the plate in 13 at bats, posting a .231 average.

Former player Devin Shines, now at Oklahoma State University, was drafted in the 38th round by the

Los Angeles Dodgers. A junior outfielder, Shines redshirted the 2010 season with an injury.

He appeared in 55 games this past season and hit .270 with four home runs and 27 RBIs. He led the Cowboys with six stolen bases.

Overall, 122 NJCAA players were selected in this year's draft.

Of the 122 NJCAA players drafted, 14 were Division I All-Americans, and three were NJCAA Division II All-Americans.

For a complete list of NJCAA players selected in this year's MLB draft, visit www.njcaa.org.

For more information about the First-Year Player Draft and more league news, visit www.mlb.com.

Lutheran South athletes earn all-state academic

Several Lutheran South Academy student-athletes were academic all-state selections within the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools following the completion of the 2010-2011 school year.

Candidates must have completed at least their junior academic years with a grade average of 90 or better.

They also must have achieved first team all-district status in team sports or

qualified for the state tournament in the individual sports.

Those honored from Lutheran South Academy included track and field athletes Austin Anello, Anthony Carona, Loreal Curtis, Abigail Hart, Rainer Rich-ter and Erin Shireman, who also gained the distinction in softball. Anello was also a baseball nominee.

LSA golfer Kaycee Dillon was among the selections in her sport.

South Belt '96 Club Mexico soccer headed to nationals after big victories



The South Belt Select '96 Club Mexico soccer team is headed to nationals after winning state and regional crowns while representing the South Texas Youth Soccer Association. Members of the team are, left to right, (seated) Christopher Rodriguez, (kneeling) Edwin Gomez, Lucas Cairo, Hector Alvarez, Jorge Hernandez, Victor Mendoza, Nick Keller,

Bryan Castillo, Alexis Saldivar, (back row) assistant coach Guillermo Guzman, Jefry Hernandez, Miguel Garza, Pascaul Sendra, Victor Cervantes, Mixon Urrutia, Jason Guzman, Alex Quintanilla, Julio Montano, Armando Casarrubias and assistant coach Rafael Sendra and head coach Santos Hernandez.

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