

Chase ends on SJC campus

A police chase ended on the grounds of San Jacinto College South around 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 25. According to police, HPD officers were in pursuit of a theft suspect in a vehicle on Beamer near Astoria when deputies from the Precinct 2 Constable's office joined the chase. The pursuit traveled through the College Place subdivision, before the suspect's vehicle had a blowout, and the driver fled on foot onto the campus, where he was located and apprehended.

Leader seeks vacation pics

The Leader is seeking readers' 2019 vacation photos. First-, second- and third-place prizes of Schlitterbahn tickets will be awarded for the best submissions July and August. Submissions should include where and when the photo was taken, details about the trip and first and last names of each person in the photo. All photos must be high resolution. Email photos to mynews@southbeltleader.com.

Beverly Hills CC meets

The Beverly Hills Civic Club will hold a meeting Thursday, June 27, at the Beverly Hills Community Center, 10201 Kingspoint, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. All Beverly Hills residents are urged to attend.

Young benefit planned

A benefit for Houston Police Officer Thomas "Gene" Young will be held 1 to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 29, at 2-A-Days Sports Bar, 10555 Pearland Parkway. Young was recently diagnosed with stage IV cancer. He and his wife, Kathy, have two young sons and a daughter due in June. The event will include a live auction (at 6 p.m.) and a raffle. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for five. Barbecue plates will be available for \$10. For information or to make a donation, visit www.assisttheofficer.com.

Gulf Freeway closures set

There will be a total closure of the northbound frontage road of the Gulf Freeway from NASA Road 1 to FM 518 through 5 a.m. Sunday, June 30. At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96/League City Parkway will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Tuesday, Dec. 31. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed.

The northbound exit ramp on the Gulf Freeway between SH 96/League City Parkway and FM 518 will be closed continuously through 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31. Drivers traveling north on the main lanes will continue to NASA Road 1, exit, then U-turn and come back to FM 518.

The closures are associated with ongoing construction to widen the freeway from three to five lanes in each direction and the frontage roads from two to three lanes in each direction.

Beltway closures planned

The eastbound and westbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Beamer will be closed continuously through 9 a.m. Saturday, July 20.

Both northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Genoa Red Bluff will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Sunday, July 14.

Both northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Crenshaw will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Sunday, July 14.

At least two inside lanes on the southbound Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed at Spencer daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. through Sunday, June 30.

The closures are associated with the project to widen Beltway 8 from two to four lanes.

JFD Class of '89 reunion

The Dobie Class of 1989 will celebrate its 30th reunion Saturday, June 29, at the Topwater Grill, 815 Avenue O in San Leon, from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. For more information, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dobie-class-of-89-thirty-year-reunion-tickets-56717503580?aff=ebdssbdstsearch>. A pool party and a pub crawl will coincide with the reunion the previous day. For more information on the pool party, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jfd-89-south-shore-harbor-pool-party-tickets-62010909299?aff=ebdssbdstsearch>. For more information on the pub crawl, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jfd-pub-crawl-tickets-62011069779?aff=eivtefrnd>.

St. Luke holds garage sale

St. Luke the Evangelist, located at 11011 Hall Road, will hold a garage sale June 28 and 29 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The sale will include boutique, sports and outdoor items; toys; children's shoes and clothing; home goods; and holiday/seasonal decor. Proceeds go to building of the Riverstone Ranch campus.

Toastmasters to meet

Young Professionals SE Toastmasters Club will celebrate its three-year anniversary Monday, July 1, in Judge Jo Ann Delgado's courtroom, 10851 Scarsdale, at 6:30 p.m. Guests include Sheryle Warren, 2018-2019 District 56 Director, and keynote speaker, Ramona J. Smith, the fifth woman to capture the World Champion of Public Speaking title since its inception in 1938. The public is invited.

Morgan steps down as Sagemont senior pastor

In a letter sent to church members the first week of June, Dr. John D. Morgan, senior pastor of Sagemont Church for 53 years, announced the beginning of a transition period that would find his successor as leader of the 21,000-member church.

The church marked its 53rd anniversary, along with Morgan's 53rd as pastor, on June 2.

"Fifty-three years ago, God led me to Sagemont Church and promised me if I would



John D. Morgan

follow Him, He would allow me to witness His power and presence in a way that only a few have ever seen." Morgan wrote in the letter.

In those 53 years, Sagemont Church has witnessed 18,060 baptisms and 20,208 professions of faith. Gifts throughout the debt-free church's history have totaled \$363,956,186 for ministry use locally and worldwide.

In a video shown to the church congregation in services on June 9, Morgan likened the coming transition to a baseball team, in which there comes a time where the starting pitcher hands off the pitching role to the bullpen.

During the transition period, a search team will be formed to find the next senior pastor of Sagemont Church. Meanwhile, Morgan will re-

main on staff as the founding pastor and will continue to preach in the 9:30 a.m. worship services on Sundays. He will also be leading "fund-lowering" efforts as the church prepares to build a new \$12 million building for student ministry to replace facilities destroyed by Hurricane Harvey.

Executive Pastor Chuck Schneider will serve as the interim senior pastor for all daily operations and leadership purposes.

Teaching Pastor Dr. Freeman Tomlin will preach in the 11:15 a.m. worship services on Sundays and on the church's "Living Truth" television program that airs Sunday mornings in Houston.

Morgan said that while the past 53 years have been great at Sagemont Church, the best is yet to come.

"Hats off to the past and coats off to the fu-



Chuck Schneider



Freeman Tomlin

ture," Morgan said.

Biography

A 1959 Pasadena High School graduate, Morgan transformed the once-small Sagemont ministry into one of the largest and most influential faith institutions in the state.

Morgan's father, Dr. L.D. Morgan, was the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Pasadena for more than 33 years. It was First Baptist that licensed and ordained John Morgan, as he continued his studies at Baylor University (BA 1963) and at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (BD 1966). Post-graduate degrees include a Lit. D. degree from the California School of Theology (1982) and a Doctorate of Sacred Theology from Southwest Baptist University (1986).

In 1966, Morgan formed what would become Sagemont Church. His original congregation consisted of 16 members. That number has now grown to around 21,000.

Under Dr. Morgan's direction, Sagemont has been a frequent partner with local schools and other entities and has served as a headquarters for the American Red Cross during storms and other emergencies, and has provided shelter for hundreds of families during times of need.

A massive expansion at Sagemont under Morgan's direction included the installation of a

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J.R. Richard visits Leader



Former South Belt resident and Houston Astros pitcher J.R. Richard (rear in blue) recently visited the Leader office. The all-star pitcher, who now leads a foundation for area youth, will be among the participants in the annual South Belt July 4 parade. Pictured above with Richard are, left to right, Diddy Clark, Laura Benavides Scallan, Rosa Graham, David Flickinger, Alexis Lochner, Lula Richard (Richard's wife), Natalie Abarca, Bobby Griffin and James Bolen.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Fireworks regulations confuse some

The Fourth of July is around the corner, and many South Belt residents are understandably confused as to the current regulations involving the sale and possession of personal fireworks.

A new fireworks stand, located in the Food Town parking lot at Scarsdale and Beamer, has raised controversy this year, as it is presumed by local officials to be prohibited by area ordinances.

The Leader has been told by local officials that the stand was issued a permit from the City of Houston, despite the fact that the sale of the products is prohibited by an agreement between the city and the Clear Brook City MUD.

At press time, Wednesday, Clear Brook City MUD officials and other community leaders were taking steps to have the fireworks stand shut down.

The sale of the products is still allowed just

down Beamer, however, where the laws are a little less murky.

Once again this year, fireworks will be available for sale in unincorporated parts of Harris County along Beamer Road, near Dixie Farm Road and FM 2351. (See related ad on Page 6B.)

While the stretch of road was once a hot spot for such booths, the practice was prohibited in July 2009 by the City of Friendswood Fire Marshal's Office, citing extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ).

ETJ is the legal ability of a governing body to exercise authority beyond its normal boundaries, given that an agreement has been reached with the adjoining municipality.

In this instance, the City of Friendswood worked jointly with the City of Houston, the City

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Annual 4th of July parade, fireworks show set

South Belt residents are gearing up for the annual Independence Day parade and fireworks display, both set to take place Thursday, July 4.

Parade

Now in its 32nd year, the South Belt Fourth of July parade will begin at 10 a.m. at Beverly Hills Intermediate, located at 11111 Beamer Road.

This year's event will be a salute to all military, with several service members from Ellington Field taking part. U.S. Air Force Sgt. Daniel Cabrera will serve as grand marshal of the parade. The sergeant, based out of Ellington, will lead the parade procession with two separate vehicles loaded with military personnel.

Deputies arrest robbery suspect

Harris County Precinct 2 deputies identified and arrested a suspect for allegedly robbing a teen at gunpoint at Sagemeadow Park back on April 20.

George Jamerson was charged with aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon.

Jamerson, who resides in the Sunnyside area, was already out on bond for another robbery that took place in the downtown area.

Sanchez earns Eagle Scout rank

Dobie High School student Eloy Sanchez Jr. recently earned his Eagle Scout rank.

For his efforts, Sanchez was formally recognized by U.S. Rep. Pete Olson.

According to Wikipedia, Eagle Scout is the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Scouts BSA program of the Boy Scouts of America. Since its inception in 1911, only 4 percent of Scouts have earned this rank after a lengthy review process.

In 2018, a total of 52,160 Eagle Scout awards were presented, 6.5 percent of the eligible 2018 membership. In all, more than 2.5 million Eagle Scout awards have been presented since 1912.

The rank of Eagle Scout may be earned by a Scout who has been a Life Scout for at least six months, has earned a minimum of 21 merit badges, has demonstrated Scout Spirit and has demonstrated leadership within his troop.

Additionally, he must plan, develop, and lead a service project – the Eagle Project – that demonstrates both leadership and a commitment to duty. After all requirements are met, he must complete an Eagle Scout board of review. The board of review can be completed up to three months after his 18th birthday, as long as all other requirements are completed before his 18th

Former South Belt resident and Houston Astros pitcher J.R. Richard will also be participating in this year's event.

All are welcome to participate in the event, including both commercial and noncommercial 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 patriotic 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. Non-commercial 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.

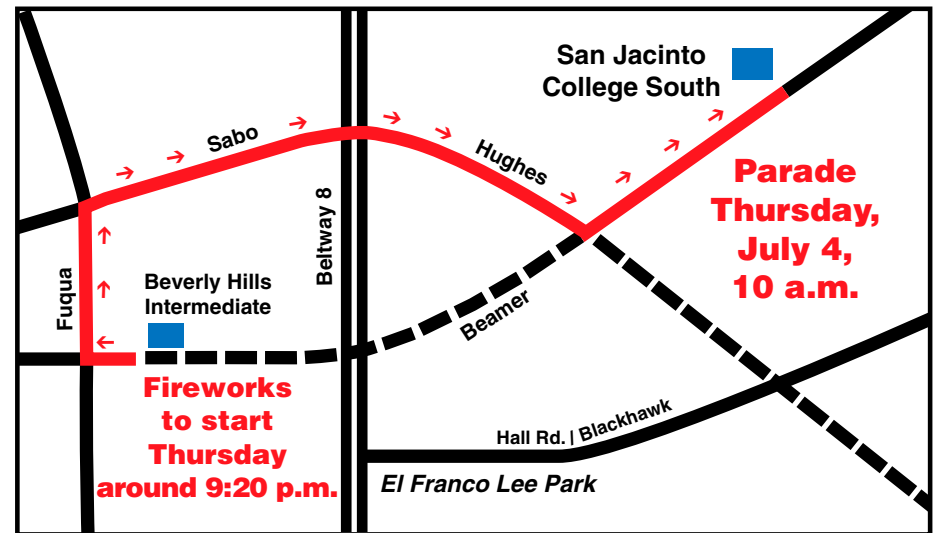
Due to the length of the parade route, participants are prohibited from walking it on foot.

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. See related map on this page.

Participants are urged to arrive at least an hour early.

Registration forms are available at www.southbeltleader.com; the Leader office, 11555

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Sanchez makes Eagle

Incoming Dobie senior Eloy Sanchez Jr. recently earned his Eagle Scout rank, the highest achievement in the Scouts BSA program of the Boy Scouts of America. Only 4 percent of Scouts earn the esteemed rank. To become an Eagle Scout, one must earn a minimum of 21 merit badges and complete a service project, or Eagle Project. For Sanchez's Eagle Project, he built and installed two planter boxes at South Belt Elementary, where he previously attended. U.S. Rep. Pete Olson formally recognized Sanchez's achievement at a recent ceremony held at Tony's Pizza on Blackhawk. Sanchez is the son of Eloy Sanchez Sr. and Wendy Sanchez.

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In My Opinion

Additional comments about mail service

I was glad to see someone put an article about Windmill Lakes postal service. (See last week's *Leader In My Opinion*.) I have come home at night and see empty mail trucks on our street parked no one in it. We live on Sagemeadow Ln and have gone days with no mail. I hope something can be done this is a serious problem.

Thanks
Theresa Gilmore

... and more mail service comments

I had a major problem with the delivery of the Shiner Gazette, 130 mile west of Houston. Sometimes a week or more on delivery.

Reason, 2nd class mail. Then two years ago I had another issue and it took 6 trips to the Post Office before the post master came to the window to see me. She told me she was just extremely busy, to talk to the clerk. Told her I was a customer and it was her duty to visit with me. Nothing came of it.

I went to Betty for this information. You may want to use it or spread the word asking people to call. If enough do call something will happen. If you want me to write an article with this, I will. Anyway,

Jim Muecke

Hi, Jim,
I'm sorry, I hear about problems with the postal service, too. Here is the basic information:

Contact Us: To report a crime, click on <https://www.usps.gov/report/>. Call: 1-877-876-2455; Criminal Investigations Service Center; Attn: Mail Fraud 433 W.Harrison Street, Room 3255 Chicago, IL 60699-3255

You can also report online according to the type of problem by visiting the following link: <https://www.usps.gov/report/> I hope this helps!

Betty McGinnis

Staff member Sen. Carol Alverado

Lyday misses living in South Belt

After 41 1/2 years on Sageglow Drive, I sold my house and moved to Brookdale Senior Living at 5151 Buffalo Speedway #5308, Houston 77005.

It was the hardest thing I have ever done, but my daughter moved to Laughlin, Nevada; and I could not stay a 40 mile round trip from everything I do: church, friends, Wortham Center, and the Museum District.

I miss the neighborhood, but not the expense of keeping up an aging home. I miss the *Leader*, but pick it up when I come to keep doctors' appointments. Eventually I will find medical help here because I am close to the Medical Center. I visit my books I donated to San Jac South Library and the Parker Williams Library on Scarsdale.

Missing you and the paper and the neighborhood.

Jo Lyday

Laurin wishes Dr. Prangle good luck

I would like to say something about Dr. Prangle. I wish him well in his retirement. I'm sure he will enjoy himself. I lived in Kirkwell South in the late 70's and early 80's and he was my doctor and a very good one at that. He always took time with his patients and listen to what ever was wrong and help in any way he could.

I now live in Virginia but still get the South Belt *Leader* every week in the mail.

Good luck in the years to come in your retirement.

Brenda Laurin

King states strip club deal not sweet at all

In 2013, the City of Houston entered into an agreement with sixteen of Houston's most notorious strip clubs. The agree-

Fireworks regulations cause confusion

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Beamer between Astoria and Dixie Farm, as the north-bound side of the street fell in the fireworks ban area, while the southbound side did not. With the help of the *Leader*, the tickets were later dismissed.

Fireworks have long been forbidden within the city limits, and in the last decade, the Clear Brook City and Sagemeadow municipal utility districts have both entered into strategic partnership agreements with the City of Houston, prohibiting the sale of fireworks within its own boundaries. The bill passed and was subsequently signed into law by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott.

The sale of fireworks along Beamer has been an ongoing, controversial and confusing issue - even among law enforcement.

In July 2008, City of Houston officials erroneously issued more than 30 citations on the stretch of

ment settled some longstanding litigation between the City and the strip clubs over the City's rules about the operation of such businesses. The agreement is so favorable to the strip clubs that it has come to be known as the Sweet Sixteen Agreement. To give you some idea how good a deal this is for the clubs, some clubs that were not included have sued the City for discrimination because they have not been allowed to join in the deal!

The main feature of the agreement was that the clubs would pay an aggregate of about \$1 million per year and in exchange they would be exempt from some of the City's more restrictive rules. For example, Houston ordinances provide that "performers" cannot touch the patrons. The Sweet Sixteen Agreement exempts those clubs from the enforcement of that ordinance. The roughly \$1 million paid in exchange for this special treatment supposedly goes to fight human trafficking. More on that later.

The agreement also provides for certain reporting requirements by the clubs, better lighting and the elimination of "private" areas. We filed an open records request for documents which would show whether the City has been enforcing any of these requirements. The City produced some records, but also objected to the production of others. Of the ones produced, we can find no meaningful enforcement of these provisions. (You can review a copy of the Sweet Sixteen Agreement visit <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1x6WIOQC6Y137nnF2iN-qB3AqHwJtGOT/view> and all the documents the City produced visit https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TyDv9Oinl7DjeX-wzdcPGLg_DCyELtqJ/view)

The Houston 20, Child Advocates and virtually every other group fighting human trafficking have opposed the Sweet Sixteen agreement from the outset. And for good reason. The exploitation of young women is the raison d'être of these businesses. It is the only reason they exist. But don't take my word for it. Here is a message from a young woman who was lured into this industry.

I have met this young woman and heard her account first-hand and in considerably greater detail. Hearing her story in her own words and voice is even more chilling and moving than what you just read.

When I called Sylvester Turner out for accepting campaign contributions from the owners of the Sweet Sixteen Clubs, he defended his action claiming that the clubs "had joined the fight against human trafficking." Even longtime friends of Turner, like Child Advocate CEO Bob Sanborn, slammed him for this shameful lie.

Incredibly, the Sweet Sixteen agreement, which effectively repeals certain City ordinances for these privileged businesses, was never approved by City Council. Think about that for a minute. Our elected City Council adopts an ordinance and the mayor, by executive fiat, allows certain businesses to not comply with the ordinance. It was a breath-taking expansion of executive authority.[ii]

The Sweet Sixteen Agreement is set to expire in 2020. It should be terminated at that time. That is absolutely what I will do if elected. Turner has waffled. In a statement he said he would evaluate the merits of the agreement when it comes up for renewal and make the decision at that time. The fact he has accepted \$50,000 from the strip club owners tells us all we need to know about how that "evaluation" will come out.

It is an embarrassment to our City that our mayor has accepted this dirty money. He should donate every cent he has received from sexually oriented businesses to one of the human trafficking organizations and pledge that he will cancel the Sweet Sixteen Agreement.

I am calling on every candidate for mayor and for City Council to join me in demanding that Turner donate his SOB contributions to a human trafficking organization and to terminate this despicable agreement.

Any candidate who refused to do so is not worthy of your vote.

It is time to End the Sweet Sixteen agreement.
Bill King

New Directions plans meeting

New Directions is a singles group for those ages 50 and older. Meetings are the first and third Mondays at 6 p.m. at the Webster Presbyterian Church, located at 201 W. NASA Parkway. There will be a potluck dinner and meetings may include guest speakers and/or group activities. For more information, call 832-715-9658.

Israeli folk dancing dates set

Israeli folk dances are held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. July 1, 8, 15 and 29. There will be no session on July 22. August dates are 5, 12, 19 and 26. There will be no sessions on Sept. 2. The cost is \$4 per session or \$35 for 10 sessions for CSH members and \$5 per session or \$45 for 10 sessions for nonmembers. Newcomers are welcome to join the group. Congregation Shaar Hashalom, located at 16020 El Camino Real, is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. The community is invited to attend. For more information, contact 281-488-5861 or at cs@shaarhashalom.org.

Morgan senior pastor 53 years

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170-foot, 90-ton cross on the church's property that is seen by more than 1,000,000 people each week. The expansion also included the construction of a new \$29 million worship center and adult education facility. Like all Sagemont projects, the new building was constructed debt-free. Overall, Sagemont's buildings and property are valued at more than \$50 million.

Morgan has served on numerous boards ranging from the chairman of trustees at Houston Baptist University to president of the Texas Baptist Pastors' Conference.

In 2005, Morgan was given the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and in 2013, he was honored as a Pasadena Independent School District's Distinguished Alumnus.

Morgan and his first wife, Beth Morgan, now deceased, have two sons, two daughters-in-law and three grand-

children.

Son, Sean Hunter Morgan, is married to Leslee Morgan, and son, Dean Fisher Morgan, is married to Tara Morgan. Sean and Leslee's children are Max, Miles and Maris Morgan.

Following Beth Morgan's death in June 2017, Morgan remarried, exchanging wedding vows with Kathie Reimer Oct. 13, 2018.

Reimer is the widow of Dr. Jim Reimer, a former pastor.

Garcia offers free SAT prep

Commissioner Adrian Garcia is working to fulfill his promise to make education a priority by launching a free test-prep program. In partnership with Project GRAD Houston, Harris County Precinct 2 will now offer a free 4-week course that will help students prepare for the Scholastic Assessment Test.

The session will be held in multiple locations throughout the Precinct from July 27 to Aug. 22. Precinct 2 residents and students will be able to take part in these classes twice

a week from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

"I believe education is the key to success and I want to make sure that everyone has all access to every educational opportunity," said Garcia.

SAT exams are essential for the admission to colleges and universities throughout the United States. Prep courses could range an average of \$200 to \$900. Thanks to Garcia's partnership, students can now register and take this course for free.

"This is an opportunity for all the students that have

a dream to move on to higher institutions to get professional and a well-structured curriculum for their SAT preparations," said Garcia.

For eligibility, applicants must be registered to take the SAT exam on Aug. 24, and be a resident or student in Precinct 2. Applications must be submitted by Friday, July 12.

To learn more about the program, applicants may call 713-274-2130, visit www.hcp2.com/testprep to download application or email testprep@hcp2.com.

Elected officials share their words

Gov. Abbott signs HB 3

Gov. Greg Abbott signed into law landmark legislation to reform school finance, increase teacher pay and provide property tax relief on June 11.

The governor was joined by Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, Speaker of the House Dennis Bonnen, Sen. Larry Taylor and Rep. Dan Huberty who helped spearhead the effort in the legislature.

"The people of Texas demanded that we take bold action to fix our state's broken school finance system, which is why I made school finance reform an emergency item this legislative session," said Abbott.

"Thanks to the tireless efforts of those gathered here to-

day, I am proud to sign into law transformative legislation to fix our school finance system.

"This law provides additional funding to recruit and retain the best teachers for the most challenging classrooms, employ effective strategies to better educate our students, and provide lasting property tax relief to homeowners."

House Bill 3 creates an incentive pay program for teachers, adds career, college, and military readiness bonuses for school districts, funds full-day prekindergarten for students in poverty, and requires all elementary school principals and teachers in kindergarten through third grade be trained on science-based reading in-

struction by 2021.

The bill also creates a student-focused formula structure, where the needs of a child - not the child's zip code - will determine funding allocations.

Additionally, the bill buys down property tax rates by an average of 8 cents in 2020 and implements a 2.5 percent property tax cap starting in 2021, which will result in an average tax rate reduction of 13 cents this biennium.

Additionally, the signing ceremony was attended by Sens. Jane Nelson, Royce West, Kirk Watson, and Donna Campbell, as well as Reps. Alma Allen, Diego Bernal, Ken King, John Zerwas, Trent Ashby and Mary Gonzalez.

Cornyn announces border bill

U.S. Senator John Cornyn released the following statement after the Senate Appropriations Committee announced an agreement on a border supplemental package, which includes \$30 million available for reimbursements to local governments, states, and nongovernmental organizations for migrant care through the Federal Emergency Management

Agency. Cornyn sent a letter on June 18, to key appropriators requesting this inclusion after hearing from many local Texas officials and nonprofits that due to increased border crossings in recent months, local governments and NGOs have had to spend significant resources on services typically provided by the federal government.

"In the absence of federal

resources, local communities in Texas have been providing transportation, food, and shelter for migrants in need," said Cornyn. "With increased crossings at our southern border, their resources are drained and funds for critical services like public safety and utilities are taking a hit. Through these reimbursements, we can take the burden off local communities and NGOs."

"For Houston, this means over \$200 million in investment in our recovery programs, maximizing our federal draw down. Making sure that every community affected by Harvey takes advantage of the federal matching funds is good policy for the State of Texas, and I thank all members of the legislature, the lieutenant governor, and the governor for their support."

Turner thanks Abbott

At Gov. Greg Abbott's invitation on June 13, Mayor Sylvester Turner attended the governor's bill signing ceremony for legislation related to disaster relief and preparedness. Turner released the following statement:

"Today is another important step in Houston's long term recovery. Houston experienced one of the worst rain events in North American history. We knew if we were going to recover, we needed to have more resources, in this case the state's Rainy Day Fund. I

sincerely thank our local delegation, who from the beginning insisted on pushing for the Local Match.

"Sen. (Brandon) Creighton was key to this effort and I thank him for Senate Bill 7. My team worked with Rep. (Dan) Huberty, (Chris) Murphy, and (Armando) Walle to provide a key amendment that made this bill work better for everyone in the City of Houston. This is the first time the State of Texas has stepped up to provide the Local Match for federal disaster matching funds. Getting a

\$9 to \$1 return on Public Assistance and \$3 to \$1 for Hazard Mitigation Grants is a very good return on investment for the state.

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Leader checks out social media

By Laura Benavides Scallan

A post was shared on *The Official South Belt & Sagemont Area Crime Alert* Facebook page regarding a robbery that occurred at the Walmart located at 9598 Rowlett Road May 17, around 9:30 a.m. The post states a man's wallet was stolen by a female who stopped him to make small talk. The victim did not know his wallet was taken until he went to check out, and saw the same woman trying to pay for her groceries while holding his wallet.

When he went to confront her, she walked out of the store, but not before she took \$40 and his credit card and threw the wallet over her shoulder. The post that was shared shows the security camera footage taken during the incident and clearly shows the incident unfolding.

The post stated the suspect is an African American male dressed in a black shirt and black pants with no shoes. See page 1A for story.

A member of the *People of Sagemont 2* Facebook group posted an image of a suspicious blue Ford F-150 truck. The member stated the truck was parked between her house and her neighbor's house. According to the member, the truck was occupied by a young Hispanic male driver. The member stated that when she went outside to get a closer look, the suspect sped off.

On the Facebook page *Everything Sagemont*, a member posted an image that the Sagemont Cowboys are looking for 5- to 9-year-olds for the team until Aug. 1.

For more information, contact Denny Wranich Jr. at 713-876-1491.

AARP Webster chapter shares meeting date

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 welcomes everyone to join them at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 19, at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway, Seabrook. They meet in the large building with the blue roof inside Clear Lake Park on the north side of NASA Parkway.

Everyone is invited to come to the meetings and to enjoy coffee, cookies and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting starts at 10 a.m. Each month the chapter has entertainment or a speaker on various topics of interest to seniors. On Friday, July 19, "10 Early Signs and Symptoms of Alzheimer's" will be presented by Bonnie Benkula and Robin Holmes of CareBuilders at Home. They will speak at 10:30 a.m. after our chapter business meeting ends. There will not be a potluck lunch at the July 19 meeting.

The AARP Chapter also organizes day trips for AARP Chapter 199 members by bus to local area points of interest at minimal cost. The next day trip will be on Wednesday, July 10, to the Imax Theater at the HMNS to see "The Great Barrier Reef" in 3D. The chapter will have lunch at Luby's Cafeteria/Fuddrucker's and then tour the Buffalo Soldiers National Museum.

The following day trip will be on Wednesday, Aug. 28, to tour the Beer Can House, Orange Show, Smith's Park and Dunham Bible Museum. The chapter will eat at Dinner Bell Cafeteria.

If anyone is interested in joining the group, annual dues are \$8 per year per person. However, one must be a member of national AARP to join any local chapter. AARP Chapters are separately incorporated affiliates of AARP.

For more information, contact Earl Mallett at 281-484-2589 or earlmallett@sbcglobal.net.

Deaths

Charles Thomas Sewell



Charles Thomas Sewell, 95, died June 24, 2019. He was born May 1, 1924, on his family's farm at Newnan, Ga., the sixth of eight children of William Pope and Nora D. Sewell.

Tom grew up working on the farm during the Great Depression and attended Newnan High School where he met his future wife, Clarice Stutcher. He enlisted in the U.S. Marines in 1944, and in February 1945 fought in the Battle of Iwo Jima, surviving one of the bloodiest battles of World War II. After the war, he served in the First Occupation Forces of Japan for almost one year, after which he was honorably discharged and returned home to Newnan to marry his high school sweetheart Clarice. They were married more than 54 years, until her death in 2001.

After their marriage in 1946, Tom and Clarice moved to Houston in 1949, where he began work as a cashier at South Main State Bank. He continued working in banking industry his entire business life, being employed at various banks in the area and rising from that cashier's position in 1949 to the position of bank

president during his 60 plus years in the business.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church Pasadena for more than 50 years, during which time he served on many church committees—but it was his smiling face as a greeter before and after service that most will remember. He embodied what a true believer should be—kind in spirit, slow to anger and eager to serve his Lord and his church.

Tom is survived by his sons Tom Jr. Sewell and Scott Sewell; daughters-in-law LaVerne Sewell and Linda Sewell; grandchildren Jeff Sewell, Stephanie Tyroch, Chris Sewell and Kelli Anne Sewell; and great-grandchildren Cadlea Sewell, Alden Sewell, Parker Tyroch, Branch Sewell, Owen Tyroch and Charlie Tyroch.

These are the facts of his life, although they don't begin to describe the essence of what made him so special and loved by his family and those who knew him. The facts don't capture his goodness and kindness, his sweet and unselfish personality, or the joy he showed being with his beloved wife Clarice and his family—and was reciprocated from them to him. Those are the things everyone knew him will remember about him. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, and he set an example in each of those roles that are unequalled. Tom was quite involved with the South Belt Chamber of Commerce.

Visitation will be held Thursday, June 27, at Niday Funeral Home in Pasadena from 5 to 7 p.m. The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, June 28, at First Baptist Church in Pasadena.

Fourth of July parade, fireworks display set

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Beamer; and on Page 6A of this issue. The forms are to be filled out and returned to the *Leader* office; faxed to 281-481-5730; or emailed to my news@southbeltleader.com. The deadline for entry is Monday, July 1.

Fireworks display
Now in its 31st year, the annual South Belt fireworks show will take place at El Franco Lee Park, located

at 9400 Hall Road. (While the fireworks show began in 1988 with the parade, the 1995 display was skipped due to a lack of funding.)

Organizers said this year's display, which is funded by the annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off, will be one of the largest to date. The show is scheduled to begin around 9:15 p.m. but dependent on various conditions.

Local library events set

Bracewell Branch Library

All Houston public libraries will be closed Thursday, July 4, for the fourth of July holiday.

The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint: The Summer Reading Program continues through Aug. 1. Explore the unknown with SRP and receive a free book and lanyard for registering. Earn more free books and pins to decorate the lanyard by reaching reading goals and exploring the world in books. Register online at www.houstonlibrary.org/summer. Children and teens will have a chance to win prizes including tickets to Houston-area museums, inSPIRE rock climbing, Houston Astros games and Benihana.

Parents and caregivers can read this summer, too. Families (including at least one adult with one child) who complete SRP will win a family prize (while supplies last). To qualify, the child must complete the 30-day level and the adult must write two reviews (one for an item read for the adult's enjoyment and one for a youth item read with the child).

Thursday, June 27, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Spanish computer class for adults and seniors
Monday, July 1, 10:15 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Citizenship class. The classes cover the 100 civics questions and how to prepare for the citizenship interview. Other topics include the citizenship application and qualifications. Class participation is by appointment only.

Tuesday, July 2, 10:15 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Citizenship class. Class participation is by appointment only.

For more information, call the library at 832-393-2580.
Bracewell hours this week are: Thursday, July 4, closed; Friday and Saturday, 1 - 5 p.m.; Sunday, closed; Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Parker Williams Library

All Harris County public libraries will close early Wednesday, July 3, at 5 p.m. and re-open Friday for normal business hours for the Fourth of July holiday.

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

Thursday, June 27, 2 p.m. SciFi feature "Atlantis: The Lost Empire" (rated PG, 95 minutes, for ages 10 and older). Meet in the library community room each week during the summer for a different feature. This week, watch the movie of Milo Thatch who joins a group of explorers on a quest to find the mysterious lost continent of Atlantis.

Thursday, June 27, 4 p.m. Community craft: Paper flower wreath, for adults, families and children eight years and older.

Saturday, June 29, 10:30 a.m. Sensory Friendly Film "The Lego Movie 2" (rated PG, 107 minutes, for ages 3 and older) For the first film of the summer, the lights will be low, the sound will be down, and there will be plenty of room for everyone to move around.

Saturday, June 29, 1 - 2:30 p.m. Intermediate Spanish with Mercedes. Brush up on Spanish by practicing listening and speaking with fellow learners and instructor Mercedes. Class meets four consecutive Saturdays. Registration is requested.

Monday, July 1, 6 - 7:30 p.m. Magic: The Gathering Gameplay, a dueling card game from Wizards of the Coast, for ages 8 and older, incorporating strategy, mythical lore, and competitive-community play. For those wanting to learn, a staff member will be present for instruction. A special thank you is given to Strike Zone for the generous donation of Magic: The Gathering cards. For more information, visit <http://www.hcpl.net/sites/default/files/Feb-MTG-1.jpg>.

Monday, July 1, 7 p.m. VR Gaming, for ages 12 and older. Meet in the library community room to try out the new Playstation VR rig some of the newest immersion technology while playing some of Sony's gaming possibilities. Health Advisory: Participants must be 12 years old or older to participate.

Tuesday, July 2, 2 p.m. Perler Bead Art, for ages 13 and older. Teen programs are coming back to the library. Meet for a relaxing concentration of Perler Bead Art. Perler beads are fusible pieces of plastic that you can design a variety of pixelated graphics.

Wednesday, July 3, 2 p.m. Hampstead Stage presents "A Universe of Stories" for all ages. The Hampstead Stage Company will visit the library for a presentation of Greek myths and legends that explain the sun, the moon, the wind and the seasons and how they are cast into the stars above.

Below are the programs that occur every week, unless the library is closed:

Tuesday, Babytime lapsit, 10:30 a.m. For babies from birth to 18 months, featuring a mother-baby lapsit time with fingerplays, songs and playtime.

Wednesday, Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m. For children, ages 3 to 5 years, storytime features stories, songs, fingerplays and a craft.

Wednesday, 2 - 3 p.m.: Basic computer classes (Vietnamese). Learn mouse, keyboarding, basic internet skills and more at this weekly class in Vietnamese. Registration is requested.

Thursday, Toddler storytime, 10:30 a.m. For toddlers from birth to 3 years, storytime features stories, songs, fingerplays and bubbles.

Saturday, Vietnamese learning time, for adults and children ages 8 and older. Classes begin at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. It's a great time to take a class to help with a skill for work, gain understanding of a topic or learn a language. There are many free classes available online at the library website or on the internet, through universities or other sources. Practice navigating the internet to learn about these, or sign up for one. For more information on these programs, speak with Loc Bui.

For more information on all other programs, call the library at 832-927-7870.

Clear Creek EF funds more than \$128,000 in grants

The Clear Creek Education Foundation visited 67 outstanding Clear Creek Independent School District teachers on 27 campuses during the annual Surprise Patrol on May 23.

Teachers were surprised by the CCEF board members and community partners with Teacher Innovative Grants totaling \$125,588 that will impact more than 18,290 CCISD students. The Clear Creek Education Foundation awards teachers with grant money through their Teacher Innovative Grant Program, giving them the opportunity to take education to the next level and providing unique, hands-on learning experiences in the classroom. Since the Foundation's inception in 1992, more than \$3.3 million has been distributed districtwide in a variety of educational programs.

"From virtual reality, archery, drones, coding and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) this year's Teacher Innovative Grants brought more innovation to the classroom than ever," stated Deborah Laine, executive director. "These exciting grants will directly impact students for the 2019-2020 school year. This is the climax of our year to award our teachers these programs that take education to the next level."

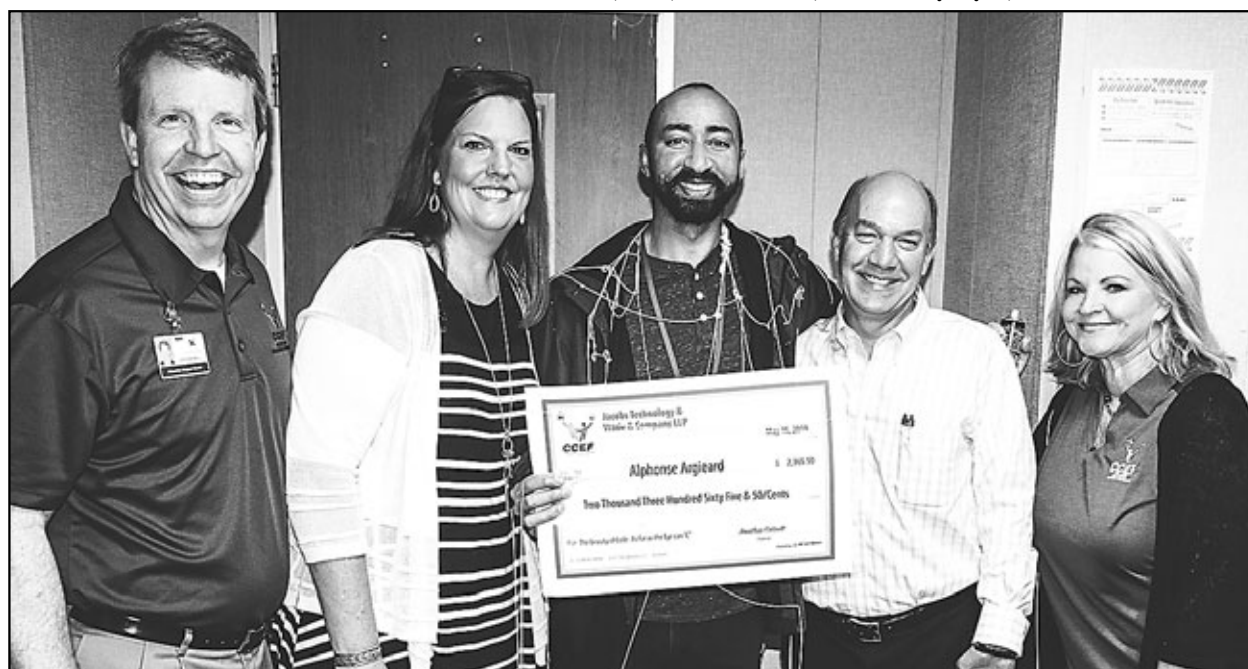
Funding from the Clear Creek Education Foundation is made possible, thanks to the many partners of the foundation, who have come together to Inspire Educational Excellence in CCISD through the Teacher Innovative Grant Program. Foundation members feel the Teacher Innovative Grant Program is a vital and necessary strategy in assisting teachers to maintain the high level of achievement in CCISD. For a full list of grants awarded and sponsors, visit CCEF's website.

In addition, high school science fair students applied for a grant through the Science Fair Innovative Grant program funded by the Arepalli - Karumuri Family Grant. With the help of additional Give-A-Grant sponsors, eight students were awarded a combined \$2,938 to help enhance their science fair project for the 2019 - 2020 school year.

Other opportunities for funding through CCEF's educational grant program for special innovative grants, student-teacher innovative grants and minigrants are also available to CCISD teachers and students. Information on these funding opportunities can be found at www.ClearCreekEducationFoundation.org.



Clear Brook High School Principal Michele Staley, accepted grant "DNA Analysis Equipment for Personalized Student Investigation" on behalf of teachers Alaina Garza and James Dinardo. Shown above are, left to right, Rebecca Lilley, CCEF secretary; Mickey Wooten, CCEF director; Deborah Laine, CCEF executive director; Staley; Levi Benton, CCEF director; and Courtney Taylor, with Greenbank.



Weber Elementary teacher Alphonse Argieard (center) was all smiles as he received a grant for his work "The Beauty of Code: As Far as the Eye can C." Shown above with Argieard, are, left to right, Dr. Steven Ebell, CCISD deputy superintendent of curriculum and instruction; Cheryl Chaney, Weber Elementary principal; Alan Bell, with Jacobs Technology; and Jill Reason, CCEF past chairman.



Sivaram Arepalli surprised Westbrook Intermediate student Emily Li with her Science Fair Innovative Grant for her work "Highly Porous Material for CO2 Capture." Shown above are, left to right Rebecca Lilley; Sivaram Arepalli, CCEF director; Li; Stephanie Cooper, Westbrook Intermediate principal; and Dr. Steven Ebell.



Clear Horizons Early College High School student Julie Trinh (holding sign) displays her Science Fair Innovative Grant for her work "Different pH Levels and Its Effects on the MCF7 Breast Cancer Cells." Shown with Trinh are, left to right, Jill Reason; Gina Conklin, CCEF director; Katie Bufford, Clear Horizons teacher; and Deborah Laine. Photos submitted

Haley lends Le a helping hand

J. Frank Dobie High School's Shining Star Hoang Vu Le (below, right) is shown with distinguished educator Cecily Haley, 10th-grade Physics I instructor.

Le has been active in Academic Decathlon, French Club and Math Club and has volunteered with Key Club, the Houston Public Library and his local church. He has shown leadership qualities as captain of the Academic Decathlon and Math UIL teams.

He plans to attend Yale University, double majoring with a Bachelor of Arts in chemistry and Bachelor of Science in computer science and mathematics.

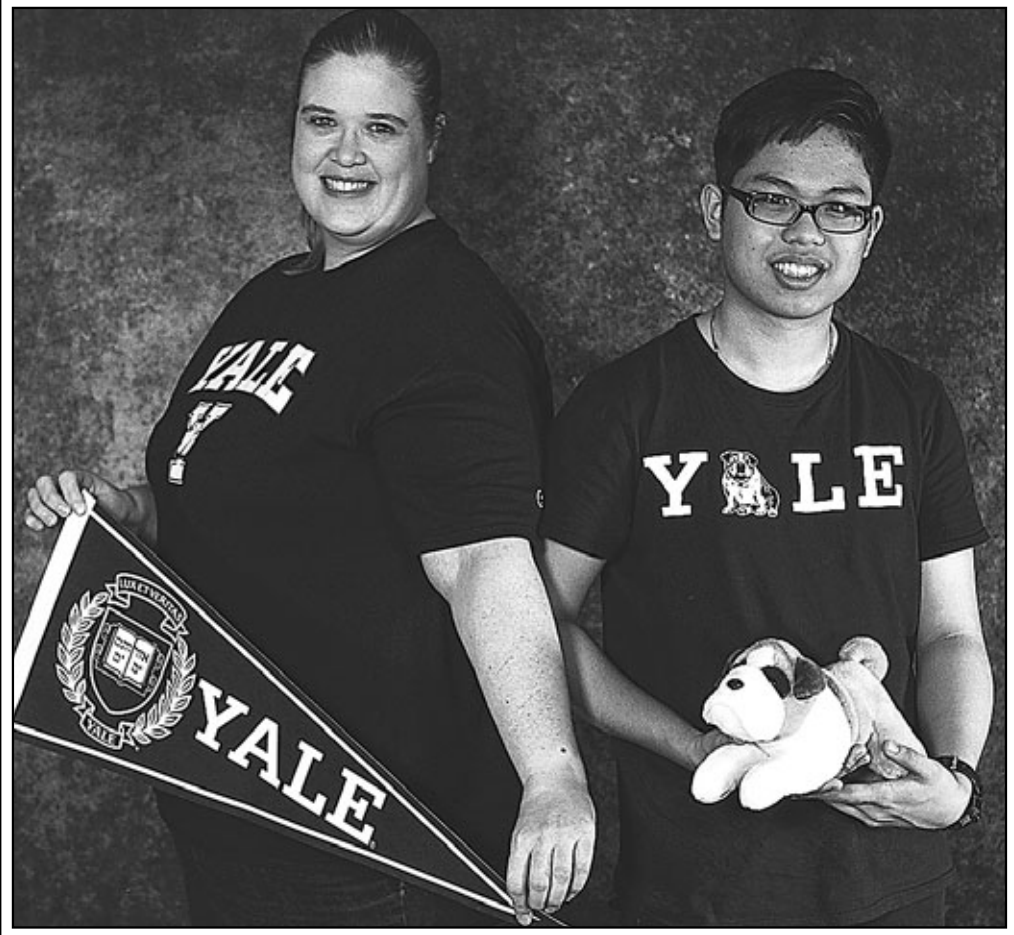
"Dr. Haley is an amazing educator and a mother to me. She is very supportive and is always there lending a helping hand. She has a lovable personality and is easy to talk to

whenever you are in difficult situations. Whether it be for tutoring or for life in general, she provides useful advice to guide you on your path to success. And best of all, she supports the Academic Decathlon team even when she is busy and overwhelmed!" Le said.

The South Belt Shining Stars will be presented in a series of studies being honored along with their favorite mentor. The Shining Stars represent the top Dobie High school students.

The information and photos were submitted by Pasadena Independent School District.

The Leader is also running the Shining Stars from Pasadena Memorial, South Houston and Dr. Kirk Lewis Career & Technical high schools.



U.S. Army Corps, HCFCFD execute PPA

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District Commander, Col. Lars N. Zetterstrom, and the Harris County Flood Control District executed the Project Partnership Agreement for construction of the Clear Creek Flood Risk Management Project recently in Galveston.

HCFCFD will construct the Clear Creek Project, using its own funds and federal funds, under the authority provided in Section 1043(b) of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014, as amended.

"Section 1043 PPAs are a priority of the administration, and Clear Creek is only the second of many to come in the nation," said Honorable R.D. James, the assistant secretary of the Army for Civil Works. "Federal funding for this project is provided by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, which included Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief."

A PPA is a legally binding agreement between the government and a nonfederal sponsor, in this case HCFCFD, for construction of a water resources project like Clear Creek. It describes the project and the responsibilities of the government and the nonfederal sponsor in the cost sharing and execution of work. Clear Creek is a Flood Risk Management project that was authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1968. The project is located in Harris and Brazoria counties with 17 cities within the watershed.

"We are proud of the continued collaboration among Harris, Galveston and Brazoria counties and our district's staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure the Clear Creek Bayou Flood Risk Management Project is completed," said Zetterstrom.

"The signing of the Project Partnership Agreement June 6, 2019, is a momentous step in this project being constructed and I am confident

that this project, once completed, will bring flood risk reduction benefits to the communities along Clear Creek, both adjacent to and downstream of the areas being improved," said Zetterstrom.

The modified authorized project consists of approximately 15 miles of channel conveyance improvements and 500 acre-feet of inline detention along Clear Creek, more than five total miles of conveyance improvements along three tributaries of Clear Creek, and a previously constructed second outlet channel with a gated structure between Clear Lake and Galveston Bay. The project will provide flood protection for more than \$36 million in land and improvements based on 2011 price levels.

"After a 20-year construction hiatus, we are grateful and excited to move forward with an improved federal project that will reduce flood risks and improve quality of life for citizens of the Clear Creek watershed," said Russ Poppe, executive director of the Harris County Flood Control District. "We are also excited to continue our successful relationship with USACE implementing federal projects under local-lead authorities."

"Section 1043(b) presents another opportunity for us to work together to deliver a project effectively and efficiently under a unique model," added Poppe.

"The ASA(CW), USACE, OMB, our local congressional delegation, and other local elected officials have each had a key role in where we are now, and we want to thank all for their efforts and support," Poppe said.

Now that the PPA is signed, HCFCFD will execute construction and the remaining design. The estimated completion date is September 2025.

For more information regarding the Clear Creek project, visit <https://www.swg.usace.army.mil/Missions/Projects/>.

Voight makes math fun for Flores

Distinguished educator and 11th-grade PAP Pre-Calculus instructor Meriah Voight (below, left) is shown with Dr. Kirk Lewis Career & Technical High School's Shining Star Katia Flores.

Flores chose Voight for the recognition and commented about her instructor, "Ms. Voight is easily one of the best teachers I've had the pleasure of knowing. She strives to make math fun and goes above and beyond for her students. Ms. Voight is an excellent educator and person."

"Her kindness and sense of humor have impacted the way I approach math. Ms. Voight is the perfect combination of professionalism and friendliness. Aside from being an outstanding educator, she's an admirable person," Flores added.

Flores has done community service by volunteering at the Pasadena Municipal Animal Shelter and has participated

in HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) and National Honor Society community service projects. She has demonstrated leadership ability by taking the position of treasurer in HOSA.

Looking ahead, Flores said, "I plan to attend the University of Texas at Austin for my undergraduate degree. I also hope to pursue a PharmD in the future."

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The Shining Stars represent the top Dr. Kirk Lewis Career & Technical High School students.

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Parker Williams earns grant from State Farm

The Parker Williams Branch Library was recently awarded an \$800 grant from State Farm Insurance.

The grant will enable the library to provide innovative programming for the South

Belt-Ellington community that might not have been able to be provided without additional funding.

The first portion of the grant monies will be used to start a Sensory Friendly Film pro-

gram. The Parker Williams Library staff is most excited about this opportunity because for the first time they will be able to offer programs specifically for those on the autism spectrum. The films

will be shown with brighter lights, softer sound and plenty of room to move so that it is a safe and accepting environment. The first film will be shown June 29, at 10:30 a.m. Both film and refreshments will be provided free of charge through the grant.

The second portion of the grant monies have allowed the library to offer additional Summer Reading Program prizes exclusively for the South Belt-Ellington community. If one completes the Summer Reading Program at Parker Williams, adults can win a Bluetooth portable speaker; teens and tweens can win Bluetooth earbuds; children can win a Soyee magnet building set; and infants can win an Eric Carle board book set.

The final portion of the grant monies will fund the second annual Page Fright event at Halloween. There will be more activities, more candy and more carved pumpkins this year. The Parker Williams Library appreciates State Farm Insurance in helping to fund these opportunities for the community and hopes everyone will anticipate in these programs and events.



Parker Williams Library has won a grant for \$800 from State Farm. Shown holding the winning check are, left to right, Steve Sipes, local State farm agent; Mike Saperstein, Parker Williams Library Branch manager; and Sylvia Villasenor, State Farm account manager.

Guerin receives \$1,000 scholarship

Brianna Guerin of South Belt was selected to receive the 2019 All American Scholar Award sponsored by Catholic Life Insurance, one of the na-

tion's top ten largest fraternal life insurers.

Each year, Catholic Life awards 35 scholarships worth \$1,000 each to graduating high

school seniors who have not only demonstrated outstanding leadership skills and academic achievements, but have also gone above and beyond in their

civic duties and made a difference in their communities.

Guerin, who plans to attend San Jacinto Community College, is the daughter of Marcel and Kayse Guerin. She submitted an impressive resume of extracurricular activities that include South Belt Area Swim Team, Dance Academy and church choir. She also plays the violin.

Guerin has volunteered at her local Catholic church, Brazoria County Library, Junior High day camp, St. Luke's VBS, Mary Queen Catholic Church VBS and REACH. She has also taught Faith Formation and served as treasurer for a Catholic home school.

The scholarship is open to Catholic Life members who are also graduating high school seniors. Scholarship winners are selected based on their community service, demonstration of leadership qualities and scholastic achievement. For more information, visit www.cliu.com.



Fred Roberts MS releases honor roll

Fred Roberts Middle School has released its honor roll for the fourth nine-weeks.

Honor Roll

Fifth grade
Helen Acosta, Amanda Aguilar, Gael V. Aguirre, Aracely Andrade, Lahny Aileen Avendano, Blue Jakob Banda, Anderson Steven Betanco, Xavier Alfredo Blanco, Katia Jade Boardman, Rick Sergio Bonilla, Kaitlyn Emily Breen, Serenity Faye Brown, Megan Van Bui, Gabriel Anjelis Burrow and Jay'shard Devoin Butler.

Deangelo Caballero, Lucas Daniel Calderon, Tyson Thomas Caldwell, Ashley Valeria Cantarero, Omar Nelson Cantarero, Rolando Josue Caraves, Aaron Nickolas Carballo, Roselyn Arleth Cardenas, Israel Valentin Carrascal, Carizma Eryann Casillas, Kimberly Abigail Castillo, Maxamilian Castillo and Alyssa Renee Castro.

Kennedy Marie Cavazos, Aislynn Alexia Cazares, Ramon Lucas Ceja, Joshua Josiah Cerda, Italo Obed Chavarria Mendez, Victoria Denisa Chioreanu, Davia Constantino, David Nicolas Contreras, Isaura Isabel Correa, Isabella Giselle Cruz, Mia Thais Cruz, Hailey Sunshine Cubos and Kaileen Irene Culppepper.

Daydrin Bernard Daniels, Alexis De La Rosa, Bryan Alejandro De Leon, Orlando De Paz, Kenneth Josue Dominguez Gonzalez, Ihan Eliz Echevarria Lucca, David Elzalde, Andrew Escobar, Shone Patrick Evans, Ricardo Aaron Fernandez-Banda, Harold Yair Funez, Dianna Camila Galvan, Isabelle Yureli Garcia and Jennifer Beatriz Garcia.

Ociel Isaac Garcia, Diego Garcia Alfaro, Alyria Aivee Garcia-Garza, Aaron Garza, Delaney Jolie Garza, Hector Angel Garza, Jessica Alessandra Garza, Jose Luis Garza, Brissa Colette Gaytan Montemayor, Cedric Dewayne Gillespie, Aidan Isaiyah Giron, Aaron Allen Gloria, Ashley Jhanaly Gomez and Jackson Maddox Gomez.

Olivia Cecilia Gonzales, Emiliano Gonzalez, Lizette Alexandra Gonzalez, Maximiliano Ezequiel Gonzalez, Troy Zach Gonzalez, Bryan Alexander Goytortua, Michael Dylan Granger, Sanaa Alexis Green, Joel Raul Gutierrez, Katherine Andrea Gutierrez, Pedro Daniel Gutierrez, Jade Nicole Hall, Abdalrahman Abdelfattah Helal, Alan Hector Hernandez and Everardo Hernandez.

Jidoh Jordan Hernandez, Miranda Hernandez, London Eve Herrera, Himabeli Herre-randa Conde, Jakob Noel Hinojosa, Lorenzo Antonio Holguin,

Drake Clayton Hollinquest, Jaiden Leonardo Huerta, Mia Aracely Jimenez, Cadie Nevaeh Jones, Travis William Keith, Tam Hoang Nhat Le, Daniela Leal and Lourdes Yeshaya Lemon.

Nicholas Andrew Licerio, Nazirah Viktoria Limon, Citlali Michelle Loera, Alex Lopez, Samantha Elisabeth Lopez, Santiago Lopez, Breanna Mya Lott, Jaden Marcus Loyd, Ace Anh-Thuan Ly, Aaliyah Zoraya Maldonado, Jocelyn Eryanna Marquez, Eva Lynn Martinez, Jewelsa Nadyne Martinez, Emilio Martinez Diaz De Leon and Tony Tarrell McKenzie.

Ariela Crystal Medina, Kevin Yahir Mejia, Dulce Mejia Hernandez, Lennyn Abraham Mendoza, Leilaine Menendez, Mehreen Mortaza Mir, Ayia Nichole Mitchell, Miguel Angel Mondragon, Mark Anthony Monroy, Savannah Aliana Montes, Jada Aniya Moore, Devani Miranda Morales, Gabriel Morales and Carlos Ruben Morales Cedano.

Jaziyah Kyla Moreno, Anh Ngoc Ngo, Delayla Phuc Nhi Nguyen, Diana Ngoc Nguyen, Thinh Tony Truong Nguyen, Tuan Minh Nguyen, Princess Alilah Nuncio, Henry V. Nunez, Victory Chioma Nwosu, Cyrianna Estrella Ochoa, Karla Giselle Ornelas, Daniel Joseph Ortiz, Joshua Fabian Oviedo, Wyatt John Parsons, Jessellin Perales Espinosa, Eduardo Perez, Rensoo Cristobal Perla and Emly Guadalupe Pineda.

Izelle Pineda, Wilson Alexander Ponce, Laib Alfonso Portillo, Elyssa Marie Postel, Camila Isabel Quintanilla-Lainez, Ashley Nicole Ramirez, Gabriela Jocelin Ramirez, Dariana Rafaela Rayo, Leila Alejandra Reyes, Rebecca Gail Reyes, Raylyn Loe Rhodes, Jayson Matthew Rivera and Tai Heaven Robinson.

Aynea Laelle Rodgers, Alexander Rodriguez, Araceli Rodriguez, Arelly Clarita Rodriguez, Dario Rene Rodriguez, Gia Giselle Rodriguez, Scarlet Rodriguez, Walter Vladimir Rodriguez, Joselyn Michelle Romero, Jose Jefferson Romero Mendoza, Cristian Noe Sagastizado, Oscar Gabriel Salinas, Mariah Irene Sanchez and Jack Fisher Sandoval.

Marlenie Sandoval, Mustapha Ahmad Sanjar, Samus Aran Schmidt, Cy'moria Jade Silas, Eric Silva, Joyceelyn El-nor Sims, Edgar Alexis Solano Blanco, Sebastian Solis, Isaiyah Julian Solorzano, Rome William Soriano, Mario Alberto Torres, John Hoang Tran and

Parker Minhquoc Tran. Emily Isabel Trevino, Angel Valerio, Elias Emanuel Varela, Juan Bernardo Vega, Jaylen Keeun Vega-Qualls, Diana Julissa Villatoro Sorto, Amy Lisbeth Villegas Magana, Nyrell Jeziel Visuet, Marquise Latroy Williams, Vanessa Wu, Yzaiah Yzaguirre, Laisha Nicole Zarazua and Layla Georgette Zarazua.

Sixth grade
Keisy Esther Aguilera Pena, Bereni Alfaro, Kemonia Neshae Andrade, Andrew Alexander Arevalo, Mauricio Avila Castellon, Aldrin Magampon Baluyut, Elin Samantha Banegas Bejarano, Herli Daniel Barahona, Owen Allen Barr, Alvaro Nathaniel Barrios, Maddison Fabiola Barrios Ferrera and A'nyia Marie Beasley.

Ariana Anahi Becerra, Joshua Emanuel Bell, Josue Betancourt, Chelsy Nevaeh Bonilla, McKenzie Maryann Bonner, Shane Caleb Bonner, Kimora Lee Campbell, Mariah Alizee Campos, Miguel Angel Campuzano, Miranda Itzel Cano, Tommy Trong Cao, Ellen Jazive Carrillo, Joana Casas, Jada Nicole Castaneda and Hannah Katelyn Castillo.

Jaymie Danielle Castillo, Marcelly Cazares, Samantha Isabel Chano, Ethan Thomas Chavez, Danielle Annaya Chenier, Kelsi Ja'nae Coleman, Guliano Isaiyah Cuellar, Elizabeth-Truc Kieu Dao, Levi Asaf Del Angel, Joshua Alexander Dominguez, Kirsten Kieu My Duong, Allison Anahi Duran Ramos, Nathalia Aurora Elizalde and Alonso Escamilla.

David Antonio Flores, Jeffrey Galan, Jennifer Arleth Galan, Alexis Edert Gamez, Elizabeth Christine Garcia, Emily Dennis Garcia, Erianna Josie Garcia, Michala Jo Garcia, Nahomi Garcia, Xavier Garza, Crystal Lily Gibbens, Eliana Star Gilbert, Devin Dwayne Goldsby, Angelica Ruth Gonzales, Kassandra Lizbeth Goytortez and Daphne Joselynn Goytortua.

Adrien Loren Green, Isabella Guajardo, Jesselyn Guivarra, Brenda Gutierrez, Raul Alfonso Gutierrez, Christina Guzman, Corynn Annette Harris, Ka'mory Deon Harris, Emly Johanna Henriquez, Jose Anthony Henriquez, Michelle Angie Hernandez, Sabino Vera Hernandez, Shanelle Hernandez Perez, Lillian Rose Herte, Ruben Elijah Hinojosa, Lena Quynh-Anh Hoang, David Christian Houser and Aaron David Hudspeth.

Kara Marie Hingersoll, Jason Jasso, Joslyn Cierra Jauregui, Francisco Xavier Jimenez, Gisselle Alicia Jimenez, Rodrigo Jimenez, Jake Ray-

mond Joslin, Marco Antonio Juarez, Heidy-Patrice Ahmed Kamh, Jalisa Ann King, Abigail Elaine Koplin, Maher M Kothiya, Britney Le, Ngan Luu Thai Le, Alejandro Lezama and Isabella Alayna Liceaga.

Emma Sophia Lopez, Kayla Naomi Lopez, Alina Michelle Loreda, Hannah Penelope Maldonado, Callie Paige Martin, Edgar Martinez, Jonathan Isai Martinez, Kayla Martinez, Marie Giselle Martinez, Mariyah Nicole Martinez, Riley Nicole Martinez, Samantha Martinez and Aeriona Denise McCann.

Emma Nicole Millhouse, Joslyn Beatrice Miniel, Rayan Mirza, Brianna Mya Moreno, Jonnathan Abel Moreno, Bryant Morfin, Jose Luis Muniz, Phillip Obed Mushtaq, Abriana Laniece Neco, Corey James Nelloms, Tony Ngoc Ngo, Alex Triluan Nguyen, Christine Thanh Nguyen, Huy Hoang Truong Nguyen and Nhi Binh Phuong Nguyen.

Ny Ha Bao Nguyen, Vinh Quoc Nguyen, Dorothy Chinyere Nwosu, Alexander Steven Odom, Alex Ezekiel Olvera, Citlali Esperanza Ortiz Pedroza, Sodanin Oun, Zachary Alan Owens, Ruben Palacios, Gustavo Pantoja, Trinity Alesia Parker, Kimberly Dayanara Perla, Tony Phan, Andrew Alexander Quintero and Delailah Amorette Ramos.

Jayden Robert Rangel, Amber Elizabeth Reyes, Nevaeh Juliana Reyes, Genesis Abigail Reyes Martinez, Jayme Rene Reyna, Magally Reyna, Angel Danielle Rhodes, Ernesto Rivas, Thurston La Damian Roberson, Hilda Isabel Robles, Kayla Genesis Rodriguez, Richard Cash Rodriguez, Sydney Krystal Rodriguez, Zemeriah Rodriguez, Manuel De Jesus Romero, Vanessa Lexi Rosalez and Carlos Salazar.

Luis Salazar, Brianna Sanchez, Daniel Sanchez, Kethia Nicole Sanchez, Rhiannon Isabella Sanchez, Sha'uri Elena Sanchez, Efrain Lincoln Sanchez, Ilana Nevaeh Silva, Adrienne Allison Smith, Alex Anthony Sosa, Marbella Sosa, Jacob Daniel Tagle, Amari Taeshaun Taylor, Ally Jayne Thompson, Jalissa Elaine Torres and Kevin Doan Tran.

Liliana Tuyet Tran, Nam Hao Trinh, Natilee Noheimi Trujillo, Julian Emmanuel Urrutia, Kianna Nalani Valadez, Alexander Alan Vargas, Anabella Vega, Ruby Gissell Vega, Cameron Latrell Walcott, Theodore Roosevelt Washington, Katelyn 'auna Marie Watkins, Jo'anna Williams, Karah Rylee Williams, Morgan Elisse Williams, Vivian Wu and Cesar Zavaleta.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

HARDYS CELEBRATE 63 YEARS

Congratulations are sent to Rose and James Hardy as they celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary Sunday, June 30, from friends in the South Belt area.

POMPAS ENJOY 45TH ANNIVERSARY
Nancy and Roger Pompa mark 45 years of marriage Sunday, June 30. See details in a future Leader issue.

ABIGAIL TURNS SEVEN!
Best wishes for a happy birthday Wednesday, July 3, are sent to Abigail Durham from parents Courtney and Chris Durham and brother Jackson; aunt Kimberly Flickinger; grandparents Fred and Leslie Flickinger; great-grandmother Olive Falkowski; great-grandfather John Fairchild; great-grandparents Marie and David Flickinger; and great-uncle David Flickinger (Leader president) and his wife Ellie.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays June 27 through July 3.

Atkinson Elementary
Marking a memorable birthday June 27 is Tulu Sarkar. Birthday greetings are sent to Maria Zamora June 28. Sing a birthday song June 29 to Maria Giron. Enjoying a birthday July 3 is Giselle Ortega.

Burnett Elementary
Send a birthday greeting June 27 to Donia Colello. Amy Vasquez celebrates a birthday

July 2.

Bush Elementary
The day for a party for Maggie Mayes is June 29. Light the birthday candles Saturday, July 1 for Marite Portales.

Frazier Elementary
On Sunday, June 30, special birthday wishes are sent to Yelitza Davila. Stacy Anthony marks a birthday July 2.

Genoa Elementary
Join in the birthday celebration July 2 for Sugell Orocio. Sing a happy birthday song July 3 to Alejandra Alcalá.

Meador Elementary
Julie Jasso celebrates a special birthday June 28.

South Belt Elementary
Send a special birthday card July 3 to Kasi Alayoubi.

Stuchbery Elementary
Light the birthday candles July 3 for Cheryl Wilson.

Melillo Middle School
Kristin Konzelman celebrates a special birthday June 28. Marking a birthday June 30 is Christine Wright.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
The day for a birthday celebration for Joseph Peterson is June 29. Light the birthday candles for Vanessa Schultz June 30. Lamona Lemarr and Lauren Lester enjoy a double-fun birthday July 2. Send a happy birthday greeting July 3 to William Agan.

Thompson Intermediate

Marking a birthday July 3 is Yadira Lozano. **Dobie High**

Share a happy birthday cake June 26 with Maria Morales. Sing a happy birthday song to Letishar Manning on June 29. Blow out the birthday candles June 30 for Steven Mullins.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
The Leader sends happy birthday wishes to friends who enjoy a birthday:

Thursday, June 27: Lorie Medina, Zel Bell, Ruth Clay, Ynot Guillory, Danielle LeBlanc Judge and Robyn Bryant; Friday, June 28: Jan Edwards Barker, Daren Williams, Kim York Hillis and Carla Pronio; Saturday, June 29: Kristi Rogers, Terri Nicholson, Cheryl Raymond and Judy Lannou Thiele; Sunday June 30: Darla Arenas, Kimberly Villarreal Susan Jenins-Cowan, Marlene Varela, Sonya Hernandez and BJ Parmelee; Monday, July 1: Siobhan Strambler, Barbara Porbandt, Tina Ramirez and Piper Sais; Tuesday, July 2: Mary Collins, Brent Garza, Carrie Ramos, Leslie Eaton, Paul Stator, Randy Weber, Eddie Shields, Darrel Black and Carolyn Benitez-Pineda; and Wednesday, July 3: Nancy Smith, Frank Castillo, Bill Phenix and Benny Outland.

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Email birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Remember When

40 years ago (1979)

Harris County Sheriff Officers apprehended a juvenile in regard to a break-in of a Sageglen home. The youth, reported to be a neighbor of the victim, apparently gained entrance to the home by throwing a brick through a back bedroom window.

Residents of Sageglen

were asked to vote on a recreational facility for that subdivision that would include a 25-meter swimming pool with diving area, wading pool, offices, storage, lounge facilities and lighted tennis courts.

A local resident reported her yard was vandalized

when a car drove over a row of 22 silver leafed poplar trees that had recently been replanted as a result of a similar incident that had occurred two weeks before, when eight trees were damaged.

35 years ago (1984)

The Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees unanimously up-

held the policy of subtracting grade points for unexcused absences for two brothers attending Beverly Hills Intermediate School.

Councilman Frank Mancuso announced that Houston would not annex the Kirkmont subdivision.

30 years ago (1989)

Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees named Stephanie Wright the assistant principal at Beverly Hills Intermediate School.

Rain spawned by tropical storm Allison pelted the South Belt area and area ditches and creeks swelled and left their banks in several areas causing anxious moments for many area motorists trying to make it home.

25 years ago (1994)

Thompson Intermediate School principal Vicki Thomas was named to direct the Pasadena Independent School District's entire vocational program.

The Holiday Foods space on Scarsdale, which had been vacant for three years, was leased by Hong Kong Supermarket.

20 years ago (1999)

Dr. John Morgan and four male companions survived a plane crash on a trip to Africa.

15 years ago (2004)

Houston Mayor Bill White served as grand marshal and City Council Member Addie Wiseman was the special guest at the annual South Belt Fourth of July parade was just days away.

The Texas Retirement System notified Pasadena Independent School District Superintendent Rick Schneider that he could not claim non-taken vacation pay for the purpose of increasing his retirement.

Preliminary figures indicated a 7.9 percent increase

for the Summer I session at San Jacinto College South campus.

Dobie High student and Boy Scout Justin Lai designed a flagpole receptacle composed of a pipe with a cap to keep out dirt for the esplanades in Sagemont. The project was part of his qualifications to become an Eagle Scout.

10 years ago (2009)

First Community Bank broke ground on its new facility in the 12900 block of the Gulf Freeway near Las Haciendas and the METRO Park and Ride. The bank formerly had two branches in the South Belt area, but pulled out of the Houston market due to a purchase and noncompete agreement with Wells Fargo that ended earlier in the year.

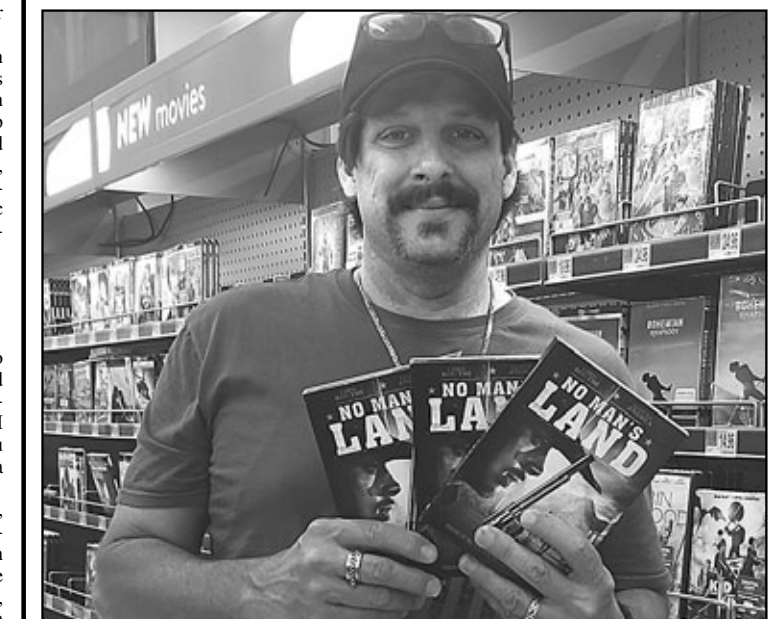
5 years ago (2014)

Larry Savala was sworn in to the Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees, replacing Jerry Speer. Savala was president of the Hispanic Family Initiative and received many honors for his volunteer work in the community.

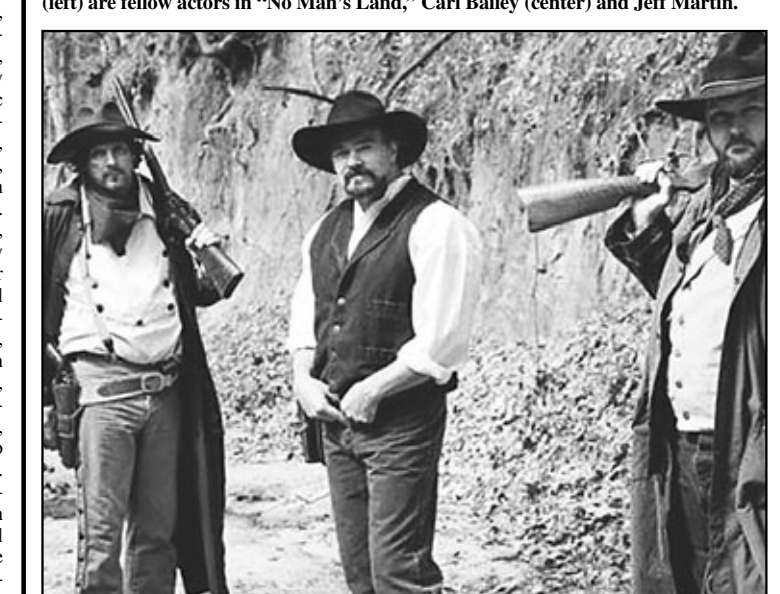
1 year ago (2018)

One of the four suspects wanted for the home invasion that took place in the 10700 block of Sagewillow on June 8 was apprehended. Following the incident, in which four males - at least three of whom were armed - kicked in the door of the residence, surveillance footage was distributed to other area law enforcement agencies in hopes of identifying the suspects. An officer from the Cypress-Fairbanks ISD Police Department recognized the lone unmasked suspect in the video as being a student involved in other crimes. The suspect was identified as 17-year-old Jersey Village resident Jordan Landaverde. Precinct 2 deputies filed a warrant for his arrest on a charge of felony burglary of a habitation and he was subsequently apprehended.

Movie features local businessman



South Belt local and business owner Johnny Gibbs (above) appears in the movie "No Man's Land" as a cowboy bandit. The movie was filmed last year in Texas by Breath of Life Productions and was directed by Michal Lyons. The movie was released June 5 nationwide and is available for purchase at Walmart and Amazon. The movie will soon be available to stream on Amazon Prime. Shown is Gibbs displaying the DVD case of the movie in which he acted. Gibbs has also appeared in "The Highwaymen" with actors Kevin Costner and Woody Harrelson. Shown below in costume with Gibbs (left) are fellow actors in "No Man's Land," Carl Bailey (center) and Jeff Martin.



Meador lists final rolls for school year

Meador Elementary has listed its recognized, honor and merit rolls for the entire 2018-2019 school year.

Recognized Roll

First grade
Felicia Aguirre, Diana Alvarez, Aya Bahar, Trinity Baiza, Alannah Calzada, Timothy Craige, Myrion Davis, Isabella Fernandez, Axel Flores, Blake Gonzalez, Rylie Hagan and Alejandro Lopez.

Arley Maldonado, Sophia Mancuso, Valeria Martinez, Rylee McElfresh, Gabriella Rodriguez, Malaysia Scott, Camden Scott, Luis Serrano, Alan Serrano, Daniela Torres, Kimberly Yerena and Jordan Young.

Second grade
Matthew Barragan, Derek Broadwell, Xavier Davis, Carolyn Erazo, Bryceton

Green, Alexa Guevara, Arlett Guzman, Jasmon Harris, Paige Hladysch, Emmanuel Martinez, Kara McElfresh, Gregory McNeil and Jeanelle Melgoza.

David Mitchell, Isaac Montano, Caleb Navarro, Joseph Nguyen, Alyssa Picarro, Azul Pineda, Grasiela Preza, Annabelle Rodriguez, Ke'asia Ross, Lyla Saldana, David Salguero, Marissa Thompson, Flor Vazquez and Miley Williams.

Honor Roll

Third grade
Emily Espinoza, Renee Guy and Jennie Mancuso.

Fourth grade
Kevin Alfaro and Julian Villasenor.

Merit Roll

Third grade
Luis Gomez, Karely Maldonado and Mariany Mendez.

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Houston Fire Department encourages summer safety

The Houston Fire Department and several city departments and organizations, have joined forces to re-enforce summer safety in an effort to make this summer a fun one and not a tragic one.

"The summer months are a time of innocence and care-free fun for our children but we must keep a close eye on them because tragedy can happen in a blink of an eye when they are left unsupervised," said Mayor Sylvester Turner.

Mark and Christi Brown, who's 3-year old son tragically drowned in an apartment pool, encourage parents and caregivers to be aware of the dangers of water.

"It happened to us because we did not know how dangerous water could be, we didn't understand the risk," says Mark Brown. "We must become aware of the dangers of water and how it can happen in 20-30 seconds and be silent."

Their son, Judah, fell in the pool without his arm flotation devices which had given him the confidence that he could swim. Within 20-30 seconds he was spotted and pulled from the pool. His father immediately began CPR, however he passed away a few days later at the hospital. With the help of Judah's preschool teacher, the "Judah Brown Project" was started and works to ensure parents and caregivers know the dangers of water. The organization, which has joined forces with the Houston Health Department, provides training for parents; safety pamphlets for pediatricians around the nation; training in schools; and CPR classes.

More information about this organization may be found at judahbrownproject.org.

"We can save more lives

and we can do it together," said Christi Brown.

Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional deaths in children ages 1-4, and this year, the greater Harris County Area has already seen at least eight drowning-related deaths with 39 in the state. Not only does Texas lead the U.S. in drownings, Harris County has the most drownings with in Texas. In addition to pools, things like coolers, buckets, bathtubs and beaches are also sources of preventive drownings.

"Nobody thinks it's going to happen to them," says City of Houston EMS Director Dr. David Perse. "Unlike it's portrayed on TV, drowning is quick and silent."

No child is drown-proof, but Perse says there are several things all parents and caregivers can do to prevent the tragedies including:

- Designate a "water watcher." This adult is responsible for keeping their eyes on all children in the water and should be free of all distractions — including cellphones and socializing. The water watcher should be switched every 15 minutes to avoid attention fatigue.
- Teach children to swim. Survival swimming lessons teach children self-rescue techniques to help prevent water accident deaths. Traditional swimming lessons teach children proper swimming strokes.
- Learn CPR. Become certified in CPR and update one's skills annually. It could save the life of one's child or another person.

"You would be surprised how well CPR works," said Perse. "It's so great when a firefighter shows up and the victim is already awake and coughing. CPR is not diffi-

cult."

- Have proper barriers. Ensure the fence around one's pool is at least five feet tall with a self-closing and self-latching gate. Make sure doors and windows to the pool are always locked and armed. Have a pool alarm installed for an alert when anyone goes into the water.

The Houston Health Department offers additional safety tips and resources on their website at <https://www.houstonx.gov/health>.

Every year there are preventable deaths with children left in hot vehicles. It does not take much for the temperature inside a vehicle to become lethal with the very young and the elderly not able to tolerate heat the way most adults do. Anything above 107 degrees can lead to heatstroke.

According to Child Safety Analyst Stephanie Malek, heatstroke is the leading cause of noncrash car-related deaths of children under 15. Since 1998 there have been 806 heatstroke deaths for children in hot cars, 119 of which were in Texas.

Malek says there are a couple of things one can do to prevent these tragic deaths including:

- Every time one gets in the vehicle, place an item like a purse, wallet, or cellphone in the back seat so one must remember to look in the back seat when reaching the destination.
- Keep a stuffed toy in the child's car seat and move it to the front of the car as a reminder when placing the child in their seat.
- Make sure there is clear communication with all who are traveling as to who has the responsibility of making sure the child is taken out of the car

and don't just assume.

- Have good communication with the daycare provider, so if child doesn't arrive, one will be contacted by them.

Children also have succumbed in hot cars due to curiosity in and around parked cars. "Teach children it is not safe to play in and around vehicles and make sure you lock vehicles when you get out," Malek said.

Pet owners are also reminded, if it's too hot for children it's also too hot for pets.

The Pryer family lost their 3-year-old son RJ on a hot July day after he was left in a daycare van. "Not one moment would I have thought that taking him to a daycare would have been the end of his life," says Dikeisha Whitlock Pryer. "We have to work together; we have to find a way to save our kids."

RJ's parents had no clue until the day he stopped breathing how many kids had passed away due to being left or being trapped in hot cars. Pryer encourages parents to use the tips given by Malek including specific "apps" which help alert parents.

"Our babies are in rear facing car seats and you can't see them when you look in your mirror," said Pryer. "If that baby is sleeping, that child is not going to alert you."

The Pryer family have founded The RJ Foundation for Kids to help prevent another family from losing their child. Pryer also urged everyone to look behind them when walking through a parking lot; look at cars when they go out to see if children are still inside without a parent. "Parents, please stop leaving your kids in your car to go pay for gas. It took supposedly just about 10 minutes for RJ to have heat-

stroke."

"As a parent, my heart breaks when I hear of a child drowning or a child being left in a hot vehicle. These are preventable deaths and I extend my heartfelt condolences to families experiencing this kind of unimaginable grief," says Turner. "I especially want to thank Dikeisha and Raymond Pryer for sharing their story today. Their 3-year-old son, RJ, died when he was left in a daycare van. My government affairs office worked with state lawmakers to make changes to prevent future deaths."

"The city encourages parents to enroll their children in free or low-cost swim lessons, explore options for responsible daycare providers and keep your home child-proofed to prevent accidents."

Fire Chief Sam Pena thanks these families for their willingness to take their tragedy and empower everyone to do something to prevent tragic deaths of children.

"Want to encourage everyone this summer to please be vigilant with our children," says Pena. "It's our responsibility to take care of our children."

Dr. Julia Hiner with McGovern Medical School - UT Health, also reminds citizens that in addition to children, seniors are also at risk for hyperthermia or high temperatures with a heatstroke mortality rate of 21 to 63 percent for those seniors who seek medical services.

"You can get heatstroke either by running a marathon or sitting outside," says Hiner. "Our bodies regulate heat by sweating and thirst, both of which elders experience differently. They have medications and medical concerns that impact their body's temperature." Symptoms of heatstroke include:

- Little or no sweating.
- Low urination.
- Nausea and sickness.
- Not being able to cool down even after going inside.

"It's important to look out for not only ourselves, but also our loved ones," says Hiner. "Make sure they are able to be in a cool environment, have access to water, take breaks, go in the shade and do outside activities early in the morning or later in the evening."

Sources for assistance include: City-activated cooling centers, 11 Reliant Beat the Heat cooling centers which will be open weekdays from June through September and Reliant assistance programs for low-income seniors.

With more than 1 million Houstonians residing in apartments, Starla Turbo, president of the Houston Apartment Association, also encourages residents to keep their eyes on their apartments' community swimming pools to ensure the gates and safety equipment are working properly and children are not left unsupervised.

Turbo reminds parents and caregivers to talk with their children if being left in the care of a caregiver or if old enough to be left home alone.

"Make sure they have someone looking over them, make sure they know how to call 911, how to use the stove or if they should," said Turbo. "Discuss their boundaries, if they are able to go outside the apartment."

Apartment residents may visit the HAA's website www.safeinmyplace.org for additional safety tips.

"As a community, we must do our part to protect all children through education and by supporting families. Every life is precious and worth saving," Turner said.

Additional summer safety tips may be found on the Houston Fire Department website at www.houstonfire.org.

Hernandez, Omidy engagement announced



Francisco and Sonia Hernandez of South Belt have announced the engagement of their daughter Zaida Yvette Hernandez to Ali Daniel Omidy son of Amir and Gail Omidy of Lexington, Ky. Zaida and Ali are engineers at NASA Johnson Space Center and are planning an August 2019 destination wedding in Puerto Rico.

Claytor is teacher, mentor to Burgos

Giulan Ivan Burgos (below, left), one of Pasadena Memorial High School's Shining Stars, is shown with distinguished educator Noah Claytor, 12th-grade orchestra instructor. Burgos commented about his instructor, "I first met Mr. Claytor when I was in sixth grade. I took private lessons from him because I realized I had a passion for playing the cello. From the start, he always gave his utmost effort in trying to teach me different techniques and views of music. He was as much a teacher as he was a mentor to me. He taught important lessons of responsibility, diligence, and confidence. No one has ever believed in my ability and potential more than Mr. Claytor does. I will never be able to thank him enough for putting up with me."

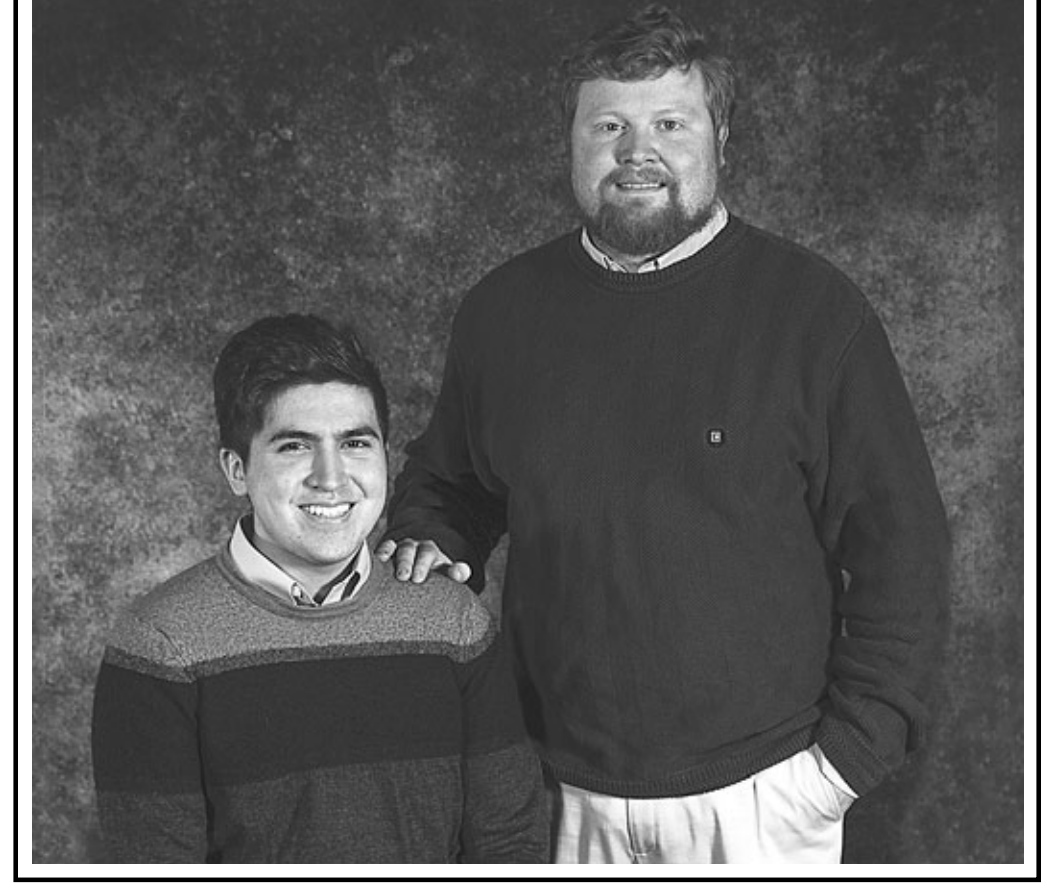
Extracurricular activities for Burgos include being a member of National Honor Society, in which he currently serves as vice president, and Chamber Orchestra. He has

also demonstrated leadership ability as the principal cellist for the orchestra for the last two years.

Burgos has served the community helping by setting up region for orchestra, helping clean classrooms at the end of the year, and volunteering for the Houston Food Bank and the Strawberry Festival. After graduation, Burgos plans to attend the University of Houston to obtain a bachelor's degree in business for entrepreneurship.

The South Belt Shining Stars will be presented in a series of students being honored along with their favorite mentor. The Shining Stars represent the top Pasadena Memorial High School students.

The information and photos were submitted by Pasadena Independent School District. The Leader is also running the Shining Stars from Dobie, Dr. Kirk Lewis Career & Technical and South Houston high schools.



Gutierrez models perseverance for Negrete

Distinguished educator and 12th-grade AP Biology instructor Paul Gutierrez (below, left) is shown with South Houston High School Shining Star Esteban Negrete.

Concerning his instructor, Negrete said, "Mr. Gutierrez is a one-of-a-kind teacher that has shown me that learning isn't always easy, and to persevere until I reach my goal. Ever since his AP Biology class, he has opened my eyes into seeing how important it is to continue on, no matter how daunting the class is."

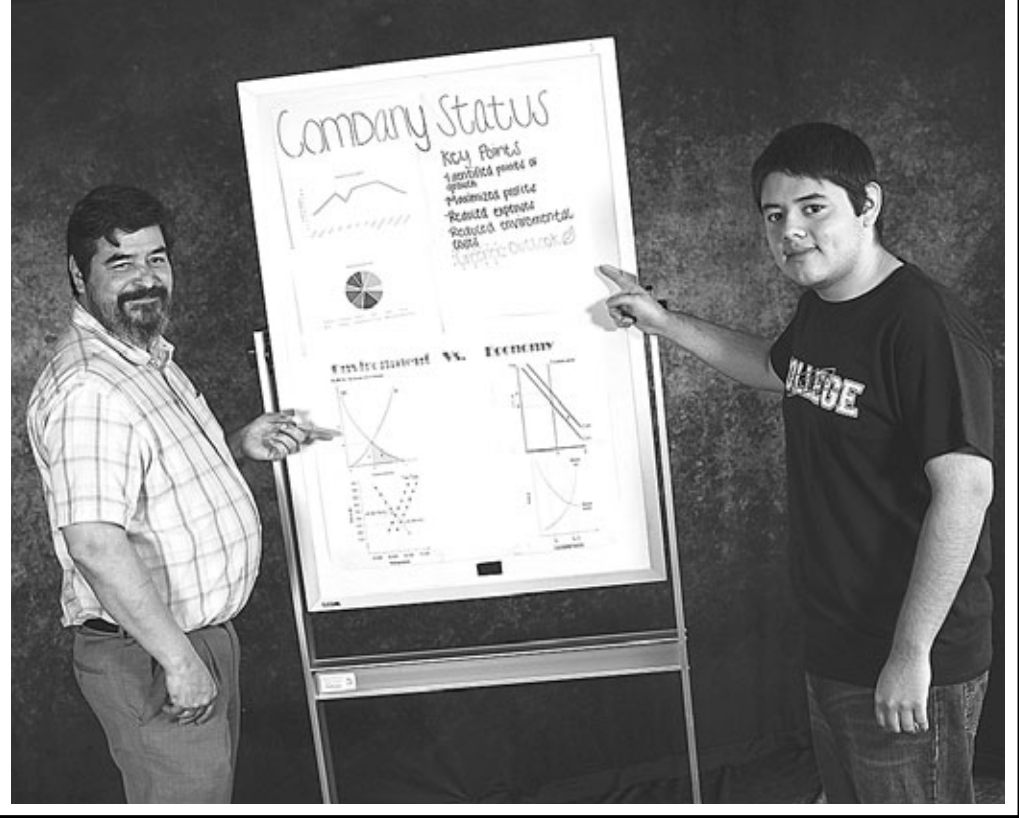
"When I first stepped into his class and saw the rigorous curriculum, I felt that I could not make it, that it was too hard and that I should just quit. Not only did he encourage me to go on, he also taught me a very important life lesson: To take everything easy, one step at a time, and most importantly that sometimes in life you get to relax before heading on."

Negrete is also active outside the classroom and commented, "I have participated in multiple community service

opportunities through organizations like the National Honor Society and Key Club. These include but are not limited to participating in local City of Pasadena functions like Neighborhood Network's Team Up to Clean Up!, KaBoom!, Pasadena Memorial Park Playground Building (project) and local school functions like supporting the local recycling initiative."

He intends to pursue a major at the University of Houston-Clear Lake College of Business to become an accredited public accountant.

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Communities In Schools receives \$1,500 donation

Bay Area has announced the receipt of a contribution of \$1,500 from the Del Papa Distributing Community Fund to support campus programs in the Dickinson community.

Founded in 1989, Communities In Schools - Bay Area is a dropout prevention organization that provides school-based services for at-risk and economically disadvantaged students on 16 Dickinson and Clear Creek ISD campuses in Galveston and Harris counties. More than 19,000 students have access to Communities In Schools - Bay Area's services consisting of campus-wide programming and individualized case management services that include basic needs assistance, academic interventions, resource connection and behavioral health support.

Friendswood. This is the second year that Communities In Schools - Bay Area has been a beneficiary of funding from Del Papa Distributing.

"Support from local businesses like Del Papa Distributing helps Communities In Schools - Bay Area continue our work of helping the most at-risk students succeed in school, and aligns with our mission of surrounding students with a community of support. Del Papa Distributing is committed to investing in our community's children, and we are incredibly honored to have them as a partner," stated Dr. Peter Wuenschel, executive director of Communities In Schools - Bay Area.

Grief support group meets

A grief support group meets every Sunday from 2 to 3:15 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, located at 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., in Pasadena. The group is designed for adults who have lost a loved one and meets weekly, except for holidays. For information, call the church at 281-487-8787.

The mission of the community group is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.

For more information on Communities In Schools - Bay Area dropout prevention programs, visit www.cisba.org or call 281-486-6698.

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Sanchez earns coveted Eagle Scout achievement rank



Eloy Sanchez Jr. (third from right) was recently recognized by U.S. Rep. Pete Olson (third from left) at a ceremony at Tony's Pizza and Grinders on Blackhawk for earning his Eagle Scout rank. Sanchez, who will be a senior this upcoming school year at J. Frank Dobie High School, also completed an Eagle Project. His project consisted of building and installing two large planter boxes at South Belt Elementary, his former school. Shown with the pair are, left to right, Eloy Sanchez Sr., Eloy's father; Vianney Sanchez, Eloy's older sister; Aliyah Sanchez, Eloy's younger sister; and Wendy Sanchez, Eloy's mother. Photo by JP Anders

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- Works part time at the local mall as a brand representative.
- Dobie golf team.
- College Board, National Hispanic Recognition Program nominee (2019).
- National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Students, Award of Excellence nominee (2019).
- National Honor Society inductee (2018).
- National Society of High School Scholars nominee (2018).
- Orchestra Librarian (2017-2018).
- Received Dobie Varsity letter for academic excellence, orchestra and golf (2018).
- Pasadena ISD Secondary STEM Fair special presentation speaker (2017).
- National Student Leadership Forum nominee (2017).
- National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Students, Award of Excellence nominee (2017).
- Music Doing Good, scholarship recipient (2017).
- Pasadena ISD Superintendent Student Advisory Committee member (2016-2017).
- President's Education Awards Program – for outstanding academic excellence (2016).
- JASON National Student Argonaut scholarship recipient (2016).
- Thompson Intermediate School – American Legion Award recipient (2016).
- National Junior Honor Society inductee (2015).
- Duke Talent Identification program inductee (2014-2015).
- President's Education Awards Program for outstanding academic excellence (2014).



Eloy Sanchez Jr. (center) recently completed his Eagle Project as part of becoming an Eagle Scout. For his project, Sanchez constructed and installed two planter boxes at South Belt Elementary, his former campus. Helping Sanchez with the project were, left to right, Arianna Izaguirre, Aliyah Sanchez (Sanchez's sister), Victoria Chu, Daniel Garza, Arturo Izaguirre Jr. and Jacob Efird. Garza and Efird are also Scouts.

Bay Area Quilt Guild sets July meeting

The Bay Area Quilt Guild will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday, July 2, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, located at 10310 Scarsdale. July's meeting hosts the annual charity sew day which starts at 10 a.m. and continues until 4 p.m. Lunch will be provided. There will be a break for dinner. Come join the guild at any time during the day to make a charity quilt for a good cause, make new friends and have a good time. Fellowship will start at 6:30 p.m., with a brief business meeting at 7 p.m. followed by Show and Tell. Visitors may attend two meetings free. For information, call Debby Benson at 713-248-8757 or visit bayareaquiltguild.org.

Cowboys team seeks members

The Sagemont Cowboys Cheer Team is seeking new members, ages 5 to 14. The team's mission is to teach the fundamentals of cheer and drill, promote the safe play of sports, prevent childhood obesity, and encourage excellence in the classroom. The girls perform at 10 little league football games and participate in cheer and drill competitions held by Bay Area Football League. For information, email Sagemontcowgirls@gmail.com or text 832-309-7133.

Robb having fun turning 80



Longtime resident Sandy Robb (right) enjoyed her 80th birthday June 18 and celebrated with friends Saturday, June 22, in her home. Hosted by her daughter Stacey Waugh and friends Adela Gonzalez, Linda Botkin and Charlotte Johnson, Robb said it was "the most wonderful party of the century ever!" Her home was decorated with a '50s theme and a surprise guest – Houston Elvis (Ralph Elizondo) – showed up to start the dancing and singing to familiar Elvis songs. The dinner party included everything from hors d'oeuvres to cake and ice cream, with a highlight of briskets and ribs smoked by Bobby and Bubba Bennett. Robb said the guests who came made the party so much fun, and included Ginger Thomas, Marie Flickinger, Alexis Lochner, Leonora Hunt, Rosalind Mandor and daughter Jessica Pop, Cherry Whittington, Anna Garcia and Hanna Quirin. The party ended with Elvis singing "You Gave me a Mountain." Photo by Linda Botkin

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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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SBHLL senior all-stars win district, host sectional

A complete dismantling of the Pearland East and Pearland West squads earned the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League's senior division squad the District 15 baseball championship and set up the locals to host the Section III event.

It's no secret that the Pearland Little League has

had more than its share of success in Texas District 15 all-star tournaments at all levels over the years, but SBHLL turned the tables this time around while playing at El Franco Lee Park.

Outscoring three opponents by a combined 41-8 score, Sagemont-Beverly Hills championed the three-team, double elimination tournament that included Pearland West and Pearland East.

SBHLL opened the tournament with a 12-1 victory over Pearland East and then cruised past Pearland West 14-3. The locals then finished off the championship with a 15-4 win over Pearland East.

The Section III all-star tournament includes SBHLL representing Dis-

trict 15 as well as Lindale Little League representing District 25. The District 16 representative, West U, is also in the field.

The tournament was originally slated to get started June 24 but was delayed for three days by rain. Weather permitting, Sagemont-Beverly Hills

was to open Section III tournament play against Lindale June 27, after press time. The winner would then take on West U June 28 at 6:30 p.m.

The double elimination event was set to conclude June 30 but has now been extended due to weather. The entire tournament will

be contested on the senior division field at El Franco Lee Park.

Members of the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League senior division all-star team include

Matthew Arnesen, Gabriel Barbosa Jr., Keelan Brannon, Anthony Cardenas, Drake Escobedo, David

Gay, Ethan Hernandez, Ethan Hughes, Joshua Jack, Ricardo Lopez, Gabriel Padua, Diego Saenz, Anthony Sanchez, Nicholas Trevino and Myles Washington.

The team is managed by C.J. Hernandez. See the tournament bracket on Page 2B.

SBGSA officials plan fall ball play

The South Belt Girls Softball Association will open online registration for the fall season beginning Monday, July 1.

Youths ages 4 to 16 as of Jan. 1, 2020, are eligible to compete in the league.

restrictions or fundraisers included in the \$70 entry fee. Registration will continue through Aug. 30.

To register beginning July 1, visit www.southbeltsoftball.com. SBGSA is also seeking coaches for fall and spring seasons.


JFD football presents Dessert with the Dudes

The Dobie Football Booster Club is preparing to host the annual Dessert with the Dudes evening as part of the group's July 8 meeting in the school's cafeteria, beginning at 7 p.m.

All players and their parents, including incoming freshmen, are invited to bring their favorite dessert.

Those in attendance will discuss ideas for the upcoming 2019 season, involving those for events including opening night,

homecoming, etc. Send email to infodfbosterclub@gmail.com for additional details.



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Pleasants stars for U.S. Women's U-19 softball



At left, Dobie High School graduate and U.S. Women's Junior National Team member Taylor Pleasants (right) was awarded Player of the Game honors by a delegation of French team officials after going 2 for 3 with a two-run homer and a three runs batted in during TEAM USA's 7-0 victory over France at the France International Softball Fastpitch Tournament in Paris June 24. The U.S. team then traveled to Ireland for the first-ever fastpitch softball game of its kind in that country, with the locals coming up with a 13-0 victory in the Atlantic Cup Challenge. After trips abroad to Ireland, France and Italy, the U.S. squad has returned to the states, where the next event is the USA Softball International Cup July 1-7 in Columbus, Ga.

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Ryan Reed of the Rising Stars Track Club is excited about his chances at the Amateur Athletic Union Region 17 Track and Field National Qualifier after throwing the turbo javelin 76 feet for a silver medal at the Gulf District Championships. Regional competitors are now vying for a chance to reach the AAU Junior Olympics later this summer.

Rising Stars track set for regionals

Challenger Stadium in Webster is the site for the Amateur Athletic Union's Region 17 National Qualifier as youth competitors from across the country take aim at making the Junior Olympic Championships later this summer.

Once again, the South Belt-based Rising Stars Track Club is one of the prominent programs in the mix, with several youths eyeing their shot at nationals.

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San Jacinto College baseball sophomores find collegiate homes beyond 2019

The San Jacinto College baseball staff regularly boasts that those players who choose to play for them will one day have the chance to play at the next level, whether it be collegiately at the four-year level or professionally.

Once again, San Jacinto College head baseball coach Tom Arrington and his staff have made good on their promise to their players. At the conclusion of the 2019 season in which the Gators finished with one

of the best overall records in the country at 42-12, all 17 of the team's sophomores indeed received scholarship opportunities to play collegiately in 2019-2020 and beyond. Two of those players ultimately signed to play

professionally, including right-handed pitchers Jackson Rutledge and Luis Quinones. Rutledge was the earliest-drafted JUCO player in nearly a decade, going No. 17 overall in the first round to the Washington

Nationals and ultimately signing for a bonus of \$3.45M. Quinones, who went in the 34th round to the Toronto Blue Jays, decided to sign as well and has already pitched in a minor league game for the Jays.

First baseman Ryan Hernandez, who had eight doubles, four homers and 36 runs batted in while batting .295, has signed with the University of

Houston. Zach Deleon, a right-handed pitcher, is headed to the University of Texas at San Antonio after picking up 30 strike-

outs in 17 1/3 innings in relief. Luke Little, who was 3-1 with a pair of saves over 17 appearances with a 2.04 earned run average,

is headed to the University of South Carolina to play for the Gamecocks. Austin Hendrix did not pitch for the Gators this season. **Continued on Page 6B**

CCISD's Fuchs voted THSADA vice president

At right, Clear Creek ISD Athletic Director Debbie Fuchs has been elected by her peers as the 2019-2020 vice president of the Texas High School Athletic Directors Association. THSADA, now in its 48th year, is the professional and educational Association for more than 1,070 secondary athletics administrators at more than 1,800 institutions throughout the state of Texas. More than 500 athletics administrators annually attend THSADA's State Conference. THSADA members manage over \$600 million dollars in athletic budget considerations for over one million student-athletes. Interestingly enough, when the THSADA was officially formed in 1971, Stoney Phillips, Pasadena ISD Athletic Director from 1957 to 1979, was the organization's first vice president. Today, Phillips Field House in Pasadena is named in honor of Phillips.



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JFD ex Mackey to Eastfield

At right, former Dobie varsity boys' basketball standout Erville Mackey has transferred to JUCO Division III power Eastfield College, as announced by Eastfield head coach Anthony Fletcher. Mackey played the 2017-2018 season with Dobie at the varsity level and then played at Northern Oklahoma College during his freshman collegiate season, playing in seven games. Eastfield College, located in Mesquite, Texas, has had a great deal of success under the guidance of Fletcher. The Harvesters finished second in the JUCO Region V ranks a season ago, posting a 25-8 record. Mackey, at 6-foot-8, 180 pounds, is expected to add depth inside for the Harvesters.

NJCAA names Rutledge Pitcher/Year

What a time it is to be Jackson Rutledge, former standout pitcher with the San Jacinto College baseball program. Rutledge, who recently signed a professional contract with the Washington Nationals that included a \$3.45M signing bonus, was named the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I JUCO Pitcher of the Year after leading the nation in earned run average and finishing second nationally in strikeouts. As a sophomore at San Jacinto College, Rutledge went 9-1 overall with an ERA of 0.87. He fanned 134 batters in 82 2/3 innings of work and nearly 15 strikeouts per nine innings. The No. 17 overall pick of the Nationals, Rutledge is the earliest drafted Gator in program history and the earliest drafted JUCO player since Bryce Harper in 2010.

SJC, UH ex signs with Wizards



Corey Davis II, a former men's basketball player at San Jacinto College and the University of Houston, announced via Twitter that he has agreed to a free agent contract with the Washington Wizards and will take part in Washington's summer league action beginning July 11 at the Thomas and Mack Center in Las Vegas. Davis, who attended Lafayette High School in Louisiana, helped lead San Jacinto College to a national tournament appearance and was an All-American choice before finishing his career at the University of Houston, where the Cougars advanced to the NCAA post-season tournament in consecutive seasons. He went undrafted in the 2019 NBA Draft last week before agreeing to a deal with the Wizards. He is now hoping a strong showing in the four-game summer league will help lead to a permanent roster spot for the 2019-2020 season in Washington.

Photo courtesy of Corey Davis II

South Belt area sports news

Cowboys have player openings

The Sagemont Cowboys of the Bay Area Football League are seeking players ages 5, 6, 8 and 9 years old as of Aug. 1, 2019 to compete in the league with the team. For additional questions or registration information, call Cowboys' athletic director Denny Wranich Jr. at 713-876-1491.

Cowgirls' cheer, drill car wash is July 6

The Sagemont Cowgirls' cheer and drill squads will host a fundraising car wash Saturday, July 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Advance Auto Parts as the 9911 Alameda Genoa Road location. There is a \$10 per car fee for each vehicle.

Clear Brook, Dobie to host youth volleyball camps

Clear Brook varsity volleyball head coach Meredith Thompson and her staff have released details involving the July 2019 Lady Wolverines' youth camp at the school.

Meanwhile, Dobie varsity volleyball head coach Dawn Sexton and her staff will host a pair of youth camps at Dobie, also in July.

The Junior Longhorn Volleyball Camp will be held July 24-26, at the school's gymnasium.

The junior camp is open to those entering the fifth through eighth grades as of the 2019-2020 school year.

Those entering the fifth and sixth grades will attend the session from 9 to 11 a.m., at a cost of \$40 per participant.

This session will focus on teaching beginner players the fundamentals of the game and familiarizing players with the various concepts of the sport.

Those entering the seventh and eighth grades will attend from noon to 3 p.m. at a cost of \$45 per participant.

This session will involve drills in all phases of the game, including passing, setting, hitting, blocking, etc.

Those entering the ninth through 12th grades as of the 2019-2020 school year are invited to take part in Sexton's Lady Longhorn Volleyball Camp July 29-31 at the school.

Those entering the 10th through 12th grades will attend the 9 a.m. to noon session at a cost of \$45 per student.

The session will include drills in all phases of the game, in addition to team offense and defense drills.

Those entering the ninth grade will attend from 1 to 4 p.m., at a cost of \$45 per student. The drills will also include all skills as well as team defense and offense.

Pasadena ISD does not provide its students with medical insurance coverage for these types of events, so parents are responsible for providing the needed coverage.

The 2019 Lady Wolverine Youth Volleyball Camp will be held July 29-31, at the school.

Students entering the third through ninth grades as of the 2019-2020 school year are eligible to attend.

Visit www.clearbrook.ccisd.net or direct email to Thompson at mthomp1@ccisd.net for an entry form. Parents will be responsible for providing necessary medical insurance.

High school volleyball workouts will start Aug. 1 across the state.

Thompson Intermediate offers summer camps

The boys' and girls' coaching staffs at Thompson Intermediate have again set up a busy summer of student camp options for the school's athletes.

The Lions' basketball camp for boys and girls will follow July 15-18, with a fee of \$25 per student. Camp hours are 9 to 11 a.m.

The Lions' football camp for boys is to be held July 29-31 from 9 to 11 a.m., at \$25 per student. Meanwhile, the Lady Lions' volleyball camp will be held July 29 through Aug. 1. The cost for the 9 to 11 a.m. event is \$25.

Fast forwarding to August, the Lions' first equipment pickup session will be Aug. 9 as eighth-grade football and volleyball players will visit from 10 a.m. to noon, with seventh-grade volleyball and football players to follow from 1 to 3 p.m.

There will be a second equipment pickup day Aug. 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. for all football players who miss the first date.

There will be a \$65 participation fee due at the time of pickup for football players, and the volleyball uniform fee is \$50 per student.

For more information, direct email to coach Doug Sawyer (boys) at dsawyer@pasadenaisd.org or coach Tiffany Nelson (girls) at TNelson@pasadenaisd.org.

Dobie football to offer youth camp July 29-31

The Dobie High School football staff will host the 2019 Longhorns' Youth Camp at the school July 29-31. Students entering the third through ninth grades as of the 2019-2020 school year are eligible to attend. The camp will run from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. each day and focus on all the fundamentals of the game as well as team building, etc. Cost of the camp is \$25 per student. To register or to get more information, visit jfrankdobie.com, click on the sports link and then click on the football link. The coaching staff is also preparing to host strength and conditioning workouts for high school students. Those details are coming soon.

Brook football hosts student camp July 30-Aug. 2

The Clear Brook High School football staff will host the 2019 Wolverines' Youth Camp at the school July 30 through Aug. 2 at the school's practice fields. Students entering the seventh through ninth grades as of the 2019-2020 school year are eligible to attend. The camp will run from 8 to 10 a.m. each day and focus on all the fundamentals of the game as well as team building, etc. Cost of the camp is \$85 per student, and the cost per camper with multiple siblings signing up is \$70. To register, direct email to Clear Brook High School varsity football head coach Lupe Florez at gflorez@ccisd.net.

Gators' Aquino stays hot

At right, San Jacinto College sophomore-to-be Jose Aquino is one of several current Gator players who have had a great deal of success on the summer circuit in 2019. Aquino is playing for the Purcellville Cannons of the Valley Baseball League, where he has crushed eight home runs in just 68 at bats and is hitting .375 this season with 17 runs batted in. The 6-foot-3, 195-pound shortstop hit .353 over 39 games for the Gators during his freshman season, collecting five extra-base hits and driving in 18 runs. Aquino is expected to be a major contributor in 2020 to a San Jacinto College team that returns just a handful of sophomores after a 42-12 season in 2019.



SJC's Quinones inks with Toronto



Former San Jacinto College right-hander Luis Quinones is now a member of the Toronto Blue Jays organization after inking a professional contract this month. Quinones struck out 58 batters in 28 2/3 innings and posted an earned run average of 1.57 this season as a reliever with San Jacinto College. He was subsequently drafted in the 34th round by the Blue Jays. He has been assigned to the Blue Jays' Advanced Class A team, the Bluefield Blue Jays, in the Appalachian League in Bluefield, Virginia. In Quinones' first pro appearance, he went 3 1/3 innings, striking out five and walking two. He surrendered two earned runs and allowed no hits.

JFD's Myers visits old haunt



Dobie Class of 2016 graduate Tyler Myers (right) paid a visit to his first collegiate coach, Clay Cox of Paris College, this month after finishing his junior season at the University of Mississippi. Myers was not heavily recruited coming out of high school, but Cox previously told the *Leader* he jumped at the chance to add the right-hander to his program in 2017. Myers, now a reliever with Ole Miss, helped guide the Rebels to a Super Regional this summer before a loss to Arkansas.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.

Kirkwood Civic Association meets at the South Belt Chamber of Commerce (new location), 10500 Scarsdale. For more information, call Ericka McCutcheon at 281-989-9990.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

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

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

Bay Area Genealogical Society - Meets monthly, the last Friday, at University Baptist Church, 16106

Middlebrook Dr., Clear Lake. Coffee and socializing prior to 7 p.m. meeting. No meeting in December. For details, visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For additional information, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

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

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

Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.

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

Celebrate Recovery - A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., in the Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for details or to RSVP for child care.

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

MONDAY, JULY 1

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

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Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.

Genealogy Group - Parker Williams Genealogy group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. on first and third Monday at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. Public is invited. For more information, email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net.

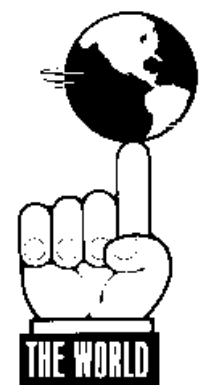
New Directions Singles - for ages 50 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at Webster Presbyterian Church, located at 201 W. NASA Pkwy. For additional information, call Margarita at 832-715-9658.

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Toastmasters - The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets Mondays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., at the South Belt Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd., next to the fire station. For additional information, call Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 or Carolyn Carmichael at 832-372-3565 or visit <https://youngprofessionals.toastmasters.com/>.

Survivors of Suicide Support Group - gives coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adults who have lost a loved one to suicide. For details email LynneAnnH@yahoo.com or visit www.crisishotline.org or call 832-416-1177.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.



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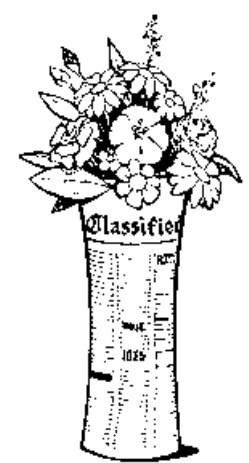
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CALENDAR

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MONDAY, JULY 1

7:30 p.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - Israeli Folk Dancing Mondays, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., 16020 El Camino Real, 77062. \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 session for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For information, contact 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org. 7:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801.

TUESDAY, JULY 2

7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in. 9:30 a.m.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For details, call 713-472-0565. 10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochnsner@aol.com for details. 11:30 a.m.
Local NARFE Meeting - National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1321, meets the first Tuesday at Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Pkwy. Lunch is \$6. For details, call Norman Chaffee at 713-944-2461. Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300. 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Free dance lessons - taught by Lewis and Betty Whistler (35 years of experience) at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E League City Parkway, on Tuesdays. Bringing a partner is not required. There is a different dance focus monthly. For details, call Betty at 832-517-5833. For questions about League City's activity card, call the park office at 281-554-1180. 1 p.m.
Trailmixers - Meets the first Tuesday at Luby's, 11595 Fuqua. Former and current employees of J. Frank Dobie High School are welcome. 1:30 p.m.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., 1:30 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713. 2 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318. 6:30 p.m.
Bay Area Quilt Guild - Meets the first Tuesday, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Fellowship is at 6:30 p.m.; meeting/program begins at 7 p.m. Visit www.Facebook.com/BayAreaQuiltGuild. 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in. 9:30 a.m.
Carmelites - a nondenominational senior citizen social group that meets at 15500 El Camino Real in Clear Lake on the first and third Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. for fun, fellowship, coffee and bingo. A lending library is available. The meetings are open to all age 50 or older and there are no dues. Day trips and extended trips are available. Deposits are being taken for Classical Italy by Rail, Oct. 15-24; Cuba Cruise, Nov. 9-16; New York City Holiday, Dec. 6-10; Eastern Caribbean Carnival Cruise from Galveston featuring Key West, Fla., Half Moon Cay and Nassau, Bahamas, Feb. 15-23, 2020 (great prices); and Classic Danube River Cruise with Oberammergau Passion Play, June 7-16, 2020. Plan ahead to join the trips. For details, call Marilyn at 713-947-2388. 10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochnsner@aol.com for details. 11:30 a.m.
Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets monthly, first and third Wednesday, Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. December may be an exception. For information, email Teresa Dover at doverbookkeeper@aol.com.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon,

3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300. 1 - 3:30 p.m.

Hometown Heroes Park - has Hump Day Dance for free practice ballroom dances (not lessons) in a casual environment. A variety of rhythms are played from entry to advanced dancing levels at 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card (see Tuesday 12:30 p.m. dance for details). Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For information on the activity card, call the city at 281-554-1180. 7 p.m.

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

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

INDEPENDENCE DAY THURSDAY, JULY 4

7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in. 9 a.m.

SOUTH BELT FOURTH OF JULY PARADE - Line up begins at 9 a.m. at Beverly Hills Intermediate School parking lot, 11111 Beamer Rd. The parade begins at 10 a.m. Trophies will be awarded for special floats.

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Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300. 7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200. 9 p.m.

SOUTH BELT FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS DISPLAY - starts after dark at El Franco Lee Park, 9400 Hall Road.

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Rising Stars Track Club athletes hope home cooking helps at regionals

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Championships are July 27 through Aug. 3 at North Carolina A&T University in Greensboro, N.C.

Just who are the best bets for the Rising Stars heading into nationals? There are plenty of choices, especially since athletes in the older divisions will compete for nationals in the javelin for the first time.

Izard Evans and Camryn Dickson, who both reached nationals in 2018 in varying events, anchored the list for the Rising Stars at the Gulf District

Qualifier and could be in line for more at regionals. In 2018 as an 8-under boys' competitor, Evans set a new national record in the turbo javelin, coming up with a throw of 118 feet, 9 inches. This season, a time of 5 minutes, 34.86 seconds awarded Evans the championship in the 9-year-old boys' 1,500 run. Evans also posted an 800-meter time of 2:45.50 for fourth place in the event. Evans also qualified for regionals in the turbo javelin, as his throw of 80 feet, 3 inches was second-best.

While she was still rounding back into form following a break from the high school season, 15-16-year-old competitor Camryn Dickson had plenty in the tank to reach regionals in three separate events. A time of 24.78 was second in the 200 dash, and her time of 12.36 was good enough for third place and a bronze medal in the 100 dash. In the triple jump, Dickson reached the 36' mark, winding up second in the event for a silver medal and that coveted regional invite. In 2018 as an eighth-grade student, Dickson's

best performance came in the 200-meter dash. In that one, she posted a time of 25.01 for third place and a bronze medal in the event. The Stars' Iryanna Evans was terrific at the district qualifying meet, advancing in multiple events. Evans, an 11-year-old girls' division athlete, went home with a bronze medal for third as she threw the shot put 24-11 1/2. A best effort of 57-6 in the turbo javelin placed Evans fourth for another regional qualification, and her throw of 46-6 in the discus was the fifth-best effort in the field. Longtime Stars' com-

petitor Noah Caballero, 12, was another top-two medal winner at district en route to the regional meet. A toss of 99-2 in the turbo javelin placed Caballero second in the event. The Stars' Ryan Reed, 10, is another athlete who could break through this summer as he qualified for regionals in the turbo javelin with his throw of 76-0. That solid effort placed him second for a silver medal and kept his season going at Webster. The Stars' Trevor Doswell was yet another local who excelled in the turbo javelin as he was second for a silver medal at 86-10. He will thus be in the running for a national berth with a good showing at regionals. Jason Doswell, taking part in the boys' 14-year-old division, was fifth with a throw of 91-4 in the dis-

cus, and his shot put best of 35-0 was sixth-best in the event. The Stars' Devion Livings was yet another local to excel in the turbo javelin, taking fifth at 55-8 in the 10-year-old division in the event. So now it's on to regionals for the Rising Stars, who also used a home track advantage at Challenger Stadium last season en route to nationals. Not everyone has to travel to Greensboro for the AAU Junior Olympic National Championships, but the top six finishers at each individual running and field event at the regional level will qualify for nationals. This is the time of the season of which the premier athletes dream, and the Rising Stars are ready to deliver.

AAU Region 17 National Qualifier Now through June 29, Webster Challenger Stadium

The top six in each individual running event and field event, as well as each relay. Top four in multi-events will advance to the AAU Junior Olympic Games.

Gators move on collegiately

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season and is now ticketed for Texas Tech University, where the Red Raiders are coming off a trip to the College World Series. Reliever Dylan Lester, who was 2-3 with two saves and a 2.27 ERA, has signed to continue playing at the University of Pittsburgh. Reliever Austin Marozas pitched in just one game for the Gators but is now headed to Oklahoma State University, where the right-hander figures to join the Cowboys' bullpen. Dane Acker, who fashioned a 10-0 record as

a starter and was a third team All-American this season for San Jacinto College, and Camryn Williams, a shortstop who led the Gators in several offensive categories in 2019, will now play at the University of Texas. Infielder Andrew Papanonis hit .340 with 14 runs batted in and will now go to the University of Houston to play for the Cougars. Papanonis was an all-conference selection for SJC. Outfielder Bryan Seamster, who hit .321 and had a second-best team high of seven homers, will now head for the University of New Mexico.

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Brook advances to state 7-on-7

Clear Brook is in on the action as the 22nd annual Adidas Texas State 7-on-7 Championships return to Veterans Park in College Station June 27-29. The Wolverines will compete in the Division I ranks for Class 6A and Class 5A programs as well as those of the larger private schools. There are 128 programs overall which have qualified for the event. As for Clear Brook, the Wolverines will look to win their pool which also includes Hutto, Port Neches Groves and Southlake Carroll.

The Adidas event featured just 24 teams in its debut run all those years ago but has now transformed into perhaps the most popular offseason summer program in the state. Teams first had to go through qualifying tournaments to reach College Station, with Clear Brook qualifying at an event in Dickinson. Dobie was hoping to also gain a state tournament invite but fell just short, making the final four at the Grand Oaks High School qualifier June

21. The Longhorns defeated Houston Lamar 18-12, got past Texas City 39-14 and bested host Grand Oaks 34-7 to reach the final four. Needing a win over Atascocita to reach College Station, the Longhorns instead came up on the short end of a 32-19 score. Manvel defeated Huntsville in the semifinals and then took down Atascocita in the championship game, with both finalists moving on to the state tournament in College Station for the big event.

Adidas State Championships
College Station
June 27-29
Clear Brook's pool includes:
Hutto – Port Neches Groves – Southlake Carroll

Christmas-Kelly aids Lynx' win



Dobie graduate Karima Christmas-Kelly follows through on a made three-point field goal on her way to a season-high 12 points June 22 as her Minnesota Lynx squad ended a four-game losing streak with a 92-83 victory over the New York Liberty in Minnesota. Playing a season-high 15 minutes, the WNBA veteran made four of six shots on her way to the 12 points as she came off the bench to help her Lynx team to a much-needed win. Prior to this, Christmas-Kelly had been limited to four points through parts of five games. *Minnesota Lynx photo*

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