

Memorial drive-thru set

The St. Luke Social Services Ministry is having a Produce Distribution Drive-Thru in memory of Marcia Birsinger; sponsored by the DiMare Produce. The distribution will be drive-thru and will take place Saturday, May 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or until food runs out. The drive-thru will be a set traffic flow path so follow onsite volunteers' directions. View map of the traffic flow at the church's website www.stlukescatholic.com.

Motorcycle victim identified

The identity of the motorcyclist killed in a May 18 crash in the 10700 block of Fuqua has been identified as Jose Alonzo Gutierrez, of the 700 block of Japonica. According to police Gutierrez, 25, was traveling east at the above address around 3:45 a.m. when he lost control of his motorcycle, striking a curb, pole and tree before coming to a stop. He was pronounced dead at the scene. No other vehicles were involved.

COVID cases by local ZIPs

As of Wednesday, May 27, ZIP code 77089 had 83 confirmed cases of COVID-19, according to Harris County Public Health officials. That figure is seven higher than the 76 count reported on Wednesday, May 20. In ZIP code 77075, county officials are reporting 94 known cases. This is six higher than the 88 cases reported the previous week. County officials are now reporting 77 cases in ZIP code 77034, up six cases from last week. In all, there are currently 11,281 known cases in Harris County, an increase of 1,422 from last week. Of those, 6,581 remain active, up 732 from last week. A total of 4,479 have recovered from the virus in the county, an increase of 676 from the previous week. To date, 221 have died from COVID-19, up 14 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/Resources/2019-Nov-2020-Coronavirus.

HOA seeks nominations

The Sagemeadow HOA will hold an election for three seats on its architectural control committee June 20. This committee is responsible for reviewing and approving changes to property within Sagemeadow subdivision. Nominations will be accepted through June 17. All candidates must be property owners in the Sagemeadow subdivision. For more information see the HOA's website at www.sagemeadow.org.

Beltway closures planned

There will be a total closure of the Fairmont Parkway exit ramp on Beltway 8 through 10 p.m. Tuesday, June 16. At least one northbound and one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Vista to SH 225 daily from 8:30 to 3:30 p.m. through Friday, June 26. At least one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Fairmont Parkway to Genoa Red Bluff daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Monday, June 22. The northbound U-turn lane on the Beltway 8 frontage road at SH 225 will be continuously closed through 5 a.m. Tuesday, June 2. At least one inside lane of the eastbound Beltway 8 frontage road west of Kirby will be closed through 3 p.m. Saturday, June 6. The closures are associated with the project to widen Beltway 8 from two to four lanes in each direction.

Gulf Freeway closures set

The southbound entrance ramp on the Gulf Freeway will be closed at FM 518 until further notice. At least one northbound and one southbound frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM 518 to FM 517 in League City will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Tuesday, June 30. This work will require alternate entrance and exit ramp closures. At least one southbound frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM 517 to Hughes in Texas City will be closed until further notice. The southbound entrance ramp at Texas City FM 517 will be closed until further notice. The closures are associated with a 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.

Self-defense classes go virtual

The American Society of Karate has begun virtual self-defense/martial arts classes for teens and adults (ages 13-80). These virtual classes are Fridays at 7:30 p.m. in the comfort of one's own home. Newcomers are welcome. No previous self-defense or martial arts experience is necessary. To preregister, go to the link <https://ringcentral.com/2XpnhwJ> to fill out a short form. For additional information, email Michael.Alonzo@ASKKa.com or call 281-788-5930.

Free COVID tests May 28-30

The City of Houston and the Texas Division of Emergency Management, are setting up a drive-thru coronavirus testing site at Sagemont Church Annex, 11600 Hughes operating May 28 to May 30. All residents are encouraged to get tested if they feel they have it or have been exposed. To sign up for testing, visit <https://cov-check.hctx.net/>. To schedule an appointment call 832-927-7575. For convenience, confirm the appointment is for the Sagemont testing location.

Produce, fruit to be given

Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz is holding a free produce and fruit distribution Friday, May 29, in the parking lot of Laura Bush Elementary, 9100 Blackhawk, from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Hurricane season begins Monday, June 1

The 2020 hurricane season will begin Monday, June 1, and will continue through Nov. 30. In their annual forecast, meteorologists with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) predicted nine to 16 named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher), including four to eight hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher). Of the hurricanes, four are predicted to be major hurricanes (Category 3, 4 or 5; winds of 111 mph or higher) this season. Experts say this a more active season than average, with one named storm, Tropical Storm Arthur, already formed prior to the official beginning of hurricane season.

South Belt residents should plan accordingly, in the event that a major storm should strike the area. The Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (OHSEM), working in conjunction with the City of Houston and the State of Texas, has issued evacuation routes for community members, should the need arise to leave town. The South Belt area, including ZIP codes 77089 and 77075, is located in what the OHSEM refers to as ZIP-Zone C.

In the case of a Category 4 or 5 storm, those residing in ZIP-Zone C are urged to evacuate by traveling west on Interstate 10 or by heading north on Interstate 45 and highways 290 and 59. OHSEM warns against traveling east, as it will take evacuees closer to the coast and into the more vulnerable ZIP-Zone B. Should the Texas Department of Public Safety issue a mandatory evacuation, contraflow operations will likely be put into effect to expedite the flow of traffic.

On Interstate 10, eastbound lanes would be reversed at FM 359 in Brookshire, just east of Sealy. The contraflow lanes will end at Loop 1604 in San Antonio. Southbound lanes on Interstate 45 would be reversed north of Highway 242, just south of **Continued on Page 8**

Congressman Olson honors SVFD



Congressman Pete Olson presented the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department with a Certificate of Congressional Recognition for the department's "heroic efforts helping Texans in need during the COVID-19 Pandemic." Olson (right) is shown with fire chief Chuck Tylka at a meeting of the department held last week. See related photo Page 8. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Clear Brook wins "School of Character" Only Texas public high school to receive the honor

Clear Brook High School in the Clear Creek Independent School District was named a 2020 National School of Character by Character.org, a national advocate and leader for character development in schools and communities. The campus is also the only public high school in Texas to receive this honor out of a total of 84 schools in the country. "We are pleased to announce and celebrate the schools and school districts who have earned this national recognition," said Dr. Arthur Schwartz, president of Character.org. "Each of them have put in place a comprehensive approach to help

their students understand, care about, and consistently practice the core values that will enable them to flourish in school, in relationships, in the workplace and as citizens." Since its inception, the National Schools of Character program has impacted nearly 3 million students, staff, parents and community members. The schools and school districts who apply must meet the rigorous standards articulated in Character.org's 11 Principles Framework for Schools. Each school is evaluated by a team of trained educators and includes a site visit to **Continued on Page 5**

Pearland facility reports 80 COVID cases

A Pearland senior living facility is now reporting nearly 80 confirmed cases of the COVID-19 virus among residents and staff, according to a recent Channel 2 news report. Windsong Care Center, at 3400 E. Walnut near FM 518, reported its first case April 30, when an employee contracted the disease. That figure has since climbed to 76, including 59 residents and 17 staff members, the report stated. Windsong owner Vicki Morel said the majority of the facility's cases are asymptomatic. Morel said she, too, has contracted the virus but is currently in recovery. To date, two rounds of COVID-19 testing have taken place at the facility. Morel hopes that two

more rounds of tests can be conducted but said she is somewhat dependent on the state for testing, as private testing is difficult and very expensive. She further said the senior care center is adhering to all local, state and federal guidelines on handling the coronavirus cases. Windsong has kept in regular contact with family members and individual doctors have also been contacted anytime a resident has shown possible symptoms. Staff members began COVID-19 training in mid-February and have been taking precautionary measures since. Known cases have been moved to a secluded area, where they are kept in isolation from others.

"Imagine Your Story" reading program set

This year's Summer Reading Program theme is "Imagine Your Story" at the Harris County Library program. The program will encourage readers to explore the worlds of myth, fairytales and fantasy, and emphasize the crucial role of imagination, creating one's own life stories. "Taking the Summer Reading Program online is a new adventure, a new chapter for the library," said Jennifer Schwartz, "And the enthusiasm and can-do attitude of longtime community partners like Ensemble Theater, Da Camera, Apollo Chamber Players, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Books Alive and too many others to name, has been truly gratifying." Harris County Public Library's Summer Reading

Program registration begins June 1, on <https://hcpl.beanstack.org/reader365> or follow the program @HarrisCountyPL on social media. About Harris County Public Library: The mission of Harris County Public Library (HCPL) is to provide information and resources to enrich lives and strengthen communities through innovative services within and beyond its walls. The library has an annual circulation of more than 10 million items and is a network of 26 community-focused branch libraries committed to providing excellent customer service, strong collections and cutting-edge information technology for the 21st century. Visit www.hcpl.net for more information.

County funds \$30 million in relief

Harris County Commissioners Court voted 3-2 to provide economic relief for up to 25,000 Harris County families who are suffering because of the pandemic. Proposed by Precinct 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis, the \$30 million Harris County COVID-19 Relief Fund will help the most vulnerable residents pay for rent, food, medical care, child care and other basic needs. HCCRF - which will be distributed equitably

throughout the county - will provide \$1,200 for households of one to four residents, and \$1,500 for households of five-plus people. It is expected that between 20,000 and 25,000 households will benefit from the fund. "The coronavirus pandemic has created both a health and a financial crisis in our region," Ellis said. "Our communities are hurting. And it is our duty as public servants to make sure that our **Continued on Page 5**

Hidalgo extends Stay Home, Work Safe

At a press conference Thursday, May 21, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo announced she is extending the Stay Home, Work Safe order until at least June 10. "We are no safer than we were in March," Hidalgo said, while wearing a safety mask. "This is no time to tempt fate." The judge urged residents to not get complacent and continue practicing social distancing and other safety protocols.

"I don't want people to get the message that we're done, and the virus is over," Hidalgo said. "There's still no treatment, there's still no cure, there's still no vaccine." The announcement came just one day prior to when local bars and other facilities, such as aquariums and bowling alleys, were allowed by the state to open with certain restrictions. New regulations established guidelines for "public-facing" employees. These allow for **Continued on Page 4**

City pools won't open; locals open June 2

While Memorial Day weekend normally marks the opening of several local swimming pools, these have been postponed this year due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Longtime South Belt resident Bill Cole, who maintains most of the subdivision pools in the community - including Sageglen, Clear Brook Meadow and both pools in Riverstone Ranch - has announced that these pools are set to open Tuesday, June 2. Ashley Pointe will not open until June 15 citing the HOA needed additional time to get ready to open. According to the management company for Highland Meadows, there is no known date for the pool to open. Cole does not work with the Highland Meadow pool. The management company said major repairs are needed for the pool equipment and it is not known when those repairs will be done. Once pools open, they will be limited to

20-percent occupancy, and no guests will be allowed. In the near future, the governor is expected to increase the occupancy to 50 percent. Cole said the only local swimming pool which was open Memorial Day weekend was Golfcrest Country Club in Green Tee, which is a private club. Cole added that many pools in the Greater Houston area aren't expected to open for the remainder of the year. All City of Houston swimming pools and splash pads, including those at Sagemont and Beverly Hills parks, are closed until further notice. At press time, the status of the Harris County splash pad at El Franco Lee Park remained unclear. The Kirkmont subdivision splash pad will not be opened until word comes from Gov. Greg Abbott's office for an official OK.

Motel murder not in South Belt area

Rumors were circulated around the community Tuesday when word got out about a murder at a motel located at 11959 South Sam Houston Parkway South. The information originated from a press release from the city of Houston. The press release contained the correct address, but it was confused by people in the community. The Leader received multiple phone calls and emails regarding the incident and all erroneously thought it was in the South Belt community. When researched on GPS maps, community members showed the complex to be in the location of the newly constructed motel at the entrance of the Sagemont subdivision.

The error regarding the location was not learned about until after this week's Leader was sent to press. Upon learning of the error, the Leader staff was able to "stop the presses" and get the front page corrected. The story on Page 2 was incorrect also. There was no murder at the South Belt location of the motel. The facility is reportedly unaffiliated with other motels in the area under the same name. The new motel had raised eyebrows among local residents for apparently offering hourly rates in addition to overnight stays. The Leader attempted to call the new area business but was unable to find the correct phone number. Other establishments of the same name said they had no information on the South Belt establishment.

Residents unhappy about motel sign



The motel had already drawn the ire of many locals, due to its hourly rates in addition to overnight stays (see above sign). Many feel it is not appropriate for the business so close to a neighborhood. It adjoins the first street in the Sagemont subdivision. The facility is reportedly unaffiliated with other motels in the area under the same name. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Parade canceled; fireworks unsure

Multiple Fourth of July events are being canceled due to coronavirus fears. The annual South Belt Fourth of July parade has been canceled out of social-distancing concerns. This marked the second time in the parade's 33-year history that the event has been canceled. The 2018 parade was rained out. At press time, it was unclear if the annual South Belt Fourth of July fireworks show at El Franco Lee Park is still going forward. The yearly event is funded by the annual

South Belt Spectacular Cook-off, which was already canceled this past April due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Organizers said enough money has been tucked away from previous events to still hold this year's fireworks display, should the county give the approval. Holding the event would largely deplete the group's savings since the annual fund raiser was canceled this year. The size and costs of the annual fireworks display has increased dramatically over the years. The first South Belt fireworks show cost a mere **Continued on Page 8**

In My Opinion

Dittmann: La Voz a service or litter?

Every Saturday morning, La Voz de Houston, a small newspaper targeting our Spanish-speaking neighbors is distributed. The paper states it is Gratis Houston Chronicle. For any non-Spanish readers, La Voz translates to The Voice, and Gratis means Free. The paper arrives in an orange wrapper and is provided weekly to each house in the area.

I live in the Clear Brook Meadows subdivision. At first, I thought only Clear Brook Meadows was being targeted, but a quick drive through Kirkwood South Section 2 last Monday morning revealed that they are being exploited by the Houston Chronicle, also. I did not check other subdivisions.

I have several complaints with La Voz. First, I am not a subscriber of the Chronicle and haven't been for over 15 years. Furthermore, I never requested for my address to be added to their distribution list. I have even called their circulation office twice over the last few months, and requested to be removed from their list. La Voz is still delivered weekly curbside to my house.

Another issue with La Voz is that their 6" x 12" x 1/8" orange plastic wrapper bags containing the paper are not tossed up into the yards - but tossed toward the yards. In their paper distributor's defense, the newspaper is only a few sheets of paper, and consequently, it is difficult to throw accurately. However, that is no excuse for littering our neighborhood streets with orange wrappers each Saturday morning. Myself and many of my neighbors are tired of picking up a newspaper from the street, curbside, or if lucky, the base of our driveways, which we did not request.

On the La Voz website, it claims circulation of 147,000. With their current "shotgun" delivery method used in this community, i.e., toss the orange baglets stuffed with a newspaper toward each yard, they are reaching only a fraction of their targeted community and wasting a huge amount of pulp required to print their paper. I am not a tree hugger, but surely the Houston Chronicle can be

better stewards of trees by specifically targeting households who may at least be able to interpret their paper. Frankly, I am tired of having to opt out of things which others think I might just like to have. And, opting out doesn't even work in this case.

When I think more about La Voz's irresponsible distribution method used in this community, and the non-results I have achieved using normal means, I feel that something needs to be done to get their attention. Two options come to mind. First, can we look into whether La Voz can be charged criminally with 350+ counts littering each week in Clear Brook Meadows alone? Secondly, can La Voz be ordered by a court to use and pay USPS for delivery of La Voz - just like other advertisements pay for delivery? Using individually addressed USPS deliveries, would allow LV to more easily reach their targeted demographics, reduce the wastage of paper, reduce litter - a win-win-win for all parties. Furthermore, it would put LV on cost parity with other commercial advertising companies which bundle weekly ads and coupons. Any assistance in addressing this litter issue from the La Voz de Houston orange wrappers would be appreciated.

A final thought and thinking slightly outside of the box: Maybe, Clear Brook Meadows can contract with our private waste management company to add the picking up of all of the orange wrappers remaining on the streets during Tuesday AM trash pickup to our current bill. Then, we send the extra charge to La Voz for payment.

Bill Dittmann

KC chairs voice gratitude for donors

Thanks again for the *Leader's* support of Blood Drives in our area. The World Health Organization declared coronavirus to be an epidemic March 11th.

Since then, South Belt residents have stepped up and donated 113 units of blood products at the Knights of Columbus at St. Luke the Evangelist blood drive, and most likely a lot more at other sites and at the Gulf Coast Re-

gional Blood Centers in Pasadena and Pearland.

Thank you for the helpful publicity. Blood is needed to save lives.

As more surgical opportunities are opening up, the blood supply needs replenishment.

Val Comeaux and John Urdiales, co-chairs Knights of Columbus at St. Luke the Evangelist blood drive

Jackson: Lost in Interpretation

For the record, it is not for me to try to speak for God on particular issues, however, it would seem there may be a credibility gap with some evangelical spokesmen professing to know what God intends for America. And how He makes it known to us. Well, by their interpretations, anyway.

As reference, there was an article in the April 21, 2020 New York Daily News, wherein Pat Robinson is quoted as saying COVID-19 is just the latest (curse) God has sent as a reminder that He is not pleased with America's practice of, and tolerance with, abortion and same-sex marriage.

It was also said He sent Hurricane Katrina because of New Orleans blatant homosexuality.

Moreover, a couple of them (Robinson and Jerry Falwell) agreed on the 700 Club (Sept 13, 2001), God, being displeased over America's "moral decay," removed His Divine Protection of America thus allowing the horror of 9/11 to happen. 9/11 where thousands of otherwise innocent men, women, and children died for the sins of others.

Too often it seems these self-proclaimed interpreters of God's message will cherry-pick Scripture and quote something that they believe best fits the present moment. In this case, COVID-19 it is "God's way to 'hold us guilty' " for abortion and same sex marriage. As proof of this Robinson chose 2 Chron 7:14 "if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

At that time God was talking to His people, Israel; the Jews. It is difficult to believe this passage was somehow meant for today, and the billions of the other people on the Earth.

This virus does not seek out just those who "sin," according to certain televangelists.

Very devout Christians, innocent babies, holy men and women of all faiths, saints and sinners alike have - and will succumb to this virus. Not God's virus Nature's virus.

By using such (mis)interpretations, could others then attribute the 2017-2020 US catastrophes to the last presidential election? To wit: 2017 gave us Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, 2018 was Florence and Michael, then the super fires of California and other western states in 2019 as God's punishment for us electing Donald Trump? Yes, of course they could. But that, too, would be erroneous.

Perhaps the good reverends should re-read Colossians 3:12 "So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

And also direct their audience to Matthew 7:15 "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves."

Now is not the time for turning Holy Scripture into a tool to separate us spiritually, but rather something to help us come together as a people, a species, struggling to cope with a viral pandemic.

Ed Jackson

Bill King on City of Houston budget

I am guessing that if you asked the average Houstonian how they would feel about increasing the number of City employees by 625 positions while cutting back on the number of police officers, almost no one would agree. Yet, the budget proposal Mayor Sylvester Turner has sent to Council proposes to do precisely that.

The budget includes a section called the Citywide Personnel Summary. It shows the actual number of employees at the end of the last fiscal year (June 30, 2019), what the estimated number will likely be at the end of the current fiscal year (June 30, 2020), and the planned number of employees of next year (FY2020-21).

As you can see, the City increased its headcount last year by 171 employees, and now plans to add 625 more employees in the coming year. That is a 3% increase in one year, a year when the City's population was, at best, flat.

The budget reduces the number of police officers by 28 positions (5,268 vs 5,240). However, the actual number will fall by much more because the budget also cuts all five police cadet classes next year. In an average year, HPD loses 200-250 officers per year to retirement.

With no incoming cadets to backfill those retirements, we will more likely be back down to about 5,000 officers by the end of the year. This comes at a time that violent crime has been on the rise for the last two years and has recently seen even a larger surge.

The increases are spread across many departments. Public works has the largest increase at 155 positions. The Houston Airport System is planning to add 73 positions, which seems particularly ill-advised considering the current state of the airline industry. There are 42 positions being added to the Building Permitting section, which sorely needs to add some help.

Reducing staff is something no one ever wants to do. But hard times call for difficult decisions. Companies all over the Houston region have been forced to cut back their workforce. The public sector should not be exempt from making those hard choices as well.

If a pandemic, collapse in the energy industry and being forced to drain the rainy day fund on the eve of hurricane season does prompt the City to reduce its workforce, whatever would?

Bill King

People in Texas warned as telephone scammers set to cash in on coronavirus

People in Texas are being warned to be extra vigilant as scam callers are likely to ramp up their activity over the next few weeks to take advantage of increasing amounts of people being at home due to the current coronavirus outbreak.

CPR Call Blocker, makers of the best-selling call blocking device in the U.S., is predicting that scammers and fraudsters will be ready to strike and take advantage of the situation as more states go into lockdown, forcing people to stay at home, and is warning people in Texas to be on their guard for a rise in bogus calls.

In a bid to beat the scammers who are likely to take advantage of this extraordinary situation, CPR Call Blocker has compiled the top five active scams that people in Texas should watch out for over the next few weeks as the coronavirus situation unfolds:

Fake test kits scam - someone may call claiming to offer free coronavirus testing kits and will ask for personal information and health insurance details. A common version of this scam targets diabetic individuals that are at higher risk, where a scam caller will offer both a free coronavirus test kit and a free diabetic monitor.

FDIC scam Scammers posing as employees from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation will ask for sensitive information, such as a social security number and bank account information, over the phone as a precondition to receive federal money. Remember the FDIC would never make unsolicited phone calls asking for personal information and money, and, especially, would not put pressure on the person being called or make threats.

Charity scam One may get a call from someone claiming to be from a charitable organization which is collecting donations for individuals, groups or areas affected by coronavirus. The caller will request cash donations to be sent in the mail,

by wire transfer or by gift card.

Health care provider scam Scammers pretending to work for a health care provider may say that a relative or friend has been treated for coronavirus, and then demand immediate payment for treatment before threatening legal action if one doesn't pay. Health care providers would not contact anyone this way.

Student loan scams A person may receive a call saying that new measures due to the coronavirus outbreak will have an effect on a student loan, and that person needs to call a different phone number to find out how the new measures will impact future payment obligations. By calling this number, a scammer may ask for personal information such as one's social security number and credit card details.

While the list is not exhaustive, CPR Call Blocker hopes to make people in Texas aware that scammers are becoming more inventive and if something sounds too good to be true or out of the ordinary, then it could well be a scam.

Chelsea Davies from CPR Call Blocker said: "As more and more restrictions are put into place in the U.S., we predict that scammers are going to take advantage of more people being at home and, with many of those people also being distracted or stressed about the coronavirus situation, this could be a recipe for disaster. When people are feeling vulnerable or distracted, it can be too easy to say 'yes' to something without checking first whether it's genuine.

"We're warning people in Texas to bear this in mind and we would always strongly recommend never giving one's bank details or paying for something over the phone that you're unsure of. Especially if the call you receive is the first time you have heard of any payment that needs to be made."

To stop receiving scam and nuisance calls, follow CPR Call Blocker's quick

House Speaker Dennis Bonnen gives COVID-19 update

Following Gov. Greg Abbott's declaration of disaster and recent developments related to COVID-19, Texas Speaker of the House Dennis Bonnen issued an update on measures the state is taking to thwart the spread of coronavirus in Texas.

"The State of Texas has identified a course of action to mitigate and respond to the spread of COVID-19 in our state and is taking swift action to implement these measures as we speak," said Bonnen. "I support Gov. Abbott's decision to declare a state of disaster for all counties in Texas and appreciate his extraordinary leadership and transparency throughout this situation. As a result of his announcement, the state will have greater flexibility and resources to contain this outbreak and protect the most vulnerable among us." The declaration will expedite the use and deployment of all resources necessary to enhance preparedness and response by: Activating the state emergency management plan and the State Operations Center to enhance the state's planning and response capabilities. Increasing availability and capacity of testing statewide.

Giving TDEM the ability to reassign and fully utilize appropriate personnel where they are needed most.

Providing the immediate ability to move resources around the state, including resources obtained through the Strategic National Stockpile.

Empowering the Office of the Texas Attorney General to pursue cases of price-gouging and ensure offenders are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Restricting visitations at facilities includ-

ing nursing homes, state-supported living centers, hospitals, daycare facilities, prisons, jails, and juvenile justice facilities, with exceptions for situations like end-of-life visitations after proper screening takes place.

Directing state agencies to take any action necessary to facilitate telemedicine and flexible work policies.

Bonnen remains in communication with Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, members of the House of Representatives and other local, state, and federal authorities to receive updates on the state's containment and response efforts. Abbott's declaration follows the Speaker's memorandum to members of the Texas House of Representatives and House personnel, which detailed measures the Speaker's Office has taken to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in and around our State Capitol.

In the interest of public health, we encourage all Texans to take similar additional measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 to those around them, including: washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing the nose, coughing or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol. Avoid touching one's face with unwashed hands.

Stay home if one is sick and avoid contact with others who are sick. Cover a cough or sneeze with a tissue, then dispose of it in the trash. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using household sprays or wipes.

Avoid nonessential large public gatherings, if possible.

Boeing employees fund donation

Communities In Schools - Bay Area was awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Enterprise Employees Community Fund of Boeing Houston in support of dropout prevention programming at Clear Lake High School.

Founded in 1989, Communities In Schools - Bay Area (CIS - Bay Area) is a dropout prevention organization that provides individualized case management services, targeted group activities, and campuswide programming for more than 23,000 students on 20 Clear Creek and Dickinson ISD campuses. CIS - Bay Area's school-based services include basic needs assistance, academic interventions, resource connection, social emotional learning, enrichment activities and behavioral health support.

"A good education is everyone's chance to excel in life. ECF Houston places a high value on education and is proud to support organizations doing their best to help everyone achieve academically," stated Boeing Houston ECF representative Nick Harp. One of the largest employee-owned and managed funds of its kind in the world, the Enterprise Employees Com-

munity Fund of The Boeing Company has been empowering employees to make greater impact by pooling their tax-deductible donations for more than 60 years. Employee advisory boards provide combined employee donations to nonprofits in their community through grants. Since 2016, Boeing Houston ECF has contributed \$24,500 in grant support for Communities In Schools - Bay Area programs.

"We are honored that Boeing Houston employees have chosen to invest in CIS - Bay Area. Community support is important for us to accomplish our mission, and this amazing contribution will go toward our work in reaching more students at Clear Lake High School who are at-risk for dropping out of school," states Dr. Peter Wuenschel, executive director of Communities In Schools - Bay Area.

Communities In Schools - Bay Area's mission is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. For more information on Communities In Schools - Bay Area dropout prevention programs, visit www.cisba.org or call 281-486-6698. Through purposeful investments, employee engagement and thoughtful advocacy efforts, Boeing and its employees support innovative partnerships and programs that align with the company's strategic objectives, create value and help build better communities worldwide. To learn more, visit www.boeing.com/principles/community-engagement.page.

Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca

A member of *The Official South Belt & Sagemont Area Crime Alert* Facebook group posted that she was robbed Tuesday, May 19, at the Walmart gas station on Fairmont Parkway in Pasadena. The suspect took her purse and wallet from her vehicle. The member later was contacted through Facebook that some of her items were found on the sidewalk on Sabo between Kroger and Mirabella apartments. The member is asking the community if anyone comes across any items with the name of Lamis Y. Baker, with DOB 12/19 to contact her through Facebook.

On the same Facebook group a member posted that their neighbor's house was broken into on Tuesday, May 19. The member states that the suspect took off running as the member pulled into the driveway. The incident happened on Davenport Drive.

On the same Facebook group a member shared a post that at the brand new motel at the Gulf Freeway and Beltway 8 there is an investigation into a fatal shooting. (See story Page 1.) The post was learned on Wednesday to be inaccurate. The motel was actually across town. Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of a man found about 7:30 p.m. last Friday, May 22. The victim, approximately 50 to 60 years old, was pronounced dead at

the scene. His identity is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences. HPD Homicide Division Detectives C. Arrington and L. Osborn reported, when the victim failed to check out of his motel room on time, the front desk clerk went to check on him. Inside the room, the clerk found the victim lying on the floor. The clerk called for an ambulance and responding Houston Fire Department paramedics pronounced the victim deceased. He had suffered a single gunshot wound. There are no known witnesses or suspects. Anyone with information in this case is urged to call the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS. See related story on Page 1.

A member of *People of Sagemont 2* Facebook group shared a post that Pizza Hut is calling all 2020 grads! Pizza Hut wants to celebrate all of Class of 2020 accomplishments with a special gift of free pizza, of course. If one is part of the Class of 2020, one can get a free medium 1-topping pizza through June 4, or when supplies are exhausted. Visit www.pizzahut.com/gradparty and follow the instructions to sign in to ones Hut Rewards account (if one does not have a Hut Rewards account, one will be directed to create an account). One will receive a digital coupon that can be redeemed for a free pizza.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

All-District 24-6A Varsity Girls' Soccer

Co-Most Valuable Players
Alex Staat, Clear Springs
Logan Heausler, Clear Lake

Offensive Most Valuable Player
Katie Marker, Clear Springs

Defensive Most Valuable Player
Rebekah Rehrer, Clear Lake

Goalkeeper of the Year
Maddy Anderson, Clear Falls

Senior of the Year
Gabriella Paganucci, Clear Creek

Co-Utility Players of the Year
Emily McCoy, Alvin
Kyra Guhl, Clear Lake
Rylee Robinson, Clear Springs

Co-Newcomers of the Year
Haley Conrad, Clear Falls
Anna Wilson, Alvin

Coach of the Year
Lisa Manis, Clear Lake

First-Team Selections-Brook
Makayla Ecord
Salma Arriaga

Second-Team Selections-Brook
Sarah Brasseaux
Adrianna Taing

Honorable Mention-Brook
Reina Robinson
Donya Becker
Tamia Moody

All-District 24-6A Varsity Boys' Soccer

Most Valuable Player
Anthony Kamenica, Clear Springs

Offensive Most Valuable Player
Louis Balla, Clear Falls

Defensive Most Valuable Player
Parker Westover, Clear Springs

Goalkeeper of the Year
Brandon Perez, Clear Brook

Newcomer of the Year
Jorge Barahoma, Dickinson

Coach of the Year
Kenny Webb, Clear Springs

First-Team Selections
Dalton Brown, Clear Springs
Herbie Martinez, Clear Springs
Christian Medrano, Clear Springs
Emiliano Quintanilla, Clear Springs
Ralph Rieth, Clear Springs
Ronoldo Gonzales, Clear Creek
Lucian Jurnalov, Clear Creek
Jason Kassu, Clear Creek
Jordan Pruitt, Clear Creek
Omeed Nazemi, Clear Brook
Yusef Hussein, Clear Brook
Eduardo Hernandez, Clear Brook
Riley Carleton, Clear Falls
Jonathan Hinojosa, Clear Falls
Jace McGovern, Clear Falls
Alex Martinez, Dickinson
Bryant Huerta, Dickinson
Dylan McCoy, Alvin
Emanuel Delapaz, Alvin
Isaac Leija, Clear Lake
Shone Iida, Clear Lake

Second-Team Selections
Jose Caridad, Clear Springs
Justin Cascals, Clear Springs
Garin Davis, Clear Springs
Michael Massoud, Clear Springs
Reagan Pyle, Clear Springs
Gianluca Huerta, Clear Creek
Alan Nguyen, Clear Creek
Carlos Pineda, Clear Creek
Rey Rascon, Clear Brook
Noah Garcia, Clear Brook
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Dominik Komwinski, Clear Falls
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Kevin Mendez, Dickinson
Brandon Trejo, Dickinson
Nahum Moscot, Alvin
Israel Lopez, Alvin
Tom Saunders, Clear Lake
Waleed Zaman, Clear Lake

Honorable Mention-Clear Brook
Eli Alaniz
Harrison Mees
Hamza Memon

Youth sports activities can resume, particulars remain

While Gov. Greg Abbott's May 18 announcement concerning phase 2 of reopening in the state seemingly opened some doors of opportunity, there are still many questions left unanswered, at least for now.

Youth leagues such as the South Belt Girls Softball Association and the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League will be allowed, if they so wish, to commence activities June 1, yet as of press time El Franco Lee

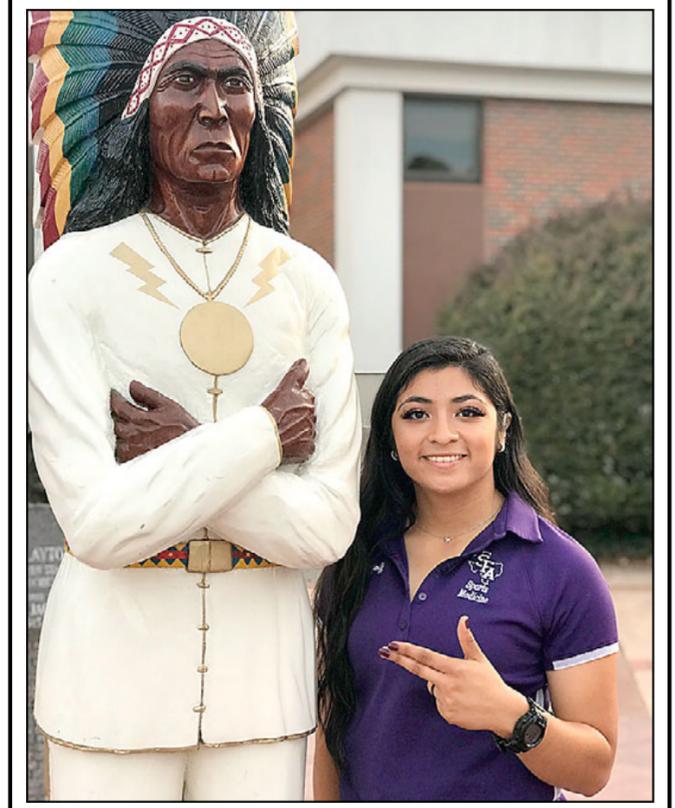
Park, the home facility for both leagues, had not opened for business. Also, Abbott announced that both youth sports camps (June 1) and school-related sports activities such as strength and conditioning

(June 8) can proceed with caution, yet there are still parameters that need to be set concerning social distancing, etc.

In terms of the high school strength and conditioning camps, the University Interscholastic League has established June 8 as go time, but programs across the state are

sure to proceed with caution. At the very least there is progress toward a return to normalcy, at least for now. But it will still take several additional days or even weeks to establish just what that normalcy will be. The *Leader* will have additional scheduling updates available in its June 4 issue.

Menjivar to University of Hawaii



Dobie High School graduate Melany Menjivar is continuing her rise in the athletic training ranks as she has graduated from Stephen F. Austin University with a Bachelor of Science in kinesiology. She has completed four years of undergraduate studies in SFA's Athletic Training program and this summer begins a four-year graduate athletic training program at the University of Hawaii.

Lajaunie scholarship tennis event comes on June 26-28

It's a go for June 26-28 as the ninth annual Darren Lajaunie Scholarship Fund Tennis Invitational will take place at the Harry Taylor Tennis Center in Pasadena.

graduate and former tennis standout Darren Lajaunie, who died of complications from cancer in 2010. His wife, Camille Lajaunie, is the event founder.

rect email to Camille Lajaunie at cjlaunie@gmail.com.

The official registration form is available via the tournament website at dltennisscholarships.com, as players will have the option of entering a variety of male and female singles or doubles categories in addition to mixed doubles. The registration fee is \$35 per player for singles or \$22.50 per player for doubles. To register or to gain additional information, direct email to tournament director John Thomas at tjohnjr@gmail.com or call him at 713-941-8631. The event honors Dobie

Funds raised from the event go toward youth tennis camp scholarships as well as college education scholarships to deserving Dobie High School tennis players. Current Dobie players may also compete in the 2020 Lajaunie event free of charge. To do so, call Longhorn head tennis coach Manuel Moreno Jr. at 713-417-8062. At this year's event, individually-packaged snacks and refreshments will be provided in addition to hand sanitizer. Applicable social-distancing measures will also apply. For additional information, di-

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SBHLL 2020 season officially canceled

In a final move that was not a matter of if but when, the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League has announced that the 2020 season has been officially canceled, coming just days after neighboring Pearland Little League made the same announcement. SBHLL home facility El Franco Lee Park is expected to remain closed to large gatherings through at least mid-June, and the calendar simply became an issue as league officials determined

there was simply no immediate opportunity to provide players with a safe and enjoyable experience. As for registration fee refunds, those who have paid in full will be eligible for a partial refund, while those who were on a payment plan will not. After costs associated with maintenance equipment, supplies, insurance, uniforms and league charters are determined, the league is expected to determine how

much the partial refunds will be. Those who sponsored teams for 2020 will still receive a commemorative plaque and will receive appropriate outfield fence signage/banner during the 2021 season. Similarly, the South Belt Girls Softball Association has also offered a refund program for 2020. As these matters are addressed in time, league officials continue to ask for

patience as the appropriate decisions are made.

Wolverines' Perez lands Goalkeeper of the Year

District leaders Clear Springs in both the varsity boys' and varsity girls' soccer standings grabbed top honors as the District 24-6A head coaches recognized all-district award winners as well as first- and second-team picks along with honorable mention choices. Clear Springs' Anthony Kamenica, who had led

his Chargers to a league-leading 7-0-2 mark when play was halted, was the 24-6A boys' Most Valuable Player. For the girls, Clear Springs' Alex Staat led her team to first place at the break and shared Most Valuable Player accolades with Clear Lake's Logan Heausler. The upstart Clear Brook boys' squad, paced by

Goalkeeper of the Year Brandon Perez, was in third place when play ended and had qualified for the postseason. The Wolverines' first-team selections included Yusuf Hussein and Eduardo Hernandez. Brook's girls did not win a league game but got Makayla Ecord and Salma Arriaga on the 24-6A girls' first team.

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Hidalgo retains "Stay Home"

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 15-minute breaks every four hours for employees to wash their hands, and employers are now prohibited from forcing employees to remove protective masks against their wishes.
 While the new rules are open to only limited legal enforcement, Hidalgo said all companies that prevent employees from wearing masks will be put "on notice."
 Hidalgo said the new regulations conform with orders from Gov. Greg Abbott. "I'm very much committed to staying aligned with the parameters he issues," Hidalgo said.
 During the press conference, Hidalgo also laid out new regulations for workers in the county's manufacturing sector.
 The measures are similar to those set out in the public-facing industry.
 Hidalgo attributed Harris County's relatively low COVID-19 figures to its existing preventative measures already taken and encouraged residents to maintain awareness.
 "The only reason we haven't seen it as bad here as Italy and New York is we've done social distancing," Hidalgo said. "We've done our work."
 As of Thursday's press conference, there were more than 10,000 cases in Harris County, including more than 200 deaths.
 For complete details on the new county order, visit ReadyHarris.org.

Engineering facility now at San Jac South



The new 74,000-square-foot Engineering and Technology building is set to open at the San Jacinto College South campus, once in-person classes are allowed by the state to resume. Funded by the college district's 2015 bond election, the new facility will offer courses in a wide variety of workforce training programs.

New engineering, cosmetology facilities opening at SJC South

Two new buildings are set to open on the San Jacinto College South campus, once in-person classes resume.
 Funded as part of a 2015 bond election, the new facilities will focus on workforce training, rather than traditional academics.
 New structures include an Engineering and Technology building and a Cosmetology center.
 The Engineering and Technology building will occupy 74,000 square feet. Featured training programs include the following:
 - Biomedical equipment repair technology.
 - X-Ray/CT scanning.
 - Computer information technology.
 - Cyber security.
 - Applications programming.
 - Simulation and game design.
 - Web development/design.
 - Desktop support and network administration.
 - Computer science (academic transfer).
 - Engineering (academic transfer).
 - Engineering design graphics.
 - Mechanical.
 - Petro/industrial.
 - Architectural/civil/structural.
 The new facility will also include a makerspace, 3D printing lab, wood shop, metal shop and a 36-student creation space.
 The new 39,000-square-foot cosmetology center will offer the following programs:
 - Cosmetology operator.
 - Cosmetology instructor.
 - Esthetics.
 - Nail specialty.
 - Massage therapy.
 - Barber crossover (coming soon).
 - Eyelash extension.
 - Salon and spa.
 Other highlights at the San Jacinto College South campus from the 2015 bond election include infrastructure improvements and the addition Early College High School facilities for both Dobie and South Houston.
 In all, nine new buildings are to be constructed throughout the San Jacinto College District.
 While ribbon-cuttings for the two new buildings at the south campus were originally scheduled to take place last month, they are now tentatively set to occur later this summer or in early fall, according to San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer.
 Any final plans on reopening, however, hinge on guidelines established by Gov. Greg Abbott.

San Jac South gets new cosmetology building



San Jacinto College's new cosmetology center is set to open on the school's south campus once Gov. Greg Abbott deems local campuses safe to reopen to the public. The new 39,000-square-foot facility was part of the college's \$425 million bond election held in 2015. In all, the referendum provided for nine new buildings districtwide and also expanded San Jacinto's Early College High School program.
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Melillo staff celebrate teachers



Melillo staff members showing support for Melillo teachers with artistic posters are, left to right, Chris Bui, assistant principal; Lilliana Monita, counselor; Jennifer Saucedo, assistant principal; Jacqueline Carmona, counselor; and Diane Wheeler, Melillo principal.

In honor of Teacher Appreciation Week, Melillo principal, assistant principals and counselors handed out goodie buckets "curbside" to show their appreciation to their teachers.



Melillo assistant principals Jennifer Saucedo and Chris Bui are shown greeting teachers with an encouraging sign.



Paloma Gonzalez, a support teacher receives her bucket of goodies.



Shown above, Olivia Mah, a Melillo support teacher, reaches for her bucket filled with nice surprises.



Patty Gordon, a support teacher at Melillo, smiles as she receives her bucket from staff members.



Teachers Kayla Joos (left) and Jennifer Wicks are seen enjoying the curbside service of their basket delivery.



Dr. Karen Hickman, Pasadena ISD deputy superintendent of academic achievement, stopped by with her faithful friend to give an in-car greeting to Melillo staff members.

Airports shine in list of top 100

Houston Airports shined once again at the 2020 Skytrax World Airport Awards by earning a long list of honors in various categories including World's Top 100 Airports, Best Airport Dining, Best Airport Staff and World's Best Website and Digital Services. Houston remains the only city in the Western Hemisphere to have two four-star Skytrax-rated airports.

The top honors went to George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH), which received the highest ranking among U.S. airports in the World's Top 100 Airports category and placed as second-best airport in North America. IAH climbed seven spots in rank to No. 31 among the top world airports, up from No. 38 in 2019. IAH also ranked fourth in the World's Best Airport Dining Experience category and finished sixth in the rankings for Best Airport Staff in North America.

William P. Hobby Airport (HOU) received noteworthy accolades as well, finishing at third among Best Regional Airports in North America. HOU ranked sixth for best airports with 10-20 million passengers. Globally,

HOU finished at No. 67, up from No. 85 in 2019.

Houston Airports' website, Fly2Houston.com and digital services were named World's Best – for the second year in a row.

"We are deeply honored by these achievements," said Mario Diaz, Houston Airports director. "We don't just talk about our commitment to providing a world-class customer experience, we act on it every single day. This year especially, I want to dedicate our awards to the men and women who work tirelessly every day to keep our airports functional during this COVID-19 pandemic. I am so proud of Houston Airports' staff for maintaining such high standards."

This was the fifth year in a row that HOU received a four-star rating and the third straight year IAH received the same distinction from Skytrax, a leading global air transport rating organization. "George Bush Intercontinental Airport is known globally for providing superb customer experience and William P. Hobby Airport is a first-class operation," Mayor Sylvester Turner said. "Our Houston

Airports employees always put passengers first, and that philosophy reaps tremendous benefits for Houston and the surrounding region. I am immensely proud of what our airports accomplish year-round and especially during this challenging time."

In the scorecard for Bush Airport, improvements from 2019 include:

- An increased cumulative score of 4.20 for transportation.
- An increased cumulative score of 4.02 for information counters.
- An increased cumulative score of 4.08 for leisure facilities.
- An increased cumulative score of 4.67 for the free Wi-Fi available at the airport.
- An increased cumulative score of 4.60 for vehicle parking.
- An increased cumulative score of 4.11 for food and beverage options and pricing.

In the scorecard for Hobby Airport, improvements from 2019 include:

- An increased cumulative score of 4.87 for vehicle parking.
- An increased cumulative

score of 4.75 for ease of check-in facilities.

- An increased cumulative score of 4.57 for signage aiding and processing of international travelers.
- An increased cumulative score of 4.36 for terminal cleanliness.
- An increased cumulative score of 4.00 for prayer rooms.
- An increased cumulative score of 4.50 for transit.

The Skytrax awards were announced as challenges mount at airports across the world because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Beyond the present crisis, these 4-star ratings are indicative of the consistency and sustained excellence that each Houston Airports employee is committed to," Diaz said. "Despite this crisis, we will use this time to continue to make improvements that will help us reach our vision of establishing Houston Airports as a five-star global air service gateway where the magic of flight is celebrated."

The complete results of the Skytrax World Airport Awards can be found at this link <https://www.worldairportsawards.com>.

Nguyen places 1st in art contest

Fred Roberts Middle School sixth-grader student, Delayla Nguyen participated in the 2020 *Jack and Jill* Magazine Cover Contest.

Nguyen's design was chosen as the first place winner. Nguyen has been

passionate about art since kindergarten.

When her parents ask her what she wants for birthdays and Christmas she always requests art supplies and nothing else.

Her mother was an art major in college and has

shared her knowledge and skills with Nguyen.

Nguyen began entering art contests since 2017 and enters several throughout the year.

In 2019 she entered the Department of Transportation calendar contest and

won; her artwork is now published in the 2020 DOT calendar.

She has also won the first place prize of \$50 in the Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival.

Her most recent accomplishment is the *Jack and Jill* Magazine cover art contest. It took her two months to complete her artwork

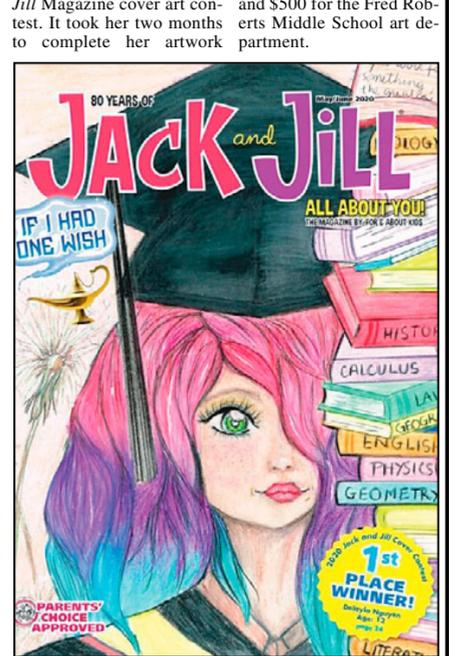
submission.

She was ecstatic to win first place and have her artwork displayed on the magazine cover.

For winning she received the cover image with her name, a bundle prize from the magazine, and \$500 for the Fred Roberts Middle School art department.



Delayla Nguyen, Fred Roberts Middle School sixth-grader placed first in contest.



The winning artwork of Delayla Nguyen demonstrates her creativity and flair using a variety of colors. This work of art was chosen as the May-June 2020 cover of *Jack and Jill* Magazine.

County OKs funds to help through COVID

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most vulnerable residents, who were already living paycheck to paycheck, do not lose everything in the midst of this crisis."

Three weeks ago, Commissioners Court voted to tentatively approve \$15 million for the fund. As the public health crisis continues, the need for relief grows.

Increasing the fund to \$30 million will allow double the reach and help more people, especially those

who are now unemployed, ill or caring for someone who is sick.

"Not all job losses are equal," Ellis said. "Our food service, health care and retail workers – the backbone of our workforce, who are already struggling to make ends meet – have been hit the hardest. Federal funding helps, but it is not enough."

"The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act Equal Impact Payments did not reach all low-income residents,"

said Commissioner Ellis. "Students and adults with disabilities who are listed as dependents and many households with immigrants are among those who won't receive a dime."

This fund will target communities who are struggling the most—households below 60 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI), victims of domestic violence, youth aged out of foster care, and those in homeless shelters.

The county's Relief

Fund will be managed by the Greater Houston Community Foundation, which already is managing a COVID-19 relief fund.

The foundation has the knowledge, capacity, values and community trust to administer the fund.

The foundation will ensure that the funds reach all residents by working with nonprofit, community-based organizations that serve vulnerable communities and through an accessible public intake process.

Clear Brook only Texas public high school to win honor

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assess how a school's "shared values" are motivating students to do the right thing.

"This distinction means the world to the Clear Brook students, staff and parents," said Dr. Sharon Lopez, principal of the school. "It is a testament to the leadership of the Character Ac-

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History of Character.org

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that focus on core values and character strengths vital to student and school success.

Character.org is widely known for its 11 Principles, a comprehensive framework developed by school leaders and character development researchers.

During the past 20 years, more than 900 schools and

school districts – after an independent and rigorous evaluation process – have been certified a National School of Character.

The vision for Character.org is to expand the work to families, sports and the workplace.

For additional information, visit www.character.org/schools-of-character.

Education foundation funds student access

The Clear Creek Education Foundation (CCEF) recently funded internet Wi-Fi hotspots for families facing extreme economic hardship as a result of COVID-19 outbreak and resulting restrictions.

"The COVID-19 crisis has left countless challenges and unknowns in its wake, but student access to learning resources should not be one of them," said Dr. Robert Bayard, CCISD chief technology officer.

"On any given day, CCISD is grateful for the Clear Creek Education Foundation's generous support of innovative opportunities for our students and staff.

"On this day, however, we are thankful of the foundation's attention to the needs of students whose success lies in the balance of equal access to those learning opportunities."

The current distance-learning environment has brought to the forefront challenges faced by students without internet access at home. Even before the COVID-19 crisis and expected future economic impacts, CCISD's economically disadvantaged population was more than 28 percent.

From the early days of the stay-at-home orders, the district began communicating the various ways

in which families without internet at home could find and connect to available access points.

To determine if an internet access barrier still exists, teachers regularly reach out to students and parents who are not responding to communications or submitting assignments.

Teachers worked with counselors and the CCISD technology department to identify students in need of support and safely distribute the devices.

The hotspots are prepaid phones, without calling capability, that are repurposed to act as a device that provides students the ability to access a filtered internet

and CCISD learning platforms.

The Clear Creek Education Foundation underwrote \$11,700 to purchase the deeply discounted devices benefiting more than 150 families, several with two or more children in one household.

"One of the five funding priorities of CCEF is to enrich student learning," said Katy Bastedo, Clear Creek Education Foundation chairman.

"But in this time of distance-learning environments, the foundation understood that every child first needs to get through the doorway that leads to those critical learning resources."

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Governor: Higher ed., others to cut 5%

Gov. Greg Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and House Speaker Dennis Bonnen last week sent a letter directing state agencies and institutions of higher education to each submit a plan identifying savings that will reduce respective general and general revenue related appropriations by five percent for the 2020-2021 biennium.

In the letter, the leaders also urge state agencies and institutions of higher education to pursue cost-saving strategies that will not affect the state's response to COVID-19.

This includes forgoing capital expenditures that can be deferred, any avoidable travel expenditures, any administrative expenses that are not mission critical and keeping unfilled any open positions that are not essen-

tial to Texas' COVID-19 response.

"As Texans recover from this pandemic, it is incumbent that state government continues to maintain mission critical services without placing a greater burden on taxpayers," reads the letter.

"We are confident that Texas will get back to work and continue leading the nation in job growth, economic innovation and business creation. However, it will take months until we know the true extent of the economic ramifications of COVID-19 and how combating this virus will impact state finances.

"To prepare for this economic shock, we must take action today to ensure that the state can continue providing the essential govern-

ment services that Texans expect."

Given the importance of the state's response to COVID-19 and the continuity of critical government functions, the following are excluded from the five percent reduction:

- Appropriations to the Texas Division of Emergency Management, the Texas Department of State Health Services, the Texas Workforce Commission, the Texas Military Department and the Texas Department of Public Safety.
- Funding for debt service requirements and bond authorizations.
- Current law requirements for the Foundation School Program and school safety.
- Funding for Child Protective Services.

-Benefits and eligibility levels in Medicaid programs, the Children's Health Insurance Program, the foster care program, the adoption subsidies program, the permanency care assistance program and services for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

- Funding for behavioral health service programs.
- Appropriations for Correctional Security Operations and Correctional Managed Health Care at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.
- Appropriations to Health Related Institutions and Community Colleges.
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A family dog was shot during a home invasion early Friday, May 24, on Sagewick Drive. According to police, four masked men forced their way into the house through the back door around 12:45 a.m., then pinned the homeowner down in the kitchen. One of the men then guarded the man at gunpoint, while the remaining three suspects ransacked the home.

5 years ago (2015)

A burglary suspect was fatally shot by police following a short chase June 3 in the 12700 block of South Green near Fuqua after he allegedly pulled a large knife on a police dog and its handler. Edelmiro Hernandez, 33, was pronounced dead at the scene.

On May 27, approximately 400 guests attended the official dedication and open house of the new Dr. Kirk Lewis Career & Technical High School, named in honor of the Pasadena Independent School District superintendent. Located on a 32-acre plot of land at the corner of Beltway 8 and Genoa Red Bluff, the school is designed to provide students with the skills necessary to enter the workforce immediately following graduation. Funding for the new campus was approved by voters in November 2011 as part of a \$270 million bond. The school is approximately 246,000 square feet in size and cost roughly \$37 million to construct. A joint venture with San Jacinto College, the campus allows participating students to graduate with a high school diploma, receive

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, NANA, AKA QUEEN LINDA!

Linda Heinrich, aka "Queen" of Sagemeadow celebrates her 74th birthday Thursday, May 28. Congratulations and best wishes are sent to her from her husband Ted Heinrich; son Carl and his wife Martha Heinrich and their children Carl IV, Drayton, Meadaux and Easton Heinrich; and daughter Piper Heinrich and Parker Sais who all say, "We love you!"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LUIS!

Wishes for a happy birthday are sent to Luis Escobar on Tuesday, May 28, from his family and co-workers at the Leader.

CONGRATS, ARMANDO!

Proud parents Toni and Armando Garcia congratulate their son Armando Garcia who finished his last year at Sanchez Elementary. They say, "Mommy and Papi are so proud of how hard you worked during quarantine. Hope you're ready to tackle middle school. Future Class of 2027!"

SCHOOL DAZE

The following staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays May 28 through June 3, 2020.

Burnett Elementary

Light the birthday candles for Althea Smith on May 30. Blow out the birthday candles for Eric Snell who enjoys a birthday June 1.

Bush Elementary

Give a birthday shout-out to Stephanie Miller for a May 30 birthday. Kathy Anderson celebrates a birthday, June 3.

South Belt Elementary

The day for a double-fun birthday party for Viridiana Escalante-Barron and Daniel Frazier is May 29.

Stuchbery Elementary

Best wishes are sent for a wonderful birthday June 2 to Emily Bass. Sing a special happy birthday tune June 3 to Sharon Woodruff.

Melillo Middle School

Send a birthday greeting June 2 to Maria Eufrazio.

Beverly Hills Intermediate

Light the candles on a double-layer cake May 28 for Ashley Collier and Cedric Lilly. Blow out the birthday candles for Ilene McKinney June 2.

Thompson Intermediate

Sing a birthday song to Jessica Fitzmorris on May 28.

Dobie High

Blow out the candles May 29 on a decorated birthday cake for Johanna Abedinzadeh. Break out the cake, ice cream and party favors May 30 for Karol Brock and Kathy Eads. Give a birthday shout-out June 2 to Gerson Garcia and

William Rapp. Sing a special birthday song June 3 to Robert Pheister.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

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.

Thursday, May 28: Julie Rojas, Carl Potts and Jon Kidwell; Friday, May 29: Raik Sanchez, Cheryl Wyatt, Diana Balinas, Jessica Casas and Amanda Nguyen; Saturday, May 30: Misty Benefield, Albert Conger, Laura Stanford, Tanya Cole, Sandy Zeigler and Stacey Brewer; Sunday, May 31: Gabi Hernandez, Sharon Rushing and Eddie Carlton; Monday, June 1, Shawn Mims, Carroll McCullough, Richard Philippott, Lauren Lozano, Telly Arnold, Joseph Niscavits and Karen Osborn; Tuesday, June 2: Elizabeth Paredes-Trevino, Linda Miller, Melissa Garza and Justin Hilliar; and Wednesday, June 3: Sasha Divine, Richard Lesz, Elbert Giron Sr., Susan Arnold and Jennifer Medina.

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Dobie baseball seniors leave legacy within program

The senior Class of 2020 may well go down as the program's best of head coach Miguel Torres' tenure within the Dobie baseball program. Yet whether it's next week or several years from now, there will be both facts to back up the strength of the class as well as plenty of cause for possibilities had the entirety of the 2020 campaign played out. As disappointed as Torres and the entire JFD program are that a season that began with so much promise was halted, the head coach won't lose much sleep over it, and he doesn't expect the players to, either. "We try to teach the guys about life in general, not just

about baseball," Torres said. "If we are just teaching baseball, then we aren't doing our jobs. "What happened this year is something that has affected almost everyone adversely, but it's also something that none of us could have seen coming. It happened, and we move on from it. So many of these young men have had terrific experiences within the game of baseball and will still have those chances. We will look back on 2020 as a season where some things were missed out on, but it won't take anything back." As it stands, Dobie's varsity team, led by a veteran group of 13 seniors, was out of the gate at 9-2-1 and

very much on pace to win 20 games or more for a third straight season. A search of Dobie baseball records tells Torres the program had never previously enjoyed three consecutive seasons of 20 wins or more, so these seniors could've had that. Individually, four-year starting pitcher Daniel Garza, who has signed to play at the University of Texas at San Antonio beginning this fall, will rank among Dobie's all-time career strikeout leaders. Catcher Justin Blogg will sit high on the career runs-batted-in list. Overall, Torres said the senior group will be remembered for its belief in the pro-

gram and the willingness to do whatever it took to carry on what is as strong a tradition as ever. Dobie's large 13-player senior class for 2020 included Justin Blogg, Sean Bonner, Xavier Cantu, Christian Cleckley, Noah Gonzales, Alan Lopez Jr., Domenic Martinez, Lorenzo Mendez, Colby Moore, Jonathan Resendez, Gabriel Rojas and Steven Trevino. Many of these same seniors were part of a 2019 team that stunned District 21-6A champion La Porte in the bidistrict playoff round before losing in the area round to 24-6A champion Dickinson. As for 2020, the District

22-6A ranks again featured the likes of Kingwood with possible MLB draftee Masyn Wynn leading the way as far as very good programs at both Atascocita and Summer Creek, but yet Torres' troops, again led by the seniors, expected to push for the league title. Instead, none of Dobie's 16 district games were played. Along with Garza to UT-San Antonio, left-handed pitcher Dom Martinez has signed with Paris College; Xavier Cantu is headed to Nunez Community College; and Blogg, Alan Lopez Jr., Christian Cleckley and others hope to play collegiately as well. Torres has implored all of his players to seize oppor-

unities at this point. "Don't just sit there and play video games is what I told them over these last two months," said Torres. "Use HUDL to get your highlight reels out there. The opportunities exist for some of these guys to keep playing." As painful as it might be today, there is a focus on 2021. Torres recently announced that Dobie graduate and former standout pitcher Frank Mora Jr. has become the program's top varsity assistant coach. The seniors will move on, and with that will come a fresh pitching staff for the most part. Mikey Torres and Noah Torres will be among the key returnees in the field,

and many players have already made an impression heading into 2021 and will get plenty of opportunities to contribute. Above all, the high expectations remain. In the revamped 21-6A coming the next two seasons, Dobie figures to contend with Deer Park for the top spot. But Torres said his guys have already laid claim to the title. "Our kids expected to win the title this year, and they've already talked a lot about expecting to win it next year. "That's in part credit to these current seniors and some of the other classes before them. The bar has been set, and they are willing to do the work."

Dobie grad Estes to attend Southeastern CC



Dobie Class of 2018 graduate Destiny Estes has signed with Southeastern Community College in Keokuk, Iowa, to continue her education and basketball playing career for her sophomore season. At Dobie, Estes used her solid outside shooting ability to contribute to a pair of league titles for the Lady Longhorns. The SCC Blackhawks compete in Region 11 of the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division II ranks.



The Dobie varsity baseball senior Class of 2020 left a lasting legacy to live up to not only this season but as far back as 2017. Several of the players contributed heavily to an area round playoff appearance in 2019 and at least two players have now joined the program's all-time record books. The group of 2020

seniors included, left to right, Gabriel Rojas, Steven Trevino, Xavier Cantu, Jonathan Resendez, Colby Moore, Alan Lopez Jr., Sean Bonner, Daniel Garza, Noah Gonzales, Domenic Martinez, Justin Blogg, Christian Cleckley and Lorenzo Mendez. Photo by Gary Williams

Dobie softballers score all-district

Perhaps the Dobie varsity softball team did not get to complete what was a very promising 2020 spring season, but that didn't stop many deserving players from scoring both all-district accolades for their play as well as their academic performance. The *Leader* is putting together those selections in

preparation for the June 4 issue and will present the nominees. Which deserving players were recognized? Take a look June 4. The Lady Longhorns were 5-1 in district play when the action stopped, surely headed for 20 or more overall wins as well as the postseason. They deserve to be recognized.

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Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. online on Zoom at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81372891968. Meeting ID: 813 7289 1968. Details are on Pearland Chamber of Commerce website under the calendar.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, meeting online. Visit https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners/. For information, call 713-686-6300. 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For information, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.

Kirkwood Civic Association - will not have a meeting this month. The next meeting is scheduled for June 25. For more information, call Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.

FRIDAY, MAY 29
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/.

Bay Area Genealogical Society - Temporarily meets online. For details, visit https://www.tbayareagen.org/ and access "Meetings Page" link under "Upcoming Events." Click on "Register Here" link for appropriate date.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For additional information, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com. 8 p.m.
Serenity Now Al-Anon Group - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 p.m., when the church reopens. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts learn Al-Anon princi-

ples and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243 or visit http://www.houstonalanon.org/meetings.html.

SATURDAY, MAY 30
7:30 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/.

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. 8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - No meeting at CrossRoads UMC at 8 p.m. only until the church reopens. For details, call 281-484-9243 or visit https://aahouston.org/meetings/.

SUNDAY, MAY 31
5:30 p.m.
Celebrate Recovery - A faith-based 12-Step Program. Currently the group is not meeting in-person, but will resume meetings when Life Church campus opens up. For more information, call 713-419-2635.

MONDAY, JUNE 1
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/.

Al-Anon Deer Park - Mondays, 10 - 11 a.m. Although there are no in-person meetings at this time, visit http://www.houstonalanon.org/meeting.html for an electronic meeting or call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, meeting online. Visit the website link at https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners/. For information, 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://youngprofessionalstoastmasters.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.youngprofessionalstoastmasters.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.
Survivors of Suicide Support Group - gives coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adults who have lost a loved one to suicide. For details email LynneAnnH@yahoo.com or visit www.crisishotline.org or call 832-416-1177.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com. 7:30 p.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - Israeli Folk Dancing resumes when the ministry opens to the public. Dance is originally scheduled on Monday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., 16020 El Camino Real, 77062. \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 sessions for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For information, contact 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery is not meeting at this time but will resume when church opens. For more information, call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2
7 a.m.
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Bay Area Quilt Guild - Meetings may resume the first Tuesday when the church reopens at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Fellowship is at 6:30 p.m.; meeting/program begins at 7 p.m. Visit www.Facebook.com/BayAreaQuiltGuild or call Debby Benson at 713-248-8757 for information. Visitors may attend two meetings free.

7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3
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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.

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 4
7 a.m.
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Hurricane season begins June 1

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 Conroe. The contraflow lanes will end at US 287 near Ennis, 40 miles south of Dallas.

On Highway 290, contraflow operations will begin just west of FM 1960. Northbound traffic from State Highway 6 will be able to turn west onto 290 contraflow lanes.

Contraflow traffic operations will continue to FM 1948 near Burton.

Contraflow operations on Highway 59 will begin just south of Kingwood Drive and continue to Nacogdoches.

County officials recommend each household assemble a disaster-relief kit that includes key items such as flashlights, cell phones, extra batteries, battery chargers, a portable radio, a first-aid kit, emergency water and food, medical supplies, a nonelectric can opener, a highway

map and important documents, such as driver's licenses, passports, insurance policies and health cards.

Residents are urged to cover their windows with shielding materials and to secure or put up any loose items around their homes.

Evacuees should fill their vehicles with gasoline as early as possible and take only one automobile per household, as extra cars create traffic congestion.

Those leaving town are encouraged to bring extra cash in case banks are closed and ATMs are not working. Fleeing citizens are also urged to notify family and friends (especially those out of the area) of their plans and destinations.

Disabled individuals and seniors who require assistance leaving the area should call the state's help line at 211 or visit www.211.texas.org.

For more information, visit www.hcoem.org. The Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management offers the following tips:

Preparedness
 When a hurricane warning is issued by the National Weather Service and the coastal area is threatened, residents should:

- Monitor local TV and radio stations.
- Fuel vehicles and generators.
- Check disaster supply kits.

- Cover windows with plywood.
- Bring in all furniture, toys and any other objects that could become missiles.
- Moor boats to a safe and secure place.

- Take pictures of property and contents for insurance purposes.
- Evacuate immediately, if advised.

If residents stay home during the hurricane and are not in a flood-prone area:

- Fill bathtubs and all available containers with water.
- Turn off utilities, if requested.
- Remain indoors in a closet, bathroom or hallway on the lower level of the house, away from windows.
- Cover one's self and family members with a mattress or a dining room table to protect one's self from

falling debris.

Disaster supply kit checklist
 - Water: At least a seven-day supply (one gallon per person per day).

- Food: At least a seven-day supply of nonperishable/canned food. (Change out stored water and food supplies every six months).

- First-aid kit.
 - Flashlight with a few extra batteries.
 - Battery-powered radio.

- Medications and special items (pain relievers, diapers, etc.).
 - Tools and supplies.
 - Sanitation (toilet paper, personal hygiene items, etc.).

- Change of clothes and bedding.
 - Cash.
 - Important family documents (birth certificates, insurance/ bank account information, etc.).

- Food, water and medicine for pets.
 - Kennels or crates for pets.

Stay informed
 If residents live in a low-lying, flood-prone area, they may be mandated to leave, because heightened seas and tides can affect such homes.

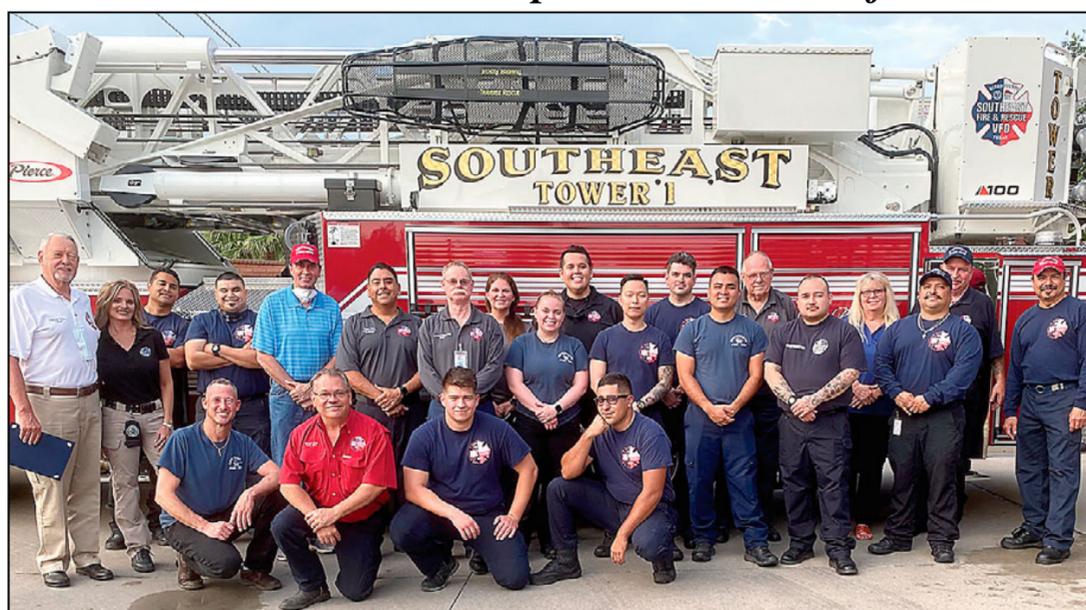
If residents live in a mobile home in any evacuation zone, plan to evacuate anytime a hurricane threatens. Powerful winds are capable of destroying mobile homes.

If residents are traveling with young children, elderly family members or people with functional access needs, they should leave early. Waiting for a general evacuation can put their health at risk and lengthen travel time.

Flood insurance
 Residents wishing to purchase flood insurance must do so at least 30 days before a storm in order to guarantee coverage.

This year, July 4 falls on a

Southeast Volunteer Fire Dept. receives award from Olson



Members of the Southeast Volunteer Fire Departments received a congressional recognition at their meeting held Thursday, May 21. Attending the meeting were (front kneeling) Bobby Host, David Cino, Alex Chapa, Ernesto Duenez; (back row) Chuck Tylka, Shelly Cino, David Chicas, Mark Alvarez, Congressman Pete Olson, Robert Zolan, Bob

by Shanahan, Kristi Graham, Shelby Henderer, Jacob Lucadou, Ca Ngyuen, Andres Greaber, Long Dinh, Jerry Terrell, Joel Reyna, Sherri Golightly, Jeremy Garza, Tom Golightly and Tino Martinez. Attending but not pictured is Cennis Tyer. See related photo Page 1.

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July 4th South Belt parade canceled; fireworks unknown

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 \$5,000, while last year's event cost approximately \$45,000.

Should the fireworks display be canceled, it would mark the second time in the event's 32-year history, as it has also previously experienced a rainout.

The Galveston Park board of trustees on Monday, May 11, voted 6-2 to cancel its annual Fourth of July fireworks display, largely out of social-distancing concerns.

This year, July 4 falls on a

Saturday, increasing concerns of large crowds in a city that has already drawn criticism from many for reopening too early.

Beaches and restaurants on the island reopened to the public May 1, attracting thousands of visitors.

The park board suggested the event could be pushed back to Labor Day, should COVID-19 conditions change by then.

At press time, the status of the City of Houston's Freedom over Texas was also undecided, but it, too, is expected to be canceled due to social-distancing concerns.

Held at Eleanor Tinsley and Sam Houston parks and along Allen Parkway, the annual event draws tens of thousands attendees each year.

The status of the annual fireworks display at Kemah Boardwalk also remained unclear at press time, but the event was still listed on the group's website.

Bazaar announced

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church at 11011 Hall Road has scheduled a parish bazaar Saturday, Nov. 14, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Anyone who wants to register for a craft or product vendor booth (no food or beverages), should contact Lupe Saiz at communications@stlukesatholic.com. Registration fee is \$175 (no refunds, consider this a donation if the vendor or the event has to cancel due to unforeseen circumstances).

This fundraiser will benefit the St. Luke Building Fund. The deadline for registering for a vendor booth is Sept. 25.

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