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ZIP COVID numbers reported

The number of local COVID-19 cases continues to escalate, with a record number of 500-plus new cases being reported this past week in the South Belt community. The amount of patients who have recovered from the virus has also spiked, however.

As of Wednesday, Aug. 5, ZIP code 77089 had 920 confirmed cases of COVID-19, according to Harris County Public Health officials. That figure is 148 higher than the 772 count reported on Wednesday, July 29. In ZIP code 77075, county officials are now reporting 876 known cases. This number is 157 higher than the 719 cases reported the previous week.

County officials are now reporting 944 cases in ZIP code 77034, up 204 cases from last week.

In all, there are currently 79,543 known cases in Harris County, an increase of 11,883 from last week. Of those, 33,300 remain active, down 11,449 from last week. A total of 45,454 have recovered from the virus in the county, an increase of 23,214 from the previous week. To date, 788 have died from COVID-19, up 118 from last week.

Statistics are updated daily and include numbers from within both the Houston city limits and throughout Harris County. To view an interactive map, visit publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Reources/2019-Novel-Coronavirus. (See related chart Page 3.)

Free mask giveaway Aug. 7

Harris County Precinct 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis will host a mask distribution Friday, Aug. 7, at the El Franco Lee Community Center, 9500 Hall Road near Beltway 8, beginning at 10 a.m.

K of C will host BBQ sale

Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will host a BBQ sandwich sale at St. Luke the Evangelist, 11011 Hall Saturday, Aug. 8, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. or until food runs out. Meals are \$8 and include a chopped beef sandwich with onions and pickles, chips or Fritos and a soft drink. Proceeds benefit KC charities. For information, call Richard Valdez at 713-542-1760.

PISD Fill the Bus Aug. 10

Fill the Bus is an annual school supply drive that directly supports local teachers. All items collected are taken to a Pasadena ISD warehouse where teachers get a free "shopping spree" for the upcoming year. Online giving is available now at www.pasadenatx.gov/fillthebus. The official drop-off day is Aug. 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Pasadena City Hall at 1149 Ellsworth Drive in Pasadena.

Church sets public events

With the uncertainties of the school year being foremost on the minds of parents, students, and educators, Sagemont Church is providing several opportunities for help in the church's Sagemont Loves Students & Educators initiative. The first event is a free Homeschool Seminar on Saturday, Aug. 8, from 8:30 a.m. - noon. This seminar is designed for all homeschooling parents but is especially helpful to those entering the homeschool scene for the first time. Come be encouraged, hear from homeschool experts, and purchase homeschool materials. Hundreds of homeschool curriculum books are available for only \$1 per book. Because of social distancing, space is limited to the first 200 parents who register at www.sagemontchurch.org/events. Registration is limited to one person per family.

Sagemont Church gives school supplies

Another event in the Sagemont Loves Students & Educators initiative is a School Supply Drive-Thru for elementary and middle/intermediate school students in the 77089 ZIP code. Come pick up a free bag of school supplies Monday, Aug. 17, at 5 p.m. until supplies are gone. For more information, including a list of the supplies that will be included in the bag, go to www.sagemontchurch.org/events.

These events will be at Sagemont Church's main campus at 11300 S. Sam Houston Parkway E. Sagemont Church looks forward to serving students and educators in this unique back-to-school season!

Beltway closures planned

At least one lane on the westbound Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed at Scott Street/Fellows Road nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Aug. 8. At least one northbound and one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Vista to SH 225 daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. through Thursday, Aug. 6. The closures are associated with the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from two to four lanes in each direction.

Gulf Freeway closures set

The northbound exit ramp on the Gulf Freeway at NASA Bypass/ NASA Road 1 will be closed continuously through 5 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 31.

At least one lane of the northbound and southbound entrance ramp from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96 and exit ramp from NASA Bypass/ NASA Road 1 to SH 96 will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Thursday, Dec. 31.

Two alternate lanes on the Gulf Freeway frontage road will be closed from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96/League City Parkway daily from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Thursday, Dec. 31.

At least one alternate main lane and one frontage road lane on both the northbound and southbound sides of the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 518 to FM 517 daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Wednesday, Sept. 30.

There will be a total closure at the southbound IH 610 connector ramp at the Gulf Freeway through 5 a.m. Monday, Sept. 28. The northbound connector ramp from the Gulf Freeway to the IH 610 South Loop, along with one inside lane, will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Thursday, Dec. 31.

At least two alternate main lanes and frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from IH 610 South Loop to Broad Street nightly from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. through Thursday, Dec. 31.

The northbound and southbound entrance ramp from IH 610 South Loop to Broad Street and the northbound and southbound exit ramp from IH 610 South Loop to Broad Street will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. through Thursday, Dec. 31.

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

Graduation ends PISD's most unusual year

With the Dobie Class of 2020 graduation taking place Thursday, July 30, the area high school officially ended its most unique year on record.

Pasadena ISD students were on spring break in mid-March when the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic first made its local presence known, forcing area schools to close as a safety precaution. As the virus continued to spread, students never returned to their physical campuses, forced to instead learn virtually from home.

"I'm very proud of all of our students, not just the seniors," said Dobie Principal Franklin Moses. "We had the highest passing rate in a long, long time. I appreciate the work of all the teachers and kids throughout this whole process, and their patience. I commend all the parents and teachers, but especially the students."

The planning of the graduation ceremony proved to be a difficult task for Pasadena ISD officials, as established safety guidelines continued to change by the week.

The event had originally been planned to take place in late May at NRG Stadium but was

pushed back to late July, as COVID-19 fears continued to increase. That ceremony was then canceled altogether.

According to Pasadena ISD officials, NRG Stadium could not meet the school district's needs, as the facility would not have time to properly disinfect the establishment between planned ceremonies, given the number of ex-

Kirkfair sewage problem still unaddressed

After battling local municipalities for more than two years about a sewage leak near her home, a Kirkwood South resident has yet to rectify the odorous issue. Rev. Aris Hickman has long complained to area officials about a manhole located near his residence on Sagepark at Kirkfair. A sewer infrastructure problem near the location has caused a pipe to leak raw sewage from the manhole following heavy rains. The spillover seeps into Hickman's house and yard. Further, the leak releases a pungent odor that

can be detected from blocks away.

Rectifying the problem has proven difficult, however, as the home is located on the edge of the city limits, and the issue involves infrastructure from both the Sagemeadow MUD and City of Houston. While the actual leak is located in the Sagemeadow MUD, it is connected to a city line. MUD officials said any effort on their part

to fix the issue will merely push the problem further down the line into the city.

When the *Leader* last reported on the issue in July 2019, it was hoped that a new joint project to make local sewer improvements would help solve the problem. This has yet come to fruition.

The agreement between the City of Houston

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pected guests.

The commencement was then rescheduled to take place on the same date but at Veterans Memorial Stadium in Pasadena.

The new venue allowed the school district to include features that would have been prohibited at NRG Stadium, such as a fireworks display at the end of the ceremony.

"We wanted to make sure we did everything possible to give these students a great send-off," Moses said. "They got robbed of a lot of things this past spring that students would normally do." (See related photos in special Graduation section.) Some of these missed opportunities included senior prom and senior tea, as

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Dobie students enjoy special graduation



Dobie senior Niyah Smith overcame all obstacles to recently become a 2020 Pasadena ISD graduate at Dobie's commencement ceremony held Thursday, July 30, at Veterans Memorial Stadium. Smith is shown above being greeted by Dobie Principal Franklin Moses (right), while being escorted by Remi Yusef. A former Dobie student himself, Yusef now serves as a special needs instructor at the area high school. Smith is the daughter of LaToya Smith. This past week all PISD schools participated in graduation. (See special Graduation section in this paper.) Photo by Reesha Brown

Goodwill plans to sell by the pound

The Goodwill store located at Fuqua and Sabo is currently closed for remodeling so it can be reopened as an outlet store.

The change means the facility will now sell product by the pound, rather than by individual item.

The switch has caused concern among some in the community, who see the measure as having a negative impact on the poor and disenfranchised in the community.

Opponents of the store's repurposing contend it will replace quality donations with less desirable items.

"Local residents are concerned about shipping out quality local donations to sell for more money elsewhere, while moving in junk that doesn't even sell for 75 percent off at other locations," one resident told the *Leader*. "We want

local donations to remain local. Goodwill is taking advantage of the local poor by shipping out the good stuff and offering us crumbs that we should be grateful for. This area now needs an alternative center where local donations remain local."

The renovation is expected to discontinue the sale of items, such as shoes, small refrigerators, lamps, electronics and bicycles.

Affected patrons, include residents, such as Sylvia Mottu, who is a quadriplegic confined to a wheelchair. The Fuqua Goodwill store was her home away from home, where she regularly socialized with everyone. Her health care provider would even accompany her on visits, so she could "window shop" and smell every candle. Mottu particularly coveted Bath & Body Works products and jewelry.

Man found dead at local bus stop

The body of a man who had been reported missing from across town last week was found Saturday, Aug. 1, at a METRO bus stop near Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital.

Rory Beck, who suffered from dementia, had gone missing Wednesday, July 29. Beck, 59, was last seen around 6:45 p.m. at his dialysis clinic near the Southwest Freeway and Hillcroft. Medical examiners estimate Beck died Friday, July 31.

His body was discovered after an alert nurse noticed the man had been sitting in the same position for several hours, failing to move when each bus passed.

Texas EquiSearch had assisted in the search for Beck. No foul play is suspected.

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Police seek male who shot girlfriend

Houston police are investigating the shooting of a woman that took place about 6:40 p.m. on Thursday, July 30, at an apartment complex in the 10600 block of the Gulf Freeway, just south of Dixie Farm Road.

The victim, Courtney Howard, 31, was transported to an area hospital with what was believed to be a non-life-threatening wound.

According to police, officers responded to the

call at the Gateway at Ellington apartment complex to find that Howard and her boyfriend had been arguing over money when he produced a gun and shot her in the leg. He then fled the scene.

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Major Assaults and Family Violence Division at 713-308-8800 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

City funds \$15 million for small business

Mayor Sylvester Turner and members of Houston City Council on July 29 passed the city's Small Business Economic Relief Program (SBERP), which will be funded with \$15 million of the city's allocated CARES Act 2020 funds.

The program is for small businesses that are most in financial need and exhibit a moderate to high likelihood of surviving the pandemic's adverse impacts. The city also encourages local chambers of commerce to apply.

The maximum amount a business or chamber can receive is \$50,000. A business may use the

funds for payroll, accounts payable, rent, mortgage, PPE for employees, marketing strategies, including creating an online presence and other sales alternatives.

"We know small businesses throughout Houston have suffered greatly due to the global pandemic, and it could take months or years before the business climate returns to normal," Turner said. "I thank Vice Mayor Pro Tem Martha Castex Tatum and other council members for bringing this program forward. We are working on other

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City announces 2nd rental program

Amid the ongoing COVID-19 health crisis, Mayor Sylvester Turner on Friday, July 31, announced a second rental assistance package to help those who lost their jobs and are struggling financially and cannot pay their rent because of the pandemic.

According to Turner, the City of Houston is creating a \$19 million rent relief package. To be administered by the nonprofit BakerRipley, funding will include \$15 million from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, also known as the CARES Act, and an additional \$4 million from the following donors: - \$2 million from the Houston Endowment.

- \$1 million from the Greater Houston COVID-19 Recovery Fund.

- \$1 million from the Kinder Foundation.

Included in the \$19 million, money will be set aside for Lone Star Legal Aid and for those who need assistance but don't qualify for CARES dollars.

"The rental assistance will not be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis but rather we intend to provide a lifeline to those facing immediate eviction with the greatest need," said Turner. "And we will work through that process over the next few days. Our objective is to help the most vulnerable. Our priority is to ensure quick assistance."

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Little Caesars pizza place robbed Monday

Houston police are investigating an armed robbery that took place around 7:40 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3, at the Little Caesars pizza restaurant in the 9800 block of Blackhawk at Beltway 8.

According to police, two black male suspects entered the store together, and one of the men ordered a soft drink. As he was going to pay the cashier, the second suspect produced a pistol and

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Terry celebrates 95 years!

June 28 was a special day for long-time Sageglen resident Sue Terry. She turned 95 and is going strong and in her words saying, "Ready for another 20 years!" She lost her husband James of 60 years a number of years back. She is shown here with her son, local dentist Dr. Douglas Terry who is a world renowned doctor and who is recognized as one of the most influential leaders and innovators in the field of Restoration Dentistry using advanced composite polymers that he continues to improve, develop and teach all over the world. Sue runs his office on Beamer and is a one-woman powerhouse making sure everything runs smoothly and efficiently. Congratulations and special happy birthday wishes go out to Sue on this milestone birthday!

In My Opinion

Bankstons value fast cleanup action

I want to thank you for your response to our call for help on Friday July 10. My wife called you as our last hope for a positive response regarding a foul smelling mess that had been on the street across from our home for two days. At the time, the origin of the slimy mess was unknown and we had called the City of Houston, Harris County and the Constable's office with no results. Within two hours of my wife's call, to you, however, a VFD pumper truck was hosing down the mess and then another pumper came and then MUD arrived. By dark that same day the street was clean and peace and fresh air had been restored to our street.

We want to thank the SVFD and MUD personnel who did the dirty work in the heat of the day to remove the smelly mess from our street. Having said that we fully understand who got the ball rolling and

we appreciate you for getting this done. In the end this is a rare situation (nowadays) where people help people with nothing to gain but the satisfaction of doing the right thing. We googled you and discovered that you have a history community service. (Our three sons played baseball at the ball park on Dixie FM). Hopefully, at some time in the future, you will allow us to return the favor.

Respectfully,
Mike & Mary Ann Bankston
10726 Sagecanyon Dr.
Houston, Texas 77089

Publisher's note: Thanks so much for your gracious comments, but the thanks go to Chuck Tylka. He did it all. I was there for a couple of minutes taking a picture (which ran in last week's *Leader*). I can tell you he worked very hard at cleaning up that terrible mess. Add to the mess the fact he did it all by himself in 100-degree heat. I know he worked hard, and also know he was proud to help the community.

Marie Flickinger
Publisher

Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca
A member of *People of Sagemont 2* Facebook group posted pictures of a truck taken from the parking of Brewinz at Almeda Mall Saturday, Aug. 1, at 8:49 p.m. The member is asking if anyone spots the truck to let her know.

A member of the same Facebook page posted pictures of their 16-foot trailer that was stolen from CubeSmart on Beamer, and a picture of the alleged suspect July 29. The member states the gate chain and lock of the trailer were cut. There were two other trailers

stolen. The member found the trailer listed on *OfferUp* and *Letgo* and tried to make contact, but it was sold before they could arrange a meeting. The member located the site where the suspect took the pictures of the trailer, but police wouldn't do anything because the trailer was no longer there. The member is asking anyone has any information on the suspect, to contact the member.

A member of *Pets of Southbelt* Facebook group posted that the community should consider their neighbors when one decides to take

in cats then leave them in the streets without spaying or neutering them. The member states that two cats turn into 10 - 15 cats quickly. They make a mess, and are dangerous to other domestic animals in ones neighborhood. One should take responsibility for what one brings home and not leave in the street.

A member of *Neighbors* app shared a photo of a suspect that stole a neighbor's 2019 dark gray Kia Optima. The incident happened Thursday, July 30, at Clear View Village subdivision off Scarsdale.

Local library events set

Bracewell Branch Library

Bracewell Branch Library is located at 9002 Kingspoint. The phones are open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, noon to 7 p.m., at 832-393-2580 for information.

Bracewell HPL To Go curbside service is in operation

Contactless Curbside services, known as HPL To Go, is available by appointment Mondays, noon to 7 p.m.; Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Customers walking or riding a bike may also pick up reserved materials. For questions, call circulation administration at 832-393-2222. All overdue fines/fees will be waived through Jan. 1, 2021.

To use HPL To Go:

1. Place a hold through the online catalog or by phone.
2. Receive email or phone call of notification prior to scheduling a time for pickup.
3. Upon arrival, park and stay in the vehicle and call to notify staff of arrival.
4. Have MY Link card number and PIN ready.

Bracewell Summer Reading Program

The Summer Reading Program runs through Aug. 15. Visit www.houstonlibrary.org/summer to register and log one's reading. Use the Beanstack Tracker app on iOS and Android to make logging easy. See the HPL website for storytimes, crafts, STEM and special events. 2020 Environmental Education Summer Programs are being offered through Harris County Precinct 1. Fun and engaging virtual programs with live animals are scheduled every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Mondays, 1 p.m. Nature Detectives (grades 1 - 4)

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. Polliwog Club (ages 3 - 5)

Fridays, 1 p.m. Conservation Conversations (grades 5-8)

The programs will use WebEx, a free videoconferencing program which works on a smartphone, tablet or computer. For those unfamiliar with the program, visit <https://www.google.com/search?client=firefox-b-1-d&q=WebEx-instructions> for a step-by-step tutorial and tips.

For questions or concerns or for a child care agency interested in having a personalized lesson outside of the above schedule, email Christina.hartman@cp1.hctx.net.

Book drop

The book drop is open. Library materials can be returned with no overdue fees. Large items such as laptops should not be placed in the book drop. Keep those items until further notice.

Additional resources

The Houston Public Library is focusing on providing electronic resources, books, audiobooks, databases for research, tutoring, language learning, education and parent information for any resident of Texas with a temporary library card. To get a library card, visit www.houstonlibrary.org, on the Home Page and find the heading Here's What's Happening. Under that heading, there will be three cards. The middle one is Free Resources for All. Click on the card which will go to the page that lists the digital resources available and a link to obtain a temporary card.

Also, under the heading Here's What's Happening, look for the first card on the left, click on the heading titled Online Resources for Kids. One of the programs listed is Virtual Storytime. This is provided every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11 a.m. The archived storytimes can be found on Facebook by searching Houston Public Library Virtual Storytimes. Another virtual program is Craft. Soon there will be STEM programs.

Houston Public Library's many free online resources and digital services remain available 24/7 with a MY Link Library Card at www.houstonlibrary.org, including e-books and e-audiobooks, streaming TV, movie and music services, online classes and tutoring and databases. Until further notice, only electronic items (i.e. e-books, e-audio books, etc.) are eligible for holds and checkout. HPL has a robust collection of free e-books and audio books. Visit the catalog to determine if a previously requested hold selection may be in a digital format. Instructions on downloading the e-book or audio book are also on the site.

All due dates for borrowed materials will be extended through the closure period. Until further notice, no new late fees and fines will be assessed during the closure period, retroactive to March 14, 2020. While Bracewell remains closed, Wi-Fi service is available by coming to the library standing/sitting within 6 feet of the building. A password is not needed. Go to Settings, then Network and Internet, Wi-Fi and connect to HPL - Public.

HPL appreciates book donations, but is not accepting them at this time. The library staff requests donations do not get placed outside library buildings, or at the book drops.

Visit www.houstonlibrary.org to find virtual programs and digital resources including e-books, e-audiobooks, streaming music and videos, online learning, online tutoring and much more. For information, visit www.houstonlibrary.org to find out how to chat with a librarian 24/7, or how to send questions through HPL's email reference.

Parker Williams Library

Parker Williams Library is located at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Although Harris County Public Library locations remain closed to the public, updates are found on the website.

The book drop is open. No late fees will be charged during the library closure. The library social media links are [Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary) and [Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary](https://www.instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary). Call 832-927-7870 for information.

Parker Williams "No-Contact Curbside Holds Pick-Up" is up and running!

- After receiving notification that holds are ready for pickup, call 832-927-7870.
 - Have a library card number and PIN handy.
 - A pick-up time and instructions will be given.
 - Upon arriving at the library, follow the instructions given.
 - Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.
- Curbside hours are: Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for details.

Online services

- Harris County Public Library will continue to offer a wide array of online services:
- Use HCPL Wi-Fi service with HCPL's Drive-up Wi-Fi.
- Download e-books and audiobooks, stream movies, research and learn at www.hcpl.net.
- Attend an HCPL program or story time online through Facebook or YouTube.
- Check your account to renew loans or request books.
- e-Books, comics or graphic novels through OverDrive.
- Stream classic films, indie cinema and award-winning documentaries on Kanopy.
- Listen to audiobooks through RBDigital or OverDrive.
- Read along and play with picture books on TumbleBooks.

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

Friday Aug. 7, at 1 p.m. Draw with Me. Join Ariel Perez as the library tries something a little more difficult, but still fun and easy to follow. Residents will be needing pens and markers for these videos which will be featured on [Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary) and [Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary](https://www.instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary).

Saturday, Aug. 8, Virtual Photo Club. This month's photo challenge is "Abstract." Residents are encouraged to go close in with their photo shots and post them online with the tag #HCLPhotoClub for a chance to be featured on the library's social media accounts: [Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary) and [Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary](https://www.instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary).

Tuesday, Aug. 11, noon. Draw with Ariel Perez. Meet for virtual fun and easy cartoon drawings featuring various doodles, numbers and letters on Parker Williams social media.

Tuesday, Aug. 11, 4:45 p.m., ages 4-12 Yoga Story Time. A time for children to learn mindfulness through story, song, breathing and light movement virtually with Celeste Plew. Sign up once with a valid email address online at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> to get a weekly invitation.

Wednesday, Aug. 12, 1 p.m. Spanish Story Time with Jason Cruz. A different story is available the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at [Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary).

Wednesday, Aug. 12, 3:30 p.m. Ages 16 and older. Join Tanner Adams for Dungeons & Dragons Online. No experience is needed. Email tanner.adams@hcpl.net for more information.

Dennis Leonard Dusek



Dennis Leonard Dusek, 83, died Aug. 2, 2020. He was born Oct. 9, 1936, to John J. and Angelina Dusek. Born in Ammannsville, Texas, he was the youngest of six boys. As the son of farmers, Dennis grew up with an unwavering work ethic and a quiet strength that became the foundation for who he was as a man. A graduate of Schulenburg High School, he was a gifted athlete who excelled at baseball, basketball and football. While in high school, he met a lovely young woman named Imogene Besetzny at a local dance. In the U.S. Army, where he served as a Surface to Air Missile First Class Crewman. He was stationed at Fort MacArthur, Calif. While stationed there, he and Imogene wrote each other daily, and he would hitchhike from California to Texas to see his sweetheart. In June 1957, he was honorably discharged.

On April 13, 1958, Dennis married the love of his life, Imogene (Jean) Anne Besetzny. They were blessed to celebrate 62 wonderful years of marriage and partnership. Together, they raised four children who revered Dennis and found in him a loving, giving, faithful and devoted father. For 35 years, Dennis was a dedicated employee at Houston Lighting & Power. Each day, he would give Jean a kiss and head off to work without complaint. He took only one sick day throughout his tenure at HL&P, and was always able to be counted on to provide a helping hand, mentorship and guidance to co-workers. Dennis was proud of his work, and even long after retirement, he could be spotted wearing his favorite HL&P trucker hat.

Once he left HL&P in 1992, Dennis spent much of his time enjoying the great outdoors and doing what he loved - hunting. Dennis was at his most content when he was in open air and in a deer stand. For 50 years, he hunted in Lovelady, Texas, with his sons and friends and passed the love of the outdoors and wildlife down to his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended family and friends alike. Channeling his farmer's roots, Dennis tended to the land as if it were his own, taking great pride in doing so while instilling the same reverence of the land to his children. He often used the deer lease to educate his family in important life skills, which more often than not, translated into valuable life lessons that have carried on within all.

Dennis' love of sports from boyhood only grew throughout the years. He was a beloved coach to his sons' Little League and daughter's softball teams. Nothing made Dennis happier than sitting in the bleachers cheering on his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren in whatever sport they were participating in. Even when they were adults, Dennis could always be counted on to show his support and encouragement. He also was a diehard Houston Astros fan, supporting the team throughout their entire franchise - from the Colt 45s to the 2017 World Series Champions and beyond. He dearly loved just watching the Astros with his family while splitting a beer with Jean after a hard day's work in the yard.

Dennis was devoted to the Catholic faith and was a founding parishioner of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church. He gave much of his time to serve fellow parishioners and the church. From counting money to mowing church grounds, Dennis was the type of person not only

to give the shirt off his back but to ask, "What more can I do to help?" Never one to sit idle, Dennis enjoyed being of help to his church, community and neighbors, and he always did so with a happy heart and with a twinkle in his eye.

He was a first generation immigrant from the Czech Republic (formerly Czechoslovakia). Czech was Dennis' first language, and he did not learn English until he began school. His love for the United States ran deep as did his love for his heritage. While he only spoke Czech to his parents and brothers, he passed on cherished Czech traditions to his family. One of his favorite things to do was to play Tarocks with his children and grandchildren. He never passed up an opportunity to enjoy his favorite kolache, poppyseed. Above all else, Dennis was a family man to his core. Though he was a person of few words at times, there was no doubt how much he loved his family. He truly embodied the values of Christianity, and as a servant of Christ, he was an exemplary example of strength, humility and acceptance of all people. Ultimately, his legacy is the power of unconditional love he gave to his family, friends and the South Belt community.

Dennis is survived by his loving wife; and his children Natalie and husband Charles Giardina, Neil and wife Travecca Dusek, Keith Dusek and Ken Dusek. He is also survived by his eight grandchildren Brittney and husband Chris Legorreta, Kacey and husband Chris Rojas, Jennifer and husband Tim Lienhard, Kristina and husband Chesley McDonald, Matthew and wife Moe Moe Giardina, Jordan and wife Stephanie Dusek, John Vincent Giardina and Hunter Dusek. He is also survived by 12 great-grandchildren. Dennis was preceded in death by his parents John J. and Angelina Dusek; and his brothers Alfonso Dusek, Jerome Dusek, John Dusek and Edwin Dusek. He is survived by his brother Stanley Dusek.

The visitation and funeral service will be held Thursday, Aug. 6, at Niday Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer with visitation starting at 9:30 a.m. and the service starting 11 a.m. with entombment following at South Park Cemetery, 1310 North Main Street, Pearland.

Dennis will be greatly missed by his family and friends, but they take comfort believing he is with his heavenly father and at peace. The family's last words to him are expressed as, "Duku. Milujeme te. Dokud se znovu nepotkame," which translate, "Thank you. We love you. Until we meet again."

Karen Smith



Karen L. Smith died July 29, 2020, at the age of 56.

She was born in Houston, to Donald and Edith Wenk on Feb. 5, 1964.

She graduated from South Houston High School, then attended San Jacinto College, graduating in 1988 as an RN. She was a dedicated nurse for over 30 years and enjoyed taking care of people.

She spent her last 22 years working at Medical Clinic of Houston where she made many lifelong friends. She became an EMT and volunteered at Southeast Fire Department where she along with her best friend, Colleen Lamb operated the rehab truck for the firefighters.

She was also very dedicated to her family. Karen and her husband Phil were married 30 years. One of her favorite things to do was to spend time with her fami-

ly and friends. Karen was a very loving mom, wife, sister, aunt and sister-in-law. She had a knack for making those around her feel special. Every time one would see Karen, she had a smile on her face. She was truly special to her family and friends, and an amazing woman to all who knew her.

Her passions included taking trips to the Hill Country with her husband, camping with her family and family outings at the park. One of her favorite things to do was to go shopping. Karen had a way of making life interesting for her family and friends, to say the least.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents Donald and Edith Wenk. She is survived by her loving husband; her son Christopher; and daughter Meghan, all of Houston; her brother Kenneth Wenk of Lake Living-

ston; sister Kathy Wilkinson of Onalaska; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A GoFundMe account is set up at: https://www.gofundme.com/fin-memory-of-karen-wenk-smith?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=sms&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, 2020, at South Park Funeral Home, 1310 N. Main St., Pearland.

Meals can also be made or delivered to the Smith family via www.mealtrain.com.

Leader obituary policy

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Linda Alvarez



Linda Alvarez, 79, died peacefully July 9, 2020, with loved ones by her side, after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born May 19, 1941, in Fallfurrias, Texas. She was raised in Corpus Christ, and moved to Houston in 1973. She was one of 10 children.

She was preceded in death by her husband Joe Alvarez of 40 years; her brothers Ruben Villarreal, Mario Villarreal and Medardo Villarreal; and her sister Gracie Mendez.

She is survived by her children Thelma Moore and husband James, Rosanne Kerr, Jose Alvarez and wife Jackie, Maty Alvarez and husband Caesar and Eric Alvarez and wife Mary. She had eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Linda enjoyed her family, music, playing the maracas and the game room. She was a huge Astros fan and loved having family and friends around.

She was always the life of the party and will be dearly missed.

Services were held at Santana Funeral Home Tuesday, July 14. Her final resting place is at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

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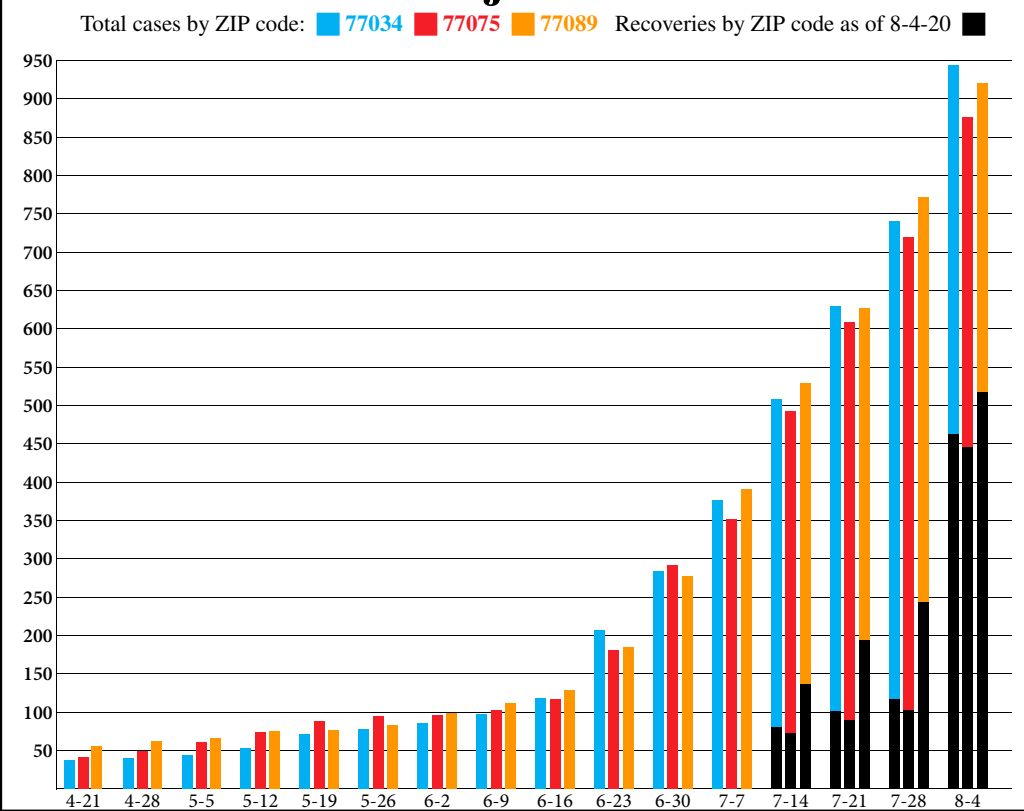


Mayor Sylvester Turner (right) held a press conference Friday, July 31, to announce the city's plan to provide \$19 million in rent relief, \$15 million of which will be provided by the city, while the remaining \$4 million will be provided by outside sources. The mayor said he hopes to attract additional donors to take part in the program. Turner is pictured above with newly elected District D City Council Member Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, who recently replaced Dwight Boykins after his unsuccessful bid to become mayor. Photo by Marie Flickinger

City announces 2nd rental program

Continued from Page 1 ney, is grateful for Turner's actions. "We appreciate Mayor Turner's recognition of our continued efforts to educate and represent low-income Texans facing eviction by providing funding for us to do so. Lone Star Legal Aid is launching an Eviction Right to Counsel Project with the intention of increasing access to justice," said Karni. Turner is working to secure funding from other area organizations in hopes of increasing the relief up to \$20 million to \$25 million. The move came just days after Harris County Commissioners Court passed a similar measure Tuesday, July 28. That action is aimed at providing relief to approximately 21,000 recipients in amounts of up to \$1,200 per household. Also to be administered through BakerRipley, the specific details had yet to be released at press time. See future editions of the *Leader* for additional information.

Area ZIPs see major COVID increase



Dobie, PISD end most unusual year

Continued from Page 1 well as sporting events such as soccer, baseball/softball, tennis and track. According to Moses, approximately 775 of this year's 916 Dobie graduates participated in the graduation ceremony. This marked not only a new Dobie record but also a districtwide one. Moses said school officials organized other events this spring also aimed at boosting student morale, including a drive-thru parade on the high school campus. When graduating seniors picked up their caps and gowns at the school, they were greeted by staff members who were displaying signs and congratulating them for their efforts. Moses is grateful for the community's support throughout this crisis and is hopeful something positive can come from it. "I appreciate every member of the South Belt community for coming together and making this happen - from the parents, other children at home, the grandparents. You could feel that community support and the bonds that were made. We need to build on that moving forward after the pandemic. We're excited about getting back to work."

Little Caesars robbed

Continued from Page 1 The vehicle headed north on Blackhawk toward Fuqua. Anyone with information on this case is urged to call HPD's Robbery Division at 713-308-0700 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

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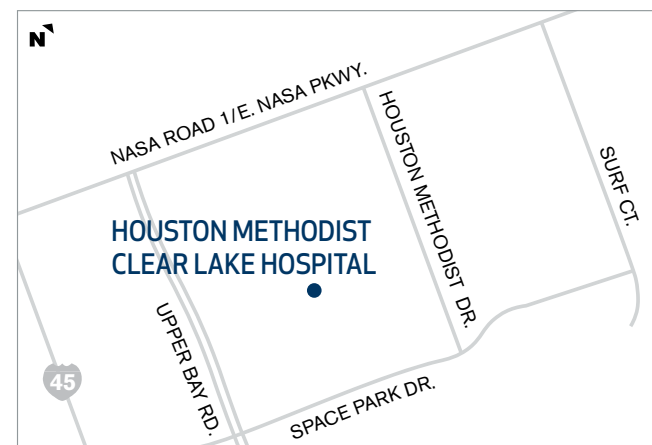
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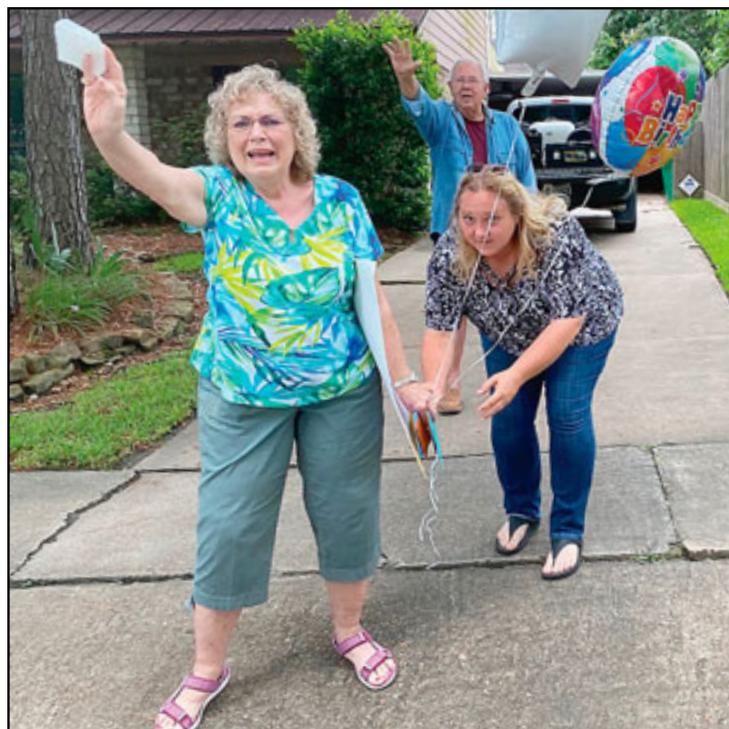
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Jimmie Sue Orth turns 80!



Jimmie Sue Orth (left) and Dick Orth (back) wave to friends as their daughter Ami Orth helps with balloons during the 80th birthday drive-by Sunday, Aug. 2. The Orths' three daughters Ami, Mandi Gullege and Lori Johnson surprised their mother by inviting friends to give birthday wishes by parading their vehicles past the Orth Sagemeadow home. As South Belt residents for more than 54 years and active members in ministry in Sagemont Church since its inception, the Orths enjoy their six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren living close to them. The Orth family is planning a cruise in the summer of 2021. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Court blocks GLO control of Houston's Harvey funds

In a significant victory for Houstonians with homes damaged during Hurricane Harvey, Mayor Sylvester Turner recently announced that the City of Houston won a temporary injunction to stop the Texas General Land Office and GLO Commissioner George P. Bush from removing more than \$1.2 billion in Harvey disaster relief from the City.

The injunction will remain in place until final resolution of the dispute is decided at trial. "We are pleased that the Judge acted quickly to protect Houstonians," Turner said. "The ruling today stops the GLO from taking actions that would have harmed our city's most vulnerable populations affected by Harvey, including low income, disabled individuals and people of color, who are protected by the Fair Housing Act through the City's programs."

The lawsuit arose in connection with funding that was specifically directed to the City of Houston by the United States Housing and Urban De-

velopment Department. The City and GLO entered into a contract providing that the City would administer the relief funds to its citizens. Despite the City's significant progress in managing the program and being on-track to meet the contract's deadline for the expenditure of the funds, the GLO advised that it planned to take over the funds and eliminate City programs that are helping City residents.

Turner sets fines for not wearing masks

Houston police will not respond to 911 calls about people not wearing masks. The announcement happened on the same day the Houston Health Department reported 1,104 new cases of COVID-19, bringing Houston's total to 50,896. There were six newly-reported deaths, bringing the city's total to 478.

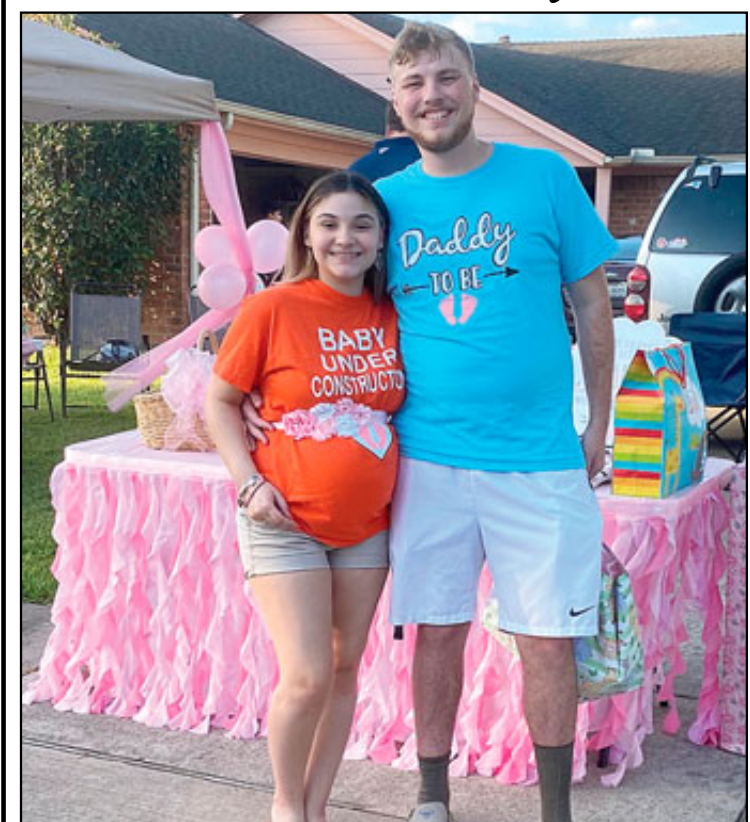
"For months, we focused on education and not citations," Turner said. "But now, I am instructing the Houston Police Department to issue necessary warnings and citations to anyone not wearing a mask in public if they do not meet the criteria for an exemption."

The GLO proposed to replace only some of the City's programs with its own. Earlier this month, the City filed a lawsuit in Travis County asking the court to stop the GLO from taking actions with HUD to give GLO control over the funds. The City presented evidence that GLO's actions would have resulted in the loss of millions of dollars in housing projects slated to be constructed by the City.

The GLO's new plan for the funds violated the law by disregarding the City's community-informed and HUD-approved needs-based prioritization of seniors, disabled individuals, and families with children. Instead, the GLO's program would have spent the money on a first-come, first-serve basis that would risk leaving the neediest people behind once the GLO spent the money. "I am grateful the judge saw through the politics of GLO's actions and focused on the people of Houston, because they are the true winners in today's decision," Turner said.

The court's granting of the temporary injunction prevents GLO from taking further actions to try to take away the City's funding while the case proceeds to resolution at trial.

Gileses host outdoor baby shower



Kirkwood South residents Tracy and Jim Giles hosted a drive-by baby shower at their home for their son Cody Giles and Liz Chapa Friday, July 31. The happy soon-to-be parents are expecting the arrival of a daughter Oct. 10. Approximately 20 vehicles with about 35 guests caravaned to drop off gifts and receive food and refreshments. Since the public health situation has been prolonged, drive-by parties have become popular as a way to attend functions while still maintaining social distancing. Photo by Marie Flickinger

City funds \$15M for small business

Continued from Page 1 relief packages that will keep us Houston Strong as we navigate the public health crisis."

Working with the city's Office of Business Opportunity, the Houston Business Development, (HBDi), will administer the program and develop a marketing strategy, accept and process applications electronically, develop a scoring matrix and provide regular progress reporting and metrics to OBO.

HBDi is a nonprofit corporation established in 1986 by the City of Houston. The corporation's mission is to stimulate economic growth, support the expansion of small businesses, combat community deterioration and foster employment opportunities for low-moderate income citizens in the Houston metropolitan area and surrounding counties.

To qualify for the SBERP, business owners must meet the following requirements:

- Must be a business whose principal place of business is located in the city limits of the City of Houston.
- Must have been in business for at least one year for the last year.
- Must provide evidence of how business revenue has significantly decreased because of government restrictions or other challenges due to COVID-19.
- A business qualifies if it generated \$2 million or less in gross annual revenue pre-COVID-19.
- Must be in good standing regarding city requirements (e.g. property taxes, personal property, grounds for debarment, etc).
- Must commit to completing the technical assistance component of this program provided via contractor.

These eligibility standards may be modified for applicants who are chambers of commerce with OBO director approval.

"The SBERP will help all sizes of small businesses move one step closer toward financial recovery," said Marsha Murray, director for the Office of Business Opportunity. "This program is intended to maximize the long-term, positive impact of these small businesses on our local economy through their contribution to job retention and the continued availability of their services. If our local small businesses did not qualify for other federal or local programs, or did not receive enough funds to mitigate the impact of the crisis, we encourage them to apply for this program." The City of Houston anticipates HBDi will begin accepting applications within the next two weeks as it works to finalize details.

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Applicants sought for appraisal board

Applications for Appraisal Review Board members are being accepted by District Judge Robert K. Schaffer, administrative judge for state district courts in Harris County.

The ARB was created by the Texas Legislature to provide an independent judicial review of property owner protests of values established by the Harris County Appraisal District (HCAD).

Service on the ARB will begin when training is complete. Applications from Harris County citizens interested in ARB service must be submitted by the applicant to Schaffer through the HCAD human resources division to be considered. Applications from third parties will not be accepted.

The application process will be open until the current vacancies are filled. The ARB is a citizen board that sits in panels of three to hear testimony and review evidence to determine property owner protests which cannot be resolved informally with HCAD.

Service on the review board does not constitute a full-time job, but members are compensated per diem when conducting hearings and attending ARB meetings. ARB members are required to attend ARB meetings in addition to serving on panels for actual ARB hearings.

Review board service is generally a full-time commitment during the summer and fall months and requires members to be available to serve all day, every weekday and several Saturdays from May through the end of the year.

Weekday hearings are also held throughout the year. ARB members are not always scheduled every day, but must be available to serve if needed.

Candidates for the ARB must be current residents of Harris County, having resided in the county at least two years; must be up-to-date on property tax payments for property in Texas or show the tax is being paid under an installment agreement; and must not have served all or part of three previous terms as an ARB member. Persons who fall into any of the following categories are not eligible to

serve:

1. An individual currently employed by the State Comptroller of Public Accounts, or who is a member of the governing body, an officer, or a full- or part-time employee of a county, city, school district, community college district, MUD, or any other entity supported by local property taxes. Former governing body members, or officers of a taxing unit served by HCAD, are ineligible for four full years from the date they ceased to serve in that capacity.
2. Anyone who personally, or whose spouse personally, has a contract with local government or an appraisal district. The same restriction applies if the person, or his or her spouse, owns a 10 percent or greater interest in a business which contracts with a local government or appraisal district.
3. Persons who have appeared before the ARB for compensation as a tax consultant, accountant, appraiser, or representative of a property owner less than two years before the date the person is appointed.
4. A person who has served all or part of three previous terms as a board member or auxiliary member on the ARB.
5. Any individual who has ever been employed by HCAD or has served as a member of the district's board of directors.
6. Persons who served as a member of the governing body or officer of a taxing unit in Harris County until four years after resigning that position.
7. Applicants who are presently under indictment or have previously been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.

Applicants selected as finalists will be scheduled for interviews. Here are some important contact numbers for those interested in applying to become an ARB member.

Current application forms are available at www.head.org under the "ARB Application" button. Only current application forms from this site will be considered. Application forms may also be obtained by calling the ARB executive of-

office at 713-957-5265.

If that number is busy, call the Taxpayer Liaison Officer as a backup contact at 713-957-7499. Calls requesting information about ARB service requirements should go to 713-957-5265. Applications submitted electronically should be sent to ARB Recruitment@head.org.

One should note "To Judge Robert K. Schaffer" in the subject line. If sending by mail: one should address to Judge Robert K. Schaffer; c/o HCAD Human Resources Division; P.O. Box 920975; Houston, TX 77292-0975.

Remember When

40 years ago (1980)
Although South Belt area residents had prepared for the effects of Hurricane Allen, the storm did little to affect the weather in the South Belt area.

The Harris County Flood Control District approved plans submitted by Trammel and Crow for the 41.63-acre Southpoint complex proposed for the South Belt area. The complex met with resistance from area residents who feared the development might contribute to flooding in the locale.

Arson investigators were checking for the cause of a fire which demolished two Beamer townhome garages. The arson department was checking a report which implicated a boy, approximately 12 years old, in the garage fire as well as another fire in the same general area the previous week.

35 years ago (1985)
Because of requirements made by the previous year's education reform legislation, Pasadena Independent School District adjusted school starting times and class schedules. The school day would be 20 minutes longer for elementary students and 30 minutes longer for teachers.

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League All-Star team won the state championship for the second time

in three years by downing a team from Baytown 7-4 in the finals. It was the first time in history that any Little League all-star team had won the state's Little League title twice.

The Dobie Lariaettes were set to kick for muscular dystrophy at the Astrodome as part of the opening ceremonies for the Astros' baseball game.

The on-again, off-again, \$14.3 million bond annexation vote for Harris County Municipal Utility District 13 had been called off - again. Board member Morris Faneli made a motion to the board to cancel an upcoming vote of district members. Also canceled were two public hearings concerning the approaching election.

County Commissioner El Franco Lee told members of the South Belt Civic Coalition he could not give a date for the paving of Hall Road between Kingspoint and Telephone, but he could order the roadway cleaned and graded and could step up patrolling of the road. The area had become a dumping ground. It was recommended anyone witnessing dumping on Hall Road to report it.

Harris County Flood Control awarded a \$1.07 million contract to Ramex Construction to continue concrete lining of the Beamer Road ditch from Scarsdale Boulevard

north toward Hughes Road.

30 years ago (1990)
Precinct 2 Constable deputies removed approximately seven pounds of cocaine from South Belt area streets over the previous three weeks in a major drug crackdown. The estimated street price of the drug was \$250,000.

South Belt's Palomino baseball team advanced to the Palomino World Series in Greensboro, N.C.

Longtime Dobie High School secretary Jean Montgomery, 61, died. She had worked as a secretary to the assistant principals from 1975 until her retirement in December 1989.

Ashley Clay, 4-year-old daughter of Robert and Ruth Clay, auditioned and was selected to model for Dillard's. In addition to modeling, Clay had been selected as the new lieutenant colonel for the Dolphin Dance/Drill Team.

25 years ago (1995)
A public meeting was scheduled for the Brio Task Force to explain three proposed methods to remediate the Brio Superfund site and to make its recommendation following a yearlong study.

Four Pasadena ISD elementary - including Frazier and Moore - and 15 schools in the Clear Creek Independent School District received high accountability ratings from the Texas

Education Agency for TAAS scores.

San Jacinto College libraries went online with a data service system to provide access to more than 500 million volumes in academic libraries across the nation.

Clear Creek ISD trustees adopted a \$126.4 million budget for the 1995-96 school year at a special meeting. The budget reflected an 8.2 percent increase over the previous year's budget, which necessitated a 1-cent tax increase for every \$100 valuation.

20 years ago (2000)
Two new subdivisions in the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District exceeded original expectations on the number of houses to be constructed. Estimates were to build 75 houses, but that estimate changed to 140-150.

The taxable value of homes in the 77089 South Belt ZIP code rose an average of 22.06 percent in the last four years, according to a Harris County study.

15 years ago (2005)
The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce was preparing for its ninth annual Evening of Cuisine fundraiser.

Representatives from the city of League City met with CCISD representatives and drafted an interlocal agreement concerning the building of CCISD's fourth high school.

Members of the community participated in the City of Houston's first-ever clean-up of the South Belt area. Councilmember Addie Wiseman and Houston Police Department Assistant Chief Brian Lumpkin coordinated the event.

Charges were filed on a Hobby Airport area man for allegedly sexually assaulting a 13-year-old boy while on duty at the Wal-Mart on El Dorado Boulevard. The boy told his mother he went into the restroom and was grabbed by the suspect then assaulted. Store personnel reviewed video tapes and identified the suspect as an employee.

Two six-classroom wings were completed at Weber Elementary in time for the new school year. The expansions created room for 300 additional students.

10 years ago (2010)
The University of Houston-Clear Lake held the grand opening and ribbon-cutting for its Pearlland campus located at 1200 Pearlland Parkway.

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Birthday wishes are sent to Rebecca Lilley, director of physician resources at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, South Belt Chamber board member and active community member, who celebrates a birthday Aug. 11, from friends and the Leader staff.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Aug. 6 through Aug. 12, 2020.

Atkinson Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song to Dee Davis Aug. 9. Break out the balloons and party favors Aug. 12 for Martha Reed.

Burnett Elementary
Guadalupe Trevino celebrates a birthday Aug. 8. Sing a happy birthday chorus Aug. 10 to Cassandra Moon. Enjoy a slice of a double-layer birthday cake with Marisol Ramirez and Griselda Robles Aug. 12.

Bush Elementary
Light the candles on a birthday cake for Ruben Caro on Aug. 11.

Genoa Elementary
Join in a fun birthday celebration Aug. 7 with Erica Halligan.

Meador Elementary
Marking a birthday Aug. 11 is Rebecca Rosette.

Moore Elementary
Patty Valdez celebrates a birthday Aug. 6.

Break out the cake and ice cream for Gisela Villagarcia and Rosie Brown Aug. 7. Send a happy birthday greeting Aug. 11 to Letty Garcia.

South Belt Elementary
Send greetings for an enjoyable birthday Aug. 10 to Salma Meziou.

Stuchbery Elementary
Best wishes for a wonderful birthday Aug. 7 are sent to Elida Delafuente. Aug. 8 is the day for cake and ice cream for Jessica Reed.

Melillo Middle School
Enjoying a special birthday Aug. 10 is Kayla Joos.

Roberts Middle School
Send a birthday greeting Aug. 8 to Katie Gallardo.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Sing a happy birthday song Aug. 10 to Kevin Schulba.

Thompson Intermediate
Give a shoutout for a happy birthday Aug. 10 to Juana Canales. On Aug. 11, enjoy a slice of birthday cake with Travis Teichelman.

Dobie High
Celebrating a special birthday Aug. 6 is Anthony Ponce. Aug. 8 is the day for a double-layer cake for La Nguyen and Michelle Whitely. Send a birthday greeting Aug. 9 to Mirna Santos. Sing three choruses of a birthday song Aug. 10 to Yvette Giron, Donna Rinehart and Charles Thomas. Jocelyn

Colon Rivera marks a birthday Aug. 11. The day for a cake for Chantel Dolson is Aug. 12.

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The Leader sends birthday wishes to friends. For those wanting a birthday mentioned in this section, email mynews@southbeltleader.com with "OTBF: Friends Celebrate Birthdays" in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Injury ends Christmas-Kelly's 2020 WNBA season

Injury has for the third season in a row ended Karima Christmas-Kelly's WNBA season prematurely, with the now 10-year pro suffering a right Achilles tendon tear late in the first quarter of a game at the IGM Academy in Bradenton, Fla.

Christmas-Kelly, a 2007 Dobie High School graduate, had seven points and five rebounds in 20 minutes of action as she helped lead her Minnesota Lynx team to a 77-69 come-from-behind victory over the Connecticut Sun July 26.

Two days later, Christmas-Kelly was injured and ruled out for the season. She played just six games each over the 2018 and 2019 seasons due to injury.

The WNBA season was long delayed before the planned 22-game schedule got underway in Florida.

Unfortunately, the timing and necessary recovery time from an Achilles tear could delay Christmas-Kelly's 2021 plans to play.

Now 30, Christmas-Kelly has logged 10 seasons in the WNBA and has also enjoyed extensive success overseas during WNBA off-seasons.

As a freshman in 2003-2004, Christmas-Kelly contributed greatly as the Dobie varsity girls' team won the Region III championship and played in the state semifinals.

A McDonald's All-American choice while at Dobie, Christmas-Kelly attended Duke University, where she had a standout career with the Blue Devils before becoming a second-round pick of the Washington Mystics.

One of the most recognized athletes of all time at Dobie, Christmas-Kelly

has been inducted into Dobie High School's Hall of Honor as well as Pasadena ISD's Athletics Hall of Fame.

During the 2017-2018 season, Christmas-Kelly had her jersey No. 13 retired during a ceremony at the school.

Having bounced back from two previous knee injuries, Christmas-Kelly has vowed to return from this one, too.



Karima Christmas-Kelly, a 2007 Dobie High School graduate ruptured her Achilles tendon July 28 in a WNBA game in Bradenton, Fla., and will miss the remainder of the season. The 10-year WNBA veteran previously missed the majority of the 2018 and 2019 campaigns due to injury but has vowed to make a return to the court.

BAFL shuffles its season plans a second time

Bay Area Football League officials have again been forced to postpone the start of the 2020 regular season, including pre-season practices, as COVID-19 wrecks havoc with group-based activities across Harris County.

However, the newest plan for a resumption within the league maintains the integrity of an eight-game regular season to begin in the last week of September.

Unfortunately, BAFL has canceled the annual cheer-leading competition, and the drill team competition is

still being discussed in terms of viable options. Still, BAFL hasn't thrown in the towel on the football season.

In a Facebook post July 30, BAFL announced plans to begin pre-season practices Sept. 5, the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. Opening day, or week one, is now scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 26.

The fact is that due to the COVID-19 issue, many if not all of the practice facilities/game fields utilized by the 16 BAFL organizations remained closed to group gatherings.

And, there doesn't appear

to be a rush on the part of city or county officials, or those under the Pasadena ISD umbrella, to reopen said sites.

As of July 30, Harris County-based school districts such as Pasadena ISD had agreed to remain closed for in-person instruction until Sept. 8.

However, the University Interscholastic League, the official governing body of extracurricular activities, has cleared the way for Houston area school districts to begin fall sports practices as soon as Sept. 7.

The hope, where BAFL is

concerned, is that affected playing sites will reopen for activities Sept. 5, thus the scheduling of practice.

BAFL's revised plan has the regular season running Sept. 26 through Nov. 14. Postseason plans will require navigating the Thanksgiving holiday and will thus be announced at a later date.

A third time may not be a charm for BAFL as the July 30 schedule revision will likely have to hold true in order for the league to have a meaningful 2020 campaign, but there is a renewed hope that it will happen.

BAFL's Revised Key Dates

Sept 5 - First day of preseason practices
Sept. 26 - Opening day week one games
Nov. 14 - Week eight regular season ends

Playoffs, including Super Bowl round, TBA

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UHMB, a favorite of locals, sees fall sports postponed

The American Southwest Conference Council of Presidents announced July 24 a decision to delay conference-scheduled competition and championship events for fall championship sports with anticipation of resuming ASC competition and tournaments in spring 2021.

The delay includes the fall sports of cross-country, football, soccer and volleyball.

The ASC includes local favorite Mary Hardin-Baylor, which has recruited both Clear Brook and Dobie football players in recent years. Dobie graduates Blake Jackson, Reggie Wilson and Reginald Cole were key members of the Cru's national title grab in 2016.

The 2019 UHMB squad included senior Joey Longoria of Pearland, who was an All-American performer. Clear Brook graduate Stephen Rowe was also on the 2019 UHMB roster.

Action by the Council of Presidents to delay the ASC fall championship sports seasons does not preclude

individual institutions from engaging in athletics-related activities, including nonconference competition, conducted in accordance with Division III legislation as well as institution, local, state and federal public health guidelines.

"The decision to move fall sports to the spring semester was not an easy one, but after many discussions about continuing with normal fall athletic schedules, the American Southwest Conference presidents feel this was the best decision for all involved," said Dr. Randy O'Rear, UHMB president.

"The student-athletes in our fall programs will have an opportunity to compete for conference championships and play meaningful contests in the spring without using a year of eligibility."

"In the midst of much uncertainty with recent COVID-19 spikes in our state and region, coupled with last week's rigorous safety protocols released by the NCAA, which few DIII

institutions can afford, the ASC presidents believe this is the best course of action at this time."

The decision by the presidents was made after evaluation of Division III legislative waivers and Association-wide actions; consideration of conference scheduling options for fall sports; and review of current public health guidelines.

"Our student-athletes will have opportunities to practice and train this fall in preparation for spring competitions," UHMB vice-president for athletics Randy Mann said.

"Our athletics department staff is working hard to provide a safe, rewarding experience for all of our student-athletes, and I am looking forward to seeing our teams return to competition."

The American Southwest Conference membership anticipates approval of NCAA Division III playing and practice season waivers allowing greater opportunity for students in all sports to

have a broad athletics experience throughout the 2020-2021 academic year.

Under the waiver, each campus would have flexibility in conducting individual and team skill instruction, strength and conditioning, and practices along with the prospect for enhanced academic and personal development, and other athletically related activities as health and safety conditions allow.

"The ASC Council of Presidents recognizes the disappointment of students who normally participate in conference-scheduled regular-season and championship competition during the fall semester," said Amy Carlton, commissioner of the American Southwest Conference. "The conference leadership and administrators will continue in planning for the fall sports to resume conference competition and tournament opportunities in the spring semester as appropriate."

Decisions on the ASC schedules and championships for basketball and

spring sports will be determined at a later date.

SBGSA opens fall sign-up; coaching spots still available

The South Belt Girls Softball Association is continuing online registration through Aug. 15 for the upcoming fall league season, with easy-to-follow steps. League officials will also host an in-person session Aug. 12 for those who prefer that method.

Girls ages 4 to 16 are eligible to play at \$60 per player, and there are sibling discounts available to multi-player families. There are no residency require-

ments. The online registration runs through Aug. 15 at www.southbeltsoftball.com.

The league's remaining in-person sign-up session is Wednesday, Aug. 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the SBGSA facility at El Franco Lee Park. Payments of \$60 per player may only be made by credit card. No cash will be accepted and social distancing requirements, including the mandatory wearing of a face covering, must be followed.

There are remaining openings in some age groups, while there is a waiting list for others as the league seeks coaches/assistants in order to add teams in various groups. SBGSA coaches advise those families wishing to play to proceed with getting on a waiting list if necessary as teams will be added when coaching spots are filled. To get on a waiting list, call or text SBGSA player agent Adriana Estrada at 832-891-3579.

All registrant families will be required to submit birth certificate proof electronically. For additional information, visit the SBGSA league sites via Twitter or Facebook at southbelt girls softball.

Coaches sought
South Belt Girls Softball Association officials are planning for the fall season, which includes recruiting prospective coaches for the various age group divisions. The league needs additional coaching help in the 6-under and 12-under divisions, with no experience required. Those with previous coaching experience are also needed in the 14-under division. Former college players may also apply to coach. For additional information on the openings, direct email to sbgoplayeragent@gmail.com.

Dobie's Bonner off to Hibbing CC



Dobie Class of 2020 graduate Sean Bonner and his family had plenty to celebrate at graduation July 30 at Veterans Stadium as he is set to continue his education and collegiate baseball career at Hibbing Community College in Hibbing, Minn. Hibbing is a Division III Region 13 program within the National Junior College Athletic Association. The team was off to a 2-8 nonconference start earlier this spring before the shutdown.

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Current athletics restart centers on post-Labor Day across area

The sports fields and courts have been empty for far too long. Since the unceremonious stoppage of play in mid-March, it's been quiet for upward of five months. Yet it could be that the coronavirus pandemic is about to take the L.

Whether it's youth sports, those at the intermediate school level or the high school hopefuls, the restart to sports is long overdue for many. Here is how things stand as of press time on Aug. 4.

Intermediate school sports

In Texas, the football and volleyball intermediate school season does not begin until the first official day of classes. In this case, Beverly Hills and Thompson will be eligible by University Interscholastic League guidelines to begin workouts as of Sept. 8 (the first day of in-person classes). At present, it is expected that individual school districts such as Pasadena ISD and Clear Creek ISD will be allowed to map out their own individualized plans for said fall sports.

South Belt Youth Soccer Club

As of press time, El Franco Lee Park and Beverly Hills Park, the primary playing sites for the South Belt Youth Soccer Club, remain closed for team activities.

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club previously lost its spring season to the coronavirus outbreak and, as of press time, had not begun fall season registration via its website. With Harris County's emphasis on prohibiting the

gathering of groups, such as teams and leagues, a timetable for the reopening of El Franco Lee Park and others has not been set.

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club is intent on getting back on the field as soon as possible, but area fields must first reopen.

Bay Area Football League

As stated on Page 5, the Bay Area Football League's COVID-19 Committee has restructured its plans for the start of the 2020 campaign. The league currently plans to start practice the Saturday of Labor Day weekend, and opening day has been slated for Saturday, Sept. 26.

The league has canceled plans for its 2020 cheerleading competition, but the respective team squads are expected to be allowed to cheer at games during the regular season. Drill team plans are still being discussed, but the league is intent on finding ways for the respective drill teams to be able to perform.

In the current plan set forth most recently, the 16-team football league will conduct an eight-week regular season from Sept. 26 through Nov. 14. From there, the postseason plan will require additional thought as the Thanksgiving holiday will need to be navigated and BAFL officials may have to find an alternative site for its Super Bowl round of games.

South Belt Girls Softball Association

The South Belt Girls Softball Association has pro-

ceeded with its fall season registration (www.southbeltgirlsoftball.com) with the intent of playing its games at the league's facility at El Franco Lee Park.

The league will still need to get the final go-ahead from county leaders to play at EFLP this fall but has chosen to be proactive in its preparation so that when the go-ahead is given, the league can quickly begin.

Dobie High School fall team tennis

At this point in a normal season, the Longhorns would have started their regular season this week and been in line to play a large slate of non-district matches prior to District 22-6A action.

But that was then and this is now, as they say. At press time, the University Interscholastic League had provided for Sept. 7 to be the first allowable day for matches.

Pasadena ISD travel guidelines, where it relates to school buses and so forth, will need to be finalized beforehand. While PISD is slated to begin both in-person and online student instruction Sept. 8, Dobie's fall team tennis plan has not been finalized as of press time.

Currently, the team tennis regular season is set to run from Sept. 7 to Oct. 24. The state championships are set for Nov. 11-12.

The original District 22-6A schedule called for matches to be conducted each Tuesday with one Friday mixed in for a length of six weeks in total.

The UIL regular season

now includes just seven weeks in all, beginning Sept. 7, and Dobie head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. will have the Longhorns in action quickly as the locals host the Remembering Ike Invitational Sept. 11-12. It's obviously a great way to get several programs two days' worth of live action in a hurry.

However, there is seemingly enough time allotted for District 22-6A play this fall should Pasadena, Deer Park and Channelview ISDs all agree to proceed. The spring tennis championships at the district, regional and state level were all lost due to the coronavirus issue, so like most team sports, netters statewide are eager to get back on the court.

High school cross-country

A few weeks of the high school cross-country season have been lost, but the University Interscholastic League has set Sept. 7 as the first allowable day for meets. The regular season is set to run through Nov. 14, with the state championship meet coming Dec. 5.

As with all fall sports and seemingly all for the 2020-2021 school year, travel guidelines will need to be worked out.

Additionally, meet host sites will need to be established as the want-to as some previous sites may not be as strong as before. That said, there is a plan in place for cross-country to enjoy a decently-full season at present.

The pending start to the

season is clearly important to all of those involved, and fans can count Dobie senior Alberto Campa as one who will be ready to go when the bells ring. Campa's breakthrough as a junior in 2019 included a run to the state meet.

For his final push, Campa, one of Region III's top returnees with La Porte's Ryan Schoppe now off to college, has his eyes on the District 22-6A individual title and with a great outing at regionals could very well find himself back in Georgetown for the state meet Dec. 5.

High school volleyball

The UIL has set the Monday of Labor Day weekend, Sept. 7, as the first allowable day for preseason workouts.

Several area programs are set to use Sept. 7 as a tryout day for their subvarsity programs, with workouts to begin at all levels the following day.

Sept. 8 is also slated to present to be the first allowable day for in-person instruction at several Houston area school districts. It promises to be a hectic week, yet volleyball will be off and swinging.

The first allowable day for matches as set forth by the UIL is Thursday, Sept. 24, with the last day of the regular season set for Nov. 17. Tournaments will not be allowed. But Class 6A programs such as Clear Brook and Dobie will be allowed to play as many as 27 head-to-head matchups. Teams will also be allowed to

play up to three times weekly, Saturdays included.

The current volleyball schedule via the UIL includes eight full weeks, so there is time to play upward of 20 matches or more if things stay on schedule.

The regional tournament round would then be Dec. 4-5, with the state tournament Dec. 11-12.

High school football

Football is king in Texas, for those who love that thought or don't. The 2020 season is also the 100th in the history of the UIL, so it carries added importance. Football is also, in more cases than not, the lone gate receipts revenue generating high school sport.

The UIL will currently al-

low for preseason workouts to begin Sept. 7, with the first week of games to come as of Sept. 24. The regular season will run 12 weeks.

For those reasons, the sport is being given plenty of room, at least at present, to complete its full 2020 campaign.

While in some cases official dates and start times have yet to be finalized, most districts, CCISD and Pasadena ISD included, moved quickly to reset following the UIL's July 21 announced reset plan.

Clear Brook will still open the season at Texas City and will also play Friendswood, La Porte and Fulshear in non-district action. Dobie, meanwhile, knew it needed to replace its season opener against Elisk and has done so.

Given the seemingly daily change of plans still in play, districts and head coaches alike are reluctant to officially release schedules to the public, but suffice to say a plan is very much in place in most cases.

Where it relates to public school sports, it's important to bear in mind that travel guidelines, whether or not fans will be allowed to attend, what percentages of venue capacities will be allowed to be filled, aka attendance, and many other issues will likely be established on an individual school district basis.

The important thing is that, just more than four weeks out, the resumption of the high school athletics scene is within site. By the time it begins Sept. 7 or Sept. 8 or whenever, it will have been just shy of nearly six months since the last baseball, softball, spring tennis or track and field meets were contested. It's about time.

AVA has tryout openings as fall season nears

The Absolute Volleyball Academy of Texas has continued club tryouts for its 2020-2021 season Sundays from noon to 1 p.m. at its facility in Dickinson until all teams are full. The facility is located at 451 Spruce St. in Dickinson. AVA's current team openings are for incoming fifth- through 10th-graders. Players may register for the tryouts at avatexas.com. Direct any questions to info@avatexas.com.

AVA will be moving into a new eight-court indoor facility that includes eight outdoor sand courts in early September. Its location will be 380 Green Wing St. in Webster. For more information about AVA, visit www.avatexas.com/misionstatement; www.avatexas.com/philosophy; or www.avatexas.com/aboutava.

6U Swing Queens mark amazing success, winning state



The South Belt-based 6U Swing Queens wrapped up an amazing run in their age group, going undefeated to capture the 6U Pixie North Texas State Championship title in Lufkin. During the season, the go, Brianna Quiroga, (back row) assistant coach Jesus Paz, assistant locals outscored their respective opponents by a combined 115-25. coach Manuel Coronado, head coach Pedro Gutierrez and assistant Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Isabella Granados, coach Armando Quiroga.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

7:30 a.m.

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/>. 9:30 a.m.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom - Due to the current health situation, all in-person synagogue events are canceled. The synagogue is closed until further notice. All services will be performed online. Join the Friday night service at 7 p.m. or the Saturday Shabbat at 9:30 a.m. service on a computer, tablet or smartphone by using the GoToMeeting app and accessing the link <https://www.gotomeet.me/cshonline> with the access code 471-821-285. For those who don't have a computer, services may be accessed by calling (+1)-571-317-3122. For members who wish to download a copy of the prayer book for the online service, visit <https://www.shaarhashalom.org/prayer-book-for-online-service.html>. 11 a.m.

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, drop in or visit <http://www.houstonalananon.org/meetings.html>. 8 p.m.

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

8 p.m.

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

10 a.m.

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 visit <http://www.houstonalananon.org/meetings.html>. 11 a.m.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or online at <https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners>. For details, call 713-686-6300.

6:30 p.m.

Toastmasters - The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 has gone virtual! Meeting is Mondays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., at the website, <https://youngprofessionals.toastmasters.com/>. Young Professionals SE Toastmasters Club is committed to its member's safety during this National Emergency and will conduct virtual meetings every Monday (except holidays), effective 3/16/2020, to ensure its members continue their journey to becoming confident communicators and leaders. To be a guest at the virtual meeting, select the "contact us" button on our home page menu (www.youngprofessionals.toastmasters.com) to obtain access to our virtual meeting platform. For information, call Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 or Carolyn Carmichael at 832-372-3565. 7 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's 12 Step Recovery open meeting Mondays, 7 p.m. in the education Bldg. in room 4, at 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801.

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

Sagemont Civic Club - Meetings are the second Monday, Sagemont Park Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes Rd. **TUESDAY, AUGUST 11**

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 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/> for additional information. 10:30 a.m.

Tri-County Republican Women - General meetings are held the second Tuesday, at the Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch available for \$15. Exact cash or a check requested. For reservations, call Susan Hooper at 832-723-7671. Visit TrcwTx.org for more information. Comptroller Glenn Hegar is the guest speaker for the August meeting. Noon

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

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 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/> for additional information. Noon

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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, Saturday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

7 a.m.

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Rotary Club of Pearland - Virtual meeting Thursday, 7:30 a.m., online on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81372891968>. Meeting ID: 813 7289 1968. Information for the event is on the Pearland Chamber of Commerce website under the calendar tab. Noon

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Living with a sewage nightmare

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 and state and federal regulators to make massive upgrades to the city's aging sewer infrastructure system was aimed at bringing much-needed relief to area streets such as Hickman's.
 Per the new agreement, the city is required to invest \$2 billion in sewer system improvements over the next 15 years. In addition to replacing outdated piping and other infrastructure, the consent decree agreement also requires the city to improve maintenance and educate the public about the dangers of clogging sewer systems. The costly improvements are expected to gradually increase city water rates.
 The Leader has reached out to newly elected District D City Council Member Carolyn Evans-Shabazz for assistance in the matter. See future editions of the Leader for updates.



More than two years after her parents first reporting a sewage leak at their home, Kirkwood South resident Chelsea Hickman (left) and her family are still waiting on action to fix the problem. During heavy rains, raw sewage seeps out of the manhole pictured above near Sagepark at Kirkfair. The leak produces a pungent odor that can be detected for several blocks. Rectifying the issue has proven difficult, however, as it is located at the edge of the Houston city limits.

Marlon, Arleen Hulin celebrate 50th anniversary

Marlon and Arleen Hulin, residents of the South Belt area since 1978, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 8. They were married at St. Catherine of Sienna Catholic Church Aug. 8, 1970, in Port Arthur, Texas.
 Marlon received his draft notice on his graduation day from Lamar University in 1969 and joined the U.S. Navy.
 He left for the Panama Canal Zone one week after they were married and Arleen joined him two months later. Both of their children, Scott (Dobie '90) and Melissa (Dobie '91) were born in the Republic of Panama.
 Marlon worked many years in retail – both in sales and management. Many people will remember him as the manager at Corrigan's Jewelers at Baybrook Mall. He retired in 2009.
 Arleen received her accounting degree from UH-CLC in 1983. She retired from TOTAL in 2011.
 They are both active at St. Luke's Catholic Church. Their family celebration has been postponed until next year due to COVID.
 Their family includes son Scott Hulin and his wife Stacy and grandsons Lance and Rhett Hulin in McKinney; and daughter Melissa Turnquist and husband Eric and grandchildren Carolyn and CJ Turnquist in northwest Houston.



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Thursday, August 6, 2020

Dobie commencement July 30

J. Frank Dobie High School's commencement exercises were held Thursday, July 30, at 8:30 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Stadium. The invocation was given by Frida Quiroz and the benediction was given by Danyal Rizvi. The valedictorian is Thuyen Cao Vu. The salutatorian is Ashley Nguyen.



Dobie Longhorns

Dobie releases 2020 graduation candidates

Alejandra Nicole Abascal, Bella Jazmin Acosta, Jonathan Camilo Acosta, Nathaly Yasmin Acosta, Daniel Aguilar, Abrianna Isabel Aguilar, Jose Alfredo Aguirre, Nurun Nafi Alam, Gema Isabel Alanis, Steven Anthony Alaniz and Willie Robert Alaniz.

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Tammy Tam Dang, Bailee Phi-Anh Dang, Victoria Thien-Nga Dao, Purba Angela Daria, Destiny Alexis Davila, Darius Jamar Davis, Christian Blake Davis, Jessica Rene De La Cerda, Yureida Sabrina De La Cruz, Samanta Michael De Leon and Adriana Marie Dearza.

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Briana Diaz, Wilfredo Ernesto Diaz, Jessica Diaz, Quang Ngoc Do, Duyen Ngoc Thien Do, Stephanie Lan Do, Hoan My Tran Duong, Ivan Arturo Dominguez, Diana L Dominguez, Angelina Phoungthanh Dong, Gabriela Jasmin Dorantes and Alonso Dosal.

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Alexa Michelle Garcia, Jordan Julaine Garcia, Roque Garcia, Tytiana Angel Garcia, Jaydon

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SoHo commencement held Aug. 3



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Joshua Val Anguiano, Alejandra J. Angulo, Gerardo Aquino, Genesis Paola Aravajo, Martha Sofia Arenas, Joseph Kevin Arias, Juan Carlos Arredondo Jr., Mario Xavier Arredondo, Anahi Lisette Arroyo, Lineth Maria Asturias and Ashley Mariela Avelar.

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Crystal Basora, Guadalupe Chanel Beas, Dedrick Dewayne Bell, Leslie Zuleith Benavidez, Paola Juliana Berrios Rodriguez, Antonio Blackcourt, Keunta De-shawn Blackshire, Alexis Blanco, Laisha Berenice Blanco Lopez, Taylor Sierra-Nycole Bliss and Francisco Javier Bocanegra Jr.

Marcos Daniel Bocanegra, Anthony Alexander Bonilla, Giselle Bonilla, Michael Alonso Bonilla, Estrella Guadalupe Bravo, Jessica Bravo, Anselmo Manuel Briones, Ja'Quaiven Desmond Brooks, Jabria Shelby Brooks and Ke'Sean Decorrian Brown.

Dylan Ray Bryant, Jomaigh Alan Burton-Britton, Anthony Miguel Caballero, Saul Calderon, Manuel Isaac Calvo, Roy Camacho, Wendy Karina Camargo Garcia, Adrian Ernesto Camarillo, Melany Alexandra Camarillo Ramirez, Gabriel Campos, Sandra Lizbeth Campos, Johnny Angel Canales and Sergio Arturo Candanoza.

Yaritza Cantu, Maliyah Liebchen Cantualla, Ivanna Mayenci Carcamo Lopez, Amber Nicole Cardenas, Armando Carrizales Jr., Giselle Castaneda, Yamileth Castaneda, Luisa Fernanda Castaneda Medina, Jose Fernando Castellanos Ochoa and Alexis Marie Castillo.

Jorge Luis Castro, Eric Christopher Castro, Felipe Castro Jr., Daija Marie Cavazos, Kassandra Cerna Trujillo, Alyssa Giselle Cervantes, Ivan Cervantes, Luis Alberto Cervantes, Carlos Daniel Cervantes Gonzalez, Esther Julia Chacon and Samantha Elisa Chacon.

Aymee Yudith Chamorro Hernandez, Lesly Guadalupe Chapa, Isaiiah Deunte Charles, Reyes Chavarria III, Maria Del Carmen Chaverria, Heydi Paloma Chavez, Martin Chavez Jr., Andrea Tatiana Chavez Castillo, Edgar Antonio Chavez Dominguez and Giuliana Cobos.

Eddi Colin, Lianisha Lee Colon Santiago, Bianca Rose Compean, Javier Contreras, Deondre James Corbin, Jazlyn Nicole Cordova, Sandra Coronado, Damaris Correa, Tony Cruz, Andrea Cuevas, Angel Alexander Damian, Eddie James Daniels Jr. and Isabel Ann Davila.

Kerissa Davila, Jessica De La Garza, Christopher De Leon, Erik Daniel De Leon, Ashley Espinoza De Los Monteros, Trevor Alexander Dean, Jorge Fabian Del

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Toro Baltazar, Alexander Jesus Deleon, Daniel Deleon III, Alberto Delgado, Tony Don Delgado, Jose Nicholas Diaz and Marina Lizbeth Diaz.

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CTHS commencement

held July 28

Career & Technical High School's commencement exercises were held Tuesday, July 28, at 8:30 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Stadium. The invocation was given by Jordan Velasquez. The benediction was given by Frida Carino. The valedictorian is Heaven DeLeon. The salutatorians are Diya Patel and Joe Patrick Perera.



Career & Technical High School

CTHS announces 2020 graduation candidates

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Pasadena Memorial commencement July 31

Pasadena Memorial High School's commencement exercises were held Friday July 31, at 8:30 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Stadium. The invocation was given by Andy Venancio. The benediction was given by Maya Arredondo. The valedictorian is Carlyle Benson. The salutatorian is Andy Venancio-Torres.



Pasadena Memorial Mavericks

Pasadena Memorial lists 2020 graduation candidates

12-01 Denise Saravia

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12-02 Christopher Hentz

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12-03 Paul Shklovitz

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12-07 Ruth Tenorio

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South Houston HS names Shining Stars, distinguished educators

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As a feature of the 2020 Shining Stars recognition of the top ten students from high schools in the Pasadena Independent District, each Shining Star selected a teacher to receive a distinguished educator award. Each student submitted a commentary and included reasons for choosing their instructor for the

distinguished educator recognition. The information and photos were submitted by the staff of Pasadena ISD. The *Leader* has run profiles of Shining Stars from J. Frank Dobie, Pasadena Memorial and Lewis Career & Technical high schools in various issues.



Linda Guerra

Linda Guerra, a third-grade teacher, was nominated as a distinguished educator by Shining Stars recipient Angelina Perrett. She said, "Mrs. Guerra was the first teacher to ever challenge me in grade-school. Because she pushed me so hard, I resented her in the beginning of my third-grade year, but I soon began to grow very close to her and eventually



Angelina Perrett

admired her as a teacher. She encouraged me every day and inspired me to become the student I am today. She taught me about life and the importance of education, things most children don't get the chance to understand until they are much older than I was. Mrs. Guerra was absolutely unforgettable, and she has truly impacted my life forever."



Bradley Wheeler



Nural Hisham



Rizeth Moctezuma

Physics instructor Bradley Wheeler was nominated as a distinguished educator by two Shining Stars award recipients, Nural Hisham and Rizeth Moctezuma. Hisham stated, "Mr. Wheeler taught me for two years and he has been one of the most prominent and influential teachers in my high school career. Unlike many teachers, he has an amazing sense of humor while still maintaining that college level teaching status, and treating us as equals. I also feel a personal connection to him since not only was he a mentor and teacher to me, he was someone I could learn life lessons from and still be enthusiastic because of his youthful nature."

Moctezuma stated, "When I first saw Mr. Wheeler, I was extremely intimidated. He was tall and looked tough, almost like a scary bear, but over the years I have come to find out that he is just a big teddy bear. In the two years that I had him as my teacher I knew that I could count on him for anything. The way he taught physics led me to find my passion for mechanical engineering and with his interesting and hilarious stories, he taught me life lessons that I will never forget. I'm glad that I was able to have such an amazing teacher who helped me become a better student. But I'm even more glad to have had an excellent role model who helped me become a better person."



Norma Lopez

Norma Lopez, an eleventh-grade precalculus teacher was recently nominated as a distinguished educator by Blanca Munoz, a Shining Stars award recipient. Munoz said of Lopez, "I simply love Norma Lopez! I can honestly say, Mrs. Lopez is my go-to teacher for any rational problem or to complain about anything. Even though, I had her until my junior year, she made a huge impact in my life because she always believed in me, even when I didn't. I love the fact that she made pre-cal my favorite class, and I will always remember the unit circle. Truth is Mrs. Lopez was not only my mentor, but my friend, someone who made math easy, and made me strive for the best version of myself."



Blanca Munoz



Christina Bires

Distinguished educator Christina Bires was nominated by Erika Acosta, a Shining Stars award recipient. Acosta stated of Bires, "Ever since her first year teaching at South Houston, Ms. Bires has been someone I've looked up to and admired. She has continuously expressed that she cares for me, often pushing me because she knows it will lead to growth. Although her job is to improve my musical skills, Ms. Bires goes above and beyond to make sure that I am doing well in all aspects of my life and always manages to make my day with her funny stories and witty remarks."



Erika Acosta



Casey Cipriani

Casey Cipriani, a health science teacher, was nominated for a distinguished educator award by three Shining Stars award recipients, Leslie Benavidez, Samantha Marquez and Diana Rosales. Benavidez shared, "Mrs. Cipriani has been and will always be a person that I will look up to. She has been an important asset to the career path I've chosen and she has been able to help me make choices that will ultimately help me in my medical/academic journey. She has demonstrated countless times that one is able to achieve things with perseverance and determination with the aspirations you dream of. She is a Registered Nurse, which is such an important job in the medical field and has given us and especially me an insight of what it really is like in the medical world and that it's extremely important to be dedicated and have very good habits. Mrs. Cipriani is not like your ordinary person either. She's extremely compassionate and has listened to me attentively to my worries I've had during my senior year which I will always cherish in my heart!"



Leslie Benavidez



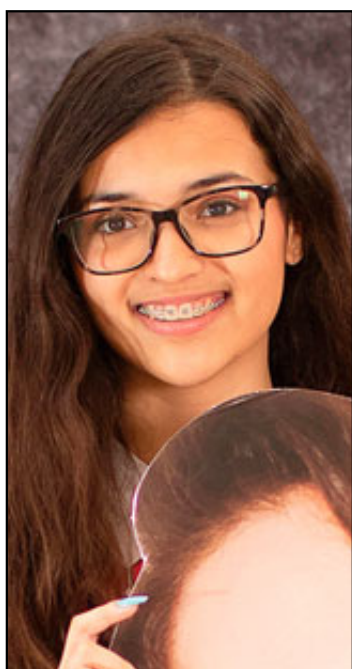
Richie Haynes



Melanie Almanza

Distinguished educator Richie Haynes a fifth- and sixth-grade teacher was nominated by Shining Stars recipient Melanie Almanza. Almanza stated, "Mr. Haynes has always been that one person I could go to for anything. He guided me through the toughest times in my life, assuring me that there was light at the end of the tunnel. He helped me conquer fears and obstacles throughout the years that I never imagined doing myself. To Haynes: I could say thank you a million times and it still wouldn't be enough to show you how appreciative I am of you. Because of you, I have learned to see the good in people, but most importantly, to see the best within myself. Thank you."

Samantha Marquez stated, "Mrs. Cipriani is one of the kindest and most welcoming teachers I have ever had. She is so funny, relatable, and easy to talk to. She is not only very dedicated to her students and serves as a mentor for them, she also serves as a friend by cheering us up and making us laugh. Her class is so fun and enjoyable thanks to her charisma and genuine passion for education. I look forward to her class every day because I learn so much and have such a good time there. Through her health science class and mentorship, I became certain that my future career has to be one in the medical field. Thank you for being so awesome, Mrs. Cipriani. I am going to miss you so much."



Diana Rosales stated, "I met Mrs. Cipriani my freshman year in medical terminology. I was sad to leave her class second semester. However, it made me realize that I wanted to work in the medical field. Her stories of when she worked in the hospital have always been intriguing to me. Mrs. Cipriani not only cares about her students grades but also about their well-being outside the classroom. She encourages students to be the best they can be in the classroom and as a person. She is the teacher who will listen and help her students no matter what. Thank you Mrs. Cipriani."



Bryan Randall



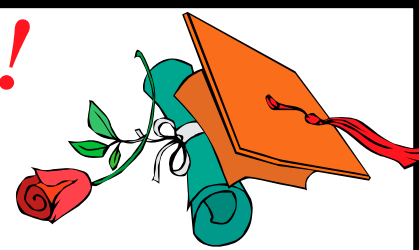
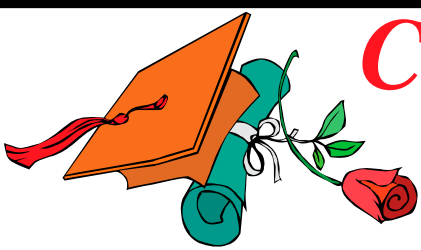
Tiara Layode

Bryan Randall was nominated distinguished educator by Tiara Layode, a Shining Stars award recipient. Concerning Randall, Layode shared, "Mr. Randall is a teacher who doesn't just teach the material that's assigned, but someone who immerses himself in it to the best of his ability to not only accurately teach it, but to make sure it's taught in a way that everyone can comprehend. He's a teacher who takes so much pride and care in his class that he takes the time to learn and practice the material he's teaching himself. I had Mr. Randall both junior year and senior year, and he taught AP U.S. history and AP U.S. government and economics. Despite having to face the difficulty of teaching two new courses that he had no prior experience with, he took the challenge

head on and dedicated all of his free time to learning more so he could teach us to the best of his ability. He goes above and beyond and really pushes himself the extra mile, going as far as to use his own hard earned time and money to give the class the best resources available. Mr. Randall is more than just a teacher, his job doesn't stop once the bell rings, he stays after school every day in case someone needs help and even though you can tell that he's tired or sick he makes his best effort to show up to teach every day with a smile and a positive attitude. Mr. Randall is a mentor and someone who genuinely cares about what he is teaching and has genuinely made such an impact on not only my education, but my perspective on life and how to live it."

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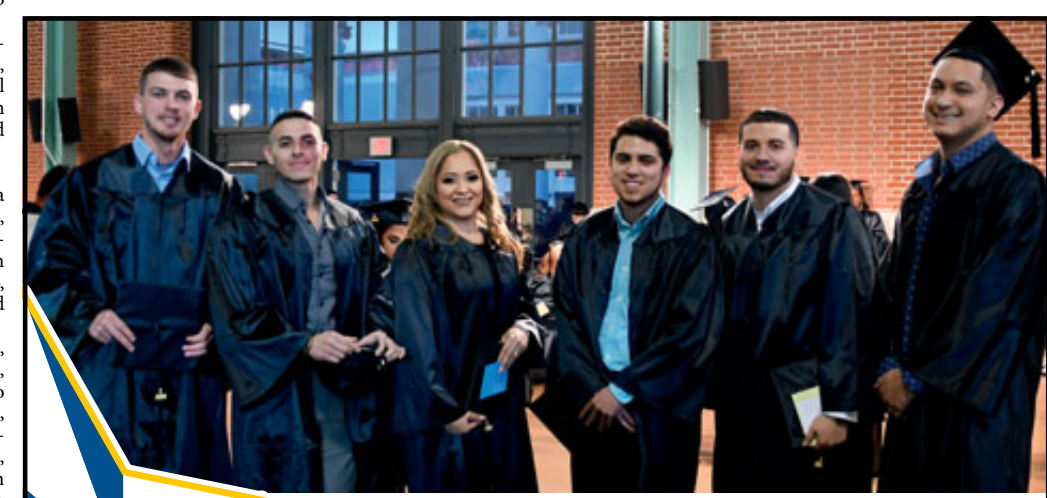
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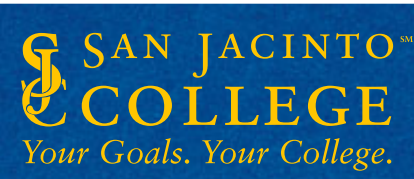
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Looking back at most unusual school year

Publisher's note: This story and Dobie pictures on this page are from previous Leader issues and not current information.

By James Bolen

The 2019-2020 school year has come to a close, in what was the most unique in the area's history, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

"We have definitely not finished this school year like we thought we would when we started," Pasadena ISD Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell said in a video posted to the school district's website. "It's been almost 11 weeks since we have gotten to be together, and that has been really tough. However, again, I'm reminded of how proud I am of our

students, their parents and families, our teachers and our staff. Everyone has worked so hard to keep instruction moving forward and perform the daily operations of our district. We are blessed to be part of Pasadena ISD."

The novel coronavirus scare had forced local schools to complete the spring semester via online distance learning, requiring parents to often assist with teaching.

Several local schools found creative ways to celebrate the closure of the school year since social-distancing guidelines prohibited in-person gatherings.

Atkinson Elementary recently hosted a drive-thru awards ceremony, in which students were presented a

variety of accolades for their achievements, as they picked up their final report card and remaining school supplies.

Dobie High School held a drive-thru senior parade for graduates as they picked up their caps and gowns. Students were greeted with signs congratulating them for their efforts. Students often decorated their vehicles and held signs as well, thanking their teachers.

Powell said while she misses many of the traditional in-person ceremonies associated with the end of the school year, the district intends to maintain its normal graduation events.

"This is usually a very busy time of year when I would personally attend as many award ceremonies, end-of-the-year banquets and fun celebrations that I possibly could fit into my calendar," Powell said. "I miss our students and our staff, and no matter how busy I stay, I find myself thinking about the laughs, the hugs and

the recognitions of achievement that we are all missing. One thing I refuse to give up is our plan to celebrate our Class of 2020. Please know we are moving forward with our plan to celebrate our seniors in July in whatever safe and permissible format that is allowed at that time. Pasadena ISD Class of 2020, we are so proud of you for staying focused and staying strong throughout this pandemic."

Pasadena ISD has tentatively scheduled its graduation ceremonies to take place at NRG Stadium Thursday, July 30, and Friday, July 31.

Dobie High School is set to hold its commencement ceremony Thursday, July 30, at 7 p.m. Also scheduled for Thursday, July 30, are Pasadena High School and Lewis Career and Technical High School, which will hold their graduation ceremonies at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., respectively.

South Houston High School, Sam Rayburn High School and Pasadena Memo-

rial High School will all hold their graduation ceremonies the following day on Friday, July 31. South Houston and Sam Rayburn will share a 4 p.m. time slot, while Memorial's event will be held at 7 p.m.

All plans are flexible, however, and the school district will adhere to all social-distancing practices established by Gov. Greg Abbott.

Not all students have passed, however, and some will be required to take summer school courses or repeat a grade.

According to Pasadena ISD officials, summer school will be also virtual this year, and information will be provided by each campus. Kindergarten through fourth grade will focus on small groups of children who have gaps in their reading and math skills. Students enrolled in Personalized Learning in grades 4-12 will complete focus areas and projects, while grades 5-12 will continue current course

work and recovering failing grades from the first semester. Initial credit will also be offered for high school students. Registration information will be provided by individual schools.

At press time, it remains unclear how instruction will take place in the fall semester and if in-person classes will resume or if schools will continue distance learning, or a combination of the two.

"We are working on a variety of scenarios for returning to school next year. Once we have more direction from the state and local health authorities, we will communicate our plans on how to keep our students and staff safe in the fall semester," Powell said. "The district is monitoring all guidance from the CDC and local health department regarding the safe return to school. It is always our preference to have our students with us on campus, so we are planning for face-to-face instruction with safety protocols in place

to protect students and staff. Once we have all our safety practices outlined, we will survey our parents related to their intentions of sending their children back to school."

Parents should receive these surveys sometime in July and are encouraged by Pasadena ISD officials to respond.

Guidelines for returning library books, devices and other items will be addressed on a campus-by-campus basis.

Powell is grateful for the efforts of both students and staff during these trying times. "Thank you all for the strangest school year I have ever experienced in my 28 years here at Pasadena ISD," Powell said. "However, most of all, I say 'thank you' for all the successes and the accomplishments that were achieved by our students and our staff this school year. We have so much to be proud of and thankful for. So enjoy your summer and stay safe. We are Pasadena ISD strong."

Class of 2020 Valedictorians & Salutatorians



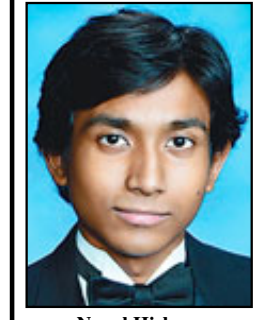
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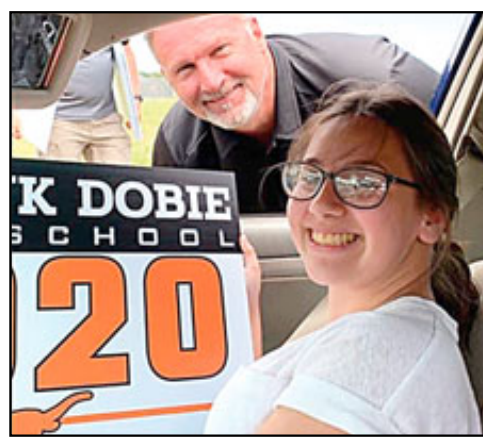
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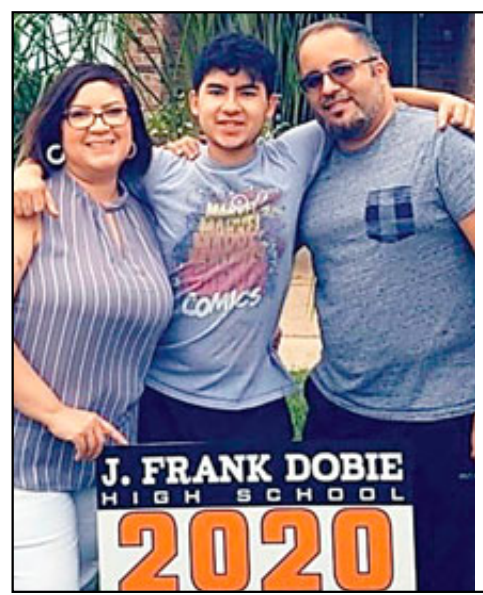
JFD celebrates 2020 graduates



Dobie 2020 graduate Max Montes (right) receives his graduate sign from Franklin Moses, Dobie principal.



Shown above is Moses greeting Emily Mauro, 2020 Dobie graduate, as she receives her yard sign.

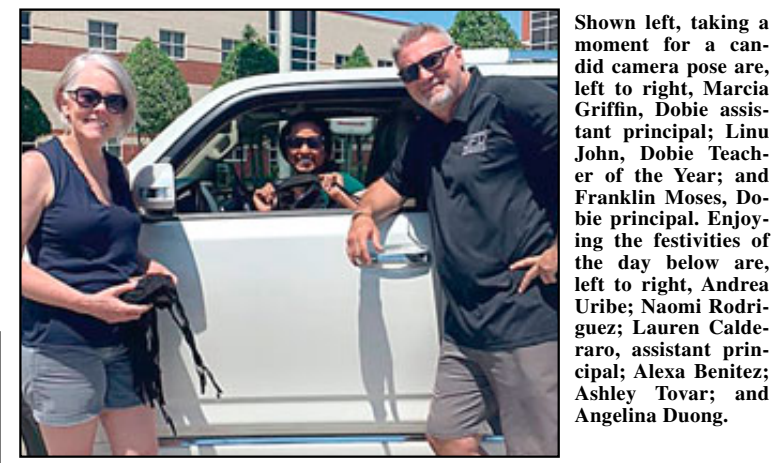


Shown, left to right, Lillian Mokarzel, mother; Jonathan Mokarzel, Dobie graduate; and John Mokarzel, father, are shown with their graduate's sign.

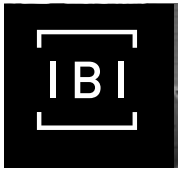
On May 7 Dobie seniors paraded in their cars to receive Dobie Class of 2020 yard signs that were purchased by the school. Dobie principals and counselors lined up, greeted graduating seniors and handed out yard signs to recognize students for their achievements.



Holding brightly colored decorations and greeting the Dobie grads are, left to right, Leah Walker, counselor; Clinton Hopper, assistant principal; Louis Cannon, assistant principal; Keacey Davis, counselor; and Jennifer Haynes, counselor.



Shown left, taking a moment for a candid camera pose are, left to right, Marcia Griffin, Dobie assistant principal; Linu John, Dobie Teacher of the Year; and Franklin Moses, Dobie principal. Enjoying the festivities of the day below are, left to right, Andrea Uribe; Naomi Rodriguez; Lauren Calderaro, assistant principal; Alexa Benitez; Ashley Tovar; and Angelina Duong.



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Pandemic cuts national festival short for JFD band

After earning the right to attend the Music for All National Music Festival in Indianapolis this year and raising the \$1,200 expense for each student, the pandemic cut short the dream of the Dobie High School Band when the governor of Indiana canceled the event 11 hours before they were to perform. Left to right are (first row) assistant director Clay McNeill, Brayan Mendez, Deanna Castellano, Marissa Maxwell, Kiana Casco, (second row) Cristo Lopez, Abraham Pizano, Lizbeth Flores, Renata Cadena, Viviana Frias, Daisy Gonzalez, Giovanni Luna, director of bands Kevin Erickson, (third row) assistant director Daniel Giedraitis, Connor Erickson, Wesley Godwin, Jesse Bustamante, Juan Rodriguez, Victoria Dao, Evan Rodriguez, Christian Reyes, A. J. Corpus, Timmy Phan, (fourth row) Tin Ly, Julian Mata, Carlos Hernandez, Ryan Sarazen, Aaron Garcia, Savannah Garza, Ethan Hernandez, Roy Gomez, Christopher Acevedo, Andrew Garcia, Nathan Lopez, (fifth row) Irene Kim, Amaode Uchendu, Luis Salinas, Raul Belman, Hector Delgado, Michael Garza, Adrian Martinez, Joshua Gamez, Samuel Tinoco, Brenna Cook, Chanel Lofton, Mauricio Lopez, Raymond Ulloa, (sixth row) Luke Burton, Benny Rodriguez, Fernando Gonzales, Sebastian Herrera, Elias Montez, Jacob De La Rosa, Zachary DeHoyos, Caleb Tamez, Terrence Teagle, Julian Hernandez, Kyle Stokes, Colby Arnold, Eric Wilson, Christopher Monita and Andy Neira.



Living with a sewage nightmare

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and state and federal regulators to make massive upgrades to the city's aging sewer infrastructure system was aimed at bringing much-needed relief to area streets such as Hickman's.

Per the new agreement, the city is required to invest \$2 billion in sewer system improvements over the next 15 years. In addition to replacing outdated piping and other infrastructure, the consent decree agreement also requires the city to improve maintenance and educate the public about the dangers of clogging sewer systems. The costly improvements are expected to gradually increase city water rates.

The Leader has reached out to newly elected District D City Council Member Carolyn Evans-Shabazz for assistance in the matter. See future editions of the Leader for updates.



More than two years after her parents first reporting a sewage leak at their home, Kirkwood South resident Chelsea Hickman (left) and her family are still waiting on action to fix the problem. During heavy rains, raw sewage seeps out of the manhole pictured above near Sagepark at Kirkfair. The leak produces a pungent odor that can be detected for several blocks. Rectifying the issue has proven difficult, however, as it is located at the edge of the Houston city limits.

Marlon, Arleen Hulin celebrate 50th anniversary

Marlon and Arleen Hulin, residents of the South Belt area since 1978, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 8. They were married at St. Catherine of Sienna Catholic Church Aug. 8, 1970, in Port Arthur, Texas.

Marlon received his draft notice on his graduation day from Lamar University in 1969 and joined the U.S. Navy.

He left for the Panama Canal Zone one week after they were married and Arleen joined him two months later. Both of their children, Scott (Dobie '90) and Melissa (Dobie '91) were born in the Republic of Panama.

Marlon worked many years in retail – both in sales and management. Many people will remember him as the manager at Corrigan's Jewelers at Baybrook Mall. He retired in 2009.

Arleen received her accounting degree from UH-CLC in 1983. She retired from TOTAL in 2011.

They are both active at St. Luke's Catholic Church. Their family celebration has been postponed until next year due to COVID.

Their family includes son Scott Hulin and his wife Stacy and grandsons Lance and Rhett Hulin in McKinney; and daughter Melissa Turnquist and husband Eric and grandchildren Carolyn and CJ Turnquist in northwest Houston.



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