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Boykins runs for mayor

After months of speculation, City Council Member Dwight Boykins formally filed to run for mayor Tuesday, June 4. Boykins made headlines over the past weekend after a template for his mayoral website was leaked to the media. Boykins' District D encompasses much of the South Belt community. See next week's *Leader* for additional information.

Leader seeks vacation pics

The *Leader* is seeking readers' 2019 vacation photos for possible publication. A first- and second-place prize of Schlitterbahn tickets will be awarded monthly during June, July and August to the best submissions. Each month's first-place winner will be awarded eight tickets, while each month's second-place winner will be awarded six. All submissions should include where and when the photo was taken, as well as identify each person in the picture and tell the story about the trip. All photos must be high resolution. Email photos to mynews@southbeltleader.com. Do not compress photos when emailing.

Fire scare at KinderCare

Children at Beamer Road KinderCare at 12002 Beamer got a scare the afternoon of Thursday, May 31, when they were evacuated from the building due to a potential fire. The youths were escorted out of the establishment after workers smelled smoke. A crew from Houston Fire Department Station 70 responded to the incident and determined the odor was from a broken air conditioner motor on the roof. After determining the building was safe, children and workers were allowed to re-enter the building.

Diaz holds fundraiser

Harris County precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz will hold his Kick Off Campaign Casino Night Thursday, June 6, 1626 Federal Road, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. The event will feature roulette tables, crap tables and blackjack tables. A \$100 donation includes poker chips, food and entertainment.

CBC sewer work underway

The Clear Brook City MUD is working on the sanitary sewer rehabilitation project in Sageglen, Highland Meadow and Wood Meadow I and II subdivisions. CBC-MUD residents should be aware that the phone numbers for the contractor on last month's notification insert were incorrect. The correct number to contact Nerie Construction is 281-996-5551. The fax number is 346-319-5172. District residents may call the MUD directly at 281-484-1562.

Gulf Freeway closures set

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

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

JFD cheer holds car wash

The Dobie cheerleaders will have a car wash Saturday, June 8, at the Snowie's parking lot, located at Beamer and Scarsdale, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$5.

St. Luke holds garage sale

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

Beltway closures planned

The eastbound Beamer entrance ramp at Beltway 8 will be closed from 10 p.m. Friday, June 7, through 5 a.m. Monday, June 10.

The eastbound and westbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Beamer will be closed continuously through 9 a.m. Friday, June 21.

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

At least one outside lane on the northbound Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed at Fairmont Parkway daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Friday, June 14.

Cowboys seek members

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

J. Frank Dobie graduates revisit Stuchbery alma mater



Dobie senior graduates visited their elementary school, Stuchbery, Friday before graduation for a reception and "Senior Walk," in which the students toured the inside of the campus. The event has become an annual tradition at the school. Participating students shown above are, left to right (front row) Kaitlyn Sanchez, Caralina Barrera, Michaela Munoz, Tonya Montgomery, Ivy Hua, Sara Cortez, Daja Green, Chelsey Urdarles, Natalie Hernandez, Aylin Bonilla, Alexis Alvarez, Kim Nguyen, Cayla Pena, Sandy Huynn, Alexis Tran, Adriana Torres, Celeste Torres, Ashley Rivera, Zandy Lucero, (back row) Kiara McAllister, Brian Hoang, Jose Londeno, Edgar Robles, Zachary Zepeda, Adrian Saracho, Kali Marquez, Luis Neira, Justin Lavinier and Joseph Reyes. Photo submitted

Shots fired during home invasion, victim struck

Suspects posed as police officers; second home invasion in less than 1 week

A gunfight erupted the night of Thursday, May 30, when three men impersonating police forced their way into a home in the 11700 block of Kirkmeadow near Beamer. At least one person, a female resident at the house, was injured in the shootout.

According to police, the three males forced

their way into the home around 9:55 p.m. and shouted "Police!" When the female resident saw a pistol on one of the suspects, she grabbed her own gun, and a gunfight ensued between the two parties, the suspects fled the house and ran onto the area street.

Police said the suspects initially fled toward

a red Toyota before splitting up and running in different directions. The three men reportedly regrouped near Kirkway and Kirkglenn and fled in a white vehicle.

One of the suspects also opened fire on a driver who almost hit him while he was fleeing on foot. The driver was not struck, however.

The female resident was shot in the upper right arm. She was transported to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, where she was treated

for non-life-threatening injuries.

That same night, a patient was admitted into Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital with multiple gunshot wounds. At press time, however, it remained unclear if he was connected to the shooting. No arrests have been made.

The incident marked the second time in less than a week that a home invasion has taken place in the South Belt area.

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City cleans homeless waste



City of Houston work crews recently removed a significant amount of waste from the homeless encampment located behind the Walgreens at Fuqua and Sabo. The disposal was done at the request of Houston Police Department Officer Richard Buitron, who heads the local Positive Interaction Program. The site has been controversial of the past year, as it has been the site of two major fires. Police said they are unable to evict the homeless individuals from the location, due to a recent court ruling. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Third home invasion strikes area

Shots were fired during a home invasion around 11:30 p.m. Sunday, June 2, in the 10900 block of Sageleaf.

According to police, two brothers, ages 18 and 21, had just returned home from the store when the incident took place. The pair had reportedly noticed a blue Nissan Altima parked near the residence that seemed out of place but didn't think too much of it.

Once inside, three masked men forced their way into the home, fired a gunshot and demanded the brothers lie on the ground. The suspects then allegedly went through the victims closets and demanded anything of value.

The crooks then fled the house through the

home's back door and over the fence into the Clear Creek Landing apartment complex.

One of the two brothers then exited the home through the front door, but a fourth suspect in the blue Altima pointed a gun at him and told him to go back inside. He did as he was told.

The suspects are described only as black males. Anyone with any information about this case is urged to contact the Houston Police Department's Robbery Division at 713-308-0700 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

The incident marked the third home invasion in the South Belt community in just over a week. See related story on this page.

Additional local crimes reported

Deputies from the Harris County precinct 2 Constable's office arrested a 15-year-old juvenile suspect for allegedly stealing a handgun from the home of a friend.

According to investigators, the original incident took place back on Saturday, May 18, when the two friends were hanging out at the victim's residence in the 10700 block of Sagewind Court. After the teen suspect had left the residence, the second boy's father noticed his gun was missing and called police.

Investigators tracked down the juvenile at his father's apartment and discovered the missing weapon in his sister's room. The 15-year-old

suspect was arrested and charged with theft of a firearm, a state jail felony.

This was not the teen's first run-in with the law, as investigators said he is already out on felony bond for a recent charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Tree dumping

The dumping of tree debris on area streets continues to be a problem, with many residents taking to social media to voice their concerns.

Back in February, the *Leader* reported about multiple loads of such debris being dumped repeatedly along Sageking and Sageburrow. Sur-

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Worker detains assault suspect

A good Samaritan helped catch a violent suspect the morning of Monday, June 3, at the Kroger located at Sabo and Beltway 8.

According to police the incident took place at approximately 8:30 a.m. when a man punched a 56-year-old female Kroger employee who was working the self-checkout lane.

After hearing the commotion, a male who was at the store working for an outside vendor came to the woman's aid. The suspect also attacked the male, punching and scratching him.

The man, however, was still able to overpower and subdue the suspect and then detain him until police arrived at the scene.

Eric Armstrong, 30, was arrested and charged with two counts of assault causing bodily injury, a Class A misdemeanor.

The two victims were treated for minor injuries and released at the scene.

The female victim told police she recognized the suspect, as he comes in the store every day and walks around for about three hours.

PISD provides free summer meals

Several local Pasadena Independent School District campuses are offering free meals through much of the summer as part of the district's 2019

summer feeding program.

Funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, this program will provide free breakfast and lunch to children ages 18 and younger at participating schools.

Local schools participating in the program include Thompson Intermediate, 11309 Sage-downe; Genoa Elementary, 12900 Alameda Genoa; Jessup Elementary, 9301 Alameda Genoa; Laura Bush Elementary, 9100 Blackhawk; and South Belt Elementary, 1801 Riverstone Ranch.

The dates and times vary from campus to campus.

Thompson Intermediate will serve breakfast from 8:30 to 8:55 a.m. and lunch from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dates are Monday through Friday June 10 through June 26.

Genoa Elementary will serve breakfast from 7 to 7:25 a.m. and lunch from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dates are Monday through Thursday

Exxon repair work continues at Dobie

ExxonMobil's remediation work at Dobie High School will continue through summer while students are on vacation.

Residents should be aware that construction will require the closure of the southern entrance to the school and its adjoining street that travels through the campus. While this street will remain closed for most, if not all, of the summer, it is expected to reopen before classes resume in the fall.

The campus's northern entrance and adjoining

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Truck crashes through garage



A driver crashed his pickup truck through a garage on Sageroyal near Blackhawk on Thursday, May 30. The accident is believed to be mechanical in nature, as the vehicle left a skid mark from the previous stop sign a block away before striking the structure. The driver showed no signs of intoxication. Someone was inside the residence at the time of the crash but somehow did not hear it. No injuries were reported. See related photo on Page 6A. Photo by Marie Flickinger

In My Opinion

Tamijani concerned about May 30 Leader

Please know I intend to send this not with any partisan perspective, but as a fellow journalist. I of course always have great respect for the history of responsible reporting by the SBL.

I am a concerned however about recent articles I've read in the SBL that can be interpreted as politically biased. In media writing, news editorial writing, broadcast news, and journalism ethics classes I have taken in college by esteemed professors (one being a former WaPo editor), I've been taught AP-style writing and efficient print news reporting overall.

And if recent years have taught local media anything, it's that honest, unbiased journalism is needed now more than ever.

One concerning article to list as an example of endorsing a certain policy or politicians (when needing to be a simple reporting-style article) is "Bill to benefit taxpayers published in the May 30 SBL issue.

The lede begins "In a major victory for Texas taxpayers..." This syntax is more closely associated with PR-style writing, as it favors a single point of view of a policy. The article as a whole only tells one side of the story - that of Sen. Paul Bettencourt (R). No opposing sources are mentioned or attributed, and no claims or numbers from the legislation are cited either.

More opinionated, unattributed claims in said article include "(But it is a serious win for 7 million taxpayers.)" and "...owners were being crushed by property taxes..."

This is par for a press release from a politician's office, but not a non-editorial piece published by a local media outlet. Again, I do not openly endorse any side of this legislative issue nor should any journalist. I'm only concerned with the paper I grew up with keeping true to its long history of responsible reporting to inform neighbors like you and I.

Samson Tamijani

Publisher's note.

You are so very right. We goofed on this one. We try to always put the editorials, and direct comments written by elected officials under the heading, "Elected officials share their words," but last week, in a haste makes waste moment, we messed up and used a regular heading and not our normal one.

Thanks for catching this and sharing with us.

We will be more careful. I agree with you totally, it should be made easy for our

HPD investigates fatal crash

Houston police are investigating a fatal auto-pedestrian crash at 265 El Dorado Blvd. about 10:10 p.m. on Sunday, June 2.

The identity of the female victim, 2, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

readers to distinguish between independent news issues and editorials.

Thanks for helping us keep the lines on this issue drawn.

—Marie Flickinger

King calls out HCAD on raising appraisals

In an incredibly tone-deaf statement, the Harris County Appraisal District ("HCAD") announced last week that some homeowners who were flooded in Harvey might see a 21% increase in their appraised value this year!

Really? These folks have got to be feeling like Job at this point. First, no one warns them that the levies are about to be overtopped, notwithstanding the models showed this would happen at least 72 hours in advance.

Then, the Corps opens the gates and floods them. Then, the local governments will not invoke emergency appraisal for 2017. Then, the City makes the permitting to rebuild a nightmare. And now, HCAD is going to hit them with a 21% property tax increase!

The possible 21% increase is based on a state law that limits increases to 10% per year. But, apparently under that law, if last year's appraisal was reduced for damages, it can be ignored and HCAD can apply the 10% per year to the pre-damage value.

While that may be theoretically possible under the law, I cannot imagine that any home that was flooded in Harvey has actually increased in value by 21% since 2017. My realtor friends tell me that at virtually every showing prospective buyers ask whether the property flooded in Harvey.

But according to the story in the Chronicle Thursday, a HCAD spokesman said that its appraisers are not finding any stigma associated with flooded properties. Anyone who thinks that the value of a property is not affected by its flood history is an idiot.

While there may be certain unique circumstances that justify a 21% increase in the value of a Harvey-flooded property, if HCAD really raises values by 21% on a widespread basis, we need to clean house over there. And there should probably be some governance changes to the central appraisal system generally.

My friend, Charles Blain, wrote this article about the role local elected officials, who generally have an interest in seeing higher appraisals, play in CAD governance.

Hopefully, HCAD's warning yesterday will be limited to a few one-off situations. But if it is widespread, look out for the pitchforks and torches.

Bill King

Publisher's Opinion

Thank you, Richard Buitron!

A special thanks goes to HPD Officer Richard Buitron.

He pulled off a community miracle by getting city officials to clear out the encampment behind the Walgreens on Fuqua at Sabo.

The city of Houston used a couple of 18-wheeler dump trucks (See photo page 1A) to haul off much of the garbage that has been collecting and making a major junkyard.

Many residents may remember that this location has been the site of two major fires that have just burnt up trash that had piled up at the location.

City officials tell us court activities keep disallowing the city to move the "residents" of the encampment out of that location.

But at least one dedicated police officer did the community a great service with the cleanup.

Thank you, Richard!

Marie Flickinger, Publisher



Richard Buitron

Elected officials share their words

District 129 News

By State Rep. Dennis Paul

The 140-day regular session of the 86th Texas Legislature adjourned sine die on Monday. Sine die is Latin for "without day," meaning the Legislature has concluded its business and has adjourned without a scheduled return date. Thankfully there is no need for a costly special session this time around and most legislators, including me, have already returned to their districts.

With the session officially behind us, I wanted to send you an update on everything that was accomplished this year at the Capitol. This newsletter will focus primarily on the legislation I worked on behalf of District 129. Next week's newsletter will be a more broad overview of what the Legislature as a whole tackled.

Overall, 12 of the bills I filed or sponsored made it to the Governor's desk, and an additional two bills survived as amendments to other bills. In total, 14 of the ideas I worked on passed the Legislature and have already been signed or are awaiting the Governor's signature. In a session during which only 19.7 percent of House Bills passed, over half of the bills I worked on made it. I'd call that a successful session for House District 129!

As always, I want to thank each of you who called, wrote in, or emailed my office to express an opinion during session. I couldn't possibly do this job without hearing from those I represent. I hope you find this newsletter informative. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if ever I may be of assistance.

Closing Second Amendment Loopholes
Under Texas law, law-abiding adults are permitted to keep firearms in their homes and vehicles. This law is intended to make sure Texans are able to protect themselves at home or as they travel. Unfortunately, not everyone has been able to take advantage of this legal protection.

Although the law protects you in your car and in your home, it does not in all instances protect you in transit between those two points. Some residential landlords have been skirting the intent of the law by placing what are known as "30.06 signs" at the entrances of their apartment or condominium complexes.

A 30.06 sign, which is a reference to the Texas Penal Code, prohibits the carrying of handguns. The use of these signs in this manner effectively criminalizes the act of an apartment renter carrying their handgun from their car to their home.

Whether you own or rent, no law should deny a person the right to self-defense in their home. That's why I authored and passed into law House Bill 302, which will close this loophole in state law.

Developing Houston's Spaceport
In 2015, the Federal Aviation Administration granted a license to the Houston Airport System to operate a commercial spaceport at Ellington Field. The Houston Spaceport will be used for astronaut training, zero gravity experimentation, spacecraft manufacturing,

and launching microsatellites. Only spaceport development corporations created under the auspices of state law are eligible to receive funding from the Spaceport Trust Fund. The Houston Airport System was ineligible to create a spaceport development corporation because of a requirement in law for cities to partner with counties to form the corporation.

Because the City of Houston, which has the financial resources to independently develop a commercial spaceport, and which fully owns and operates the Houston Spaceport, had no mechanism to access the Spaceport Trust Fund, I authored and passed House Bill 303, which will allow the Houston Airport System to independently create a spaceport development corporation. This legislation is a crucial step in the development of Houston's next great space endeavor.

Taxing District Reform
Municipal management districts are special taxing districts that were created to improve blighted areas within a city. While property owners within these districts tend to agree with the stated goals of these districts, there is a concern about a lack of oversight. House Bill 304, which I authored and passed into law, makes several changes to the statute governing these districts to improve transparency and property owner involvement.

While the legislation made many changes to the management of these districts, there are two main highlights:
• Allows property owners to have a voice in who serves on the boards of directors for these districts
• Lowers the voter threshold to dissolve a district that is no longer needed

Local Government Transparency
One of the things legislators hear all the time is that if people are unhappy about their property taxes, they should go talk to their local officials. The problem is, in many cases, people can't even find out who those local elected officials are. There is no accountability in that.

To address this problem, I authored and passed into law House Bill 305, which will require local governments that levy taxes and that maintain a public website to post the following information online:
• A mailing address
• A phone number
• An email address
• Officeholder names
• The date and location of the next election
• Information on how to run for office

This came about from a constituent who was frustrated that in today's internet age, he was unable to find even basic information about some of his local taxing authorities, like who the board members are or when the next election will be held. It was my honor to tackle a problem brought to me by a constituent and to get the bill across the finish line.

Red Tape Cleanup for Retired Law Enforcement
A portion of Texas law is

in conflict with the federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA). This has caused confusion and has caused some retired federal law enforcement officers, or former out-of-state officers who have moved to Texas, to be denied the firearms qualification certificate needed to be able to carry a concealed firearm as a peace officer.

My House Bill 1552, which has been passed into law, reconciles Texas law with LEOSA to eliminate much confusion in the law enforcement community.

Lessons Learned from Hurricane Harvey
As Hurricane Harvey pulverized the gulf coast with its wind and flooded Houston with its rain, everyday citizens came together to show the rest of the world what "Texas tough" really means. Throughout the recovery process, we learned what worked and what could be improved.

The Governor's Commission to Rebuild Texas made several recommendations to better prepare Texas for the next major disaster. My House Bill 2320, which was passed into law, directs the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) to:
• Collaborate with public and private entities that provide communications services during a disaster to determine the availability of portable cell phone towers and satellite communications equipment that can be deployed immediately following a disaster
• Locate and identify methods of hardening from natural disasters infrastructure critical to the State of Texas

• Produce a report to the legislature on improving the oversight, accountability and availability of building trade services following a disaster
Another takeaway from Hurricane Harvey was the need to expand the state's existing Good Samaritan laws to cover volunteers who provide assistance during a declared disaster. I was made aware of this problem by Matthew Marchetti of Crowdsourc Rescue, which was created literally overnight during the height of Hurricane Harvey rescue efforts. Crowdsourc uses GPS tracking to match individuals in need of rescue with rescue volunteers.

My House Bill 3365 extends the current civil immunity in state law to provide protection to emergency management agencies that request civilian help with response to a disaster. The bill also extends protection to any civilian or charitable organization that responds to the call to help.

Similar incidents are now

House fire reported in SB area

A house fire was reported in the South Belt area at 11:05 p.m. on May 24 at 12100 Teaneck Drive. There were no reports of injuries. Property valued at an estimate of \$70,000 was saved. The damage is estimated around \$75,000.

The cause was ruled accidental by Houston Fire Department Arson investigators.

Firefighters arrived on scene with fire coming from the side and roof of a house. Crews pulled the ceiling and attacked the fire through the attic space.

A primary search was completed with the residents safely outside. They reported hearing a loud explosion and then

seeing the fire. The fire was in a small shed on the side of the house and spread to the home. Firefighters extinguished the fire and requested HFD Arson investigators to determine the cause and origin of the fire. Crews from Stations 93, 23, 71, 52, 70, 94 and 61 responded to this incident.

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Dobie Exxon work continues

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road will not be affected. The initial leak was discovered by Pasadena Independent School District workers over the Christmas holidays.

Emergency crews from ExxonMobil were able to quickly identify the pipeline release and make necessary repairs.

ExxonMobil officials, however, opted to wait until students were out of class for the summer to conduct a more thorough remediation of the campus grounds to avoid congestion issues.

Overview
• As part of ongoing remediation efforts, ExxonMobil is removing impacted soil from the field in front of Dobie High School and replacing it with clean soil.
• These measures will help remove residual hydrocarbons in the ground from the pipeline release first reported in early January.
• Remediation activities are anticipated to continue in multiple phases. ExxonMobil anticipates completing remedial activities involving the campus access road from Blackhawk Boulevard before classes resume in the fall.

Phase 1
• The first phase of excavation, which has already begun, replaces impacted soil located in the open field north of the teachers' parking lot.
• Air monitoring stations are in place around the excavation area and air quality readings are being closely monitored.
• To date, all air quality results from this excavation are within acceptable limits set by

federal standards.
• A system known as a misting curtain lines the perimeter of the excavation site in order to dissipate any unpleasant odors that may arise during excavation. This mist is a combination of water and essential oils that is nontoxic.
• ExxonMobil constructed a temporary road along the southern fence line of Moore Elementary School which will allow construction traffic to bypass most school traffic.
• The work site is fenced in to help stop unauthorized access to the excavation area.

Phase 2
• Once summer break has begun, the impacted soil south and east of the Phase 1 excavation site will be removed and replaced.
• This will require removing some sections of the nearby road surface in order to replace the soil beneath.
• Once remediation is complete, the road surface will be replaced and the excavation site will be restored to its original condition.
• Throughout this process, the south parking lot of Dobie High will remain accessible either by the current road or an established bypass route.

Elected officials share their words

Olson acts to protect medicaid recipients, hospitals

Rep. Pete Olson acted to help ensure low-income families who rely on Medicaid for health care continue to receive critical care at community hospitals. Olson introduced H.R. 3054, the DSH Cuts Delay Act, to delay scheduled cuts to Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital payments for two years. Medicaid DSH payments help sustain hospitals that serve a disproportionate number of low-income and uninsured patients. In doing so, these hospitals incur tremendous uncompensated costs. Medicaid DSH payments help make up for those losses and, in turn, allow hospitals to keep their doors open and continue caring

for our most vulnerable citizens. This bill provides more time for Congress to develop a more sustainable, permanent solution to enable these hospitals to continue operating. Without this important delay, cuts to Medicaid DSH payments are set to go into effect on Oct. 1.

"Medicaid is a critical lifeline for low-income folks across Texas and America, many of these folks rely on community hospitals for their care," Olson said. "The Medicaid DSH program plays an important role in ensuring quality care. Cuts to this program would create an immediate void for essential healthcare by forcing community hospitals to close their doors. We

must act to protect our nation's most vulnerable citizens, including children, the elderly and the disabled. I will continue my fight for this vital delay on the proposed Medicaid DSH cuts to protect our nation's hospitals and patients. I urge my colleagues to support this important bill and bring it to the House floor for a vote immediately."

If these cuts go into effect, 186 Texas hospitals will be affected and will lose an estimated \$450 million in state and federal funding in 2020. Olson and Rep. Eliot Engel recently sent a letter, signed by 300 members of Congress, to congressional leaders requesting a delay to Medicaid cuts.

Boykins announces city outreach for local art projects

The City of Houston invites proposals for local public art projects for potential grant funding by a National Endowment for the Arts program called Our Town.

The federal agency's grant program is interested in art projects tied to community priorities such as public safety, health, blight and vacancy, environment, job creation, equity, local

business development, education, civic participation, and/or community cohesion.

The grants range up to \$200,000. Artists and organizations who receive the grants must provide matching funds. Applicants should submit their concepts, with identified artists and partners, no later than June 18, to CulturalAffairs@houstontx.gov.

Applicants should consult the Our Town grant program website, which includes guidance and resources including case studies for developing successful projects. The website is www.arts.gov/grants-organizations/our-town/grant-program-description.

For additional information, visit https://www.houstontx.gov/culturalaffairs/.

Dumping of tree debris continues throughout South Belt community

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veillance footage showed a routine of a pickup truck driver stopping in the street, while a passenger got out and helped pull the branches from the truck bed, while the driver accelerated, causing the tree limbs to fall onto the street.

Similar incidents are now

commercial residents. Residents are reminded to either place such items out for heavy trash pickup or to take them to a proper disposal site. Local law enforcement has been made aware of the incidents.

See related photo on Page 6A.

Local library events set

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled this week for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint:

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

Tuesday, June 11, 10:15 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Citizenship class. Class participation is by appointment only.

Tuesday, June 11, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. Magician Rob Berry entertains preschoolers, children and tweens with a magic show, for ages 5 - 12. The audience will participate in this fun show.

Wednesday, June 12, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Tween craft, for tweens, ages 9 - 12. This month's craft project is yarn painting. Traditionally the Huichol people of Mexico have created Nierikas (yarn paintings) and the techniques will be used by participants to create personalized yarn paintings. Contact the library for additional information.

Wednesday, June 12. Computer courses: 2 p.m. Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. Basic PowerPoint

For more information, call the library at 832-393-2580.

Bracewell hours are: Thursday, noon - 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 1 - 5 p.m.; Sunday, closed; Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Parker Williams Library

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

Thursday, June 6, 2 p.m. Meet in the library community room to watch the science fiction movie "Lilo & Stich" (rated PG, 85 minutes, for ages 10 and older). This week's movie is a showing of a Hawaiian girl who adopts an unusual pet that turns out to be a notorious extraterrestrial fugitive. Each week during the summer there will be a different feature.

Friday, June 7, 3 p.m. Library lab, for ages 8 - 13. Science buffs will meet in the community room to get a more in depth science program bringing young scientists elbow deep into science.

Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m. to noon. Summerpalooza Kickoff party. Meet at the library for the first annual Summerpalooza party. There will be free games, activities, crafts and popcorn. Register for the summer reading program and have a chance to win some prizes.

Saturday, June 8, 1 - 2:30 p.m. Intermediate Spanish with Mercedes. Brush up on Spanish by practicing listening and speaking with fellow learners and instructor Mercedes. Class meets four consecutive Saturdays. Registration is requested.

Monday, June 10, 7 p.m. Teen program for ages 13 and older. For those who have the rhythm for Beat Saber, meet in the community room.

Tuesday, June 11, 1 p.m. Teens and tweens. STEM time: Solar ovens, for ages 8 and older. Meet in the community room harness power to make solar ovens, learning about convection, conduction and radiation as well as melting some food.

Tuesday, June 11, 2 p.m. "Estate Planning" with William D. Archer. Meet at the library to get answers in matters including estate planning, the requirements to probate a will, how to avoid probate, what to do when a loved one passes, how to utilize trusts, when to use transfer on death deeds and more.

Wednesday, June 12, 2 p.m. Teens and tweens meet at the library for an adventure with Bayou City Play, a company that's known for getting kids to build and help children build a space colony. Participants will construct a solid home in the stars that can withstand cosmic rays, radiation and the dreaded space debris.

Below are the programs that occur every week, unless the library is closed:
Tuesday, Babytime lapsit, 10:30 a.m. For babies from birth to 18 months, featuring a mother-baby lapsit time with fingerplays, songs and playtime.

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

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

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

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

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

Library hours are: Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday, closed; Monday, 1 - 9 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Leader checks out social media

By Laura Benavides Scallan

Several community members shared posts to different community Facebook groups regarding the home invasion that took place Thursday, May 30. See story on page 1A.

South Belt & Sagemont Area Crime Alert Facebook page reported that the lock for his truck was broken. It appeared that someone was trying to break into the vehicle, and just caused damage instead. The member posted a photo of the damage.

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Moore Elementary fourth-grade choir performs



The students dressed up in rock 'n' roll and country attire for the performance. Shown above are rock 'n' roll dancers, left to right, Sophia Saucedo, Cayden Patton, Angelina Guajardo, and Carlos Albarran. The rock 'n' roll dancers are also shown below, left to right, Hung Le, Chloe Nguyen, Charleston Nash, Sophia Saucedo, Elijah Valentine, Angelina Guajardo, Carlos Albarran and Yamileth Ramales.

On Tuesday, May 21, Moore Elementary's fourth-grade choir performed the spring musical "Destination: America." Shown above are, left to right, (first row) Abdiel Zara, Jael Arredondo, Jose Bucio, Ly Tran, Carlos Albarran, Sophia Saucedo, Chloe Nguyen, Christopher Rubio, Elijah Garza, (second row) Jonathan Bustos, Anthony Jacobo, Ella Torres, Charleston Nash, Linkin Dinh, Elijah Valentine,

Allan Martinez, Jorge Martinez, (third row) Jayden Martinez, Hadasa Burgett, Natalie De Paz, Yamileth Ramales, Laelana Olivarrri, Alyssa Gutierrez, Hung Le, Cayden Patton, (fourth row) McKenzie Milburn, Aaliyah Hicks, Angelina Guajardo, Ireland Riley, Isaac Zamora and Kierra Hammond.

Photos by Guadalupe Hudson

Saavedra named PISD associate superintendent, McClellan promoted to Young Elementary principal

By Jade Wise

At a recent meeting of the Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees, Joe Saavedra was named associate superintendent of campus development, replacing Steve Fullen who recently announced his retirement.

Having served the district since 1998 and as Pasadena

High School's principal since 2009, Saavedra brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to his new role.

Saavedra began his educational career as a math teacher at Jackson Intermediate before being promoted to assistant principal at the campus. In 2004, he was named principal of Mill-

er Intermediate, where he served until 2009.

Saavedra holds a master's degree in educational leadership from the University of Houston Clear Lake and a Bachelor of Science from Texas State University, where he graduated with honors.

"I'm very honored and

beyond excited for the opportunity to serve the PISD community in this capacity," said Saavedra. "I'll miss Eagle Nation for sure, but I'm looking forward to being able to contribute and further continue the district's successes."

In 2018, Saavedra was named Pasadena ISD's Sec-

ondary Principal of the Year for his continued success in boosting the Eagles to new heights.

During Saavedra's 10 years at PHS, some accomplishments that the campus has celebrated include:

- The graduation rate for PHS improved from 67 percent to nearly 90 percent.

- The school's Marine Corps JROTC program was recognized three times as being in the top 10 percent of such programs in the nation.

- The number of Advanced Placement exams administered has increased from 200 to more than 1,000.

- PHS became the first campus to pilot an Early College High School program, and since it opened, more than 200 students have earned an associate degree along with a diploma.

- In 2017, PHS received five Texas Education Agency designation distinctions, including closing performance gaps, student progress and student performance in math and English.

Saavedra said that while he is proud of PHS's accomplishments under his tenure, he is most proud of the culture that has been established.

"As a principal, there are always certain data points and scores you want your campus to achieve. However, what I am most proud of is seeing the kids being successful, being proud to be a Pasadena Eagle, being involved and taking ownership of their campus," said Saavedra.

Other board appointments

Also named during the board meeting was Amy McClellan, who will take the reigns as principal of Young Elementary following the retirement of former principal Shirlyn Ross, who served the district for 49 years.

McClellan joined Golden Acres Elementary as an assistant principal in 2015, following nine years as a teacher in Dickinson ISD.

She holds a master's degree of educational technology leadership principals from Lamar University and a Bachelor of Science in interdisciplinary studies from the University of Houston Clear Lake.

"I am super excited to be starting this adventure with the Young Elementary family," said McClellan. "I look forward to continuing the legacy that has been built and to bring in some creative new ideas."

"What I am most passionate about is that I get to continue to work with kids on a personal level and inspire future generations in education."



Shown above are Joe Saavedra (second from right) poses for a photo with his fellow associate superintendents of campus development. Shown with Saavedra are, left to right, Dr. Angela Stallings, Alyta Harrell, and Rhonda Parmer. Below, Amy McClellan, the new Young Elementary principal (right), is presented a shirt with her new campus's logo by Patricia Chavez, Young Elementary assistant principal.

Photos by Jade Wise



CCISD announces 2019 teachers of the year

The rotary clubs of Space Center, Seabrook and League City honored Clear Creek Independent School District's 44 campus teachers of the year and announced the 2019 Elementary Teacher of the Year and the 2019 Secondary Teacher of the Year during a luncheon at South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center May 20.

Lyzette Ruiz of Ed White Elementary was chosen as the 2019 CCISD Elementary Teacher of the Year. The kindergarten teacher has become a leader on her campus by supporting campus and district

initiatives to build stronger literacy foundations and improve personalized learning strategies. As Ruiz explained in her Teacher of the Year application, "I have a strong desire to empower students to take ownership of their own learning and give them the opportunity to rejoice in their capabilities."

Clear Brook High School science teacher, Alaina Garza, is the 2019 CCISD Secondary Teacher of the Year. A 12-year CCISD teacher, Garza works to cultivate a passion for science through a variety of techniques for different learning styles. Outside the

classroom, she is dedicated to promoting self-advocacy in all her students by supporting student-centered platforms such as TEDxClearBrookHighSchool and Safe School Ambassadors. "By asking questions, students will generate their own ideas," Garza stated. "As educators, we must create platforms for them to express and exchange these ideas."

"Thank you to the rotary clubs of Space Center, Seabrook and League City for their ongoing support of our outstanding teachers in Clear Creek ISD," said Dr. Greg Smith, superintendent

of schools. "Together with our rotary clubs, we are proud to applaud these special educators for inspiring their school communities."

Clear Creek ISD congratulates both Ruiz and Garza, as well as the other four 2019 finalists: Ashley Hosok, Bauerschlag Elementary first-grade teacher; Angela Sanders, Greene Elementary third-grade teacher; Kelly Boulinghouse, League City Intermediate science teacher; and Laura Dunham, Clear Lake High School family and consumer science teacher.

Ruiz and Garza will

now advance to the regional and then possibly state selection process for Texas Teacher of the Year. In addition to \$1,500 from the rotary clubs of League City, Seabrook and Space Center, the teachers of the year will each receive a custom commemorative ring from Bal-four. Finalists received \$750 each. To learn more about the 2019 Elementary Teacher of the Year, visit <https://vimeo.com/337379451>. For information about the 2019 Secondary Teacher of the Year, visit <https://vimeo.com/337379470>.



Country dancers moving to the music in the performance are, left to right, Ly Tran, Ella Torres, Hadasa Burgett, McKenzie Milburn, Alyssa Gutierrez, Natalie De Paz and Laelana Olivarrri.



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PISD summer lunch program underway

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through June 27.

Jessup Elementary will serve breakfast from 7 to 8:15 a.m. and lunch from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Dates are Monday through Thursday through June 27 and from

July 1 through July 3 (only lunch will be served during July).

Laura Bush Elementary will serve breakfast from 7 to 7:25 a.m. and lunch from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. Dates are Monday through Thursday

through June 27.

South Belt Elementary will serve breakfast from 7 to 7:25 a.m. and lunch from 9:55 to 11:30 a.m. Dates are Monday through Thursday through June 27.

Meals will be provided

on a first-come first-serve basis.

For more information or for a complete list of times and locations, visit www1.pasadenaisd.org/about/news/current_news/child_nutrition.

Police investigating home invasions

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On Friday, May 24, another home invasion occurred just a few blocks away on Sawegick Drive near Beltway 8 and Sabo.

In that incident, the family dog was shot as it attempted to protect a male resident.

The dog was taken to an emergency veterinarian, where he was treated and

released. No other injuries were reported. A third home invasion took place just two days later. See related story

on Page 1A.

Anyone with information about any of these cases is urged to contact the HPD

Robbery Division at 713-308-0700 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

PARC schedules August meeting

Pearland Area Republican Club will hold its next meeting Aug. 8 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Pearland Church of Christ - Annex, located at 2217 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland.

The special guest speaker will be Angel Mom Laura Wilkerson. Wilkerson is a Pearland resident who has testified before Congress and on national TV concerning the impact of illegal immigrant crime on the nation. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7 p.m. Free refreshments will be served.

South Belt names top popcorn sellers



South Belt Elementary held a popcorn fundraiser and the top sellers received a new bike. Sofia Charles (back row) Yvonne Cavazos (Sabrina's mother), Candy Howard (principal), Andrea Charles (Sofia's mother) and Giselle Cuellar. Photo by Anh Ton

Turner shares vital hurricane season tips

Mayor Sylvester Turner and the City of Houston's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) urge residents to prepare for the 2019 Atlantic Hurricane Season, which began June 1 and runs through Saturday, Nov. 30, 2019.

Houston's location along the Gulf Coast, in combination with the status as one of the nation's industrial centers, leaves this area vulnerable to many natural and human-caused hazards. A recommended four-step preparedness process includes making an emergency plan, having an emergency kit, being informed about disasters, and helping members of the community prepare themselves and their families.

Make an emergency plan
The first step in preparing for disasters is to make a plan. Have a plan as to what family members will do in an emergency. Consider how to communicate with family members, where to meet, and with whom one can leave messages with out-of-state if you can't reach people locally. To learn more about preparing a plan, visit <http://www.ready.houstontx.gov/prepare-today/make-a-plan/>.

Houston residents who may need additional help in evacuating during a disaster can visit the OEM website to learn more about the State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR), which allows residents to provide information on their specific situation to emergency management officials who will work to help them evacuate safely, or provide them with the appropriate life-sustaining help they need in a disaster: <http://bit.ly/2ELDMGq>.

Have an emergency kit
After adopting a plan, start building a kit. Houston residents should have what they need to be on their own for 5 to 7 days following a storm. This includes having sufficient food, water, medications and individual needs such as medical devices or pet supplies.

The City of Houston Disaster Preparedness Guide (DPG) is updated annually and provides information about emergency planning to Houston residents. The guide is available in six languages for download in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, Arabic and French.

Museum offers free admission to military

The San Jacinto Museum of History Association has announced its participation in the Blue Star Museums program in 2019, offering free entrance to all active duty military personnel, including National Guard and Reserves and their families from now through Monday, Sept. 2, (Labor Day). As many as five family members will also be admitted free of charge.

The museum association will give qualifying personnel free access to the "Texas Forever!! The Battle of San Jacinto" digital presentation; and to the nearly 500-foot elevator ride to the observation deck atop the San Jacinto Monument with views of the historic battleground of San Jacinto and many square miles of surrounding area. The museum also has a special exhibit "Big Energy: A Texas Tale of People Powering Progress" that explores the history of Shell and Deer Park and the impact resulting in the community being the energy hub it is today.

Beyond these attractions there is plenty to do at the monument or the museum: the San Jacinto Museum's permanent gallery exhibiting books to bayonets, swords to six shooters; the San Jacinto Battleground; picnic tables,

Stay informed
If residents stay informed, they'll know when disasters are going to strike. Know where to go for updated information, from local television and radio, as well as official sites including:

- Houston Office of Emergency Management: houstontx.gov
- Houston Emergency: houstontx.gov/emergency
- The National Weather Service of Houston-Galveston: weather.gov/houston
- Twitter: @houstnoem
- Facebook: [facebook.com/houstonoem](https://www.facebook.com/houstonoem)
- Instagram: @houstnoem

For Nextdoor, visit nextdoor.com/pages/houston-office-of-emergency-management.
The official social media channels for the City of Houston Emergency Information include:

- Twitter: @AlertHouston
- Facebook: [facebook.com/alertHouston](https://www.facebook.com/alertHouston)

The City of Houston offers emergency alerts through the AlertHouston emergency notification system. People who live or work in Houston may receive emergency notifications via email, text message and through a mobile app from six different categories including:

- emergency incidents (such as hazmat situations or law enforcement activity).
- severe weather information; major traffic and transit interruptions.
- missing people (AMBER Alerts and Silver Alerts); information regarding special events and planned drills.
- recovery information for people impacted by a disaster (such as the flooding from Hurricane Harvey or Tax Day).

Residents may register for alerts at www.alerthouston.org.

Know your neighbors
Neighbors can be a great source of help immediately after a disaster. Get to know neighbors, particularly those who are elderly or too ill to independently plan or prepare themselves for a disaster.

By knowing neighbors ahead of time, the community will work better as a team when disasters strike.
To prepare for hurricane season, visit www.houstonoem.org/preparedness-are-you-ready.

grills and water faucets; and the 1,210-foot long marsh trail and boardwalk that provides views of the native prairie, tidal marsh and bottomland forest.

The museum and its attractions are open daily year-round 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. — including Independence Day, Labor Day and nearly all holidays.
All attractions are wheelchair accessible.

The program is open to any bearer of a Geneva Convention common access card, a DD Form 1173 ID card or a DD Form 1173-1 ID card, which includes active U.S. military as well as members of the National Guard and Reserves, U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and the NOAA Commissioned Corps. Family members can enter for free without the serving person, based on the spouse's dependent ID.

Blue Star Museums is a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and more than 2,000 museums throughout the U.S. to offer free admission to the nation's 1.4 million active duty military personnel and their families from Armed Forces Day through Labor Day.

Bay Area singles dance set

The Bay Area Singles Club monthly dance is scheduled for June 15 from 7 to 10 p.m. at VFW Lodge, Post 6378, located at 5204 Highway 3 in Dickinson. All area singles are invited to attend. Bring party snacks to share. The cost is \$8 for members and \$10 for nonmembers. For more information, call 832-483-3257 or 832-477-6778.

CBCMUD trimming trees

Beginning the month of June, the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District will hire a contractor to trim and dispose of low-hanging, protruding limbs in the roadway. The work will be done by Bay Area Tree Experts and supervised by a graduate arborist. All trimmed branches will be mulched on site. Residents wishing to have additional limbs trimmed at their own expense may call CBCMUD at 281-484-1562.

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ENJOY YOUR DAY, LAURA
Birthday greetings are sent to former Leader staffer **Laura Aguilar** on June 7 from her former co-workers.

BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR MARY
Dr. Mary Campbell-Fox of Campbell Family Practice and Ghebranosus Internal Medicine is wished a happy birthday Sunday, June 9, from her family and friends.

SAMANTHA HAS A BIRTHDAY
Samantha Guerra, former Leader staff member, celebrates her birthday Sunday, June 9. Wishes for a happy birthday are sent from her former co-workers.

GILES MARK 29TH ANNIVERSARY
Tracy and Jim Giles of Kirkwood South celebrate their 29th wedding anniversary June 10. Congratulations and best wishes are sent from their children **Kristen and Cody Giles** and **Aaron and wife Ashley** and son **Jaxson Giles**; parents **Bobby and Ken Griffin**; other family members and friends; and the Leader staff.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LESLIE!
Leslie Flickinger celebrates a birthday Tuesday, June 11. Wishes for a wonderful day are sent by her husband **Fred**; daughter **Kimberly**; daughter **Courtney** and husband **Chris Durham**, daughter **Abigail** and son **Jackson**; mother-in-law **Marie (South Belt Leader publisher)** and husband **David Flickinger**; and brother-in-law **David (Leader president)** and his wife **Ellie Flickinger**.

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

Atkinson Elementary
Special birthday wishes are sent June 7 to **Eisa Martinez**. Light the birthday candles for **Jessica Carlos** June 8.

Burnett Elementary
Send a happy birthday greeting June 6 to **Araceli Sosa**.

Bush Elementary
The day for a party for **Felicia Willis** is June 9. Blow out the birthday candles June 10 for **Sandra Vazquez**. **Carmen Rodriguez** celebrates a birthday, June 11. Enjoy a slice of birthday cake with **Maria Garcia** June 12.

Frazier Elementary
June 8 is the day for a cake for **Denisse Saldivar**. Enjoying a birthday June 9 is **Adriana Cortez**.

Genoa Elementary
Join in the birthday celebration June 9 for **Maria Frias**. June 10 is the day for a cake for **Silvia Gonzalez**. Enjoying a memorable birthday June 11 is **Felicia Oliva**. **Cheryl Helaire** celebrates a birthday June 12.

Meador Elementary
Marking a birthday June 12 is **Margo Ramirez**.

Moore Elementary
The day for a party for **Laura Rodriguez** is June 11.

Roberts Middle School
A double celebration is in order June 6 for **Emy Tomita** and **Kaylie Mims**. Enjoying a birthday June 9 is **Chad Cleveland**.

Melillo Middle School
Celebrating a memorable birthday June 8 is **Lilliana Monita**.

Thompson Intermediate
Jessica Krustchinsky is wished a happy

birthday June 6. **Kaylyn Harlan** enjoys a birthday June 11. June 12 is the day for a celebration for **David Martin**.

Dobie High
Send a birthday greeting June 7 to **Linu John**. Blow out the birthday candles June 9 on a double-layer cake for **Larry Davis** and **Patrick Payne**. On June 10, happy birthday wishes are sent to **Warren Hussey**.

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

Thursday, June 6: **Amanda D'Orazio**, **Timothy Turbeville**, **Vicki Derobles**, **Tracy Harder** and **Jay Hyle**; Friday, June 7: **Damon Dixon**, **Nancy Carlton**, **Liza Vasquez Ybarra** and **Dee Foster**; Saturday, June 8: **Baron Jones**, **Tamisha Lowe-Hendricks**, **Diane Cardenas**, **Judd Montes**, **Jennifer Hunter**, **Delia Marcum**, **Carolyn Valdez-Gomez**, **Victoria Wright** and **Byron Ewald**; Sunday, June 9: **Trey Wilmore**, **Angel Ortiz**, **Gene Robertson**, **Estella Davis**, **Anthony Berg**, **Sandy Ann**, **Heather Walker**, **Austin Gates** and **Summer Keys**; Monday, June 10: **Russell Simon**, **Mariela Ramirez**, **MaryRose Burk**, **Shawn Barras** and **Francine Bretado**; Tuesday, June 11: **Greg Medina**, **Nicoale Zeigler-Clement** and **Debbie Mills**; and Wednesday, June 12: **Charline Groover**, **Marilyn Millet**, **Myla Pallorina-Mamitag**, **Matthew Kippely** and **Edly Watson**.

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

John P. McGovern summer reading program begins

Enjoy the summer fun and excitement with Houston Public Library's John P. McGovern Summer Reading Program, which began June 1 and runs through Aug. 1.

Children, ages 5 - 12 and teens 13 - 18 are invited to explore the unknown by participating in the Summer Reading Program (SRP) where they can earn reading and activity badges and unlock great prizes. Free summer meals are also available for youths, ages 1 - 18 at participating libraries.

SRP is free and open to the public. Visit houstonlibrary.org/summer or call 832-393-1313 for details.

Youths and teens will receive a free book and lanyard just for registering. They can earn even more books and great pins to decorate their lanyard when they reach reading goals. They can also get pins for the program Exploring the Unknown by attending library activities. The library offers a wide variety of programs for all ages, featuring animals, music, storytimes, performances, balloon shows, workshops and more. Visit the Houston Public Library's

online calendar for library locations, dates and times.
Register, login and win!
Signing up is easy. Visit houstonlibrary.org/summer, click on the registration button and follow the prompts. If children signed up for SRP or the Winter Reading Program last year, they may use the same user name or email and password for the login. For those who do not remember the password, the link "I forgot my password" is available.
Children may log on to the website anytime to track the days and book titles that have

been read. Twenty minutes of reading time in a day is sufficient to make the day count. Badges may be unlocked by logging minutes and attending programs. Some activities require registration. Visit any local Houston Public Library location to pick up prizes earned.

Prizes
Children and teens will have the chance to win prizes from:

- Houston area museums.
- inSPIRE Rock Climbing.
- Houston Astros.
- Benihana.

Family fun
Parents and caregivers

are encouraged to read this summer, too. Families, that include one adult and one youth, who complete SRP will win a Family Prize, while supplies last. In order to qualify, the child must complete the 30-day level; and the adult must write two reviews, one for an item read for the adult's enjoyment and one for a youth item read with their child.

For the online calendar, visit http://houstonlibrary.org/learn-explore/library-events?field_library_node_target_id=All&field_event_type_tid=94.

Meador staff raps for students at STAAR pep rally



Meador Elementary third and fourth graders were entertained at their STAAR Pep Rally by a staff rap parody "Baby Got Brains." Shown are, left to right, Tara Merida, counselor; Connie Daumas, math peer

facilitator; Beverly Bolton, principal; Annette Stubbs, ELA peer facilitator; and Amy Clowers, assistant principal. Photo by Kelly Terwilliger

Remember When

40 years ago (1979)
The Kirkmont Association went to court and was granted a temporary injunction against a homeowner who was in violation of a deed restriction.

20 years ago (1999)
John Scheschuk, a 1995 Dobie High School graduate, was a seventh-round selection by the San Diego Padres in the amateur draft.

35 years ago (1984)
City Councilman Frank Mancuso said that the city had ruled out annexing either the Sagemeadow Utility District or the Harris County Municipal Utility District 13 at that time.

15 years ago (2004)
Contractors working on the Sagemeadow bridge were instructed to remove the drainage improvements and cease work. The project had not been approved by the Harris County Flood Control District, and the improvements made were deemed inadequate.

30 years ago (1989)
Dobie High School Lariaette director Patty LaTouche resigned after seven years to pursue endeavors including an addition to her family.

25 years ago (1994)
Alisha Kris Santos, a South Houston High School graduate, was crowned Miss South Belt.

10 years ago (2009)
Funding for a \$1.6 million security system in the Pasadena Independent School District was authorized by the board.

an remained in juvenile detention while authorities sought to have him certified as an adult.

A newborn baby was abandoned at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital by a mother who said she had the baby at home, and it needed to be examined. The mother said she had to move her car but never returned. No charges were filed citing the Baby Moses Law.

A "most entertaining" category was added to the awards given at the annual South Belt Fourth of July parade.

Thompson Intermediate students Mariel Arhelger and Aun Nguyen received awards for outstanding performance as good citizens.

Two homes in the 11500 block of Sagedowne were demolished as the result of a government buyout due to repeated flooding. Several other homes on the area street had been leveled over the last decade.

Lutheran South Academy student Makenzie Stocker died in a Pasadena traffic accident. Stocker, 18, was the daughter of Todd Stocker, a campus minister at Lutheran South Academy.

5 years ago (2014)
Mariselle Quijano-Lerma was elected to serve as president of the Pasadena Independent School District

board of trustees. She replaced Jack Bailey, who had served as president for two of the last four years. Marshall Kendrick would serve in Quijano-Lerma's former position of assistant secretary.

1 year ago (2018)
A man was shot inside his apartment in the 10200 block of Windmill Lakes Boulevard Monday, June 4. According to police, the 18-year-old victim answered a knock on his door around 7:30 p.m., and three male suspects allegedly forced their way inside, pushed the resident down to the ground, then shot him in the head. The suspects reportedly then fled the scene in a white Dodge Charger. The victim was transported to a nearby hospital and was expected to recover from his injuries. The three suspects are described merely as black males. No immediate arrests were made.

A temporary restraining order was issued June 6 against Bombshells Restaurant & Bar on the Gulf Freeway at Fuqua, citing multiple alcohol-related crimes. The TRO demanded the facility close at 9 p.m. and only serve food, not alcohol, for 14 days. The business opted to close its doors rather than serve food exclusively. The rare order was put in place after Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg

described the bar as a "crime factory." According to court documents, at least 90 people have been arrested at the business since it opened roughly four years ago. Some of those arrested have been known gang members.

In May alone, there were four DWIs related to Bombshells, one of which seriously injured Houston Police Officer Chayne Brothers, who, on June 11, filed a lawsuit against the establishment for over-serving the driver responsible for the accident. A second lawsuit was filed by an injured party from a DWI crash in February. Other reported crimes at the site include shootings, assaults, robberies and drug possession. In January 2015, an off-duty police officer working security at the bar shot and killed a man after he allegedly pointed a gun at him in the parking lot after being kicked out for fighting.

In March 2015, the business made national headlines after it refused to serve patrons with face and neck tattoos, claiming it represented gang affiliation, most notably the Houston sect of the Tango Blast prison gang. The business reopened later that month under requirements that it use computerized systems to monitor alcohol consumption, and that it provide two police officers on site from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. daily.

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In May alone, there were four DWIs related to Bombshells, one of which seriously injured Houston Police Officer Chayne Brothers, who, on June 11, filed a lawsuit against the establishment for over-serving the driver responsible for the accident. A second lawsuit was filed by an injured party from a DWI crash in February. Other reported crimes at the site include shootings, assaults, robberies and drug possession. In January 2015, an off-duty police officer working security at the bar shot and killed a man after he allegedly pointed a gun at him in the parking lot after being kicked out for fighting.

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Ross publishes book

Local South Belt resident Rosalie Ross has published her book "God Walk: a Journey of Love and Courage."

Rosalie and her husband John Ross have lived in Houston for about 40 years.

The couple met at Bethany Nazarene College in Bethany, Okla., in 1962 and have five children — all girls. They also have 14 grandchildren.

All the Ross daughters graduated from J. Frank Dobie High School. Rebecca Karlsson was a very inspirational track member. Danielle Milligan excelled in theater and won the best award medal. Deborah Bouis was also in track and did well with Rhonda Foster as her coach. She also has her doctorate in microbiology. Paula Manthei and Danielle Milligan graduated as nurses in the area. Their daughter Sharon De Shaw is a physical therapist in Huntsville.

For several years, Rosalie taught elementary school as a substitute teacher while working to finish her degree. Her favorite school was Morris Fifth-Grade Center. Rosalie was also certified in scrapbooking at San Jacinto College South.

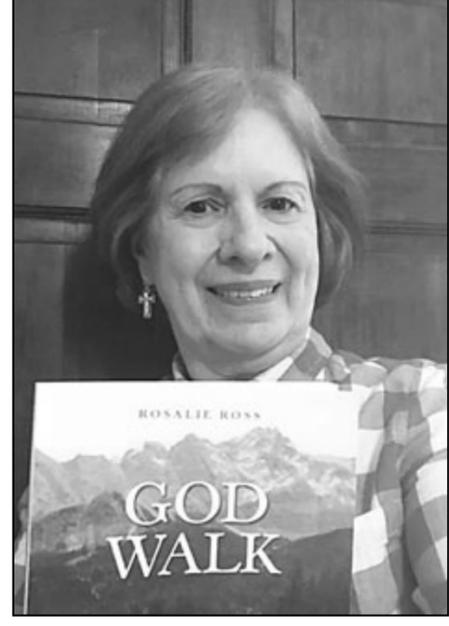
Rosalie enjoyed keeping a journal and writing poetry, then decided it would be better to record her daily happenings. She had suffered through a bout of breast cancer in 2001. After fifteen years

of teaching she then decided to leave the teaching profession at the age of 57. Rosalie and John have retired and are enjoying it.

In 2013, Rosalie was asked to finish a book by someone with whom she had been in contact at WestBow Press. Rosalie told the person that she did not even know if she was going to write a book and was sort of an idea that she had. The person was persistent and wanted to know if Rosalie had finished it yet. Rosalie told the person that she had not been writing for a while, and would notify them when she finished the work.

Rosalie finally did complete her diary five years later. This book is a diary written during a five-year period from 2011 to 2015. She decided to put her journals together and discovered they made great sense. Rosalie called WestBow Press and was told that the book would be a "good fit" for them. Rosalie was elated that it could be published by April 2019. "God Walk: a Journey of Love and Courage" details the ups and downs of family life, mixed with joys, travels, family matters and women's issues. The book is one of encouragement, and Rosalie gives God the glory.

Rosalie's book can be purchased on Amazon.com or at Westbowpress.com.



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Galyean overcomes major setbacks

Considering the basic and necessary fundamentals of being a successful golfer, being able to see and the ability to swing a club might be at the top of one's list.

For Clear Creek High School's Peyton Galyean, both of these abilities were threatened at a very young age.

"When I was just 18 months old, my parents noticed I had a lazy eye, so they asked a doctor to take a look at it," Peyton said. "They ended up telling them I was

90 percent blind in my right eye and 85 percent blind in my left eye."

She had been diagnosed with congenital cataracts, which only affects one in 10,000 babies, she said.

For the next few months, Peyton's family searched for a doctor who would perform surgery on her eyes. After receiving her first surgery near the age of two, she had four more surgeries on her eyes between then and her fifth birthday to help correct her vision as much as possible.

Then, at ten years old, she fell eight feet from an indoor playground. She had landed on her left arm and broke her wrist, dislocated and fractured her elbow, split her humerus bone in half, and cracked her growth plate.

"I had to have emergency surgery the next morning," Peyton said. "The doctors pretty much said I wouldn't be able to move my arm past 90 degrees and would never regain full use."

However, after six months of physical therapy, she proved them all wrong.

"I was placed in a device called a JAS, or joint active system, which is used for children with cerebral palsy to help with their muscles," said Peyton, who added that she would use the device for 30 minutes every night for nearly two months to help stretch out her arm. "I then went back to my doctor after those two months and had gained complete mobility back in my arm. He never thought this would be possible for me."

With these major setbacks seemingly on the mend, she set her sights on new challenges when she reached intermediate school. She started playing golf for the League City Intermediate team her seventh and eighth grade years.

"My dad got me into the sport since he played all throughout high school," Peyton said. "My older brother never picked it up, so my dad thought he would try with me. And it just stuck."

She started out as a beginner in high school and was placed in the junior varsity class her freshman year. She was committed to growing her game over that year by competing in tournaments and taking private lessons.

Toward the end of the year, there was a member of the varsity golf team who got sick and couldn't play in the district tournament. So, Peyton took her spot and ended

up in last place for the day and broke a district record for the worst score posted for that tournament.

"It was tough, but I was still proud of myself for competing since it was my first 18-hole tournament against the best golfers in the district as a freshman," Peyton said.

This lit a fire in her to become not only the best golfer she could be, but also a leader on her team once she made varsity her junior year.

"My freshman year, I didn't get a lot of interaction with the rest of the team since I was in the JV class and we didn't get to practice together," Peyton said. "So, when I became a team captain my junior and senior year, I made it a priority to go up to the freshmen and welcome them to the team. I still practice with them to this day and I think our team this year is the closest we have ever been."

Through Peyton's hard work and perseverance, she not only was part of the district championship team this past March, but she ended up winning the tournament and became the District 24-6A individual champion. This was also the first time in school history both the Clear Creek High School team won, and a Clear Creek High School individual won in the same year.

"I was ecstatic and started crying when I saw I had won," Peyton said. "It was a happy moment knowing I went from the absolute worst my freshman year, to first place my senior year. If you set your mind to something and are determined to do it, you can accomplish anything."

Peyton will be continuing her successful golf career after graduation with a scholarship to Seminole State College in Oklahoma. She then plans to transfer after two years to the University of Oklahoma to study meteorology and minor in broadcasting.



Peyton Galyean

Lariaettes announce 2019-2020 officers, social committee



J. Frank Dobie High School Lariaettes announced the 2019-2020 military officers and social committee. Shown are, left to right, Sidney Morales, lieutenant colonel; Charlize Tamayo, colonel; Hannah Wornley, major; Osayi Edigin, head executive; and Lauren Robinson, executive.

SJC process technology team wins national title

The San Jacinto College process technology student team has captured gold at the 2019 North American Process Technology Alliance Troubleshooting Competition for the third consecutive year.

"I am very proud to be a part of the process technology team at San Jacinto College," said Kenneth Jackson, process technology instructor and troubleshooting coach. "I take pride in being someone who can bring out the best in

my students. Winning three years in a row puts a target on our back, but I believe our students are up to the task."

This is the first year, however, that the campus took two teams to compete, also placing fourth with their "Rockin' Ravens" team.

The "Rajun Ravens" team of Matthew Hicks, William Petty, Edgar Rosales, Antonio Saldana, and Jackson beat out process technology teams from across the U.S. to gain the top spot in troubleshooting and re-

solving programs related to the petrochemical manufacturing environment.

"The competition was truly a collaborative effort," said Petty, team captain. "Each of us were able to look at things in our own way and freely share our ideas. At the end, we were giving each other high-fives, because we knew we had done well."

The four-round finals competition tested the teams' troubleshooting skills on recognizing and resolving problems

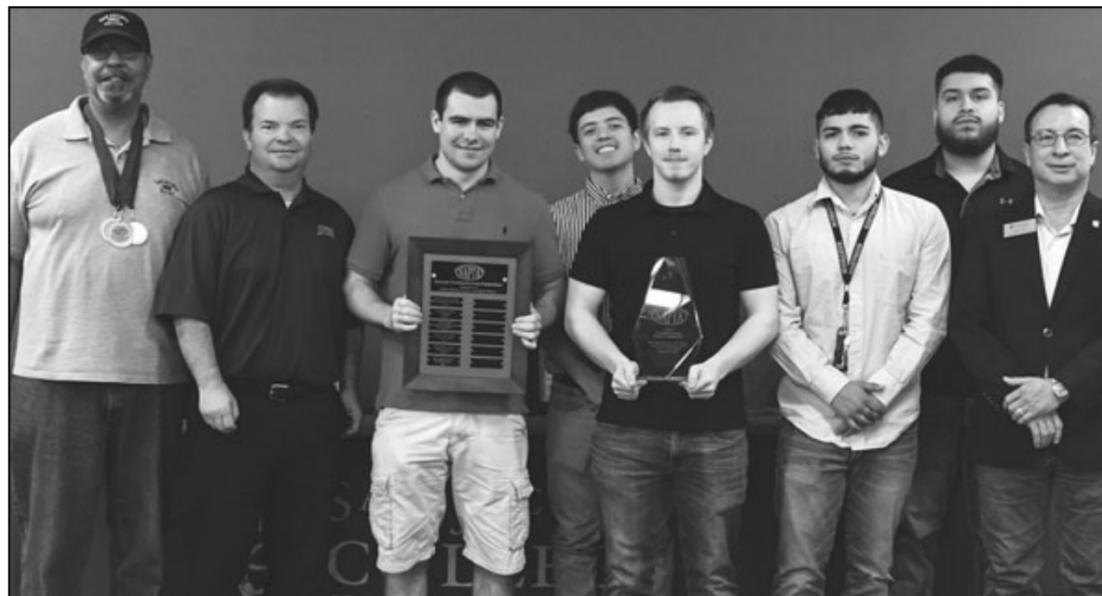
with various energy industry-related scenarios, using computer-based simulation and virtual plant environment software. Students also got to meet with industry representatives at the Industry Networking Hour held prior to the finals competition.

Leading up to the event, they spent months training and preparing under the direction of San Jacinto College process technology faculty, with additional support from the college's Corporate

Training for Process Technology and Instrumentation.

"When we were practicing, Mr. Jackson was always making sure we knew why we were making certain moves," said Edgar Rosales, team member. "We weren't guessing at what we were doing, we were considering how every move we made would affect our next step."

The 2020 NAPTA Troubleshooting Competition will be held at San Jacinto College in April.



The winning team of the 2019 North American Process Technology Alliance Troubleshooting Competition took home the gold. Shown above displaying the winning NAPTA plaques, from left to right are, Kenneth Jackson, San Jacinto College process technology instructor; William Petty, team captain; Ryan Murray; Francisco Reyes; Mitchell Denno; Antonio Saldana; Edgar Rosales; and Joseph Zwiercan, San Jacinto College Central department chair, petrochemical/energy. Photo by Melissa Trevizo

PLT presents "Plaza Suite" by Simon

Pasadena Little Theatre will celebrate its 65th anniversary. PLT is kicking off the first show of the season with an audience choice, a Neil Simon comedy "Plaza Suite."

Hilarity abounds in this portrait of three couples successively occupying a suite at the Plaza Hotel. A suburban couple take the suite while their house is being painted and it turns out to be the one

in which they honeymooned 23 (or was it 24?) years before and was yesterday the anniversary, or is it today? This wry tale of marriage in tatters is followed by the exploits of a Hollywood producer who, after three marriages, is looking for fresh fields. He calls a childhood sweetheart, now a suburban housewife, for a little sexual diversion. Over the years she has idolized him

from afar and is now more than the match for which he bargained. The last couple is a mother and father fighting about the best way to get their daughter out of the bathroom and down to the ballroom where guests await her or as mother yells, "I want you to come out of that bathroom and get married!"

"Plaza Suite" features first-time director at PLT



Pasadena Little Theatre will present "Plaza Suite" by Neil Simon on June 14 and which continues the weekends through June 30. Shown above in the middle of a scene, Manny Martinez (left) and Linda Rodriguez celebrate their wedding anniversary, but they are not sure if it's the 23rd or 24th anniversary. Photo by Zack Varela

Ellis joins youth to kick off annual Street Olympics

Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis, Street Olympics officials and sponsors kicked off the 33rd annual Street Olympics Summer Games on June 3, with 80 youths who just completed another school year, underscoring the value of high-quality, free summer youth programming.

The Olympic-style summer games competition and related programs will provide engaging activities for more than 5,000 youth this summer, with a focus on healthy competition, character development and educational enrichment.

Boys and girls from Precinct One's Lincoln Park Community Center and Finnigan Youth Education Town will demonstrate their skills at jump rope, football, basketball, kickball and Hula-Hoop, which are just five of the 14 competitions that start next week at 120 youth agencies across the Houston area.

In addition to the summer games, Precinct One Street Olympics also hosts Discovery Camps throughout the summer for youth, who get to enjoy a daylong learning experience about nature and the environment at Precinct One's Deussen Park and Challenger Seven Learning Center.

To demonstrate some of the camp offerings, trained handlers from Precinct One's Environmental Education Program performed live interactive animal demonstrations featuring a snake, a bearded dragon and other animals at the kickoff event.

officials participated in a torch-lighting ceremony modeled after the Olympic opening festivities.

Approximately 5,000 Houston-area youth, ages 6 to 17, are expected to participate in the 2019 summer games. Discovery camps, 3-on-3 basketball, learn-to-swim sessions and Splash-down over an eight-week period - culminating in the Final Event/Bright Futures Fair and closing ceremonies that will include a Parade of Champions on Aug. 2 at NRG Arena.

Join Girl Scouts. Sign up at the annual Sign-Up Skate event at Pearwood Skate Center at 1230 Broadway St. in Pearland June 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. Register for Girl Scouts at the event and skate for free. Current Girl Scout members skate for \$3 and nonmembers skate for \$5. Registration online is available at www.gssjc.org. Search for a troop by zip code.

Precinct One youth, Ellis and Street Olympics

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Limb dumping continues



The discarding of tree debris on area streets continues to be a problem for many South Belt residents, with multiple instances being reported throughout the community. It is unclear if all the dumpings are related or not. The above photo was taken on Sagedowne between Sagetrail and Sagedacanyon. See related story on Page 1A.
Photo by Jeff Turnipseed

Retired ambulance rolls into CTHS



Shown above are, left to right, (front row) Kristi White, CTHS assistant principal; Brenda Valle, AMR EMT; Anahi Gonzalez; Alyssa Estrada; Summer Sorensen; Priscilla Resendez; Ysidra Salinas; Lluvia Solis; Tracy Johnson, AMR EMT; Nathaniel Perez, AMR operations manager; Tanya Hagar, executive director Career and Technical Education; Marcette Kilgore, coordinator Career and Technical Education (back row) Steve Fleming, CTHS principal; Kevin Tipton, AMR regional director; Allen Rudel, AMR lead fleet mechanic; Patrick Vermes, AMR clinical education specialist; Charly Mata; Justin Guelker; Jade-Lynn Mendoza; Alessandra Reyna; Maria Arias; and Melinda Medina.

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Ambulance finds new home in PISD' CTHS

A retired ambulance has found a new home after American Medical Response generously donated the vehicle to the Dr. Kirk Lewis Career and Technical High School EMT program.

CTHS students will now have the opportunity to receive hands-on training utilizing the ambulance and participate in emergency simulations.

"Instead of us getting mannequins, we get to actually pull up on scene and engage in a simulation," said, CTHS senior Justin Guelker, an aspiring EMT. "This really gives us a sense of the real deal."

For years, AMR has donated multiple retired ambulances to fire, rescue and law enforcement agencies for various uses, in addition to various schools for training purposes.

"This is how you combine knowledge with reality," Kevin Tipton, AMR regional director said.

"It is different gaining skills in the classroom environment versus the back of a moving ambulance, but both experiences are essential for work in EMT."

When Tipton handed over the keys to the ambulance, CTHS EMT teacher Melinda Medina said the vehicle will usher in a new learning experience outside the traditional educational experience.

"It's an extension of my own classroom, but here on campus," Medina said. "Before they get to do clinicals, they will get an idea of what an ambulance looks like and how to load a stretcher before getting out to work in the field."

To learn additional information about AMR, visit the website: <https://www.amr.net/home>.



Shown above ready to cruise in the retired ambulance are Justin Guelker (right) and Lluvia Solis.

After the truck was pulled out



A pickup truck crashed through a garage in the 10100 block of Sageroyal near Blackhawk on Thursday, May 30. The above photo shows the garage after the vehicle had been removed. The item shown in the lower left corner is a light pole that was run over by the truck. See related photo on Page 1A.
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SBHLL all-stars named

Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League officials have revealed the names of its all-star players in its various age groups, as AS tournament season is nearing with the beginning of District 15 action.



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The Leader will list the all-stars in their various age groups, along with available District 15 tournament action as things get underway.

For additional information on the SBHLL All-Stars, see the league's page on Facebook.

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Dobie football – What does early 2019 outlook reveal?



At left, Dobie varsity football head coach Kevin Berneathy viewed the action as his players took part in its spring game last month. Having engineered an effort that has reinvigorated the program since his arrival just over 15 months ago, the soon-to-be second year coach could very well have the Longhorns positioned for still better things come the 2019 regular season and beyond. For Berneathy's view on the state of the program following the completion of spring drills, see the June 13 issue.

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LSA players earn all-district, all-state status

The 2018-2019 school year has officially ended, what with graduation ceremonies giving most student-athletes one final chance to represent both themselves and their schools as they walked across the stage. Two athletic programs left celebrating to the very end included the varsity

baseball and softball squads from Lutheran South Academy.

The two first pulled off an incredible feat back in 2015, winning the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools state championships in the two sports.

Now, the Pioneers have done it again, and the post-season accolades continued to roll in for some of the top athletes.

Senior right-handed pitcher Trhea Morse, who struck out 12 in the state semifinal game and allowed just three hits, was the Pioneers' top starter for much of the season, and what a season it was.

Morse, a Panola College signee, was a first team All-State selection following the season.

The 2019 graduate was joined at the all-state level by two other seniors, including senior catcher Chad Allen and infielder Jared Chambers, both second team All-State picks.

Champions of District 7-5A, the Pioneers were also the recipients of their just due of all-district honorees.

Morse went on to be named the District 7-5A Most Valuable Player after his terrific season on the hill.

Chambers and Allen were first team selections for Lutheran South, as was freshman Deundre Jones, who will return in 2020 and beyond to lead the charge for the locals.

The Pioneers' second team All-District picks included junior Henry Hill and sophomore Luke Harrison, the latter having secured the pitching win in the state champi-

onship game for the second straight season. Kevin Roebelen and Kaleb Hicks made honorable mention.

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LSA's Klein aids Texas Gray win



Lutheran South Academy left-hander Nelson Klein earned the save as Texas Gray scored a 1-0 win over Texas White during the 2019 Sophomore Sunbelt Classic in Oklahoma City. Sebastian Soliz of Shadow Creek went the first five innings of a game between the two teams May 31 and Klein followed with two innings of relief to lead their team to a win. The annual series also included teams from Oklahoma, Nebraska, Arkansas, Kansas and Canada, featuring 2018-2019 sophomore class players. Texas Gray went on to win the championship game with a 7-0 victory over Texas White. Klein was also a member of LSA's 2019 Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Division II state championship squad.

SJC baseball's Rutledge goes No. 17 overall to MLB's Washington Nats

Sophomore right-hander Jackson Rutledge became the earliest MLB draftee in San Jacinto College baseball history June 3, going to the Washington Nationals with the 17th overall pick in the first round.

At San Jacinto for the 2019 season after transferring from the University of Arkansas, the St. Louis native was nothing shy of dazzling. At 9-2 overall,

Rutledge was tops nationally in the JUCO Division I ranks with an earned run average of 0.87. He was second in the country with 134 strikeouts over 82 2/3 innings, and tossed four complete games.

The sophomore has signed to continue his education and playing career at the University of Kentucky, but barring an unforeseen development involving negotiations, is

expected to turn professional.

The Nationals' available signing bonus money

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Dobie baseball players garner 22-6A all-district honors

First team selections David Amaya, Daniel Garza and Miguel Torres led the way for the Dobia varsity baseball team as the league's respective head coaches announced the names of those deserving candidates following Kingwood's loss in the regional finals. Amaya is set to continue his education and playing career at Coastal Bend College, while Garza will return as a senior to lead the pitching staff. Dobie had five others named to the second team after a fourth-place team finish.

All-District 22-6A Baseball Selections

Most Valuable Player

Masyn Wynn, Kingwood, Jr.

Newcomer of the Year

Jayden Duplantier, Summer Creek, Fr.

Offensive Player of the Year

Tre Richardson, Kingwood, Jr.

Defensive Player of the Year

Justin Long, Kingwood, Jr.

Coach of the Year

Kelly Mead, Kingwood

First Team Selections

- P – Daniel Garza, Dobie, Jr.
- P – Eric Rodriguez, Memorial, Soph.
- P – Sam Friday, Kingwood, Sr.
- P – Adam Gonzales, Rayburn, Sr.
- P – Andre Duplantier, Summer Creek, Sr.
- P – Matt Young, Summer Creek, Sr.
- P – Caleb Cannon, Atascocita, Sr.
- C – Tyler Byrd, Atascocita, Jr.
- 1B – Caleb Cannon, Atascocita, Sr.
- 2B – Miguel Torres, Dobie, Soph.
- SS – Macrae Kendrick, Atascocita, Sr.
- 3B – D.J. Taylor, Atascocita, Sr.
- DH – Anthony Tejada, Humble, Jr.
- OF – Luke Johnson, Kingwood, Sr.
- OF – Carter Amarantos, Kingwood, Sr.
- OF – Dylan Ivey, Atascocita, Jr.
- OF – David Amaya, Dobie, Sr.
- Util. – Brice Matthews, Atascocita, Jr.

Second Team Selections

- P – Dominic Martinez, Dobie, Jr.
- P – Damien Lopez, Dobie, Sr.
- P – Alan Lopez, Dobie, Jr.
- P – Anthony Tejada, Humble, Jr.
- P – Chris Foster, Kingwood, Sr.
- P – Jared Silva, Summer Creek, Sr.
- P – Hudson Luce, Atascocita, Sr.
- P – Jon Saldana, South Houston, Sr.
- C – Jordan See, Memorial, Jr.
- 1B – Donovan Rice, Humble, Jr.
- 2B – Manuel Gonzalez, South Houston, Sr.
- 3B – Andre Duplantier, Summer Creek, Sr.
- SS – Jeffry Mercado, Dobie, Sr.
- DH – Anthony Hall, Summer Creek, Jr.
- OF – Joe Campbell, Memorial, Sr.
- OF – Jared Silva, Summer Creek, Sr.
- OF – Clay Bradford, Atascocita, Sr.
- OF – Christian Cleckley, Dobie, Jr.
- Util. – Matt Young, Summer Creek, Sr.

Honorable Mention All-District – Dobie
Noah Torres, Soph., 1B – Justin Blogg, Jr., C

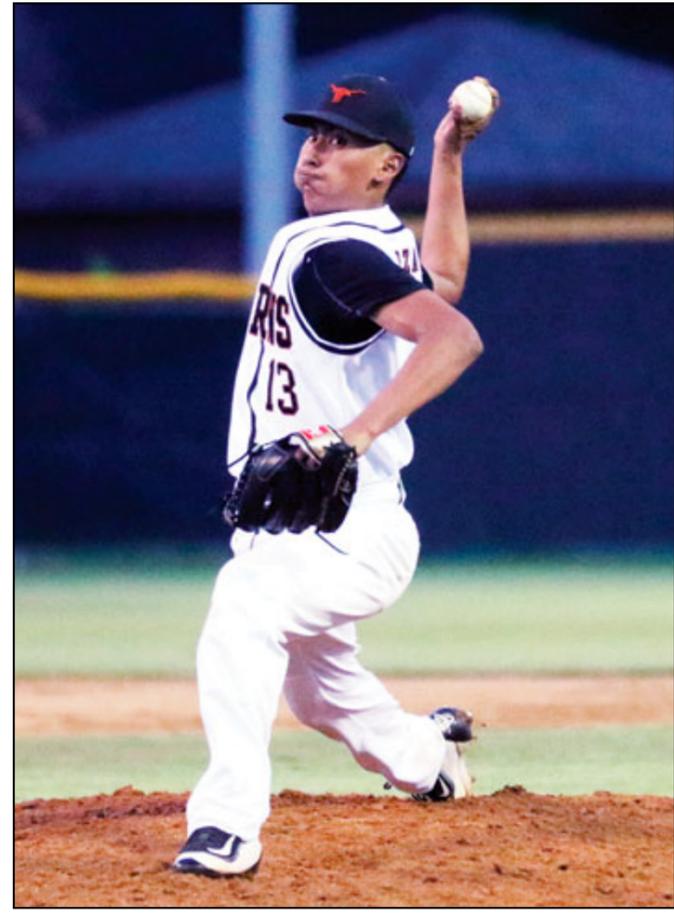


Poised with a chance to grab the majority of playing time at second base this season with teammate Jeffry Mercado moving to shortstop, Dobie sophomore Miguel Torres (15) did just that, playing exceptionally in all phases of the game en route to first team all-district status within 22-6A.



A second team all-district pick as a junior, David Amaya put it all together for the Longhorns in his final season, becoming the team's most consistent offensive performer on his way to the first team.

Photo by Jade Wise



One of the most successful pitchers for Dobie in recent years, junior right-hander Daniel Garza was a first team all-district performer for the second straight year as he led the Longhorns in wins.

Photo by Jade Wise



Christian Cleckley (27) capitalized on his opportunities this season as a junior, taking over as a full-time starter and eventually grabbing second team all-district status. His speed and baserunning skills were big in the postseason.

LSA baseball, softball collect honors as both programs win state crowns

Continued from Page 1B

Not to be outdone by the academy's baseball program, the state-championship softball team gained its fair share of accolades after getting past Bullard Brook Hill 6-2 for the TAPPS Division II state crown.

Shelbi Smith, the team's primary starting pitcher and Seton Hall University signee, was a Division II District 5 first team all-district and all-state selection after winning both the state semifinal and final games.

Smith then, obviously, was an all-tournament team selection at state as she completed her prep

career in style.

Anna Jones, who has signed to play at Louisiana State University beginning this fall, was also a first team all-district pick in addition to becoming a first team all-state and state all-tournament team selection.

Junior Lauren Whitney, who will return next season as a senior to lead the Lady Pioneers, also had a terrific junior season that saw her named to the Division II District 5, first team all-state and all-tournament squads.

In addition, Whitney was recognized for her work in the classroom, having landed academ-

ic all-state status with her 92.17 grade average.

The Lady Pioneers' other all-state selections included honorable mention picks Ashley Foret, a sophomore, in addition to freshman Cayden Koster.

The team's other state all-tourney squad member was Jacqueline Lachney, who was also a TAPPS academic all-state honoree with her 96.9 grade average.

Foret and Koster were Division II District 5 first team picks following the season, with Lachney, sophomore Gayle Henderson and freshman Lily Psencik finding their way to the second team for

their efforts.

The Lutheran South Academy baseball and softball programs came up big in 2019, with both winning state championships for the first time since the 2015 campaign.

The Lady Pioneers' softball program was led by Dobie High School graduate Nicole Andrade, who won the title in her second season.

The Pioneer baseball program, under the guidance of head coach Aaron Schneider, went back-to-back, having won the state title in 2018. Schneider, the program's leader since 2013, also led the 2015 team to a state crown.



Dobie senior Jeffry Mercado gave the Longhorns a boost at the top of the lineup, frequently using his base stealing ability to pressure opposing defenses on his way to a second team all-district nomination as the team's shortstop. He is an Angelina College signee.



The Longhorns got a huge year out of senior right-hander Damien Lopez (32) as he gave the Longhorns a steady presence no matter his role on the mound. The second team all-district player is headed for Coastal Bend College.



Dobie junior Dom Martinez developed into a strike-out artist for the Longhorns this season as a left-hander, coming up big in relief and also delivering a fine starting effort in the playoffs. He was a second team all-district pick.



Junior Alan Lopez (42) was a big reason why the Longhorns had one of the district's deepest pitching staffs, delivering a consistent outing time and time again as he was a second team all-district selection for Dobie.

Dobie voluntary strength, conditioning continues; important dates tagged

Dobie High School student-athletes are encouraged to continue to take part in the school's free voluntary strength and conditioning workouts that will run through the first week of August.

Incoming freshmen as of the upcoming school year will continue to train from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., with all other grade classes working out from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

The remaining dates include June 10-13, June 17-20, June 24-27, July 1-3, July 11-12, July 15-18, July 24-25, July 29 through Aug. 1 and Aug. 5-8. The middle two days of each week will include football-specific work, which will take place at the conclusion of the regular strength and conditioning workouts.

Dobie varsity football head coach Kevin Berneathy has also marked Thursday, Aug. 1 as a mandatory parent meeting date from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the school's auditorium.

This includes parents of both incoming freshman players as well as those returning. Dobie's player orientation will be held Friday, Aug. 2, as junior varsity

and varsity players will attend from 8 to 10 a.m. The incoming freshman player meeting will be held at the Dobie9 campus from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The first mandatory day

of preseason workouts for incoming freshmen is Monday, Aug. 5, while all returning players will report for preseason workouts Monday, Aug. 12. Dobie, will travel to

Beaumont Aug. 23 to take on United for its lone preseason scrimmage. The varsity team hosts Santa Fe Aug. 29 at Veterans Stadium to open the regular season at 7 p.m.

SBGSA's 14-under All-Stars earn second place



The South Belt Girls Softball Association's 14-under All-Star team turned in a terrific performance, earning second place at the Memorial Day Madness tournament in Lake Jackson. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Jacqlyn

Torres, Layla Araujo, Emma Hernandez, Alexis Medina-Acosta, Andrea Garcia, Argelia Garcia, (back row) Alexis Cline, Emily Delgado, Ashlee Garcia, Isabella Rios, Shiya Victorian, Carissa Pena and Laila Romero.

PGSA's Pink Sox All-Stars place third



The Pink Sox 6-under All-Stars from the Pasadena Girls Softball Association went on to grab third place at the USA softball Metro Pixie tournament in La Porte. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Mila Sandoval, Mila Elizondo, Izabel-

la Giron, Naydeel Ortega, Esmeralda Marquez, (back row) Aubrey Brown, Paityn Gonzalez, Delilah Cansino, Sophia Garza, Victoria Tamayo, Zoie Escobar and Sophia Gonzales.

San Jacinto's Rutledge goes No. 17

Continued from Page 1B should come close. In 2018, only two first-round draft choices failed to mean Rutledge will get every bit of that figure to sign, but the two sides

Rutledge, a 6-foot-8-inch, 250-pound hard thrower, signed with the University of Arkansas out of high school after going undrafted following the completion of his high school career.

After one season with the Razorbacks, Rutledge transferred both to have the chance to pitch for a JUCO national title and to be eligible for the 2019 MLB draft.

The run at a national title fell through when the National Junior College Athletic Association ruled the San Jacinto College program ineligible over scholarship violations.

Despite the disappointment of not having the opportunity to advance to Grand Junction for the Division World Series, Rutledge far from disappointing on the field while rocketing up MLB draft boards, regularly sitting at 95 miles per hour with his fastball, touching 98 at times and offering a good set of secondary pitches.

At San Jacinto, Rutledge operated as the team's top starter on a loaded staff that also includes left-hander Dane Acker, who went 10-0.

In the days leading up to the draft, experts working in conjunction with

MLB.com had the following to say of Rutledge.

"The best junior college prospect since Bryce Harper in 2010, Rutledge spent (2018) at Arkansas but suffered from a hip injury and control issues.

"He had a breakthrough season this year after transferring to San Jacinto, sitting in the mid 90s with his fastball and reaching 99 miles per hour while also flashing a wipe-out slider and a plus curveball.

"He's physically imposing at 6-foot-8, though he has an unusually short arm action for someone his size."

Rutledge was a semifinalist for the 2019 Golden Spikes Award, handed annually to the nation's top collegiate performer.

He traveled to New York and was one of four potential first-round choices in the MLB studios for the draft proceedings. After being selected by the Nationals, Rutledge made it clear his intention is to sign.

"It's everything you dream of," Rutledge said. "I tried to put it in the back of my mind as much as I could, but when you get there, it all gets real. Hearing my name, I got goosebumps."

SBGSA's 8-under All-Stars take third at Metro



The South Belt Girls Softball Association's 8-under All-Stars captured third place at the USA Softball Metro Pixie in La Porte May 25-26. The locals competed in a 15-team field, playing nine games over the two days to grab the solid placing. Members of the team are, left to right, (bottom row) Molly Castañeda, Maddison Campos, Khayla Juarez,

Melody Ramirez, Mayra Lira, Camila Padua, (middle row) Myla Garcia, Cecilia Velasquez, Miyah McDween, Alyssa Davis, Mikaela Torres, Anelee Williams, (back row) coaches Chris Ramirez, Jonathan Williams, Sal Castañeda, Rob Juarez and Carlos Padua.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

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

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

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For additional

information, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

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

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

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

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games are Saturday and Sunday. Clear Lake Bridge Club is located at 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for additional information or Call the club at 281-480-1911.

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

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

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

MONDAY, JUNE 10

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

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

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. For details, call 713-686-6300.

Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, join the group and improve crossword skills. Call 281-488-2923 for additional information.

Mended Hearts Cardiac Support Group - A national organization dedicated to inspiring hope in heart patients and families meets the second Monday at the Clear Lake Heart Towers auditorium, 495 Medical Center Blvd., Webster. A free meal begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a speaker. For information, call 281-538-4648.

Toastmasters - The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets Mondays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., at the Parker Williams Library, located at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., in room 110 D (except when library is closed). For additional information, call Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 or Carolyn Carmichael at 832-372-3565 or visit https://youngprofessionalsoastmasters.com/.

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.

Sagamont Civic Club - Meetings are held the second Monday, Sagamont Park Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes Rd.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's 12 Step Recovery open meeting Mondays, 7:30 p.m. in the education bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For additional information, call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801.

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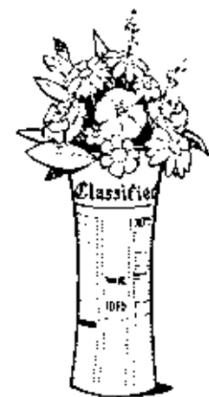
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TUESDAY, JUNE 11

7 a.m.
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Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For details, call 713-472-0565. 10 a.m.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details. Noon

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

Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For details, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@texascitizensbank.com. 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Free dance lessons - taught by Lewis and Betty Whistler (35 years of experience) at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E League City Parkway, on Tuesdays. Bringing a partner is not required. There is a different dance focus monthly. For details, call Betty at 832-517-5833. For questions about League City's activity card, call the park office at 281-554-1180. 1:30 p.m.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., 1:30 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713. 2 p.m.

Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318. 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. 7 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 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 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in. 9:30 a.m.

Young at Heart Senior Club - Meets the second and fourth week monthly (Nov./Dec. meet second week only) at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Jan Okumura at 832-298-9480 for details. 10 a.m.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300. 1 - 3:30 p.m.

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

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

Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention - Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support group for women. Visit www.bayareaturningpoint.org for information. 8 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243. THURSDAY, JUNE 13

7 a.m.

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for more information, or drop in. 9:30 a.m.

NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse - Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Hwy. 3 in Webster. The public is welcome and encouraged to bring others. For details, call 281-910-1971 or visit aglownet.org. 10 a.m.

Fun Bunch - for senior citizens, ages 55 and older, meets the second Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call Ronn Canon at 281-610-8999 or the chamber at 281-481-5516. 10 a.m.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email at jpochsner@aol.com for details. 11:30 a.m.

ABWA - Southeast Express Network - American Business Women's Association-South meets the second Thursday, Spring Creek Barbeque, 9005 Broadway (FM-518), Pearland. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (\$20). Includes networking with professional business women and guest speaker. Women of all ages/occupations invited. Bring business cards. Reservations appreciated. Visit www.seen-abwa.org. Noon

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300. 6:30 p.m.

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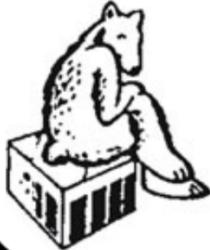
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Dobie, Lutheran South baseball players compete in HABCA Senior All-Star Game



At right, the Houston Area Baseball Coaches Association Senior All-Star Game June 3 at Constellation Field in Sugarland included a contingent from the Lutheran South Academy program, from left, pitcher Threa Morse, head coach Aaron Schneider, catcher Chad Allen and infielder Jared Chambers. The trio of players came up big as the Pioneers went on to win the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Division II state championship last month. Morse, who is set to continue his education and playing career at Panola College, was the winning pitcher in the state semifinal as LSA won a second straight state crown and third since the 2015 season.



The Dobie High School baseball program made a big impression at the Houston Area Baseball Coaches Association's Senior All-Star Game June 3 at Sugarland's Constellation Field. Longhorn shortstop Jeffrey Mercado (left) and pitcher Damien Lopez (third from left) were selected to play in the game and were supported by Dobie varsity baseball head coach Miguel Torres (second from left) and JFD pitching coach Kevin Schulba. Mercado has signed to play at Angelina College, while Lopez is now set to play at Coastal Bend College.

Area sports news, notes

Thompson Intermediate offers summer camps

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

The Lions' three-week boot camp will run June 10 to June 28, each Monday through Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m. for both boys and girls. Cost of the boot camp sessions is \$25 per week.

Both students and the coaches will take the week of July 1-4 off to spend time with family before the soccer camp is held July 8-11. Again, both boys and girls will be eligible to attend at a cost of \$25 per student.

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

Thompson's strength and conditioning camp comes July 22-25 as both boys and girls may participate for \$25 per student. The hours are also from 9 to 11 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Brook baseball's Flores sets youth camp details

Clear Brook varsity baseball head coach Gene Flores and his staff have set the dates for the Wolverines' 2019 youth camp. The event will be held June 10-12 at Wolverine Field, from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Instructors will focus on hitting and defense from 9 a.m. to noon, with pitching and catching thereafter. Those entering the second through ninth grades as of the 2019-2020 school year are eligible to attend. The cost is \$100 for the hitting and defense sessions and \$60 for the pitching/catching only, or \$140 for both.

Participants will receive a camp T-shirt, and concessions as well as pizza slices will be available for purchase throughout the event. For more information or to register, direct email to Flores at eflores1@ccisd.net.

Youth basketball camp guided by JFD's Hartman

Dobie varsity girls' basketball head coach Jasmine Hartman, who guided her team to the area playoff round in her debut season, has established plans for the Dobie youth basketball camp for both boys and girls.

The camp will be held June 25-27, with those students entering the first through fifth grades as of the 2019-2020 school year attending from 8 to 10 a.m. for \$40 per participant. Sixth- through ninth-grade students will pay \$45 per student and attend from noon to 3 p.m. Individual skills such as shooting, rebounding, passing and dribbling will be taught as well as both team offensive and defensive strategies. For additional information, direct email to Hartman at jhartman@pasadenaisd.org.

Rising Stars still taking athletes, prep for season

The Rising Stars Track Club, the area's longstanding youth track and field organization is busy practicing for the start of the summer season, and registration is ongoing at Dobie High School.

Even as the season begins, the weekly workouts will run from 5 to 7 p.m., at the JFD track. Team officials will also accept registration any day in conjunction with the practices. For more information, call Stars head coach Ivory Kimble at 832-561-1248.

Dobie football to offer youth camp July 29-31

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

Hudson hosts girls' hoops camp

Clear Brook varsity girls' basketball coach and his staff will host the Lady Wolverines' youth camp June 24-27 at the school. The fee is \$100. Seventh through ninth-grade students will attend from 9:30 a.m. to noon, with third through sixth-grade students attending from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Direct email to Hudson at BHudson@ccisd.net for additional details.

Ole Miss, Myers advance

Three straight wins, including two blowouts, allowed the Ole Miss baseball team to win the Oxford Regional and advance to take on fifth-seeded Arkansas in the Fayetteville Super Regional June 7-9. Dobie graduate Tyler Myers, a junior reliever with the Rebels, did not pitch in the Oxford Regional but is expected to be back in action in the best-of-three series against the Razorbacks. The series winner advances to the NCAA College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

Brook, Dobie volleyball set youth camp details

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

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

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

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

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

This session will focus on teaching beginner players the fundamentals of the game and getting those taking part familiar with the various concepts of the sport.

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

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

Those entering the ninth

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

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

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

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

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

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

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