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Holiday closures planned

South Belt-Ellington Leader
The *South Belt-Ellington Leader* will be closed Wednesday, July 4, in recognition of Independence Day. The office will reopen for regular business Thursday, July 5, at 9 a.m.

Clear Brook City MUD
The office of the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District will be closed Wednesday July 4, in celebration of Independence Day. The office will reopen for regular business Thursday, July 5, at 8 a.m. For customer convenience, payments may be left in the drop box on the drive-thru window side of the building. Clear Brook City MUD residents will have trash service on their regularly scheduled days. Trash should be at curbside no later than 7 a.m.

Photo contest underway

The *Leader* is seeking 2018 vacation photos for possible publication. A first- and second-place prize of Schlitterbahn tickets will be awarded for June, July and August to the best submissions. Monthly first-place winner will be awarded eight tickets, while each month's second-place winner will be awarded six. All submissions should include where and when the photo was taken, as well as identify each person in the picture and tell the story about the trip. All photos must be high resolution. Email photos to mynews@southbeltleader.com. Do not compress photos when emailing.

Christian concert at Dobie

Jonathan Spears, director of Missions of Mercy, will present a free Christian concert called *Truth in the Fire II* on Saturday, June 30, at the Dobie High School auditorium beginning at 6:30 p.m. Performers and speakers include Roelant, DJ Overcomer, Jeremy Rosas, Von Won, Mike Rosas and more. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 832-647-9973.

St. Luke's holds garage sale

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church will hold a garage sale Saturday, June 30, at 11011 Hall Road from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Available items include gently used children's clothing, toys and stuffed animals; boutique items, such as jewelry, scarves, hats, belts and purses; and household items, knickknacks and artwork. For more information, call Jessica Rowland at 281-475-6261 or the parish office at 281-481-6816.

Gulf Freeway closures set

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 Monday, Dec. 31. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed.

The northbound frontage road of the I-45 Freeway from FM 518 to NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 will be continuously closed through 5 a.m. Friday, Aug. 31. Traffic traveling north on the frontage road will take I-45 north main lanes from the FM 518 entrance to the NASA Road 1 exit.

Beltway closures planned

Both eastbound and westbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Beamer Road will be closed continuously through 9 p.m. Saturday, June 30. There will be a total closure of both the eastbound and westbound frontage road lanes of Beltway 8 at Pearland Parkway continuously through 5 a.m. Friday, June 29. Motorists traveling westbound will U-turn at SH 35; Motorists traveling eastbound will U-turn at Blackhawk.

At least one eastbound and one westbound frontage road lane on Beltway 8 at Genoa Red Bluff will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Saturday, July 14. Both eastbound and westbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Genoa Red Bluff will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Thursday, July 12.

At least one eastbound and one westbound frontage road lane on Beltway 8 at Crenshaw will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Thursday, July 19. For a complete list of closures associated with the project, visit <http://traffic.houstontransar.org/construction>.

Beverly Hills to meet

The Beverly Hills Civic Club will hold a meeting Thursday, June 28, at the Beverly Hills Community Center, located at 10201 Kingspoint, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Dolphins hold registration

The Southbelt Dolphins will hold registration on Saturday, June 30, at the Sagemont Community Center, located at 11507 Hughes Road near Beltway 8, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dobie Cheer hosts breakfast

The Dobie cheerleaders will host a breakfast buffet at Applebee's, located at 5103 Fairmont Parkway in Pasadena, Saturday, June 30, from 8 to 10 a.m. Tickets are \$10 and include pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon and a drink. Tickets may be purchased in advance from any Dobie cheerleader.

South Belt to celebrate Fourth of July

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

Parade

Now in its 31st 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 the heroes of Hurricane Harvey. Pasadena Independent School District Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell will serve as grand marshal of the parade. Powell was instrumental in securing the Dobie High School campus to use as a temporary shelter during Harvey. Powell will be joined by Frazier Principal Wendy Wiseburn and Meador Principal Beverly Bolton, whose respective campuses were each recently honored for their performance. Other confirmed entries include the Dobie

Future Farmers of America, the Houston Police Department, the Dobie Lariatettes and L.D. Contractors, which will be bringing out a collection of classic cars.

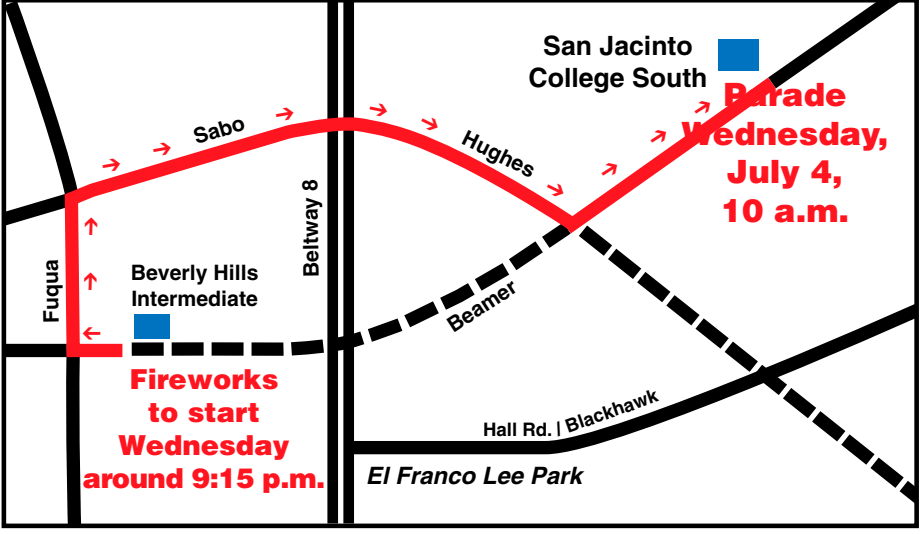
All are welcome to participate in the event, including both commercial and noncommercial entries. While it is not necessary to do so, participants are encouraged to decorate their vehicles, trailers and floats. Prizes will be awarded to the most patriotic and most original entries in both commercial 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. **Continued on Page 6A**

Thompson site plans revealed



The Pasadena Independent School District recently released the site and designs for the future Thompson Intermediate campus. To be located near the Riverstone Ranch subdivision, a lot of residents are surprised at the new school's proximity to the Green Tee subdivision, as its southern boundary is located directly across the street from the Golfcrest Country Club in Pearland. The new campus is needed because the existing Thompson facility suffered extensive damage during Hurricane Harvey. The new school is expected to open in August 2021. *Photo courtesy of Google Earth*



Chamber names Harvey heroes ahead of Fourth of July parade

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce annual banquet is set to take place Thursday, July 19, at the Lone Star Flight Museum located at Ellington Airport.

Now in its 34th year, the event's theme is *A Salute to the Heroes of Harvey*. The heroes are to also be honored at the annual Fourth of July parade. (See related story on this page.)

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott has agreed to attend the function and join the chamber in honoring local heroes from the devastating storm.

While it would be impossible to recognize everyone's efforts, organizers hope to select a group of honorees that it feels is representative of the entire South Belt community's response to Harvey.

A small sampling of these heroes will be officially recognized at the banquet, and the remainder of the nominees will be included on a wall of honor to be unveiled at the event.

The heroes currently scheduled to be recognized at the event include the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department; Pasadena Independent School District, DeeAnn Powell; South Belt contract officers from the Precinct 2 Constable's office; Jason and Rebecca Carter; Memorial Her-

mann Southeast Hospital; the Houston Fire Department; D.D. Matthews; Charles Smith; Mike Gibson; Hilton Furniture; Sagemont Church; Christian Temple; Dr. Mary Campbell-Fox; the Texas State Guard; the U. S. Coast Guard, Dobie student Reena Benitez; Kat Kiel; Travis Teichelman; Jessica Cordero, Thi Nguyen; and youth volunteers Kenzie Fernandez, Jessica Rowland and Matthew Vela.

The *Leader* is seeking the public's assistance in identifying two more heroes - a married couple from Ashley Pointe (both of whom are doctors), who rode their bicycles through flooded water to volunteer at the makeshift shelter erected at Dobie High School during the storm. To see a photo of the pair, visit the *Leader's* Facebook page.

Leading up to the event, the *Leader* will feature submitted letters of those who have been nominated for their heroic efforts. See related letter on Page 2A.

To nominate a hero to be shared on the wall or featured in the *Leader*, email mynews@southbeltleader.com.

Tickets are \$60. For more information, contact chamber president Kay Barbour at 281-481-5516 or info@southbeltchamber.com.

Nalepa trial ends in hung jury

A Galveston County jury ended in a mistrial Thursday, June 21, against a woman accused in an April 2017 car crash that killed an 8-year-old girl with ties to the South Belt community.

Erika Diebel, 42, was facing charges of intoxication manslaughter with a vehicle and manslaughter in connection with the death of Kelsey Nalepa, but the jury was ultimately unable to reach a decision in the case.

According to police, the crash took place early Saturday, April 8, as Nalepa was sitting in the back seat of her family's stopped 2009 Ford Expedition in the 2600 block of West Main in League City when another vehicle, a 2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee driven by Diebel, struck them from behind while driving east, causing massive head injuries to the child.

Seriously injured, Nalepa was transported by Life Flight to Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center, where she was pronounced dead later that day.

Diebel consented to a blood-alcohol test, and results from the Texas Department of Public Safety crime laboratory later reportedly showed she had a blood alcohol content of 0.249 grams per 100 milliliters of blood - roughly three times the legal limit of 0.08.

Diebel's defense team argued, however, that responding officers did not believe she was in-

toxicated and that Diebel was questioned and released at the time of the crash without any charges being immediately filed. Diebel's attorneys also noted that the League City Police Department had issued a statement on the night of the crash saying alcohol was not thought to be a factor in the accident.

Conversely, prosecutors contended that several of Diebel's friends witnessed her intoxicated at a birthday party at Carrabba's Italian Grill just prior to the accident.

Defense attorneys also suggested that police misconduct and an unreliable blood-alcohol test may have played a role in the arrest, saying the lead detective in the case had a personal relationship with the Nalepa family that made it inappropriate for him to head the investigation.

Defense attorneys also noted that the results from Diebel's blood sample took only six days to come back, rather than the usual time frame of several weeks or even months.

Nalepa was the daughter of Marcus and Nicole Nalepa.

Marcus Nalepa is a former Dobie coach, and Nicole (Myers) Nalepa is a 1995 Dobie graduate and played on the 1993 and 1995 state championship softball teams.

Prosecutors reportedly intend to retry the case.

MHSH cardiac program impresses

Last December, Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital announced the launch of its new cardiac surgery program and the appointment of Dr. Cesar Nahas as the program's medical director.

Within the first 100 days, Nahas performed open heart surgery on more than 40 patients. His first patient at the hospital was 64-year-old Josette Burts, who underwent triple bypass surgery in January 2018.

Burts' heart problems started in summer 2016. "I was having some shortness of breath, and then it seemed to get better," said Burts. "By late 2017, I was so short of breath that I could hardly do anything. I finally stopped driving because I was scared that I couldn't catch my breath and would panic and have an accident."

Burts' cardiologist, Dr. Rajan Kadakia, who is affiliated with Memorial Hermann Southeast, performed a coronary angiogram and found severe blockages. He told her that an experienced cardiovascular surgeon, Nahas, would be joining the medical staff in January.

"I told her that Dr. Nahas has an excellent reputation in the community," said Kadakia. "She had confidence in me and in the hospital, and she wanted to stay in the area so we could manage her postoperatively. Even though the hospital's cardiac program is new, everyone involved in her care was very experienced."

She saw Nahas, an associate professor in the Department of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Sur-

gery at McGovern Medical School at UTHealth, in early January.

"Mrs. Burts had coronary artery disease with chest pain on minimal exertion," said Nahas. "She also had an unusual and severe case of hyperlipidemia with triglyceride levels more than 20 times the normal. This is a fairly serious condition that needed to be resolved."

At their first meeting, Burts and Nahas set a date for surgery.

"His entire staff was so supportive and empathetic, from the person at the front desk to his nurse practitioner," Burts recalled. "They treated me like gold. Dr. Nahas explained exactly what would happen before, during and after my surgery, and I had complete confidence in him. On the day of the surgery, my nurse was so kind and compassionate and really helped me get comfortable going into surgery."

When Nahas moved to Memorial Hermann Southeast, his staff moved with him. "They are a key reason why we've been so successful so fast with Memorial Hermann Southeast's new Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery Program," said Nahas. "We had an enormous advantage because we didn't have to build the entire program from scratch."

Because of the shared experience and close working relationship of Nahas' staff, Burts' treatment plan went precisely as planned. "From the time I went into surgery until they brought me **Continued on Page 4A**

Firework 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.

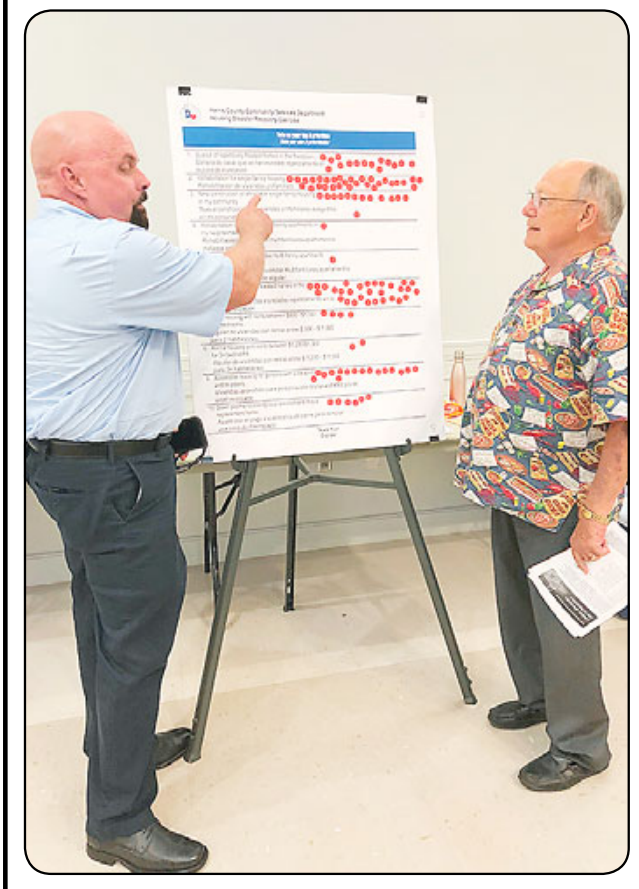
Once again this year, fireworks will be available for sale in unincorporated parts of Harris County along Beamer Road, near Dixie Farm Road and FM 2351. (See related ad on Page 6A.)

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 Mar-

shal'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 of Pearland and Harris County. At that time, state law dictated that a governing body may exercise **Continued on Page 2A**



County gives recovery advice

The office of Harris County Precinct 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis recently held a public meeting to help South Belt residents who are still recovering from Hurricane Harvey. Precinct 1 community liaison David Matthews (left) is shown above discussing recovery plans with Sagemeadow MUD board member Glenn Williams. For more information on the county's recovery efforts, call 832-927-4961, visit www.harrisrecovery.org or email rebuildharris@csd.hctx.net.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

In My Opinion

Posey thankful for Harvey help

My name is Teri Posey, and I was working at Memorial Hermann Southeast when the storm came through and destroyed our home in Woodmeadow II, just across the street from my hospital. My youngest daughter Kayla Posey, and her boyfriend Jared Cinco were at the house with our four large dogs when the water started coming in the house sometime early Sunday morning. I received a call from my daughter that 911 was not answering and that the water was almost up to the beds, and she was worried about our neighbor that was on oxygen. My daughter went next door and checked on the neighbors, and was lucky enough to flag down a rescue boat to get the neighbors out. Kayla and Jared stayed behind when they were informed our dogs could not go with them.

I called everyone I could think of, and contemplated leaving my hospital to try and rescue my family. After multiple pleas for help on Facebook, I was told a coworker, Tony Barton and a coworker's husband, Matt Riehs were on their way to my house and would try to get my kids and animals out. These two men drove in as far as they could, then walked in to my neighborhood and made it to the house Sunday mid morning. The four of them each took a dog, and swam out, down Scarsdale, and walked back to dry land almost to Pearland Parkway. The next day, they were able to get Matt's boat, and along with Jared and Tony, they spent Monday rescuing others in the area.

My second set of angels were Craig and Cindy Wilems, who are both educators in PISD. Saturday after the storm, they showed up at my mother's, Sylvia Gadd house and spent the entire day helping us clean and tear out her home on Sagecrest. While there, HFD station 70 drove down the street and fed the entire street lunch. The guys from HFD said they spent many hours rescuing people from Sagecrest and

wanted to check on everyone and bring a little joy to a stressful day. That visit and break for food temporarily turned mom's street into a block party, with hugs, smiles, and photos with the kids.

I will never be able to truly thank the above people for what they did, but my nominations for the hero's wall are Tony Barton, Matt Riehs, Jared Cinco, Kayla Posey, Craig Wilems, and Cindy Wilems.

Teri Gadd Posey

Weld responds to Albrecht's letter

Your letter is entirely correct and timely. I would like to add to it though. Leash laws are not for dogs only. They also include cats. We have several cats roaming free in our neighborhood. They get in our flowerbeds and disturb the dogs. We walk our dog regularly, on a leash, but she is a big dog, and it is difficult for my wife to restrain her when the cats show up, which is almost every day. I have been tempted to call animal control, but would hate for someone's pet to be picked up. I believe that these owners either don't know or don't care that the cats should be leashed. At some point, however, I may just call to try and get the cats removed.

David R. Weld

Laredo appreciates prayer participants

To the South Belt Community, School Prayer Walks USA had a beautiful and powerful time of prayer for Beverly Hills Intermediate School. We gathered for one hour of prayer for the students, staff, and first responders. Thank you to each person who came and participated with us this past Saturday morning, June 23.

We will be announcing our next school prayer walk on our Facebook page very soon as well as the South Belt-Ellington Leader.

Patricia Laredo
School Prayer Walks USA

Publisher's Opinion

Time for South Belt to celebrate

Where the South Belt community is concerned, July 4th is my favorite time of the year. It has always been special, but more so since 1988 when we had the first fireworks display and the first parade. This year is more special for a number of reasons. We survived Hurricane Harvey. Also, through the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, Gov. Greg Abbott has accepted an invitation to help us honor our representative "South Belt Harvey Heroes" on July 19.

Harvey brought our community together in a way that was very unique. All aspects of the community came together to help each other. None of the hot current topics — politics, race nor religion, had anything to do with the coming together of our people. What brought us together was a need by many — and a desire to help by others.

This year's parade marshal will be Deean Powell, superintendent of Pasadena Independent School District. She will ride in our parade with two of her award-winning principals. (See story Page 1A.) Through her generous heart and love for our community she authorized the use of Dobie as a shelter for approximately 2,200 to 2,400 people who found themselves homeless. As another example, Sagemont Church, which also flooded, opened its doors to Lutheran South Academy could continue its mission.

There are so many stories and unfortunately there are still many residents who have not yet recovered.

But this time of year is a time of celebration, and we do have much to celebrate.

It is my hope South Belt residents will turn out in big numbers at the annual parade. Be sure to check the chamber's first copy of our wall which will feature thousands of area residents whose names have been submitted and will be part of our parade. Those lining up in the parade will be able to check out the names while the "wall" is in the parking lot.

We are urging our representative "South Belt Harvey Heroes" to participate in the parade. We also invite any in the community that want to attend the dinner to do so. Tickets are \$60 each and include a 2-hour admission into the Ellington Lone Star Flight Museum from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. the day of the dinner.

I am so happy the governor's people accepted the invitation, although it took longer to achieve and our dinner is later this year. But, after the experience at Dobie's evacuee center and how fantastic the community was to their neighbor, it was my dream to have the governor here to recognize what a fantastic job South Belt did during Harvey without assistance of food or drinks from the government, Red Cross, or anyone except our neighbors. South Belt is great and we need to celebrate. See you at the parade. It's not too late to enter. Entry form on Page 5A.

—Marie Flickinger

Girl Scouts Sign-up Skate Party set

All South Belt area girls K-12, including current Girl Scouts and all other girls are invited to attend the Girl Scout Sign-up Skate Party July 10, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Pearwood Skate Center, 1230 Broadway St. Admission is \$3 for current Girl Scouts, \$5 for non-Girl Scouts and free for girls who register for Girl Scouts at the event. New this year is face painting for \$3. Cash only. This is not a drop-off as girls will need chaperons. For information, visit www.shootingstarsGS.org.

South Belt ready for July 4

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ETJ up to 5,000 feet outside of their established jurisdiction. The fireworks booths in question were located 1,800 feet outside the Friendswood city limit, which extends to Beamer and Dixie Farm Road.

In 2015, however, Sen. Eddie Lucio Jr. of Brownsville drafted Senate Bill 1593, which states a municipality may only prohibit 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 Beamer between Astoria and Dixie Farm, as the northbound 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 practice.

Despite the partnership, a loophole in the agreement with the Clear Brook City MUD inadvertently allowed the sale of fireworks in the parking lot of Mount Olive Lutheran Church on Scarsdale in 2013, prompting extensive litigation from the Sagegleen Civic Club.

In the end, the bench sided with the church, and sales are expected to resume on the property this year.

Transporting fireworks — even in municipalities where their sale is prohibited — is also now easier, thanks to a bill authored in 2013 by Lucio's son, Eddie Lucio III, who serves as a state representative in Brownsville. House Bill 1813 states that it is now lawful in the state to transport the items, provided they are kept in a non-passenger area of the vehicle, such as a trunk or hatch-

back.

Should one still get charged with possession of fireworks within the city limits, fines can range anywhere from \$500 to \$2,000 for each individual item. In 2007, the state raised the minimum age to purchase fireworks from 12 to 16. Parents of offending minors can also be fined, even if they are unaware their children are breaking the law.

Area subdivisions within the city of Houston include Sagemont, Sagemont Park, Kirkwood, Genoa, Beverly Hills, Rainbow Valley, Eastridge Terrace, Sycamore Valley, Scarsdale and King's Place.

Subdivisions not within the city limits and under Harris County's control include Clear Brook Meadows, College Place, Riverstone Ranch, Woodmeadow I and II, Highland Meadow, Ashley Pointe, Blackhawk, Meadows of Clear Creek, Sagemeadow, Estates of Green Tee, Sagegleen, Kirkmont and Kirkwood South.

Bella Vita, Villa D'Este and Villa Verde subdivisions are located in the City of Pearland.

Coleman comments on Supreme Court decision on redistricting

In a 5-4 decision, the United States Supreme Court today found that the racially gerrymandered Texas redistricting maps were constitutional, but that Texas House District 90 which was redrawn by the Texas Legislature in 2013 was unconstitutional. Chairman of the House Committee on County Affairs Garnet Coleman released the following statement:

"I am disappointed that the five conservatives on the Supreme Court ignored the strong dissent of Justice Sotomayor, the unanimous finding of the bipartisan three-judge panel, and the testimony of Texans of color from across the state. Their ruling is a sad end to a long battle.

"I sent a letter to the U.S. Department of Justice in April of 2011 asking them not to pre-clear the maps drawn during the 2011 legislative session. I also produced maps that appropriately represented and protected communities of color. In 2012, I testified in front of the D.C. District Court as part of the pre-clearance hearing on how the maps drawn by the Texas Legislature intentionally discriminated against communities of color.

"The Supreme Court of the

United States remanded a case dealing with the 2011 maps back to a three-judge panel in a Texas District Court in 2012. The three-judge panel in a Texas District Court produced interim maps in 2012 based on the racially gerrymandered maps because the D.C. District Court unanimously ruled—in part because of my testimony—that the 2011 maps did not meet pre-clearance (Texas v. United States, 887 F. Supp. 2d 133, 245-46 (2012)).

"Regrettably the interim maps were eventually adopted during the 2013 legislative session largely unchanged. Even worse, in June of 2013 the Supreme Court gutted the Voting Rights Act (VRA) by removing pre-clearance under Title V of the VRA. Effectively, the maps adopted by the Texas Legislature in 2013 would go into effect immediately instead of having to be pre-cleared by the Justice Department.

"I later testified before a different three-judge panel in San Antonio in 2014 about the discriminatory nature of the adopted interim maps, and presented maps that I proposed to the legislature to demonstrate that maps could be drawn to constitutionally represent vot-

ers of color. After many years, the three-judge panel in San Antonio finally concluded that the Texas Congressional and House District maps unconstitutionally suppressed the voting rights of people of color.

"Sadly, the majority of Justices on the Supreme Court of the United States, in the words of Justice Sotomayor, 'ignor(ed) the clear language and unambiguous factual findings of the order' (from the three-judge panel), and found that the maps for the most part are constitutional.

"Regardless of today's disappointing outcome, Texas has consistently acted in violation of the Voting Rights Act and suppressed the rights of Texans of color. Texas deserves to be bailed back into pre-clearance under the Voting Rights Act because of the numerous instances of voting rights violations. It is clear that we cannot rely on the courts to save us. In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., 'the arc of the moral universe is long, but bends towards justice.' This year's election and every future election is vitally important as we saw today. We need to elect people who will fight for every person's right to vote."

Paul's office begins accepting Armed Services Scholarship

Rep. Dennis Paul's office will begin accepting applications for the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program for the 2018-2019 school year. In order to be considered for the TASSP, a student enrolling in college straight from high school must meet two of the following four academic criteria at the time of application:

- Be on track to graduate, or has graduated high school with the Distinguished Achievement Program or the International Baccalaureate Program;
- Have a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale;
- Achieve a college readiness score on the SAT (1070) or ACT (23);
- Be ranked in the top one-third of the prospective high school graduating class.

Additionally, students must be enrolled in a college or university in the Fall 2018/Spring 2019 academic year in order to be nominated for the TASSP during the current nomination cycle. For more information on specific requirements, visit <http://www.hhloans.com>, then click on the "Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program" link.

TASSP encourages students to participate in Reserve Officers' Training Corps programs at civilian colleges. Students are required to agree to a four-year commitment as a member of the Texas Army National Guard, the Texas Air National Guard, the Texas State Guard, the United States Coast Guard, the United States Merchant Marine, or commis-

sioned officers in any branch of the armed services of the United States.

These annual awards can make a significant difference in the life of high achieving students. A student may receive up to \$4,000 for the 2018-2019 school year and, dependent on available funding, may receive up to four years of awards.

If one lives in House District 129 and would like to be considered for nomination by Paul for the TASSP, email one's cover letter and resume to District129.Paul@house.texas.gov no later than June 30. One may also contact Dawn McDonald, the district director, at 281-488-8900 with any questions. Each member of the Legislature is authorized to nominate one student.

Death

Martin Erickson Jr.



Martin Erickson Jr., 86, died on Saturday, June 16, 2018. He was a Korean War veteran and a 56-year South Belt resident.

Martin was born on March

9, 1932, in Wessington, S.D. He grew up in Moses Lake, Wash. In 1950, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force where he served in the Korean War from 1950 to 1953. After completing his service, he received an honorable discharge in 1955.

He then moved to Omaha, Neb., where he met Shirley M. Burg. They were married on June 2, 1962.

A job opportunity opened for Martin with NASA at Johnson Space Center. Martin and his family moved to Houston in 1965 where he worked as an inspector of the space suits during Apollo missions 8, 11 and 13 for NASA.

He then went on to education and work as a millwright for local union 2232 in Pasadena. He retired decades later.

Martin is preceded in death by his wife; his parents Martin Erickson Sr. and Laura Jo Erickson; brothers Milo Erickson, Gordy Erickson, Harley Erickson, Meryle Erickson and infant Kevin Erickson; and sisters Gladis Erickson and Iris Erickson.

He is survived by daughters Michelle Jo Norwood and Candace Loy; grandchildren Chad Merickson, Brittney B. Garrison, Shelby R. Gibbs, Patrick M. Gibbs and John Norwood Jr.; and great-grandchildren Jacob M. Garrison and Emily M. Garrison. He also leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

The graveside funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, June 29, at South Park Funeral Home, 1310 N. Main St., Pearland.

Elected officials share their words

Turner calls to abandon plan for housing migrant children

With federal immigration policies and practices in limbo, Mayor Sylvester Turner called on Southwest Key and its landlord to abandon plans to use a former homeless shelter near downtown Houston to house migrant children detained at the U.S. border.

President Donald Trump on Wednesday, June 20, ended the federal government's practice of separating children from their immigrant parents at the border with Mexico. But federal officials said there were no immediate plans for family reunification for the more than 2,200 children who already had been seized under the controversial practice that Turner calls immoral and un-American.

Many of those children are housed by the Austin-based nonprofit organization Southwest Key. "It's hard for the city to grant approval when we don't know who's going to

be there," the mayor said of the facility at 419 Emancipation Street. "The plan to proceed in housing children under this policy that was screwed up from the beginning is not going to go down well. You are not going to remove the stain."

Southwest Key president and founder Juan Sanchez and two other organization executives refused to answer when the mayor asked them during a meeting Tuesday whether they disagreed with the practice of federal agents separating families.

"So when you start wrong, it's very difficult to get it right," Turner said of the nonprofit's approach.

The federal Office of Refugee Resettlement gives the same classification of "unaccompanied minors" to children separated from their families and children who cross the border without adults, ORR officials said at the Tuesday meeting. Turner said that means

there could be no way for Southwest Key to prevent itself from housing children seized from adult relatives by federal agents.

A written statement from Southwest Key mentioned that smaller Houston-area organizations house migrant children without their parents.

"To say that others are doing it and, therefore, this should be OK, doesn't satisfy me," the mayor responded.

If Southwest Key and property owner David Denenberg proceed with their plans, city departments will conduct meticulous permitting inspections of the unused building "once we know who is going to be there" to see if the building can be used to house children, the mayor explained.

"I'm not going to guess and assume, when the positions and the policies and the occupancy categories are constantly changing," Turner remarked.

Residents without flood insurance may be bypassed for future aid

If disaster strikes once, it can strike again. Make sure one is prepared — and remain eligible for assistance from the federal government — by buying and maintaining flood insurance.

If one's community participates in the National Flood Insurance Program and one's property is in a high-risk zone known as a special flood hazard area, then it's required by law to purchase and maintain flood insurance if one has received federal disaster assistance for flood damage. Otherwise, when disaster strikes again, one will be ineligible for federal assistance for flood damage to one's home or its contents.

Homeowners in SFHAs who receive disaster assistance must maintain flood insurance as long as the property address exists. If the home is sold,

the insurance requirement is passed to the new owner; therefore buyers should thoroughly research the history of the property before closing.

Renters in SFHAs who receive federal disaster assistance for flood-damaged personal property also must maintain flood insurance on the contents of their home for as long as they live at that location. The insurance requirement, however, ends once the aid recipient moves away.

People in an SFHA who receive flood assistance through FEMA's Individuals and Households Program may qualify for a group flood insurance policy. The group policy is paid with IHP grant funds for survivors who receive disaster assistance and lack required flood insurance. To receive a group policy, one must have applied for a U.S.

Small Business Administration disaster loan and been found ineligible, among other requirements. A group policy expires at the end of 36 months, but the requirement to maintain flood insurance continues.

To learn more about flood insurance and the National Flood Insurance Program, call 800-427-4661, visit www.fema.gov/business/nfip or contact one's insurance agent.

For information on Hurricane Harvey and Texas recovery, visit the Hurricane Harvey disaster web page at www.fema.gov/disaster/4332. Facebook at www.facebook.com/FEMAHarvey, the FEMA Region 6 Twitter account at [www.twitter.com/FEMARegion6](https://twitter.com/FEMARegion6) or the Texas Division of Emergency Management website at <https://www.dps.texas.gov/dem/>.

Harvey transitional sheltering assistance program winds down

Hurricane Harvey survivors participating in FEMA's Transitional Sheltering Assistance program are working closely with disaster case managers to complete their long-term housing plans by the end of this month. TSA, which provides short-term shelter to evacuees who cannot return to their homes, will expire June 30 after 308 days of support, with final checkout July 1.

FEMA and its recovery partners offer a variety of housing options to disaster survivors. Survivors who need longer-term housing assistance, legal advice or crisis counseling can contact a DCM by calling 211. DCMs provide long-term, one-on-one support to facilitate access to resources.

Since Hurricane Harvey, people in 54,637 affected households have sheltered at hotels, including 24,690 that received more than two months of rental assistance. The cost to FEMA exceeds \$410 million. FEMA previously extended the TSA checkout deadline seven times.

As of today, 816 recipients remain in hotels, but the vast majority have arranged a housing solution for July 1. DCMs are working with the remaining households to finalize their plans.

Further assistance may be available through sheltering and housing programs including the Texas General Land Office's Partial Repair and Essential Power for

Sheltering program. Disaster Assistance for Limited Home Repair and Direct Housing.

Survivors with a continuing need for rental assistance should contact FEMA at 800-621-FEMA (3362). For information on PREPS, visit <http://texasrebuilds.com>. To find out about DALHR, see <https://go.usa.gov/xQJy2>.

For additional information on Hurricane Harvey and Texas recovery, visit the Hurricane Harvey disaster web page at www.fema.gov/disaster/4332. Facebook at www.facebook.com/FEMAHarvey, the FEMA Region 6 Twitter account at [www.twitter.com/FEMARegion6](https://twitter.com/FEMARegion6) or the Texas Division of Emergency Management website at <https://www.dps.texas.gov/dem/>.

Leader checks out social media

By Laura Benavides Scallan

A post shared in several of the community Facebook groups included photos of a man caught on a surveillance camera. It has been made known by the person who originally posted the photos that the man was not trying to break into their home. It was confirmed that it was just a kid playing around the home, not trying to break into it.

A member of *the people of sagemont* 2 Facebook group reported that on June 20 around 9:30 p.m. her friend and another person pulled into the friend's driveway in the Kirkfair subdivision when suddenly a car parked in front of the house. Two male suspects got out of the

vehicle and one of the suspects was reported to have a handgun, who then pointed the gun toward the driver in the vehicle. The member's friend and passenger were able to escape in their vehicle. The member reported the suspects wore masks. The member's post has been shared on other community Facebook groups.

Another member of the same Facebook group wanted to let members know that she has changed her location to style hair to Hair Care Galerie off Sagegleen.

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Frazier awards annual scholarships to seniors



Frazier Elementary held its annual scholarship award ceremony in which seniors who had attended Frazier were awarded scholarships. Shown are the seniors who qualified for the scholarships, left to right, Edith Molina, Alan Arreola, Robert Castillo, Leonard Myers, Sarah Lewis, Sydney Bonner, Aleida Gonzalez, Emily Duran, Joshua Herrero, Jonathan Acosta, Julissa Davila, Cameryn Davis, Jacob Young and Jalen Clark.

Guevara notes Berreth goes beyond limits

Cassandra Guevara (left), one of J. Frank Dobie High School's Shining Stars, is shown with distinguished educator Dianne Berreth, Dobie 11th-grade chemistry teacher. Guevara was in Dobie's Key Club and volunteered at marathons, festivals and other events.

After high school, Guevara plans to attend a four-year university and major in biochemistry. Once she has completed her undergraduate work, she plans to attend pharmacy school and pursue a pharmacy degree.

Guevara commented the following about Berreth, "Mrs. Berreth is a teacher that I was able personally to connect with. She not only helped me in every possible way with classwork and homework, she also helped me with any problems I had in life. She gave me advice, always pushed me to do the things I wanted to do and supported all the activities I did. She went beyond the limits of just the classroom and took care of everyone. Her passion and enthusiasm for chemistry made the class even more enjoyable and influenced me to pursue biochemistry in college and later go into pharmacy."

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 Dobie High School students. The information and photos were submitted



Thompson Intermediate names honor roll

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

Honor Roll Seventh grade

Alexis Acosta, Valerie Damilola Akinloye, Alize Denai Alvarez, Christopher Israel Amezuquita, Leonel Angel Araiza, Gabriella Kate Arredondo, Jorge Luis Arredondo, Allison Nicolot Arreola, Luke Jason Auzenne, Janelle Barreiro, Dynasty Rakhilla Benson, Jamarion Brandon Betties and Ethan James Bishop.

Yvette Alouette Boisseauneau, Domenick Adrain Brightman, Honesty One Brooks, Andrew Michael Cabrera, Jade Guadalupe Cabrera, Daylan Tyrese Cadoree, Abraham Camacho,

Dylan Mathew Campos, Kaitlyn Makenna Campos, Alexia Ariana Castillo, Kevin Joseph Cedeno, Aaron Thomas Charles and Bella Rein Cisneros.

Jessica Kaye Coleman, Kayla Jo'nae Coleman, Manuel Sebastian Colunga, Victoria Ann Couchman, Amy Elizabeth Cruz, Sofia Victoria Cruz, Colin Dung Dang, Hieu Vu Minh Dang, Serenity Sierra Dedios, Emily Danielle Delgado, Raul Sebastian Diaz and Jenny Nhi Do.

Nam Minh Duong, Robert Sean Durham, Nicolas Michael Edmondson, Leslie Gabrielle Espinoza, Cristian Daniel Fernandez, Ma Dheyniella Jhanelle Figueroa, Ethan Antonio Flores, Iveth Flores, Lyzbeth Flores, Evan

Alexander Fraustro, Sophia Abigail Garay, Ashlee Monique Garcia, Noah Heinz Garcia, Laci Janae Garrett And Lauren Marie Garza.

Noah Seth Gaytan, Cameron Jonathan Gilbert, Jacque Rose Giron, Ariana Celeste Gonzales, David Gonzales, Julianna Rebecca Gonzales, Mariah Elena Gonzales, Adrianna Marie Gonzalez, Alexa Gonzalez, Jadon Christopher Gonzalez, Serenity Starr Govea, Natalie Ariel Graciano, Elias Emmanuel Hernandez, Elizabeth Marie Hernandez and Fernando Alexis Hernandez.

Gilbert Frank J. Hernandez, Jacob Mathew Hernandez, Natalie Paige Hernandez, Eleanore Herrera, Russell Alan Horton, Elijah How-

ard, Ryan Janell Humphrey, Chance Alan Hurd, Gloria Immaculate, Edgar Javier Jimenez, Ian Sudario Johnson, Justice Marie Johnson, Natalia Jenae Jones, William George Junkin and Rayyan Khan.

Bianca Nicole Kinder, Kareemah Mahendi Kothiyi, Jonathan Gage Krenek, Evan Joshua Krustchinsky, Thalia Ngoc Diem Le, Mauricio Leal, Alyssa Saige Lloyd, Antonio Lopez, Ivan Lopez, Juan Joel Lopez, Santiago Lopez, Sean Edwin Lopez, Salet Esmeralda Lovo, Lilliana Michelle Mares and Lluvia Daniela Martinez Martinez.

Adolfo Martinez, Emily Lyllana Martinez, Melissa Brianna Martinez, Yair

Alejandro Martinez, Yessenia Mata, Cindy Stephanie Medina, Jose Refugio Medina, Aryana Estrella Mejoz, Isaac Mendoza, Paula Mendoza, Connor Austin Mohwinkel, Maria Jose Monge Hernandez, Madeleine Viktoria Montes And Jer'keithr Antione Moore.

Alena Amelia Morin, Anthony Reyes Morin, Isela Viviana Munoz, Melody Love Nabi, Ann Ky Anh Nguyen, Daniel Nguyen, Dylan Thai Nguyen, Huyhoang Huy Nguyen, Landon Quang Nguyen, Steven Trieu-Phi Nguyen, Tyler Tran Nguyen, Vivian Mai Thanh Nguyen and Dominic Martin Ortiz.

Janice Stepania Padilla, Nathan Alexander Pavalonis, Andrick Elian Perez, Angelina Sky Perez, Bella Grace Perez, Erin Jean Raizza Perez, Jocelyn Perez, Sofia Leonor Perez, Raul Perez-Rodriguez, Thu Minh Pham, Samuel Pineda, Alexander James Pleger, Felicity Jean Resendez, Melissa Yamileth Resendez and Fynnlan Isaiiah Ridge.

Ezequiel Rivera, Emeterio Rodriguez, Jeremiah Angel Rodriguez, Jordy Misael Rodriguez, Julie Amanda Rodriguez, Lauren Somer Rodriguez, Luis Ernesto Rodriguez, Manuel Rodriguez, Marissa Rojas, Emely Giselle Rosa-Velasquez, Emily Salazar and Leyla Rebecca Salazar.

Evelyn Sanchez, Christian Jordan Schmidt, Mable Lee Self, Leah Marie Selwyn-West, Valeria Silva, Julicia Areana St. Croix, Carrick Lashawn Steans, Emilee Rayne Sulak, Sarah Marie Joy Tamez, Kennedy Dat Thai, Yvonne Thaothi Thai, Maria Avenelle Tipton and Tam Thanh To.

Madeline Elizabeth Torres, Johnny Tran, Francisco Johnathan Urquieta, Vianca Victoria Valencia, Heaven Leigh Vargas, Christian Andrew Vega, Kaylee My Tien Vo, Phu Ngoc Thien Vu, Kaitlyn Elisabeth Webb, Maria Angelina Wence, Evelyn Paige Wheeler, Jacob Marcellus White, Ainsley Renee Willis and Aubrey Rose Zambrano.

Eighth Grade

Victoria Elizabeth Acosta, Nadine Ajmeere Ahmed, Kemi Star Alade, Montserrat Xitlalic Alba, Eric Ivan Alvarez, Steve Alvarez, Alfredo Alvor, Abraham Raul Amaro-Diaz, Taelyn Lanea Ansley, Dayyani Belisa Arbolea, Rafael Antonio Argueta, Khamani Lesean Ashby, Keegan Neal Ashworth and Andre A. Barrientos.

Miguel Angel Bazaldua, Catherine Marie Berkstresser, Aqib Ibrahim Bhatti, Shelby Breanna Bourlier, Kendall Gisele Brown, Alayna Nicole Calvillo, Gabriella Campo, Jacqueline Alazaye Canales, Amy Thuy Cao, Ricky Cao, Sean Anthony Carmouche and Joshua George Raymond Carter.

Ashley Castellanos, Alani Eloisa Chapa, Alyssa Brianna Chapman, Joe Kevin Chicas, Lydia Alena Chicas, Dalyza Elisia Cisneros, Dataysia Elaine Cisneros, Matthew Christopher Collins, Angel Alejandro Corea, Sebastian Alexander Cruz, Benson Carter Cubos, Thomas Duke Cypert, William Khoa Dao, Fernanda America Davila, Lucinda Sunflower Davis and Karina Del Villar.

Melina Phuong Mai Dong-si, Nayely Yissel Faz Urias, Jessica Vanessa Flores, Sierra Yvonne Frost, Selena Abigail Galicia, Melanie Michelle Galvan, Alexis Julia Garcia, Steven Edenilson Garcia, Adalie Garza, Sherlyn Alexandra Gavidia, Timothy Quoc Giang, Adrianna Michelle Golden and Jaqueline Abigail Gonzalez.

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BAHEP president testifies before Senate subcommittee on importance of ISS funding

The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership has been an avid supporter of NASA, and specifically of the missions of the NASA Johnson Space Center, for decades.

Elected officials and the media often consult with BAHEP President Bob Mitchell to share his expertise in regard to the aerospace industry.

In May 2018, Sen. Ted Cruz, chairman of the Space, Science and Competitiveness Subcommittee of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation invited Mitchell to provide testimony before his subcommittee regarding the International Space Station.

Given just five minutes to state his support for federal funding for the ISS beyond 2024, Mitchell testified before the subcommittee on June 6, 2018. Following is his testimony in full.

"Chairman Cruz, ranking member Nelson, distinguished members of the committee: "Thank you for the opportunity to be here today and to testify on the important topic of the International Space Station.

"I serve as the president of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership, a member-driven 501(c)(6) nonprofit economic development organization located just outside the gates of the Johnson Space Center in Bay Area Houston.

"We have over 268 members, which include a diverse mix of businesses in aerospace, medical, life sciences, petrochemicals, and maritime. We also are proud to work on initiatives that contribute to the economic growth of the 13 cities and two counties in the area around the Johnson Space Center. Although aerospace companies make up a fraction of our membership, the entire business community under-

stands and values the contributions of NASA and the space community in making all of our lives better.

"The ISS is a critical element of the work performed in Houston at the Johnson Space Center and the backbone to maintaining a number of key elements of our success in human spaceflight: the astronaut corps, mission control, countless technical resources, and world-class researchers.

"The Johnson Space Center offers an unparalleled national capability that has been built over decades of experience. The loss of or weakening of its capabilities would have dramatic implications to our outcomes in deep space exploration.

"The ROI on the ISS can be calculated in many ways. It is difficult to quantify the exact dollar value of many of these returns, but the overall impact is undeniable. The International Space Station – by its design and enactment – has established the foundation for sustained generation of technology that improves life on earth. Each year, spinoffs like new drugs, materials, and scientific technology become licensed and begin generating new revenue streams for companies large and small.

"Beyond the ability to show an ROI, ISS positions us to tackle the challenge of deep space by buying down cost and risk now to give missions to the moon and Mars a head start. The station is a critical, inexpensive test bed for exploration hardware that needs to work perfectly on its first live mission. It allows us to test, tweak, and perfect life support systems, radiation abatement methods, and other advanced materials. These breakthroughs will eventually make it from the launch pad into our homes and businesses

across America.

"Through engagement with the Russian space agency and 13 other ISS partners, the U.S. has led an era of peaceful collaboration and exploration that has provided stability in space leading to the current level of space commercialization. This commitment to ISS – uninterrupted for the last 25 years – has provided more than just a destination in space. The ISS has cultivated:

- A cultural learning lab for diplomacy, education, and inspiration

- A learning lab for technology applications – testing performance machines, materials, and humans in space

- A science lab for comparing terrestrial knowledge in a new frontier of weightlessness

- A lab for exploring both our earth and outer space in preparation for the next exploration endeavors

"I think it is important to take a detailed look at the overall ISS budget, which is often cited at \$3 billion per year. What is misleading about that estimate is that the commercial crew and cargo programs are funded out of those funds along with overhead costs at the centers housing the programs and other expenses.

"The real ISS budget is a fraction of that total cost, ranging from \$1 billion – \$15 billion per year. Saving this much each year will have a minimal impact on our overall exploration efforts in terms of a funds transfer. Commercial alternatives would likely cost significantly more than sustaining the ISS, essentially creating an entirely new development program, while providing a fraction of the existing capabilities.

"If the U.S. government terminates its support of the ISS in 2025, and we step away

from ISS before an equivalent long-term engagement is created, there will be a disruption in the space program and the emerging commercial space industry.

"Not very long ago, NASA's Constellation Program was canceled at the same time as the retirement of the Space Shuttle Program, which had a profoundly negative impact on America's leadership position in space. I sincerely hope that we all learned a valuable lesson from this and trust that you will not allow history to repeat itself! My position is that the U.S. government should commit to the ISS for as long as it is safely feasible to do so.

"However, as we succeed, others look to follow. As you have probably seen, just last week China invited other nations to partner with them on their space station. They realize, as we do, the power of these partnerships and the technology that can be gained from them.

"As we question our commitment to the future of ISS, the Chinese space program is actively seeking to leverage this moment in time to provide an alternative path and platform for our traditional international partners in space. This has very serious implications for our national security, trade and technology partnerships, and leadership if this is not managed carefully.

"At the end of the day, the ISS program is the culmination of all of the reasons we are so passionate about the entire space program – it represents America's future in global leadership, education, innovation, healthcare, and our quality of life.

"Thank you for the invitation to speak on this topic, and I look forward to your questions."

Acosta is grateful for Wheeler

Francisco Acosta (left), one of South Houston High School's Shining Stars, is shown with distinguished educator Bradley Wheeler, South Houston High School 12th-grade advanced placement physics C teacher.

Acosta has volunteered for various events and organizations including Tween Read, Trunk or Treat and the Hous-

ton Food Bank.

Acosta plans to attend the University of Texas in Austin where he plans to study civil engineering as a major and obtain a minor in business.

In regard to Wheeler, Acosta said, "Mr. Wheeler has been an extraordinary teacher! He has been preparing us not only for an AP test, but also for life in college.

Although his way of teaching is different from other teachers, I have been lucky to have him as a teacher for my last two years of high school. He's a great person, that pushes us every day to become better and get ready for life. Nobody understands physics as he does and his love for the subject makes the class better. I'm very grateful for the time and dedication Mr. Wheeler spent on us. He was willing to stay every day after school and help any student with any work we didn't understand or to help them with any lab they didn't finish. All I can say to him is, "Thank you for your dedication to teach us and help us do better at school."

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 South Houston High School students. The information and photos were submitted by Pasadena Independent School District.

The Leader is also running the Shining Stars from Dobie, Pasadena Memorial and Kirk Lewis Technical high schools.



Texas Aviation Hall of Fame accepts nominations for 2019 inductees

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2019 inductees into the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame. To be selected as an inductee into the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame, a candidate must be either a Texan* who has made ex-

traordinary contributions to aviation**, or a Texas aviator who has made an extraordinary contribution to the United States or the world in another field.

The selection advisory committee, created by the

Lone Star Flight Museum Board of Directors, is composed of 11 distinguished industry experts from across the country. Members include a former Johnson Space Center director, members of the Texas Historical Commission,

authors of aviation-related books, editors of aviation magazines, academicians and museum professionals. The committee will review the candidates and make recommendations to the LSFM. Continued on Page 4A

UHCL calendar set

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

UHCL Movie Night: "A Quiet Place"

Join in for movie night on Saturday, June 30, at 7 p.m. in the Student Services and Classroom Building Lecture Hall, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. "A Quiet Place" is the story of a family forced to live in silence while hiding from mysterious monsters who are sensitive to sound in this post-apocalyptic world. This film is rated PG-13.

Admission is free with a UHCL ID and \$4 for all others. Parking is free and available in Visitor Lot D. For more information, visit www.uhcl.edu/campus-life/arts/film-speak-series.

Freshman fall 2018 application deadline Aug. 1

The final application deadline is Aug. 1 for new college students planning to enter University of Houston-Clear Lake in the fall 2018 semester.

For more details on deadlines, visit the UH-Clear Lake Office of Admissions at www.uhcl.edu/admissions. To apply, visit ApplyTexas.org. For more information, call 281-283-2500 or email admissions@uhcl.edu.

2018 CAMEO Emerging Artists Show

UHCL Art Gallery hosts this year's Clay Arts Museum and Educational Organization Emerging Artists Show, which features works of Texas higher education ceramics instructors and their students. The result is a unique display of varying artistic perspectives.

The gallery is located in the Bayou Building at University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. Admission is free. The show runs through Aug. 2. The gallery is open Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. - noon. Parking is available in the Visitor Lot or Student Lot D. For more information, call 281-283-3376 or visit www.uhcl.edu/art-gallery.

Kids U registration still open

University of Houston-Clear Lake's Center for Educational Programs is ensuring the learning doesn't

stop this summer with Kids U summer day camps. Classes take place in the Arbor Central Building, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. Registration is open for camps focusing on creative writing, art, game design, coding, dinosaurs, bugs and more from nine subject areas. Classes are open for pre-K through 12th grade. Costs vary with each camp. To register or for more information, visit www.uhcl.edu/education/centers-initiatives/center-educational-programs.

Join UHCL's Friday morning summer miniseries

University of Houston-Clear Lake's Friday Morning Continuing Education presents its summer miniseries in July. Tailored for the appetites of life-long learners, topics vary week-to-week and are presented by experts in their subjects.

The Friday programs feature two separate sessions, one at 9 a.m. and another at 11 a.m. All sessions are held at UH-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. While registration is required, residency, age, academic history, and student status do not apply.

July 6 sessions are:

- "Joy of Yoga" at 9 a.m. Yoga is so much more than a form of exercise. Come learn about the history of yoga and all that encompasses this practice and the benefits to one's life. No yoga clothes are necessary for this class.

- "SHELL We Gather? A Guide to Beachcombing on the Gulf Coast" at 11 a.m. Although being a beachcomber is not a necessary prerequisite, attendees may become beachcombers after learning about these gems and how to recognize the top 10 seashells of the Gulf.

Each member will pay a one-time membership fee of \$12 for the summer miniseries plus \$18 for each class. The membership fee includes class materials, borrowing privileges at the UHCL library and discounts at the UHCL bookstore and patio café. Parking permits are available in the Bayou Building, room 1618 for \$5. To register, visit www.uhcl.edu/academics/extended/friday-morning-ce. For more information, call 281-283-3033.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

ABIGAIL ENJOYS SIXTH BIRTHDAY!

Best wishes for a happy birthday 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**.

DENISSE CELEBRATES HER 21ST!

Best wishes are sent to 2015 Dobie graduate **Denisse Rodriguez** July 2 from her big sisters **Lolis and Carolina Rodriguez** who say, "Happy 21st birthday to the most wonderful, amazing, funniest little sister we could have ever asked for. You have so much to look forward to in life and words cannot explain how incredibly proud we already are of you. All the trips and adventures we have shared with you have been nothing but the greatest memories. We love you so much!"

SCHOOL DAZE

The following personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays June 28, through July 4.

Atkinson Elementary

Birthday greetings are sent to **Maria Zamora** June 28. Sing a birthday song June 29 to **Marisa Giron**. Birthday greetings are sent to **Giselle**

Ortega July 3.

Burnett Elementary
Amy Vasquez celebrates a birthday July 2. The day for an Independence Day birthday celebration for **Eliezer Torres** is July 4.

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 Friday, June 30, special birthday wishes are sent to **Yelitza Davila**. **Stacy Anthony** marks a birthday July 2.

Meador Elementary
Julie Jasso celebrates a birthday June 28. **South Belt Elementary**
Kasi Al Ayoubi enjoys a birthday July 3. July 4 is the day for a birthday party and fireworks for **Derenda Dehoyos**.

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

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Joseph Peterson enjoys a June 29 birthday. Light the birthday candles for **Vanessa Schultz** June 30. Send a birthday greeting July 1 to **Hilda Tristan**, **Lamona Lemarr** and **Lauren Lester** celebrate a double-fun birthday July 2. **William**

Agan marks a birthday July 3.

Thompson Intermediate
Enjoying a birthday July 3 is **Yadira Lozano**. **Dobie High**
Share a 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 celebrate a birthday this week:
Thursday, June 28: **Jan Edwards Barker**, **Daren Williams** and **Carla Pronio**; Friday, June 29: **Kristi Rogers**, **Cheryl Raymond** and **Judy Lannou Thiele**; Saturday, June 30: **Darla Arenas**, **Sonya Hernandez** and **BJ Parmelee**; Sunday, July 1: **Siobhan Strambler**, **Barbara Porbandt** and **Tina Ramirez**; Monday, July 2: **Mary Collins**, **Brent Garza**, **Randy Weber**, **Eddie Shields**, **Darrel Black** and **Carolyn Benitez-Pineda**; Tuesday, July 3: **Nancy Smith**, **Bill Phenix**, **Benny Outland** and **Kelly Goolsby**; and Wednesday, July 4: **Detric Bowie**, **Tina Garrett**, **Miles Thomas** and **Brent McCrary**.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS
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.

Aviation hall of fame seeks nominations

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board of directors, who will make the final selections. Those honored will join an impressive list of 76 former inductees representing trailblazers and explorers including Bessie Coleman; leaders including President H. W. Bush; wartime leaders including Tex Hill; and entrepreneurs including Howard Hughes and Herb Kelleher.

To view a complete list of current members, visit www.lonestarflight.org. Nominations may be submitted online at www.lonestarflight.org/tahof by July 31. Nominations received after that date will be held for future consideration. Nominees may be individuals, groups, living or deceased.

**"Texan" includes those born in Texas as well as those who completed some significant portion of their recognized accomplishments while in Texas.

**"Aviation" includes designing, building, piloting, instructing, and maintaining aircraft; the airline industry; ballooning; soaring and gliders; historical research and preservation; the space program; and both civilian and military roles

tian Ortega, Abigail Alicia Ortiz and Diego Osuna.

Brandon Alfredo Pacheco-Moreno, Isabella Elida Padilla, Jeremiah Neil Rabang Palma, Dylan Joseph Marshall Patterson, Oscar Fabian Perez, Jason Pham, Nguyen Chan Pham, Valerie Phi Yen Phonxayalinkham, Javon Allen Portis, Kori Germaine Pounds, Isabela Pruneda, Alejandro Ramos, Alexandra Ramos and Milly Rangel Uribe.

Zachary Edward Reimer, Miranda Camille Resendez, Arianna Lexi Reyna, Asher Elijah Ridge, Adrian Eden Rios, Joseph Rios, Elijah Alexander Robinson, Vanessa Jannet Rocha, Lisette Brise-idi Rodriguez, Megan Alani Rodriguez, Ashlyn Latrice Ross, Christopher Steve Salinas, Haley Danae Salinas, Emily Gissel Sanchez and Bryan Santacruz.

Nicholas Ignacio Santibanez, Rickey James Schreier, Kal El Self, Cristian Xavier Sepulveda, Jaelan Donae Sherman, Wyatt James Sherwood, Ahmed Maher Shobaki, Metzi Jamile Silva, Kenzie Ida Snook, Kielee Ashell Snook, Alexa Anne Snow-Eaton, Gerardo Solis, Jamin Janet Sosa, Jessica Anahi Sosa and Kyle Christopher Stokes.

Natalie Anaih Suarez, Alex Lee Susko, Huxley Denz Geromo Taganahan, Arielle Victoria Terrazas, Leani Marie Ton, Brianna Elise Thoro, Brandon Anthony Torres, Diego Alexis Torres, Annette Phuonghan Tran, Derek Tran, Thu Minh Tran, Vi Thanh Tran and Trinity Marie Tucker.

Chukwuekwa Austin Nnamdi Uzomah, Jesus Sebastian Velasquez, Melanie Ariana Velazquez, Michael Wotonwo Vouffo, Huy Thanh Vu, Khari Geno Walker, Cyrae Kristen Washington, Abby Michelle Whitley, Londen Gabrielle Curtis Wiggins, Luke Peter Wittenberg, Aspen Sierra Woods and Makayle Nicole Hailey Marie Ortega, Sebas-

MHSH implements new cardiac program

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back to the ICU, they kept my husband and family informed," said Burt. "They were like angels taking care of me. They were right there when I needed them. They got me up the day after surgery. I sat in a chair and had physical therapy and started walking right away, little steps at a time."

A close collaboration between physicians affiliated with McGovern Medical School at UHealth, Memorial Hermann Physician Network (MHMD) and UT Physicians, the new program brings advanced cardiac treatment options, including coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) surgery and heart valve surgery to patients at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. The hospital plans to continue to expand operating rooms, ICU beds, equipment and instrumentation to support the program.

"We are extremely excited to launch our open heart surgery program here at Memorial Hermann Southeast under the leadership of Dr. Nahas," said Kyle Price, CEO of Memorial Hermann Southeast and Memorial Hermann Pearlland Hospitals. "His skill in heart care brings an invaluable service to the Southeast Houston community as well as to our neighboring communities. In collaboration with our highly skilled, dedicated staff of cardiologists, we're pleased to bring this new level of high-quality cardiovascular care to the people we serve. Patients no longer have to leave home for superior heart care."

"This is the beginning of a strong, research-driven program that meets the needs of our residents," said Nahas, who has more than 20 years of experience and is board certified in cardiovascular and thoracic surgery.

"Dr. Nahas is wonderful, and my experience was absolutely amazing," said Burt. "I would refer anyone to him. Everything happened like clockwork. His staff worked like a well-oiled machine. They knew exactly what I needed on all levels. Since my surgery, every day is a better day for me."

To schedule an appointment or learn more about the Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery Program at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, call 713-222-CARE (2273) or visit www.memorialhermann.org/southeast.



Since its opening this past December, Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital's new cardiac surgery program has shown great success, earning the praise of many of its patients. Shown above are the program's medical director, Dr. Cesar Nahas (left), and MHSH cardiologist, Dr. Rajan Kadakia. Photo submitted



Patel describes Clayton as supportive

Aadarshi Patel (left), one of Pasadena Memorial High School's Shining Stars, is shown with distinguished educator Noah Clayton, Pasadena Memorial 12th-grade orchestra teacher.

Patel has volunteered for El Redentor Senior Housing, After-School Centers on Education, CT Church, Rotary Books, Pasadena Strawberry Festival, Turner Elementary, Lion's Club Walk for Sight and annual chili supper, Vista Continuing Care Center, Salvation Army, Sarah's House, Rotary Fish Fry, Crenshaw Park clean-up and Rugged Race.

Patel commented on Clayton, "A hundred words are insufficient to acknowledge the countless things Mr. Clayton has done for me. Despite knowing that I had no prior experience of playing a string instrument, Mr. Clayton, unhesitatingly, allowed me to join Orchestra and embraced the challenge of teaching a beginner while also running his normal class. Mr. Clayton has been an extremely supportive and reliable teacher. Because of his faith and dedication towards me, I have been able to make my high school career much more engaging while also developing a life-long interest in playing the violin."

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 Students from Dobie, South Houston and Kirk Lewis Technical high schools.

Remember When

40 years ago (1978)
City of Houston police and Harris County Sheriff officers responded to calls including reckless driving, which involved the driver of a truck allegedly pulling a BB gun, a runaway boat, an armed robbery and a purse snatcher.

The Steering Committee for Multimodal Transportation Planning for the Gulf Coast State Planning Region met at the Houston-Galveston Area Council's conference room.

35 years ago (1983)
A 14-year-old Scarsdale youth miraculously survived electrical burns received when he and two companions were climbing a 138,000 volt tower.

Clear Creek Independent School District students were to have a longer school day in first through third grades, and teachers were to get a salary boost during the school year as a result of action taken at the regular monthly school board meeting.

30 years ago (1988)
Pasadena Independent School District's Gifted and Talented coordinator Roger Woest was named to succeed Julius Knebel as director of secondary education.

Law enforcement officials apprehended a local 15-year-old after being spotted by the owner of a stolen Blazer which the youth was driving. Police caught up with him after he lost control of the vehicle on Beamer near Hughes.

25 years ago (1993)
A groundbreaking cere-

mony was held for the new 22,580-square-foot Southwest Airlines reservations facility on Kurland. The new space would feature 266 stations for reservation sales agents and supervisors.

The Houston-Aires drill team donated approximately \$600 to the South Belt fire-works fund from donations they collected from area residents.

20 years ago (1998)
Ownership of the South Belt-Ellington Leader newspaper changed from a 50-50 partnership between Bobby Griffin and Marie Flickinger to being fully owned by Marie Flickinger and her son Davy Flickinger.

Pat McKenna left her post as the Clear Brook High School girls basketball coach and accepted a new computer technology specialist opening at the school.

15 years ago (2003)
Rice University won the NCAA Division I baseball national championship for the first time. The team was coached by former San Jacinto College coach Wayne Graham and former Dobie coach David Pierce.

Sgt. Larry Petty and Deputy Shane Rigdon of Constable Gary Freeman's office stopped four males and one female after a witness reported they had shot out the back window of a vehicle.

10 years ago (2008)
In a surprising move, workers under the direction of the City of Friendswood Fire Marshal's office shut down eight firework booths on Beamer between Astoria

and Dixie Farm Road. While the shops were not technically located in Friendswood, city officials were still able to close the operations, citing extrajurisdictional jurisdiction. The fireworks booths in question were located 1,800 feet outside of the Friendswood city limit, which extends to Beamer and Dixie Farm Road.

Lt. Jonathan Carter, a 1995 Dobie High School graduate, was selected the first representative from the U.S. Coast Guard to serve in the President's Emergency Operations Center at the White House. Carter was honored at a change of command ceremony at the Coast Guard base in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Lori Alexander was named the new director of the Dobie Lariatettes. She replaced outgoing director and new mother, Shanna Grubb, a 1997 Dobie graduate.

5 years ago (2013)
A newborn baby was abandoned at an apartment complex located in the 12300 block of Beamer. An adult male who lived at the complex discovered the infant between the dumpster and a surrounding fence shortly after 9 a.m. The baby was wrapped in a T-shirt and still had his umbilical cord and placenta attached. The child was taken to Texas Children's Hospital where he was hospitalized and received medical care.

The doctors believed the infant was full term, weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces at birth. Six weeks later, the infant

was released from the hospital and was placed with a family that is licensed to foster and adopt children.

The 100 Club announced changes to its policies that would allow the families of the four Houston firefighters killed in the deadly May 31 motel blaze, including that of longtime South Belt resident Robert Bebee, to receive donations collected following the incident. The announcement came a week after media reports stated the organization's internal rules had initially prohibited it from giving raised funds to the affected families, as none of the first responders lost in the fire had either a spouse or children.

The 100 Club organization's new policy will give \$20,000 checks to the executor of the estate of a law officer or a firefighter killed in the line of duty. For those with no dependents - meaning no spouse or children - the group will make an assessment of needs and pay off any outstanding debts. Many who donated in the wake of the motel fire felt deceived, as city officials and multiple media outlets, including the South Belt-Ellington Leader, encouraged people to donate specifically to the 100 Club. The organization even had a billboard campaign that used the images of the fallen firefighters to solicit funds. In all, an unprecedented \$650,000 was donated after the fire.

1 year ago (2017)
Rachel Epperson was crowned Miss Teen United

States at the national United America Pageant held in San Antonio. Unlike other traditional beauty contests, United America pageants focus on educational achievement and community service. An incoming junior at Friendswood High School, where she is a member of the National Honor Society, Epperson has selflessly completed more than 400 hours of volunteer work. Epperson is the daughter of local State Farm Agent Thuy Epperson, who is also an organizer of the annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off.

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Beverly Hills Intermediate announces sixth honor roll

Beverly Hills Intermediate has announced its honor roll for the sixth six-weeks.

Honor Roll Seventh Grade

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Sabrina Laci Baragan, De'shawn Jarreau Barriere, Olivia Nicole Batres, Sayra Cesilia Beltran Fernandez, Houa Amira Ben Achour, Jennifer Anna Ben-Smith, Xavier Alexander Bernal, Gisele Irma Bonilla, Hoa Quynh Bui, Theresa Juanita Burchfield, Christian Lee Cantu, Lorenzo Cantu and Sully Yessmary Cantu.

Brenda Daniela Carcamo, Linda Esperanza Castelan, Laisha Castillo-Caballero, Samantha Cavazos-Ramirez, Jasmine Yadira Cazares Corona, Melanie Bahiana Cesas, Evelyn Marie Cepeda, Christopher Kavan Chavez, Sofia Leilani Cisneros, Alexis Breanna Cline, Sharimar Marie Colon Melendez, Keshaud Quinn Conway and Elizabeth Rose Cowart.

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Camren Lakeith Fowler, Leslie Yasmine Fraga, Matia Elise Franklin, Tristan Maximilian Fuentes, Natalie De Jesus Galarza Grajeda, Alyssa Aralyn Galvan, Alejandro Gama, Emily Marie Gaona, Jesse-James Garcia, Andres David Garcia Covarrubia, Ariana Garcia, Bella Andrea Garcia, Brianna Elizabeth Garcia, John Matthew Garcia, Julissa Marielle Garcia and Kevin Thomas Garcia.

Natalia Garza, Oscar Luis Garza, Briana Elaine Gomez, Jessica Gonzalez, Maya Alexia Nevaeh Gonzalez, Syomi Trinidad Gonzalez, Vaneli Gonzalez, Aimee Lilibeth Grimaldo, Julian Guerra, Leila Lanai Henry, Dibanhi Marlen Hernandez, Melanie Hernandez and Victor Adolfo Hernandez.

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Josue Carlos Herrera, Trisha Kim Hoang, Cassidy Marie Idele, Jaidia Jenesis James, Victoria Alejandra Jasso, Leslie Ximena Jimenez, Isabella Amelia Lara, Laila Christy Lathan, Nataly Maryori Lazo, Hue Kim Le, Qui Ngoc Le, Angel Jael Leon, Juanmanuel Leon and Trysta Deja Levy.

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Justin Thanhliem Thach, Gael Pablo Tinoco, Jade Tran Tu Nguyen, Andres Javier Torres, Daniel Torres, Luis

Enrique Torres, Rachel Marie Torres, Yarah Sofia Tovar, Carol Kim Tran, Khanh Nguyen Kieu Tran and Thang Nguyen Tran.

Vincent Vu Anh Tran, Janae Marie Tucker, Tristan Nathaniel Turruartes, Giselle Valencia, Alan Vargas, David Vidal, Natalie Anh Thu Vo, Dillon Hoang-Long Vu, Lionel Cornelius Washington, Samantha Nycole Wilkerson, Abigail Alicia Yanez and Emily Angelina Zuniga-Aguilera.

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and Zoe Mychell Guy.

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Richardson, Fernandez marry

Charles Richardson and DiAnn Fernandez, both longtime South Belt residents, were married on Saturday, May 5, at Freeway Baptist Church. They were joined by many family members and close friends.

Charles moved to the South Belt area in 1994 from Pecan Park. He worked for Goodyear Tire and Rubber for 42 years. His children are Charles Jr. and Kathy Richardson. Paulette Steen, Robin Richardson and Rhoda Rancier, and James (deceased) and Aracely Richardson.

DiAnne has lived in South Belt for 45 years. She moved to the South Belt area in 1973 and all her children attended Atkinson Elementary, Beverly Hills Intermediate and Dobie High School. She taught in the Pasadena Independent School District for 31 years and retired from Dobie High School in 2011. Her children are Ricky and Carol Fernandez, Shari and Jason Hunt, and Kenny and Kasie Fernandez.

The couple honeymooned in Galveston, Brandon, Little Rock, San Antonio and Fredericksburg.



4th of July Parade Entry Form

“Honoring South Belt’s Harvey Heroes”

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

NO WATER BALLOONS, WATER GUNS, ETC.

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

Name of entry _____

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Address _____ Phone _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signature _____

Please complete this entry form & submit, email or drop off at South Belt-Ellington Leader office (11555 Beamer) before July 2nd.

Rieck offers mentorship to Montemayor

Lisette Diane Montemayor (right), one of Lewis Career Technical High School's Shining Stars, is shown with distinguished educator Ethan Rieck, Lewis Career Technical High School 11th-grade pre-calculus teacher.

Montemayor volunteered for Robotics Summer Camp. She was also involved with FIRST Robotics, VEX Robotics, NASA High School Aerospace Scholars and NASA Space Settlement Design Competition.

Montemayor would like to get her doctorate degree in mechanical engineering and work on in the aerospace industry.

In regard to Rieck, Montemayor said, "Mr. Rieck has played a major role in my planning for my future as an engineer. Because he studied Industrial Engineering at UH, and I want to study Mechanical Engineering at UH, he has offered me great mentorship insofar as not only surviving the tough academic curriculum, but also how to survive college in general. Mr. Rieck serves as an inspiration to me because he did so well in college, graduating first in rank, and I am working toward doing my best and being the best in school, just as he did."

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

The Leader is also running the Shining Stars from Dobie, Pasadena Memorial and South Houston high schools.

BAGS invites all to meeting

Bay Area Genealogical Society invites everyone Friday, June 29, at 7 p.m. to University Baptist Church to see Irene Walters from Clayton Library present "Fáilte (welcome) - to your Irish ancestor!" A meet-and-greet will be held at 6:30 p.m. and the program begins at 7 p.m. in the Chapel at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Drive. For more information, visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org or call Kim Zrubek at 281-992-2636.

LSFM hosts World Series trophy

The Lone Star Flight Museum has scored its own home run with the exclusive appearance of the Houston Astros World Series trophy on Saturday, July 21, from 10 a.m. to noon. Visitors are encouraged to make their own history with a photo of the trophy against a background of historic aircraft. As a special treat, members can get in the express line for a personal photo with the trophy. The LSFM is located at Ellington Airport, 11551 Aerospace Avenue. The new museum hours are Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.

Sisterhood holds annual garage sale

The Sisterhood of Congregation Shaar Hashalom is holding the annual 150 Family Garage Sale. Great prices and a huge selection make bargain hunting fun and exciting for all members of the family. Sale items include gently used furniture, books, clothing, toys and games, kitchen and décor items, craft supplies and more. Lots of easy and safe handicap parking is available to make shopping easier. Shopping hours are Sunday, July 8, and Sunday, July 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 16020 El Camino Real in Clear Lake (between El Dorado and Bay Area Blvd). Congregation Shaar Hashalom is the conservative Jewish synagogue serving the Clear Lake Bay Area for more than 50 years.

SEEN ABWA sets monthly luncheon

Join the South East Express Network of American Business Women's Association for the monthly luncheon on Thursday, July 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the private meeting room at Spring Creek Barbeque, located at 9005 Broadway St. SEEN welcomes Julie Burch, author and president of Julie Burch Speaks. Plan to attend and discover how to make the most of learning new roles in volunteer organizations. The new SEEN board will be introduced and the outgoing board will be acknowledged. An invitation is open to join and network to grow one's business and increase productivity. The group meets the second Thursday of the month. The cost is \$20 for meeting fee, which includes lunch. RSVP by July 10 at www.seen-abwa.org. For more information, contact Mary Ann Stanko at mstanko@healthmarkets.com.

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Leader to award Schlitterbahn tickets in vacation pic contest

Submissions for the Leader's 2018 vacation photo contest are currently being accepted for possible publication. A first-, second-, and third-place prize of Schlitterbahn Galveston tickets will be awarded each month during June, July and August to all winners. All submissions should identify each person in the photo and provide a brief description of when and where it was taken. All photos should be emailed to mynews@southbeltleader.com.

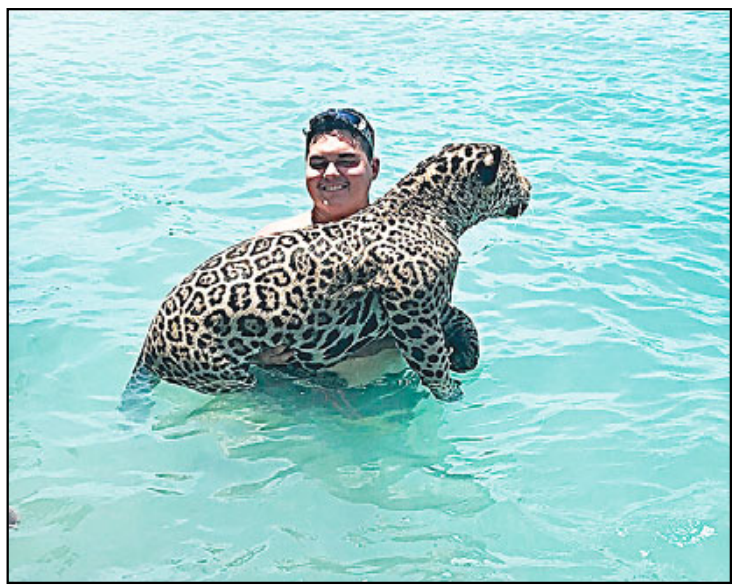
Lira family cruises on vacation



The Lira family, who are longtime South Belt residents, enjoyed a seven-day exotic western Caribbean cruise aboard the Carnival Freedom from June 2 to June 8. Stops included Cozumel, Mexico, where the family snorkeled; Belize, where the family zip lined across the jungle; and Mahogany Bay, Isla Roatan, where the family had the chance to swim with jaguars. Shown above are, left to right, (front) Isabella Lira, (back) Eric Bertrand-Lira, Bianca Bertrand-Lira and Mark Lira.



During the cruise, the Lira family also had the opportunity to have breakfast with characters from the Dr. Seuss books. Isabella Bertrand-Lira, who is a second-grader at Weber Elementary, is shown above and below with some of the characters during breakfast.



Shown above swimming with a jaguar is Eric Bertrand-Lira, who is taking his basic courses at San Jacinto College.

South Belt to celebrate July 4 with parade, fireworks

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 Due to the length of the parade route, participants are prohibited from walking 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 Page 1A. Participants are urged to arrive at least an hour early.

Registration forms are available at www.southbeltleader.com; the Leader office, 11555 Beamer; and on Page 5A of this issue. The forms are to be filled out and returned to the Leader office; faxed to 281-481-5730; or emailed to mynews@southbeltleader.com.

The deadline for entry is Monday, July 2. Fireworks display
 Now in its 30th 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 canceled 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 is dependent on various conditions.

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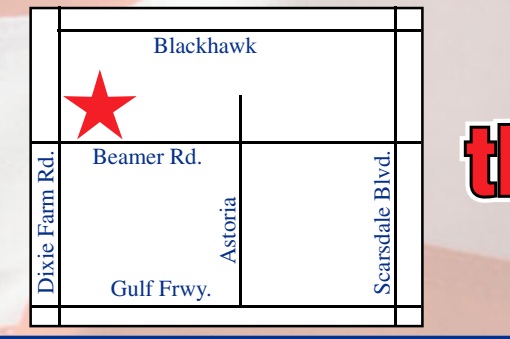
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Rising Stars tracksters eye nationals

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Clear Brook's Pree to join UH track

By John Bechtle Sports Editor
Picture the scenario. You're resting in between events at a high school track and field meet, and you get a text. The message simply says, "Do you know who this is?" Clear Brook long jumper Kenneth Pree didn't know who it was, so he politely replied back, "No, I don't."
Imagine the look on Pree's face when the next response came. "This is Carl Lewis. Let's chat when you're done with the meet."
It's certainly not a text that anyone gets on a regular basis, but Pree knew it was real. When he called back later, he indeed spoke with Lewis, regarded as perhaps the greatest living American-born track and field star.
Lewis, now an assistant track and field coach at the University of Houston, was on the recruiting trail.

He liked what he saw of other Amateur Athletic Union track and field teams at the AAU Region 17 National Qualifier June 28-30 at Challenger Columbia Stadium.



at world championship events around the world. "The man is a legend. To get a message from him saying he wants you to come to the University of Houston is unbelievable. I took a visit, and I think it took me about two days to say yes. It wasn't a hard decision at all. Houston has had the past tradition with coach Burrell and coach Lewis, and with Cameron Burrell and some of the others ready to move on professionally, it's a great time to be part of the program."
"Just to have a chance to stay close to home and work with some of the greatest athletes in my events, it's a great honor. Not everybody gets this opportunity to compete collegiately. To be able to do it so close to home at the University of Houston is special."
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At left, Class of 2018 Clear Brook High School graduate Kenneth Pree is excited to learn from the likes of University of Houston men's track and field head coach Leroy Burrell and assistant coach Carl Lewis, both storied Olympians, as he joins the Cougars' program beginning this fall.
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SBHLL juniors win TD15

A pair of lop-sided wins over OFA has the Sagement-Beverly Hills Little League junior division all-star team preparing for sectional play for the first time in several years.
SBHLL used a pitcher-by-committee routine of sorts to win a 14-4 tournament opener over OFA at the Pearland Little League site June 23, then got a complete-game effort from Jonathan Hernandez to clinch the Texas District 15 championship with a 9-1 win over OFA. Sagement and OFA were the age group's lone extrants at the TD15 level.
C.J. Hernandez, who manages the SBHLL squad, said his brother threw 83 pitches over the seven innings, striking out 13 and walking none.
Offensively, SBHLL pounded out 23 runs over the two games to easily get past OFA to advance.
Anthony Sanchez, Roy Gonzalez, Santos Sanchez, Matthew Arensen and several others came up with clutch hitting as the locals won.
"We survived the first game even though we got a little sloppy in the middle innings," Hernandez said.
"Overall, this is just a talented group of guys who play hard and want to win. The first goal was to win district, and now that we have done that, everything is a bonus at that point. With that said, we know we have what it takes to win the sectional tournament and advance."
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Dobie's Torres leads golf squad to lofty status

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

The school's top golfer. Baseball team's manager. Owner of a near 4.0 grade point average over four years at Dobie High School.

Perhaps now, Dobie Class of 2018 graduate Ceci Torres will have the chance to take a breath or two as she prepares to continue her studies at

Texas A&M University beginning this fall. She certainly has enjoyed a little down time this summer, what with graduation activities complete and her golf clubs put away for now.

Oh, and there are no longer duties to be handled at the FFA barn. All told, what a four-year run it was for Torres, who stayed quite busy during

her time at Dobie. This piece will focus quite a bit on her youth golfing career, but will include much more. FFA officer. Latin Club leader. National Honor Society. There's plenty more to Torres' list of accomplishments than merely on the links.

At school year's end, she graduated 27th overall out of 1,011 and earned a

University Interscholastic League Scholar Award, was named to the President's Education Awards Program and was most proud of her National Hispanic Merit Scholar honor, Torres said.

As for golf, she says it all began when she was a seventh-grade student at Westbrook Intermediate within the Clear Creek ISD. Torres' sixth-grade

English teacher turned to her a year later when Torres entered the seventh-grade. More players were needed, so Torres decided to give it a try.

Over the next two years, Torres developed both some skills and a love for the sport. When it was time to start high school, Torres knew she wanted to continue her links career.

Because Torres' father, Miguel Torres, has been the varsity baseball head coach at Dobie for a decade, Ceci had the option to attend the high school as a student. For her, the choice was simple.

"My dad has been coaching in the Dobie baseball program almost since the day I was born, so I grew up with a sense of Dobie Pride," Torres said.

"I always knew I wanted to be a Longhorn. There was really never a tough choice to be made."

At Dobie, Torres found herself as one of the golf team's top five players as a freshman, meaning her score would always count in the team standings at an early age.

Fast forward to her junior year, and Torres and the Lady Longhorns really made a move.

In 2017, the Lady Longhorns finished third at district, with Torres earning a Region III tournament appearance to boot.

A year later, Torres led the way as the Dobie girls' finished second at the District 22-6A Championships and advanced to regionals as a team.

"We lost two seniors from last year's team, but Alexis Perez really stepped up as a sophomore this year after being with us her freshman year,"

Torres said.

"Alexa Hay was another senior with us, and Savannah Garza came in as a freshman.

"We needed one more player, and Celestine DeLuna was able to do a great job for us.

"I enjoyed my junior year being there alone, but being out there with my teammates was a great experience."

Dobie struggled with nerves the first day but then bounced back to play fairly well the final day.

The locals not near the top of the leader board, but Torres said having Pasadena ISD Superintendent Dr. DeAnn Powell, Dobie principal Franklin Moses and Pasadena ISD assistant athletic director Donna Branch in attendance certainly provided for a great sense of pride and support.

Her competitive golfing career behind her – Torres will retire the clubs to focus on her education – the recent graduate has plenty of other memories to remember from high school and she looks ahead to heading to College Station.

Through FFA, Torres raised a steer for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, and also raised a lamb for the Pasadena Rodeo.

Her final two years, she was an FFA officer, and was also an officer in the Dobie Latin Club, which advanced to state competition regularly.

At the end of her career at Dobie, Torres was named one of 10 Trailblazers, recognizing a

student's overall sense of Dobie Pride, community work and much more.

And, Torres had a great time as one of the man-

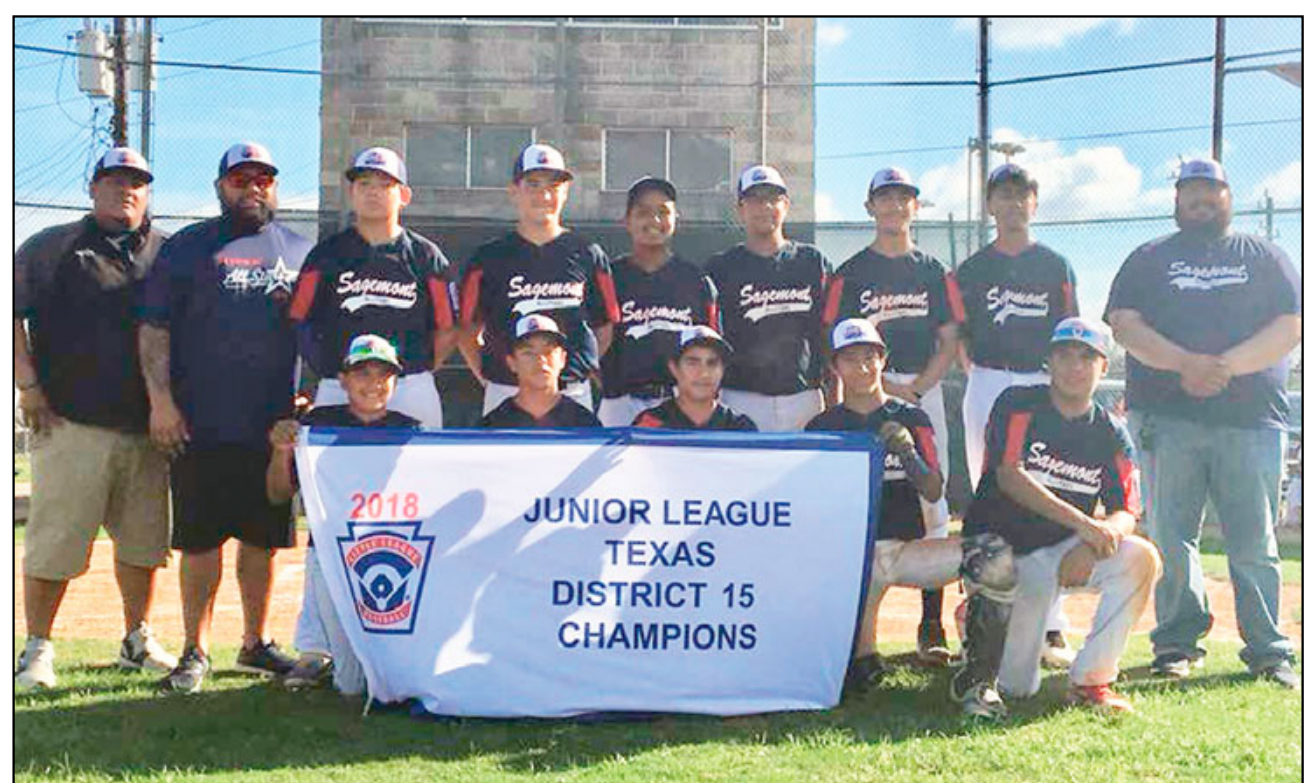
agers for the Dobie baseball team as the group advanced to the postseason. Beginning this fall, Torres plans to study public health with an eventual emphasis on nursing. Her schedule is not as packed as it has been, but give her time.



Dobie class of 2018 graduate Ceci Torres (left) joined Lady Longhorns' head coach Chris Ferguson (center) and teammate Celestine DeLuna for a "team photo" during Dobie's postseason run that included a berth in the Region III Championships this season. At regionals, Torres closed out her playing career with a 102-96 over two days for 64th place overall. Courtesy photos



With Ceci Torres leading the way, the Dobie Lady Longhorns' varsity golf team became the first Pasadena ISD golf program to ever reach the regional tournament.



The Sagmont-Beverly Hills Little League junior division all-star team won the Texas District 15 crown with a pair of wins over OFA June 23-24 at the Pearland Little League facility. The locals will now move on to the Section 3 tournament round in July. Members of the team include, left to right, (front row) Rogelio Gonzalez, Ethan Hernandez, Anthony Cardenas, Nicholas Trevino, Gabriel Barbosa Jr., (back row) C.J. Hernandez (manager), Richard Chapa (assistant coach), Matthew Arnesen, Santos Sanchez, Gabriel Padua, Jonathan Hernandez, Diego Saenz, Kennan Brannon and coach Daniel Gonzalez.

Junior all-stars win; sectionals coming up

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So the junior all-stars are continuing their season after taking out OFA in the District 15 round.

Other age group all-star teams from Sagmont gave it their all but fell a bit short in District 15 action.

In the 10-under division, SBHLL lost its opener to Pearland East by a 12-0 count but then came back to defeat East End 17-11 to remain alive.

However, Friendswood ended the locals' run with a 14-8 win in an elimination game. At press time, Pearland East and Pearland West were vying for the Texas District 15 title.

As for the 11-under bracker, Sagmont-Beverly Hills lost to Friendswood 7-5 in the tournament opener but then came back for a 12-1 win over the team from East End Little League.

The locals then won again, this time dropping Friendswood 17-7 to

move on. Pearland East then took down the locals by a 12-1 score.

At press time, Pearland East and Pearland West were going head-to-head for that bracket title.

In the major division, the 12-year-old group, SBHLL hammered East End 22-4 in the tournament opener but then lost 13-0 to Pearland West.

Friendswood then took down the locals with a 4-1 win as the all-star season closed out.

At right, SBHLL junior all-star pitcher Jonathan Hernandez helped lead the locals to the sectional round, tossing a complete game against OFA June 24 during a 9-1 win. Over seven innings, Hernandez hurled 83 pitches, striking out 13 and walking none for the win. Sagmont also defeated OFA 14-4 in the tournament opener.

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Ceci Torres began playing gold in the seventh grade at Westbrook Intermediate and quickly developed into the top player at Dobie as the Lady Longhorns enjoyed their finest finish as a team in school history in 2018, reaching regionals after taking second place at district.

Bay Area Football League releases 2018 game slate

It's simply too hot to be thinking about football right now, but that hasn't kept Bay Area Football League officials from doing so. The 2018 master schedule has been released, and local programs including the Ellington Rams, Sagmont Cowboys and Southbelt Dolphins are closer and closer to getting things going in a big way.

The one big change this season? The East Houston Longhorns have joined the BAFL ranks and will begin play this season.

The regular season will kick off Saturday, Aug. 11 around the league. On that day, the Sagmont Cowboys will be at the League City Sportsplex to take on the League City '49ers in a series of games.

The Southbelt Dolphins, meanwhile, will open their regular season Aug. 11 against the East End Eagles. The Ellington Rams have a bye week that first week and will subsequently begin their schedule Aug. 18, at home against the Dolphins.

Ellington will play its home games at Dobie High School, while the Dolphins return to Blackhawk Park and the Cowboys will play their home games at El Franco Lee Park. See more on Page 3B.

Sagmont Cowboys

Date	Opponent
Aug. 11	at League City '49ers
Aug. 18	Alvin Raiders
Aug. 25	at Pearland Patriots
Sept. 1	Pearland Hurricanes
Sept. 8	at Ellington Rams
Sept. 15	Bye week
Sept. 22	East End Eagles
Sept. 29	at Beaumont Bulls
Oct. 6	E. Houston Longhorns
Oct. 13	at Magnolia Sharks
Oct. 20	Southbelt Dolphins

Home games at El Franco Lee Park
Game times: Seniors – 9 a.m.; Juniors – 10:45 a.m.; Sophomores – 12:30 p.m.; Freshmen – 2:15 p.m.

Thompson sets summer camp series

The Thompson Intermediate coaching staff has scheduled a variety of camps and fitness activities aimed at keeping first-year and returning Lion athletes active this summer. Parents must provide medical insurance coverage as the Pasadena ISD does not do so for these types of events.

Soccer Camp – The Lions’ July 9-12 soccer camp for boys and girls will include training in all phases of the game, including offensive and defensive alignments, conditioning, goal-keeping, etc. Registration is \$25 cash only per student. Camp hours are 9 to 11 a.m.

Basketball Camp – The Lions’ July 16-19 basketball camp for boys and girls will include training in all phases of the game, including offensive and defensive alignments, conditioning, passing, dribbling, rebounding, shooting, etc. Registration is \$25 cash only per student. Camp hours are 9 to 11 a.m.

Volleyball Camp – The Lady Lions’ July 31-Aug. 3 volleyball camp for girls will include training in all phases of the game, including offensive and defensive alignments, conditioning, passing, hitting, serving, blocking, etc. Registration is \$25 cash only per student. Camp hours are 9 to 11 a.m.

Strength/Conditioning Camp – The Lions’ July 23-26 strength and conditioning camp for boys and girls will include strength training, agility drills, tire work, stair climbing, ladder work, weight training, conditioning and more. Registration is \$25 cash only per student. Camp hours are 9 to 11 a.m.

Football Camp – The Lions’ July 30-Aug. 2 football camp will include strength training as well as drills in all phases of the game, including passing, receiving, ball carrying, tackling, defensive secondary work and more. Registration is \$25 cash only per student. Camp hours are 9 to 11 a.m.

Aug. 10 – All football players, including incoming seventh-grade students, will pick up their football practice gear and pay a one-time \$65 participation fee. All volleyball players, including incoming seventh-grade students, will pick up their practice gear and pay a one-time \$45 participation fee. Eighth-grade pickup time is 10 a.m. to noon, with seventh-grade pickup time to follow from 1 to 3 p.m.

Dobie youth boys’ basketball camp

Dobie varsity boys’ basketball coach Kevin Cross and his staff will host the Longhorns’ annual basketball camp for incoming fifth- through ninth-graders as of the 2018-2019 school year. The camp will be held July 9-12, at Dobie High School. Enrollment fee is \$50 and includes a camp T-shirt. The preferred registration web address is at <http://pasadenaisd.revtrak.net>. Families are also required to provide participants’ medical insurance as the Pasadena ISD does not provide such coverage for these types of events.

JFD High School volleyball camps

Dobie varsity volleyball head coach Dawn Sexton and her staff will host the Lady Longhorns’ 2018 volleyball camps for incoming fifth- through 12th-graders as of the 2018-2019 school year. Fifth- and sixth-grade students are invited to attend July 17-19, from 9 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$40 per student, cash only. Seventh- and eighth-grade students are invited to attend July 17-19, from noon to 3 p.m. Cost is \$45, cash only. Sexton will then host 10th-through 12th-grade students July 24-26, from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$45, cash only. Incoming freshmen will attend from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$40, cash only. Families are also required to provide participants’ medical insurance as the Pasadena ISD does not provide such coverage for these types of events.

Dobie High School offers youth football camp

Dobie varsity football head coach Kevin Berneathy and his staff are in the midst of a busy summer, and that includes hosting the 2018 Longhorn Youth Camp July 30 through Aug. 1 at the school.

The youth camp is open to those entering the third through eighth grades as of the 2018-2019 school year.

Participants will receive instruction in all phases of the game, including passing, receiving, running the football, blocking, tackling, pass defense, the kicking game, special teams responsibilities and more.

The camp also represents a great time for those in attendance to learn the “way of doing things” within the Dobie football program.

Cost of the camp is \$40 per student and includes a camp T-shirt, certificate of participation and possible camp awards.

Participants should wear proper attire, including shoes (cleats if possible), shorts, T-shirt, etc. Water will be provided, but participants may also bring their own.

Parents must provide medical insurance for their children as the Pasadena ISD does not provide such coverage for events of this type. For additional information, call Berneathy at 713-740-0370, ext. 04165.

Brook headed to state 7-on-7 a third time



Locals to go for championship at College Station June 29-30

The Clear Brook 7-on-7 summer team is headed back to the Adidas State Championships in College Station for the third consecutive season after qualifying for the event in Cypress earlier this month. Clear Brook, which has gone 10-4 this summer in qualifying events, is one of 64 teams to have reached the Division I state finals and will go against Kaufman, McAllen Rowe and Vista Ridge in pool play June 29, with hopes of reaching the trophy bracket June 30 in College Station. In 2017, a veteran-led

Brook group reached the state semifinals before losing to Waxahachie by a 46-2 count. Members of Brook’s 2018 group include, left to right, (front row) Jaysen Price, Tyler Swanagan, Darinus Pamplin, Shane Porter, Jerren Harbin, (back row) Loranzo Thompson, La’Darrion Florez, Michael de Jesus, Sedrick Cole, George Burrell, Michael Norris, William Mouton, Joshua Fagnana, Tyren Scales, Jonathan Jean, Sean Kelley, Cameron Bell, Chris George and Isaiah Gundling.

Ellington Rams

Date	Opponent
Aug. 11	Bye Week
Aug. 18	Southbelt Dolphins
Aug. 25	at East End Eagles
Sept. 1	Beaumont Bulls
Sept. 8	Sagemont Cowboys
Sept. 15	Pearland Patriots
Sept. 22	at Pearland Texans
Sept. 29	at Magnolia Sharks
Oct. 6	at Pearland Hurricanes
Oct. 13	League City ’49ers
Oct. 20	at East Houston Longhorns

Home games played at Dobie HS
Game times: Seniors – 9 a.m.; Juniors – 10:45 a.m.; Sophomores – 12:30 p.m.; Freshmen – 2:15 p.m.

Southbelt Dolphins

Date	Opponent
Aug. 11	East End Eagles
Aug. 18	at Ellington Rams
Aug. 25	at Beaumont Bulls
Sept. 1	Magnolia Sharks
Sept. 8	Pearland Texans
Sept. 15	Bye week
Sept. 22	at Pasadena Panthers
Sept. 29	at League City ’49ers
Oct. 6	Alvin Raiders
Oct. 13	East Houston Longhorns
Oct. 20	at Sagemont Cowboys

Home games played at Blackhawk Park
Game times: Seniors – 9 a.m.; Juniors – 10:45 a.m.; Sophomores – 12:30 p.m.; Freshmen – 2:15 p.m.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, 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 – 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, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

Kirkwood Civic Association meets at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd. For details, call Ericka McCrutchon 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 713-856-1611.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

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.

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

856-1611.

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 November/December. For details, visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org.

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

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 30

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

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

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

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

8 p.m.

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, JULY 1

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.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

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

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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.

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.

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

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

Genealogy Group – 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 details, email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net.

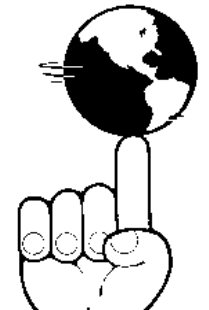
Houston Area Parkinson Society – Free exercise and speech therapy for adults with Parkinson’s 3:15 to 4:45 p.m., Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for details.

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

Scrabble Club #511 – Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details.

Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting – Monday at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway, Pearland. Use door near recycling bins. For details, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org.

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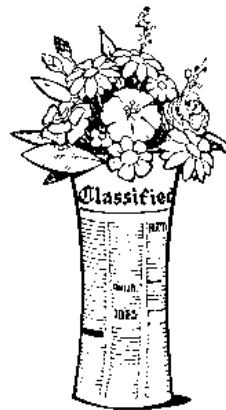
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7 p.m.
Survivors of Suicide Support Group - gives coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adults who have lost a loved one to suicide. For details email LynneAnnH@yahoo.com or visit www.crisishotline.org.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-856-1611.
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 Russell at 832-483-6715.

TUESDAY, 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.
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 jpochsner@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, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@texascitizensbank.com.
1 - 2 p.m.
Free dance lessons - taught by Lewis and Betty Whistler (35 years experience teaching dance) at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E League City Parkway, on Tuesdays from 1 to 2 p.m. Bringing a partner is helpful but is not required. All ages are welcome. Each month, features a different focus. In July, basic Cha-Cha lessons are taught. For questions about this class or other lessons they teach, call Betty at 832-517-5833. For questions about League City's activity card requirements, call the park office at 281-554-1180. League City Parks Dept. requires an activity card for all participation of activities. Seniors (age 55 and older) get a free "full activity card." Nonresident seniors pay \$25 a year for this full activity card. If under age 55, there is a "special limited to ballroom activity card" (residents pay \$25/year, nonresidents pay \$37.50) to enjoy "daytime" ballroom activities.
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 at 10904 Scarsdale Blvd. Fellowship is at 6:30 p.m.; meeting/program begins at 7 p.m. For details, visit www.Facebook.com/BayAreaQuiltGuild.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.

WEDNESDAY, 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.
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 jpochsner@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 more information, call 713-991-6600.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
1 - 3:30 p.m.
Hometown Heroes Park - has free Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dance (not formal lessons) 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 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 details, call Neva Schroder at 417-838-2204.
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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.

THURSDAY, JULY 5
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.
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Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
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 713-856-1611.
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The Bay Area Writers' League - Meets the first and third Thursdays monthly to improve writing skills, Barnes and Noble, 1029 W. Bay Area Blvd., 7:30 p.m. Newcomers welcome.

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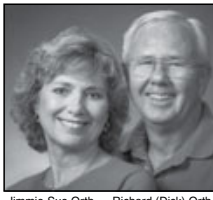
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Pree excited to work with track legend Lewis

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Pree said Lewis saw him go 22 feet, 11 inches at the Victor Lopez Classic at Rice University. But Lewis believes Pree can go 25 to 26 feet easily in time.

With Lewis and perhaps University of Houston head coach Leroy Burrell looking on, Pree competed in a 200-meter event and, by his own admission, ran terribly.

"I was beyond nervous, and I was terrible," Pree said. "Instead, coach Burrell and coach Lewis said I ran great. To hear that kind of positive feedback from guys like that is great. No doubt I'm ready to become a Houston Cougar."

What a journey it has been over four years at Clear Brook, and to think he originally was focused on playing baseball.

Steered away from that sport, Pree found himself on the track. As a freshman, he ran a 50-second and-change split in the 4x400-meter relay. A track and field athlete was on his way to being molded.

Despite tearing two knee ligaments as a junior, Pree rehabilitated and got back on the track his senior year, reaching regionals in the long jump.

With personal bests of 10.91 seconds in the 100-meter dash, 21.07 in the 200-meter dash and 49.4 in the 400-meter run, Pree is excited to see how he can improve collegiately. He's also ready to better a distance of 23-8 in the long jump.

Pree is also ready to join the next wave of tal-

ent entering the University of Houston program.

The Cougars earlier this month finished third as a team in the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Eugene, Ore., matching the previous team-best that came in 1959.

Senior Cameron Bur-

rell, one of the world's top sprinters, won the 100-meter dash crown at the NCAA's, with teammate Eli Hall second. Both Burrell and Hall will now exit the program, but perhaps Pree and even former Clear Brook graduate Brandon Taylor, a University of Miami transfer, can

help fill in.

Luke Barksdale, a hurdler from Clear Brook, will be a sophomore at UH when the 2019 campaign dawns.

"Coach Burrell and coach Lewis are trying to build the best program in the nation," Pree said. "I'm proud to be a part of

that. They aren't looking to get just one or two of the best, they are trying to win the national crown as a team. They want to bring in one of the fastest classes in the country, and I just want to do my part.

"It's just such a convenient thing for myself and my family. Before all of

this, I was looking at likely having to go out-of-state to compete. Then I get a text from Carl Lewis, and it all changes.

"This group came close to winning a national title, and it can be done. I just want to come in and compete to the best of my abilities."



Clear Brook High School track star and Class of 2018 graduate Kenneth Pree (seated) will continue his education and track and field career at the University of Houston after signing a letter of intent with the Cougars. Those with Pree at the signing included, left to right, (standing) Aliya Pree (sister), Angela Wilkerson (sis-

ter), Alison Pree (mother), Kameron Pree (brother) and Curtis Pree (father). Kenneth Pree plans to compete in the long jump as well as the 100-, 200- and 400-meter events at the University of Houston.

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