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Parade winners named

The winners of the 32nd annual South Belt Fourth of July parade have been announced. The award for the most patriotic commercial entry went to Precinct 2 constable candidate Jerry Garcia. The prize for the most patriotic noncommercial entry was awarded to the H-Town Cookers. Taking home the trophy for the most original noncommercial entry was the Dobie FFA group.

Leader seeks vacation pics

The *Leader* is seeking readers' 2019 vacation photos. First-, second- and third-place prizes of Schlitterbahn tickets will be awarded for the best submissions July and August. Submissions should include where and when the photo was taken, details about the trip and first and last names of each person in the photo. All photos must be high resolution. Email photos to mynews@southbeltleader.com. See this week's vacation photos on Page 6A.

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one lane on the northbound frontage road of the Gulf Freeway from FM 517 to FM 518 in League City will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Wednesday, July 31. At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96/League City Parkway will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Tuesday, Dec. 31. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed. The northbound exit ramp on the Gulf Freeway between SH 96/League City Parkway and FM 518 will be closed continuously through 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31. Drivers traveling north on the main lanes will continue to NASA Road 1, exit, then U-turn and come back to FM 518. The closures are associated with ongoing construction to widen the freeway from three to five lanes in each direction and the frontage roads from two to three lanes in each direction.

Beltway closures planned

The eastbound and westbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Beamer will be closed continuously through 9 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 22. There will be a total closure of the westbound Beltway 8 frontage road at SH 288 nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through the morning of Friday, July 26. Both northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Crenshaw will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday, Aug. 16. Both northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Preston will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday, Aug. 2. Both northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Vista will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Monday, Aug. 5.

Prayer walk set for July 27

School Prayer Walks USA will host a prayer walk from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday, July 27, at Fred Roberts Middle School, 13402 Conklin Lane, near Beltway 8 and Highway 3. All are welcome to pray for the protection and peace of students and staff. For more information, call 281-484-0901.

Faith Baptist giveaway

Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 9850 Mango, will host a backpack giveaway, Saturday, Aug. 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be games, food and fun. Backpacks complete with school supplies will be given out while supplies last.

Church holds blood drive

South Belt Church, 13100 Beamer, will hold a blood and platelet drive Saturday, Aug. 10, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M.D. Anderson is sponsoring the event. Donors must be in good health, at least 17 years old and weigh 110 pounds or more. Platelet donors must not have taken ibuprofen or aspirin products within 48 hours of a donation. A photo ID will be required for all donors. To schedule an appointment, visit <http://tinyurl.com/southbelt0819>.

Knights sell barbecue

The Knights of Columbus Council No. 9201 will host a barbecue fundraiser at St. Luke Catholic church, located at 11011 Hall Road, Saturday, July 27, and Sunday, July 28, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The meal will consist of a chopped beef sandwich, chips and a drink for \$7. The proceeds will go to the Knights of Columbus community charities.

Pasadena ISD names new administrators

By Reesha Brown
Pasadena ISD Communications
Former South Houston Intermediate Principal Laura Gomez turned over the keys to the campus as Jessica Swenson was named SHI's new principal by the Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees.

A former South Belt resident and 1997 Dobie graduate, Swenson is replacing Gomez, who was recently promoted to principal at Pasadena High School. "I feel blessed to be a part of the South Houston Intermediate family," Swenson said. "SHI is a school with deep roots, fun traditions and a focus on student safety and learning. I'm excited about working with the teachers, students and parents to continue the momentum of success at SHI."

Swenson started her educational career in 2001 as a teacher in Pearland ISD. In 2003, she joined the Pasadena ISD family as a journalism teacher at Dobie High School. In 2010, she was promoted to assistant principal at Miller Intermediate before being named assistant principal at Memorial High School.

Swenson holds a master's degree in educational management from the University of Houston-Clear Lake and a bachelor's degree in journalism from Texas A&M University.

Gomez welcomes Swenson



Former South Houston Intermediate Principal Laura Gomez (left) is shown above handing over the keys to the campus to Jessica Swenson, who was recently named principal of the school. Gomez will now serve as principal of Pasadena High School. A former South Belt resident and 1997 Dobie graduate, Swenson most recently served as assistant principal of Pasadena Memorial High School. Photo submitted

Weber to fill Reed's CCISD position

Win Weber, a longtime Clear Creek Independent School District Board of Trustee and friend of Chris Reed, will fulfill the District 2 term following his unexpected passing in June 2019. The school board took action on Monday, July 22, to appoint Weber to the position. Reed was elected to District 2 in May 2017 following Weber's retirement from the board. "By appointing Win to the District 2 board seat, we are honoring the legacy and service of Chris Reed through someone who represents Chris' values, integrity, servant leadership and focus on children," said Dr. Laura DuPont, CCISD board president. "Win also has a solid record of exemplary service to the CCISD community."

Weber is a criminal defense lawyer in the Clear Lake Area, a mother of two Clear Creek ISD graduates and a longtime resident of Nassau Bay. Weber joined the CCISD school board in 2008 and became the vice president in 2013 and then president in 2014. Weber returned to private life in 2017 and supported Reed in his election. The school board's appointment of Weber is effective immediately in accordance with state law. Weber will serve in this position through May 2020, when the District 2 seat is up for election.

Area dog scares away mail carrier

Residents in the 11300 block of Sagetrail near Hughes Road are upset that a loose dog near one house on one day reportedly caused the entire block's mail delivery to be suspended for more than two weeks. The dog in question, presumed to have been dumped, was discovered on Friday, July 12. When spotted by the female letter carrier, the animal was reported to the U.S. Postal Service, and all nearby deliveries were halted. Although the dog was immediately adopted

by a family on the street and safely secured in the backyard of a residence, the mail deliveries were still placed on hold for an additional two weeks, as residents were instructed to pick up their respective mail at the Windmill Lakes USPS hub. During the two-week period, other carriers, such as FedEx and UPS, continued to make deliveries on the block, residents said. USPS deliveries on the block were said to have resumed Tuesday, July 23.

JFD students attend Rice STEM camp

Several Pasadena Independent School District students, including 20 from Dobie, are attending educational summer camps at Rice University this summer. The prestigious Say STEM Camps are a partnership between ExxonMobil and Richard Tapia Center for Excellence and Equity. The camps, which focus on science, technology, engineering and math – or STEM – are funded through a \$150,000 grant from ExxonMobil. The grant provides scholarships to more than 50 students and educators from the Beaumont, Channelview, Clear Creek, Goose Creek, Houston, Midland, Nederland, Pasadena, Port Neches-Groves and Webster Independent School Districts. The program is primarily focused on empowering underserved communities with educational opportunities. "We're very thankful for ExxonMobil's generosity, as this financial support will further STEM education in Texas," said Dr. Paul Hand, executive director of the Say STEM Camps. "The projects we have planned this summer are now a reality with ExxonMobil's partnership and will have a great impact on educators and students who may not have the opportunity for this type of experience." One such student is incoming Dobie senior Eloy Sanchez, who was awarded a scholarship to attend the camp. "It's a great experience, something I know I would not have been able to come to on my own," Sanchez said. "The expense is not something my family would be able to afford. I come from a bigger family, so it's not really an opportunity I would get to experience otherwise. I'm really grateful to ExxonMobil for allowing me to come here and experience what I would not have been able to otherwise." Say STEM Camps feature a challenging

STEM curriculum, engaging activities and interactions with renowned professors. During the week-long residential experience at Rice University, students in eighth-12th grade develop teamwork and communication skills while being immersed in a college-bound culture. More than 300 students are expected to attend the four sessions offered this summer. "It is a privilege to partner with the Tapia Center because we share a common goal to educate and empower all who have an interest in science, technology, engineering or math," said Jerry Frey, president of ExxonMobil. "Making these great programs available to more teachers and students in the communities where we live and work is an integral part of our commitment to strengthen education." Sanchez is hopeful he may one day return to Rice University as a student there. "One of the reasons I jumped out at this opportunity is because it's a big name school," Sanchez said. "It's a big name private school. It's on the top tier of my list when I start applying to colleges in the coming months. The opportunity to be here and be in these great halls and be with people who I will maybe someday sit with in other classrooms – it's a really great experience and opportunity. Maybe one day I'll actually sleep in the dorm I'm staying in today. It's kind of mind-blowing when you think about it, because without the help of ExxonMobil, I wouldn't be here." Other Dobie students included Abel Lima-chi, Adrian Martinez, Aliyah Barreiro, Anna Allen, Darian Delgado, Emily Rummel, Gabriela Dorantes, Gail Aflalo, Hannah Lazo, Jacob Valdaraes, Jordan Tran, Kennedy Ho, Lexi Martinez, Megan Rodriguez, Mila Myers, Miranda Serrano, Tammy Dang, Thuyen Vu and Wazha Tapela.

Dixie Farm land sale may go forward

The Harris County Flood Control District's potential purchase of a controversial piece of property on Dixie Farm Road at Blackhawk will likely move forward after an agreement was reached between the landowner and a developer that had initially intended to utilize the site. In a July 8 filing, a court-appointed mediator told a Harris County district court judge that the two parties had agreed on how to split proceeds from the sale of the property. "I am pleased to report that the parties have now settled all issues in the case and signed for-

mal settlement documents," said Jeffrey Abrams in a letter filed July 8 in the 125th District Court. The specifics of the arrangement were not released to the public. The mediator was appointed back in April when the two parties, John Carlew and Remington Homes, could not reach an agreement as how best to divide the money from the potential sale of the land. The 50-acre site was originally to be developed into a 60,000-square-foot retail center and

Precinct 2 deputies battle area crime

Deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office have kept busy this past week battling crimes ranging from credit card abuse to bank "juggling." **Little League theft** A warrant was filed on a former board member of the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League for allegedly stealing from the organization. Paul Rodriguez was charged with credit card abuse, a state jail felony. According to investigators, Rodriguez had recently resigned from the board but had continued to use the group's credit card use for personal expenses. Rodriguez avoided arrest by proactively posting a no-arrest bond. He now remains out on bond while awaiting trial. A similar incident took place last year with the former president of the Dobie High School baseball booster club. In that case, Christopher

Antho Escalera, 44, was charged with felony forgery and misdemeanor theft. **Police chase** A police chase on Friday, July 19, ended with a crash that closed the entire westbound side of Beltway 8. According to Precinct 2 officials, the chase began in League City when League City police attempted to pull over a group of three bank juggling suspects. When the suspects refused to pull over, a chase ensued, traveling north on the Gulf Freeway and then west on Beltway 8. The chase came to a close when the suspect vehicle crashed between the Pearland Parkway/Monroe exit and the SH 35/Telephone Road exit. Paramedics responded to the accident, but none of the suspects were seriously injured. The tollway was temporarily closed while crews cleaned up the area. Precinct 2 and Precinct 8 deputies assisted in the chase.

Reed files to challenge Olson

Pearland City Council Member Derrick Reed has announced he is running for Congress in Texas House District 22, a seat held by Rep. Pete Olson. Reed will be the third Democrat to challenge Olson, a Republican. Also vying for the position are Democrats Sri Kulkarni and Nyanza Moore. Kulkarni has run for the position before and came within five points of beating Olson this past November. A small business owner, Reed has served on

city council since winning his seat in a runoff in 2015 and is now term limited. He was the first nonwhite city council member in Pearland history. Former Council Member Tony Carbone has announced that he will be running for Reed's vacant council position. Historically a GOP stronghold, Texas House District 22 has turned purple in recent years due to a diversification of its population. Olson has served in the position since he defeated Democrat Nick Lampson in 2008.

CCISD seeks citizen nominations

The Clear Creek Independent School District Board of Trustees is now seeking nominations for the 2019 Citizen of the Year. This award is given each year to honor an outstanding community member who champions CCISD and devotes their efforts to the betterment of public education. Former recipients include Mayor Pat Hallisey, Trent Martin, Joyce Abbey, Harv Hartman, Robert

Davee, David Braun and Dr. James O'Malley. The board of trustees established an endowment which the Citizen of the Year may designate to a CCISD academic program or classroom activity in his or her name. The recipient will be announced at the Clear Creek Education Foundation's Annual Awards Gala on Saturday, Nov. 2, at South Shore Harbour

Sanchez designs wind turbine



Dobie student Eloy Sanchez is shown above testing out a wind turbine he helped make from card stock, rubber bands and sticky notes, as part of the prestigious Say STEM Camp held this summer at Rice University. Sanchez is joined above by fellow Pasadena Independent School District students Mia Myers (left) and Gabriela Dorantes. Groups worked on their designs throughout the week and competed Thursday night to see whose wind turbine worked the best. Photo submitted

In My Opinion

McDonald provides ballot petition info

Ballot Petition Information:
As summer draws to a close the election season will draw near. November 9th will be opening day for party primary filing and December 9th will be the last day to file for a place on the primary ballot. Several candidates are getting a head start and collecting the required signatures to appear on their party primary ballot. I want to pass along some little known information about ballot petitions:

1. A statement must be present on the petition stating the candidates name, the office candidate is seeking, political party and disclaimer that by signing petition you understand that you are ineligible to participate in another political party primary or convention. TEC Sec. 172.027. STATEMENT ON PETITION. The following statement must appear at the top of each page of a petition to be filed under Section 172.021: "I know that the purpose of this petition is to entitle (insert candidate's name) to have his or her name placed on the ballot for the office of (insert office title, including any place number or other distinguishing number) for the (insert political party's name) primary election. I understand that by signing this petition I become ineligible to vote in a primary election or participate in a convention of another party, including a party not holding a primary election, during the voting year in which this primary election is held."

2. The person circulating the petition must read to each signer the statements on the petition, witness each signature, verify each signer's registration status and believes the signature and information to be correct and genuine. Sec. 141.064. METHOD OF ACQUIRING SIGNATURE. A person circulating a petition must:(1) before permitting a person to sign, point out and read to the person each statement pertaining to the signer that appears on the petition;(2) witness each signature;(3) ascertain that each date of signing is correct; and(4) before the petition is filed, verify each signer's registration status and ascertain that each registration number entered on the petition is correct.

Sec. 141.065. AFFIDAVIT OF CIRCULATOR. (a) Each part of a petition must include an affidavit of the person who circulated it, executed before a person authorized to administer oaths in this state, stating that the person:(1) pointed out and read to each signer, before the petition was signed, each statement pertaining to the signer that appears on the petition;(2) witnessed each signature;(3) verified each signer's registration status; and(4) believes each signature to be genuine and the corresponding information to be correct.(b) If a petition contains an affidavit that complies with Subsection (a), for the purpose of determining whether the petition contains a sufficient number of valid signatures, the authority with whom the candidate's application is filed may treat as valid each signature to which the affidavit applies, without further verification, unless proven otherwise.(c) A single notarized affidavit by any person who obtained signatures is valid for all signatures gathered by the person if the date of notarization is on or after the date of the last signature obtained by the person.

3. There is a restriction on the signer prohibiting participating in another political party primary or convention. TEC Sec. 172.026. RESTRICTION ON PETITION SIGNER. On signing a petition to be filed under Section 172.021, the signer becomes ineligible to vote in a primary election or participate in a convention of another political party during the voting year in which the primary election is held.

4. Signing more than one petition for each office is prohibited and invalidates the signature: TEC Sec. 141.066. SIGNING MORE THAN ONE PETITION PROHIBITED. (a) A person may not sign the petition of more than one candidate for the same office in the same election.(b)

The following statement must appear at the top of each page of a petition: "Signing the petition of more than one candidate for the same office in the same election is prohibited."(c)

A signature on a candidate's petition is invalid if the signer signed the petition subsequent to signing a petition of another candidate for the same office in the same election.

Dawn McDonald
SREC Committeewoman SD 6
Harris County Pct Chair 996
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Robbarts cherishes memories of dancing

For fourteen years I have had the pleasure of taking dance lessons with the adult group at Kirkwood Dance Studio.

The owner and instructor, Ms. Melissa Harris became more than a teacher. She became to all of her students a friend who opened not just the door of the dance studio, but her heart as well

to all of us.
The studio was like a second home where we not only learned dance steps but made friends and created lasting memories.

In June of this year the last recital was held at San Jacinto College. Sadly the studio is now closed. Times change, circumstances change, but one thing that will never change are the beautiful memories we carry in our hearts thanks to Kirkwood Dance Studio and Ms. Melissa Harris.

Mosher discusses affordable health care

Without the affordable HC Act I more than likely not be writing this letter. I became disabled after severe back surgery in 2008. I went on to have heart attacks in 2015.

I've been prescribed several expensive medications over the years. Now my only hope of being able to live with the medicines I'm prescribed is the Health Care Act.

I have pre existing conditions that would prevent me from obtaining health care insurance on the SSDI I receive or the medications I've been taking for years.

Everything I remember dating back to Bush Jr. as president is the GOP or Republicans stating only the strong should survive.

The sick, weak, and old should die off, survival of the fittest. If this is happening to me I can only imagine the rest of the population that are as scared as I.

The affordable health care act was put into play knowing it would need to be expanded on.

Now that Trump holds America Hostage if the system isn't fixed as intended me and countless others are sure to die.

I was found inoperable last year as my back continues to deteriorate from many different diagnosis. I'm terrified what will become of me. Am I as the Republican Party would have it supposed to simply die off?

I will be 57 years old in September 2019. I barely get by now, and that is only because I'm blessed enough to finally live in subsidized housing, and receive help from some local church food pantries.

I haven't been able to buy any new clothes since 2015 when I was able to work part time. I can't work any longer the pain I experience on a daily basis is too great. It seems my only choice is to die.

Sincerely,
Robert Mosher

Walker sees children solicit for money

I have also seen children under the age of 18 soliciting money in the intersections of the Beltway and other heavily traveled streets.

I don't care what the reason is, I believe that the adults are putting those children's lives in danger. I think the adults should be arrested and charged with child endangerment.

Not only that, but I believe most of the intersections around the Beltway have signs posted that state "No Soliciting".

If they are fundraising, they need to find another way to do that.

Sharp shares free tuition information

Several of you have asked if Texas A&M University has plans for a tuition-free program for students from low-income families similar to what the University of Texas recently announced.

In fact, Texas A&M University implemented virtually the exact same program 10 years ago.

The Texas A&M program is called Aggie Assurance. And since 2008, the program has allowed 33,447 undergraduate students from families earning less than \$60,000 a year to attend college tuition free.

In addition, Texas A&M University System regents set aside \$30 million additional dollars in 2018 to provide help for students of families who earn \$100,000 or less, or who are stricken with financial hardships such as losses during natural disasters, death of a breadwinner or some other calamity. This program, dubbed Regents' Grants, was created after Hurricane Harvey and has helped hundreds of students who lost books, clothes and transportation, among other things.

We congratulate the University of Texas on adopting a program similar to Aggie Assurance. I know their students will benefit from it just as ours have for the last decade.

Sincerely,
John Sharp
Chancellor, The Texas A&M University System

Leader checks out social media

By Laura Benavides Scallan

A member of *The Official South Belt & Sagemont Area Crime Alert* Facebook page shared an alert from the Neighbors Ring website of a thief stealing a package off a porch in the Clear Brook Meadows subdivision. The post was updated to state the thief was caught by police and the package returned.

On the *Southbelt/Sagemont Crime Alert* Facebook page, a member reported that a car was burglarized in the Scarsdale subdivision on the night of July 19 or the early hours of July 20. The member stated to keep an eye out and to make sure any security cameras are on and recording.

A member of the *Southbelt This & That* Facebook page posted an image for the USA Dance program. The image states the program allows for children to be

picked up from school to attend one dance class per day. The schools on the transportation list are Frazier, Burnett, Stuchbery, Moore, Meador, South Belt and Weber elementaries. The image also includes pricing for signing up. For more information, call 832-433-5443.

Another member of the same Facebook group reported there was a vehicle accident on July 20 at Beltway and Blackhawk. The member stated there were two vehicles that were flipped and did provide a photo of the scene.

On the same Facebook page, a member shared a post regarding a robbery at gunpoint that happened in Pasadena. The shared post stated that around 7:30 p.m. July 19, a Hispanic male walked up to someone's home and robbed them at gunpoint. The post states the Hispanic male was also accompanied by a black male. The incident occurred around the Shaver and Southmore area. It was also reported that the male suspects were driving a black Crown Victoria with darkened headlights.

A member of the *People of Sagemont 2* Facebook group shared a post about the 2019 South Belt Girls Softball Association fall registration. It states that registration is open until Aug. 30, and the cost is \$70. For more information, call Adriana Estrada at 832-891-3579.

Another member of the same Facebook group warns community members to keep an eye out for a black or dark blue Ford Mustang. He states the car is very loud and the vehicle would park in front of houses by Kirkvalley and Kirkglen. The member stated the suspects in the vehicle were acting suspicious.

Rotary Club of Pearland meets July 25

The Rotary Club of Pearland meets Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. at Allendale's Kitchen & Cocktails, located at 5010 Broadway St., in Pearland. Meetings include a variety of speakers.

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, July 25. The restaurant will be exclusively open for club attendees with breakfast at one's own cost.

For information, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@texascitizensbank.com.

Shaar Hashalom holds free open discussions

Congregation Shaar Hashalom's own Rabbi Stuart Federow is hosting free, open to the public, weekly discussions. The sessions are held every second Thursday of the month at Sawa Restaurant and Grill, 16608 El Camino Real from 7 to 9 p.m. Anyone can join the discussion and bring questions, thoughts and opinions to share with everyone present.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom is located at 16020 El Camino Real and is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. The entire community is invited to attend. For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.

Local library events set

Bracewell Branch Library

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

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

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

Thursday, July 25, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Spanish computer class for adults and seniors
Monday, July 29, 10:15 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. Citizenship class. The classes cover the 100 civics questions and how to prepare for the citizenship interview. Other topics include the citizenship application and qualifications. Class participation is by appointment only.

Tuesday, July 30, Avian Adventures, 10:30 a.m. SRP for children ages 5-10 and tweens ages 9-12. Meet at the library to learn about feathered friends. This performance features live birds of prey, animal recordings, and a hands-on display.

Tuesday, July 30, 10:15 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. Citizenship class. Class participation is by appointment only.

Wednesday, July 31, 3 – 4 p.m. STEM time, for tweens ages 9 – 12: Explosions, gadgets, and pulleys. Meet at the library for exploratory activities that make science, technology, engineering and math fun. Learn about DNA and create an edible model. Contact the library for more details.

Wednesday, July 31, 10:15 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. Citizenship class. Class participation is by appointment only.

Wednesday, July 31. 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, 2 – 6 p.m.; 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, July 25, 2 p.m. SciFi feature "Muppets from Space" (rated PG, 87 minutes, ages 10 and older). Meet in the library community room for a different science fiction movie each week for kids. According to imdb.com, "Gonzo is contacted by his alien family through his breakfast cereal. However, when the men in black kidnap him, it's up to Kermit and the gang to rescue Gonzo and help him reunite with his long-lost family."

Monday, July 29, 9 p.m. Star Party at Clear Brook City Park, for all ages. Weather permitting, meet at the Clear Brook City Park to gaze up and see stars and identify constellations visible in the Southbelt area. The park is located at 911 Blackhawk Blvd., on the corner of Scarsdale and Blackhawk.

Tuesday, July 30, 2 p.m. "Defeat the Death Star" for ages 13 and older. Defeat the Death Star la Angry Birds and construct structures to knock down in Room 3.

Tuesday, July 30 at 2 p.m. Book Discussion: "The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane," by Lisa See. Pick up a copy of the book from the library and meet with friends to discuss it.

Wednesday, July 31, 2 p.m. Puppet Pizzazz, for ages 5 and older. Meet in the library community room this week for Puppet Pizzazz Extravaganza! Greg Rube is a world-renowned puppeteer that will be sharing his puppets and stories.

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. – 5 p.m.

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Deaths

William "Bill" Russell



William "Bill" Russell, 87 died Tuesday, July 16, 2019. Bill was born Aug. 17, 1931 to William and Laveti Russell in Luling, Texas.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife of 60 years Francoise Russell; son Steven Russell; sister Barbara Dean; brothers Charles Russell, Robert Russell, Bugs Russell and Alvin Russell. He is survived by his daughter Patricia Wakim and husband Jean-Claude; son Tony Russell and wife Fayellen of Sagemont; sister Mary Annette Rumell; daughter-in-law Delores Russell; grandchildren Rebecca Hewitt and husband Josh, Catherine Browning and husband Adam, Steven Dittirich and wife Ashley, Sydney Russell and husband Ethan Hartman, Ellen George and husband Garnett, Alicia Dittirich, Christian Wakim and Natasha Wakim; great-grandchildren Nolan Hewitt, Marshall Hewitt, Kalani Dittirich, Roman Browning, Clark Hewitt and Isaac George.

Bill was a man of faith who served his country proudly. He reached the rank of senior master sergeant in the U.S. Air Force while earning his bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska. He served 20 years with the Air Weather Service and finished his career within the 3 Weather Wing Aerospace Sciences Division. Bill received The Air Force Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service for his overall distinguished career and contributions in the development of an accurate and comprehensive worldwide climatological solution. Also, during his service and while stationed in Europe he met and married Francoise Bastide in Paris, France.

Together, Bill and Francoise traveled and grew their family before settling for a while in the South Belt area. All three of their children graduated from J. Frank Dobie. In Houston, Bill was a major contributor to the orbiter phase and automatic landing system of NASA's Space Shuttle program while employed with Lockheed Electronics Company.

Before retiring to Plano, Texas, they lived in Beaverton, Ore., briefly until their youngest daughter was about to have her first child and heard Texas calling them back. Bill and Francoise were attentive parents and grandparents. They particularly loved being a part of their grandchildren's lives and enjoyed watching them grow and thrive.

Over his lifetime, traveling was a big part of Bill's life. In addition to the Air Force, work and family travels carried Bill to many exotic and beautiful destinations. While he enjoyed his world traveling, he also loved reading and playing 42. Most of all, Bill enjoyed being with his family, as one of seven children himself, and he found great joy, comfort and pride when surrounded by family. Bill passed from this life with his son and daughter by his side, and surrounded by the love of his family and friends.

Visitation was held July 23 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. A funeral service was held July 24 at the same location. Interment followed at Woodland Cemetery.

Dee Bettis



Dee Bettis, 77, was born June 20, 1942, and died July 18, 2019. She was a longtime South Belt resident.

A loving sister, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Dee is preceded in death by her parents Opal and Russell Wil-

liams and her daughter Jennifer Rayburn.

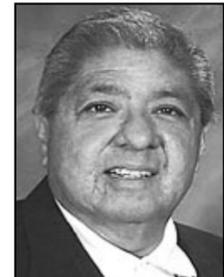
She leaves behind her husband of almost 61 years, Dan Bettis; her brother Russell Williams and his wife Gaynell; her son Joseph Bettis and his wife Ruby; her daughter Dana Kenney and husband Steven; her son-in-law David Rayburn; and her daughter Jana Salamanca and husband Rene.

Dee is also lovingly remembered by her 11 grandchildren. Dee was also blessed with 14 great-grandchildren who will miss her.

She will also be fondly remembered by her cousins, nieces, nephews and many lifelong friends.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, July 23, at St. Helen Catholic Church in Pearland.

Jose Emilio Fuentes Sr.



Deacon Jose Emilio Fuentes Sr. was born May 11, 1951, and died July 14, 2019.

He was the eldest of four sons born to Emilio and Irene Fuentes. He married Teresa Trujillo in 1972 and was blessed with four children, six grandchildren and a tough grandpup.

He was a devoted father who was always there when one needed him. He taught the value of his family name.

He began singing at 13 and was a popular recording Tejano singer, singing with several groups through the years with the most known being Josefa.

Having a career in data programming he was very proud of being a "nerd." Ordained a permanent deacon in 2003 he was very devoted to his ministry with the Cursillo movement, vacation Bible school and prison ministry for adults and youths, and was a very inspirational homilist.

He instilled values of pride, morality, self-belief and perseverance – values that will live through his children and grandchildren. He was an amazing cook, especially with barbecue skills.

Being a great conversationalist on life lessons, he was a great storyteller. He loved learning new things and watched Public Broadcasting Service every day. He also loved music and made it a part of his everyday life.

He was known as a very generous man with his time and talents and loved feeding anyone and everyone. He fed the homeless whenever he could. He had the biggest sense of humor and loved to crack jokes and make his grandchildren laugh. He was extremely resourceful and crafty and could make something out of nothing. He was perfectly imperfect.

He is survived by his wife; daughter Josette Veit and husband Gregory; son Jose Fuentes Jr. and wife Sandy; daughter Andrea Villarreal and husband Randy; and son Alex Fuentes.

He is survived by his grandsons Christopher Veit, Ehren Villarreal, Joshua Fuentes, Aiden Fuentes-Villarreal, Andrew Fuentes, Gaven Fuentes-Villarreal and Grandpup Rocky Fuentes.

He is also survived by his brother David Fuentes and his sister Mary Salazar. Mass was celebrated Monday, July 22, at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church.

Entombment immediately followed at the Mausoleum Chapel of Forest Lawn Cemetery, located at 8701 Alameda Genoa Road.

Cruz Torres Sanchez

Cruz Torres Sanchez, 85, was born May 3, 1934, to Salvador Torres Diaz and Victoria Sanchez in Villa Acuna Coahuila, Mexico. Cruz died Thursday, June 27, 2019, surrounded by his loving family. He was a longtime South Belt resident.

In his younger years he grew up exploring the mountains of Mexico as a ranch hand. He later pursued law



enforcement as his father did before him. Soon after he met his loving wife-to-be, Irene Quintero. They were married 49 years.

After his marriage, they immigrated to the United States where they started their family. He worked as a migrant worker for many years. He later settled in Houston where he learned the trade of welding in which he excelled.

After retiring, he started many hobbies including gardening, fishing, hunting, leather crafting and auto repair. He loved cooking for the family.

Cruz is preceded in death by both his parents; an elder sister Macaria Guerrero, daughter Valentina Diaz, wife Irene Q. Torres and great-granddaughter Alyssa Renee Austin.

He is survived by his son Cruz Torres Jr. and his wife Olinda; grandchildren Cruz Jerry Silva, Maria and husband Saul Molinar, Cruz Salvador Torres and wife Lisa, Cruz Gabriel Camp, Vicky and husband Reyes Lopez, and Jose Villarreal. He is also survived by 14 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

His funeral was held Monday, July 1.

Margaret Rose Marrie



Margaret Rose Marrie, 78, died peacefully in Houston June 25, 2019, surrounded by her family.

Margaret was born Aug. 24, 1940, in Houston. She is survived by her children Cheryl Ann Helaire and fiancé Bill Rowe; and Michael (Mike) Marrie and wife Katherine.

Margaret is also survived by her grandchildren Savannah Zelaya and husband Eric, Ian Helaire, Ryan Marrie and Elise Marrie; great-grandson Luke Zelaya; siblings Michael Dennis Bray, Dolores Ellen (Bray) Koza, John Raymond Bray, and their spouses; numerous nieces and nephews; and her beloved dog Nugget.

She is predeceased by her parents Julia Moriarity Bray and Edward Joseph Bray; and her siblings Jean Marie Bray, Mary Ann Bray and James Francis Bray.

Margaret started her life in the east end of Houston, before moving with her family to the Alameda Genoa Road area south of Hobby Airport in 1948. She enjoyed the carefree lifestyle of living in what was then wide-open countryside.

Her dad maintained a small farm with many kinds of animals, including chickens, turkeys and the occasional horse or pig. As a member of a large family living on a farm, she was no stranger to hard work. Margaret loved working in her dad's garden and enjoyed the flowers, among other things, growing there. It would be fair to say that Margaret was the apple of her father's eye.

During high school, Margaret was an early riser and an outstanding student at Mt. Carmel High School in southeast Houston. Upon graduation in 1958, she could have attended any college of her choice but chose a different path, going into the world of business. By that time, she had met the love of her life, Frank Marrie.

Her stay here on earth was temporary, but it was special. In the words of her children, "Our mother left us to start her new life with the Almighty, her Maker. She was all the things we aspire to be – honest, loyal, courageous and selfless."

Margaret faced many challenges in her life, but she dealt with each on her own terms and always took steps to ensure that her family was her first priority.

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Kids' Backporch presents "Matilda the Musical"

Kids' Backporch Productions, Pearland's youth theater, presents Roald Dahl's "Matilda the Musical."

This is KBP's 74th production. Giving Kids a "little taste of Broadway" since 2005.

Based on Dahl's story,

Matilda celebrates the imagination, chaos and oft-underestimated power of youth.

Based on the book by Dennis Kelly, with music and lyrics by Tim Minchin, "Matilda" is directed by Becky Richert an intern and choreographed

by Jade Williamson.

"Matilda the Musical" is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also provided by MTI at www.MTIShows.com.

Performances are July 25, July 26 at 7 p.m.; July 27 at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and July 28 at 5 p.m. at Dobie High School Auditorium, 10220 Blackhawk Blvd.

Ticket pricing is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors 65+,

and \$9 for children. Tickets can be pre-purchased at kidsbackporch.com or at the door 30 minutes before curtain time.

For information, visit www.kidsbackporchproductions.org.



Kids' Backporch Productions, Pearland's youth theater, presents Roald Dahl's "Matilda the Musical" July 25, 26 and 27 at J. Frank Dobie High School. Shown is the cast of the show, left to right, (front row) Amy Decker, as Bruce; Delaney Cline, as Lavendar; Amber Schaefer, as Mom 2/

Mrs. Phelps and Nigel; (back row) Clare Varanauski, as Mr. Wormwood; Karina Marquez, as Mrs. Wormwood; Addison Rosenthal, as Matilda; Evie Richeson, as Trunchbull/Entertainer/Aunt/AS; and Neva Cline as Mom 3/Miss Honey.

Etienne inspires Nguyen for success

Jennifer Ngoc Nguyen (below, left) has been selected J. Frank Dobie High School's Shining Star and is shown with distinguished educator and 12th-grade AP Physics 2 teacher Thomas Etienne.

Regarding her teacher, Nguyen said, "For the past three years, Mr. E has been the unbalanced force that set my life in motion - pushing me to strive above and beyond my goals. His passion for physics can only be rivaled by his dedication towards helping his students succeed and he inspires me to be just as, if not more than, hardworking as he is. Mr. E is not only just an outstanding educator, but also someone that I am honored to call a friend. From hilarious childhood anecdotes to important life lessons, thank you for everything that you have done for me."

Nguyen has demonstrated leadership as captain of HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) bowl team and has been a team competitor. She has also been involved in Academic Decathlon, Health Occupations Students of Amer-

ica-Future Health Professionals, HOSA and Key Club.

Community service is a priority to Nguyen who has volunteered through HOSA and Key Club at various events such as the Chevron Houston Marathon and Walk to End Alzheimer's. She has also helped raise funds for the National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI).

Concerning the future, Nguyen said, "After high school, I plan to major in Physics with the intention of pursuing a career in the medical field. I hope to become an ER doctor and help those in need."

The South Belt Shining Stars will be presented in a series of students being honored along with their favorite mentor. The Shining Stars represent the top Dobie High school students. The information and photos were submitted by Pasadena Independent School District. The Leader is also running the Shining Stars from Pasadena Memorial, South Houston and Dr. Kirk Lewis Career & Technical high schools.



El Dorado Boulevard widening project begins

Houston City Council Member Dave Martin would like to make Clear Lake residents aware Harris County Precinct 2 will begin the El Dorado Boulevard widening project by removing trees near the existing sidewalk along the western side of El Dorado Boulevard, between Clear Lake City Boulevard and Horsepen Bayou, the week of Monday, July 29.

The removal is expected to be completed within three weeks, weather permitting.

On Nov. 30, 2017, Martin and Harris County Precinct 2 hosted a public meeting to gather public input regarding the three alignment options for this widening project. The City of Houston continued to gather public input through December 15, 2017.

Following the public input period, Houston Public Works reviewed over 200 comments regarding the project. An overwhelming majority of residents were in favor of Alignment 3, which includes a 17-foot median, 12-foot driving lanes, and a 10-foot hike and bike path. Alignment 3 also has the least impact to trees.

On Jan. 22, 2018, Martin published the Project Status Report in a press release that can be viewed at <https://my-email.constantcontact.com/El-Dorado-Boulevard-Widening-Project-Status-Report.html?soid=1107463978136&aid=LmGdXngUrnQ>.

As there are over 1000 trees planted along this ease-

ment of El Dorado Boulevard, less than 10 percent will be removed. The tree removal process is necessary in order for CenterPoint to begin relocating their power lines.

Crews will be on site, removing trees, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Following the tree removal and the relocation of the CenterPoint power lines, Harris County Precinct 2 will begin widening the roadway.

All trees being removed will be replanted within the project boundaries, if not more. The 100 to 150 newly replanted trees will support the new landscape as well as decrease the need for maintenance on the newly installed hike and bike path. This new hike and bike path will not only improve connectivity in the area, but increase Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility.

Construction on the roadway is expected to begin early this fall and take 18 months to complete, weather permitting. This work should not require any lane closures on El Dorado Boulevard. As a result of these activities, be aware of pedestrian traffic control efforts to ensure pedestrian safety. The District E office will continue to provide updates throughout the duration of the project.

Contact Martin's office at 832-393-3008 or districte@houstontx.gov for additional information.

Prayer Walks USA mobilizes prayer, protection for schools



Pasadena Independent School District Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell and Pasadena ISD school board members honored South Belt resident Patricia Laredo (holding certificate) and the School Prayer Walks USA prayer team members with a certificate of appreciation. School Prayer Walks USA is a community outreach founded in March 2018 by Laredo to pray for the safety, protection and a successful school year for administrators, staff, teachers and students in the Pasadena ISD area. Laredo and others from her church as well the South Belt

community have been praying for an hour on Saturday mornings for one of 18 different Pasadena ISD schools each month. Powell thanked Laredo and the school prayer walk team for their service. The prayer team has continued praying through the summer months and plans to pray throughout future school years. Shown, left to right, Noble Alix, Leah Grafton, Emily Zavala, Ken Grafton, Patsy Laredo, Elena Silva, Sam Laredo, Patricia Laredo, Christine Laredo, Maria Luisa Trevino, Alexis Lochner, Hannah Wright and Angela Laredo.

Washburn Tunnel to close daily for federally-required inspection

The Washburn Tunnel will be closed from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. daily, beginning Monday, Aug. 5, to Friday, Aug. 9.

During that time, Texas Department of Transportation will conduct its biennial inspection, which is required by the Federal Highway Administration for all tunnels within the United States.

Drivers are reminded to use alternate routes during the closure. Alternate routes include I-610 East Loop Freeway, Sam Houston Parkway, and Highway 146.

The Washburn Tunnel is a two-lane underwater roadway connecting Galena Park and Pasadena. Named after Harris County Auditor Harry L. Washburn, the tunnel opened in 1950. It is the south's largest and first toll-free vehicular tunnel. The

updates on the Precinct, visit www.hcp2.com or follow "Harris County Precinct 2" on social media.

For more information and

BAQG announces meeting

The Bay Area Quilt Guild will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday, Aug. 6, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale. Fellowship begins at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m. This month's speaker is Janice Schindler, who will discuss wool applique and embellishments.

Visitors can attend two meetings for free. Annual dues are \$25. For more information, call Debby Benson at 713-248-8757 or visit the website at bayareaquiltguild.org.

PARC schedules meeting

Pearland Area Republican Club will hold its next meeting Thursday, Aug. 8, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, located at 2217 N. Grand Blvd. 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. The community is welcome to attend.

"Wow" factors crucial as airports work to achieve status

"The "wow" factor happens when we turn a passenger's ordinary experience into an extraordinary one. We want the Houston Airports experience to be efficient, pleasant, and memorable across the board for every person who passes through our facilities."

Those are the words of Kathleen Boyd, chief marketing officer at Houston Airports. The wow factor is a key component in the HAS's "drive for five," the airport system's stated goal of reaching 5-star status with Skytrax, recognized as the leading global air transport rating organization.

In March 2019, based on analysis of hundreds of assessment items, Skytrax awarded William P. Hobby Airport (HOU) a 4-star rating for the fourth year in a row, while George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) earned its second straight 4-star rating. Lilianna Rambo, HOU general manager, said that HAS is elated to have achieved and maintained 4-star status for consecutive years - but it's not the end goal. Houston Airports vision statement declares its intent to establish Houston as a five-star global air service gateway where the magic of flight is celebrated.

"Groundbreaking 5-star driven initiatives such as the IAH Terminal Redevelopment Program (ITRP) and the Terminal A Modernization Program are well underway and will be transformative

for Houston Airports in better serving our customers," Boyd said. "But we are also intentional in our efforts to further take advantage of wow factors."

"When someone takes a trip, whether to a neighboring city or across the world, the airport experience can make or break the trip," Boyd said. "Houston Airports is doing everything in its power to make stops to and through our airports to be positive and pleasant - even exceptional - every time."

A few of the wow factors that distinguish Houston Airports, including the Harmony in the Air music program, Terminal C North at IAH, and reimagined smoking areas at HOU.

Harmony in the Air, HAS's Performing Arts Program, was created to provide a memorable and positive passenger experience. Maricela Kruseman, Program Manager, said the program showcases an average of 600 live daily music performances per year by 57 of Houston's best professional musicians at both IAH (Terminals A and D) and HOU.

Kruseman said that passengers are amazed and delighted at the quality of music performances and routinely write glowing responses including a recent note that said, "It gives a fantastic impression of Houston as a hospitable and cultured city." Now that's a wow!

Skytrax has paid atten-

tion as no other HAS program has received the volume of "likes" as Harmony in the Air, and the program accounts for the greatest number of videos shared by passengers on Twitter of any HAS program. Click here for the HOU Harmony in the Air program schedule and here for the IAH Harmony in the Air program schedule.

United Airlines' master concessionaire OTG oversees the food, beverage and retail operations at the new Terminal C North concourse at IAH, a prime example of how upgraded infrastructure can vastly improve the flying experience. The \$277 million, 265,000-square-foot terminal was built by United in partnership with Houston Airports and completed in 2017.

"OTG is proud to have partnered with United Airlines and Bush Intercontinental to really create an airport experience rooted in Houston feel and flavors," said Eric Brinker, OTG VP of Experience. "With this signature mix of local chefs and cuisine, immersive design and leading-edge tech, we strive to provide those lucky enough to pass through IAH a truly world class airport experience."

Dawn Hoffman, Manager of Landside Operations at HOU, said of the airport's smoking art murals, "The Airport wanted to encourage smokers to use the designated smoking areas. Instead of relying solely on enforcement

Thompson encourages Nguyen's art passion

Michelle Nguyen (below, right), one of the Shining Stars for Dr. Kirk Lewis Career & Technical High School, is shown with Tara Thompson, a Sam Rayburn High School instructor who teaches art classes at CTHS.

Thompson was selected by Nguyen as a CTHS distinguished educator.

Concerning her teacher, Nguyen said, "What I learned from being in Ms. Thompson's class was that you can't sit around and wait for inspiration to hit you. It's scary to commit an immense amount of effort to a passion that has as many chances of success as it does failure."

"Although Ms. Thompson's class through my art competition phase was one full of stress, it yielded many successes that I am proud of - even one that managed to literally get stolen. Thanks to her, I am less discouraged by my failures and determined to take control of my future."

Nguyen has done community service with Teen Court and Teen CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) and has been active with Honor Guard during her high school years.

Her plans include broadening her creative skills beyond drawing in the future.

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The Shining Stars represent the top Dr. Kirk Lewis Career & Technical High School students. The information and photos were submitted by Pasadena Independent School District.

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



Taylor to address Republican women

The Tri-County Republican Women's club announces Texas Sen. Larry Taylor as the featured speaker at the Tuesday, Aug. 13, meeting.

Join TCRW as attendees hear the latest state legislative updates from Taylor.

Taylor, a lifelong Texan and Baylor University graduate, was raised in Friendswood and represents Senate District 11, comprised of portions of Brazoria, Galveston and Harris counties.

Before his election to the Senate in 2012, Taylor served five terms in the House of Representatives. Currently, Taylor serves as chairman of the Senate Committee on Education. He is a member of the Higher Education, Water and Rural Affairs and the budget writing Finance committees.

In 2017, Taylor was appointed to the Texas Commission on Public School Finance, which explored ways to update and improve how Texas funds its schools. He also co-chairs the Joint Interim Committee to Study a Coastal Barrier System, which aims to identify methods of storm protection along the Texas Gulf Coast.

and has served as a member of the Legislative Budget Board, a permanent joint committee responsible for developing budget and policy recommendations for legislative appropriations.

Tri-County Republican Women promote political education in order to increase the effectiveness of Republican Women in the cause of good government, which includes supporting the Republican Party and the election of the party's nominees, encouraging Republican Women to run for office and training them to become effective Republican Party workers.

The community is welcome to the Tri-County Republican Women meeting and to hear Taylor on Tuesday, Aug. 13, at Golfcrest Country Club, located at 2509 Country Club Drive, Pearland.

The meet-and-greet begins at 10:30 a.m. followed by the hour-long meeting at 11. There is no charge to attend the meeting; however, if one wishes to stay for lunch, the cost is \$15 payable at the door, starting at noon. RSVP by Friday, Aug. 9, at noon at www.tcrwtx.org.

UHCL sets calendar

University of Houston-Clear Lake has released its most recent calendar briefs.

Tickets on sale for Bayou Theater's 2019-2020 season

Single tickets are on sale for University of Houston-Clear Lake Bayou Theater's 2019-2020 season with 25 performances including classical, Latino, blues, bluegrass, zydeco and rock concerts as well as Shakespeare's "The Tempest."

"Most shows have reserved seating, so this is your opportunity to get your tickets early and get the seats you'd like," said Alex Malone, director of Theater and Cultural Arts.

Seniors, age 55 and older, can buy a ticket for \$15 for any show. UH-Clear Lake faculty, staff, alumni and retirees can purchase a ticket for \$12, and any student from any college or university may purchase a ticket for \$10 with a student ID.

"Subscription packages are still available and that's the cheapest way to get tickets," Malone said.

This season's performers include five-time Grammy-winning a cappella artists Ladysmith Black Mambazo, premiere Irish folk band Goitse, Del Castillo, western singer-songwriter Michael Martin Murphey and a free concert by the U.S. Army Field Band Jazz Ambassadors. For the full lineup and to purchase tickets, call 281-283-3024 or visit uhcl.edu/bayou-theater.

Help keep UHCL beautiful

Put that green thumb to good use with University of Houston-Clear Lake's Habitat Work Days each Tuesday, weather permitting, beginning at 9 a.m. in the North Office Annex, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Join other volunteers for important upkeep, including clearing paths, cleaning the pond and other conservation tasks at the weekly Habitat

Work Days. For more information, call 281-283-3946, or visit www.uhcl.edu/environmental-institute/education/school-habitats/work-day. Large groups need to call ahead.

UHCL foreign language courses start Aug. 26

Learn a new language and get personal attention from expert teachers in University of Houston-Clear Lake's non-credit Foreign Language Program. Small classes and private tutoring are available for Spanish, Chinese, German, Japanese, Russian, Brazilian Portuguese and more.

Courses are also available for those seeking to improve their English conversational skills. To learn more or to register, visit www.uhcl.edu/fl or call the Foreign Language and English Enhancement Program, 281-283-3033.

Nursing conference at UHCL Pearland Sept. 6

University of Houston-Clear Lake at Pearland is hosting its annual professional conference for nurses on Friday, Sept. 6 from 8 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. The campus is located at 1200 Pearland Parkway.

This year's conference is titled, "Nursing Documentation: Transforming Data to Improve Nurse and Patient Outcomes." Registration cost includes lunch, parking and continuing nursing education contact hours approved by the Texas Nurses Association. For TNA members, early-bird registration through Aug. 1 is \$125 and \$150 from Aug. 1 to Sept. 2. Walk-in registrations and non-TNA members pay \$175. Undergraduate, non-RN students pay \$50. The first 10 students to register receive a discount.

To register, visit <https://bit.ly/2Wsl6wn>. For more information, call 713-523-3619 or email tna9@tadistrict9.com.

CSH announces open house

Congregation Shaar Hashalom will have an open house Sunday, Aug. 25, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. All who are interested in learning more about the conservative Jewish congregation are invited to visit. Guests may bring the entire family.

The invitation is open to all to come and connect with new friends, tour the synagogue and visit with Rabbi Stuart Federow who is celebrating his 25th year with the congregation. Visitors will learn about Shaar Hashalom's innovative Hebrew and religious school programs and get answers about Judaism. Additionally, information will be available about seats for the high holy days that will start this year with Rosh Hashanah on the evening of Sept. 29. Kosher food and beverages will be served.

The congregation, located at 16020 El Camino Real, is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. For information, visit www.shaarhashalom.org, call the office at 281-488-5861 or email csah@shaarhashalom.org

USA Dance Program

USA is an amazing program that allows children to be picked up from school to attend 1 dance class per day between 3-6 p.m.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JOSE!

Greetings for a happy birthday on July 25 are sent to **Jose Abarca** from his wife **Natalie**; children **Kelvin Lopez, Noah, Eliana and Isabella Abarca**; mother-in-law **Ellie Flickinger** and her husband, **David Flickinger** (Leader president); grandparents **Marie and David Flickinger**; and friends and staff at the **Leader**.

IRVINES ENJOY 11TH ANNIVERSARY!

Wishes for a happy eleventh anniversary on July 26 are sent to **Steven and Rebecca (Heeth) Irvine** from Rebecca's father **Richard Heeth**, a longtime Kirkwood resident.

TORI CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY

Birthday wishes are sent to former South Belt resident and Dobie High School graduate **Tori Mask** from friends and the **Leader** staff. She currently posts a blog about the history of the South Belt on <http://southbelthouston.blog.spot.com/>.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays July 25 through July 31.

Burnett Elementary

Blow out the birthday candles for **Luis Arroyo** July 31.

Bush Elementary

Three cheers for a happy birthday are sent on July 27 to **David Blevins, Maracha Hernandez and Minerva Licea**. **María Flores** enjoys a birthday July 29.

Frazier Elementary

Light the birthday candles July 25 for **Virginia Light**.

Genoa Elementary

Join in the birthday celebration July 28 for **Lisette Kearns**.

Meador Elementary

Marking a birthday July 25 is **María Gonzalez**.

Moore Elementary

The day for a double-fun birthday for **Gloria Guillen and Myra Nevarez** is July 26. Blow out the candles on a birthday cake for **Cindy Walker** July 29.

South Belt Elementary

Sing three choruses of a birthday song July 26 to **Hortensia Armenta, Marie Goree and Sara Simmons**. A happy birthday celebration is in order July 27 for **Valeria Sanchez**. Send a birthday greeting July 28 to **Lakitha Green**. July 31 is the day for a special birthday cake for **Kristen Denbleyker**.

Stuchbery Elementary

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday July 28 are sent to **Linda Bravo**. Share a slice of a birthday cake July 29 with **Susan Brady**. **Goretti Rerri** enjoys a birthday July 30.

Roberts Middle School

Light the birthday candles July 27 for **Fred Leggin**. Send a special birthday greeting July 31 to **Luis Arroyo**.

Thompson Intermediate

On July 31, happy birthday wishes are sent to **Wayne Sanders**.

Dobie High

Birthday greetings are sent to **Rowena Hickman** July 25. The day for a birthday celebration for **Ana Solis** is July 26. **Hector**

Saldivar marks a birthday July 27. Enjoying a special birthday July 29 is **Monique Smalls**. Three cheers for **Angela Badon, Yvette Castillo and Jeffrey Flores** who celebrate a birthday July 30.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

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

Thursday, July 25: **Kelly Jones, Stephanie Gutierrez, Cherie Cundiff, Mario Rodriguez and Brodie Riner Jr.**; Friday, July 26: **Kenneth Sublett, Magda Adams, Debra Patterson, Kendrick Woods, Jenny Batson, Terrie Nichols, Kenny Fernandez, Eric Madsen, Gina D'Orazio and Elizabeth Bazan**; Saturday, July 27: **Lydia Garcia, Joanne Mata and Sean Kean**; Sunday, July 28: **Ariana Mena, Alyssa Chambers, Tori Mask, Dana Milburn and Sandy Nelson**; Monday, July 29: **Codie Salyer, Linda Brisbay, Gina Trevino, Donielle Taverner, Albert Perez and Tiffany Barras**; Tuesday, July 30: **Donald Rogers, Anne Hyma, Danielle Mendoza, Christine Elliott and Randy Kelley**; and Wednesday, July 31: **Robert Gentry, David Freeman, Felix Garcia, Jim Waltz and Ashley Glover**.

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Young Professionals toastmasters celebrate anniversary



Young Professionals SE Toastmasters celebrated its third anniversary with **Ramona Smith**, 2018 World Champion Public Speaker, July 1, at Judge Jo Ann Delgado's office. Club officers were installed by **Michele Cuellar**. Shown are, left to right, (front row) **Zenia Shipp**, vice president public relations/sergeant at arms; **Ariel Harrison**, treasurer; (back row) **Carolyn Carmichael**, vice president education; **Michele Cuellar**, Area P6 director; **Ramona Smith**, 2018 World Champion Public Speaker; **Carolyn Hamilton**, Division P director; **Karen Nunn**, vice president membership; and **Fatimar Jones**, president.

Photo submitted

Remember When

40 years ago (1979)

The South Belt area was recovering from the worst storm to hit the area since it was developed.

Clear Creek Independent School District high school students helped in the 11-week task of unpacking, counting and delivering the 59,746 textbooks the district ordered for the school year.

The Catholic Community of St. Luke the Evangelist postponed its community open house due to the flooding that had recently occurred in the area.

35 years ago (1984)

Two youths were in a truck that went out of control and careened into a Sageglen home. No one was injured in the accident.

Members of the National Federation for Decency picketed the 7-11 store on Hughes Road. The protesters claimed the chain of stores was the leading retailer in pornographic magazines.

30 years ago (1989)

Gaining momentum against a proposed annexation of Sagemeadow Municipal Utility District by Houston, residents and community leaders expressed no desire to fall under the auspices of a city weak on providing standard services.

Sheet flow runoff generated by four days of rain as Tropical Storm Allison hoppedscotched across the Gulf Coast sent water flowing across the Brio toxic waste site into the streets and yards of Southend, although Environmental Protection Agency records said water would run away from the subdivision.

25 years ago (1994)

Clear Creek Independent School District trustees adopted a \$116.8 million budget for the 1994-1995 school year.

The San Jacinto College District Board of Regents approved a budget for 1994-1995 which reflected less than a 2 percent increase over the previous year's budget.

20 years ago (1999)

Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital staff members gave free immunizations at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce health and trade fair.

Dr. John Wilson, superintendent of the Clear Creek Independent School District, was one of six asked by Gov. George W. Bush to apply for the position of education commissioner to replace Commissioner Mike Moses.

15 years ago (2004)

The \$339.86 million bond election was postponed at Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees meeting. The board also postponed two bond related issues – the approval of the future facilities plan and the approval of a resolution regarding a tax levy in connection with the issuance of the bonds.

Vickie Morgan, board president, stated she preferred to have all seven board members at the meeting to approve the calling of the election.

There were 34 registered sex offenders living in the 77089 ZIP code. Of 34, only one was considered to be high-risk. Twenty-six of the convictions involved children under 16. Five convictions involved sexual assault on adults. All of the 34 were men.

South Belt-Ellington Leader readers were able to access the newspaper from home using the Internet. The web address for the **Leader** was www.southbeltleader.com.

10 years ago (2009)

The Chase Bank in the 11200 block of Beltway 8 near 45 was robbed. The FBI named former Dobie student Matheos "Matt" Pitikas as the lone suspect. According to police, Pitikas arrived at the bank around 1:30 p.m. without a vehicle. He approached two tellers, brandished a handgun and demanded money. Pitikas then fled on foot with an undisclosed amount of cash and reportedly cut through the backyard of a Sagehollow home that backed up to the bank.

Frazier Elementary assistant principal Sandra Jobe was named the new principal of Kruse Elementary. She replaced longtime principal Rosie Prusz, who was named the Pasadena Independent School District's associate superintendent for leadership and instructional support. Jobe has 20 years experience in education – 12 as a teacher and eight as an assistant principal.

San Jacinto College ranked 40th in the nation as an associate degree producer, according to a 2009 Community College Week magazine. At report of the top 100 degree and certificate producing two-year institutions. The college also ranked 39th in awarding degrees to minority students and 44th on granting two-year certificates.

Beverly Hills Intermediate assistant principal Toni Lopez was named the new principal of Thompson Intermediate. Lopez replaced Angela Stallings, who was the new principal of Memorial High School.

A group of concerned South Belt residents and community leaders formed a coalition in hopes of persuading county and federal officials to construct a major retention pond in the area to alleviate local flooding. The decision to form such an alliance came just days after a meeting where representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said the earliest improvements could be made to Clear Creek would be 13 to 15 years. The Corps had been studying the Clear Creek Project since 1962 at the cost of \$35 million. Corps officials at the July meeting further said any future work on Clear Creek would likely require a new congressional authorization and additional funding, due to its change in scope over the last 47 years.

5 years ago (2014)

A bizarre robbery led to a shooting in the Woodmeadow subdivision, Precinct 2 deputies responded to a call on Seawood near Davenport, where the homeowner reported being kidnapped and robbed at gunpoint by two men. The two suspects allegedly forced the homeowner into their vehicle and drove him to an unknown residence to talk to a third individual. After talking to the third man, the suspects returned to the man's home and demanded he give them a large amount of money that was hidden inside a vehicle at his residence. They also demanded he give them a Rolex watch he was wearing. At some point, the homeowner was able to wrestle the gun away from one of the suspects and fired the weapon. At this time, the second suspect returned fire, as the two fled the scene – one on foot and one in the vehicle. Deputies said one of the suspects was likely struck by a bullet, as there was a large amount of blood at the scene. No immediate arrests were made.

1 year ago (2018)

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott served as the guest of honor at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's 34th annual banquet. The theme was a salute to the local heroes of Hurricane Harvey. Abbott joined the chamber in recognizing 24 honorees for their heroic acts during the devastating storm. Heroes officially recognized at the banquet included the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department; Pasadena ISD Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell; local contract officers from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office; Jason and Rebecca Carter; Memorial Herbeck Southeast Hospital; the Houston Fire Department; D.D. Matthews; Charles Smith; Mike Gibson; Hilton Koch; Sagemont Church; Christian Temple; Dr. Mary Campbell-Fox; the

Land out of litigation

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Basin. While the property owner agreed to the deal, the developer filed a lawsuit, claiming to be entitled to 50 percent of the sale, leaving the offer in limbo.

While the county's purchase of the property is now expected to move forward, officials must still wait for a final court order in the case before any action can be taken.

Once the development came to a stop, Harris County offered to purchase the property for \$2.7 million, with plans to potentially construct a detention pond similar to the nearby South Belt Stormwater Detention

CCISD seeks names

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Resort & Conference Center in League City. Recipients eligible for the award must meet the following requirements:

- Demonstrated a commitment to Clear Creek ISD through volunteer efforts.
- Contributed significantly in ways that have benefited the entirety of Clear Creek ISD.
- Maintained a reputation across the Clear Creek ISD community as an individual with high standards and dedication to excellence in public education.

- Voluntarily served the District and its students and patrons over an extended period of time.

All nominations must be submitted no later than Aug. 1 to be considered for the 2019 award. Nomination forms are available online on the foundation's website and the district website. Nominations can be emailed to KMcNeil@ccisd.net, or mailed to: Clear Creek Education Foundation, Citizen of the Year Selection Committee, P.O. Box 1631, League City, TX 77574.

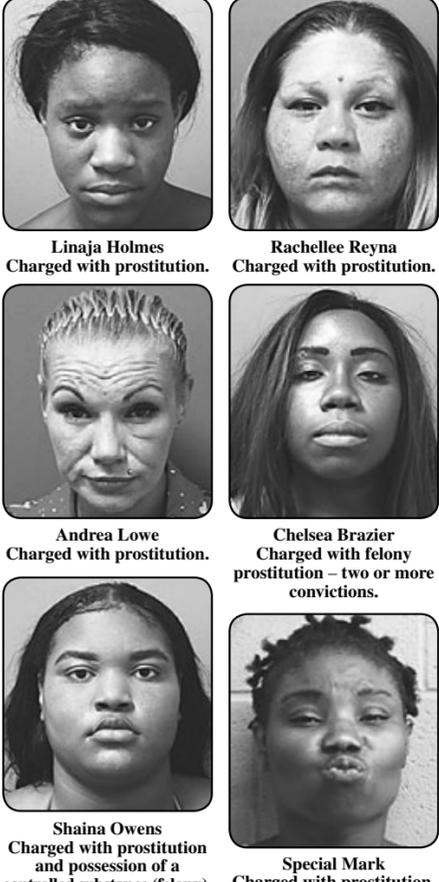
Prostitution sting by Diaz' officers

A two-day prostitution sting held by Harris County Constables Precinct 2 was a success.

The sting took place off the Gulf Freeway in the Bellfort area.

Constables were alerted to the prostitution activity by local community members. Included in the sting was a juvenile. The juvenile is not included in the photos.

The following were arrested:



HCMGA shares August events

The Harris County Master Gardeners have scheduled their events for the month of August. All events are free and open to the public. For more information, call 713-274-0950 or visit hcmga.tamu.edu.

On Thursday, Aug. 8, "Form Dictating Function: An Intimate Look at Plant Parts" will be presented by Brandi Keller, Harris County Master Gardener Association program coordinator. The presentation will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m., at Genoa Friendship Gardens Educational Building, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road, in Pasadena.

The Harris County Master Gardener Association Lecture Series "Fall Vegetables" will be held Thursday, Aug. 15, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Freeman Branch Library, 16616 Diana Lane, in Houston.

The Harris County Master Gardener Association Open Garden Day will take place Monday, Aug. 19, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at Genoa Friendship Gardens Educational Center Building, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road, in Pasadena. There will be plants for sale in the greenhouse.

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Elected officials address BAHEP



Shown above are, left to right, Bob Mitchell, BAHEP president; Rep. Dennis Paul; Rep. Mary Ann Perez; Bob Davee, Taylor Lake Village city council member; Sen. Carol Alvarado; Marcy Fryday, BAHEP political protocol committee chair; and Sen. Larry Taylor. Shown below are, left to right, Taylor and John Moon, San Jacinto College board member.

Photos by Marie Flickinger

The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership (BAHEP) held its annual legislative session wrap-up Tuesday, July 23, at South Shore Harbour Resort. Several elected officials, including multiple state senators and representatives, were in attendance to discuss the 86th Texas legislative session. One of the more pressing topics discussed was the state Transportation Commission's plan to remove the State Highway 99 (Grand Parkway) segment B, C and D projects from its 2020 funding list. Attendees were urged to contact the Texas Department of Transportation during its open public comment period through Aug. 12. See next week's *Leader* for more information.



Airports emphasize safety, health, security

The health, safety, and security of Houston Airport System customers and staff are of utmost importance. They are asked to be aware of their surroundings every day.

HAS served a record-breaking number of passengers in 2018, topping out at more than 58 million people for the first time. Against that ever-growing backdrop, vigilance in the safety and security of HAS passengers and staff is more important than ever.

Dawn Hoffman, manager of Landside Operations at William P. Hobby Airport (HOU), was among the key drivers as Houston airports recently established an Airport Operations Center (AOC) at HOU, the first phase in a planned multi-phase effort.

Phase I entailed relocating the Airport Communications Center (ACC) staff to HOU. With cameras always trained on the premises, the AOC will serve the staff and passengers at HOU and at Ellington Airport (EFD) and became fully operational on July 1.

According to Federal Aviation Administration statistics, 2,789,971 passengers fly every day in and out of U.S. airports.

The rise in air travel prompts the great need for efficient safety systems, processes and procedures. Many airports, Houston airports among them, serve as economic engines for the cities and regions from which they operate.

Unfortunately, airports can be victims to multiple threats — cybercrimes, smuggling, robberies, vandalism and terrorism. "Public safety is of extreme importance to Houston airports," Lilianna Rambo, HOU general manager said, "and this move strengthens our ability to protect, defend, and quickly respond to any issues that might arise."

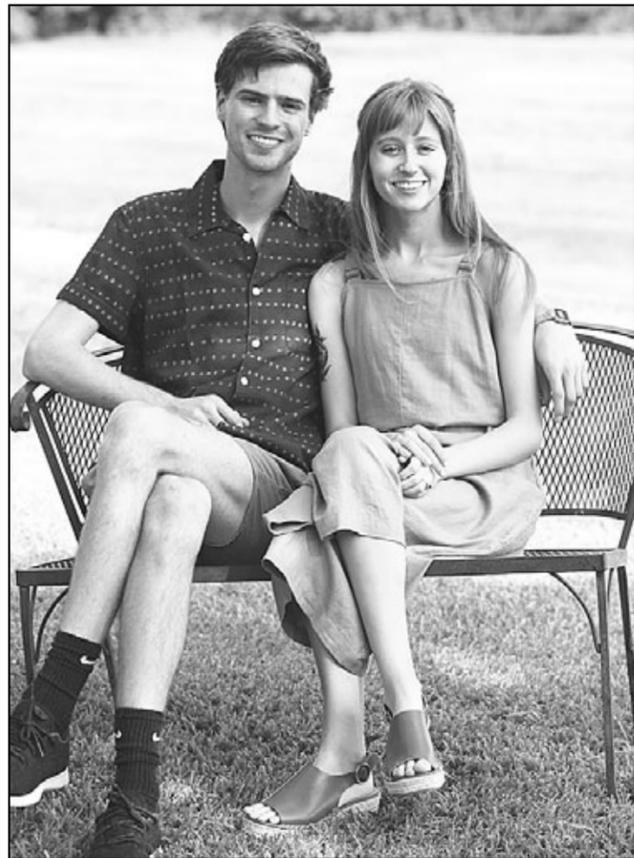
"The AOC is a real-time situational awareness concept that breaks down the silos between airport functions thus providing a better customer experience," Hoffman said. "We made this move in about six weeks and it has been very fast-paced," she said.

The AOC is a 24/7 operation that employs three shifts and covers all functions within the two airports — maintenance, customer service, operations, and security. As a routine "for example" of what the AOC covers, Rambo said, "At this position here, we have all the door alarms up and when notified when a door alarm goes off, the AOC communicates that to the field operators who'll go out into the field and collaboratively will investigate and make a determination."

The AOC receives external customer calls for general information as well as customer calls from stakeholders.

This includes notifications that jet bridges are down, any facilities not operationally ready, unattended baggage, and even suspicious persons. Additionally,

Garner, Taylor announce engagement



Buddy and Betty Garner, formerly of South Belt, announce the engagement of their son Braden Garner to Anna Paige Taylor. Braden attended Turner High School in Pearland and currently attends Texas State University in San Marcos. Paige attended Deer Park High School and is a student at the University of Texas, Austin, and is the daughter of Ryan and Heather Taylor of Tiki Island. Braden will be the last of the Garners' six children to wed. The couple is planning a celebration of their engagement with an upcoming party with family and friends. A wedding is being planned for June 2020.

Photo submitted

Tran "notes" good attitude from Ngo

South Houston High School's 12th-grade band teacher and distinguished educator David Ngo (below, left) is shown instructing his student Hobart Tinh Tran who was selected one of SHHS's Shining Stars.

"Out of the 12 years of education I've had, Mr. Ngo stands out the most. He is friendly and kind but when we need to get work done, he shifts gears quickly," said Tran.

"Despite us having a lot of fun together, he somehow manages to get the band to improve in every way. Mr. Ngo almost never has a flat attitude, but when he does, he still maintains his friendliness in class as if there was no 'treble' in the first place," Tran said.

Tran has demonstrated leadership in his music endeavors, serving as woodwind captain for the marching band in 12th grade and first chair clarinet in 11th and 12th grades. He said he was "a member of the marching band and wind ensemble (varsity band) for all four years, member of NHS (National Honor Society) for 11th and 12th. I have also par-

ticipated in high school musical (11th and 12th) and state solo and ensemble for all 4 years."

"I have volunteered with the National Honor Society program a couple of times, for example, at The Bridge Over Troubled Waters and Grace Church Houston. I've also participated in the NAEF (National Assessment of Educational Progress) Testing," Tran added.

Looking toward the future, Tran plans to study chemical engineering at the University of Texas at Austin, then return to Houston to study music composition.

The South Belt Shining Stars will be presented in a series of students being honored along with their favorite mentor.

The Shining Stars represent the top South Houston High School students.

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



Deschamps helps Phan gain confidence

Pasadena Memorial High School's Shining Star Kati Han Phan (below, left) is shown with distinguished educator Amber Deschamps who teaches 10th grade Pre-AP and AP Biology.

Commenting on her teacher, Phan said, "Although she always claims that she doesn't have a heart, Mrs. Deschamps is a caring and supportive teacher, which through a hundred words are insufficient to explain. Not only did she help me find the leader within me, but she also helped me gain confidence in myself. As one of her close students throughout my high school years, I have seen her countless efforts to make her students successful. Even though she occasionally gets frustrated and stressed, she always continues to do what is best for her students and for that, I am truly thankful. Thank you, Mrs. Deschamps!"

Phan has shown leadership as point secretary (10th grade), vice president (11th grade) and administrative co-president (12th grade) for student council. She has also served as PMHS superintendent student advisory committee representative and was named Pasadena Noon Optimist Club Student of the Month (Nov. 2018). Extracurricular activities for Phan include Science UIL (9th and 10th grades); choir (9th-11th grades); Non-Varsity Women's

Choir, Non-Varsity Mixed Choir, Varsity Women's Choir; Environmental Council (12th grade); and National Honor Society (11th-12th grades).

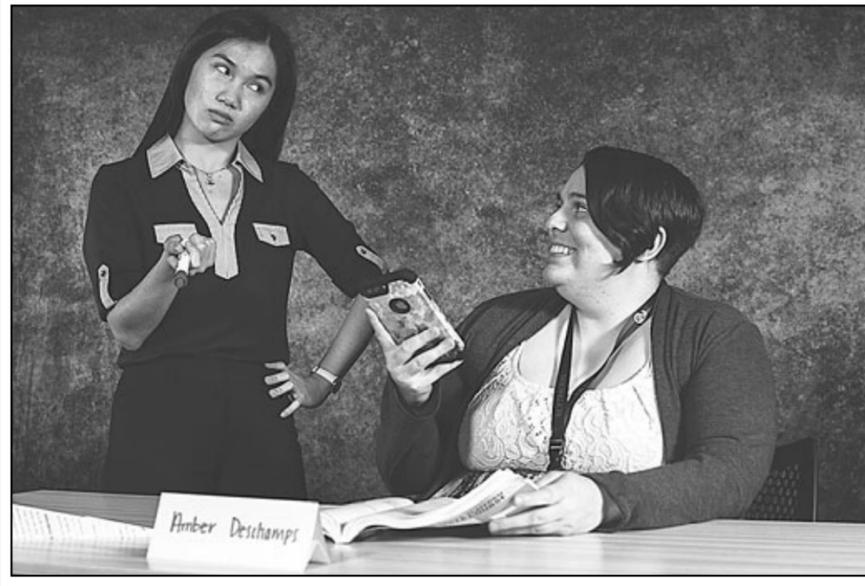
Community service activities for Phan included volunteer work for the Pasadena Pet Adoption Center, Pasadena Annual 4th Fest, Houston Food Bank, Bracewell Library, Tweens Read, Red Bluff Elementary Carnival, Golden Acres Elementary Fall Festival, Fisher House, Texas's Children Hospital Summer Junior Volunteer Program and various other places and events. She also volunteers with her newly co-founded nonprofit organization called Assist with Compassion in Vietnam.

"After high school, I will attend University of St. Thomas as to major in biology as a pre-med student with the goal to become a general practitioner," Phan said.

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New Directions to meet

New Directions is a singles group for those ages 55 and older. Meetings are the first and third Mondays at the Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway, at 6 p.m. Meetings include a potluck dinner with guest speakers and/or group activities. For more information, call 832-715-9658.

Bay Area Singles Club holds dance

The Bay Area Singles Club monthly dance is July 20, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at VFW Lodge, 5204 Highway 3, Dickinson, Post 6378. Participants are urged to bring party snacks to share. Cost is \$8 for members and \$10 for nonmembers. For more information, call 832-483-3257 or 832-477-6778.

Israeli folk dancing dates set

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

Free ballroom dances held on Wednesdays

Everyone is invited to attend the free ballroom dances held at Hometown Heroes Park every Wednesday, aka Humpday dance, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Neva Schroder, or friends who substitute, will play many rhythms to accommodate all levels of dance ability from beginner to advanced dancing. These events are not lessons. Lessons are taught by Lewis and Betty Whistler Tuesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. To contact them, call 832-517-5833. Attendees should dress comfortably and dance to have fun with friendly folks. This is a free city activity organized by volunteers, Bill and Neva Schroder. League City requires an activity card for all the city activities. For questions about the activity card, call the front office desk at 281-554-1180.

Name tags are provided by volunteers to help newcomers get acquainted. Candy and ice water will also be provided to keep attendees energized for dancing. Everyone can count on this activity as it has never been canceled since starting it six years ago. All ages and stages are welcome. To contact Bill or Neva, call 417-838-2204.

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South Belt-Ellington Leader to award Schlitterbahn prizes

The South Belt-Ellington Leader is awarding Schlitterbahn tickets monthly for best vacation pictures submitted.

Four generations enjoy all-girl trip to San Antonio



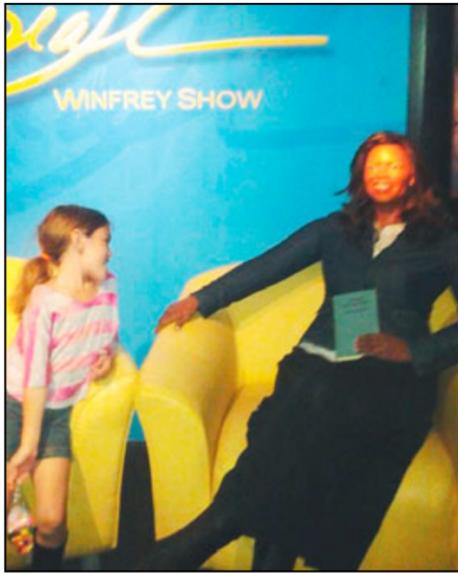
Longtime former South Belt residents took an all-girls' trip to San Antonio. This included four generations of women enjoying their vacation. Shown above left is Haley McIntyre in a house of mirrors. Shown above right is Haley (left) with her mom Jamie McIntyre. They donned a pair of matching shirts purchased on the River Walk. Shown



below left is Haley (right) with her great-grandmother Sue Lee, enjoying chocolate cake delivered by room service. Sue celebrated her 97th birthday July 18. Showing off 3-D glasses below right are Haley (right) with her grandmother Sandy McIntyre. The family members are also longtime Sagemont Church members.



The girls enjoyed shopping on the River Walk, playing at Six Flags Fiesta Texas and visiting Ripley's Believe It or Not museum. They attended a 3D movie adventure and saw some celebrities at a wax museum. Shown left is Haley with a wax figure of the King of Pop, Michael Jackson. Shown right, Haley was a pretend guest on the Oprah Winfrey Show at the museum and sat alongside an Oprah wax figure.



Fords take vacation as "empty nesters"



Melanie and Gary Ford, of Meadows of Clear Creek, enjoyed their first summer vacation as "empty nesters." Shown above, the couple went on an offshore fishing trip where numerous red snapper were caught. They

also visited the San Antonio River Walk, shown below. Also while in San Antonio, the couple visited Sea World and enjoyed dining out. They also experienced the Hill Country and even fed some wild deer.



The couple also enjoyed biking around. Shown above with their helmets in place while on the road are Melanie (left) and Gary.

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HPD Clear Lake Division School Supply Giveaway

The Houston Police Department, Clear Lake Division, will be hosting its 2nd Annual School Supply Giveaway on August 3, 2019. The venue for this event will be at the Grace Community Church located at 14505 Gulf Freeway. Our goal is to help lessen the financial burden on families by providing school supplies for the children. Last year's event was successful and this year will be bigger and better. Come out with the family to get school supplies and enjoy the attractions. The children receiving the backpacks must be present.

Logos for sponsors: The Home Depot, NASA Academy, Walmart, Grace Community Church, Bayou City Wings, PAPA JOHN'S, UNIVERSAL, RITTERS, TRANE.

Martinez visits China, Vietnam



Marc A. Martinez visited Beijing and Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam. While in China, he also enjoyed Jingshan Park in Beijing. Shown above is Martinez at the Mutianyu section of the Great Wall of China. Shown below, Martinez is outside the Reunification Palace in Ho Chi Minh City. Martinez and his family are residents of Villa Verde.



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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

All spring sport athletes about to get very busy

There's little doubt that football is king in Texas when it comes to high school football.

However, that doesn't mean there isn't plenty of excitement surrounding each of the other high school "fall season" sports that will also soon be underway.

In preparation for the start of the high school volleyball season, the Clear Brook and Dobie high school coaching staffs will host youth clinics for varying ages.

At Clear Brook, head coach Meredith Thompson and her staff will host incoming third- through ninth-grade students at the

Lady Wolverines' Youth Volleyball Camp July 29-31 at the school.

Session I is \$80 per participant and will include incoming third- through fifth-grade students from 8 to 9:30 a.m. each day.

Session II is \$90 per student and will include incoming sixth- and seventh-graders from 8 to 10:30 a.m., and Session III is \$100 per student and will include incoming eighth- and ninth-grade students from 10:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Participants should bring their own workout clothes, water bottle, court shoes and knee pads.

Parents are responsible

for providing medical insurance coverage for their children as Clear Creek ISD does not provide such for these types of events.

At Dobie, those entering the ninth through 12th grades as of the 2019-2020 school year are invited to take part in head coach Dawn Sexton's Lady Longhorn Volleyball Camp July 29-31.

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

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.

Sexton and her staff will conduct tryouts Aug. 1, at Dobie, beginning at 7 a.m. Players must have a completed physical and required Rank One paperwork on file. Ditto at Clear Brook as preseason workouts begin Aug. 1 at the school.

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High school volleyball to begin Aug. 1

At right, senior Madison Garrett (10) is just one of many Dobie High School returning varsity players who figure to see big opportunities this season as the Lady Longhorns reload following a 17-17 overall 2018 season that saw the locals reach the bidistrict play-off round. With 2018 District 22-6A Most Valuable Player and four-year starter Taylor Pleasants having graduated, the Lady Longhorns will feature a new look this season while trying to unseat undefeated league champion Kingwood and others. It all begins Thursday, Aug. 1 as preseason workouts begin, and the Lady Longhorns will have scrimmages Aug. 3 and Aug. 6 before beginning the regular season Wednesday, Aug. 7, at home against Elkins. Elsewhere, Clear Brook also opens workouts Aug. 1 and scrimmages Aug. 3 before hosting its season opener Aug. 6 against Bridgeland.

Photo by Jade Wise



Sign-up now set South Belt 5K run to aide Barry Harris Scholarship

Friends and former colleagues of longtime Dobie High School staffer Barry Harris have finalized plans for the first-ever South Belt 5K and Kids 1K Run/Walk, benefiting Harris' scholarship fund.

Harris was a longtime Dobie instructor and Pasadena ISD athletics supporter prior to his death in 2018 from the affects of cancer.

Current Dobie instructor Shane Brown is handling most of the pre-race legwork, but is quick to credit colleagues Dendy Farrah, Dobie girls' cross-country coach Mo Hickman and Clinton Hopper for their time and energy.

The Barry E. Harris Memorial Scholarship Fund bestowed its first academic scholarship

to Dobie varsity tennis player and Class of 2019 graduate Camille Smith this spring, and she soon is set to attend the University of Texas at Austin, where she plans to study neuroscience.

Proceeds from the South Belt 5K and Kids 1K events will go to aide the Harris scholarship fund in future years.

The event, complete with a certified course, is set for Saturday, Nov. 9, beginning and ending at Dobie High School while traveling through El Franco Lee Park. The 5K run will go off at 7 a.m., with the kids event to begin at 8 a.m.

The entry fee for the 5K run is \$35 per participant, while the kids 1K

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JFD netters to host exes

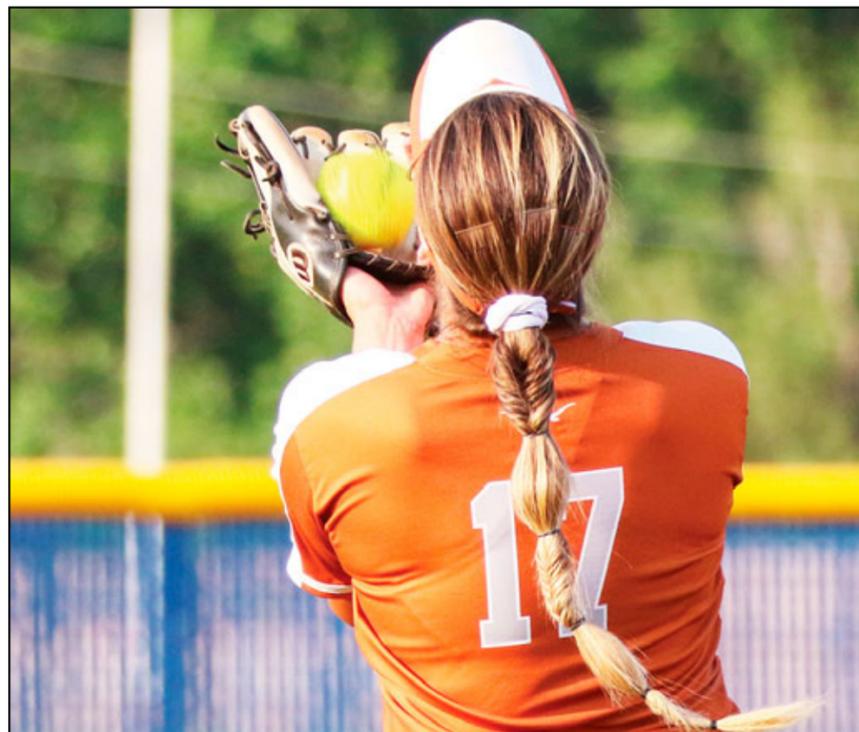
The start of the high school team tennis season is nearly here, which means the Dobie High School program is looking forward to hosting many of the past greats at the annual Exes matches Saturday, Aug. 3, beginning at 9 a.m.

wishing to compete in the exes doubles matches are asked to show up and be ready to compete Aug. 3, at 9 a.m.

Dobie begins its regular season Tuesday, Aug. 6, at home versus Friendswood.

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Pleasants to play in PGF AA Game



Dobie graduate, Louisiana State University softball signee and current USA U-19 Women's National Team player Taylor Pleasants (17) has been invited to compete in the Fourth Annual Premier Girls Fastpitch High School All-American Game, featuring 40 of the nation's top players from the senior class of 2019. ESPN U will air the game live Saturday, July 27, from Deanna Manning Stadium in Irvine, Calif. First pitch is at 6:30 p.m. Houston time. The East squad will feature Pleasants

and is led by longtime women's softball star Natasha Whatley. The all-California West squad will be coached by softball legend Jennie Finch. Next month, Pleasants will play for the USA Softball U-19 Women's National Team at the World Baseball Softball Confederation's World Cup Aug. 10-17, also in Irvine, and will then head to Baton Rouge to begin classes at LSU.

Photo by Jade Wise

Clear Brook to play at Turner Classic

Clear Brook, what with its high hopes of contending for the District 24-6A varsity volleyball championships, will again be part of the prestigious 70-team field at the Adidas John Turner Classic Aug. 8-10 across the Pearland area.

So far, programs confirmed to be attending include Atascocita, Barbers Hill, Bellaire, Boswell, Brazoswood, Clear Brook, Clear Creek, Clear Falls, Clear Lake, Clear Springs, Lubbock Coronado, Pearland Dawson, Decatur, Deer Park, Denton Guyer, Dickinson, Dripping Springs, Alief Elsik, Episcopal, Richmond Foster, Friendswood, George Ranch, Georgetown Hays, Highland Park, JB Alexander, Kingwood, Kingwood Park, Lake Travis, Lutheran South, Manvel, Mission, Veterans Memorial, Montgomery, Nederland, New Braunfels, Pasadena Memorial, Pearland, Port Neches Groves,

Ridge Point, San Antonio Brandies, San Antonio Brennan, San Antonio Christian, San Antonio O'Conner, San Antonio Reagan, Samuel Clemens, San Marcos, Santa Fe, Shadow Creek, St. Agnes, St. Johns, Summer Creek, Texas City, The Woodlands, Trinity Christian Academy, Ursuline Academy, Waller, Austin Westlake and Tarkington.

Last season, Clemens, Denton Guyer, New Braunfels Canyon and Prosper reached the semi-finals in the gold bracket before Prosper emerged as the overall tournament champion with a two-set win.

This season, the event host sites include Dawson, Pearland and Turner high schools as well as Pearland Junior High School and Berry Miller Junior High School.

Single-day tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$5 for

students. Three-day tournament passes are \$30 for adults \$20 for senior citizens and \$12 for students.

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Amateur Athletic Union JO track and field to challenge Stars

Preseason workouts began months ago, and the time to shine has finally come. Thirteen athletes from the Rising Stars Track Club have qualified for the Amateur Athletic Union's Junior Olympic Games July 29 through Aug. 3 at the University of North Carolina A&T's Aggie Stadium in Greensboro, N.C.

A season ago at nationals in Des Moines, Iowa, the Stars' Izard Evans highlighted the locals' effort, setting a national record in the 8-year-old boys' turbo javelin event, turning in two of his qualifying throws for national records and setting the bar high at 89 feet, 8 inches. He won a gold medal in that event, then went on to claim a silver medal for second place in the 800 run at 2:36.42. His bronze medal came in the 1,500 run at 5:35.69.

Now competing as a 9-year-old, Evans has again qualified for each of those three events at nationals. In the Region 17 Qualifier about a month ago at Challenger Stadium in Webster, Evans won the 1,500 run at 5:26.89, and also threw the turbo javelin 82-4 for the win. At the 800 distance, Evans was fourth in qualifying with a time of 2:38.39.

Not to be outdone by Evans, the Rising Stars' Camryn Dickson is another local athlete who has simply enjoyed a terrific 365 days or so since nationals in 2018. There, Dickson, then competing as a 14-year-old, getting third in the 200 dash at 25.01 and eighth in the 100. Since that time, Dick-

son is also eligible to compete in the triple jump at nationals after her best regional jump of 33-10 placed her third. The Stars' Alena Holt, a Deer Park High School student, is back at nationals after gaining All-American status in the javelin with a 13th-place (96-2) finish. Holt is hoping for more this season after her throw of 100-0 topped all Region 17 athletes in the javelin. The team's Morgan Guillory and Faythe Huffman were 2-3 at regionals to ad-

vance, and Dobie's Janelle Mooney also made her way to Greensboro after placing sixth. Iryanna Evans, 11, is also headed to nationals after claiming a regional bronze medal in the discus throw at 56-6. Evans will also go for a medal in the shot put after placing third with a throw of 25-1 3/4, and grabbing fourth in the turbo javelin at 55-3.

Jason Doswell, Trevor Doswell, Mikey Ramirez and Ryan Reed all expect to benefit this season from having reached nationals in 2018. Jason Dowell, now 14, competed in three different events a season ago. Nineteenth for an All-American honor in the shot put last season, Doswell this season was fifth at 34-9 in the shot put at regionals, and his javelin throw of 100-0 at regionals was fifth.

As for Trevor Dowell, he was at nationals in the turbo javelin last season. The now 11-year-old was second in the same event this season at 77-5, so his hopes for nationals are high. Doswell was also fourth at regionals in the shot put on his way to nationals. At 131-7, Ramirez was 13th in the nation for an All-American effort in the 15-16 javelin.

His throw of 143-6 placed him second for a silver medal at regionals, so perhaps he's in line for more at nationals this time around. Reed, a turbo javelin competitor at nationals in 2018, is back this season and looking like he can perform even better. At regionals this season, his best throw of 73-2 was second at regionals. Tenth for All-American honors in 2018 for the turbo javelin, the Stars' Noah Caballero is also returning in the same event this season. Now 13, Caballero's throw of 100-5 was enough for third place at regionals last month. Dobie's Briana Haywood, fifth for a national qualification in the 15-16 javelin, is also headed to this year's Junior Olympics with her eyes on a top-three medal.



2018 national record setter Izard Evans and 12 others from the Rising Stars Track Club are preparing to travel to Greensboro, N.C., for the Amateur Athletic Union's Junior Olympics at Aggie Stadium on the campus of North Carolina A&T University. Members of the team include, left to right, (seated) Jason Doswell, Morgan Guillory, Camryn Dickson, Janelle Mooney, coach Erica Davis, Briana Haywood, Faythe Huffman, Alena Holt, Michael Ramirez, (standing) coach Jacoby Davis, coach Christal Dickson, Raven Finnister, Noah Caballero, Izard Evans, Vanessa Villarreal, Ryan Reed, Trevor Doswell, Iryanna Evans and coach Jeremy Davis. The national individual track and field events will run from July 29 through Aug. 3.

High school fall sports scene includes cross-country season

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The Dobie boys' and girls' cross-country teams are preparing to begin the season Friday, Aug. 16, once again at the Huffman High School Relays at Huffman ISD's Falcon Stadium.

At this event, athletes will run in duos, with the varsity girls and junior varsity each covering a mile each and the varsity boys covering 1.5 miles each.

A season ago the Dobie girls opened the season at the same event, taking second place behind Stratford at the varsity level. The Lady Longhorns' junior varsity squad also took second place in the Huffman opener.

The Dobie girls' squad put together a terrific all-around year, with then freshman Izzy Padilla taking seventh overall at the District 22-6A Championships and 66th at the Region III Championships. Amari Singleton, set to be a junior, was ninth at district last season to reach regionals for the second straight season, where she was 69th overall.

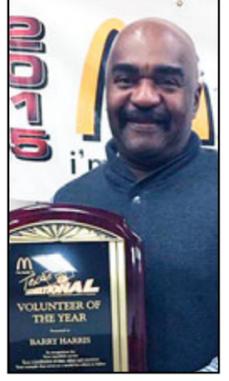
The Dobie boys' team was led by Alberto Campa for much of the 2018 season, and he is back as a junior for this season as the Longhorns look for a fast start.

The Clear Brook High School squads will also get started in the middle of August. On the boys' side, John Mena, Nathan Wagner, Ethan Rodriguez and Austin Blazine are among those eligible to return. Reagan Dunlap was

the Lady Wolverines' top finisher at district a season ago, and she is back as a senior after spending a summer with the Rising Stars Track Club, running the distance events.

At Brook, she could be joined on the varsity team by her younger sister, Peyton, as well as Macady Yardley, Kaitlin Garcia and Victoria Lambert.

Those who would like to donate to the Barry E. Harris Memorial Scholarship Fund year-round may do so by sending checks to Dobie High School, Attn: Barry Harris Scholarship, 10220 Blackhawk, Houston, Texas, 77089. Please include Barry Harris Scholarship in memo line. Donations are also accepted online via Pasade.naisd.revtrak.net.



At left, former Dobie High School educator Barry E. Harris is now honored with an academic scholarship and 5K run in his name. The first-ever run is in November.

SJC's Quinones solid in minors debut with Toronto



Former San Jacinto College baseball standout Luis Quinones has enjoyed a quick start to his professional career in the Toronto Blue Jays organization. Quinones, a 22-year-old right-hander who was an all-conference reliever at San Jacinto during the 2019 season, was selected in the 34th round of the June amateur draft and elected to sign. He pitched two games in Bluefield before being promoted to the Jays' Class A Short Season affiliate, the Vancouver Canadians.

There, Quinones has pitched in four games, including two starts. He has a 1.54 earned run average with the Canadians and has fanned 15 in 11 overall innings, but has issued 10 walks. Overall in six professional games, Quinones has struck out 25 batters in 18 innings and has an ERA of 2.00.

In his last start, Quinones went 3 1/3 innings, fanning five. Vancouver is managed by former Houston Astros player Casey Candaele.

At left, former San Jacinto College reliever Luis Quinones is off to a successful start in his professional career as a member of the Vancouver Canadians, a minor league affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays.

Former Gator earns accolades



Former San Jacinto College baseball standout Sergio Macias (24) enjoyed a terrific season at Central Methodist University in Fayette, Mo., as the junior was named a Heart of America Athletic Conference first team performer at shortstop and a Rawlings Gold Glove winner for his defensive play at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics level. Offensively he hit .304 with 17 doubles, nine home runs and 39 runs batted in as he helped the Eagles finish at No. 21 in the final NAIA Baseball Coaches Poll for 2019.

Pasadena ISD 2019 Varsity Football Schedule revealed

<u>Dobie</u>	<u>Memorial</u>	<u>Pasadena</u>	<u>South Houston</u>	<u>Sam Rayburn</u>
Thurs., Aug. 29 Santa Fe Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Aug. 29 at Kempner Rhodes Stadium	Sat., Aug. 31 Galena Park, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Aug. 30 Clear Falls Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Aug. 29 at G.C. Memorial Stallworth Stadium
Sat. Sept. 7 Bellaire Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Sept. 12 *at Summer Creek Turner Stadium	Fri., Sept. 6 Chavez Veterans Stadium	Fri., Sept. 6 at G.C. Memorial Stallworth Stadium	Thurs., Sept. 5 Episcopal Veterans Stadium
Fri., Sept. 20 *Summer Creek Turner Stadium	Fri., Sept. 20 *at Pasadena Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Sept. 12 *at S. Houston, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Sept. 12 *Pasadena Veterans Stadium	Fri., Sept. 13 *Humble Veterans Stadium
Thurs., Sept. 26 *Pasadena, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Sat., Sept. 28 *Humble, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Sept. 20 *Memorial Veterans Stadium	Sat., Sept. 21 *at Humble Turner Stadium	Thurs., Sept. 19 *Kingwood Veterans Stadium
Sat., Oct. 5 *at Humble Turner Stadium	Fri., Oct. 4 *Kingwood Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Sept. 26 *Dobie, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Sept. 27 *at Kingwood Turner Stadium	Fri., Sept. 27 *Atascocita Veterans Stadium
Sat., Oct. 12 *at Kingwood, 6 p.m. Turner Stadium	Fri., Oct. 11 *Atascocita Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Oct. 3 *S. Creek, 6 p.m. Turner Stadium	Thurs., Oct. 3, *at Atascocita Turner Stadium	Thurs., Oct. 10 *at S. Houston Veterans Stadium
Fri., Oct. 18 *Atascocita Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Oct. 17 *at Rayburn Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Oct. 17 *at Humble Turner Stadium	Thurs., Oct. 10 *Rayburn, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Oct. 17 *Memorial, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium
Thurs., Oct. 24 *Rayburn, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Oct. 25 *South Houston Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Oct. 24 *at Kingwood, 6 p.m. Vet. Mem. Stadium	Fri., Oct. 25 *Memorial Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Oct. 24 *Dobie Veterans Stadium
Fri., Nov. 1, *South Houston Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Oct. 31 *at Grand Oaks Spring Stadium	Sat., Nov. 2 *at Atascocita, 1 p.m. Turner Stadium	Fri., Nov. 1 *Dobie Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Oct. 31 *at S. Creek Challenger Stadium
Thur., Nov. 7 *Memorial Veterans Stadium *22-6A games 7 p.m. start unless noted	Thur., Nov. 7 *Memorial Veterans Stadium *22-6A games 7 p.m. start unless noted	Fri., Nov. 8 *Rayburn Veterans Stadium *22-6A games 7 p.m. start unless noted	Sat., Nov. 9 *S. Creek, 1 p.m. Veterans Stadium *22-6A games 7 p.m. start unless noted	Fri., Nov. 8 *Pasadena Veterans Stadium *22-6A games 7 p.m. start unless noted

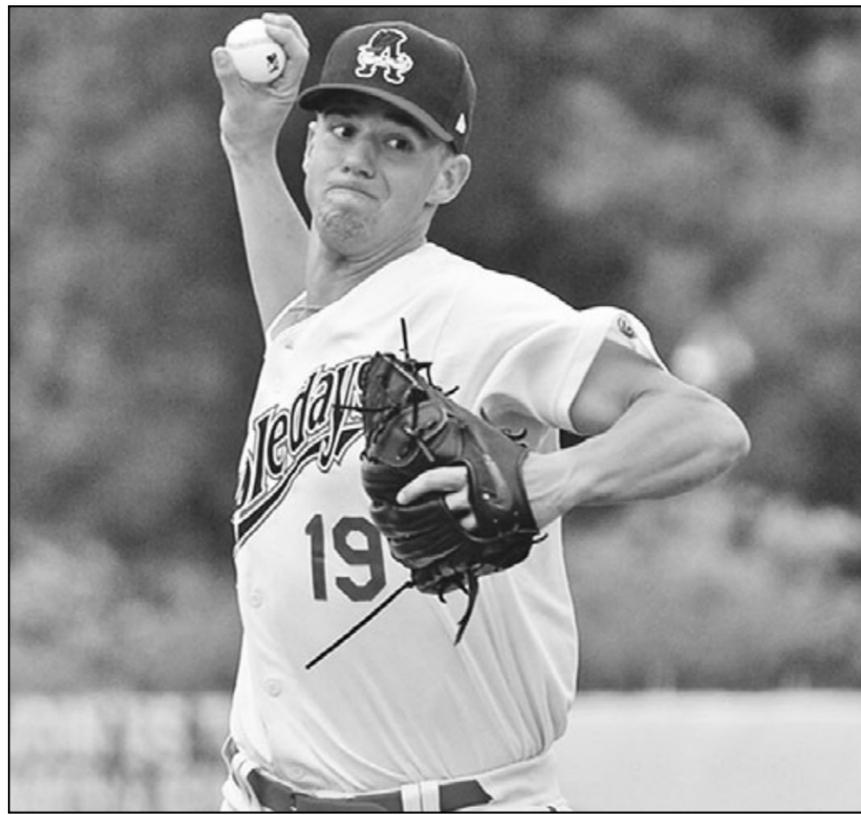
SBGSA's 8-under all-stars place fourth at Sealybration



The South Belt Girls Softball Association's 8-under age group all-stars went up against several of the state's best teams, winding up fourth out of 27 teams at the Sealybration July 12-14 in Sealy. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Mayra Lira, Molly Castañeda, Khayla Juarez, Maddison Campos, Camila

Padua, Jr. assistant coach Samantha Lira, (middle row) Miyah McSween, Alyssa Davis, Mikaela Torres, Arianna Guajardo, Melody Ramirez, Myla Garcia, Anelee Williams, (back row) coaches Salvador Castaneda, Robert Juarez, Chris Ramirez, Jonathan Williams and Carlos Padua.

Rutledge gets it rolling for Nats' Doubledays



It took a start or so to get his mechanics back in order following the June amateur draft, but former San Jacinto College star pitcher Jackson Rutledge now has things rolling as a member of the Auburn Doubledays, the Class A short season affiliate of the Washington Nationals. Rutledge, the NJCAA Pitcher of the Year in 2019, was the 17th overall selection, going

in the first round to the Nationals last month. He subsequently signed for a \$3.4 million bonus and gave up three runs in an inning in a Gulf Coast League start. In his most recent start with Auburn, he allowed one hit and no runs in four shutout frames as he rounds back into form.

Photo by Rick White, MLB

CCISD Hall of Honor announces 2019 class

The Clear Creek Independent School District and the Athletic Hall of Honor Board of Directors have announced the 2019 class of inductees to the prestigious Hall of Honor.

The 2019 class includes four legendary coaches, five outstanding athletes and two big-time winning teams.

This year's class was chosen through an extensive nomination and selection process for bringing distinction, honor and excellence to themselves, their alma mater schools and their communities.

The Athletic Hall of Honor was established in 2016 and each year encompasses athletes of a specific era, folding in CCISD high schools as they were formed.

For the current 2019 nomination and award window, the nominee had to have been a coach or graduate of Webster High School, Clear Creek High School or Clear Lake High School between the years of 1948 and 1987.

Buddy Carlisle, part of the Carlisle family coaching tree in the Houston area, is one of the honorees this year.

The two teams to be honored include the 1956 Webster High School squad as well as Clear Lake's 1993 state title volleyball team.

"The CCISD Athletic

Hall of Honor has already evolved into a cherished tradition as a meaningful way to recognize our exceptional alumni and preserve our district's great history in athletics," said Bill Daws, Athletic Hall of Honor board president and former CCISD director of athletics.

"We look forward to recognizing this fine group of alumni and coaches on October 26 of this year — and etching their names in history."

The CCISD Athletic Hall of Honor operates as a 501(c)3 and under an independent board of directors.

The board acknowledges Lewis Jewelers and the Luis Garcia family as Founding Sponsors of the Athletic Hall of Honor and for their generous support of the tribute walls and plaques in Challenger Columbia Stadium.

The 2019 Gold Sponsors who make the recognition event possible include HomeTown Bank of League City, Gulf Coast Educators Federal Credit Union, Jennifer and Joe McKinney, Kathleen Treka Taylor and Hugh Taylor and Leah and Jay Buhner.

For more on the CCISD Athletic Hall of Honor and 2019 event sponsorship opportunities, visit www.ccisd.net/athleticallof honor.

2019 CCISD Hall of Honor Coaching Inductees

Allen Dean Holtman* – Clear Creek High School, 1974 to 1993

Paul Gips* – Clear Creek High School, 1962 to 1983

Henry F. Bauerschlag* – Clear Creek High School, 1953 to 1984

Buddy Carlisle – Clear Creek High School, 1976 to 2006

Hall of Honor Student-Athlete Inductees

Boonie Wilkening – Webster High School, 1955

Susie Kelly Flatau – Clear Creek High School, 1970

Susan N. Brand – Clear Creek High School, 1972

Nancy Olson – Clear Creek High School, 1974

Barry Dittman – Clear Lake High School, 1975

Hall of Honor Team Inductee

1956 Webster H.S. Basketball A Team

Third at State

Coach George B. Carlisle*

Asst. Coach Henry F. Bauerschlag*

Pat Jensen* – 1956

James Wesley Davis* – 1957

Garvis Hadley – 1956

William Frost – 1957

Paul Blanchard* – 1956

Tom Goodman* – 1957

Lawrence Smith* – 1956

Gary Brizendine – 1957

Bill Gale – 1956

Ronnie Wahn – 1957

Garland Smith* – 1956

John Hancock* – 1957

Joe Dickson – 1956

Stanley Magee* – 1957

Robert Brown – 1957

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Hall of Honor Team Inductee

1983 Clear Lake H.S. Girls Volleyball Team

5A State Champions

Coach Angie Chivers

Asst. Coach Janis Balsamo

Cheryl Blumentstein Forrest – 1984

Christine Liller Idinge – 1986

Sherry Smith – 1984

Deborah Shelley – 1986

Kristina Predmore Godina – 1984

Dara Cox Wheeler – 1986

Sue Schelfhout Berg – 1985

Jill Blumenstein Brown – 1987

Joelle Condon – 1985

Kiki Green, manager – 1985

Kathleen Riley – 1985

Roger Schmitt, manager – 1986

Julie Fournet White – 1985

Missy Godeke, manager – 1985

Jennifer Thorson Kosel – 1985

Tina Lopez, manager – 1985

Susan Schmitt – 1985

PISD has season tix for football

Season tickets for any of the Pasadena ISD high school football programs, including Dobie, are on sale now through Friday, August 23, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., at the Pasadena ISD Athletic Office located at 2906 Dabney within Phillips Gym. Individual tickets only will be available after August 23. The cost for season tickets are \$6 each pre-sale. This is a savings of \$1 per ticket off the \$7 gate price. There are no reserved seats sold. Student tickets are also available for \$3 each and may be used for any varsity regular season game at Veterans Stadium. Varsity home games will be played at 7 p.m. on Friday and 6 p.m. on Thursday and Saturday, with a couple of exceptions. To purchase season tickets for Dobie or any of the other four PISD high school football programs, visit the district website at www.pasadenaisd.org. Once there, go to the Athletics tab and then refer to the ticket information link. The season ticket packages for Dobie are \$42 each, which represents a \$1 discount per game ticket. Stadium parking is free.

Thompson Intermediate hosts 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' 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. Looking to August, the Lions' first equipment pickup session will be Aug. 9 as eighth-grade football and volleyball players will visit from 10 a.m. to noon, with seventh-grade volleyball and football players to follow from 1 to 3 p.m. There will be a second equipment pickup day Aug. 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. for all football players who miss the first date. There will be a \$65 participation fee due at the time of pickup for football players, and the volleyball uniform fee is \$50 per student. For more information, direct email to coach Doug Sawyer (boys) at dsawyer@pasadenaisd.org or coach Tiffany Nelson (girls) at TNelson@pasadenaisd.org.

Dobie football to offer youth camp July 29-31

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

Brook football hosts student camp July 30-Aug. 2

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

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JULY 25

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.

Rotary Club of Pearland – Meets Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. at Allendale's Kitchen & Cocktails, 5010 Broadway St., in Pearland. Variety of speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@texascitizensbank.com.

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

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

6:30 p.m. Kirkwood Civic Association meets at the South Belt Chamber of Commerce (new location), 10500 Scarsdale. For more information, call Ericka McCutcheon at 281-989-9990.

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

FRIDAY, JULY 26

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

Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark,

77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.

6:30 p.m. Bay Area Genealogical Society – Meets monthly, the last Friday, at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Dr., Clear Lake. Coffee and socializing prior to 7 p.m. meeting. No meeting in December. For details, visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org.

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

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

SATURDAY, JULY 27

7:30 a.m. 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.

11 a.m. StartSchoolLater.net (SSL) Houston Chapter – informational meeting about the link of teen sleep deprivation to depression and low academic performance. The public is welcome, 11 a.m., on the fourth Saturday at the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-229-1409. RSVP is requested for meeting attendance.

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

487-8787, or drop in.

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

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

SUNDAY, JULY 28

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

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

Scleroderma Support Group – Do you know someone with scleroderma? Join a support group on the fourth Sunday, 2 to 4 p.m., at the Waterford in the Blue Bonnet room, 201 McDermott St. in Deer Park, 77536. Contact Kathy Baker at 713-826-6214 or KBaker58@comcast.net.

5:30 p.m. 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.

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.

MONDAY, JULY 29

10 a.m. 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, or drop in.

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

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

Noon Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group meets at noon at 3525 Broadway in Pearland. For additional information, call 713-686-6300.

6 p.m. Scrabble Club #511 – Meets Monday at IHOP, located at 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills and join the fun. Call 281-488-2923 for additional information.

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

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MONDAY, JULY 29

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com. 7:30 p.m.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom - Israeli Folk Dancing on Monday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., 16020 El Camino Real, 77062. \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 sessions for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For details, contact 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801.

TUESDAY, JULY 30

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.

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.

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

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

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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.

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.

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

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

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

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 lev-

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

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

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

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.

Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. at Alendale's Kitchen & Cocktails, 5010 Broadway St., in Pearland. Variety of speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@texascitizensbank.com.

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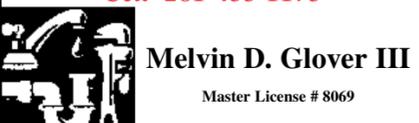
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Residents in the community and members of local organizations were able to display their floats and cars at the annual Fourth of July parade. Shown above is the South Belt Church float. In the truck are, left to right, Mackensy Carker, Veyda Lake and William Byers. Shown in the

float are, left to right, Breanna Sommerfelt, William Scott, Sam Donaho, Bobby King, Suzan Damas, Raul Valencia, Lili Valencia, Makayla Shackelford, Kaliyah Shackelford, Joshua Valencia, Zach Mayorga, Lorelei Mayorga and Courtney Mayorga.



The H-Town Cookers displayed a patriotic float, which included a helicopter and a tank. Shown above on the float are, left to right, (front row) Fernando Reyna, Mohamad Salam, Leo Reyna, Fares Salam, (back row) Esmeralda Reyna, Gabriel Carranza and Gia Reyna. The H-Town Cookers' float was just one of dozens that participated in the annual South Belt Fourth of July parade, which included the fireworks display that evening. The local Cub Scouts were

able to make an appearance and even brought some friends. The troops shown are Girl Scouts Troop 22266, Boy Scouts Troop 16, Pack 692 and Pack 773. Shown below are, left to right, (front row) Cheyenne Pacheco, Blaze Allen, Isabella Allen, Caleb Johnson, Hector Pombo, Nicholas Pena, Eileen Pena, Mason Pham, Juanita Garcia, Tommie Pham, (back row) Mark Pacheco, Cristian Tamayo, Mauricio Campos, Ed Johnson, Rhonda Fitzgerald and Thomas Fitzgerald.



The Knights of Columbus participated in the parade with two floats. Shown above on the parade float pulled by a tractor are, (front row) Sandra Torres, Nick Torres, Lupe Aguirre, Rey Aguirre, Marlon Huhin, Gilbert Ramos, Richard Valdez, (back row) Lucas Torres and Zoe Baldez. Shown below driving the John Deere tractor pulling one of the floats is Leon Guerra.



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