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### Sagemont election July 15

The Sagemont Maintenance Fund will hold an annual meeting Monday, July 15, at 6 p.m. at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer. All Sagemont homeowners, according to the deed restrictions, are a member of SMF. Only members in good standing, with no past due fees, can run for office or vote. The purpose of the meeting is to elect directors for the volunteer director's position. All Sagemont homeowners are encouraged to attend. Any homeowner interested in the volunteer position is urged to contact the SMF at [sagemont@att.net](mailto:sagemont@att.net) and/or attend the meeting.

### Games party June 29

Catholic Daughters Court #2292 will host its annual games party on Saturday, June 29, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 which include a meal with dessert, chance for a door prize and games and prizes. Contact Adele Roby at 832-692-3379 for games party tickets and Juanita Tristan at 281-814-6256 for 3-for-\$5 raffle tickets.

### New Covenant feeds needy

New Covenant Christian Church, 10603 Blackhawk, distributes food the second and fourth Saturday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. or until supplies run out. The purpose is to provide food for community people in need. The next event is June 22. For information, call 281-484-4230.

### Beverly Hills CC meets

The Beverly Hills Civic Club will meet at the Parker William Library June 20 at 5 p.m. The meeting room is located by the tax office side.

### Recycling old newspapers

The Leader is rallying its community to join hands in keeping the earth green by recycling old newspapers. Responding to the call of residents and teachers who are seeking old newspapers for packing, animal care and school projects.

The Leader asks that if one is in need of newspapers for anything to not use current newspaper and call the Leader at 281-481-5656. If one would like to donate old newspapers, drop them off at Leader office, 11555 Beamer, Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

### Beltway 8 closures planned

At least one eastbound frontage road lane on Beltway 8 will be closed continuously at Hughes Road/Sabo until further notice.

At least one northbound frontage road lane on Beltway 8 will be closed continuously from Fairmont Parkway to Spencer Highway until further notice. No detour will be needed but drivers should expect delays.

At least one southbound frontage road lane on Beltway 8 will be closed continuously from SH 225 to Pasadena Boulevard until further notice. No detour will be needed but drivers should expect delays.

### Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from SH 96/Calder/Brittany Bay in League City to FM 519/Main Street in La Marque daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. until further notice.

At least one northbound and one southbound frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from Deats Road in Dickinson to FM 2004/Camp Wallace Access Road in Texas City daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. until further notice.

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 519/Main Street in La Marque to Tiki Drive in Galveston daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. until further notice. The closures are associated with an ongoing construction project to widen the freeway from three to five lanes in each direction and the frontage roads from two to three lanes in each direction.

### Local COVID cases reported

The number of reported COVID-19 cases in the South Belt community remains roughly on par with the previous week, according to Harris County health officials.

As of Tuesday, June 18, there were 295 active cases in 77089, no change from the previous week. To date, 134 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week. In ZIP code 77075, there were six active cases, no change from the previous week. To date, there have been 84 deaths in the ZIP code, no increase from the previous week.

In 77034, there were six active cases, no change from the previous week. To date, 92 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

Statistics are updated weekly and include numbers from within the Houston city limits and throughout Harris County. To view an interactive map, visit [covid-harriscounty.hub.arcgis.com/pages/cumulativedata](http://covid-harriscounty.hub.arcgis.com/pages/cumulativedata).

### Library donations sought

Friends of Parker Williams Branch Library is seeking donated materials from the South Belt community. Items sought include DVDs, CDs, gently used children's books and adult fiction. Donations can be dropped off during regular library hours at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.

## July 4th parade now registering participants

Area residents are gearing up for the return of the annual South Belt Independence Day parade, set to take place Thursday, July 4.

This will mark the second time the parade has happened since 2020 when the event was put on pause due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Houston City Council Member Carolyn Evans-Shabazz will serve as this year's grand marshal of the parade.

The parade has been an annual event since 1988, except during COVID.

It is not too late to enter the parade, according to event organizers. All are welcome to participate in the event, including both commercial and non-commercial entries.

While it is not necessary to do so, participants are encouraged to decorate their vehicles, trailers and floats. Prizes will be awarded to the most pa-

triotic and most original entries in both commercial and noncommercial categories.

Community groups and nonprofit organizations may sign up for the parade at no charge, unless they wish to be eligible for a prize. Noncommercial entries competing for a trophy are required to pay \$25. Commercial entries are required to pay \$50, whether or not they choose to enter the contest.

The parade will depart from Beverly Hills Intermediate, 11111 Beamer, at 10 a.m. Participants are urged to arrive at least an hour early.

After leaving Beverly Hills, the parade route will then head north on Beamer to Fuqua, then east to Sabo/Hughes Road, before traveling south onto Beamer to the parade's final destination of

San Jacinto College South.

Due to the length of the parade route, participants are prohibited from walking it on foot.

Entry forms are available on Page 6 of this issue; visit the Leader Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/south.belt.leader>; online at [southbeltleader.com/Parade\\_form\\_2024.pdf](http://southbeltleader.com/Parade_form_2024.pdf) (online forms are to be printed out); and the Leader office, located at 11555 Beamer. Forms can be emailed to [mynews@southbeltleader.com](mailto:mynews@southbeltleader.com).

The forms are to be filled out and returned to the Leader before July 2. Once again, there will be no annual South Belt Fourth of July fireworks display this year, as it is funded by the South Belt Spectacular Cook-off, which has not been held since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Work stopped on motel?



The Hotel Royale which is a motel at 11503 S. Sam Houston Parkway, just west of Sabo and Beltway 8, appears to have come to a construction halt in the last few months. The project shown has a start date of Jan. 3, 2022, and a completion date of Oct. 31, 2022, at an estimated cost of \$2,000,000. The Leader has been unable to find out why the work has been halted, but hopes to have more information in next week's issue. Photo by Marie Flickinger

## City OKs agreement up to \$1.5B

**BREAKING:** At press time, city officials announced they had approved a historic collective bargaining agreement. In the works since 2017, the landmark agreement is expected to cost between \$1.2 and \$1.5 billion, officials said. See next week's Leader for more information.

This past week, City Council approved a \$650 million bond to cover the cost of a back-pay settlement between the city and Houston's firefighter union, along with a new HFD contract – the department's first since 2017.

Under the new contract, firefighters with the Houston Fire Department will receive an 18 percent salary increase beginning July 1, with additional pay raises through 2029.

Additionally, the new contract will require HFD firefighters to take drug tests, a requirement that had been waived in previous agreements.

While a small faction of City Council – led by Council Member Edward Pollard – felt the bond issue should go before voters, Mayor John Whitmire stressed this would only delay matters and cost more in the long run.

"We're playing with fire," said Whitmire. "Any delay is going to gut this settlement and to start over is absolutely in my judgment and experts', irresponsible. This has been going on for eight years. The public is tired of reading about it. They elected you – they elected us – to make a responsible tough decision."

## Investigation leads to multiple arrests

During the early morning hours of Friday, June 7, deputies with Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office, along with the assistance from the U.S. Marshals Service, concluded a narcotics investigation in the 11300 block of Sagewillow Lane, resulting in multiple felony charges.

The investigation concluded with the successful execution of a search warrant on a residence suspected of distributing illegal narcotics. The search warrant was executed by deputies from Precinct 2's Special Operations and Patrol Division, with assistance from the U.S. marshals.

The search warrant stemmed from a month-long investigation that was brought about by an anonymous tip. Garcia's Special Operations Unit immediately started working this tip and were later able to obtain the search warrant.

Upon executing this warrant, deputies took two suspects into custody and recovered firearms, methamphetamine, mushrooms, THC and

marijuana (See photo Page 2).

In the end, 38-year-old suspect Justin Salvatore was arrested and charged with the following felonies: delivery of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver and felon in possession of a firearm.

Also arrested was 43-year-old Jennifer Lee, charged the following felonies: possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver and possession of identifying information.

Garcia's office took to social media to celebrate the successful bust.

"In all, this was a very successful operation and collaboration with the U.S. Marshals in shutting down a neighborhood drug house," a post on the constable's Facebook page read. "Constable Garcia's deputies will continue to combat these types of problems throughout his precinct and bring safety to your neighborhoods. Please stay safe and God bless."

### Pct. 2 nabs Alameda shoplifter



A man was arrested Tuesday, June 11, for allegedly shoplifting from Alameda Mall. According to officials with Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office, deputies were dispatched to the mall after receiving a report that a suspect was being detained by a loss prevention officer at Macy's for allegedly stealing from the retailer. According to the security officer, the suspect – later identified as Jose Perez – had passed all points of sale with \$427 worth of stolen property on his person. Perez's identity was confirmed utilizing the department's mobile automated fingerprint identification system. Perez was transported to Harris County joint processing center, where he was booked into jail for a misdemeanor charge of theft.

## South Belt's McCrutcheon easily wins HCAD

The results have been tabulated from the June 15 Harris County Appraisal District board of directors runoff election, with longtime South Belt resident Ericka McCrutcheon easily winning the At-Large Place 3 race.

In that contest, McCrutcheon – who serves as president of the Kirkwood Civic Club – took home 62 percent of the vote (28,786 total votes) to Pelumi Adeleke's 38 percent of the vote (17,979 total votes).

In the At-Large Place 2 race, Kyle Scott handily defeated Melissa Noriega, receiving 57 percent of the vote (26,880 total votes) to Noriega's 43 percent (20,106 total votes).

There was no runoff election for the At-Large Place 1, as Kathy Blueford-Daniels was able to defeat opponents Bill R. Frazer and Ramsey Isa

Ankar by a 50-plus-percent majority in the May 4 election.

While McCrutcheon received approximately twice as many votes as Adeleke in the May 4 election, she fell just short of the 50-percent threshold needed to avoid a runoff.

Although the HCAD board of directors is not directly responsible for assessing property values, the newly elected members will have significant administrative responsibilities.

Their role includes hiring the chief appraiser, appointing members to the appraisal review board, setting the district's budget, and communicating with external stakeholders.

The winner of each contest will assume office July 1, 2024, and serve through Dec. 31, 2026.

## Trent Lilley visits with Sen. Ted Cruz



Trent Lilley (left) is shown with Sen. Ted Cruz at Texas Tuesday in the nation's capital. Trent is completing an internship with U.S. Rep. Randy Weber in Washington, D. C. He is a 2022 graduate of Texas A&M University and is pursuing a Master of International Affairs degree at Texas A&M. Trent is the son of Rebecca Lilley, director of community engagement at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital.

## SJC gala raises \$680,000

The San Jacinto College and LyondellBasell Hollywood Nights Gala presented by the Sinor Family was held on Friday, May 17, 2024, at the LyondellBasell Center for Petrochemical, Energy, & Technology at San Jacinto College.

The black-tie affair, hosted by the San Jac Foundation, raised nearly \$680,000 in support of the Promise @ San Jac Scholarship. The evening celebrated the real stars – San Jac College students – on their quest to achieve their educational goals.

"We are so grateful to everyone who supported and attended the gala," said Robert Cage, executive director of the San Jacinto College Foundation. "We thank the title sponsor LyondellBasell,

the presenting sponsor the Sinor Family, and each of our additional sponsors for committing to support San Jacinto College students. The evening was a great night of networking, fellowship, and most importantly, fundraising for San Jacinto College students."

The Hollywood Nights Gala featured a cocktail and networking hour where guests interacted with students, bid on silent auction items, took part in a gift card punch wall, and enjoyed appetizers and drinks. A three-course dinner followed, along with remarks, the presentation of the Legacy Award, and a

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## City of Houston OKs \$3.03 billion budget

Houston City Council on Wednesday, June 12, voted to adopt Mayor John Whitmire's proposed Fiscal Year 2025 budget, his first since taking office earlier this year.

According to Whitmire's office, the approved budget emphasizes public safety, drainage and infrastructure, including generators for multiservice centers to protect Houstonians during extreme weather emergencies.

The budget does not include any new fees or tax increases.

"This is a responsible budget that we can present to the public," said Whitmire, reaffirming his commitment to transparency and fiscal responsibility.

The announcement comes at a time when

the city is facing critical economic challenges, something Whitmire campaigned on fixing.

"Houston is broke," Whitmire said this past March, noting he inherited a financial mess from his predecessor. "I think we can all agree on that. We are broke. This gives us a chance to discuss the financial picture of this city. It is broken. It was broken when I got here."

The new FY25 General Fund Expenditure Budget, totaling \$3.03 billion an increase of \$74.3 million, reflects a \$12 million expenditure increase from adopted budget amendments. This increase, the slowest in four years, demonstrates the administration's commitment to strong financial management, with growth in expenditures

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# In My Opinion

## Cardenas shares hospital information

To further meet the health care needs of our ever-growing community, I am proud to announce that Memorial Hermann will be expanding further into the Brazoria County area with plans to open a free standing emergency department in the heart of Alvin.

The new facility will be a collaborative effort between Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital and Memorial Hermann service lines to provide a free standing 24-hour emergency department as well as expanded access to primary care through Memorial Hermann Medical Group, specialty physicians, sports medicine and rehabilitation and outpatient imaging.

Located at the intersection of State Highways 35 and 6, the 20,000 square-foot medical facility will be just miles away from Memorial Hermann Southeast and Pearland Hospitals should patients require an even higher level of care.

Construction to convert the existing space, formerly an Office Depot, is expected to begin in the coming months with the new medical facility scheduled to open in the summer of 2025.

We are excited for the new level of health care – which many have grown to trust and expect from Memorial Hermann – that this collaboration will bring to our Alvin community.

As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership as we further our vision to create healthier communities, now and for generations to come. Sincerely,

**Noel J. Cardenas**  
Senior Vice President and CEO  
Memorial Hermann Southeast & Pearland Hospitals

## Muecke on Freeway Manor Civic Club

To all, If you're interested in the Freeway Manor civic club I ask that you go to page 4 (of last week's issue) and read Remember When, 10 years ago 2014. This is when I was honored by the City of Houston and the State of Texas for what I had done for the Edgebrook community.

Something I wanted to do while I was President. Unfortunately, the club felt just having 4 meetings a year with a speaker was all that needed to be done. I saw much more, so resigned.

But My efforts were recognized.

Now how to run a civic club; you hold meetings, have speakers and take action on issues that need to be resolved.

Letter writing, getting city departments involved including your District E councilman Fred Flickinger and much more.

That is not happening today with the current club.

So disorganized, members not allowed to speak.

First Amendment ignored.

Somewhat, I feel we need new thinking, energy, ideas and leadership.

This change has to happen.

We have that in Ericka and Melinda. I hope all will clear their head and see this and follow up. We have the potential to be a much nicer community with the right people in place.

I am not asking for a pat on the back, while addressing issues I always used WE. So at the July meeting be prepared to discuss the future of the Freeway Manor civic club.

Jim Muecke

## Calvillo on Freeway Manor Civic Club

Good Day to All,

I appreciate your support and respect your opinions Mr. Muecke. Most importantly your passion and commitment to the community. Out of respect for all those that are driving the community forward I believe in the strength of unity and working together for a better tomorrow. A divided community does not strengthen our voice, nor does it represent us well.

When working with a group of volunteers in any project there will be differences of opinions, different perspectives, however in my 28 years of working and leading different projects/teams - respect and communication is key to be successful.

The unity we saw from our March 28th meeting and collaboration is proof that working together we are stronger than divided.

With this said, I also believe strongly in transparency especially when we are operating a nonprofit organization solely on community funds.

This account should be transparent, and the community should have a transparent report with a right to vote on how these funds are being spent. All monies

the work tools were taken.

Another member of the same Facebook group posted a photo of her husband's truck which was broken into between late June 17 or early June 18 on Kirkvale Drive. The back passenger window was broken and of her husband's tools were taken.

An additional member of the same Facebook group mentioned that her husband's work truck was broken into Friday, June 14, early morning. The member suggested other members to ask help from neighbors who have cameras to help them with the situation.

Respectfully,  
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The vision is lost, and it makes it very difficult for our community liaisons to work with us in a unified and community togetherness manner.

So, while we agree to disagree and waist valuable time disputing who gets the glory one thing is true: there are other communities that are actively seeking to revitalize their communities and working together as a community to hold their counsel members accountable in helping revitalize their communities and bridge the gap between the underserved communities and the vulnerable populations. Achieving equity among all individuals and populations equally by supporting welfare programs such as: Financial Wellness Education Programs, Career Workshops, Housing the unsheltered community, GED classes, protesting why they don't want one more government housing project built in their area, etc.

Making these programs available in our areas partnering up with different organizations. Participating in budget meetings and city council meetings to ask for a breakdown of how much funding is allocating to our specific area - here in the Edgebrook area for infrastructure purposes, community welfare programs, housing the homeless, crime/safety. Asking questions that come from the community in our meetings like a breakdown or update on projects being funded by the city or council members office in our area.

Our civic club should educate and empower our community to be that voice for the entire community and we should all be responsible for revitalizing our community not just one individual or one group of people. The civic club covers over 3800 homes within the 3 subdivisions and while yes there are times our civic club meetings house roughly 40 to 50 guests of that - how many are true members that live in our community. Because as of March 2024 we had active 27 paid members which equals out to roughly \$405 dues (\$15 per household).

Of the 27 members we have 9 board members actively willing to contribute back to the community in some way and 18 that will pay dues with hopes of the civic club being revitalized and making a difference. There is work to be done and when you have monthly expenses of over \$200 coming out of the account for miscellaneous expenses not accounted for and a total of \$405 dues collected a year this becomes a real challenge.

These are all valid questions that should be discussed at our meetings. When we had a potential member/guest attend this last meeting ask about HOA's or the possibility of an HOA to help with the issues we are facing. HOAs are managed by a management company for these reasons to have proper documentation on the money collected and how the money is spent.

We continue to ask for Deed Restriction Committees and By Laws Committees to help with the main issues we are having but on the flip side the President and VP want to pick who can sit on these committees that share their exact view or they will operate under their rules.

For this same reason they will not allow Mr. Muecke to sit on the By Laws committee no matter how much he has offered however they will reach out to him for support and advice on issues. Again, everyone has strengths to contribute to the community in some shape or form if we focus on who is truly benefiting from the strengths which is our community.

When it's all said and done, we are still the "ankle" of the foot as Mr. Muecke refers to in his analogy of how District E is districted which is why it's so important that we are united and not divided.

Food for thought for those that would like to take a look at the boundary of our district I invite you do so on our district E website this will give you an insight on how our district is districted in comparison to other districts and the challenges that our district faces.

Thank you again for the short time I had to serve on the board and even though we have differences of opinion I will continue to serve the community as I was before joining the board or the civic club and working with our City of Houston resources to revitalize our community and bring about the change that we so desperately need.

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# Hobby gets top rating nationally

Hobby Airport became the first and only 5-Star Skytrax airport in North America in 2022. Today, Hobby Airport is among 20 airports worldwide, and the only airport in North America with a 5-Star Skytrax rating. Bush Airport maintains its 4-Star Skytrax rating for a seventh consecutive year.

"Houston Airports serves as an economic engine for the City of Houston and a global hub that connects our passengers to every corner of the world.

"These rankings reaffirm and recognize the strategic improvements our team continues to make for an enhanced guest experience" said Jim Szczesniak, director of aviation for Houston Airports.

"Our airports are home to the world's best art and entertainment program, excellent customer service and a team of employees committed to delivering a world-class airport experience each time, every time," continued Szczesniak.

Other notable wins at the 2024 World Airport Awards:

Houston Airports has the 2024 World's Best Airport Art & Entertainment Program.

– Bush and Hobby airports rank among the top 40 best airports in the world.

– Bush and Hobby airports rank among the top three best airports in the world – based on passenger volume.

– IAH ranks among the top 10 world's best airport dining experiences.

– Hobby Airport is the best regional airport in North America (third consecutive win).

– Hobby Airport is the fourth best regional airport in the world.

**Hobby ranks among the top eight world's best airport staff in North America**

These categories of the 2024 World Airport awards were voted on by passengers through the largest annual global customer satisfaction survey.

According to Skytrax, airport customers were surveyed between August 2023 and March 2024. Airports do not pay to be included in the survey.

"Houston is a global city, and our airports provide outstanding service to millions of travelers annually. Hobby and Bush help us put our best foot forward for people traveling for leisure or business and the Skytrax honors confirm the dedication to detail and commitment to customer service prioritized by Houston Airports and its 1,200 city employees," said Kelly Woodward, chief operating officer of Houston Airports. "Another year of 5-Star and 4-Star ratings is proof that Houston Airports is moving in a positive direction where safety, cleanliness and efficiency are prioritized and our airports mirror the signature experience of our global city – an experience rooted in warmth, hospitality and a celebration of all cultures."

"We congratulate Hobby on their repeat success as the Best Regional Airport in North America, which is a remarkable display of consistency and customer service excellence," said Edward Plaisted, CEO of Skytrax.

At age 26, he moved to Houston to marry the love of his life, Diana Ruiz. Together, they built a life filled with love, trust and many adventures.

Ignacio was a devoted father to his three children, Yvonne, Abiel and Adriana Perez. He cherished his role as a grandfather to his granddaughters Tatiana and Kiara, and his grandson-in-law, Foster.

Ignacio loved being there for his loved ones, always making home improvements and going on trips with his beloved wife. Above all, Ignacio loved his family. He was a constant presence, always ready to offer support, and was cherished by many. He will be eternally missed, and his legacy will live on in the family's hearts forever.

The visitation was held at Peevey Funeral Home, Tuesday, June 18.

The funeral service was held at the Peevey Funeral Home, Wednesday, June 19. Interment will follow Saturday, June 22, at 11 a.m. at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery.

Collaborating on the county, state and federal levels. Let everyone know we have a great city and great people, but we have challenges, and if we meet those challenges, we will have a very bright future for our young people."

The new fiscal year begins July 1, 2024.

Also, during Wednesday's meeting, City Council voted to approve a historic bond agreement to finance backpay and other benefits owed to Houston firefighters. Council did not vote on a proposed collective bargaining agreement because the city controller had not certified the funds to cover the CBA.

It is anticipated that the item will appear on next week's City Council agenda.

# Houston OKs \$3.03 billion budget

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kept below the rate of inflation.

The budget will also fund six police and five fire cadet classes.

The adopted FY 2025 city budget includes the following highlights:

– Incorporates \$11.7 million of general fund reductions primarily attributable to vacancy reductions.

– Includes items allowing the city to build towards a more sustainable structural budget in FY 2026.

– Preserves an unrestricted fund balance of approximately \$86 million above the policy-required 7.5 percent reserve.

While the mayor is proud of his inaugural budget, he makes no bones of the fiscal challenges that lie ahead.

"The Fiscal Year 2025 Proposed Budget is my first budget, and a large financial challenge is ahead.

"While we were able to close the budgetary gap using a combination of recurring expenditure reductions and a draw on fund balance, we know there is much more work to do ahead of us."

Taking a business-like approach, Whitmire was surprisingly able to craft the new budget without the need for new taxes to generate revenue.

"This budget is paid for," said Whitmire. "So now, after we go through the next months into the fall, cutting out duplication and waste, we will conduct audit reviews and come out with a good government proposal to the citizens of Houston,



The above gun and narcotics were obtained during an early morning raid June 7 by Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office, along with assistance from the U.S. Marshals Service at a home in the 11300 block of Sagewillow Lane, resulting in multiple felony charges. (See related story Page 1.)

## Local library events set

In case of storms or adverse weather, refer to library website for details.

**Bracewell Branch Library**  
Bracewell Library is at 9002 Kingspoint. Customers are encouraged to visit the building to browse, check out and return materials, use the computers and Wi-Fi, and check out holds. For information, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/>. For online learning, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/online-learning-7556> or call 832-393-2580. Hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, noon – 8 p.m.; Fridays, 1 – 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Bracewell is closed Sundays.

Thursday, June 20, 3 – 4 p.m. Family story time.

Thursday, June 20, 3 – 4 p.m. Open Lab - computer class.

Monday, June 24, 11 a.m. – noon. Open Lab - computer class.

Tuesday, June 25, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Children's museum of Houston: the basics fun shop.

Tuesday, June 25, 4 – 5 p.m. Youth board games.

Wednesday, June 26, 6 – 7 p.m. Conversational living english lessons.

Visit <https://houstonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events> for more library events.

**Book drop**

The book drop is open. Library materials can be returned. The library continues to provide online resources to enjoy the library virtually. Large items such as FLIP kits or laptops should not be placed in the book drop, but taken inside.

**Parker Williams Library**

Parker Williams Library is open. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/reopening> for reopening information or the main website at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library>. The library will follow state and county guidelines for mask and social distancing.

The book drop is open. Social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

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

Thursday, June 20, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Toddler time.

Thursday, June 20, 2 – 4 p.m. Tech help.

Friday, June 21, 1 – 2 p.m. Genealogy.

Friday, June 21, 2 – 3 p.m. Community craft: perler bead keychain.

Friday, June 21, 4 – 5 p.m. Lego club.

Saturday, June 22, 2 – 3 p.m. Snake safari: a reptile encounter.

Monday, June 24, 11:15 – 11:45 a.m. Family story time.

Monday, June 24, 2 – 3 p.m. Full STEM ahead.

Tuesday, June 25, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Babies 'n' books.

Tuesday, June 25, 1 – 2 p.m. Citizenship 101.

Tuesday, June 25, 2 – 3 p.m. Full STEM ahead.

Wednesday, June 26, 4 – 5:30 p.m. 3D printer orientation.

**Parker Williams "No-Contact Curbside Holds Pick-Up"**

– After receiving notification that holds are ready for pickup, call 832-927-7870.

– Have a library card number and PIN handy.

– A pickup time and instructions will be given.

– Upon arriving, park in one of the two parking spots reserved for curbside holds.

– Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.

Hours are Monday, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 – 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for details.

**Online services**

– Use HCPL Wi-Fi service with HCPL's drive-up Wi-Fi.

– Download e-books and audiobooks, stream movies, research and learn at [www.hcpl.net](http://www.hcpl.net).

– Attend an HCPL program or story time online through Facebook or YouTube.

– Check an account to renew loans or request books, e-books, comics or graphic novels.

– Stream classic films, indie cinema and award-winning documentaries on Kanopy.

– Listen to audiobooks through RBDigital or OverDrive.

– Read along and play with picture books on TumbleBooks.

Don't have an HCPL library card? Instant access can be obtained to all HCPL's digital materials and research tools with an iKnow Digital Access Card. Apply at <https://www.hcpl.net/services/iknow-card> for a HCPL card. For details, visit <https://www.hcpl.net>.

# Deaths

## Ignacio Abiel Perez



Ignacio Abiel Perez was born in Paras, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, to Ignacio Perez and Eufemia Perez-Canti.

He was the eldest of seven siblings: Juan Jose, Victor Hugo, Rosa Nelly, Maria Eugenia, Maria Elena and Heberto Perez.

At age 26, he moved to Houston to marry the love of his life, Diana Ruiz. Together, they built a life filled with love, trust and many adventures.

Ignacio was a devoted father to his three children, Yvonne, Abiel and Adriana Perez. He cherished his role as a grandfather to his granddaughters Tatiana and Kiara, and his grandson-in-law, Foster.

Ignacio loved being there for his loved ones, always making home improvements and going on trips with his beloved wife. Above all, Ignacio loved his family. He was a constant presence, always ready to offer support, and was cherished by many. He will be eternally missed, and his legacy will live on in the family's hearts forever.

The visitation was held at Peevey Funeral Home, Tuesday, June 18.

The funeral service was held at the Peevey Funeral Home, Wednesday, June 19. Interment will follow Saturday, June 22, at 11 a.m. at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery.

## Glen Erickson



Glen Erickson, age 77, of League City, passed away Wednesday, June 12, 2024. Born March 3, 1947, in Parkersburg, W. Va. Glen was a cherished son of the late Evelyn and Earl Erickson.

In 1971, Glen married the love of his life, Gayle Cannon Erickson, and together they built a beautiful life filled with love, laughter and family.

Glen was a proud father of three boys: Todd, Trent, and Kurt Erickson, and a beloved grandfather to six grandchildren.

Glen was passionate about gardening, fishing and sports. He was often found cheering for his grandchildren at sporting events, tending to his vast garden or with a fishing pole. Glen's friends and family enjoyed dining on both his vegetables and fishing hauls.

Glen pursued a successful career in engineering after graduating from the University of Houston. His skill and dedication earned him respect and admiration from his colleagues.

Glen was active in the League City United Methodist Church of League City, or to one's favorite charity.

Glen will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His legacy will live on in the hearts of those he touched. May he rest in eternal peace.

South Belt community. Gayle and Glen moved into Kirkwood in 1973 and lived there 39 years, moving to League City in 2012. Glen was active in South Belt sports, coaching countless baseball teams as three boys went through the leagues. The Ericksons were also active members at Cokesbury through the 80's and 90's.

Gayle worked as a front office secretary at Dobie HS for many years and before that at Thompson Elementary.

Glen is survived by his beloved wife of 52 years, Gayle; his children Todd (Courtney) Erickson, of Austin, Trent (Andrea) Erickson of Colleyville and Kurt Erickson of Katy; and his grandchildren Mason Miles, Eloise, Lincoln and Madeleine; his brother, Earl (Lueron) Erickson of Powderly, Texas and

# Pasadena Memorial HS releases final 2023-24 student honor roll

Officials of South Houston High School have announced the final honor roll for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Ninth grade**  
Nadia Alyssa Abraham, Peyton Michelle Acevedo, Nayeli Tatiana Acosta Rios, Eduardo Acosta, Eric Elisio Acosta, Righteous Owusu Afriye, Gissel Andrea Aguilar, Veronica Aldana Portillo, Charlotte Elyse Allen, Daymian Alvarado, Kaylin Allyson Alvarez, Julian Antonio, Alexander Abel Aparicio, Carlos Leo Araoz and Jayden Isaiah Arispe.

Jose Antonio Arredondo, Israel Alexander Avila, Nancy Ayllin Avila, Javier Avilez, Hailey Alejandra Avina, Jennifer Bahena Rodriguez, Shabd Bains, Alyssa Marcelle Barnes, Asiel Basurto, Amanda Aiden Beason, Parker Jamison Bell and Noemy Bernardo De Los Santos.

Yogesh Bhandari, Alexis Kasimira Roxine Blankenship, Arnulfo James Boule, Jamie Branae Brown, Angela Fernanda Buenrostro, Kayla Nevaeh Calvo, Shaylee Brisa Calvo, Emily Campa, Renata Karina Campos, Erika Daniela Cantu, Mia Berenice Capps, Emery Arianna Cardenas, Nichole Isabella Carrizalez and Aiden Casas.

Azul Issel Castillo, Fernanda Elvira Castillo, Joseph Rick Castillo, Sofia Ines Castillo, Yvett Anabel Castillo, Brayan David Castro Gomez, Roberto Cavazos Centeno, Stephanie Cedillo, Sebastian Cepeda, Kayleigh Danyel Chaney, Bryan Chapa and Edgar Omar Chapa.

Amanda Cisneros, Lariah Renee Cisneros, Jose Alexis Coreas Vargas, Alexa Valentina Coreas, Aadrin Jaime Coronado, Carlos Alberto Coronado, Brayden Adam Cruz, Mikiah-Sky Loriahanna Cruz, Guadalupe Celia Cuencac, Camila Cuevas Hervet, Damian Aaron Cuevas, Micah James Derosse Delavey, Alexis Lorraine Dial, Michelle Victoria Damian and Marcos David Del Rio Armada.

Vida Kaelyne Delcid, Sebastian Jose Diaz Diaz, Adrian Diaz, Alan Eduardo Diaz, Betty Jeanine Diaz, Isabel Maria Diaz, Liz Gabriela Dominguez Rodriguez, Emma Ellaine Drey, Kayleen Marie Encino, Jasiel Escamilla, Alicia Liana Escobar, Gabriella Agnes Escobedo, Omar Esparza and Vanya Mariel Espinoza.

Reina Joleigh Estrada, Alejandro Facundo Moreno, Jordan Amir Faraj, Lesly Elizabeth Flores Canchola, Karla Sarahi Flores Espino, Ariana Avigail Flores, Eileen Flores, Isaac Benjamin Flores, Jaidyn Albert Flores, Diana Galvan, Evan Daniel Garcia Aranda, Gabriel Alexander Garcia, Jayden Celeste Garcia, Sofia Sarahy Garcia, Bianca Anahi Garza, Isaac Marcus Garza and Israel Esau Garza.

John Anthony Garza, Logan Hunter Gerber, Amber Rose Gibbens, Emily Lyla Gil, Aaron Xavier Gomez, Alan Gomez, Marlene Fabiola Gonzalez Hernandez, Hiromi Yoseline Gonzalez Ramirez, Kenneth Neftali Gonzalez Torres, Alexa Rose Gonzalez, Anamaria Gonzalez, Angelina Nicole Gonzalez, Anthony Gonzalez, Enrique Tabare Gonzalez, Ian Paeton Gonzalez and Judith Monserrat Gonzalez.

Vanessa Jolynn Gonzalez, Alana Denise Green, Brooklyn Shavon Green, Kara Grace Gregory, Angela Guadarrama, Ana Rebecca Guerrero Gonzalez, Priscilla Esmeralda Guevara, Fredy Damian Gutierrez, Sofia Lee Gutierrez, Lisandro Guzman Amaya, Crystal Guzman and Rogelio Izak Guzman.

Jayda Lorrin Hall, Luke Aaron Harris, Jackson Ryan Hartness, Grace Gloria Hernandez, Grace Liana Hernandez, Hennessy Hernandez, Joaquin Christopher Hernandez, Jose Luis Hernandez, Valeria Hernandez, Vincent Luis Herrera, Asia Evella Hester, Abigail Hinojosa, Victoria Vy Hoang, Lia Valentina Huerta Maciel, Judd Zephyr Huerta, Areli Cassandra Ibarra, Briyante Jena Izaguirre, Isabel Maria Izaguirre and Kamillah Lyzzeth Izaguirre.

Terilyn Alexandria James, Jason Steve Jimenez-Rodriguez, Isabella Grace Jimenez, Landon Timothy Johnson, Jayden Christopher Jones, Jilary Yurizya Julian, Breonna Marie Lacey, Anthony Bryan Le, Garth Henry-Floyd Leiber, Anahi Jalynn Lomas, Giovanni Lopez Barajas and Jose Arnoldo Lopez.

Marcus Anthony Lopez, Peyton Addison Lopez, Savannah Leigh Lott, Genesis Mercedes Lozano, Nailea Arriana Luevanos, Bryan Luna, Scarlett Yattana Luque, Kayli D'anne Lynch, Krish Mulsaria, Olivin Alexander Maldonado Navarro, Dylan Ivan Maldonado, Amy Alejandra Marchante, Desiree Angelina Mares and Valorie Faith Marshall.

Alfonso Joaquin Martinez, Fernanda Martinez, Isabella Ann Martinez, Jose Alfredo Martinez, Marlon Nelson Martinez, Adam Mata, Alessandra Isela Mata, Joeline Phitsamai Matha, Emilio Adrian Mayorga, Sofia Mazon Pineda, Kylie Rianne McCoy, Michael Tyler McFarland, Annakaren Melchor, Alexa Aide Melendez Rivera, Angel Moses Melendez, Skyler Eve Mendiola and Genesis Angelina Mendoza.

Javier Ramon Merino-Ruiz, Jayden Michael Miller, Cornelius Dewayne Milton, Cristopher Joseph Molina, Ramiro Monroy, Fatima Montero, Sadoc Morales, Annalee Celest Moreno, Jose Luis Moreno, Kevin Nathan Moreno and Larissa Jolie Moreno.

Gavin Knight Moron, Brynyn Alison Morrison, Chloe Michelle Morse Zavala, Alejandra Lizbeth Mosqueda, Jaylene Mosqueda, Kamilah Ivonne Munoz, Karissa Itzel Munoz, Luis Arnoldo Munoz, Andrew Khang Nguyen, Han Helen Ngoc Nguyen, Madelyn Nguyen, Nam Hoang Nguyen, Ngoc Dong Phuong Nguyen, Andrea Silvia Nuncio, Grace Maria Ojedaa and Juliana Esthela Olivo.

Aldo Isai Ortiz Garcia, Aliah Ortiz, Sodana Oun, Layla Melody Palacios, Maria Mireya Palmeros, Geirys Paniagua Caridad, Andrew Rex Pasos, Andrew Perez Reyna, Alvaro Perez, D'angelo Xavier Perez, Genevieve Perez, Marelly Angely Pinon, Gabriella Ines Pinto, Amanda Isabel Portillo, Cruz Andrew Prado and Raelynn Puga.

Adrian Matthew Ramirez, Ariana Ramirez, Joannara

Angelica Ramirez, Melanie Guadalupe Ramirez, Joseph Anthony Ramon, Aurimarie Ramos Ramos, Mary Carmen Ramos Ramos, Janielys Marie Ramos Rodriguez, Juan Miguel Ramos, Itzel Rangel, Jeremy Edward Rangel and Yanixan Roboredo.

Sarjay Ileanast Restrepo Molina, Metzelder Adonay Reyes, Margarita Lizeth Rios Jaimes, Brandon Isaias Rios, Soraya Mirella Rios, Manuel Eduardo Rivera Joachin, Adrian Rivera, Ayden Joshua Rocha, Andrew Rodriguez, Fernando Rodriguez, Genesis Daniela Rodriguez, Jaylie Karlyze Rodriguez, Jesus Baltazar Rodriguez, Jorge Luis Rodriguez, Kevin Rodriguez, Yamilex Nayeli Rodriguez, Analia Rubio, Angela Yvette Saez, Giselle Salas and Jose Orlando Sanchez.

Santiago Sanchez, Tylene Anthony Santiago, Mariela Guadalupe Santibanez Rodriguez, Jayden Sawh, Ana Cristina Sermeno, Magalie Esmeralda Serma, Mariah Serma, Caden Maddox Shelton, Serenity Kierra Shephard, Andrea Guadalupe Silva Salazar, Ne'vaeh Grace Simmons, Ryder Blake Smith, Natalia Soriano, Arianna Lashay Sowell, Yanelly Alexandra Suarez, Carlos David Tavora Martinez, Sydney Han Tavu and Te'shaun Lamar Taylor.

Ian Troy Teer, Bethany Marie Torres, Emma Nicole Torres, Kevin Andre Reid Toussaint, Tam Minh Tran, Angel Adea Trevino, Conrad Bradley Tsend, Erick Eduardo Ulloa, Guadalupe Uriostegui, Noahmiah Zhen Urrabazo, Alejandro Urrutia, Oscar Gael Vasquez, Jose Manuel Vasquez and Joshua Rafael Vasquez.

Cesar Emanuel Vega, Isabella Vega, Eduardo Vela, Angel Yandel Velazquez, Mario Velazquez, Giovanna Alexander Veloz, Paula America Verdugo Castillo, Daniel Enrique Vigil and Julianna Marie Villareal.

Marely Anahi Villareal, Victor Villasegor, Chelley Madelyn Villatoro, Christian Daniel Villatoro, Cordae Xaviery Washington, Aaliyah Nevaeh Whitaker, Jaydine Ray White, Jenise Taylor Williams, Josiah James Williams, Riley Breann Wilson, Marilyn Anai Zamora and Priscilla Itzel Zelaya.

**10th grade**

Isabella Abrego Soriano, Helen Acosta, Kianna Arisbel Acosta, Amanda Aguilar, Estrella Aguilar, Nathaniel Jedidiah Alaniz, Jasiel Altamirano, Gwendalynn Fay Alvarado, Jose Felipe Alvarez, Raul Emmanuel Alvarez, Sarah Michelle Angel and Leilani Rihanna Ante.

Abel Jacob Antony, Jair Alexander Araujo, Camila Arguello, Manuel Arredondo, Jewels Arteaga, Alexandra Guadalupe Avalos, Emberlynn Daveigh Ayala, Kymelida Ayala, Savannah Lawren Ayers, Camille Patricia Barahona, Sonia Joann Barraza, Kayleen Basurto, David Russell Baughman, Aileen Amari Becerra, Veronica Guadalupe Berrones and Xavier Alfredo Blanco.

Breana Arleth Borja, Kaitlyn Emily Breen, Colton Anthony Broussard, Elizabeth Tamhui Bui, Tran Thi Huyen Bui, Lucas Daniel Calderon, Tyson Thomas Caldwell, Daniela Alexandra Camarillo,

Donovan Effenberg Campos Blanco, Valerie Yolanda Campos, Angie Dayana Canenguez Flores, Hazel Melanie Canenguez Flores, Dafne Sofia Carmona, Paighton Elizabeth Carr and Israel Valentin Carrascal.

Angelique Guadalupe Carrasco, Marlin Bell Carter, Karen Alicia Castillo, Matthew Castillo, Mariah Zada Castro, Max Enrico Cazares, Vanessa Cedillo, Syboney Cervantes, Eden Chapa, Jaslyne Chapa, Angelina Chavez, Victoria Denisa Chireanu, Kylie Marie Christiansen, Aidan Abraham Cisneros, Nathan Cisneros and Ava Elizabeth Condado.

Casey Elizabeth Crawford, Brayan Joaquin Cruz Antonio, Edelmiro Cruz, Esmeralda Cruzado De Jesus, Adrian Cuevas, Camila Monserrat Davila, Jacob Andrew Davis, Lilyana Samantha Davis, Alberto De Jesus De Alba, Jalsia Sandra De Bose, Carlos Alberto De La Garza and Betzaida De La O.

Daniella De Leon, Juan Diego Del Angel, Alysabeth Katherine Deleon, Ja'niya Norie Denmon, Israel Diaz, Kimberly Celest Diaz, Kristel Anne Marie Dimon, Calla Renee Dockery, Esiah Jesus Duenez, Sofia Isabella Duffey, Kimberly Duran, Fabian Eloy Elizondo, Mariana Escamilla, Nathan Samuel Escamilla, Julemy Lizeth Espinal Hernandez and Evelyn Elizabeth Fernandez.

Kenzie Diana Fernandez, Angie Belen Flores, Luis Jesus Flores, Ximena Flores, Xavier Alexander Franco, Andy Fresco Hernandez, Harold Yair Funez, Oscar David Gallo-Briuzuela, Lia Sofia Garcia Colcho, Favio Catarino Garcia Cueva, Lauren Elisabeth Garcia and Caleb Kordell Gardner.

Silvana Garza Perez, Damian Guadalupe Garza, Damiel Jolie Garza, Jose Luis Garza, Julian Ivan Garza, Brissa Colette Gaytan Montemayor, Josiah Sanjay George, Alfredo Gomez, Andrew Alexander Gomez, Ashley Jhanly Gomez, Michaelangeles Logan Gomez, Osiel Gomez and Anthony Aeron Gonzales.

Genesis Gonzalez, Mia Elizabeth Gonzalez, Victoria Sofia Gonzalez, Bryan Alexander Goyortua, Sanaa Alexis Green, Alexae Nevaeh Guerra, Sofia Danielle Guerra, Henrik Guerrero, Kaydence Marie Guerrero, Jennifer Carolina Guevara, Menelik Joseph Gurnell and Rangel Scott Guzman.

Diego Sebastian Hernandez, Kamila Hernandez, Kaylyn Marie Hurst, Daniel Alexander Ibarra, Sebastian Jimenez, Cadie Nevaeh Jones, Elena Biani Jurez, Phoebe Ann Kaatz, Tristian Gage Koutahzahed, Rayne Lea-Anne Larson, Hailey Marie Leiber and Nicholas Andrew Licerio.

Ellen Jackelyn Licona, Michalee Daniel Longoria, Dalilah Lopez, Eliuth Ezequiel Lopez, Elizabeth Lozano, Katalina Lozoya, Jonathan David Luna, Natalia Macias, Nayelly Betzaira Marquez, Angel Gabriel Martinez, Kevin Alexander Martinez, Marcos Gregorio Martinez, Melvin Jose Martinez, Osbaldo Salvador Martinez, Vanessa Martinez, Jewel Justice Mayo and

Damhailey Medel. Spirit Gemima Millan, Charles Weldon Mitchell, Amirah Fazia Mohammed, Jonathan Mojica, Andrew Luis Molinar, Katy Sun Moncayo, Miguel Angel Mondragon, Aura Alexandra Monge, Adam Alexander Monreal, Alfa Alejandra Montalvo, Eric Javier Montemayor, Saray Montenegro Reyes and Sherlyn Alejandra Montero.

Camila Yutzil Montoya, Kailey Elizabeth Montoya, Dalia Jacobed Morales, Delayah Jazlyne Morales, Devani Miranda Morales, Gabriel Morales, Juliet Jazmin Moreno, Pamela Alexandra Moreno, Mark Alexander Motal, Alexis Rae Munoz, Yatziri Paola Najera, Mariangel Navarro and Victoria Elizabeth Navarro.

Angela Esmeralda Neavez, Anh Ngoc Ngoc, Benny Nguyen, Delaya Phuc Nhi Nguyen, Tien Nguyen, Tuan Minh Nguyen, Vivian Doan Nguyen, Karina Elizabeth Nino, Samantha Ann Nix, Alex Bernardo Nunez-Hernandez, Melanni Ochoa Flores, Alana Naomi Oliver, Karla Giselle Omelas, Lindsey Grace Orocio and Chelssy Mary Orta.

Brodie James Ortiz Cantu, Benjamin Deandre Ortiz, Ignacio Ortiz, Jennifer Dominique Ortiz, Monserrat Osorio, Bryan Oviedo, Lina Alexandra Parada, Kera Renee Peavy, Isabella Stephanie Pelaez, Jasleen Penaloza, Eduardo Perez, Ethel Julian Perez, Gloria Faithann Zavala Perez, Khanh Duy Phan, Victoria Anne Prado and Sebastian Roman Punte.

Anya Caitlynn Quezada, Priscilla Monique Quiroga, Arturo Ramirez, David Ramirez, Mikaela Mariana Ramirez, Lane Alan Ramos, Luis Angel Rangel, Natalie Yvette Rangel, Dayami Michelle Reyes, Dilan Yeraih Reyes, Rebecca Gail Reyes, Ximena Dalylth Rios, Devan Robert Robison, America Lilyann De Jesus Rodriguez and Ashly Marely Rodriguez.

Bianca Jade Rodriguez, Daniella Michelle Rodriguez, Davian Rodriguez, Emma Savannah Rodriguez, Jacklyn Dalila Rodriguez, Walter Vladimir Rodriguez, Grace Camilla Romano, Ryan Aleksander Roque, Karen Julianna Rozon Santos, Dia Alexandra Rueda and Sophia Guadalupe Sagastizado.

Isabella Salas, Melanie Itzel Salcedo-Molina, Andrea Nicole Salinas, Camila Sanchez, Julian Geronimo Sanchez, Samantha Lizeth Sanchez, Marlenie Sandoval, Evan Grant Santos, Emilia Anabel Schneider, Dianey Serna, Alejandro Serrano, Tomas Hernan Serrano, Christian James Slattery, Abigail Anna Lydia Smith, Braden Alexander Smith, Yulith Daniela Soler Carrascal, Sebastian Solis, Ventura Solis, Sydney Marie Stewart and Janie Merced Tepeh.

Khanh Linh To, Keiry Katherin Torres Villanueva, Dominic Juy Torres, Isaac Torres, Mario Alberto Torres, John Hoang Tran, Melanie Tran, Nicole Anh Tran, Rachel Linh Tran, Tin Duc Tran, Jolie Monet Trejo, Samantha Anahi Trevino, Rodrigo Valdez Gonzalez, Manuel Alejandro Valladares Morales, Arturo Valles and Elanya Guadalupe Vasquez.

Luna Ixchel Vazquez, Angel Damian Vega, Jared Ethan Vega, Annette Sarai Vela, Catherine Jazmin Vigil, Alice Yetzany Villa, Daniella Itzel Villareal, Jaxon Cade Villareal, Joshua Connors Washington, Piper Leigh Welborn, Vanessa Wu, Alexia Janeth Zamora Manrique, Juan Jacob Zamora, Nora Jocelyn Zapata Oyervides, Catherine Alexandra Zelaya, Keyla Norelys Zeledon Moreno, Karen Nicole Zuniga and Yamil Zuniga.

**11th grade**

Joel Acosta, Leila Emralino Afleje, David Aguilar, Abigail Ake, Hephzibah Gabriela Alaniz, Idaly Alarcon-Reyes, Lidia Andrea Aldana Portillo, Dashiell Stone Allen-Smith, Kimberly Amador, Joselyn Paulina Amaro, Karla Marisol Amaya, Raquell Elizabeth Amaya, Fabian Amor, Kemora Neshae Andrade, Keiley Erin Anthony and Alphin Eliza Antony.

Vanessa Arana, Jonathan Arizmendi, Luis Armas, Metao Malique Armstrong, Brisa Anahi Arredondo, Yazmin Arteaga Del Real, Yesenia Arteaga Del Real, Felicity Arteaga, Roselyn Abigail Aviles, Riyam Issa Baba, Josiah Joshua Balderaz, Aldrin Magampan Baluyut, Julio Barron and Sandra Barron.

Patrick James Ong Bernal, Daniel Berrones, Edward Rigoberto Bisono Feliz, Marycathryn Boyer, Jade Alicia Brodowski, Aslyn Buenrostro, Ellie Irene Cantarero, Tommy Tring Cao, Ellen Jazive Carrillo, Josiah David Castillo Murcia, Perla Jazelle Castillo, Valerie

Cavazos, Marcelly Cazares and Omayra Cerda.

Francisco Chang, Sarahi Itzenia Chavez Martinez, Tiffany Kay Cole, Kevin Alexander Colindres, Jacob Jonatan Condado, Adison Bailey Cooper, Catherine Cruz, Kimberly Lizeth Cuencas Carbajal, Miranda Cuevas, Adam Benjamin De Roussee Daley, Shane Michael Daly, Elizabeth-True Kieu Dao, Juan Pablo Del Angel and Levi Asaf Del Angel.

Estrella Jollette Del Rio, Charles Richard Denham, Kendra Danielle Denoon, Engelis Estefania Diaz Diaz, Jesus Enrique Diosaobot, Kevin Scott Drey, Allison Anahi Duran Ramos, Eden Xavier Encizo, Alitzel Nayeli Enriquez, Jaime Damian Escamilla, Naomi Cibonet Escareno, Yonnis Alejandro Escobar, Diego G. Escobedo and Daniela Esparza.

Isabel Yesenia Espinoza, Julian Estrada Zavaleta, Adam Antonio Estrada, Daniel Estrada, Joseylyne Sophia Estrada, Delayna Marissa Fernandez, Kayshia Crystal Flores, Yaretzi Anahi Flores, Jeffrey Galan, Jennifer Arleth Galan, Jasadee Lynn Gaona, Jessica Paola Garcia Ayala, Josue Garcia Mayorga, Isaias Soliz Garcia, Kamila Nicole Garcia, Maria Elen Garcia, Nahomi Garcia.

Valeria Garcia, Jesus Auden Gardea, Cole Scott Gardner, Arlene Anabelle Garza, Gavin Jose Garza, Victor Garza, Xavier Garza, Elena Ghelli, Eduardo Gomez, Iveth Gomez, Mauro Daniel Gomez, Mia Gomez, Angie Gonzalez, Gael Emir Gonzalez, Gerardo Gonzalez, Kassandra Lizbeth Gonzalez, Nashly Gonzalez, Nathan Manuel Gonzalez, Daphne Joselynn Goyortua, Dayanara Montserrat Granados, Sophia Ivonne Grote and Sayuri Guadarrama.

Daniel Guevara, Alyzza Marie Guillen, Nayeli Gutierrez, Olivia Nicole Guzman, Serenity Mon'elaine Hall, Aubrey Anne Hamilton, Lesliany Juliana Heredia, Jasmine Mona Hernandez, Michelle Angie Hernandez, Sabino Vera Hernandez, Erick Daniel Herrera Salazar, Victoria Terrel Heslip, Gavin Xavier Hinojosa, Ngoc Han Ho, Kayla Thuy Dung Ngoc Hoang, Musaab Munim Hoque, David Christian Houser, Kristine Ngoc Huynh and Kara Marie Ingersoll.

Elizabeth Marie Interiano Madrid, Eugenio Islas, Jeremiah Nicholas Isom, Phillip Dewayne Jessie, Francisco Xavier Jimenez, Gisselle Alicia Jimenez, Christopher Sanders Jones, Marco Antonio Juarez, Michael Deshaun Judson, Keevin Demond King, Britney Le, Ngan Luu Thai Le, Natalia Leal, Ileana Jacquelin Leija, Angelina Marie Lopez, Mario Alberto Lopez, Victor Manuel Lopez and Alina Michelle Loreda.

Miguel Jose Lozano, Kimberly Luviano, Nevaeh Niamae Mancias, Gabriel Marcos, Isaac Adam Marro, Isabella Nicole Marshall, Callie Paige Martin, Angel Daniel Martinez, Jonathan Isai Martinez, Kayla Martinez, Samantha Martinez, Sean Riley McCoy, Karyme Eline Medina, Manuel Manrique Mejia and Yamileth Citlali Melendez.

Angelina Mendez, Ethan Mendoza Vazquez, Gabriel Sebastian Mendoza, Sophia Elena Mendoza, Juan Carlos Merino-Ruiz, Aiden Conner Moes, Grecia Monarez, Estefania De Teresa Montalvo, Gabriel Allen Montemayor, Sahana Yaritza Montemayor, Giselle Antonia Moreland, Samantha Nicole Moreno and Bryant Morfin.

Ibtihaj Mubashir, Jose Luis Muniz, Camila Navarro Moran, Bryana Elizabeth Negrete, Judith Alexandria Nelson, Emily Neri, Tony Ngoc Ngo, Alex Triluan Nguyen, Christine Thanh Nguyen, Cindy Ngoc Han Nguyen, Huong Pham Quynh Nguyen,

Vinh Quoc Nguyen, Orlando Eliud Ochoa, Alan Everardo Olvera and Angela Gabriela Orellana.

Avril Ortega Arceo, Citlali Esperanza Ortiz Pedraza, Julian Aron Ortiz, Sodanin Oun, Aldo Troncoso Padron, Charles Martin Palacios, Faith Haley Paredes, Hailey Nicole Parsons, Jush Dhan-sukhbhai Patel, Alejandro Andres Paternina, Osman Paz, Isaac Pereda, Ashley Joselyn Perez, Bethany Lily Perez, Magaly Jewel Perez, Linh Tuyet Pham, Khang Tran Tuan Phan and Bianca Aurora Pinto.

Luis Francisco Portilla, Angelica Ramirez Escobar, Caleb Anthony Ramirez, Jollette Ramirez, Mia Anahi Ramirez, Jayden Robert Rangel, Emma Kate Reeves, Amber Elizabeth Reyes, Andre Jay Reyes, Joshua Daniel Reyes, Jayme Rene Reyna, Magally Reyna, Erica Flor Rivas, Ernesto Rivas, Aaliyah Leann Robles and Anthony Rafael Rodriguez.

Austin Vik Rodriguez, Emelyn Leanne Rodriguez, Jesse Alexander Rodriguez, Kelly Nicole Rodriguez, Mel-anie Evelyn Rodriguez, Oziel Isaias Rodriguez, Rodolfo Denzel Rodriguez, Yeimy Ibeth Romero Zavala, Amy Joanna Romero, Damaris Nayeri Romero, Manuel De Jesus Romero, Sheyla Anahi Romero, Krisslynn Marie Roque and Genesis Abigail Rosales Alfaro.

Ricardo Rubio, Andrea Isabel Saenz, Andrea Isabel Sagastizado, Christopher Sahagun, Isaac Lio Salazar, Victor Salazar, Arlynn Salinas, Isabella Grace Sanchez, Karen Yuried Sanchez, Rosemary Sanchez, David Santos, Christian Daniel Sims, Maria Karla Soler Rodriguez, Jaylin Sosa, Marbella Sosa and Megan Elizabeth Stuart.

Lena Crystal Swick, Makaylla Ivette Talavera, Nikki Janelle Tamez, Yasbelin Tavera, Shaylen Denise Ann Thompson, Amayah Isabel Torres, Bryan Matthew Torres, Maria Elizabeth Torres, Anh Phuong Truong To, Fatima Isamari Valdez, Athena Velez, Silvia Susana Viethna, Marianna Villalobos, Angeli Daniela Villarreal, Rivelio Ilyana Villasegor and Paeton Avyree Walker.

Daysha Elexxus Ward, Madalynn Cary Welch, Cheyenne Nicole Wetmore, Alana Nicole Whitaker, Akayla Nicole Williams, Jo'anna Williams, Brooklyn Janette Wright, Vivian Wu, Evelyn Elena Yarez, Joan Alexander Zamora, Paulina Zapata and Anthony Jose Zeledon Moreno.

**12th grade**

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## Astronauts visit Houston Methodist Clear Lake

On June 13, NASA astronauts Michael Coats and Michael Fossum visited patients at the Houston Methodist Neal Cancer Center at Clear Lake earlier this week as part of the White House Cancer Moonshot, a national effort that aims to cut the cancer death rate in half over 25 years and save four million lives by 2047.

Coats is a former director of NASA's Johnson Space Center who spent 13

years as a space shuttle astronaut. He is a veteran of three flights and logged more than 463 hours in space. Fossum is the chief operating officer of Texas A&M University at Galveston. He flew into space three times and served aboard the International Space Station.

The astronauts chatted with infusion center patients and staff and handed out autographed photos, NASA pins, patches and stickers. Judging

by the smiles on patient faces, the visit was a welcome and happy distraction.

According to the World Health Organization, one in five people will develop cancer in his or her lifetime. The disease touches all in some way and remains the second-leading cause of death, despite progress made in recent decades. The Cancer Moonshot initiative launched in 2016 to accelerate scientific discovery in cancer research,

foster greater collaboration and improve the sharing of cancer data. By focusing on areas of cancer research that are most likely to benefit patients because of new investment, the Cancer Moonshot has brought together a large community of patients, advocates, researchers and clinicians dedicated to advancing research to improve the lives of people with cancer, those at risk and their loved ones.



Astronauts Michael Fossum (left) and Michael Coats (center) visited with Diana L. Bradber, patient at the Houston Methodist Neal Cancer Center at Clear Lake as part of the White House Cancer Moonshot effort.



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# Desire to shape lives spurs Barber to new position

**By Andrew Alkire**  
The office is welcoming, as is the lady behind the desk, who gets up and greets me immediately with a warm smile and handshake. Both are a reprieve from the hot May afternoon. If the heat were affecting Stacey Barber, it is impossible to tell; her energy and enthusiasm are apparent – attributes of someone who has not only worked hard in their profes-

sion, but also pushes others to work hard. Barber, an educator for 27 years, has good reason to feel giddy. She was recently promoted to executive director of Professional Development and Events in the Pasadena Independent School District, but not before serving as a teacher, peer facilitator, assistant principal, and principal at Beverly Hills Intermediate School for 24 years; 10 of those years as principal. She boasts an impressive resume, which includes being awarded Principal of the Year (2020).

Under her leadership, Beverly Hills also received a CREST Award, which recognizes a school for being dedicated to improving the lives of students in their personal as well as academic lives. The school's motto, "Do your personal best" is reflective of her personality – upbeat and positive – and matches the lilt of her voice. Her youthful disposition is indicative of someone just beginning a career in the field of education, not that of a seasoned educator.

Her eyes dance excitedly as she explains what motivated her to start what has turned out to be a stellar career. "I'm very lucky," said Barber. "My dad was a teacher before retiring as the dean at Grayson County College, in Sherman, Texas where I grew up. "I was always around education. I come from a family of educators. My sister is an educator. "I don't know that I ever looked at anything else. (Being an educator) is just some-

thing I knew I always wanted to do." The desire to further shape the lives of young people spurred her move into administration. "Pretty early on in teaching, I realized not only did I want to impact my students, but I would also love to impact more students," said Barber.

"That's why I went into that administrative role, because I was able to impact even more students than just the students I was able to teach on a daily basis." A highlight of her career was serving in many different capacities at Beverly Hills. "When you're a teacher on a campus it is very unusual to become an assistant principal at the same campus you taught at, and even more unusual to become the principal of that campus," said Barber. "A high point for me was obviously not only getting this promotion but getting to work in the South Belt community almost my entire career."

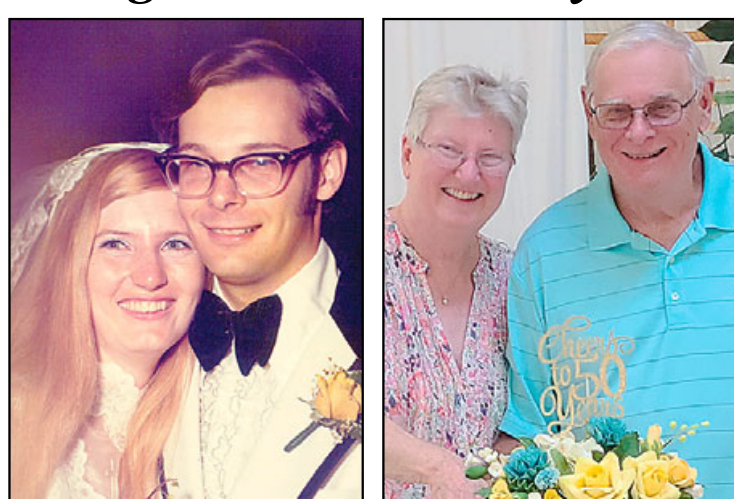
Carla Castillo, executive secretary at Beverly Hills for 15 years, gushed about the impact Barber had on the school. "She was amazing – a true leader," said Castillo. "She always looked out for her students and the community." Not only did the popular administrator take an interest in her colleagues' professional lives, but their personal ones as well.

When instructional coach Thelma Baeza's mother took seriously ill and entered a hospice, Barber was there to comfort her. "I burst into tears when I told her about my mom. She gave me advice I could handle. She is so kind and caring. She was like our momma bear," said Baeza. Baeza felt so close to the former principal that she once changed her name on her door to "Mom."

Although only having served as executive director in the realm of professional development for a few months, Barber is already enjoying making her presence felt at the district level. "As the principal of Beverly Hills, I was getting to make an impact at a campus level, and so now I am getting to make that impact at a district level," said Barber. "That was the reason I wanted this promotion. I'm enjoying working with aspiring leaders in the district, new teachers, and teachers wanting to get their certification. I help implement, facilitate, and provide professional development for all employees at the district."

Given her run of success at Beverly Hills, there's no doubt Barber will continue this pattern at the district level, challenging everyone to do their "personal best." Her friendliness and warm disposition alone are enough to get anyone started on a path to success.

# Wrights celebrate 50 years



Longtime Kirkmont residents Jimmy and Janis Wright celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 8, 2024, with a vow renewal and party at Queen of Peace Catholic Church parish life center in La Marque. They were married at Queen of Peace on June 8, 1974. The vow renewal was performed by Monsignor James Anderson. Standing with the couple were their children Scott and Mekesha Wright and Debra and David Barton; and grandsons Jackson and Blake Barton. Following the vow renewal a reception, dinner and dance was held. The party was hosted by the couple's children. Family and extended family shared in this celebration. Prior to dinner a charcuterie board prepared by longtime friend Lisa Alexander was enjoyed by the guests. The barbecue dinner was prepared by the Wrights' children, nephews and their spouses, and enjoyed by all. Following dinner, everyone enjoyed the wedding cake and groom's cake, baked and decorated by longtime friend Marilyn Warner. The Wrights feel blessed and are very appreciative of all the love shown and good wishes given to them.

# Once a bear, always a bear



Former principal of Beverly Hills Intermediate Stacey Barker (left) and Ashley Collier, newly assigned principal of BHI, admire the school's new artwork.

# Ashley Collier works her way to top of Beverly Hills

In life an expression "Don't Wish For It, Work For It" resonates with many, especially those in the field of education. Teachers, administrators, and counselors implore young people to do just that – work hard.

Ashley Collier, newly minted principal at Beverly Hills Intermediate, has indeed worked hard to take the reins at the expansive campus, which is home to seventh and eighth graders ready to make their mark in the world.

Following a unique tradition at the school, Ms. Collier ascended to the top position after serving eight years as an assistant principal – not before first serving as a substitute teacher followed by a five-year stint as a science teacher.

"I like to say I grew up here, because I truly did," she says without a missing a beat. Like her predecessor, Stacey Barber, she comes from a strong educational background, as her Mom was an educator and principal for many years.

So it only stands to reason that she would pursue a career in this field. "Education seemed natural for me; it was an easy transition." Originally from Deer Park, she attended high school there and later attended Texas A&M, where she majored in psychology. She married her high school sweetheart, Cody, and the two are the proud parents of three – Scarlet, 13, Lucy, 11, and Waylon, 5. "Most of my weekends consist of either dance, cheer, t-ball," she explains laughing.

Away from the world of parenting, Collier continues to adhere to Beverly Hills' tradition rich motto of "Do Your Personal Best." What is her interpretation of this? "To me, every kid is different on where they're supposed to be. When I'm talking to a student about doing your personal best, don't compare yourself to another kid, because it's not going to be the same for that kid. What we're looking for is growth and progress.

So, when I talk to somebody (about doing your personal best) it means you've tried your hardest and you've made growth." One aspect Collier enjoys about her new job is the close-knit nature of her team. "We consider ourselves a work family here. I think that's what sets us apart from other campuses. We're very close. We take care of one another; we have fun together, but we also get things done. We all have the same mindset of doing what's best for kids."

A challenge she faced was the unfortunate passing of popular teacher Gary Warner, who taught at the school for 21 years and who also was the Department Head of Science. He was set to retire this year. "He was such a spirit in our school. He was a promoter of our work family. He had an incredible knack for making everyone feel special. Everybody has a Gary story here. I don't think you can meet one staff (member) or even student who didn't know who Gary was," she says admiringly.

While dealing with a beloved teacher is difficult, Collier will continue to build upon the past success the school has had so "Beverly Hills is considered one of the best intermediate schools in the South Belt." This should not be too tall of an order, for as Girls Athletic Coordinator Kacey Peterson puts it, "She does everything she can for the school. She's a problem solver. She's genuine."

Fellow staff member and Kacey's husband Joseph agrees. "She's all about the community."

# Remember When



Outgoing BHI principal Stacey Barber (left) and incoming principal Ashley Collier are shown here with the Bear which has been part of the welcoming entrance to Beverly Hills Intermediate since the 1980s.

## 45 years ago (1979)

A wild chase through the subdivisions of Sagemont, Sagemeadow and Sageglen resulted in the recovery of a stolen truck.

The Pasadena Independent School District administration announced that there would not be an increase in the school district property tax in the coming year.

## 40 years ago (1984)

Youth groups from St. Luke and St. Frances Cabrini Catholic churches arrived home safely from their bus ride from Colorado. The bus in which the youth group from Nassau Bay's St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church was riding was forced off the road, injuring the bus driver and all 43 passengers.

The construction of Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital was attracting builders of private medical centers and related professional offices along the perimeter of the hospital's 88-acre tract of land.

## 35 years ago (1989)

After months of reviewing applications and weeks of interviews, Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees selected former South Belt area resident Dr. Larry Vaughn, Victoria ISD superintendent, as the new leader for the district.

Jim Lange, assistant principal at Beverly Hills Intermediate School, resigned to become a high school principal in Granger.

## 30 years ago (1994)

A South Belt resident was the victim of a boating accident near Kemah. It was announced that Tegeler High School and Career Center would close after just one year of operation.

## 25 years ago (1999)

Construction on the 120-bed, \$2.5 million nursing home facility off Scarsdale at Resource Parkway was underway.

Dobie High School head football coach Stan Labay resigned that position to accept a similar post at Willis High School.

## Beltway 8 closed after numerous accidents, some fatal, occurred there.

The Brio Site Task Force spent the weekend cleaning up approximately 1,500 gallons of water and chemicals that ran into the storm system.

## 15 years ago (2009)

South Belt resident Catherine Jakubowski turned 98. Originally from Chicago, Jakubowski moved to Houston in 1990 in large part due to its warmer climate. She was an active member of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church and the Fun Bunch seniors group at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce. Jakubowski had two surviving children and four surviving grandchildren.

## 10 years ago (2014)

Two Dobie graduates were named Pasadena Independent School District's principals of the year. Jill Lacamu was named Elementary Principal of the Year for her work at Moore Elementary, while Angela Stallings was named Secondary Principal of the Year for her work at Pasadena Memorial High School.

## 5 years ago (2019)

Houston District D City Council Member Dwight Boykins launched his mayoral campaign. Boykins attempted to separate himself from incumbent Sylvester Turner by touting his support from local firefighters, as he had secured the endorsement of the Houston Professional Fire Fighters Association. Boykins, however, was ultimately unsuccessful in his bid, losing to Turner in the election.

## Longtime area physician Dr. Robert Prangle retired after serving the South Belt community for nearly 50 years.

Born and raised in England, Prangle moved to the United States in 1959. After attending college in Toledo, Ohio, he went on to further his education at the Kansas City College of Osteopathy and Surgery (now Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences). Prangle moved to Houston in 1972 and took a job as an emergency room physician at Gulfway General Hospital. In January 1973, he opened the Kirkwood Clinic on Fuqua, where he'd remain until 1986. That year, he moved into an office on Beamer, near the then newly opened Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. Four years earlier, Prangle joined the Memorial Hermann Medical Group, and in February 2018, he moved his office to Pearland. While Prangle and his wife Tami planned to still reside in the community, they hoped to visit their children out of state.

## 1 year ago (2023)

A pedestrian was killed about 6 a.m. Thursday, June 15, after being struck by a vehicle while attempting to cross the Gulf Freeway between Beltway 8 and Fuqua. Denetra Dawson was pronounced dead at the scene. The female driver, 51, was questioned and released with no charges filed.

A man was fatally shot about 3:40 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, in the 15800 block of SH 3/Old Galveston Road near El Dorado. According to Houston Police Department officials, officers responded to a crash at the above address and found the victim unresponsive in the driver's seat of a disabled vehicle. He had multiple gunshot wounds and was pronounced dead at the scene by paramedics. Witnesses reported the vehicle was traveling on SH 3 striking a parked, unoccupied vehicle and coming to a stop. Witnesses further reported seeing two men flee the scene on foot following the crash. Investigators said police combed the area searching for the suspects but came up empty-handed.

# Over The Back Fence by Natalie



## ISABELLA CELEBRATES 19TH!

Best wishes for a happy 19th birthday June 20 are sent to Isabella Delgado from husband Sebastian Delgado; her dad Jose Abarca and wife Natalie Abarca; siblings Kelvin Lopez, Noah and Elliana Abarca; grandpa David Flickinger (Leader president) and Mimi Ellie Flickinger; and great-grandparents David and Marie Flickinger; and friends at the Leader.

## BIRTHDAY WISHES SENT TO EMORY GADD

Best wishes are sent June 21 to Emory Gadd, former associate pastor and longtime youth counselor who is active in many areas at Sagemont Church, from friends and the Leader staff. He is also active in community organizations, sports and various events.

## NATALIE CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY

Wishes for a happy birthday are sent June 21 to Natalie Abarca from husband Jose Abarca; children Kelvin Lopez, Noah, Elliana, Isabella and husband Sebastian Delgado; her mother Ellie and husband David Flickinger; grandparents Marie and David Flickinger; and friends at the Leader.

## LARRY TAYLOR CELEBRATES

Special birthday wishes are sent from family and friends to Larry Taylor who celebrates a birthday June 24. Taylor is a lifelong Texan and Baylor University grad who has served the community as a businessman and as a state senator.

## SCHOOL DAZE

The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays June 20 through June 26.

## Frazier Elementary

Marking a special birthday June 20 is Dolores Medrano.

## Genoa Elementary

Join in the fun birthday celebration June 20 for Angel Perez.

## Meador Elementary

Send a happy birthday greeting June 24 to Esmeralda Araujo. Remember to wish Victoria Pantoja a happy birthday June 26.

## Moore Elementary

June 22 is the day for a party for Betis Molina and Mia Reyna.

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# SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

## Fitzmorris soaks in every moment as Dobie football coaching tenure starts

**By John Bechtle  
Sports Editor**

Even as it relates to the life of head coaches everywhere, Danny Fitzmorris has to feel like he's been working overtime and then some these days. And he likely wouldn't have it any other way.

Named Dobie's varsity football head coach and campus athletic coordinator May 28, Fitzmorris arrived on campus the following morning for his first official day of work and has enjoyed every minute since...most of it anyway.

While Fitzmorris says the task of hiring Dobie's next varsity boys' soccer head coach was the "hardest thing I've had to do in my coaching career" because he had to select just one out of several deserving candidates, he took the task seriously and feels as though he made the right decision for today's Longhorns.

As for his role as the new man in charge of the school's football program, Fitzmorris has done his best to make contact with all connections to the program.

Whether it's visiting the coaching staffs at Beverly Hills and Thompson Intermediate and physically interacting with summer program activities at both schools, eyeballing Dobie's current 7-on-7

football league play in Pearland and Deer Park, encouraging his Longhorns in strength and conditioning workouts or scheduling upcoming youth camp and neighborhood initiatives, Fitzmorris has kept busy.

"It's been a lot of fun," Fitzmorris said. "I appreciate this opportunity. I've had a lot of help so far in terms of the coaches who have been on staff."

"Those guys have been terrific in getting me up to speed. As it is right now even with me showing up after spring ball and so forth, we are where we need to be moving forward."

In terms of the intermediate school programs, Fitzmorris understands the importance of focusing on the development of those student-athletes at an early age.

At Thompson Intermediate in particular, Fitzmorris noticed that he saw an extra sparkle in the eyes of some of the student-athletes when he discussed with them the fact that he himself is a former Lion football player.

As for the Bears, Beverly Hills Intermediate held its youth football camp the first week of June, and Fitzmorris was there lending a hand, as much as anything showing his face and allowing the young players to see who the new

man in charge at Dobie is. The biggest takeaway according to Fitzmorris, is that the student-athletes at the two feeder schools for Dobie High School understand they are wanted within the Longhorns' program as he and his staff welcome them as they continue their athletic careers.

"The biggest priority for us is assuring that these students from Thompson and Beverly Hills make it to Dobie in order to continue their athletic careers," Fitzmorris said.

"We value each and every one of these athletes, and we want them to know how important it is that they become future Longhorns. I have enjoyed visiting with the kids at the two programs as well as the coaching staffs."

"I have also appointed a campus liaison for both Beverly Hills and Thompson, coaches that are on our staff, guys that are going to go over there and be a part of those programs from time to time and just show the Dobie way when possible."

"I also think it was big for some of those kids to see that I went to Thompson myself and I understand some of the things that they encounter on a day-to-day basis."

"We are here to help and support them, and anything we can do to

make it easier for them as they go through the process, we are here to do."

As for Fitzmorris' program at Dobie, the head coach cannot be any more pleased with the terrific turnout he has seen for

summer strength and conditioning workouts.

In a recent week, there were more than 125 stu-

dents who turned out for summer training, leaving the coaching staff pleased with the attendance.

Fitzmorris remains excited about the track that the program is on moving along this summer.

It all starts Aug. 12 as the Longhorns begin pre-season workouts leading up to the Aug. 29 season opening game against Clear Brook at Pasadena ISD Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

It will be the official opening night of the 2024 season, with a special 6:30 p.m. start.

"We are excited," Fitz-

morris said. "Everyone is excited about the start of official workouts, and I can't be any more happy to be part of this program."

"We can't wait to get started when August gets here. Until then, we are just going to keep working."

"This program was in great shape before I got here, and we are aiming to continue the tradition. It's not about me or one person. We are in this as a Dobie family."



Dobie varsity football head coach Danny Fitzmorris (left), shown with his son, Thomas Fitzmorris on the night he was Pasadena ISD board-approved to take over the Longhorns' program, has wasted no time in getting involved with his new surroundings. Fitzmorris, a former longtime Sagemont Cowboys' youth player and then a Thompson Lion, is a 1999 Dobie graduate.

## Free youth football camp hosted at Dobie July 12

The Dobie coaching staff will host a free youth football camp July 12, beginning at 6 p.m. on the main campus. Kindergarten students through those entering the sixth grade as of 2024-2025 are welcomed to attend.

The camp, officially the Matt Bergeron Camp, will honor Bergeron, a former longtime Sagemont Cowboys' player and Dobie High School graduate who died earlier this year.

"This is a great chance for the Cowboys and Longhorns to come to-

gether, learn a little bit of football and come together as a community," said Dobie varsity football head coach Danny Fitzmorris, a longtime friend of the Bergeron family.

"We will always welcome opportunities to be together as a community, and to be able to do it in Matt's honor is truly special."

"It's another great way for the Dobie football program to get involved in the community and have some fun. We'll be out there as long as we have fun."

## UIL shifts to two playoff divisions across additional team sports

Just in time for the start of a new 2-year realignment cycle, the University Interscholastic League has made a big change to its postseason format beginning with the 2024-2025 school year and surely continuing well into the future.

The UIL's legislative council met June 11 to make decisions on proposed rule changes in academics, athletics, music and policy.

The legislative council passed an amendment to set forth split divisions in the postseason for volleyball, boys' and girls' basketball, softball, boys' and girls' soccer and baseball.

This change to the current playoff structure in the listed sports will al-

low for split divisions in the postseason for Class 2A through Class 6A volleyball, softball and baseball programs, Class 4A through Class 6A boys' and girls' soccer programs and Class 1A through Class 6A boys' and girls' basketball programs.

In simple terms, the change will create two state championship brackets for teams to advance through during the postseason for volleyball, softball, baseball, soccer and basketball.

The UIL has for many years now utilized Division 1 and Division 2 football brackets aimed at separating the largest schools versus the smaller schools per enrollment.

Now, the UIL is making

the switch to include most other team sports.

There are no stated changes to the format under which the varsity tennis team season is currently conducted.

Where Dobie High School is concerned, there will be little change. Dobie remains one of the state's largest high schools per enrollment figures, meaning that the Longhorns will compete within the Division 1 bracket in all of the above stated sports.

The biggest change, at least on the surface, is that the new format will effectively eliminate district championship programs competing against No. 4 seeds to open the bidistrict playoff round each postseason in all of these

sports.

The new arrangement will now allow for the largest schools per enrollment to go head-to-head in Division 1, while the two smallest high schools per enrollment will compete within Division 2.

Obviously, it is impossible to predict playoff matchups moving forward.

Where it relates to potential D1 first round bidistrict playoff matchups out of district 21-6A for the Longhorns, Foster is the largest Fort Bend ISD school at 3,147, followed by Ridge Point's 2,863.5 students.

Elkins has an enrollment figure of 2,731, with Clements at 2,620.5. Austin is at 2,563.5.

The four smallest 21-6A programs by enrollment are Austin with

2,563.5, Hightower with

2,530.5, Bush with 2,423

and Dulles with 2,295.5.

### 22-6A Beginning in 2024-2025

- Dobie (3,825)
- Pearland (3,540)
- Memorial (3,169)
- Alvin (2,869)
- Rayburn (2,788.5)
- Dawson (2,605)
- Shadow Creek (2,603)
- Manvel (2,594)
- South Houston (2,285)

What does this mean for Clear Brook? The Wolverines are currently one of the smallest high school programs in the state based on enrollment.

Clear Brook will almost assuredly compete within the D2 playoff bracket regardless of sport moving forward.

## LSA's Maldonado welcomes chance to play Southern softball

**By John Bechtle  
Sports Editor**

Fourteen years of game action involving plenty of extra work both on and off the field has led to Lutheran South Academy's Kat Maldonado set to play collegiate softball at Southern University in Baton Rouge, and the 2024 high school graduate can't wait to get started.

"I'm super excited for this opportunity, and I'm ready to get into the program at Southern and contribute what I can to us playing well and winning games," Maldonado said.

"I have met a lot of the players on the team. They are great people to be around, I love the atmosphere and I'm ready to get started."

Maldonado finished her four-year varsity career in 2024 by hitting better than .500 and stealing nearly 30 bases out of the lead-off spot. She alternated between shortstop and center field with the Pioneers.

In chats with Southern University assistant coach Jessie Watts, Maldonado said the plan remains for Maldonado to stay in a bit of a utility role, with perhaps a little bit of second base duty added to the mix.

Regardless, Maldonado believes her game is ready for the next level.

"I've been in the lead-off spot, and I typically look for a good pitch to hit early in the count and put a good swing on it. Once I'm on base, I look to use

my speed to move around the bases and score runs."

The 14 years of softball includes seven school years in all at Lutheran South Academy, and she finished up with the Pioneers in 2024 as a Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools first team All-State performer on the field.

She was LSA's Female Scholar Athlete of the Year, and plans to study biology at Southern.

"My mom manages a veterinary clinic, and I've been able to help out there some and plan to become a veterinarian. I love being around and working with animals, so I'm excited to pursue that field," Maldonado said.

With her professional career path in focus, Maldonado simply wants to enjoy the college experience, both on and off the field.

Southern University, a

At right, Kat Maldonado of Lutheran South Academy was one of the top leadoff hitters in the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools ranks during her senior season, hitting better than .500 and stealing nearly 30 bases. Now, she's going to take her game collegiately to Southern University in Baton Rouge, La. Southern University competes in the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities institution, has had a good bit of success on the softball field under the direction of head coach Britney Williams, who will enter her fourth season with the Jaguars.

"I'm excited to work with the coaching staff and be part of a group of players who are all pulling in the same direction for the good of the team,"

her own right during college, Williams led the Jaguars to a 16-27 overall record in 2024. The Jaguars are part of the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

Maldonado said.

"It takes a ton of work just to get to this point, a lot of years of games and years of club play."

Maldonado said she connected with Watts during a club/select softball tournament in Colorado.

As luck would have it, the game involving



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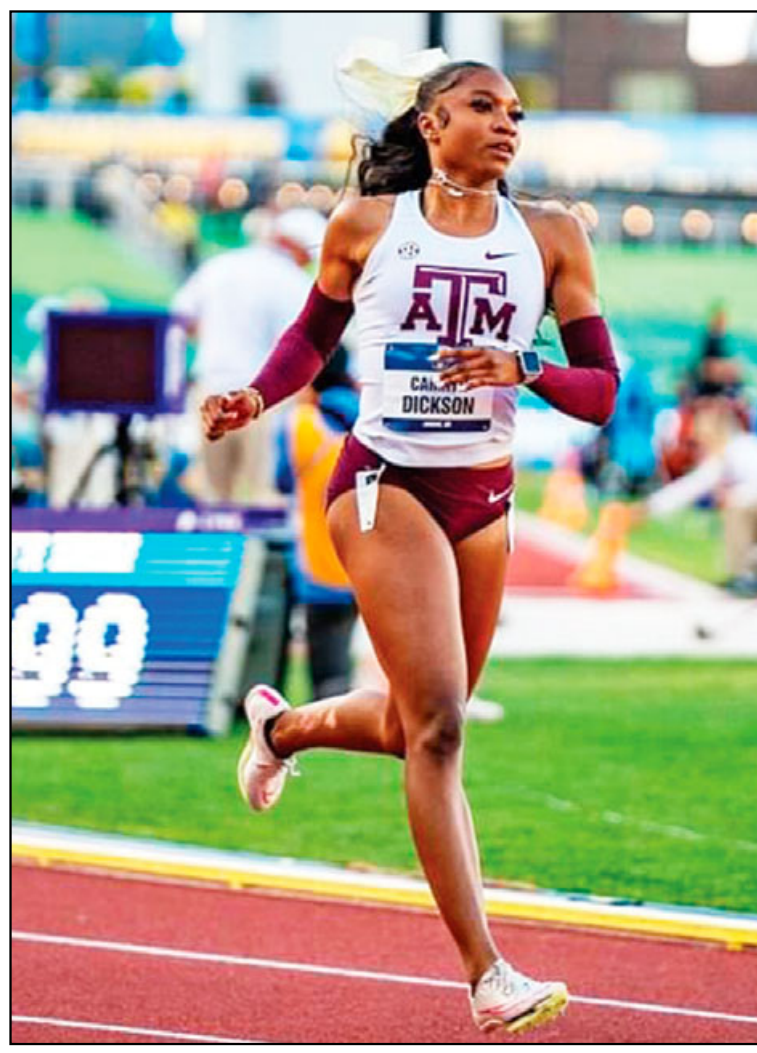
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### Former SJC star Williams at MCWS



Jordan Williams (12), who played his first two collegiate baseball seasons at San Jacinto College, joined his Florida State University teammates at the NCAA Men's College World Series in Omaha, Neb. The Seminoles dropped a 12-11 game in extra innings to top-ranked Tennessee and then won an elimination game against Virginia to advance. A redshirt junior, Williams has been used as a pinch runner often in 2024, stealing 15 bases in 16 tries for the Seminoles.

### Dickson to run 200 at U.S. Trials



At right, Texas A&M University sophomore Camryn Dickson, 19th in the women's 200 earlier this month at the NCAA Championships in Oregon, will return to the University of Oregon June 27 to compete in the USA Track and Field U.S. Time Trials for a chance to compete in the Paris Olympics later this summer. Dickson, a 2022 Clear Brook High School graduate, advanced to the 6A state championships in each of her three seasons of eligibility with the Wolverines. Also at the NCAA Championships, Dickson and her teammates finished ninth in the 4x400 relay.

### JFD hoops camp is June 25-27

Dobie varsity girls' basketball head coach Jasmine Hartman, varsity boys' basketball head coach Timir Patel and their staffs will host a pair of youth basketball camps for boys and girls June 25-27 at the Dobie9 campus, with incoming first- through fifth-grade students attending from 8 to 10 a.m. and incoming sixth- through ninth-grade students attending from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The focuses of the camps will include individual skills training, team building exercises, strategy sessions, fitness and conditioning drills and friendly game play. Cost of each camp is \$60 per student and may be paid in cash on the first day of the camps or via the camp link at [www.dobiepride.com](http://www.dobiepride.com). For additional information, direct email to Hartman at [jhartman@pasadenaisd.org](mailto:jhartman@pasadenaisd.org).

### Dobie VB plans July activities

Dobie varsity volleyball head coach Dawn Sexton and her staff will host a pair of youth camps July 24-26 at the main campus, with incoming third- through sixth-grade students attending from 9 to 11 a.m. and incoming seventh- and eighth-grade students attending from noon to 2 p.m. The focuses of the camps will include individual skills training, team building exercises, strategy sessions, fitness and conditioning drills and friendly match play. Cost of each camp is \$50 per student and may be paid in cash on the first day of the camps or via Cash App at \$Dvbbooster. For additional information, direct email to Sexton at [dsexton@pasadenaisd.org](mailto:dsexton@pasadenaisd.org).

### Brook boys' hoops June 24-27

Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball head coach Nathan Janak and his staff will host the 2024 Wolverines' youth basketball camp June 24-27, as students will receive instruction, both individually and from a team standpoint in all phases of the game. Students entering the fourth through sixth grades as of the 2024-2025 school year will attend from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. each day at \$125 per student, with boys and girls entering kindergarten through the third grade attending from 9 to 11 a.m. at \$85 per student. Students entering the seventh through ninth grades will attend from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at \$125 per student. Registration details are available at [wolverine-basketball-camp.square.site](http://wolverine-basketball-camp.square.site). Direct any questions to Janak at [njanak@ccisd.net](mailto:njanak@ccisd.net).

### Dobie volleyball hosts July 29-31 camp



With an eye toward the start of preseason high school workouts, Dobie varsity volleyball head coach Dawn Sexton and her staff will host incoming freshmen through returning seniors July 29-31 at Dobie main. The returning sophomores, juniors and seniors will train from 9 a.m. to noon each day, while incoming freshmen will attend from 1 to 4 p.m. Above, sophomore Amaya Langellier returns from a standout debut season to lead the Longhorns.



### Hulsey, Smith recognized

College Sport Communicators recognized two members of the University of Houston Softball program with Academic All-District honors. Paige Hulsey and Shelby Smith (left) earned their second consecutive accolades from the organization. Smith filled a role as a two-way player for the Cougars in 2024. Working as the team's ace, she spun 144 innings in the circle, winning 10 games, while also posting a .339/.432/.509 slash with 11 extra-base hits and 27 RBIs. Smith, a graduate student at the University of Houston, has announced that she will join the Lutheran South Academy softball program as an assistant coach in 2025. She helped lead the Pioneers to a state championship in 2019.

### SBYSC hosts skills camp

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club is set to host its Summer Skills Camp now through July 9, coming to El Franco Lee Park each Tuesday and Thursday, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Boys and girls in the 2013 through 2017 age groups are eligible to participate at \$95 per player (10 sessions). Registration is ongoing at [www.southbeltsoccer.org](http://www.southbeltsoccer.org).

### Dobie strength/conditioning

The Dobie coaching staff will host six weeks of strength and conditioning training in June and July, with returning 10th- through 12th-grade students attending from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. each day and incoming freshmen following from 9:45 to 11 a.m. The dates are June 13, June 20, June 24, 25 and 27, July 1-2, July 8, 9 and 11 and July 15, 16 and 18.

### BAFL to start practice July 27

The Bay Area Football League, featuring the 1977 original league charter member Sagemont Cowboys, has announced July 27 as the first official day for preseason practices. The league will then conduct opening day Aug. 17, when a 10-game regular season schedule ensues. Following two playoff rounds, the Super Bowl 48 round will be played Nov. 23 at Rice Stadium in Houston. For 2024, the BAFL roster of teams includes the Alvin Raiders, Angleton Wildcats, Bay Area Buccaneers, Brazosport Longhorns, Dickinson Gators, East End Eagles, Hitchcock Red Raiders, La Porte Texans, League City 49ers, Magnolia Park Sharks, Manvel Texans, Pasadena Panthers, Pearland Patriots, Pearland Texans, the Cowboys, Southeast Houston Wildcats and the Texas City Stingrays. The Cowboys will open the regular season Aug. 17 at the Magnolia Park Sharks, located at 341 South 75th Street in Houston.

### Benavides leads ETBU title push



Former San Jacinto College standout pitcher Hannah Benavides and her East Texas Baptist University teammates captured the NCAA Division III women's softball national championship with a 9-5 victory over Belhaven (Miss.) in the deciding game of the best-of-three championship series. ETB finished 48-3 overall in 2024 as Benavides, a junior from Deer Park High School, went 15-0 in the circle with a 1.41 earned run average. Named a National Fastpitch Coaches Association third team All-American, Benavides was both the American Southwest Conference Newcomer of the Year and Pitcher of the Year. The tournament Most Valuable Player while leading Deer Park to the state championship in 2021, Benavides was at Abilene Christian University as a collegiate freshman, then was 5-2 with a pair of complete games for San Jacinto College in 2023.

## 4th of July Parade Entry Form

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

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7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - See Friday's notice.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 25**  
 7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
 9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.  
 11:30 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.  
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**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26**  
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**THURSDAY, JUNE 27**  
 7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill," Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Hope Community United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/>.  
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**June 22: Wolverines vs. Wolfforth Frenship**  
12:20 p.m., The Colony High School

**June 22: Wolverines vs. Coppell**  
4:40 p.m., at SWAC

Brook players: Christian Brown, Cruz Calone, Jerek Ervin, Jaylen Felton, Tellis Hall, Ayden Harvey, Abdiel Jimenez, Josh Pichon, Bradley Scott and Jace Walker.

**June 22: Longhorns vs. Saginaw**  
2:30 p.m., The Colony High School

**June 23: Longhorns vs. Rowlett**  
8 a.m., Hebron High School

**June 23: Longhorns vs. S.A. Taft**  
1:25 p.m., The Colony High School

Dobie players: Edward Carter, Jonas Cruz, Desmond Etienne, Grant Garcia, Luis Ibarra, Angel Mena, Damon Miles, Dylan Nguyen, Marlee Tillman, Johan Vilavicencio and Ryan White.

## Brook's Norl ready for college game



Clear Brook Class of 2024 graduate and varsity basketball standout Zion Norl (right), shown with Wolverines' head coach Nathan Janak, will play collegiately at Midland University in Fremont, Neb.

## Huerta, Ortiz pick NAU FB



Dobie Class of 2024 graduate Juan Huerta will continue his education and football career at North American University. The Stallions compete in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and are part of the Sooner Athletic Conference. As the Longhorns' quarterback in 2023, Huerta engineered the locals to a last-minute victory over Deer Park in the 22-6A opener, ultimately leading his team to the district championship.



Dobie Class of 2024 graduate Alberto Ortiz will continue his education and football career at North American University. The Stallions compete in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and are part of the Sooner Athletic Conference. Ortiz as a senior in 2023 was a 22-6A honorable mention All-District pick along the offensive line.

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## JFD's Arango to Sul Ross soccer



Geo Arango, a 2024 Dobie High School graduate, will continue his education and soccer playing career at Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas, after signing a letter of intent with the Lobos. Arango, a three-year varsity starter at Dobie, was a two-time Goalkeeper of the Year within District 22-6A.

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