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Gulf Freeway closure set

The northbound lanes of the Gulf Freeway from Scarsdale to Fuqua will be completely closed from 9 p.m. Friday, June 16, through 5 a.m. Monday, June 19. Both the eastbound and westbound ramps from the Gulf Freeway to Beltway 8 will also be closed for the duration of the repairs. A similar closure the previous weekend caused extensive traffic delays.

Sanchez, 2, recovering

Ezra Sanchez, the 2-year-old boy who nearly drowned in the 10000 block of Sagecourt on June 3, is out of the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Texas Children's Hospital and making significant gains toward recovery, family members said. Sanchez, the son of Julio and Kelly Sanchez, was transported by Life Flight to the hospital after being found unresponsive in his aunt's swimming pool. A GoFundMe page has been created to help the family with medical expenses. To donate, visit <https://www.gofundme.com/love-and-support-for-e>. A Facebook page titled *Little Big Guy E* has also been set up to monitor Sanchez's recovery. To follow, visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/640986316090985/>.

Graduation issues available

Extra copies of the *Leader's* high school graduation issue, published on June 1, are available at the newspaper office, 11555 Beamer. The special edition includes graduation information for Dobie, Clear Brook, South Houston and Clear Horizons Early College high schools and Lutheran South Academy.

Vacation photos sought

The *Leader* is seeking readers' 2017 vacation photos for possible publication. A first-, second- and third-place prize of Schlitterbahn Galveston tickets will be awarded monthly during June, July and August to the best submissions. First place will be awarded eight tickets; second place will be awarded six; and third place will be awarded four. All submissions should include when and where the photo was taken, identify each person in the picture and describe the trip. All photos must be high resolution. Email photos to mynews@southbeltleader.com. Do not compress photos when emailing.

Beltway 8 closures set

The Blackhawk exit and Monroe entrance on Beltway 8 will be closed through Saturday, July 8. The closures are associated with the widening of Beltway 8 from Beamer to Highway 288.

Dobie football car wash set

The Dobie High School football program/booster club will host a car wash fundraiser Saturday, June 17, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Snowie's Shaved Ice in the Food Town parking lot at Scarsdale and Beamer. Minimum donation is \$5.

SPCIA to hold meeting

The Sagemont Park Community Improvement Association (SPCIA) will hold its annual homeowners' meeting Thursday, June 15, at the Sagemont Park Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes Road from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Agenda items include election of board of directors for 2017-2018, proposed deed restriction changes, deed restriction violations and community improvement issues and actions. All Sagemont Park homeowners are urged to attend.

Sagemont Maintenance events

The Sagemont Maintenance Committee will hold its annual meeting Tuesday, June 27, 7 p.m., at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road near Beltway 8.

The Sagemont Maintenance Committee will hold its annual election Saturday, June 24, at the Sagemont Park Community Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. One open position needs to be filled. Absentee votes may be mailed to: Sagemont Maintenance Committee, P.O. Box 34146, Houston, TX, 77234.

Free self-defense classes

The American Society of Karate is offering free one-hour self-defense and martial arts courses for teens and adults (ages 13-80) at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes, on Fridays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, email Michael.Alonzo@ASKKarate.com or call 281-788-5930.

PIP meeting set for June 20

The Houston Police Department's Positive Interaction Program will meet Tuesday, June 20, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, in the staff meeting room on the first floor. Guest speaker will be Erika Sandoval, who will discuss the topic of 911 calls. PIP consists of police and citizens working together for safer neighborhoods. For more information, call HPD Officer Richard Buitron at 832-395-1777.

Mt. Olive hosts craft market

Mount Olive Lutheran Church, located at 10310 Scarsdale, will host a summer craft and vendor market Saturday, June 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Barbecue and shaved ice will also be available for purchase.

Local schools get annual report card

The Houston-based nonprofit Children at Risk recently released its 2017 rankings of local schools.

This marked the 12th year the organization has issued such a list, aimed at providing the public information about how schools are performing and how to improve education.

The school rankings are calculated using the

following measures:

- Student Achievement Index – Student performance on STAAR reading and math tests
- Campus Performance Index – A school's overall campus performance is compared to other campuses statewide with similar levels of poverty. This adjustment is made to eliminate bias toward campuses with low percentages of eco-

nomically disadvantaged students.

- Growth Index – Student-level improvement over time on standardized test scores in reading, English, and math.
- College Readiness Index – High school graduation rates, SAT/ACT participation rate and scores, and AP/IB participation rate and scores.

The data used were obtained from the Texas Education Agency.

The schools were assigned a letter grade (A-F) based on their comparative performance.

High schools

The organization ranked more than 1,000 public high schools in Texas (150 in the Greater Houston area) to see which campuses were doing the best at educating students and preparing them for post-secondary education.

Leading the pack for the Pasadena Independent School District was once again Pasadena Memorial, which ranked 72 (B+) on the Greater-Houston list.

Dobie was the next highest PISD high school on the list at 78 (C). South Houston High School was ranked 133 (D+), Pasadena High School was ranked 128 (D+) and Sam Rayburn was ranked 132 (D+).

Overall, the Clear Creek Independent School District fared better in the rankings, with six out of seven high school campuses earning a grade of A or higher.

Scoring tops for CCISD was Clear Horizons Early College High School, which made the top 10, earning a No. 6 ranking (A+) on the list. Also earning an A+ score were Clear Lake (12), Clear Falls (26) and Clear Springs (30).

Clear Brook earned an A (52), Clear Creek an A- (60), and Clear View received a D+ (126).

Intermediates

The organization ranked approximately 1,800 public middle schools in Texas (around 280 in the Greater Houston area).

The eight variables used to rank intermediate campuses include State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) advanced reading scores (10 percent), STAAR advanced math scores (10 percent), attendance rates (15 percent), seventh-grade retention rates (5 percent), eighth-grade retention rates (5 percent), the percentage of economically disadvantaged students (25 percent), reading gain/loss (15 percent) and math gain/loss (15 percent).

Bondy was the highest-ranking PISD intermediate at 109 (B+). Southmore followed at 141 (B-). Jackson ranked 146 (B-), Thompson ranked 156 (C+), San Jacinto ranked 163 (C+), Beverly Hills ranked 172 (C+), Miller ranked 183 (C), South Houston ranked 218 (D+), Queens ranked 222 (D+), and Parkview ranked 236 (D).

For the second year in a row, CCISD's West-

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Ellis tackles obstacles

Harris County recently opened the state's first Challenge Course at Tom Bass Park, located less than 8 miles from nearby El Franco Lee Park. The course is designed to enhance the speed, agility and strength of teenagers and adults. Precinct 1 County Commissioner Rodney Ellis is shown above trying out one of the course's challenges. See related story and additional photo on Page 6A.

Photo submitted

SJC board members take oath

Erica Davis Rouse and Dr. Ruede Wheeler were sworn in as San Jacinto College Trustees on Monday, June 5.

Rouse won election for Position 1, while Wheeler was unopposed for Position 2 in the May 6 election. The Honorable Jo Ann Delgado, Harris County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, Place 1, administered the oath of office to Rouse, while Danny Snooks, attorney, administered the oath to Wheeler.

Rouse is a native of Galena Park. She moved to the South Belt area as a child and has continued to make South Belt her home. Rouse has a passion for community and education as the daughter of a retired Galena Park ISD teacher and counselor. In her former role as a manager for John Wiley & Sons, Rouse is familiar with the challenges faced by students and faculty in the community college environment. She has volunteered with several nonprofits and is an advisory board member for the Smahrt Girl Foundation. She also volun-

teered with Pasadena ISD mentoring and coaching in the Leaders of Tomorrow program, tutoring at New Covenant Church and serving in various leadership capacities throughout the community. Rouse is an ambassador for the Houston Texans as a member of the National Football League alumni association. She and her husband Bobby have three children who all attend college.

Wheeler served on the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees since 1986 following nine years of service as a member of the La Porte ISD Board of Trustees. He is chairman of the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees Finance Committee. Wheeler practiced dentistry in La Porte for more than 40 years before retiring. He currently owns and operates Wheelstone Auto Sales in La Porte and is a member and past president of the La Porte Rotary Club. Wheeler is married to Charlyca, who is a trustee on the La Porte ISD board. The technical building on the San Jacinto College North

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San Jac swears in new trustees



San Jacinto College recently swore in its newly elected board of trustee members. The top photo shows Position 1 trustee Erica Davis Rouse being sworn in by Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado, while the bottom photo shows Position 2 trustee Dr. Ruede Wheeler being sworn in by attorney Danny Snooks. While Wheeler has been a trustee for roughly 30 years, this marks the first time Rouse has served on the board. Photos submitted

Mayor speaks at BAHEP event

Warmly receptive. Those two words aptly describe the atmosphere in the Atlantis Ballroom of the Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake on an additionally warm June afternoon when Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner presented an update on the City of Houston to a sizable luncheon gathering of the members of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership.

Houston Council Member Dave Martin (District E) introduced the mayor and noted some major accomplishments during the mayor's 17-month tenure, including the signing of Houston's pension reform bill into law by Gov. Greg Abbott in May. Turner previously stated that the bill had to pass to prevent an additional \$134 million from being added to the city's expected Fiscal Year 2018 budget shortfall of \$120 million. Up to 2,200 city employees, including police officers and firefighters, would face being laid off if the bill didn't pass, the mayor had stated.

Martin also reported that Turner landed the World Petroleum Congress convention in 2020,

which hasn't been held in the United States for more than 30 years. He said that Turner flew to Bahrain, gave a 15-20 minute speech, got back on the plane and flew back to Houston. "That's leadership, and that's dedication," Martin declared.

When Turner took the podium, he spoke of the pension bill saying, "Quite frankly, the pension deal is major not just for the City of Houston but for the region. When you're facing \$8.2 billion of unfunded liability, and it's costing you one million dollars a day, you can't have a strong region if the core is not strong. I want to thank the employees of the City of Houston for agreeing to reduce their future retirement benefits by \$2.8 billion. It's not easy, and you're not going to please everybody, but you can't engage in shared sacrifice without somebody giving up something."

Emphasized vibrancy of region

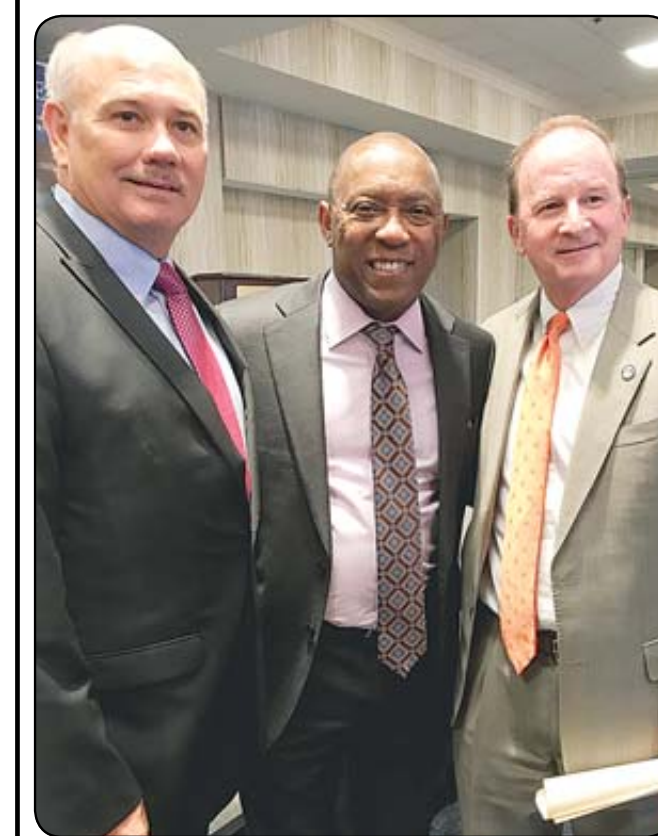
The mayor spoke about more than the "city proper." He stressed throughout his speech the

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Mitchell greets Turner, Martin

Mayor Sylvester Turner (center) was the guest speaker at a recent luncheon hosted by the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership (BAHEP). Turner said the region is currently experiencing an economic boom, based largely on the petrochemical, medical and aerospace industries. Shown above with Turner at the event are, left to right, South Belt resident and BAHEP President Bob Mitchell and City Council Member Dave Martin.

Photo by Marie Flickinger



July 4 parade, fireworks scheduled

The annual South Belt Independence Day parade and fireworks show will take place Tuesday, July 4.

Now in its 30th year, the parade route will begin at Beverly Hills Intermediate and wind its way through the community before ending at San Jacinto College South.

Participants are asked to arrive at 9 a.m. for the 10 a.m. departure.

This year's event will be a tribute to all servicemen and first responders, including firefighters, police and military.

Servicemen expected to take part include the Houston Fire Department, the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department, the Houston Police Department, the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office and local military personnel.

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

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 for commercial entries. Noncommercial entries may enter the contest for \$25.

Entry forms are available online at www.southbeltleader.com; Page 6A of this issue; the *Leader* office, located at 11555 Beamer; or by emailing mynews@southbeltleader.com.

The forms are to be filled out and returned to the *Leader* office, faxed to 281-481-5730 or emailed by July 2.

For convenience, entry forms may be dropped off through the mail slots located on each side of the front office doors.

Fireworks display

Later that evening, residents may view the annual fireworks show at El Franco Lee Park, located at 9400 Hall Road. This year's display is expected to be the biggest to date.

Funded by the annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off, the display is scheduled to begin around 9:30 p.m.

In My Opinion

Too many Riverstone ducks being killed

I am seeing way too many ducks being hit by people who don't want to wait for them to cross the road on Riverstone Ranch Dr. Just this morning (6/13) there was a white 4 door sedan that plowed through a row of ducks, killing a white one and severely injured another one.

Is it really that hard to wait 10 seconds?? The duck population is dwindling because of stupid driver not paying attention, if you see the ducks crossing the road, please stop and let them pass. And if you see a car stopped to let the ducks cross, do not go around them!

Sincerely a concerned resident
Tanya Ankenbruck

Area schools receive report cards

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brook Intermediate was ranked 18, earning it an A+.

Elementaries
Children at Risk ranked roughly 775 local elementary schools.

The 14 variables used to rank elementary campuses include third-grade STAAR advanced reading scores (10 percent), fourth-grade STAAR advanced reading scores (10 percent), STAAR advanced math scores (10 percent), attendance rates (10 percent), first-grade class size (5 percent), second-grade class size

(5 percent), third-grade class size (5 percent), first-grade retention rates (2.5 percent), second-grade retention rates (2.5 percent), third-grade retention rates (2.5 percent), fourth-grade retention rates (2.5 percent), the percentage of economically disadvantaged students (20 percent), reading gain/loss (7.5 percent) and math gain/loss (7.5 percent).

Local elementary schools saw a sharp increase in performance this year, with South Belt campuses earning the top four spots on the PISD list.

Elementary schools earning a grade of A included South Belt (141), Meador (174), Moore (178) and Atkinson (199). Melillo Middle School (265) and Frazier (310) each earned a B+; Stuchbery (457), Burnett (475) and Genoa (481) each earned a C+; Bush (517) earned a C; and Roberts Middle School (576) earned a C-.

CCISD's Weber Elementary (228) earned an A-.

For more information or to see a complete list of school rankings, visit www.childrenatrisk.org.

Elected officials share their words

Bettencourt applauds Gov.

Abbott's special session call

Gov. Greg Abbott announced that he was calling a special session of the Texas Legislature to address issues that were not resolved during the 85th Legislative Session. Among the items included in Abbott's call are property tax reform and relief for Texans. The special session is scheduled to begin on July 18 and will last for thirty days.

"Texans need property tax reform right now," said Abbott. "If we are going to come together and work this summer at taxpayers' expense, then let us work on relieving Texas homeowners from out of control property taxes."

Abbott listed a total of nineteen items that will be added to the special session agenda as soon as sunset legislation, needed to keep agencies like the Texas Medical Board open, is passed out of the Texas Senate. In addition to property taxes, other agenda items include legislation to increase teacher salaries, provide school choice for students with disabilities, examine ideas to reform the school finance system, keep state and local budget growth to population growth and inflation and many others.

"Taxpayers know the truth: Property tax bills are rising too quickly," said Sen. Paul Bettencourt. "As appraised values go up, tax rates need to come down. I look forward to passing Senate Bill 2 as filed, including the rate rollback provisions, to bring about needed property tax reform and relief for all Texas taxpayers."

Data shows widespread support for limiting the extent to which local governments can raise their property taxes, a concept similar to the rollback idea that the Texas Senate passed in their version of SB 2. Supporting that idea is 77 percent of overall voters, with 88 percent of Republicans, 64 percent of Democrats and 76 percent of Independents backing the proposal. Senate Bill 2 was based on more than 50 hours of testimony, from hearings in seven cities throughout the State of Texas.

"I am planning on tuning up Senate Bill 2 to make it better, and will be ready to file it," said Bettencourt.

Statement on EPA action

By Rep. Pete Olson

Rep. Pete Olson (Texas-22) released the following statement in response to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announcement to provide additional time for states to implement the 2015 ground-level ozone standard:

"EPA Administrator Pruitt is right to grant a one year extension for next steps on the 2015 ozone rule. Clean air is critically important, but we need to get this right. I'm equally pleased the Administrator is taking time to review some of the issues around air quality that I've been working on for years, like exceptional events, international emissions, and background levels. At the same time, the Administrator needs new statutory authority to address these issues properly, which is why my bill H.R. 806, on air quality standards is still needed. It provides common-sense reforms while still allowing us to improve air quality in a meaningful way. I will continue every effort to move this bill forward in Congress and get it signed into law by President Trump."

Local library events set

Parker Williams Library

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Thursday June 15, 3 p.m. TED Talk Mini-Marathon (teen program) in the library community room. The floor will be open for discussion of ideas.

Friday June 16, 3 p.m. Community craft. In conjunction with the release of Cars 3, a drive-in showing of the original cars is scheduled. There will be cardboard, markers, and other materials available to make a car. Come for the movie, car construction and refreshments.

Saturday, June 17, 10:30 a.m. *Solar Energy for Your Home* gives information on changes in the market and factors to consider for home solar panels.

Saturday, June 17, 11:30 a.m. Mobile pet adoption with Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services (HCPHES).

Monday, June 19, 5 p.m. Science, technology, engineering and math (STEM): The Design/Prototype Process for ages 8 and older. Many wonder why there are different versions and editions of technology and other inventions. In the spirit of building a better world, explore the design process used in the development and prototyping phases of creating a new invention. Help invent something new.

Tuesday, June 20, 2 p.m. Movie and markers. A family-friendly film will be shown in the library community room. Come and enjoy a fun film, free air conditioning and coloring while the movie plays.

Tuesday, June 20, 4 p.m. Digital media class. Learn how to use the Hoopla service to download or stream movies, music, eBooks and eAudio.

Wednesday, June 21, 2:30 p.m. Thomas Davis' Snakeman Show for ages 5 and older. Learn more about snakes and get an opportunity to touch them as well in the library community.

Wednesday, June 21, 2:30 p.m. Computer class: Files & Folders. This class focuses on providing tips to organize your computer's hard drive. Learn to name, move, delete and rename files and folders in Windows 7. Tips learned could also be useful in Windows Vista or Windows 8. Register in advance as space is limited to eight.

The events occurring every week are:
Wednesdays, Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m., for children ages 3 to 5 years, featuring stories, songs, fingerplays and a craft.

Thursdays, Toddler storytime, 10:30 a.m., for toddlers from birth to 3 years, featuring stories, songs, fingerplays and bubbles.

Saturdays, Vietnamese learning time. Level 2 begins at 10 a.m., Level 1 begins at 11:15 a.m. and Level 3 begins at 2:30 p.m. For more information, speak with Loc Bui. For more information on library events, phone the library at 281-484-2036. Library hours this week are: Monday, 1-9 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Sunday, closed.

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint: Saturday, June 17, 10:15 a.m. Spanish computer class
Saturday, June 17, 3 p.m. Citizenship class
Thursday, June 15, 6 p.m., Book club: *Behold the Dreamers*

Children and Teen events:

Thursday, June 15, 3 p.m. 3D Printing. Tweens and teens will use 3D modeling software to design and print physical objects for ages 9 to 18. Class size is limited to the first 30 who register. Call the library to register.

Tuesday, June 20, 10:30 p.m., Happy the Clown show includes magic tricks, jokes, fun, games, contests and audience participation. (All ages)

Wednesday, June 21, 3 p.m. Video game design for tweens and teens is designed for ages 9-18. Class size is limited to 30. Registration is required. Call the library to register.

To register children/teens for the Houston Public Library Summer Reading program and learn about reading levels and prizes visit <http://houstonlibrary.org/summer>.

To register for the Adult Summer Reading program visit <http://houstonlibrary.org/learn-ex-plore/library-events/summer-reading-grown-ups>.

Call Bracewell Neighborhood Library for more information.

Camp STREAM is a free two-day summer program that allows students the opportunity to participate in activities relating to each aspect of STREAM (science, technology, reading, engineering, arts and math). For more information and to register go to: <http://houstonlibrary.org/camp-stream>.

For more information on these programs, call the library at 832-393-2580. All events are free and open to the public.

Bracewell hours are: Sunday, closed; Monday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Thursday, noon - 8 p.m., Friday, 1 - 5 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Learn about Girl Scouts

It's a new year for Girl Scouts. Does one's daughter like to make new friends, have fun, help others and be outdoors? Then join in the fun at the Shooting Stars Girl Scout Membership Recruitment on Tuesday, June 20 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Parents and children from kindergarten to 12th grade are invited to Pearwood Skate Center, located at 1230 Broadway (FM 518) in Pearland, for information about becoming a Girl Scout or volunteer with the Girl Scouts.

The admission cost to enter the center for Girl Scouts will be \$3, for non Girl Scouts \$5. If one registers to be a Girl Scout at the event admission will be free.

As a volunteer, one will introduce girls to new experiences and help them develop skills and confidence that will last a lifetime. For more information on Girl Scouts Community, visit www.shootingstarsgs.org, visit Facebook at www.facebook.com/shootingstarsgs/, or contact Karen Moon at 832-524-5259 or mymoonhome@yahoo.com.

Elected officials speak out

District E Newsletter

By Dave Martin

The beginning of summer has been busy here at City Hall. As many of you may have seen, City Council passed the \$5.2 billion Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Budget this week, which includes \$2.4 billion from the tax-generated General Fund. For the second year in a row Mayor Turner achieved unanimous support of his bare bones budget. I believe that Mayor Turner is on the right track, as this budget saw department expenditures decrease by nearly \$50 million and identified strategies within departments to assist with creating further reductions in the future.

Going forward, I will continue to work hard alongside my colleagues to make fiscally conservative decisions regarding the city's finances and fight for District E residents.

One of the items that came up during the budget discussion this week was the ability for the City to begin to position itself to prepare financially for inclement weather events like the ones we saw in 2015 and 2016. June 1, marked the beginning of hurricane season and there are several resources available to help prepare you and your families for inclement weather. The City of Houston has its own Office of Emergency Management (OEM) that seeks to provide programs and activities to Houston residents in an effort to help prepare, cope and recover from the effects of natural and man-made disasters.

There are four ways that you can help increase confidence in the event of an emergency within your household and community:

1. Sign up for emergency alerts.
2. Be prepared for emergencies; make an emergency plan and supply kit.
3. Learn about Houston's hazards.
4. Help prepare your community.

The OEM does a tremendous job coordinating with Harris County, which serves as the Regional Joint Information Center (JIC) when emergency conditions exist in our area. You can visit their website ReadyHarris.org as well for additional resources to provide assurance during times of emergency. Here is a link to the JIC Disaster Preparedness Guide. These two organizations provide a tremendous service to the community and if you're interested in hosting a member of their staff to speak at an upcoming meeting please contact the District E office for assistance. Additionally, our office does track any local emergencies and posts via Twitter and Facebook all pertinent information.

This week at City Hall

By Ellen Cohen

After months of departmental reviews, on May 31, City Council voted unanimously to approve the budget for FY2018, which will begin on July 1. Totaling \$5.2B, the new budget closes the \$130M deficit with minimal layoffs and maintains library and park services.

Council narrowly approved an amendment to increase Council District Service Funds from \$750,000 to \$1 million. I voted against the increase because, although this funding will facilitate valuable small projects in District C, the cumulative \$2,750,000 could have nearly paid for an additional police cadet class - a badly needed benefit for the entire city. While the majority of my colleagues voted in favor of this increase, no revenue source was approved to fund it, and negotiations will ensue to determine the path forward for the amendment.

The FY2018 budget fully funds Houston's pension costs for the first time, following the Houston Pension Solution's recent approval by the Texas Legislature. Most City departments achieved lowering their operating costs by approximately 3 percent, creating a reduction of \$39.6 million in spending.

With a fiscally conservative budget now in place for FY2018, Council will now focus on passing their annual update to the Capital Improvement Plan, which prioritizes the infrastructure projects that will be completed throughout Houston over the next five years.

District 143 end-of-session update

Ana Hernandez

After 140 days of proposed legislation, negotiations, and passionate debate, the 85th Legislative Session concluded on May 29. The Legislature approved a \$217 billion two-year budget that encompasses \$20 million in additional funding for our local community colleges and fully funds healthcare for our retired teachers through the biennium. I am especially proud of the efforts we made to provide an additional \$500 million in resources for the state's foster care system and CPS, improving care for our most vulnerable children.

However, the budget fails to adequately invest in healthcare services, while also allocating an additional \$800 million in "border security" funds for the Department of Public Safety for initiatives that lack transparency and hard accountability standards. I look forward to addressing these topics with my colleagues during the interim.

This session, I passed eleven House Bills addressing a range of issues, from public safety to career training and technical program affordability. I am proud of the work we have accomplished to improve the lives of hardworking Texas families. As my sixth legislative session ends, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve in the Texas House of Representatives, and look forward to updating you and our neighbors on our successes in Austin!

Turner breaks logjam as pension passes last step

The Texas Senate and the Texas House of Representatives approved the conference report for Senate Bill 2190, the Houston Pension Solution, with the Senate voting 25-5 Tuesday, May 23 and the House voting 103-43 Wednesday, May 24. The historic bill now moves to Gov. Greg Abbott's desk. The Mayor expressed confidence that the governor will sign the bill.

"Today is a historic day because we have done what many said was impossible," said Mayor Sylvester Turner. "Today's significance is not marked merely by what we have accomplished, but by what we can achieve now that we have lifted a significant barrier to progress in our city."

"Houstonians have done what we always do when push comes to shove. We came together and put aside our differences to lift up our city and build a brighter future for our children," said the mayor.

Passing pension reform has been Turner's primary focus since taking office in January 2017. Houston's large unfunded liability and escalating costs had been cited by credit rating agencies as a significant negative factor in the city's fiscal outlook.

"If we did not tackle our pension issues head on, they would continue to serve as a ceiling for everything we seek to accomplish," said the mayor. "Every dollar we have saved thanks to these reforms represents another opportunity

to lift up Houston families. Another dollar we can use on affordable housing, public safety, quality of life and every element we need to make our communities complete."

The Houston Pension Solution, which experts have called a "national model," will immediately reduce the city's \$8.2 billion unfunded liability through future benefit reductions. Under the plan, which utilizes a more realistic 7 percent rate of return on investments, the city will be required to meet its annual contribution until the unfunded liability is fully paid off in 30 years.

An innovative cost corridor concept controls costs for the city. The corridor serves a risk sharing mechanism - if investments perform too far below established levels, the pension boards will cut benefits or increase employee contributions to bring costs in line.

Legislative approval was necessary because control of the pension systems is housed in state statute. The bill passed the Texas Senate 25-5 and the Texas House 115-29, with bipartisan support in both chambers. It then passed through conference committee, where the two chambers reconciled differences in the bill. Tuesday's and Wednesday's votes approved those changes and were the final step in the Legislature.

It was supported by two of

the three pension systems, labor organizations representing city employees and the Greater Houston Partnership, along with more than 40 CEOs and local business leaders who signed a letter of support.

"I'd like to thank Chairman Dan Flynn, Chairwoman Joan Huffman, Speaker Joe Straus, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and all other members of the Legislature who helped Houston move this bill forward," the mayor said. "The Houston Pension Solution is an example of what we can accomplish when all parties join hands to resolve the important issues that face this city. It's an approach we should continue to take on every issue we face."

"What passed today does not solve our fiscal problems. We will still have to close a significant budget gap this year, and we project lean times in the next few years," Turner continued. "However, passage of this bill lifts a tremendous burden on the city's ability to fully serve all its residents."

Pension problems were one of two structural impediments cited by credit rating agencies as significant negative factors. The other is the city's revenue cap, which requires the city to reject revenue.

"I will be asking voters this November to lift the revenue cap so that we can lift up our families, lift up our neighborhoods and lift up our city," Turner said.

Deaths

Beatrice (Bea) Wyman



Former longtime South Belt resident Beatrice (Bea) Apadoca Wyman was born April 27, 1936, and died Friday, June 9, 2017, at the age of 81.

She was born in Las Cruces, New Mexico, where she was raised by her grandparents with two cousins.

She is survived by her youngest son Keith Alan Wyman and her eldest son Dwayne Earl Wyman and his wife Brenda; grandson Bryan Christopher Anderson; granddaughter Brittany and her two-year-old son Gage Guidry.

She attended college at New Mexico State University and graduated with a Master of Arts.

She was one of two women to graduate with a master's that school year. Through working on her master's, she had many art shows, and, as a part of the program published a book of her work and research. In a book titled, "Who's Who in American Art," she is a recognized American artist.

According to her sons, Bea took so many extra classes in several different fields that she could have earned degrees in other fields with a few more classes in the fields of biology, history and psychology. With all of the requirements for a Master in Arts, today she would have earned the equivalent of 2 to 3 doctoral degrees.

She took pride teaching her students classical art, as she felt it was important to expose her students to as many different aspects of

art to accommodate various tastes in art. She enjoyed entering her students into many art contests, prompting limits on the number of awards per school due to her students' capabilities.

She also took great pride to teach her students the value of original work and avoid plagiarism.

Though many times her students would be disqualified in art contests because the judges would claim the work was too good to be done by an amateur and that it had to be professional work.

Students sometimes had to find those pictures and present the picture from a magazine for all to see it was their work and not a reproduction.

Bea's reputation was so well known, that students could many times qualify for art scholarships just by the fact they had her as their art teacher.

She assisted her students in participating in the Advanced Placement program, enabling students to earn college credit while at Dobie. Bea taught for a total of 53 years, 49 of those years were in Texas.

Most of those 49 years were taught in the Pasadena Independent School District. And, most of those years were taught at J. Frank Dobie High School.

She hoped to retire after teaching at the new Dobie high school building, now on Blackhawk Road.

She had a stroke Dec. 2001. She was able to recover much of her ability, though it did

force her into retirement. She had hoped to reach her 50th year of teaching in Pasadena ISD but missed it by one year.

A memorial gathering will be held Friday, June 16, at Niday Funeral Home on Beamer from 6 to 8 p.m.

Simon Quinton Boswell



South Belt resident Simon Quinton Boswell, 53, died June 6, 2017, in Houston.

He was born Jan. 29, 1964, in Houma, Louisiana.

Boswell is survived by his wife of 25 years, Jessamine Boswell, and his sons Calvin, Ian and Adam.

He was a master woodworker and loved to fish, skateboard and play spades. He worked hard and made friends everywhere he went. Simon will be missed by his family and friends.

A memorial service will be held Friday, June 16, at 5 p.m. at Forest Lawn Funeral Home, 8706 Almeda Genoa Road.

New members for SJC

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campus is named in Wheeler's honor.

At the June meeting, the board of trustees also took action to elect new officers. The new slate of officers are as follows: Marie Flickinger, chair; Dan Mims, vice chair; Keith

Sinor, secretary; and Rouse, assistant secretary.

San Jac Board of Trustees members are elected to six year terms in odd numbered years. For more information about the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees, visit sanjac.edu/board-trustees.

Public invited to Toastmasters

Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club will meet June 19, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Parker Williams Library in the Harris County Annex Building. The club will have an open house membership drive. This is an opportunity for the community to visit and see what happens in a toastmaster meeting. Attendees will have an opportunity to participate in impromptu table topic discussions. The organization is for anyone wanting to improve public speaking skills. Attendees will be able to speak and give constructive criticism and suggestions to develop public speaking.

UHCL sets calendar

University of Houston Clear Lake has announced its upcoming events calendar.

UHCL grad students' sculptures on display

Immerse yourself in 3-D sculptural artwork by University of Houston-Clear Lake's graduate students in the latest exhibit in the UHCL Art Gallery, on display through Aug. 10 in the Bayou Building Art Gallery, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Curated by Clay Leonard, assistant professor of art, the exhibit highlights the research interests of seven graduate students in sculpture and ceramics studio courses. These students are Natasha Gallagher, David Gonzalez, Holly Gottula, David Moya, Wyatt Schultz, Margaret Solomon-Bird and Colleen Steblein.

"The work was chosen to represent the diversity in expression and highlight each artist's individual research ideas," Leonard said.

Entrance to the gallery is free and the gallery is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon.

For more information, contact Jeff Bowen, coordinator of audience development at 281-283-3376 or visit www.uhcl.edu/art-gallery.

Learn a new language this summer

Learn Italian, Japanese, French, Spanish or other languages in the Foreign Language and English Enhancement Program at University of Houston-Clear Lake. Classes run through July 21.

Group classes are kept small, with a focus on conversational skills. Courses are taught by instructors fluent and with advanced degrees in the language they teach.

The courses cost \$145 for the group sessions, \$300 for five hours of private instruction or \$600 for 10 hours of private instruction. All are offered noncredit, but continuing education units can be earned for successfully completing the course.

For information or to register, call the foreign language program office at 281-283-3033 or visit www.uhcl.edu/fl.

UHCL's Kids U camps run through July 27

University of Houston-Clear Lake's Kids U summer camps run through July 27, with new opportunities each week for discovery for students from pre-K to 12th grade.

Featuring a variety of themed half-day camps, courses are designed to inspire exploration and learning, from science to storytelling and dozens of other subjects. Camps are held in the center Arbor Building, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

The six camps that Kids U runs targeting different interests at different ages are cultural academy, early childhood, math, science, technology and young writers.

Topics include crime scene investigation, computer programming, kitchen chemistry, video game design, public speaking, writing, survival skills, dinosaurs, insects and more. Prices range from \$139 to \$149, depending on the theme.

To register or explore the full itinerary, visit <http://kids.uhcl.edu>. For more information, call the Center for Educational Programs at 281-283-3530.

Kids can discover nature, help environment

First-through eighth-grade students can spend summer days and evenings on nature walks, playing games, fishing, birding and more while learning more about the Bay Area ecosystem through June at University of Houston-Clear Lake's north office annex, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

The Environmental Institute of Houston offers day, half-day and evening sessions. Hunger Games camp for sixth-through eighth-grades students run June 19 through 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday. The cost is \$250 per child.

Twilight Camp, for ages seven through 13, runs June 26, 28 and 29 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The cost is \$20 per child per day. For more information, call EIH at 281-283-3045 or visit www.uhcl.edu/environmental-institute.

Tuesday mornings are for sprucing up campus

Help keep UHCL beautiful at Habitat Work Days each Tuesday morning in June with the Environmental Institute of Houston. Volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. at the north office annex, 2700 Bay Area Blvd., to assist in upkeep, including clearing paths, cleaning the pond and other conservation tasks.

For more information, call UHCL Environmental Institute of Houston at 281-283-

3950 or email eih@uhcl.edu. For more information about the institute, visit [www.uhcl.edu/environmental-institute/education/school](http://www.uhcl.edu/environmental-institute/education/school-habitats/work-day)

BHI wins National Online Pentathlon

For the first time in the school's history, the Beverly Hills Intermediate seventh-grade pentathlon team has been named champion of the National Online Pentathlon competition. The eighth-grade team captured second place.

Both groups were recognized during the Pasadena Independent School District board meeting at the administration building on May 30. "This is absolutely amazing," Grant Pector, a BHI pentathlon coach said. "With their hard work and determination, they are the ones who have made this dream come true."

The seventh-grade team won first place at the district and regional levels before competing at nationals. The seventh-grade team was ranked third of the schools that competed across the state, while the eighth-grade team ranked in the top 10.

The annual competition tests students in five core subjects areas including math, science, social studies, reading and fine arts, while teaching critical thinking skills.

The team was led by Grant Pector, William Anders and Matrice Henry.

BHI pentathlon team crowned national champions



The Beverly Hills Intermediate seventh-grade pentathlon team has been named champion of the National Online Pentathlon competition. Left to right are (front row) Gerard Reyes, Vincent Powell, Bryan Albarra, Amy Pham, Julie Trinh, Thuc Vo, Andrea Gonzalez, Jazmyne Backman, Kevin Su, Jasmine Chew, (second row) Yoselin Lopez, Yahir Serna, Isaac Gonzalez, Elizabeth Mullins, Victoria Nguyen, Hussiel Arias, Dang Nguyen, Tony Bui, Makenzie McElhancy, Deborah Tran, (third row) Grant Pector (coach), Jose Rodriguez, Gloria Gonzales, Aalycia Warren, Tina Pham, Michael De La Garza, Justin Ochoa, Thien Nguyen, Kailey Tsikis, Jhannatul Asfi, Matrice Henry (coach), (fourth row) Carlton Ajayi, Xavier Olivarez, Thomas Hall, Maya Scott, Faaziah Maleehah, Cindy Huynh, Jaden Tipps, Julio Alonso, (fifth row) Alejandra Perez, John Cruz, Kathy Tran and Juan Mendez. Photo by Grant Pector

PLT presents Second Samuel

Pasadena Little Theatre, Houston's oldest community theatre in continuous operation, begins its 63rd season with *Second Samuel* by Pamela Parker.

It was a simpler time in the late 1940s, especially in South Georgia and, specifically, in a sleepy little town called Second Samuel. What had been called the Great Depression was quickly fading into memory.

The war had been won, the election was now over and "Give 'em Hell Harry" was still president. It had been an exciting time for sure, but the folks in Second Samuel were ready for things to settle down and get back to normal.

Except—this was the summer Miss Gertrude passed away and deep dark secrets were about to be revealed. Nobody could have imagined how the death of one sweet little old lady would turn the entire town upside down, leaving everybody in Second Samuel wondering if anything would ever be normal again!

PLT's presentation of *Second Samuel* features Vanessa Pearson as director who is also a well-known actress, along with an outstanding cast.

This production opens on June 16 and continues week-ends through July 2. Friday and Saturday show times are 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2:30 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$15 for adults (in advance) \$18 at the door and \$12 for students and seniors. There is one 2-for-\$20 show on Thursday on June 29.

To purchase tickets, make reservations or for more information, call the box office at 713-941-1758, or log onto www.pasadenalittletheatre.org.



Left, Frisky Madison (David James Barron) and Omaha Nebraska Madison (Teresa McLemore) discuss the town secret in Pasadena Little Theatre's production of *Second Samuel* by Pamela Parker. Photos submitted



In the center is Mr. Mozel (Lamier Young), joined by, left to right, Doc (Revis Bell), Manzel (Thomas Troy Nordyke), June Cline (Greg Brown), US (Dave Osbie Shepard) and Frisky (David James Barron) who discover the town secret in Pasadena Little Theatre's production of *Second Samuel*.

Atkinson announces honor, merit rolls

Atkinson Elementary announces its principal's list and honor and merit rolls for the fourth nine weeks.

Olivia Ortega, Laila Rodriguez, Santiago Sanchez, and Ryker Schrijn.

Alla Nguyen, Logan Pham, Mano Rico and Armando Santos.

Rodriguez, Jayleen Sanchez, Yako Veloz and Kevin Zelaya.

Principal's List Kindergarten
Catherine Covarubias, Tyler Dao, Arianna Estrada, Jay Guerrero, Melissa Melendez,

First Grade
Zoe Alvarez, Jahsai Burke, Natalie Esquivel, Dominic Fontalvo, Miguel Garcia, Luna Hernandez, Richard Izaguirre, Genesis Jimenez,

Second Grade
Vianka Alanis, Isabella Cardenas, Alexa Elizarraras, Huy Le, Anh Nguyen, Robbiann Portillo, Sophia Rivera, Tatiana Rodriguez, Jaime

Third Grade
Abeir Abdeall, Sophea Garcia, Miguel Gomez, Rosa Jimenez, Jaeda Johnson, Linh Luu, George Nguyen, Austin Prouse, Rolando Salinas and Tuyet Truong.

Fourth Grade
Dustine Castillo, Jacqueline Gonzalez, Tiana Hernandez, Kierah Hightower, Anadeli Marban, Kevin Mejia, Isabelle Perez, Cassandra Quintero, Daisy Salinas, Eric Sanchez, Rolando Soto, Stephanie Vieyra and Juliana Zolcoffer.

Honor Roll Third Grade
Yaretz Arredondo, Guillermo Fernandez, Miranda Medel and Yuliana Zambrano.

Fourth Grade
Thomas Castelan, Jacqueline Castelan, Rachel Covarubias, Diana Pena, Thien Pham, Jessica Rubio, Lizbeth Serrano, Andres Tolentino, Sarah Trinh and Jazlynn Urban.

Merit Roll Third Grade
Diana Armenta, Alana Marroquin, Edgar Orozco, Hannah Pham and Jesus Santos.

Fourth Grade
Amira Ahmed, Daniel Banda, Hailey Lazo, Patrick Medel, Elaine Nguyen, Linda Nguyen, Thanh Nguyen, Jamar Philbert, Juleny Rivera, Bianca Rubio, Samantha Truong and Kennedy Villafana.

First Grade
Devin Aguilera, Jacob Aguirre, Isaiiah Ambriz, Joseph Bello, Elizabeth Cervantes, Alexander Chavez, Isaac De Luna, Delilah DeLeon, Samantha Deluna, Kayla DeRobles, Miguel Galan and Roberto Granados.

Second Grade
Olivia Antoine, Ibrahim Asif, Paige Bernard, Jady Cantu, Mariya Colbert, Carlos Delgado, Kyleigh Dorsey, Xander Fiterman, Bianca Flores-Pineda, Vivian Hang, Carolyn Jaramillo and Zylha Lam.

Third Grade
Hayden Limas, Mackenzie Martinez, Kailen McKaren, Morgan Momie, Andrew Nguyen, Cody Nguyen, Nicholas Nguyen, Sujina Pandit, Ethan Pereira, Juliana Perez, Matthew Perez, Jonny Pham and Aubree Rodriguez.

Fourth Grade
Nolan Rogers, Carlos Sanchez, Jaliyah Silas, Alex Sofia, Marissa Tavera, Danica Titus-Williams, Jetziel

Second Grade
Leon, Nina Lowtan, Emmery Lynn, Diego Majano, Nhi Nguyen, Evan Orozco, Tony Provost, Emiliano Servin, Henry Ta, Khoa Tran and Ethan Tran.

Third Grade
Jordan Le, Ruby Lovo, Alexis Martinez, Jorge Martinez, Mia Martinez, Matrida Masau, Nevaeh McZeal, Mariana Mejia, Faith Molina, Charleston Nash, Lena Nguyen, Quynh Nguyen, Joseph Oviedo, Cayden Patton, Anthony Puente, Ireland Riley and Andrew Rojas.

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Moore announces perfect attendance, honor, merit rolls

Moore Elementary names its perfect attendance, honor and merit rolls for the principal's list and honor and merit rolls for the fourth nine weeks and its perfect attendance for the year.

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Perfect Attendance Pre-K
Daniella Banda, Gabriela Cortez Amaya, Deborah Le, David Nguyen, Andy Nguyen, Hailey Sichanh and Miguel Valencia Alfaro.

Kindergarten
Samuel Barahona, Brianna Bustos, Kayden Carmona, Mia Carter, Valery Casillas, Arianna Castellano, Evany Garcia, Xitlali Gonzalez, Morgan Hilborn, Emmitt Larry, Valentina Ledezma, Melahny Machado, Jesse Martinez and Maddox Martinez.

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Master Gardener events set for June

The following events are offered as part of the Green Thumb 2017 Gardening Series. These are free Harris County Master Gardener events.

• Thursday, June 15, *Propagation and Seed Saving*, 6:30 p.m., at Freeman Branch Library, located at 16616 Diana Lane. For details visit <http://hcmga.tamu.edu/Public/docs/2017-green-thumb.pdf> or call 713-274-0950.

• Saturday, June 17, *Propagation and Seed Saving*, 10 a.m., at Maud Smith Marks Library, located at 1815 Westgreen Blvd. in Katy. For details visit <http://hcmga.tamu.edu/Public/docs/2017-green-thumb.pdf> or call 713-274-0950.

• Tuesday, June 20, *Propagation and Seed Saving*, 6:30 p.m., at Spring Branch Memorial Library, located at 930 Corbinalde. For details visit <http://hcmga.tamu.edu/Public/docs/2017-green-thumb.pdf> or call 713-274-0950.

• Tuesday, June 27, Harris County Master Gardeners Open Garden Day and Seminar: *Propagation and Seed Saving*, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at 3033 Bear Creek Drive.

This free Harris County Master Gardener event features hands-on activities for children and adults centered on that month's green thumb topic. RSVP is required for this event. For more information, contact ogd.harrishort@gmail.com.

South Belt awards . . .

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Sabillah James, Ramon Jaramillo, Santanah Jimenez, Bradley Jones, Alice Lam, Jayda Lasker, Adrian Lewis, Pablo Lopez, Phudwadt Maingot, Melanie Martinez, Mason Martinez, Chloe Maycott, Brady McNeal, Michelle Medrano and Gabriel Melchor.

Juliet Melchor, Leile Monroe, Nicole Nadi, Annie Nguyen, Hillary Nguyen, Khloey Ochoa, Ava Ortiz, Abby Palma, Carter Pham, Nathan Precella, Melody Ramirez, Oscar Ramirez, Daniel Ramirez, EJ Reynolds and Grayson Riley.

Rebecca Ritchey, Mathew Ritchey, Emily Rodriguez, Sebastian Sanders, Mary-Kate Schroeder, Brianna Scott, Nathaniel Simpson, Evelyn Spears, Evan Treadway, Leo Trevino, Joel Villarreal, Branson Vivier, Christina Vu, Kelvin Wiley and Ghazal Zamzam.

First Grade
Devin Aguilera, Jacob Aguirre, Noah Aleman, Juwayriyah Ali, Isaiiah Ambriz, Shelby Armstrong, Alijah Banda, Joseph Bello, Aja Breaux, Annabella Cancel, Sophie Centeno, Elizabeth Cervantes, Adam Cid and Sophia Cleary.

Kenya Delong-Thompson, Trent Edwards, Bryce Edwards, Gianna Flores, Miguel Galan, Alessandra Garza, Isabella Gonzalez, Jasmin Hernandez, Natalie Huynh, Miguel Johnson and Luke Kellen.

Gabriel Laurila, Jerron Lendsey, Elizabeth Lopez, Isaiiah Machado, Jayme Martinez, Donovan Martinez, Brandon McNeal, Angela Mena, Santiago Morales, Mia Nguyen, Grace Nguyen and Emma Olvera.

Emma Parker, Damian Pereida, Julian Phillips, Kinora Ploucha, Gabriela Ramirez, Makayla Rodriguez, Jordyn Rodriguez, Alayna Rodriguez and Mia Roppolo.

Abdul Saim, Liliana Salazar, Makayla Salazar, Paul Salinas, Abriella Sanchez, Lorenzo Sanders, Kailynn Scott, Kolton Smith, La'Riah Smith, Logan Stewart, Emma Stone, Lori Suarez, Dexter Sullivan, Alec Tamegnon, Kala Thomas, Michael Timmons, Krystal Tomas, Christopher Torres, Justin Tran, Hayden Walker and Hassan Zamzam.

Second Grade
Damian Aguilera, Jaslyn Arrendondo, Ibrahim Asif, Ibrahim Asif, Alexandria Byrd, Jayden Castro, Shawn Deedman, Shawn Deedman, Macy Figuero, Xander Fiterman, Courtney Fletcher, Isaiiah Gomez, Alexia Hoang, Vivian Hoang, Anthony Jennings, Marina Kostikoglou, Alyssa Laurilla and Sheyla Le.

Hayden Limas, Audrey Lopez, Kelvin Lopez, Adlin Mena, Dylan Mohwinkle, Morgan Momie, Andrew Nguyen, Cody Nguyen, Huy Nguyen, Juliana Perez, Vihian Prakash, Sujina Pundit, Jeremiah Rivero, Aubree Rodriguez, Christiane Simpson, Donovan Sullivan, Evan Taylor, Jietzel Velasquez and Angelina Vu.

Math Wizards Kindergarten
Samuel Alexander, Samantha Barraza, Maham Bukhari, Ashton Carter, Sabrina Cavazos, Brooklyn Coronado, Carissa Cortez, Kate Dao, Tori Dehoyos, Gael Diaz, Peyton Dowell and Myla Figueroa.

and Hillary Nguyen.
Abby Palma, Carter Pham, Melody Ramirez, EJ Reynolds, Grayson Riley, Rebecca Ritchey, Matthew Ritchey, Emily Rodriguez, Mary Kate Schroeder, Nathaniel Simpson, Leo Trevino, Brandon Vivier and Jolie Vu.

First Grade
Devin Aguilera, Jacob Aguirre, Isaiiah Ambriz, Alijah Banda, Joseph Bello, Aja Breaux, Adam Cid, Kayla DeRobles, Miguel Galan, Alessandra Garza, Mikayla Gonzalez, Jazmin Hernandez, Miguel Johnson, Isaiiah Machado, Phudwadt Maingot, Donovan Martinez and Branson McNeal.

Ava Morin, Mia Nguyen, Grace Nguyen, Kinora Ploucha, Julie Rich, Alayna Rodriguez, Makayla Rodriguez, Abdul Saim, Liliana Salazar, Makayla Salazar and Lorenzo Sanders.
Kolton Smith, Logan Stewart, Emma Stone, Dexter Sullivan, Alec Tamegnon, Justin Tran, Juwayriyah Tran, Hayden Walker and Hassan Zamzam.

Second Grade
Damian Aguilera, Ibrahim Ali, Ayan Alijafri, Olivia Antoine, Nathan Arriaga, Ibrahim Asif, Macy Figueroa, Xander Fiterman, Courtney Fletcher, Romeo Gill, Vivian Hang, Vihian Hang, Tavien Haukeley and Alexia Hoang.

Marina Kostikolou, Hayden Limas, Max Martinez, Dylan Mohwinkle, Morgan Momie, Andrew Nguyen, Jonny Pham, Kendrick Ramos, Samantha Trevino, Jietzel Velasquez, Alex Vouffo, Angelina Vu and Rachel Wilson.

Honor Roll Third Grade
Ivan Ayala, Haris Bhatti, Joel Fisher, Abigail Gutierrez, Audrina Hernandez, Jayden Lee, Gilbert Loeher, Sarah Massey, Bao Nguyen, Haley Nguyen, Leila Reyes, Daniel Soto, Jalen Tran and Thu Vo.
Fourth Grade
Jonathan Alexander, Stephanie Bui, Vyvy Do, Kiera Huynh, Jake Joslin, Jacob Lam, Trish Nguyen, Trish Nguyen, Jabaz Palma, Jayden Reimer, Derek Rodriguez, Merab Saim, Sebastian Sanders, Pitou So, Jason Ta, Jason Ta, Andrew Ullman and Addison Yount.

Merit Roll Third Grade
Surreal Alcorn, Kendall Ashworth, Ivan Ayala, Ava Castillo, Alonzo Chapman, Macy Cooper, Aley Garza, Aley Garza, Jakob Haiden, Aiden Hughes, Aiden Hughes, Mario Martinez, Lauren Moorer, Michelle Nguyen, Mary Nguyen, Makayla St. Roman, Mia Bella Sudario Garza, Emily Taylor and Gavynn Trevino.
Fourth Grade
Daniel Arceneaux, Tatyonna Chappell, Michael Collins, Aniya Flemming, Yazmine Gonzalez, Emily Hernandez, Xavier Keller, Jacob Kostikoglou, Vanessa Moreno Trevino, Julianne Pham, Justin Salazar, Jennifer Torres and Addison Yount.

South Belt Outstanding Citizens
Devin Aguilera, Leovani Alvarez, Adrian Arreola, Nathan Arriaga, Kendall Ashworth, Sabrina Cavazos, Chancellor Conley, Chancellor Conley, Brooklyn Coronado, Iris Durette, Joel Fisher and Bennet Fitterman.
Adam Gonzales, Jakob Hasbell, Eriel Henderson, Elijah Hernandez, Zya Lam, Zya Lam, Kevin Lopez, Gabriel Melchor, Adlin Mena, Kayden Montez, Jennifer Nguyen, Hayley Nguyen, Mary Nguyen, Angela Pena and Alexis Perez.
Kinora Ploucha, Abrianna Reynolds, Julian Salazar, Christiane Simpson, Logan Stewart, Michael Timmons, Diego Torres, Giselle Tran, Faith Vasquez, Joel Villarreal, Caleb Yount and Ghazal Zamzam.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BILL!
Local businessman **Bill Winning** celebrates his birthday June 15. Best wishes are sent from his wife, **Carol**, family, friends, and the staff at the *Leader*.

SANDY ENJOYS A BIRTHDAY
Longtime South Belt resident **Sandy Robb**, who is active with her daughter **Stacy Waugh** in the *Leader* Christmas program and many community events, celebrates a birthday June 18. Birthday wishes are sent to Sandy from friends at the *South Belt Leader*.

ISABELLA TURNS 12
Best wishes for a happy 12th birthday Tuesday, June 20, are sent to **Isabella Abarca** from her dad **Jose Abarca** and **Natalie Abarca**; siblings **Kelvin Lopez**, **Noah**, and baby **Eliana Abarca**; grandpa **David Flickinger** and **Mimo Elie Flickinger**; Grandpa **Donnie Mock** and **Ana Christina Mock**; and grandparents **Marie** and **David Flickinger**.

NATALIE CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Wishes for a happy birthday are sent June 21 to **Natalie Abarca** from husband **Jose Abarca**; children **Kelvin Lopez**, **Noah**, baby **Eliana** and **Isabella Abarca**; father-in-law **David Flickinger** (*Leader* president) and her mother **Ellie**; grandparents **Marie** and **David Flickinger**; and friends at the *Leader*.

BIRTHDAY WISHES SENT TO EMORY
Best wishes are sent June 21 to the Rev. **Emory Gadd**, associate pastor and longtime youth counselor at Sagemont Church, from friends and the *Leader* staff. He is active in many community organizations and events.

CONGRATS, BAYLOR STUDENTS!
The Baylor University students from the South Belt area who were named to the Dean's Academic Honor Roll for the 2017 spring semester are: **Oscar Daniel Cruz**, School of Engineering and Computer Science; **Binh**

An Tran Dau, College of Arts and Sciences; **Alyssa Brianna Perez**, School of Education; and **Alexis Dominique Uribe**, College of Arts and Sciences. To be named to the dean's list, a student must be an undergraduate with a minimum grade-point average of 3.7, while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays June 15 through June 21.

Bush Elementary
The day for a party for **Jennifer Howard** is June 19. A birthday greeting is sent to **Cynthia Meguader** June 20.

Frazier Elementary
June 17 is the day for a birthday cake for **Emily Siscoe**.

Meador Elementary
Monica Serno enjoys a birthday June 17.

Moore Elementary
Light the candles for **Dixie Thompson** and **Shelly Blair** on June 16. Enjoying a birthday June 20 is **Romy Graham**.

South Belt Elementary
Send a birthday greeting June 17 to **Anna Ramirez**. On June 18, sing a happy birthday song to **Amanda Kister**.

Stuchbery Elementary
Carolyn Waller marks a birthday June 21.

Meillo Middle School
Celebrating a birthday June 15 is **Betty Henderson**.

Roberts Middle School
Send a happy birthday greeting June 17 to **Ashley Regner**. Sing a happy birthday song June 20 to **Sylvia Avila**. June 21 is the day for a birthday party for **Elizabeth Arramibe**.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
On June 15, light the candles on a double-layer birthday cake for **Thelma Baeza**

and **Carla Castillo**. **Kathryn Litzinger** enjoys a birthday June 16. The day for a party for **Raquel Alamos** is June 19.

Dobie High
Neyda Sanchez enjoys a birthday June 16. Share a double-layer cake June 17 with **Miguel Herrera** and **John Kneisler**. On June 18, light the candles on a layered cake for **Rhonda Battle**, **Karol Chamorro**, **Lincy Due** and **Lachee Payne**. **Monica Trevino** enjoys a birthday June 19. Sing a birthday song to **Dina Alvarenga** June 20.

FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
The *Leader* sends happy birthday wishes to its Facebook friends who celebrate a birthday this week:

Thursday, June 15: **Margarita Duron**, **Oscar Guevara**, **Amanda LeeAnn**, **Jen Joyce**, **Corrie Galloway**, **Jason Evans** and **Derek Gray**; Friday, June 16: **Michael Amos**, **Sandra Waldrop**, **Billy Stanley**, **Arturo Ayala**, **Melissa Farr** and **Caitlin Caughlin**; Saturday, June 17: **Patrick Thomas**, **Steven Bryant**, **Rick Bailey**, **Christine Thomas**, **Charles Maricle**, **Michelle Miller** and **Stephanie Hartman**; Sunday, June 18: **Stephanie Southerland-Martinez**; Tuesday, June 20: **Tyron Adams**, **Lawrence Henry**, **Craig Branstetter**, **Scarlette Benzkofe**, **Courtney Patel**, **Paul Sharpless**, **Aperture Prod** and **Laura Longoria-Ortiz**; and Wednesday, June 21: **Julie Banhart**, **Becky Benner**, **Monica Webster**, **Lynee Fehler**, **Kyle McMullen**, **Natalie Garza**, **Laura De Los Santos**, **Priscilla Villa** and **Celina Clark**.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS
Email announcements to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line. Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

es to win prizes such as free meals to Chipotle and Raising Cane's, free tickets to Astros baseball games, Alley Theatre's *39 Steps* play, and more.

There are even prizes for pre-schoolers to enjoy including finger puppets, Mario Brothers bibs and Children's Museum passes.

The top two readers at each library location win a grand prize.

All neighborhood libraries are also hosting tons of fun summer programming including exciting video game tournaments, interactive STEM workshops, visits by Texas Snakes and More and more.

Select locations are even hosting the library's free summer camps, Camp STREAM. Parents and caregivers can read this summer, too.

Adults may register with the Summer Reading for Grown-Ups program and earn free admission for two to the Museum of Fine Arts, a Kindle or a Nintendo Switch Bundle for gaming lovers.

Families, one adult and one child who complete the Summer Reading program and write reviews for Summer Reading for Grown-Ups will win a family prize pack.

Kick off this year's program at one of the kickoff events filled with food, gaming tournaments, storytime with local celebrities and crafts.

HPL offers summer reading program

Even though school is out, it's still "GAME ON" for learning! Children of all ages can level up their summer fun with Houston Public Library's Summer Reading program. Kids can earn reading and activity badges to beat summer boredom and capture prizes.

Youths of all ages may register for the program at www.houstonlibrary.org/summer to enjoy a summer filled with reading and gaming.

Kids can earn a free book just by registering for the program and start earning badges.

Wanted: Vaudeville Pizza photos
The South Belt Digital Archive Dive is looking for photographs from the New Vaudeville Pizza House. Many South Belt longtime residents fondly remember the New Vaudeville Pizza House on Hughes Road. The current collection of photographs, newspaper ads and articles are available at www.southbelthouston.blogspot.com/2017/05/south-belt-spot-new-vaudeville-pizza.html. Anyone who has photographs from Vaudeville to add to the collection may contact the *Leader* at 281-481-5656 or email torimask@yahoo.com.

Atkinson teachers of the year



Lena Ortiz, Atkinson Elementary principal (left), honors **Samantha Coyle** (center) as the new Campus Teacher of the Year and **Shelly Bracher** as the Campus Teacher of the Year.

Remember When

40 years ago (1977)
City Councilman **Frank Mancuso** addressed the Beverly Hills Civic Club about improvements forthcoming to the Beverly Hills Park.

Christopher Pace received the Jesse H. Jones Scholarship from Houston Endowment Inc. He also received a grant to attend Rice University.

35 years ago (1982)
The developer of the Southpoint complex at Fuqua announced plans to construct Fuqua from the Gulf Freeway to within 400 feet of old Galveston Road. The city would eventually complete the project which connected Fuqua to Old Galveston Road.

30 years ago (1987)
Pasadena ISD trustees approved commencement of the fifth and final phase of the renovation of Strawberry Mall, a 99,000-square-foot building. Five trustees voted in favor of the additional \$475,000 expenditure.

25 years ago (1992)
Workmen removed the walls of the United Savings Building on Scarsdale Boulevard. **Kim Heyns**, construction manager for Bell-Mann Corp., said that they were making way for a covered drive-through to the United Savings Office.

10 years ago (2007)

The new Harris County tax office opened at Scarsdale and Beamer.

Jerry Michael Cook, of the Pasadena Independent School District bus driver charged with manslaughter in the death of 9-year-old **Frazier student Ruth Young**, was acquitted.

Dobie assistant principal Steve Fullen was appointed the new principal of South Houston High School. He had served as assistant principal for four years. Fullen replaced outgoing **Deborah Aubin** who was retiring.

Drainage improvement construction began on Edgebrook. This was due, in part, to the actions of Freeway Manor resident **James Muecke** who had been working with local government officials since July 2005.

Marie Flickinger, publisher of the *South Belt-Elington Leader*, was elected chair of the San Jacinto College Board of Regents. This was the first time a woman was elected to the position.

5 years ago (2012)
A would-be bank robber gave a fake bomb to a teller at the Chase Bank in the 10990 block of Scarsdale Friday, June 15, in what appeared to be a botched robbery attempt. According to police, a man wearing a costume went to a

drive-through window at roughly 2:45 p.m. and gave the teller a money bag that contained what appeared to be a pipe bomb. When the teller opened the bag, she then saw a remote control in the suspect's hand, as he reportedly told her to hurry.

Frightened, the teller pushed the bank's panic button and walked away from the money bag. As she did so, the suspect fled the scene. A bomb squad from the Harris County Sheriff's Office was called to the scene to detonate the bomb but realized the device was a hoax.

The bank and nearby stores were evacuated, and much of Scarsdale was blocked until around 6 p.m., causing significant traffic delays. No arrests were made.

Barbara Legler, wife of the late state Rep. **Ken Legler**, announced Friday, June 15, that she would run in the special election for state House District 144 to fill the remainder of her husband's term. The election was to be held simultaneously with the general election on November 6.

St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Parish celebrated its 50th anniversary Saturday, June 23, with a special Mass. Guests from the archdiocese and many past pastors, priests and deacons who had served at

St. Frances Cabrini were in attendance.

1 year ago (2016)
A Pearlton police officer was killed June 12 when he was involved in a head-on collision at the intersection of Broadway and Country Club Drive. The accident occurred when Officer **Endy Ekpanya** was en route to a non-emergency call when he was struck by a gray Chrysler SRT, driven by **Amber Willemson**, who had reportedly veered out of her lane.

Both vehicles suffered extensive damage, and both drivers had to be extricated by emergency crews. **Ekpanya**, 30, was transported by Life Flight to Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center, where he was later pronounced dead. **Willemson**, 38, was also transported to the hospital with serious but non-life-threatening injuries. **Willemson**, a former assistant principal with the Clear Creek Independent School District, was charged with intoxication manslaughter of a peace officer, a first-degree felony.

Records show **Willemson** was out on bond at the time of the crash for drug possession and had a previous DUI charge from 2012. The fatal crash marked the first time a Pearlton officer had died in the line of duty in 40 years.

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CCEF seeks nominees

Nominations are being accepted for annual awards for Distinguished Clear Creek Independent School District (CCISD) Alumni, CCISD Superstars and the Dennis Johnson Memorial Small Business award. Recipients are selected by the Clear Creek Education Foundation.

The Distinguished Alumni award is presented to a CCISD graduate who has excelled in his or her chosen profession and has made a significant contribution to his/her community.

The CCISD Superstar is an individual who has made exceptional contributions that benefited the district and may or may not be a CCISD graduate.

The Dennis Johnson Memorial Small Business Award will go to an individual who has made exceptional contributions that benefit the district and community as a small business owner.

Nomination forms may be found on the Education Foundation website www.clearcreekeducationfoundation.org. All nominations must be submitted by Tuesday, Aug. 1. Nominations may be mailed to the Clear Education Foundation, P.O. Box 1631, League City, TX 77574 or emailed to Kelsey.Richardson@clearcreekeducationfoundation.org. Awards will be presented at the Education Foundation Annual Gala on Saturday, Nov. 4, at South Shore Harbour Resort.

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EMSI makes donation to Stuchbery



Emissions Monitoring Service Inc. donated \$969 that allowed the Stuchbery Elementary music department to purchase eight Tubanitos (compact drums). EMSI's donation was instrumental in helping Stuchbery to win a grant titled "The Sound of Reading" from the Pasade-

na Independent School District Education Foundation in the amount of \$4,938. The grant requires a school to find a local business with which to connect and financially support the grant.

Photo by Julie Sanchez

Thompson announces honor roll

Thompson Intermediate announced its honor roll for the sixth six weeks.

Seventh Grade

Victoria Elizabeth Acosta, Nadine Ajmeere Ahmed, Montserrat Xitlalic Alba, Eric Ivan Alvarez, Abraham Raul Amaro-Diaz, Taelyn Lanea Anslay, Rafael Antonio Argueta, Jasmine Lizbette Arredondo, Jorge Luis Arredondo, Ublester Arroyo Espinoza, Keegan Neal Ashworth, Alexa Sakeena Avila and Andre A. Barrientos. Miguel Angel Bazaldua, Caitlyn Rae Berkstresser, Catherine Marie Berkstress-

er, Keelan Carmello Brannon, Ashley Summer Brown-Klawuhn, Alayna Nicole Calvillo, Gabriella Campo, Amy Thuy Cao, Ricky Cao, Joshua George Raymond Carter, Ashley Castellanos, William Alexander Castillo and Alani Eloisa Chapa.

Alyssa Brianna Chapman, Joe Kevin Chicas, Lydia Alena Chicas, Dataysia Elaine Cisneros, Ronald Leslie Coleman, Matthew Christopher Collins, Angel Alejandro Corea, Isaac Anthony Cortez, Sebastian Alexander Cruz, Benson Carter Cubos, Thomas Duke Cypert, Fernanda America Davila,

Lucinda Sunflower Davis and Karina Del Villar.

Melina Phuong Mai Dongsi, Gerardo Escamilla, Nayely Yissel Faz Urias, Kaden Hooks Fernandez, Ana Camila Flores, Jessica Vanessa Flores, Sierra Yvonne Frost, Selena Abigail Galicia, Melanie Michelle Galvan, Alexis Julia Garcia, Steven Ednilson Garcia and Sherlyn Alexandra Gavidia.

Timothy Quoc Giang, Jaqueline Abigail Gonzalez, Mario Alberto Gonzalez, Yaslin Alize Gonzalez, Kaylee Gabrielle Goodrum, Melody Jade Guerrero, Dahi-

ra Yosemeri Gutierrez Olvera, Hassan Alejandro Gutierrez, Hailey Beth Henderson, Alexis Henriquez, Clarissa Yvette Hernandez and David Alex Hernandez.

Elijah Javier Hernandez, Katelyn Renee Hernandez, Niklas Ricardo Hernandez, Pedro Angel Herrera, Kendra Denise Hopkins, Mia Alejandra Horton, Elijiah Ja'nay Jackson, Kiera Diane Jackson, Kyra Nadine Jackson, Damian Isaiiah Jenkins, Joshua Ray Jimenez, Alexis Amina Kamal, Jaidyn Grayce Kelley, Anh Nhat Ky and An Nguyen Hong Le.

Diego Javier Leanos, Laci Michelle Leija, Kevin Charles Lewis, Rhellin Charlene Lewis, Brandon Armand Liceaga, Kimberly Lizardo-Opuebla, Elissa Joely Lopez, Gabriela Nicole Lozano, Keena Magana, Trixie Amanda Marquez, Lexi Martinez, Yaire Gerysant Martinez, Celina Mata, Ashlyne Celest Medina, Ezequiel Isai Mejia blanco, Crystal Mejia, Lauren Michelle Mendez and Nataly Vanessa Mendez.

Matthew Thomas Mendiola, Katelyn Mendoza, Valerie Josephine Molina, Crystal M. Morales, Avry Gail Munoz, Xavier Ray Musquiz, Albert Alexis Ngo, Brian Thai Nguyen, Grace Nicole My Hanh Nguyen, Kelly Han ngoc Nguyen, Kim Nguyen, Linh Ha My Nguyen and Tommy Tang Nguyen.

Anthony Kevin Ochoa, Natalie Onozie, Sebastian Ortega, Abigail Alicia Ortiz, Audrey Elizabeth Owens, Isabella Elida Padilla, Jeremiah La'don Paige, Jeremiah Neil Rabang Palma, Levani Tsothe Pelaez, Gilberto Joel Perez, Ivana Alexa Perez, Oscar Fabian Perez and Jason Pham. Nguyen Chan Pham, Valerie Phi Yen Phonxayalinkham, Javon Allen Portis, Kori Germaine Pounds, Isabela Pruneda, Alejandro Ramos, Alexandra Ramos, Zachary Edward Reimer, Miranda Camille Resendez, Arianna Lexi Reyna, Asher Elijah Ridge, Adrian Eden Rios, Joseph Rios, Sydney Janae Robinson, Lisette Briseidi Rodriguez and Megan Alani Rodriguez.

Nikolas Alexander Rodriguez, Destiny Rene Rosalez, Haley Danae Salinas, Nicholas Ignacio Santibanez, Jacqueline Olivia Saucedo, Ryan Keith Saxton, Rickey James Schreier, Kennedy Janae Scim-
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Museum offers free admission for military personnel

The San Jacinto Museum of History Association announced its participation in the Blue Star Museums program in 2017, offering free entrance to all active duty military personnel, including National Guard and Reserve, and their families through Monday, Sept. 4 (Labor Day). Up to five family members will also be admitted free of charge.

The museum association will give qualifying personnel free access to the Texas Fore-

er! The Battle of San Jacinto digital presentation; the nearly 500-foot elevator ride to the Observation Deck atop the San Jacinto Monument with views of the historic battleground of San Jacinto and many square miles of surrounding area; and the museum's special exhibit, A Destined Conflict: The U.S. - Mexican War, which looks at the events following the Texas Revolution that led to the United States' first foreign war.

Beyond these attractions

there is plenty to see and do at the monument or the museum: the San Jacinto Museum's permanent gallery exhibiting books to bayonets, swords to six shooters; the San Jacinto Battleground; picnic tables, grills and water faucets; and the 1,210-foot long marsh trail and boardwalk that provides views of the native prairie, tidal marsh and bottomland forest.

The museum and its attractions are open daily year-round 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.—in-

cluding Independence Day, Labor Day and nearly all holidays. All attractions are wheel-chair accessible.

The program is open to any bearer of a Geneva Convention common access card, a DD Form 1173 ID card or a DD Form 1173-1 ID card, which includes active U.S. military as well as members of the National Guard and Reserve, U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and the NOAA Commissioned Corps.

Family members can enter for free without the serving person, based on the spouse's dependent ID.

Blue Star Museums is a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and more than 2,000 museums throughout the U.S. to offer free admission to the nation's 1.4 million active duty military personnel and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Melillo announces fourth nine weeks honor roll

Melillo Middle School has announced its honor roll for the fourth nine weeks.

Fifth Grade

Aaron M. Aguilar, Jacob

I. Aguirre, Chelsea A. Akinloye, Ezekiel N. Arriaga, Irene C. Castillo, Xavier R. Chapa, Dominick S. Chavez, Camryn A. Collins, Tyler D.

Dang, Di V Dao, Vivian N. Duong, Dylan M. Erickson, Zoe E. Espinoza, Madison M. Fedler-Martinez, Izabel A. Fernandez, Jesus A. Ga-

mez Cepeda and Meklaus Erick A. Garcia.

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Mayor addresses BAHEP, area community leaders

Continued from Page 1A importance of all the surrounding communities and their respective organizations working together to achieve greatness.

Turner spoke glowingly of the Bay Area Houston region noting its economic strength.

He said, "BAHEP covers a vibrant region of 13 communities, spanning across two counties — not just Houston. The economy of the Houston region does not stop at city borders."

"Houston's Bay Area is rich with business activity with a leading presence in numerous sectors that are at the core of Houston's economic well-being: aerospace, specialty chemical, healthcare/life sciences, maritime and recreation and tourism."

"With the petrochemical corridor at one end, with the tourism facilities of Galveston at another, and new medical and aerospace corridors arising in its center, Bay Area Houston is one of the bright spots of the Houston region."

The mayor also spoke of BAHEP's impact saying, "BAHEP is a regional champion and has all of our backs. From smart business programs to policy advocacy, to long-term thinking and strategy positioning the region for future success, safety and economic sustainability, we are proud and grateful for the work they do."

Houston's economy thriving

Turner made note of the amazing growth experienced in Houston during the past couple of years. He reported that Houston is doing so well, in fact, that fDi Magazine named Houston one of the top three American Cities of the Future. To the delight of the audience, he also reported, "About two to three weeks ago, the Los Angeles Times stated that New York City is in Houston's rear-view mirror."

The main drivers of Houston's economy are energy, the ports, real estate, and medicine, which are all moving in a positive direction.

If Houston were a national economy, Turner said, it would be the 23rd largest in

the world.

He added, "In a time of some global uncertainty, our trade numbers are improving. In the first quarter of 2017, our trade numbers grew by over 21.1 percent of the previous year. Mexico, China, Brazil, Germany, the Netherlands, Japan, Korea, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela and Colombia are our top 10 trading partners, accounting for 51.4 percent of our total trade, which was over \$162 billion in 2016."

Population and jobs have seen major growth, as well, with over 390,000 people moving to Houston in the last four years. "And Houston, already home to about 3 million jobs, is not done creating more," the mayor assured.

According to the Texas Workforce Commission, 18,700 jobs were created last April, representing one of the best Aprils in the past 35 years, he said.

Aerospace and aviation

Turner spoke of the significance of aerospace and aviation to the Houston region stating, "At the end of the day, Houston can achieve broadly in a number of fields, but we are only as successful as our ability to connect to the rest of the country and the world. Houston is particularly blessed in this regard to have strategically grown our air connectivity around the world and by our three airports, two of which rest within the Bay Area Houston region."

Nearly 13 million passengers passed through William P. Hobby Airport in 2016 — a 45 percent increase in last decade. International flights added more than 800,000 passengers in 2016, according to Turner. Significantly, Hobby was awarded a four-star rating by Skytrax making it one of just three airports in the nation with a four-star rating.

A new, five-gate international concourse opened at George Bush Intercontinental Airport in October 2015 along with a 3,000-space parking garage to accommodate the increased passenger load.

The mayor also spoke of Ellington Airport, which has also shown amazing growth as it celebrates its 100th anniversary.

UMC sets July 17 VBS

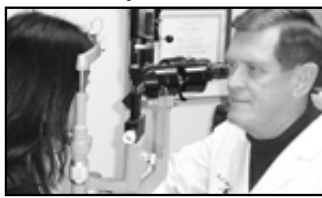
CrossRoads UMC's Maker Fun Factory VBS will be held July 17 through 21 for area children at the church 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Kids age three to fifth grade will

experience a creative adventure daily from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Children may be preregistered at <https://vbspro.events/p/aebc65>. For more information, call 281-484-9243.

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Seniors Helping Seniors



Nearly 70 Dobbie students selflessly volunteered their time recently to participate in the annual Seniors Helping Seniors program. Now in its eighth year, the program allows high school seniors to help local senior citizens make needed home repairs. Three local homes were renovated as part of the project. Sagemont Church was responsible for donating all necessary supplies. Dobbie Principal Franklin Moses (second from right) is shown above with students, left to right, Alia Ganford, Chelsea Hickman and Breasia Smith. Photo submitted

Harris County opens Challenge Course

Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis cut the ceremonial ribbon and even ran the obstacle course at the June 12 opening at Tom Bass Park of the first Challenge Course in the state of Texas.

Originally developed in Charlotte, North Carolina, by the company GameTime and the Carolina Panthers NFL team, the Challenge Course is a unique outdoor play space consisting of challenging equipment for teenagers and adults.

The course combines interesting obstacles that enhance a user's speed, agility and strength. It is designed to use creative and active ways for people to get 60 minutes of daily physical activity.

"I'm so excited that Precinct 1's Tom Bass Park is the first place in Texas to open a Challenge Course. It's a great addition to all the amenities we already

offer at this great park," Ellis said. "This definitely is not your average playground."

"The Challenge Course is described as the NFL Combine meets American Ninja Warrior."

Challenge Courses are also located in California and Indianapolis.

At the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Ellis also thanked Chambers Washington, Precinct 1's parks superintendent and Bryan O'Connor of Total Recreation, the maker of Challenge Courses.

Ellis also noted that the new course provides a fun and challenging way for residents to enjoy the outdoors as well as get the physical activity that is essential to a healthy lifestyle.

"It is important to invest in quality recreational projects and programs that all residents can use," said Ellis, who also ran the obstacle course at the event.

Commissioner tries out equipment



Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis (left) recently held a grand opening ceremony for the new Challenge Course at Tom Bass Park. The course is the first of its kind in the state of Texas. Ellis is shown above testing the equipment with Leader publisher Marie Flickinger. (See related photo Page 1A.) Photo submitted

Thompson honor roll announced

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Dobie's Diaz among HABCA senior all-star performers

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor
Dobie High School
class of 2017 graduate

Euro Diaz Jr. is among
the baseball standouts set
to compete in the 2017
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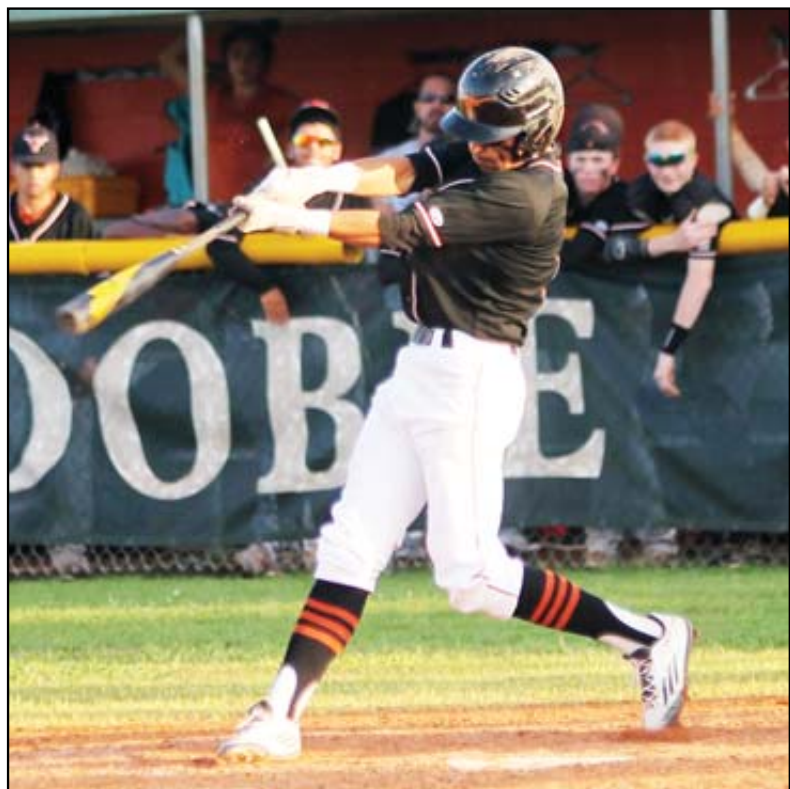
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Junior Showcase June 19



At right, Euro Diaz Jr. capped a terrific three-year varsity baseball run at Dobie as he was one of the top hitters in terms of batting average among all District 22-6A players. A unanimous first team 22-6A outfielder, Diaz, an Angelina College signee, will play in the Houston Area Coaches Association all-star series.

SJC's Gonzalez an NJCAA All-American

By Madelon Zimmerman
San Jac Sports
San Jacinto College softball sophomore pitcher Niki Gonzalez was named first team All-American by the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Softball committee.

Coaches Association also named Gonzalez a second team NFCA NJCAA Division I All-American and first team NFCA Midwest Region pick. Gonzalez, a sophomore

from Baytown Sterling High School, now holds several SJC pitching records. Sophomore catcher Katlin Kerl of Silsbee High School earned sec-

ond team NFCA Midwest Region honors. Several San Jacinto College players also received All-Region, All-Conference and Region XIV All-Tournament honors.

Gonzalez and freshman outfielder Taylor McHenry of Deer Park High School earned first team
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San Jacinto College sophomore pitcher Niki Gonzalez was named a National Junior College Athletic Association women's softball Division I All-American after leading the Coyotes to the Region XIV title and a subsequent berth in the World Series. Along the way, Gonzalez took over both the single season (34) and career wins (61) at San Jacinto College. Her 34 wins and 270 strikeouts this season placed her second nationally, and her 302 strikeouts in 2016 is a San Jacinto College record. Her 1.62 earned run average was 16th nationally this season.
Photo by John Bechtle

Scores East's TD Dobie grad Davis plays Bayou Bowl

As it turns out, Dobie class of 2017 graduate Jeremy Davis did make one last appearance on the football field while representing the Longhorns. Davis was one of two quarterbacks to compete for the East squad during the 2017 Bayou Bowl, played June 10, at Humble ISD's Turner Stadium. Hosted by the Greater Houston Football Coaches Association, the East versus West game features several of the area's top performers who were in the 2017 graduating class. Now in its 15th season, the Bayou Bowl once featured a Texas vs. Louisi-

ana matchup but for the past four seasons now has included Houston area talent. This season, Langham Creek's Chase McCray rushed for 122 yards and caught four passes for 48 yards on his way to winning Most Valuable Player honors in the game as the West squad throttled the East 30-7. Davis rushed for the lone touchdown of the game for the East. He and his twin brother, Jacoby were multi-sports athletes at Dobie and will attend Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, Missouri, where they will play football.

CB/UH's Julks an Astros' pick

The dream of all Year Player Draft. Julks' father, Daren, had previously told the Leader that his son had planned to forgo his senior season at UH in favor of beginning his professional career. Corey Julks has subsequently told Astros' officials that he intends to sign with the organization - the signing slot value at just more than
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South Belt Girls Softball Association 6U stars place third



The South Belt Girls Softball Association's 6-under all-star team placed third at the Pixie National Invitational tournament. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Khayla Juarez, Gabriela Ramirez, Abygail Herrera, Maddison Montemayor, Camila Padua, Vida Montemayor, (middle row) Molly

Castañeda, Journey Peterson-Calderon, Daniella Cisneros, Cecilia Velasquez, Alayna Rodriguez, (back row) assistant coach Robert Juarez, head coach Sal Castañeda, assistant coach Jay Rodriguez and assistant coach Julio Montemayor.

San Jac softballers awarded

Continued from Page 1B All-Region honors; second team All-Region honors went to Kerl, and sophomore infielders Missy Hernandez (Pasadena Memorial High School) and Dani Damian (Angleton High School).

First team all-Conference honors went to Gonzalez, Kerl, Damian, Hernandez, and McHenry. Second team

All-Conference honors went to sophomore infielder Alexis Deleon (Morton Ranch High School), freshman infielder Mackenzie Kotrla, (Angleton High School) and freshman outfielder Riley Bullen (Clear Creek High School). Damian and sophomore Isis Rangel (Sam Rayburn High School) were also awarded Region XIV All-Academic Team mem-

bers for their work on the field and inside the classroom. San Jacinto College head coach Kelly Saenz and her staff received the NFCA Midwest Coaching Staff of the Year accolades. Saenz's staff is made up of assistant coach Kelsey Walters, volunteer assistant coach Selena Reyna and athletic trainer Carie Mueller. SJC finished the season with a 42-21 record. San Jac's 42 wins this season mark the 10th time in school history with at least 40 wins. The softball team was 2017 NJCAA Region XIV champion and made its fourth trip to the NJCAA Division I Softball National Championship. For more information about the college's athletic programs, visit www.sanjacsports.com.

SJC women's hoops soars to new heights

By Madelon Zimmerman
San Jac Sports

The 2016-2017 season proved to be a significant year for the San Jacinto College women's basketball team, as it ended the season with its first appearance at the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I National Basketball Championship.

San Jac completed its season with an overall record of 24-9, including 15 conference wins, earning them a bid to the National Junior College Athletic Association national championship tournament.

of the Region XIV tournament, defeating Jacksonville College (10-15) in the quarterfinals before falling to Kilgore College (21-11) in the semifinals.

Sophomore guard/forward Ariona Gill (Las Vegas, Nevada/Arbor View High School) signed a national letter of intent with St. Mary's University, and sophomore forward Jasmine James (Innisfil, Ontario/Nantyr Shores Secondary School) signed with the University of Memphis to continue her education and basketball career. Amieya Jackson also signed with Arkansas Tech University.

"These past two years, San Jac has made history and it was great to have experienced that and to have played under amazing coaches and with such

talented people. My next step is to further my education and basketball career at the next level," said James.

During the season, Eryka Sidney (Wheatley High School) led the team in single game 3-pointers made with seven per game.

She also led the team in single season 3-pointers made with 73 in total and was third in the region for 3-point field goal percentage.

Gill led the team in total rebounds in a season with 303 and is the team's all-time leading rebounder with 467. In addition, she was third in the region for rebounds per game at 9.5.

Several players received All-American, All-Region and/or All-Conference honors.

Sidney was an honorable mention All-American and was named Region XIV Freshman of the Year. Sidney and Gill were selected to the All-Region XIV team, making them two of the top 10 players in the league.

The pair, along with James, were named to the all-conference team.

After being named the Region XIV Coach of the Year and following two successful seasons at the helm of SJC basketball, head coach Michael Madrid took an assistant coaching position at Texas-El Paso.

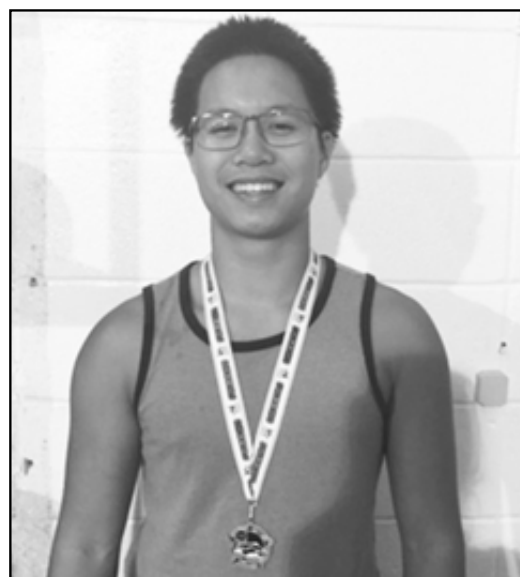
Kayla Weaver, assistant coach of the San Jac women's basketball team in 2016-2017, has taken over as head coach for the upcoming season 2017-2018 season.

SBAST Sharks Honor Swimmers of the Week

The South Belt Area Swim Team Sharks, celebrating 46 years of success this spring/summer season, have named their Swimmers of the Week for the sixth week of the season. The coaching staff selects the honorees based on solid attendance, effort and attitude.



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13-18-year-old winner



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8-under winners



Katie and Andrew Luong
9-10-year-old winners

At right, San Jacinto College women's basketball players, from left, Eriel Jordan, Ariona Gill (12), Eryka Sidney, Princess Clemons (2), Alexis Jones (1) and Jasmine James (25) listen in as head coach Mike Madrid (second from right) draws up a play during a timeout at the National Junior College Athletic Association national championships in March. San Jacinto College lost its opener at nationals to finish 24-9 during the 2016-2017, and several players drew high praise in the aftermath. San Jacinto will compete for one more season - 2017-2018 - before the program will be discontinued. Madrid is now an assistant coach at the University of Texas-El Paso, and Kayla Weaver, formerly an assistant at San Jac, will lead the team next season.



South Belt community sports, registration, news

Dobie youth volleyball camp

Dobie varsity volleyball head coach Dawn Sexton and her staff will host the Lady Longhorns' youth camp June 27-29 at Dobie High School. Incoming third through sixth-grade students as of the 2017-2018 school year are eligible to attend. The cost is \$40 cash only per participant. The fee includes a camp T-shirt and camp award certificate. The staff will provide instruction in all phases of the game, including serving, passing, digging, blocking, hitting and more. Those wishing to secure their spot early may direct email to Sexton at dgutierrez2@pasadenaisd.org to obtain an entry form. Payment may also be made in the Dobie High School front office this month. Parents must provide medical insurance coverage as the Pasadena ISD does not do so for these types of events.

Lady Wolverines' youth volleyball camp

The Clear Brook Lady Wolverine youth volleyball camp, hosted by Brook head coach Meredith Thompson and her staff, will be held July 24-27 at the school.

The camp is designed for incoming third- through ninth-grade students as of the 2017-2018 school year. Camp one is for third through fifth graders and will be from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Camp two is for sixth- through eighth-graders and will be from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Camp three is for advanced eighth-graders and ninth-graders and will be held from 10:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Registration is \$100 for camp one and \$120 for camps two and three.

Families are required to provide participants' medical insurance. Forms are available at <http://clearbrook.ccisd.net>. Once there, click on the summer camps link. More information is available from Thompson at mthomp1@ccisd.net.

Dobie youth girls' basketball camp

Dobie varsity girls' basketball head coach Shane Brown and his staff will host the Lady Longhorns' youth camp June 26-28, from 9 a.m. to noon at the school. Students entering the fourth through ninth grades as of the 2017-2018 school year are eligible to attend. Cost is \$55 per student and includes a camp T-shirt. For additional information or to register, direct email to Brown at Rbrown@pasadenaisd.org.

Clear Brook youth girls' basketball camp

Clear Brook varsity girls' basketball coach Garrett Hilton and his staff will host the Clear Brook Lady Wolverine basketball camp for incoming fifth- through ninth-graders as of the 2017-2018 school year. The camp will be held June 19-22 at Clear Brook High School. Enrollment fee is \$100.

The camp is available only to Clear Creek Independent School District students. Families are also required to provide participants' medical insurance. For more information, call Hilton at 817-504-4866 or direct email to him at ghilton@ccisd.net.

Thompson Lions set athletics camps

The Thompson Intermediate coaching staff has scheduled a variety of camps and fitness activities aimed at keeping first-year and returning Lion athletes active this summer.

Parents must provide medical insurance coverage as the Pasadena ISD does not do so for these types of events.

Soccer Camp - The Lions' July 10-13 soccer camp for boys and girls will include training in all phases of the game, including offensive and defensive alignments, conditioning, goalkeeping, etc. Registration is \$25 cash only per student. Camp hours are 9 to 11 a.m.

Basketball Camp - The Lions' July 17-20 basketball camp for boys and girls will include training in all phases of the game, including offensive and defensive alignments, conditioning, passing, dribbling, rebounding, shooting, etc. Registration is \$25 cash only per student. Camp hours are 9 to 11 a.m.

Volleyball Camp - The Lady Lions' July 24-27 volleyball camp for girls will include training in all phases of the game, including offensive and defensive alignments, conditioning, passing, hitting, serving, blocking, etc. Registration is \$25 cash only per student. Camp hours are 5 to 7 p.m. For additional information, direct email to coach Jessica Fitzmorris at jfitzmorris@pasadenaisd.org.

Strength/Conditioning Camp - The Lions' July 24-27 strength and conditioning camp for boys and girls will include strength training, agility drills, tire work, stair climbing, ladder work, weight training, conditioning and more. Registration is \$25 cash only per student. Camp hours are 9 to 11 a.m.

Football Camp - The Lions' July 31-Aug. 3 football camp at Dobie High School will include strength training as well as drills in all phases of the game, including passing, receiving, ball carrying, tackling, defensive secondary work and more. Registration is \$25 cash only per student. Camp hours are 9 to 11 a.m.

All-District 22-6A baseball

Longhorns' Diaz is unanimous pick as outfielder

A quick look at the District 22-6A varsity baseball All-District selections reveals that the future just may be very bright for the Dobie program.

Granted, Deer Park, crowned Class 6A state champions just days ago, will be the team to beat in 2018 until proven otherwise.

That, and the Longhorns might not find it easy to replace a couple of three-year starters in unanimous first team outfield choice Euro Diaz Jr., or Jeremy Green, both of whom have walked across the graduation stage.

Diaz, who manned his usual center field spot this season but also contributed greatly on the mound, was one of the leading hitters in the Houston area during his senior campaign.

Green, the team's starter behind the plate for the majority of 2015 and 2016, also lent his talents in the Longhorns' outfield this season. He was a 22-6A second team pick as an outfielder after making the move midway through the season.

As for Diaz and Green, they will be missed within the Dobie program.

Elsewhere, however, the Longhorns appear to be squared away for the long haul.

Junior third baseman Zach Frias stepped in as a first-year starter for the Longhorns and landed first

team all-district accolades. Ditto for sophomore second baseman Jeffry Mercado, who came into his own this season while also landing a spot on the District 22-6A first team.

Junior first baseman Isaiah Vasquez, arguably the top power threat in the Longhorns' lineup, was a second-team selection at first base.

The 22-6A honorable mention list also features four other Longhorns who will return after establishing themselves as solid varsity players in 2017.

Freshman pitcher Daniel Garza gave the team a quality start on the mound seemingly each time out, and he very well could be one of the league's brightest newcomers.

Junior Julian Flores stood out in a relief role for the Longhorns and will be among those battling for a starting spot in 2018.

Outfielder David Amaya grabbed a starting role as a sophomore and went on to grab honorable mention status, and freshman catcher Justin Blogg forced his way into the lineup largely on the strength of his run-producing bat. Blogg is another of those talented Longhorn returnees.

Deer Park's Peyton Sherlin was the 22-6A Most Valuable Player, and West Brook's Cal Fulton was Newcomer of the Year. Coach of the Year was Deer Park's Chris Rupp.



Dobie senior outfielder and three-year starter Euro Diaz Jr., was a unanimous first team All-District outfielder, and is now headed to Angelina College in Lufkin.



The Longhorns' Jeffry Mercado was a stellar defensive presence at his second base position as a sophomore en route to being named a 22-6A first team All-District selection.



Freshman pitcher Daniel Garza (left) had five wins for Dobie as he was a 22-6A honorable mention pick. Senior Jeremy Green, who made the shift to the outfield, was a second team selection. Green has signed to play at Ecclesia College in Springdale, Arkansas.



Junior Isaiah Vasquez proved to be the Longhorns' top power threat at the plate this season, and his production at the dish was good enough to earn him District 22-6A second team accolades.

Photos by John Bechtle

All-District 22-6A Selections Varsity Baseball Most Valuable Player Peyton Sherlin, Deer Park, Sr. Newcomer/Year Cal Fulton, West Brook, Soph. Coach/Year Chris Rupp, Deer Park

First Team Selections

Util – Josh Romero, South Houston, Sr.

DH – Mark Gomez, La Porte, Soph.

*OF – Chase Keng, Deer Park, Sr.

*OF – Euro Diaz, Dobie, Sr.

*OF – Kyle Hargrove, Memorial, Sr.

OF – Kandin Robinson, West Brook, Sr.

3B – Zach Frias, Dobie, Jr.

SS – Josiah Ortiz, Deer Park, Sr.

2B – Jeffry Mercado, Dobie, Soph.

1B – Josiah Castro, La Porte, Soph.

C – Austin Gonzalez, Pasadena, Jr.

*P – Brett Williams, La Porte, Sr.

P – Cole McConnell, West Brook, Soph.

P – Dalton Roblin, West Brook, Sr.

P – Bubba Baxa, Memorial, Jr.

P – Clay Aguilar, Deer Park, Sr.

Second Team Selections

OF – Jeremy Green, Dobie, Sr.

OF – Austin Mitchell, Deer Park, Jr.

OF – Isaiah Huerta, South Houston, Sr.

3B – Hayden Mundy, La Porte, Sr.

SS – Dylan Sanchez, Memorial, Sr.

2B – Jacob Olvera, La Porte, Jr.

1B – Isaiah Vasquez, Dobie, Jr.

C – Jonathan Rodriguez, Memorial, Sr.

P – Adrian Gonzalez, Deer Park, Sr.

P – Josh Guerra, Memorial, Sr.

P – Eric Chavez, La Porte, Sr.

P – Adam Gonzalez, Rayburn, Soph.

DH – Blake Martin, Deer Park, Jr.

Honorable Mention – Dobie

Daniel Garza, pitcher, Fr. – Julian Flores, pitcher, Jr.

Justin Blogg, catcher, Fr. – David Amaya, outfield, Soph.

*Unanimously selected by league's head coaches



A first-time starter at third base for the Longhorns, Zach Frias was solid in all phases of the game on his way to first-team All-District status.

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Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. Call 713-856-1611.

CrossRoads UMC – Invites everyone to the Thursday night service beginning with a light meal and fellowship at 6 p.m. Praise, worship and prayer service at 7 p.m., followed by bilingual Bible study at 10:30 Scarsdale Blvd.

Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter – A social group focused on the culture, music, heritage and language of Texas German immigrants. Meets the third Thursday, monthly, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for details.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). Call 713-856-1611.

Alcoholics Anonymous – Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 - 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.

Interfaith Care Partners – ministry at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook St., for those with Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, strokes, etc. and caretakers, meets on the third Friday, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., for continental break-

fast, arts/crafts, exercises, entertainment, devotional break, lunch, and game. Family members or acquaintances are invited. For details, call the church at 713-946-5768 or visit www.interfaithcarepartners.org.

Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – West End Group, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Rd. 39, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

Second Annual Galveston Cajun Crawfish Festival – set for Father's Day weekend, June 16-18, features musical entertainment, crawfish, festival foods from a variety of vendors, a crawfish eating contest and more. Set to kick things off from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday is the Pee Wee Bowen Band; Saturday Big E & The Lowdown and King Baby perform; and Sunday features Madalyn Hernandez, Grupo Fuerte and Monico Cortez Admission is free. No coolers, outside foods, drinks, alcoholic beverages, radio's, bicycles, pets and/or weapons will be allowed inside the venue. For details, visit galvestoncajunfestival.com or call 409-359-3045.

Serenity Now Al-Anon Group – meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.

Alcoholics Anonymous – "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

Summer Craft / Vendor Market – Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. There is something for everyone from A to Z. Come, stop and shop. Enjoy some delicious barbecue or a cool, refreshing Hawaiian-style shaved ice, Saturday, June 17, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For crafter and artisans to participate, contact Yvonne at 713-562-0584 or yvonnebejaran@gmail.com.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.

Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) – For women affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call 281-480-1911.

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Alcoholics Anonymous – meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.

Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

Grief Support Group – For adults who have lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. For details, call 281-487-8787.

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Al-Anon Deer Park – Mondays, 10 - 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.

Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

Seniors and Law Enforcement Together – SALT meetings are 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Madison Jobe Senior Center, 1700 East Thomas St., Pasadena on the third Monday. No December meeting. January meeting is on the second Monday. Meetings start timely and teach seniors how to avoid identity theft, scams, fraud, etc. Police officers and sheriffs may be in attendance. Free. Refreshments served. For details, call 713-477-0175.

Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park – 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

Genealogy Group – The Parker Williams Genealogy Group meets from 2 - 4 p.m. on the first and third Mondays at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. The public is invited to attend. Email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net.

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Mended Hearts Cardiac Support Group - A national organization dedicated to inspiring hope in heart patients and families meets the second Monday at the Clear Lake Heart Towers auditorium, 495 Medical Center Blvd., Webster. A free meal begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a speaker. For information, call 281-538-4648.

Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - Monday at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway, Pearland. Use door near recycling bins. For details, call 713-973-6633 or visit www.oahouston.org.

ESL at CrossRoads UMC - Academic ESL classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. No fee to attend. Call Cris at 832-724-4296 to register. 10030 Scarsdale Blvd.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For information, call 713-856-1611.

Sagemont Civic Club - Meetings are held the second Monday, 7 p.m., Sagemont Park Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes Rd.
Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group - meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the Team Conference Room. Anyone who's lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Mrs. Barry Craven at 281-486-4241 or R. Sanchez at 281-337-4365.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom - Israeli Folk Dancing on Monday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., 16020 El Camino Real, 77062. \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 sessions for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For information, contact 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Russell at 832-483-6715.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details.

Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For details, call 713-472-0565.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For details, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@texascitizensbank.com.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., 1:30 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713.

Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.

Young at Heart Club - Meets the second and fourth week monthly (Nov./Dec. meet second week only) at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call

Doris Byerly at 713-944-4474 for details.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

Hometown Heroes Park - has free Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dance, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card. Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For details, call Neva Schroder at 417-838-2204.

ESL at CrossRoads UMC - Academic ESL classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. No fee to attend. Call Cris at 832-724-4296 to register. 10030 Scarsdale Blvd.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.

Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention - Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support group for women. Visit www.bayareaturningpoint.org for information.

Bay Area New Democrats - Meet at the Clear Lake Court House at 1020 W. NASA Pkwy., Suite 204. For information, visit www.bayareanewdemocrats.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

CrossRoads UMC - Invites everyone to the Thursday night service beginning with a light meal and fellowship at 6 p.m. followed by a praise, worship and prayer service at 7 p.m. at 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Afterward both pastors lead a Bible study in English and Spanish. Everyone is welcome.

Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter - A social group focused on the culture, music, heritage and language of Texas German immigrants. Meets the third Thursday, monthly, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for details.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-856-1611.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 - 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.

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Julks goes to Astros in baseball draft – a dream matchup

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\$158,000, give or take. Julks was a four-year starter at Clear Brook and

was initially set to go the junior college route before latching on with Houston under the guidance of head

coach Todd Whitting. Julks, called 'Mr. Post-season,' by Whitting after being chosen by the As-

trots, initially caught fire at the plate following his freshman season with the Cougars.

He was first named to the All-American Athletic Conference All-Tournament squad and then made his way onto the Houston Regional All-Tournament squad.

In 2016 as a sophomore, Julks hit .332 and scored the first of two consecutive All-American Athletic Conference first team berths.

This season, with plenty of scouts no doubt looking on at the University of Houston, Julks doubled twice and hit two mammoth home runs during the Houston Regional.

The Astros have reportedly drafted Julks as a center fielder, yet his power potentially might translate better to a corner outfield spot in due time.

Julks hit 17 homers and drove in 111 runs over three seasons with the Cougars, but his power numbers have only increased in each of his three collegiate seasons.



With a solid blend of power and speed, Clear Brook Class of 2014 graduate and University of Houston junior Corey Julks was an eighth round pick of the Houston Astros in the MLB First-Year Player Draft June 13. Julks is expected to sign with the Astros and join the organization's minor league system sometime this summer.



University of Houston outfielder Corey Julks blasted a solo homer deep over the left-field fence in the bottom of the ninth inning against Texas A&M in the Houston Regional championship round to ignite a rally before the Cougars fell 4-3. Julks, a junior, hit two homers and added a pair of doubles in the tournament.

Photos courtesy of University of Houston athletics

Diaz among HABCA all-stars

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Houston Area Baseball Coaches Association All-Star Game series June 20 at the University of Houston.

Diaz, a three-year starter and unanimous District 22-6A first team all-district selection as a senior, will represent Dobie in the Class 6A Senior All-Stars North versus South game June 20, at 7 p.m.

Diaz, who will continue his education and playing career at Angelina College beginning this fall, will play on the South team, which will be led by the Deer Park High School coaching staff, including head coach Chris Rupp.

For Diaz, the 2017 season, his last at Dobie, likely could not have played out better. Minor arm issues prevented him from pitching either as a sophomore or a junior.

As a senior, Diaz also witnessed the game slowing down some for him. His experience at the varsity level paid off more than ever.

In 2017, Diaz was able to show what he can do as a two-way player and a left-handed pitcher. He's certainly hoping the same opportunities play out at Angelina.

He's throwing his fastball in the mid-80s at present, but the staff at Angelina, Diaz said, believes that with the correct throwing

program, he can step up his velocity using what is considered a strong arm from the outfield.

"I consider myself a two-way player, and it was nice to be able to showcase some of that this season at Dobie," Diaz said. "I'll go to Angelina as an outfielder, but they hope and I hope that I can increase my velocity on the mound and be a pitching option, too."

Despite adding the pitching aspect to his duties this season at Dobie, Diaz thrived. He hit well over .500 for the season and won both overall team Most Valuable Player and Top Offensive Player awards at Dobie.

"I'm really happy from an individual standpoint based on all of the hard work I put in," Diaz said. "A lot of players want to keep advancing in the game and give themselves the best chance possible to make a run at pro ball. If I can make improvements on the mound at Angelina, then maybe I increase my chances one day. I'm just ready for the next challenge."

Come June 20, Diaz is simply looking forward to working out with and competing with and against some of the Houston area's top players, including perhaps a few that saw their names called in the MLB First-Year Player

Draft. "I'm ready to go out there and compete," Diaz said. "I really only took a week off after our season ended at Dobie."

"I've been hitting a lot off of a tee and soft toss. I'm excited to go out there and get some swings in during the game."

The remainder of the South roster includes Clayton Aguilar and Peyton Sherlin of Class 6A state champion Deer Park, Hector Briceno of Chavez, Ronald Brown of Bellaire, Aaron Celestino and Isaiah Henry of North Shore, Lamar's Cameron Gibbons and Jacob Millender, Kyle Hargrove of Pasadena Memorial, Alvin's Marc Luna and Parker Osburn of Clear Creek.

The South roster is rounded out by Brandon Pruitt and Ryan Rickett of Travis, Dylan Rock of George Ranch, Fort Bend Bush's Cameron Foster, Dalin Stanton of Clear Springs, Pearlman's Jacob Whitehead and La Porte's Brett Williams.

Three Class of 2017 Lutheran South Academy graduates have been invited to play in the Class 5A/4A/3A/Private game, which will be played June 20, at 4:30 p.m., also at the University of Houston.

Those Pioneer players include Jake Cabler, Corey Flanagan and Michael Smith.

SBGSA's 12-under all-stars capture second at Metros



The South Belt Girls Softball Association's 12-under all-star team captured second place at the Metro tournament in La Porte June 11. The locals battled with six other all-star teams from local leagues before making the final. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Emily Delgado, Hailey Hernandez,

Claire Ramirez, Miriam Castillo, (middle row) Ashlee Garcia, Carissa Pena, Kaitlyn Olivares, Masdelyn Sepulveda, Juliana Padilla, (back row) coach Jorge Garcia, Briana Garcia, Melody Guerrero, coach Cruz Castillo, Christina Mejia and coach Robert Ramirez.

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