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### Holiday schedules set

**South Belt-Ellington Leader**  
The *South Belt-Ellington Leader* office will be closed on Thursday, July 4, in celebration of Independence Day. The office will reopen for regular business Friday, July 5, 9 a.m. to noon.

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

**City of Houston trash**  
The City of Houston will not have its regularly scheduled trash pickup on Thursday, July 4. Residents who usually have their trash collected on Thursdays will have their date pushed back to Friday, and residents who usually have their trash collected on Fridays will have their date pushed back to Saturday.

### 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.

### Heavy trash pickup set

City residents south of Fuqua will have heavy trash pickup Thursday, July 11 (second Thursday of the month). City residents north of Fuqua and west of the Gulf Freeway will have heavy trash pickup on Friday, July 12 (second Friday of the month). July is for tree waste. For additional information, call the city's help line a 3-1-1 or visit [www.houston.gov/solidwaste](http://www.houston.gov/solidwaste).

### Beltway closures planned

The eastbound and westbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Beamer will be closed continuously through 9 a.m. Saturday, July 20.  
Both northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Genoa Red Bluff will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Sunday, July 14.  
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 Sunday, July 14.  
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 Wednesday, July 10.  
At least one alternate lane on the northbound Beltway 8 frontage road from Vista to SH 225 will be closed daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and nightly from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Tuesday, July 30.  
At least one alternate lane on the southbound Beltway 8 frontage road from SH 225 to Vista will be closed daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and nightly from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Tuesday, July 30.  
Both northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and SH 225 will be closed continuously through Friday, July 19.

### Ellington e-recycling set

The City of Houston's monthly electronic recycling event will take place Saturday, July 13, at the Neighborhood Recycling Center at Ellington Airport from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Recycling electronics keeps potentially harmful materials, such as mercury, cadmium, lead and cathode ray tubes out of the waste stream and the environment. Items accepted are PCs, servers, keyboards, mice, laptops, game consoles, monitors, small kitchen appliances, memory chips, hubs and routers, printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines, projectors, rechargeable batteries, cable boxes, car batteries, telephones, cell phones, PDAs, tape drives, hard drives, cords, cables and cameras. The collection events take place the second Saturday of each month. For additional information, visit [www.houston.gov/solidwaste.org](http://www.houston.gov/solidwaste.org).

### PIP planned for July 16

The Houston Police Department's Positive Interaction Program will meet Tuesday, July 16, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, in the staff meeting room on the first floor. Guest speaker to be announced. PIP consists of police and citizens working together for safer neighborhoods. For additional information, call Houston Police Department Officer Richard Buitron at 832-395-1776.

# City breaks ground on Ellington Spaceport

What began as a concept four years ago, took its official first steps toward concrete reality with a groundbreaking ceremony on June 26, 2019, to celebrate work on Phase 1 of the Houston Spaceport at Ellington Airport.

Representatives from the Houston Airport System, Houston City Council, the Federal Aviation Administration and community and project partners were on hand to celebrate the beginning of work on the development of 154 acres in Phase 1.  
The first new construction since June 2015 when the FAA approved the application for the 10th commercial spaceport license in the United States, work already is underway. The project scope includes providing streets, water, wastewater, electrical power distribution facilities and fiber optic and communications facilities necessary to attract future development.

"When complete, Phase 1 will provide the ground work to support the companies that produce the cutting-edge innovations needed to take commercial space travel and aviation into the sub-sonic, super-sonic and hyper-sonic realm," Houston Aviation Director Mario Diaz said.

Phase 1 of the Houston Spaceport project offers potential tenants and partners a unique environment in which to collaborate as well as an operational platform to achieve critical business objectives. By housing organizations from across several industries and disciplines on one campus, the "innovation incubator" concept will foster and accelerate key aerospace engineering activities, including the following:

- Component and composite development and fabrication;
- Space vehicle assembly;
- Zero-gravity scientific and medical experiments;
- Microsatellite deployment;
- Astronaut training and development; and
- Space tourism.

Eventually, when all 450 acres at Ellington Airport available to the project are fully developed, the Houston Spaceport will become a focal point in the region for aerospace research, manufacturing and commercial space operations.

Construction of Phase I is expected to be complete in May 2020.

To learn more about Phase I, visit [www.fly2houston.com/spaceport/phase-one](http://www.fly2houston.com/spaceport/phase-one).

To learn more about the Houston Spaceport, visit [www.fly2houston.com/spaceport](http://www.fly2houston.com/spaceport).

### San Jacinto College

San Jacinto College also announced its plan to construct a satellite campus on the Houston Spaceport grounds to provide aerospace industry workforce training.

"We are very excited to officially kick off the groundbreaking of the Houston Spaceport at Ellington Airport," said San Jacinto College Chancellor Brenda Hellyer. "We are passionate about the vision, and we are grateful to all of the partners who continue to help define what is needed to create the skilled aerospace workforce demands for our region now and for the future growth. San Jacinto College stands ready to be your training partner."

Called the Edge Center, the new facility will offer instruction in the following areas:

- Composites manufacturing and repair technician;
- Aerospace electrical assemble technician;
- Aerospace structures technician; and
- Mechatronics and industrial automation technician.

The Edge Center is scheduled to open in fall 2019.

## Hellyer promotes new SJC center



San Jacinto College recently revealed its plan to open a new campus at the Houston Spaceport at Ellington Airport. The announcement coincided with the official groundbreaking ceremony of the spaceport facility. Called the Edge Center, the new campus will provide aerospace workforce training. San Jacinto College Chancellor Brenda Hellyer is shown above promoting the new center to KHOU news reporter Josh Marshall. Photo submitted

## Dobie grad overcomes all obstacles

### Attending med school where she received 6 brain surgeries

Former Dobie student Claudia Martinez is currently a fourth-year medical student at the same hospital that has treated her for six major brain surgeries.

A 2009 graduate, Martinez first experienced medical problems while an undergraduate at the University of Houston, reporting headaches and blackouts. She was diagnosed with Chiari malformation, which involves brain tissue extending into the spinal cord. If not treated, the condition can lead to paralysis.

Despite being in and out of the hospital, Martinez, now 28, graduated from UH with a 4.0 and was accepted into her dream medical school, the University of Texas at Houston, where she was being treated.

During her first three years in medical school, Martinez suffered a seizure and a stroke. The stroke left her unable to function from the neck down, forcing her to relearn how to perform the most menial tasks.

"Initially, I couldn't function from the neck down," Martinez recalled on her Instagram page, where much of her ongoing recovery is documented. "Alongside several other patients, I started relearning how to do every single thing we take for granted in everyday life. From putting on my clothes, brushing my teeth, to feeding myself, bathing myself, using the bathroom, to opening doors, turning on light switches, carrying a cup, writing, picking up items from the

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## South Belter celebrates a century



Margaret Vanelli (left) will celebrate her 100th birthday Saturday, July 6, at a party with more than 85 friends and family members. Born in Victoria County on July 9, 1919, Vanelli was the youngest of eight children. The centenarian is shown above with, left to right, her son, Jim Vanelli; her great-granddaughter, Avereigh Vanelli; her grandson, Donnie Vanelli; and her great-granddaughter, Ellen Vanelli. See related story on Page 2A. Photo submitted

## Lifelong friend helps fellow officer

A South Belt resident is reaching out to help his lifelong friend, both Houston police officers, after he contracted a debilitating disease.

Travis Williamson has known Thomas "Gene" Young, recently diagnosed with stage IV cancer, for more than 30 years. The two first met playing Little League together as children. While the pair attended different elementary schools and high schools, the two reconnected in high school, both graduating from Dobie in 1996.

Both then went on to protect and serve the community, joining the Houston Police Department. Both currently serve with the Southeast Division. Williamson has been with the department for 17 years and holds the rank of sergeant, while Young has been with the department for seven years and holds the rank of officer. Currently assigned to the night shift, Young also serves as a field training officer.

Both men have longstanding ties to the South Belt community, as Williamson's father, Steve Williamson, was also a longtime Houston police officer in the area and Young's mother, Sarah Young, is a 40-plus-year educator with the Pasadena Independent School District, serving at both

Thompson Intermediate and Dobie High School, where she still currently works.

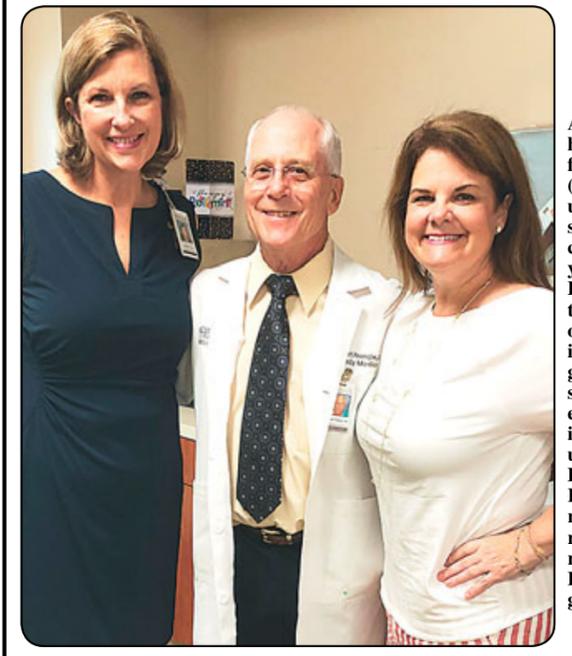
Following high school, Young attended the University of Houston, where he earned a bachelor's degree. Following graduation, Young then entered the Houston Police Department Class #No. 213, where he graduated in October 2012.

Williamson recently organized a barbecue fundraiser for Young at 2-A-Days Sports Bar in Pearland. The event was a big success, raising thousands of dollars toward Young's medical expenses. The function attracted more than 1,000 guests and supplied approximately 1,200 meals. Representatives from 93Q Radio were on hand, and mayoral candidate Tony Buzbee was also in attendance.

Young and his wife, Kathy, have two young sons and a daughter on the way. The diagnosis hits hard for Young, as his father died from the same form of cancer.

For those who were unable to make the recent fundraiser, financial donations are still being accepted.

For additional information or to make a donation, visit [www.assisttheofficer.com](http://www.assisttheofficer.com).



## Prangle retires

A retirement party was held Friday, June 28, for Dr. Robert Prangle (center), who is hanging up his stethoscope after serving the South Belt community for nearly 50 years. Born and raised in England, Prangle moved to the area in 1972 and opened his first clinic January 1973. Prangle said he plans to now spend his free time traveling, playing golf, reading, painting and volunteering. Shown with Prangle at the party are Rebecca Lilley, physician resources community outreach director at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital (left), and Prangle's wife, Tami.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

## Pct. 2 deputies battle local crime

The *Leader* has learned more about the police chase that ended on the grounds of San Jacinto College South on Tuesday, June 25.

According to sources in the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office, the pursuit was related to a Houston Police Department sting operation involving a felony theft from the JCPenney at Baybrook Mall.

During the chase, the suspect driver had a blowout near the College Place subdivision, prompting him to exit the vehicle and flee on foot. Deputies said he was running on bare feet because he had inadvertently left his sandals inside his vehicle. Once apprehended on campus, the suspect was charged with felony evading. Three other suspects were also originally in the vehicle but were not charged. The case is still part of an active investigation, police said.

### Motor vehicle burglary

A burglary of a motor vehicle on Bickwood

Drive in the Woodmeadow II subdivision early Saturday, June 29, was captured on surveillance footage and widely shared on social media.

The incident took place just before 3 a.m. Footage shows two males – one pictured very clearly – in a white Chevy or GMC SUV – breaking into a vehicle parked in the driveway of a residence. Some electronics were reportedly stolen during the burglary.

See complete surveillance video on the *Leader's* Facebook page.

Anyone with information on this case is urged to contact the Precinct 2 Constable's office at 713-477-2766.



Surveillance footage

## Boykins defends controversial remarks

Houston City Council member and mayoral candidate Dwight Boykins made headlines this past week after allegations surfaced that he made inappropriate comments to a group of young females at a recent youth advocacy summit, at one point reportedly telling the girls to "keep their legs closed."

The council member also reportedly joked about dating one of the girls in attendance.

The event, which also featured Mayor Sylvester Turner, was organized by Mi Familia Vota and the Greater Houston chapter of OCA Asian Pacific American Advocates. Boykins said he was asked by the hosts to offer words of inspiration to the students and to help them understand the important role they play in the future.

"As I have previously done on countless occasions throughout my district and around the city when speaking to our youth, I sought to encourage them to remain focused on their future hopes and dreams while drawing attention to the pitfalls that plague many young people. As I mentioned in my initial statement, it was never my intention to cause anyone discomfort but to speak frankly about the pitfalls which I have seen derail the future of many of our youth, including teen pregnancy, an issue I have firsthand experience with in my own family. I regret that a few seconds of my discussion with these young people have apparently overshadowed my entire conversation, which was meant to ensure that our youth have the best opportunity to succeed in life."

# In My Opinion

## Brenda Sommerville on mail problems

I have been reading about the problems people have been having with their postal services. We are also experiencing issues with deliveries of mail.

The one thing my husband and I have found helpful is signing up for informed delivery through the United States Post Office, at least this way we can see what mail is scheduled for delivery. If mail is not received you have the option to submit a report.

The link for this service is: <https://informeddelivery.usps.com>.

Maybe if enough people show concern about this issue, the post office will address these issues.

I hope this information is helpful.

Kind regards,

Brenda J. Sommerville

## Albrecht agrees on mail issues

I want to give a shout-out to those folks, Milton and Mary Walker for bringing to light an age-old problem with Windmill Post Office. I've lived in this community over 40 years and I detest going to Windmill Post Office Station for anything!!!

The post office no matter where it is needs to remember it's there to serve the public and that includes the people that are employed with the United States Post Office! Hope others will visit "In My Opinion" of the *South Belt Leader* addressing the issue!

Michele Albrecht

## 4 ways to drink wiser this holiday weekend

Summer BBQs, fireworks, and a few cold brews. What better way to celebrate the red, white and blue this Fourth of July!

But before you raise a glass to our great country, let's all do our part to keep our community safe and commit to celebrating responsibly.

If you plan to have a cold beer or two this Independence Day, make it a priority to Drink Wiser by following these tips:

1. Have a game plan: designate a driver, download a rideshare app like Lyft, and/or stash some cash in your pocket to cover cab fare.
  2. Know your limits: Not all drinks are created equal. The amount of alcohol in a drink may vary depending on the size and recipe. Know your limits and keep track of how many drinks you have consumed.
  3. Bring on the food: Bust out high protein foods - like some American classics: BBQ, wings, hot dogs and hamburgers - to help slow down the absorption of alcohol consumed.
  4. Keep hydrated: Drink water throughout the day to stay hydrated. Pace yourself and encourage friends to do the same by alternating alcohol-based drinks with non-alcohol based beverages.
- Over the past 35 years, Anheuser-Busch and its wholesaler partners

## Local library events set

### Bracewell Branch Library

All Houston public libraries will be closed Thursday, July 4, for the fourth of July holiday. 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](http://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).

Monday, July 8, 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 9, 10:15 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Citizenship class. Class participation is by appointment only.

Tuesday, July 9, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. Summer reading program features Happy the Clown: Summer Reading Magic Show. This session is designed for preschoolers ages 3-5 years, children ages 5-10 and tweens ages 9-12. This high energy show includes magic tricks, jokes, tons of fun, games, contests and lots of audience participation.

Wednesday, July 10, 3 - 4 p.m. Project: Selfie Scavenger Hunt for tweens ages 9-12. Make original art using duct tape, glue and various accessories.

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

Wednesday, July 10. 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, July 4, closed; Friday and Saturday, 1 - 5 p.m.; Sunday, closed; Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

### Parker Williams Library

All Harris County Public Libraries will close early Wednesday, July 3, at 5 p.m. for the Fourth of July holiday and reopen Friday for normal business hours.

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.: Friday, July 5, 3 p.m. Library Lab, for ages 8-13. For young people interested in a little more of a hands on approach to science meet in the community room for a more in depth science program that gets kids elbow deep into science.

Saturday, July 6, 10:30 a.m. "How to Pick Produce," a presentation given by a representative from the local Blackhawk H-E-B. For the answers to the many questions, "When buying fruits and vegetables, does one ever wonder if Peter got the pick of the peppers and you got the leftovers?" "Does one thump a cantaloupe, smell it or gently squeeze it to see if it is ripe?" Get information and learn how to pick produce like a pro.

Monday, July 8, 7 p.m. Teen Nerf Top Shot game, for ages 13 and older. Rise to the challenge and put your metal to the test at Nerf Top Shot in the library community room.

Tuesday, July 9, 2 p.m. STEM time. Launch rockets, for ages 8 and older. Meet in room 3 for liftoff to look into the science of rockets. Participants will also be constructing some simple launch rockets out of foam insulation and other materials.

Wednesday, July 10, 2 p.m. Project: Create an Alien, for ages 5 and older. Meet in the library community room to make one's own unique alien with odds and ends of different craft bits.

Wednesday, July 10 at 2 p.m. Great Decisions: "State of the State Department and Diplomacy." Meet at the library every three weeks to learn about a new world affairs topic based on a video and article created by the Foreign Policy Association. The article for this week may be found in the library magazine section. A video will be shown during the first part of the discussion.

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.

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, July 4, closed; 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.

# Precinct 2 ready for holiday



Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz will be deploying extra deputies for the upcoming July 4 weekend. With the additional deputies working the streets for the long weekend, this will give them the advantage to better serve the community, and the residents of Precinct 2. Shown are Lt. Clint Brown (left) and Deputy Daniel Vasquez who stopped by the Leader office to discuss details about the annual Fourth of July parade. Photo by Marie Flickinger

## Constable Pct. 8, K-9 find drugs

On July 1, at approximately 5:30 p.m., Precinct 8 Deputy Troy Brinkley and K-9 "Evo" conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the 11300 block of the Gulf Freeway for a speeding violation.

Upon making contact with the driver, Brinkley smelled a strong odor of marijuana emitting from inside the vehicle. The driver declined to

give consent to search, however K-9 Evo was deployed for a "free air sniff" around the exterior of the vehicle.

K-9 Evo alerted to the presence of narcotics and a probable cause search was conducted as a result. The search led to the discovery of approximately 14 pounds of marijuana, THC "Candies" and a loaded 9mm handgun. Subse-

quent investigation lead to the discovery of a second vehicle that was ultimately found to contain an estimated 150 pounds of marijuana, THC "Candies" and a large sum of U.S. currency. The final count of items found between both vehicles was 228 pounds of marijuana, 70 pounds of the THC "Candies," four firearms and \$42,625 in cash.



The K-9 dog Evo is shown with his bust of marijuana and THC "Candies" from July 1.

## Elected officials share their words

### Cornyn praises Senate on border bill

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn on June 26, praised Senate passage of the border supplemental appropriations bill, which includes \$30 million available for direct reimbursements to local governments and nongovernmental organizations for migrant care through the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

After hearing from many local Texas officials and nonprofits that had spent significant resources on migrant care due to increased border crossings in recent months, Cornyn urged Senate appropriators to include these funds in the bill.

"The federal government must take financial responsibility for migrant care.

Texas communities have gone above and beyond, expending resources to provide shelter and food for migrants in need. With federal reimbursement money included in this bill, Texas cities and nonprofits will be able to return their focus to serving the community the way they know best," said Cornyn.

## Vanelli celebrates 100 years

Margaret Vanelli, a frequent visitor and sometimes resident of Sagement, will celebrate her 100th birthday on July 6, with more than 85 relatives and friends. (See photo Page 1A.)

The theme of the party is *Life is an Adventure*, and Vanelli has lived that adventure to the fullest. She is currently living with her son, Jim, and daughter-in-law, Jackie, Sagement residents for 48 years.

Margaret Myrta Sarlls Vanelli, the youngest of eight children, was born July 9, 1919, in Victoria County. She was raised on a farm and attended Wood High School, where she played volleyball and softball. After graduation, she was recognized as an outstanding pitcher for the Victoria Rosettes, a ladies' league softball team that played other teams in South Texas.

After the Rosettes beat the Houston team, Vanelli was recruited by them. However, her mother did not think it was appropriate for a young, single female to live alone in the big city. So, Vanelli stayed home, continued to play softball and went to work at Levi's Department Store, where she met Lewis Vanelli. They married in 1939 and had two children, Jim in 1943, and Peggy in 1950.

Vanelli loves to travel and made frequent trips to Houston to visit her grandsons, Tony, Donnie and Tommy, and to Idaho to see her grandsons, Scott, and granddaughters, Katie and Becky. She also made three trips to Mexico City to visit the Shrine of

Our Lady of Guadalupe. After Lewis passed away in 1990, Vanelli made two pilgrimages to visit religious sites in Portugal and Paris. Her travels also took her to Torreon, Mexico, where Peggy and her husband, Ken Cole, were teaching school.

The big adventure began in 1993 when she moved to Hooper Bay, Alaska, a Yupik Eskimo village of about 1,200 people on the Bering Sea coast in western Alaska, where Ken and Peggy were teaching. They asked Vanelli to take care of their newborn, adopted baby daughter, Melanie.

Vanelli made annual trips to Houston to visit her grandsons before coming back to live with Jim and Jackie in 1999. She was an active member of St. Luke's Catholic Church, teaching catechism classes, among other things, and joining a group of ladies, after Mass, on frequent trips to IHOP or Ruby's. She also continued to travel back to Alaska every year.

In 2006, when Ken and Peggy moved to Big Lake, near Anchorage, Vanelli returned to Alaska to live in a senior living facility in Wasilla. Even at the age of 87, she continued to hike, fish, camp and explore Alaska for many years. She also made numerous trips to Houston.

In the summer of 2017, at the age of 98, Vanelli rode with Ken and Peggy on a 12-day, 5,300-mile trip through Canada and the United States. She was coming home to Texas, but she wanted to see the land up close that she had flown over so many

# Deaths

## Baudelia C. Torres



Baudelia C. Torres, 98, a widow and longtime Sagement resident died June 10, 2019.

She passed away peacefully at home with her daughter and son-in-law, in Spring, Texas, following a lengthy battle with a recurring lymphoma.

She was born in San Diego, Texas, where she attended primary and secondary schools prior to getting married.

Afterward, she and her husband Steven Torres established their home in Corpus Christi where they reared their six children.

When the last child was enrolled in school, she studied nursing, became a Licensed Vocational Nurse, and worked in Corpus Christi hospitals for more than 25 years.

Meanwhile, she continued doing the things she loved including cooking big meals for her family, gardening, quilting, sewing her own and others' clothes and traveling with her husband. Together they traveled to Germany, Spain, Mexico, Panama and many places throughout the United States.

After retiring from nursing, and following the death of her husband, Baudelia moved to Houston to be near her children.

She lived independently in the Sagement area and became a member of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, making friends with neighbors and fellow parishioners. When blindness and failing health afflicted her, she made a change in living arrangements.

Baudelia changed addresses but continued to be a Sagement resident when she moved in with her daughter and son-in-law, Adelina and Martin Flores who also lived in Sagement. Baudelia left the area when Hurricane Harvey flooded their home and they went to live in Spring.

She was preceded in death by her parents Antonio and Jacinta Cantu; husband Steven S. Torres; two brothers Sabas C. Torres and Steven C. Torres; and one grandson Martin A. Flores.

She is survived by sons Daniel Torres and his wife Maria Elena and Hector Torres and his wife Christina; daughters Adelina Flores and her husband Martin and Delia Gonzalez and husband Reynundo; one brother Petronilo Cantu and wife Linda; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life and prayer service were held Saturday, June 15, at the Garza Funeral Home in San Diego.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at the St. Francis de Paula Church the following morning.

Per her wishes, Baudelia was interred in the cemetery in San Diego, Texas.

## Mary Susan Peters



Longtime South Belt area resident Mary Susan Peters, 61, died at home June 27, 2019. She was born Jan. 22, 1958, in Houston to Johnny Joe and Mary Ann (Goolsby) Peters. She was a graduate of J. Frank Dobie High School Class of 1978. She was a lifelong resident of Houston where she worked as a municipal court clerk for the City of Houston. She was a caregiver to her parents in their later years and enjoyed attending church. Until recently Susan worked at the local Timewise store on Beamer.

Her brother James Peters of Pearland said that Mary Susan Peters was known to everyone as "Susan" and she would visit the firefighters of the Houston Fire Department Station 70 quite often and share her unique personality with them. They will miss her visits. Most of all, the love of Susan will be missed by all.

She was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her brother James and niece Ashley Lawler of Pearland. Final arrangements were made by Madisonville Funeral Home in Madisonville, Texas. A graveside service was held Monday, July 1, at Mt. Tabor Cemetery, north of Madisonville.

## Rotary Club of Pearland sets new venue

The Rotary Club of Pearland has a new venue set for Thursday, July 11, at 7:30 a.m. at Allendale's Kitchen & Cocktails, located at 5010 Broadway St., in Pearland. Meetings include a variety of speakers. 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](mailto:nalix@texascitizensbank.com).

## Dobie class of 1999 reunion set

J. Frank Dobie High School's Class of 1999 will be having their 20th reunion at Scotty's Pub On the Bay in League City Saturday, Aug. 24, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Each ticket includes food and two drinks and costs only \$40 if purchased by July 15. Tickets are \$45 July 16 through Aug. 1. No tickets will be sold at the door.

More information can be found at [www.facebook.com/DobieClassOf1999Reunion](http://www.facebook.com/DobieClassOf1999Reunion). Buy tickets at [PayPal.Me/DobieClassOf99](http://PayPal.Me/DobieClassOf99) or Venmo to DOBIE-CLASS99. Include names of all attendees when purchasing tickets.

## Shaar Hashalom holds annual garage sale

The Sisterhood at Congregation Shaar Hashalom will have the synagogue's annual garage/rummage sale July 14 and 21, between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Books, clothes, furniture, art work, toys and games and loads of surprise treasures are to be found at remarkable prices. Proceeds from this sale provide the funds for the Sisterhood to purchase special items and support additional activities for the synagogue. The entire community is invited.

The congregation, located at 16020 El Camino Real is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. For more information, visit [www.shaarhashalom.org](http://www.shaarhashalom.org), call the office at 281-488-5861 or email [cs@shaarhashalom.org](mailto:cs@shaarhashalom.org).

## Harris County Master Gardeners sets dates

The Harris County Master Gardeners have set their July lecture dates. The following events are free and open to the public. For more information, visit [hcmga.tamu.edu](http://hcmga.tamu.edu) or call 713-274-0950.

The "Gardening Organically" Lecture Series by Diane Norman, Wabash Nursery, will be held on Thursday, July 11, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Genoa Friendship Gardens Educational Center Building, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road, in Pasadena.

On Thursday, July 18, the Harris County Master Gardeners Green Thumb Series: "Container and Small Space Gardening" will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Freeman Branch Library, 16616 Diana Lane, in Houston.

The Harris County Master Gardeners Open Garden Day will be held on Monday, July 15, 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.

## Leader checks out social media

By Laura Benavides Scallan

A member of *The Official South Belt & Sagement Area Crime Alert Facebook* page posted security footage that shows two suspects breaking into a neighbor's vehicles. It was also posted on the *South Belt/Sagement Crime Alert Facebook* page. See page 1A for story.

An image was posted on the *People of Sagement 2 Facebook* page regarding the 2019 South Belt Girls

Softball Association fall registration. The image states registration runs from July 1 to Aug. 30 and the cost is \$70. Girls must be between the ages of 4 to 16, and there are no residency restrictions. Registration can be done online at [www.southbeltsoftball.com](http://www.southbeltsoftball.com).

On the Facebook page *Everything Sagement*, a member posted an image for the Sagement Cowboys Cheer and Drill Team car wash

fundraiser. The car wash will be held on Saturday, July 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Advance Auto Parts, 9911 Alameda Genoa Road. The cost is \$10 per car. The image was also posted on *The Mont!!! Facebook* page.

A member of the *Ashley Pointe Subdivision Facebook* page found a key with a strap on a key chain clip. The key has a Star Wars design. To retrieve the key, contact the member via Facebook.

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## Frazier awards scholarships to Dobie seniors

Frazier Elementary held its annual scholarship award ceremony on Thursday, May 23, for J. Frank Dobie High School seniors who attended Frazier. A total of nine scholarships were awarded. The Kimberly Wiseburn Memorial was presented to Precious Oguamanam (holding certificate) by the Wiseburn family. Shown above with her are, left to right, Virginia Oguamanam, Wendy Wiseburn and Liza Wiseburn.

The Frazier PTO Scholarship was presented to Victoria Solis by Frazier PTO. Shown below left are Wendy Wiseburn (left) and Solis. The Matthew Kutra Memorial Scholarship was presented to Gus Rodriguez by the Kutra Family. Shown below right are, left to right, Deron Kutra, Rodriguez and Julie Kutra.



The Ruth Young Memorial Scholarship was presented to Stephanie Gonzalez (above, holding certificate) by the Young family. Shown with her is Mark Young. The Elda Wiseburn Memorial Scholarship was presented to Xochilt Martinez by the Wiseburn family. Shown above right are, left to right, Liza Wiseburn, Martinez and Wendy Wiseburn.

The Frazier PTO Scholarship was presented to Eliana Munoz by Frazier PTO. Shown below left are Wendy Wiseburn (left) and Munoz. The Karen Gorman Memorial Scholarship was presented to Kimberly Huynh by the Gorman family. Shown below right are, left to right, Cyndi Moore, Huynh and John Gorman.



The Lindsay and Lana Simpson Memorial Scholarship was presented to Connor Caughlin by Lauren Wilson and family. Shown above left are Lauren Wilson (left) and Caughlin. The Frank Wise-

burn Memorial was presented to Gus Rodriguez by the Wiseburn Family. Shown above right are, left to right, Wendy Wiseburn, Rodriguez and Liza Wiseburn.

## Coach Moreno positively impacts Luu

J. Frank Dobie High School's Shining Star Austin Luu (below, left) is shown with his tennis coach of four years and distinguished educator Manuel Moreno.

Luu commented, "Throughout my journey in high school, Coach Moreno has been an integral part of my experience. After being in tennis at Beverly Hills Intermediate School for two years, I knew high school tennis would take a lot more commitment and sacrifice. I worked hard after school every day since freshman year, juggling band and tennis together. And over time, he became more tough and stern with me because of that, but I knew that he had good intentions. The main impact he has had on me is that he filled in the void by being a father figure to me, scolding me for making simple mistakes and praising me for my good efforts. But if you become closer to him, you can see that he truly has a very kind heart on the inside and does everything in his power to make tennis a fun and meaningful sport."

"During times of intense stress, it can become hard for me to keep pushing forward with each passing day; but when I go to the tennis courts, I know that I can be comfortable around my teammates and I can indulge in as many cheesy jokes as I want from him. Jokes aside, Coach Moreno has impacted the tennis program at my school and the tennis community tremendously, often being complimented

by other coaches for his students' sportsman-like conduct and has shaped me into the person I am today," Luu added.

Luu values community service and said, "I joined National Honor Society (2017-2019) and Key Club (2017-2019) my junior year and accumulated more than 110 hours of community service in both organizations. From working in the library to helping at elementary schools, there were many events that I went to that were memorable and fun. It is an amazing feeling to help others and I have no regrets for time I spent volunteering!"

He also kept busy with Dobie Band (2015-2019), Latin Club (2015-2017) and Name that Book (2018-2019) and demonstrated leadership as clarinet section leader in band.

Luu plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin and major in neuroscience. He is also waiting for acceptance notifications from other potential colleges.

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## Hancock releases honor roll, perfect attendance for fourth nine-weeks

Thomas Hancock Elementary has released its honor roll and perfect attendance for the fourth nine-weeks.

### Honor Roll

**First grade**  
Robin Chigozie Azinge, Adrian Bryce Bell, Isaiah Alexander Betancourt, Ximena Lizbeth Espinoza, Ferdinand Francois, Viviana Gamez, Nicholas Lino Gomez, Joan Maximiliano Gonzalez and Bryan Clifton Martin.

Jaymar Ray Martinez, Sofia Isabella Ochoa, Isabella Rose Reynaga, Neiko Lawrence Richard, Estrella Almeria Rodriguez, Darina Romero Saldana, Julio Salazar, Sofia Torres Cohen and Bailey Re'nyah Walton.

### Second grade

Rick Chidubem Azinge, Christopher Alfredo Delao, Allison Elisabeth Garcia, Savannah Lynn Gomez, Aniya Marie Hardy, Aiden Elijah Heredia, Kameron Chanel Johnson, Axel Juarez, Eva

Nohealani Kuczynski, Joseph Ryan Magana, Brandon Peters, Emily Karen Quezada, Brandon Jewel Scott, Yahir Moises Tejada and Joseph Alexander Vazquez.

### Third grade

Jeremiah Casey Arbaiza, Andrew Maximiliano Arevalo Melgar, Dianelys Banda, Andrew Isaiah Caballero, Byron Uriel Cruz, Maverick Santana Deleon, Jayla Michelle Espinosa, Lian-dis Mercado, Isaiah Jordan Romero, Niomi Gwen Sanchez and Alex Tien Tran.

### Fourth grade

Jeffrey Gerrard Adams, Alessandra Erica Alcantar, Gabriella Ngozi Anowey, Joshua Romalce Brown, Lenneth Pacis Cruz, Courtney Jakay Edwards, Ailey Isabella Espinoza, Eileen Flores, Diego Leonel Garcia, Jeremiah Rudy Garcia, Marissa Gonzalez-Velez, Elijah Alexander Jasmine, Davian Angel Lozano and Chloe Michelle

Morse Zavala.

### Perfect Attendance

**Pre-K**  
Matthew Castro, McKinsley Nichole Cooper, Analise Skye Eliaz and Jazmin Payan.

### Kindergarten

Anna Gabriela De Los Santos, Fatima Diaz, Aliyah Marie Garcia, Alex Juarez, Natalya Luna-Villatoro, Legrand Mbusa Mbusa and Rooney Vu.

### First grade

Braylon Steel Cooper, Roberto Omar Duran Ramirez, Roberto Najera, Aiden Giovanni Olivares, Sofia Torres Cohen and Isaac Vazquez.

### Second grade

Rick Chidubem Azinge, Allison Elisabeth Garcia, Savannah Lynn Gomez, Omar Luna and Giselle Vallesteros.

### Third grade

Khloe Nicole Hughes, Roy'veonn Johnson, Chaz Tyler Jones, Liandis Mercado, Alex Tien Tran and Lily hu Vu.

### Fourth grade

Nathalie Almanza, Ailey Isabella Espinoza, Daisha Gabrielle Jackson, Elijah Alexander Jasmine, Adalyn Juarez, Camila Alexa Juarez, Jayden Kindell Barrington Starks and Brayden Louis Watkins.

## 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 during 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.

## Garcia sees Rieck as influential

Distinguished educator and 10th-grade Pre-Calculus instructor Ethan Rieck (below, left) is shown with the Dr. Kirk Lewis Career & Technical High School's Shining Star Esteban Garcia.

Garcia chose his instructor for the recognition saying, "Ethan Rieck has been the most influential instructor in my recent years. He was initially my Pre-Calculus teacher as a sophomore and introduced me to the basics of Calculus. Over the past few years, I have exceeded academically in STEM-based programs whose fundamentals were taught by Mr. Rieck. This allowed so many doors to open in my possible future it is hard to count. Mr. Rieck has been a great role model over the years and has set an example for me to strive for my best as he has in his own career. Which is why I designate him as my shining star teacher."

Keeping busy with various types of community service, Garcia has spent four years on the crew of the 1877 Tall Ship Elissa; volunteered more than 300 hours helping with education; helped others learn seamanship and piloted the Sea Scout Ship 45 for more than 400 hours; participated

in Color Guard; worked at various community events; and made gifts and helped prepare the feast for veterans for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Concerning extracurricular activities, Garcia said, "I've been in scuba-diving (10th-12th grade), sailing (9th-12th grade), Dungeons and Dragons (Tabletop Tavern) (12th grade), National Honor Society (12th grade), U.S. Power Squadron (10th- 12th grade) and Sea Scouts (9th-12th grade)." As a boatswain for the Sea Scout Ship 45 for a year and a half, he demonstrated his leadership ability.

Garcia plans to attend a maritime academy for college, then become a first mate on a Trans-Atlantic cargo ship.

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# Chan graduates from Stanford



Daniel Chan (center), grandson of longtime Sagemont residents Joe and Yolanda Dominguez, graduated with distinction from Stanford University in California June 16. Shown with Daniel are his proud parents Craig Chan (left) and Laura Dominguez Chan. Photo submitted

# Over The Back Fence by Alexis

**NOAH TURNS FOUR!**  
Best wishes for a great fourth birthday July 5 are sent to **Noah Abarca** from parents **Natalie** and **Jose Abarca**; brother **Kelvin Lopez**, sisters **Elliana** and **Isabella Abarca**; grandmother **Kina Reyes**; grandparents **David Flickinger** (*Leader* president) and wife **Ellie**; and great-grandparents **Marie** and **David Flickinger**.

**BIRTHDAY CHEERS FOR CHERYL**  
Local author **Cheryl Bolen** of Green Tee, formerly of Sagemont, is wished a happy birthday July 8. Sending best wishes are her husband **John**; son **Bo**, *Leader* staff member; son **John**; and family and friends in the South Belt area.

**ROBERT ENJOYS A BIRTHDAY**  
**Robert Griffin** of La Vernia, Texas, will celebrate a birthday July 8. Robert is wished a great day by his grandparents, *Leader* co-founder **Bobby** and her husband **Kenneth Griffin**; and other family members in South Belt area.

**TANKSLEYS ENJOY ANNIVERSARY**  
**Eli** and **Sheila Tanksley** celebrate their 48th anniversary July 10. A shout out is given from friends and the staff of the *South Belt Leader*.

**LINDA AND TED ENJOY 54 YEARS**  
Congratulations and best wishes are in order for **Linda** and **Ted Heinrich** of Sagemeadow who celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary Wednesday, July 10, from their children and grandchildren. Their son **Carl Heinrich** and his wife **Martha** and their children **Carl IV**, **Drayton**, **Meadaux** and **Easton Heinrich**; and daughter **Piper Sais** and her husband **Anthony** and their daughter **Parker Sais** say, "We love you, Nana and Papaw!"

**BAYLOR UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST**  
More than 4,100 Baylor University students were named to the Dean's Academic Honor List for the spring 2019 semester. The South Belt students with a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours are **Kasey Mikal Fouts**, Hankamer School of Business; **Ehinomen**

**Allison Ojeaga**, Louise Herrington School of Nursing; **Ashlea B. Uribe**, College of Arts and Sciences; and **Isabella A. Villarreal**, Robbins School of Health and Human Sciences.

**SAM HOUSTON STATE DEAN'S LIST**  
Congratulations are in order for students listed on the Spring Dean's List at Sam Houston State University who have achieved at least a 3.5 grade point average out of a perfect 4.0 in all work attempted while enrolled in not less than 12 semester hours for the 2019 spring semester. The South Belt students being honored are: **Summer Basham**, **Claudel Borja**, **Jason Dang**, **Christopher Ellis**, **Paloma Escalon**, **Christopher Flores**, **Nathaniel Flores**, **Denise Guzman**, **Chelsea Hickman**, **Genesis Juarez**, **Kiana Rideaux**, **Jenna Rodriguez**, **Tori Williams** and **Lori Guerin**.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays July 4 through July 10.

**Atkinson Elementary**  
**Olga Soto** celebrates a birthday July 6.

**Burnett Elementary**  
The day for an Independence Day celebration and birthday party for **Eliezer Torres** is July 4. Blow out the birthday candles for **Amanda Lee** on July 8.

**Frazier Elementary**  
On Friday, July 7, birthday wishes are sent to **Cecelia Elizarraras** and **Patricia Perez**.

**Genoa Elementary**  
Join in the birthday celebration July 7 for **Debra Rice**. Sing a happy birthday song July 9 to **Maria Vazquez**.

**Meador Elementary**  
Enjoying a birthday July 8 is **Sanjuanita Mercado**.

**Moore Elementary**  
**Stacy Huntley** celebrates a birthday July 9.

**South Belt Elementary**  
July 4 is the day for a birthday party and fireworks for **Derenda Dehoyos**.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
Light the birthday candles July 6 for **Cristel Hines**. Best wishes for a wonderful birthday July 7 are sent to **Johnny Tsikis**. **Denise Palos** marks a birthday July 8.

**Melillo Middle School**  
**Joey Bernsen** enjoys a birthday July 5. Marking a birthday July 6 is **Sherry Gates**. Celebrating a birthday July 10 is **Melissa Miller**.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
Blow out the sparkler candles on a birthday cake July 4 for **Bethany Wilson**. Send a birthday greeting July 5 to **Cecille Williams**.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
Join in a double-bun birthday celebration July 5 for **Nicole Cannon** and **Steven Reyes**.

**Dobie High**  
Marking a birthday July 8 is **Mary Sanchez**.

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

Thursday, July 4: **Detric Bowie**, **Tina Garrett**, **Bob Shaw**, **April Smith**, **Miles Thomas** and **Brent McCrary**; Friday, July 5: **Stacey Imboden**, **Jeanette Tickell**, **Chris Constance**, **Shannon Raymond Covington**, **Francisco Campos**, **Raynabeth Kolar**, **James Notias**, **John Colunga**, **Ashley Chapman** and **Stacey Buchanan**; Saturday, July 6: **Teri Perkins**, **Cristel Anne**, **Lisa Shepherd**, **Bonnie Miller**, **Wally Barbier** and **Cristel Lasater**; Sunday, July 7: **Christopher Poole**, **Beth Pope**, **Petrea Phenix**, **Sarah Wingo**, **Shawn Shockley**, **Glora Martinez**, **Julie Valenti** and **Larry Bowden**; Monday, July 8: **Sammy Shiffessel**, **James Cook**, **Denise Patterson**, **Margie Remely**, **Zul-Tan Jackson**, **Erik Valdez** and **Shannon Lawrence**; Tuesday, July 9: **Patsy Jimenez**, **Raquel Rodriguez**, **Traci Feil**, **Carolyn Garza** and **Shelvyn Spafford**; and Wednesday, July 10: **Tannia Leal**, **Sharon Blackston**, **Juanjose Armenta-Aguirre** and **Jimbo Shiffessel**.

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

# Brown-Johnson receives recognition from Employer Support of the Guard

Joy Brown-Johnson, South Houston High School assistant principal, was named an Extraordinary Employer Support award recipient by Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, honoring her devotion to the Army National Guard.

Timur Tsend, South Houston High School health science instructor, who deployed to serve as a sergeant in the military for a year in the Horn of Africa, nominated Brown-Johnson for the award as a symbol of gratitude for helping him transition back to normalcy after his deployment.

"She was new to the job and did not know much about the transition, but she took the challenge head on and provided the needed information in a timely manner.

"She also kept in touch with me during the deployment and made sure that I was well," said Tsend.

The award was presented to Brown-Johnson by Texas ESGR Area 2 Chair **Wyvette McLendon**, who thanked Brown-Johnson for her dedication to her colleague.

"We are here to tell you thank you for your support of your service member that you have graciously hired here and thank you as a supervisor for understanding the value that he brings to the table," said McLendon during the presentation.

South Houston joins multiple organizations across the U.S. that have received a statement of support for standing by a Guardian Reserve employee.



Joy Brown-Johnson, South Houston High School assistant principal, (shown above, left) was presented with the Extraordinary Employer Support award recipient by Employer Support of the Guard. Awarding Brown-Johnson is **Wyvette McLendon** (right), Texas ESGR area 2 chair.

# Atkinson Elementary names final rolls

Atkinson Elementary has named its honor roll, merit roll and principal's list for the final nine-weeks of 2018-2019.

**Honor Roll Third grade**  
Ricky Doan, Khai Nguyen, Rubi Reyes and Daniella Tamayo.

**Fourth grade**  
Henry Hong, Brooke Kelson, Huy Le, Duy Nguyen, Jocelyn Nguyen and Minh Vu.

**Merit Roll Third grade**  
Natalie Esquivel, Robert Gonzalez, Luna Hernandez, Sophia Hewitt, Joshua Montes, Angel Myles, Jonathan Nora, Harsh Rana and Genesis Tamez.

**Fourth grade**  
Vanessa Blanco, Alayna Roman and Melanie Vigil.

**Principal's List Kindergarten**  
Allyona Brown, Sophia Escobar, Miguel Garcia, Valerie Hernandez, Adam Lopez, Maddox Sanchez, Jonathan Tinoco and Analeya Warford.

**First grade**  
Aliyah Arispe, Aydyn Davis, Zuri Dias, Lorenzo Garcia, Arianna Garcia, Rhyllan Harmon, Hannah Luu, Eva Olivares, Aaron Salas and Daniel Torres.

**Second grade**  
Noah Adams, Azalea Arispe, Jannette Campos, Kayla Cisneros, Zorion Collins, Rebecca DeLeon, Rubi Delgado, Ashley Dominguez, Alexander Garcia, Jonathan Leon, Alonzo Prida and Zoe Ramirez.

**Third grade**  
Anthony Castillo, Ricky Doan, Genesi Dominguez, Lailah Garcia, Jason Jaso, Wendi Li, Luis Perez, Landon Ryans, Genesis Tamez and Isaac Torres.

**Fourth grade**  
Ernesto Alcantar, Rebeca Castelan, Genesis Chavez, Sadie Dias, Joseph Fernandez, Ruben Flores, Jonathan Hernandez, Yasmin Mendez, Alissa Nguyen, Seven Nguyen, Scarlet Rodriguez and Diego Vasquez.

# CTHS cosmetology group to attend training in D.C.

For the first time, Dr. Kirk Lewis Career Technical High School will offer three SkillsUSA District 8 officers the unique educational opportunity to attend the 2019 Washington Leadership Training Institute from Sept. 21 to 25.

These three cosmetology students, accompanied by their instructors, will be trained on professionalism, communication and leadership skills.



Three Dr. Kirk Lewis Career and Technical High School cosmetology students were selected to attend the 2019 Washington Leadership Training Institute in September. Shown are the students, left to right, **Yessenia Hernandez**, junior; **Shelby Bourlier**, sophomore; and **Dulce Otero**, senior.

# Frazier shares rolls, attendance

Frazier Elementary has announced its honor roll, merit roll and perfect attendance for the fourth nine-weeks.

**Honor Roll Third grade**  
Israel Cantu, Gracie Giang, Caleb Johnson, Sasha Lewis, Jacob Ordenez, Trace Parker, Isabella Pecina, Aaron Ramirez, Noah Rodriguez, Bella Sherwood, Nkiruka Uzomah and Daila Valdez.

**Fourth grade**  
Aiden Aguilar, Dayana Aguilar, Steven Aguilar, Christian Carter, Aidan De La Rosa, Alexander Griffin and Genesis Leal.

**Merit Roll Third grade**  
Yvette Franco, Jordan Garcia, Jadya Jaso, Savannah Mueller, Aaron Ramirez, Erika Rivera, Jeilyn Rodriguez, Ezekiel West and Hyrum Wheeler.

**Fourth grade**  
Javier Chavez, Ezequiel Gonzalez, Jimena Hernandez, Cullen Ponder, Aubrey Reyes and Julian Ricks.

**Perfect Attendance Kindergarten**  
Logan Betancourt, Natalia Celeste Betancourt, Gregory Alexander Garcia, Jeremy Gonzales, Luke Maceli Izarray, Etido Dennis Itina, Alberto Navarrete, Anthony Ramirez Jr., Andre Romero and Jayden Leonel Turcios.

**First grade**  
Mason Alexander Aguirre, Michael Asher Aguirre, Miguel Sebastian Armenta, Adam Ras Bowman, Isabella Grace Guillen, Nyala Elizabeth Mitchell, Brianna Sanchez, Marie Elizabeth Sanchez, Kyle Allen Ruger Sciba, Aiza Inaaya Shaikh, Presley Kate Shelton and Kaylee Eliana Yaguas.

**Second grade**  
Emily Alexis Armenta, Alexandra Adamari Betancourt, Louis Betancourt Mejia, Nevaeh Mackenzie Bumgarner, Antonio Castorela, Reina Briseyda Duarte Ponce, Shaikh Ashhar Faizan, Khloe Adazael Garcia, Abdiel Juan Hernandez, April Nicole Sample, Gabriel Angel Sanchez, Zion Anthony Taylor and Ephraim Patrick Wright.

**Third grade**  
Yosselin Yudith Banegas, Abigail Marie Brooks, Yazlyn Brown, Naomi Castellanos, Annalee Jade Castillo, David Noah Corral, Draiden James Engle, Oscar Ezekiel Guzman, Jaelyn Symone Henry, Alyzza Merie Hernandez, Julian Cade Hinojosa, Sasha Maliya Lewis, Aaliyah Chanel Longoria, Moses Cassius Monarez, Taylor Madison Palacios and Nkiruka Eucharria Uzomah.

**Fourth grade**  
Steven Alexander Aguilar, Lali Bowman, Christian Brian Carter, Aidan Michael De La Rosa, Alina Iman Farroq, Alexander Cole Griffin, Alezey Cassidy Hernandez, Jimena Giselle Hernandez, Julian Gabriel Jimenez, Evelyn Mia Ortega, Geovanny Guadalupe Perez, Syann Ivory Rodriguez and Audrey Lizette Salazar.

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# Remember When

**40 years ago (1979)**  
Angela Shiflett, Miss Deer Park, was selected fourth runner-up in the Miss Texas Scholarship Pageant.

A Kirkwood South home suffered approximately \$1,100 in damages due to a fire.

**35 years ago (1984)**  
Champions of the 1984 Metro Tournament, the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Junior Division All-Stars, were prepared to travel to Salt Lake City for the National Tournament.

Construction was set to begin on a shopping center, which would be located on 15 acres of property 300 feet south of Kingspoint directly behind the Mason Jar restaurant.

**30 years ago (1989)**  
South Belt Teen Miss Emily King, Junior Miss Christine Lamm and Miss South Belt Piper Heinrich rode in the annual July Fourth parade.

Tropical Storm Allison stirred up more than water and mosquitoes as the heavy rainfall caused runoffs from the Brio Superfund site into the streets of Southend subdivision, once again raising health concerns of the residents.

**25 years ago (1994)**  
Dobie High School student Paco Boquer, a member of the Texans 1977-1978 soccer team, represented South Belt at the national tournament.

The vast majority of those who attended the nearly four-hour-long community meeting about the Brio Superfund Site supported dumping the incineration plans in lieu of a study designed to contain the waste instead.

**20 years ago (1999)**  
Plans were made to give Pasadena Independent School District teachers a \$3,700 raise.

Harris County officials opted not to reroute Mud Gully.

David Pierce, head varsity baseball coach at Dobie High School, resigned his post.

**15 years ago (2004)**  
Rick Schneider, Pasadena Independent School District superintendent, issued a letter to parents discussing the new bus service for Moore Elementary and Dobie High schools.

The letter cited traffic concerns as a safety issue. PISD officials hoped that more students arriving by bus would cut down on the number of cars around Moore and Dobie.

PISD officials were considering a middle school concept as a transition between elementary and intermediate school.

C. David Huffstutler was named the new CEO of Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital.

**10 years ago (2009)**  
The 22nd annual South Belt Fourth of July parade was a huge success with roughly 20 vehicles and floats taking part.

Several residents living in areas not incorporated by the City of Houston received parking tickets issued by the city.

An announcement was made that Goodwill would occupy a large portion of the building at Fuqua and Sabo Road that formerly housed Kroger. The Kroger at that location was the first major grocery store for the South Belt area and closed down soon after a new Kroger opened at the corner of Beltway 8 and Sabo Road.

**5 years ago (2014)**  
Beverly Hills Intermediate was recognized as a "Texas School to Watch" by Texas Middle School Association and the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform. The school was one of only nine in the state to receive the honor.

**1 year ago (2018)**  
For the first time in the event's 31-year history, the annual South Belt Fourth of July parade was canceled, due to heavy rains and widespread flooding in the area.

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## Gardner inspires Ortega

Maria Guadalupe Ortega (below, left) has been chosen one of South Houston High School's Shining Stars. She is shown with Robin Gardner, the 12th-grade psychology instructor who has been selected South Houston's distinguished educator.

Concerning her instructor, Ortega said, "Mrs. Gardner has inspired me to be more independent and focused on my goals while also being a reliable individual towards others. As a future teacher, I have learned valuable qualities from her in being a good teacher."

For community service, Ortega has volunteered at events with National Honor Society.

In addition to this volunteer work, she has been involved in the extracurricular activities of choir and soccer. Ortega values spending time with students younger

than she and has been involved in mentoring elementary school students.

When asked about her future after high school, Ortega said, "I plan to attend University of Houston and obtain a bachelor's degree. I hope to become a teacher for elementary school students."

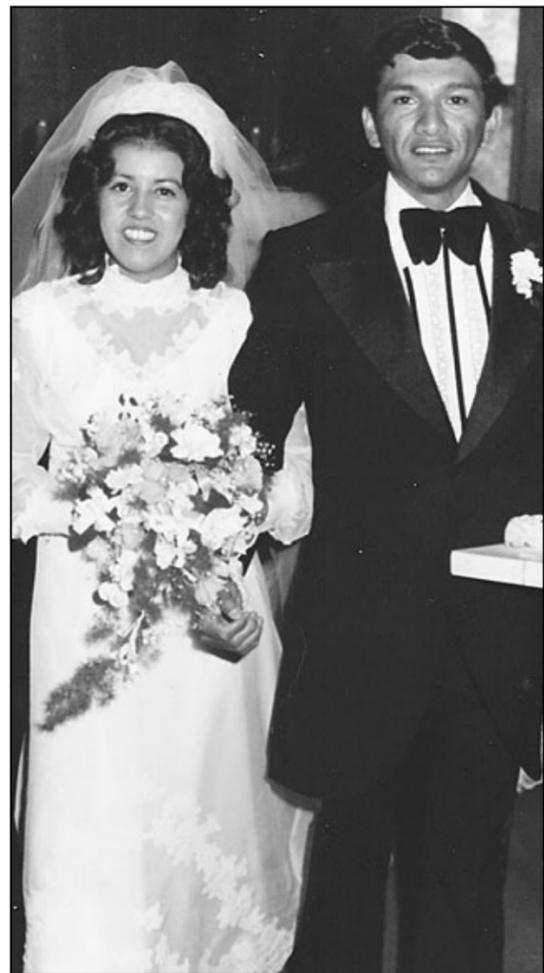
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## Pompas celebrate 45th wedding anniversary



Nancy and Roger Pompa celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary June 30. They were married in Bryan, Texas, at Santa Theresa Catholic Church.

Nancy graduated from Stephen F. Austin High School, Class of 1967, in Bryan. Roger graduated from Edgewood High School, Class of 1964, in San Antonio.

Roger then attended and graduated from Texas A&M University in 1974 and is a professional electrical and mechanical engineer. Nancy is a hairdresser.

The couple attend St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church. They have resided in the Sagemont area for more than 30 years and have

two daughters and two sons-in-law.

Both their daughters attended and graduated from J. Frank Dobie High School, one in 1996 and the other in 1999. Both daughters were very involved in extracurricular activities while attending Dobie.

Nancy is a Catholic Daughter, a Guadalupana and an ACTS (Adoration, Community, Theology and Service) sister. She has also been a greeter at St. Luke's for several years, and is a member of the Gabriel Project at Grace Church.

The couple recently became grandparents to a beautiful granddaughter and are looking forward to the arrival of their second granddaughter soon.

## Flores values Finnen's dedication

Pasadena Memorial High School's Shining Star Jonathan Joel Flores (below, left) is shown with distinguished educator Lana Finnen, a ninth-grade geometry instructor at PMHS.

Flores commented on his teacher, "I am incapable of expressing how lucky I am to have had my homeroom teacher change to Ms. Finnen, sophomore year. She was my geometry teacher the year before and she's one of the most dedicated teachers I've met in all of my four years. Seeing how much she cares for her students inspires me to be a better person," Flores said.

"She commits to keeping her students on track, helping them become determined to graduate, myself included. I couldn't have asked for a better teacher to help pull me through all of my high school years."

Flores has been active in many forms of community service which include volunteering for HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) events, National Honor So-

ciety, Interact Club, walks, festivals and various school-related activities.

He has demonstrated leadership being point secretary for HOSA as a chapter officer.

Concerning the future after high school Flores said, "I plan to attend University of Houston (main campus) and their honors college, majoring in biology. Career-wise, I anticipate on being a surgeon."

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## Committee reminds KS of renovation regs

Spring and Summer months are a popular time for home improvements, repairs and maintenance.

All Kirkwood South owners are reminded that all exterior changes to a home must be preapproved - in writing - by the Kirkwood South Architectural Committee, before starting to work on any home improvement project.

- Exterior paint colors must be preapproved by the committee.
- Roof shingle colors must be preapproved by the committee.
- All building modifications, additions, etc., must be preapproved by the committee.

Also, note that Kirkwood South is a deed restricted community.

All owners should familiarize themselves with the restrictions which govern the

## Walker an Outstanding Student



Hayden Walker was chosen South Belt Elementary's Outstanding Student of the Month for May. Walker was participating in South Belt's track and field day and was unable to be present for the photo that was printed in the June 20 Leader issue.

## SJC calendar set

San Jacinto College has released its calendar briefs

**Independence Day**  
San Jac closed  
San Jacinto College will be closed in observance of the Independence Day holiday Thursday, July 4. Classes and normal business hours will resume Friday, July 5.

**Summer installment payment plan due**  
Students using an installment payment plan for the summer 2019 semester have a payment due Monday, July 8, by 7 p.m. Contact a campus business official or call 281-998-6150 for more information.

**Application deadline for August 2019 graduation**  
Applications for August 2019 graduation are due Thursday, July 11.

Students who complete their degree or certificate programs during the summer and apply for graduation in August will participate in the college's fall commencement ceremony held in December.

**Summer camps**  
San Jacinto College will host the following summer camps for the month of July.

For a complete list of summer camps, fees, and campus locations, visit <https://www.sanjac.edu/summer-camps>.

Woodwind and Brass Camp - July 15 - 19, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., north campus.  
STEM Survivor Camp - July 15 - 18, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., central campus.

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# Knights of Columbus in colorful regalia for last time



The Sir Knights celebrated the Fraternal Year Mass June 18, with the Rev. Douglas Guthrie, who is a Fourth Degree member. This event marked possibly last time the knights will be in regalia. As of June 30, there will be only Uniform of the Fourth Degree. The Sir Knights are shown with Guthrie (front center), left to right, (front row) Xavier Sepulveda; Jose Lara; Mike Melancon, PFN; Craig Guth, FN; Brother Roger Clement; Teddy Cuaping, Marshall; Rey Tajonera, CDR; Larrol Burleigh; Dominic Cantalamessa; Leon Guerra; (back row) Gilbert Ramos; Henry Skinner; Marlon Hulin; Matt Gonzalez; Jessie Palomino; Robert Griffith; Jessie Longoria; Glenn Williams; Sam De Los Santos, PFN; Joseph Chien; Bill Prindiville, PFN; and Richard Valdez.

# J. Frank Dobie 2009 graduate overcomes all obstacles

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 floor, standing up from a chair and walking etc. Together we celebrated in each other's progress." It was while she was re-

habilitating at TIRR Memorial Hermann that Martinez officially decided to pursue a residency in PM&R (physical medicine and rehabilitation).

"After my stroke, many around me were so focused on what I could no longer do that many told me I needed to seek another career outside of medicine," Marti-

nez wrote on her Instagram page. "But it was my PM&R physician, who at my lowest point in my health functionally, saw my worth and instead welcomed me into her field."

She looks forward to now returning to TIRR as a student.

"I owe all my recovery a product of this institution, to my incredible team at TIRR," Martinez said. "I'm a rotating medical student."

## Martinez moves mountains



Former Dobie student Claudia Martinez is slated to graduate from medical school from the same hospital that has treated her through six major brain surgeries. A 2009 graduate, Martinez is expected to graduate from UTHealth McGovern Medical School in 2020. She has been a regular patient at the facility since she developed medical issues while an undergraduate at the University of Houston.

Despite her troubles, Martinez said she is grateful for her difficult experiences, as they have helped solidify her future plans.

"I thank God every day for what I've gone through, because it is how I've found my calling," Martinez said. "I want to be on the side of medicine that most people don't see. I want to work with a population of individuals whose worth and potential is often overlooked and be their advocate. I want to help them see that even though it may be a little different, life can be beautiful again."

During her studies and treatment, Martinez has organized multiple 5K walks, raising more than \$50,000 for Chiari research and treatment.

She has also started a nonprofit organization that provides adaptive medical equipment to patients and helps them renovate their homes to be ADA compatible.

Martinez is expected to graduate from UTHealth McGovern Medical School in 2020.

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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.

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## Izard Evans, Dickson double golds lead Rising Stars to nationals

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Returning to the stadium where she just weeks ago qualified for the high school state track and field championships, Camryn Dickson of the Rising Stars Track Club put on a show to lead her team at the Amateur Athletic Union Region 17 national qualifier.

Dickson, who in May finished her freshman year at Clear Brook High School with a trip to state in the 100 dash, won gold in the 100 and 200 dashes and placed third for another medal in the triple jump at the R17 event June 26-30 at Challenger Stadium in Webster.

Izard Evans, competing in the boys' 9-year-old division, also captured a pair of championship gold medals, including the 1,500 run and the turbo javelin, and Alena Holt of Deer Park High School won the women's 17-18-year-old javelin crown, punching her ticket

to the Junior Olympics. Dickson won gold in the 100 dash as her time of 12.12 bested the field for the top spot. In the 200 dash, Dickson came up with a time of 24.60 for her second win. As for the triple jump, a leap of 33 feet, 10 inches was enough to land Dick-

son third place for the bronze medal. Evans in 2018 set a national record in the turbo javelin and will now be going for a repeat title in that event as well as another. This season, Evans came through with a time of 5 minutes, 26.89 sec-

onds in the 1,500 run for the regional crown. In the turbo javelin, Evans was the winner at 82 feet, 4 inches. Those three regional champions are now invited to attend the Amateur Athletic Union's Junior Olympic Games July 27 through Aug. 3 at North Carolina

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## Dobie's Pleasants, Wincher named All-State



Dobie's Taylor Pleasants was a Texas Sportswriters Association All-State honorable mention choice after taking District 22-6A Most Valuable Player honors in 2019 and leading her team in batting average (.600), runs scored (63), doubles (16), triples (6) and home runs (8).



Senior-to-be Camryn Wincher capped a memorable junior campaign by being named a Texas Sportswriters Association All-State second team pick after pacing the Region III ranks in runs batted in with 63. She hit .449 for the season with 13 doubles and five homers.

After setting a national record in 2018, the Rising Stars' Izard Evans will chase gold medals in a pair of events beginning later this month.

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## Section 3 champion West U eliminates SBHLL

It was tough enough that persistent rains forced the Section III Senior division Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League All-Star team to surrender

home field advantage, but giving it up to perennial power West U proved to be too much. Representing SBHLL's last hope in all-star season play, the locals opened with a 3-1 victory over

District 25 champion Lindale but then fell short in a 14-4 loss to West U. Sagemont-Beverly Hills extended its season by eliminating Lindale 5-4 in nine innings, but then came an 18-1 loss to

West U as the tournament champions had to win just two games to claim the Section III title, with all of the tournament games played at the West University Little League facility. SBHLL ended the sum-

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## JFD football hosts Dessert/Dudes

The Dobie Football Booster Club is preparing to host the annual Dessert with the Dudes evening as part of the group's July 8 meeting in the school's cafeteria, beginning at 7 p.m.

All players and their parents, including incoming freshmen, are invited to bring their favorite dessert. Those in attendance will discuss ideas for the upcoming 2019 season, involving those for events including opening night, homecoming, etc.

There is plenty of excitement as the Longhorns will begin preseason football workouts Aug. 12, and the varsity season begins Aug. 29. Send email to infodfboos terclub@gmail.com for additional details.

## SBGSA officials set fall ball action

The South Belt Girls Softball Association has begun online registration for the fall season and will continue through Aug. 30. Youths ages 4 to 16 as of Jan. 1, 2020, are eligible to compete in the league for the fall season.

There are no boundary restrictions or fundraisers included in the \$70 entry fee. To register to play in the league, visit www.southbeltsoftball.com. SBGSA is also seeking coaches for fall and spring seasons.

## Clear Brook 7-on-7 entry reaches state consolation

It was a different year but much of the same as 2018 state finalist A&M Consolidated avenged its championship game loss, this time defeating Southlake Carroll 37-32 at the Adidas 7-on-7 State Championship Football event in College Station.

A&M Consolidated was the weekend's big winner, taking home the championship belts after two long days of victories in the heat. Outside of Manvel, there wasn't a ton of success shown from the Region III ranks, but Clear Brook did come away proud after finishing the 120-team, three division tournament with two wins in five games.

The Wolverines lost to Hutto 32-12 and to eventual state finalist Southlake Carroll 48-20 in pool play but also scored a 20-13 win over Port Neches Groves in the middle game. Advancing to the consolation bracket on the final day of action, Clear Brook first defeated Rockwall Heath 38-24 but then fell out of contention with a 40-32 setback against Waco Midway. See Brook's 7-on-7 team photo to and more information on Page 2B.

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Kevin Berneathy's Dobie football program made some big strides during his first season in 2018, and the Longhorns are looking for much more at all levels as the 2019 preseason nears.

### Important Upcoming Football Dates

#### Dobie Longhorns' Preseason

**Thursday, Aug. 1-** Mandatory parents' meeting, 6 to 7:30 p.m., school auditorium, no players allowed.  
**Friday, Aug. 2-** Mandatory players' meeting, JV and Varsity, 8 to 10 a.m., athletics field house; Freshmen, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Dobie9 campus.  
**Monday, Aug. 5-** Mandatory freshman first day workout, Dobie High School.  
**Monday, Aug. 12-** Mandatory soph., junior and senior first day workout, Dobie High School.

#### Clear Brook Wolverines' Preseason

**Saturday, Aug. 3-** Meet the Wolverines Day and mandatory parents' meeting, 9 to 10:30 a.m. Equipment pick-up follows with seniors and returning varsity players at 10:30 a.m., sub-varsity at 11 a.m. and freshmen at 11:30 a.m.  
**Monday, Aug. 5-** Mandatory freshman first day workout, Dobie High School.  
**Monday, Aug. 12-** Mandatory soph., junior and senior first day workout, Dobie High School.



The adjustment phase now complete at Clear Brook, varsity football head coach Guadalupe Florez (above) is excited about what the 2019 season and beyond holds as the Wolverines approach opening day.

# Rising Stars Track Club athletes punch nationals tickets

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A&T University's Aggie Stadium in Greensboro, N.C. Izzard Evans has also qualified for the Junior Olympics in the 800 run within the 9-year-old boys' division as his time of 2:38.39 at regionals placed him fourth.

Iryanna Evans has cleared her way to Greensboro, placing third for a bronze medal in the discus throw with a toss of 56-6. She will also be in contention for a national medal in the turbo javelin as she was fourth at regionals with a toss of 55-3.

Trevor Doswell earned a regional silver medal and a Junior Olympic invitation after he was second in the turbo javelin at 77-5 within the boys' 11-year-old division.

Jason Doswell also advanced to the JOs in the turbo javelin with a silver medal-winning throw of 100-0, and has the chance to go for more at nationals as he was sixth in the discus throw (84-4) in the boys' 14s.

Faythe Huffman of North Shore High School, in her first season with the Rising Stars, qualified for nationals in the women's 17-18 javelin throw, with her toss of 78-2 giving her third place and a bronze medal. She also took part in the 1,500 run, taking 10th place at 6:35.01.

Ryan Reed also saw his terrific season continue as he grabbed a silver medal for second place in the boys' 10-year-old turbo javelin with a heave of 72-3. Devion Livings was also in the mix as he was ninth at 35-11.

The Rising Stars' Briana Haywood, a junior-to-be at Dobie, also earned an invite to nationals as she was fifth in the women's 15-16 javelin with a fifth-place throw of 77-11.

In the women's 17-18 division, the Rising Stars dominated the javelin event with four national qualifiers.

Alena Holt was the champion with a toss of 100-0 to win easily. Morgan Guillory was second at 81-10, with Huffman third (78-2). Dobie's Janelle Mooney worked her way to nationals as she was sixth at 70-10, and Raven Finister just missed a spot as she was seventh at regionals with her throw of 60-0.

Michael Ramirez is also moving on to the JOs as he claimed a silver medal and a national berth for a 143-6 throw in the boys' 17-18 javelin.

Elsewhere, there were several Rising Stars Track Club athletes who saw their season come to a close at the regional level.

Holt will be at nationals in the javelin event, but she finished up her season on the track, winding up 11th in the 17-18-year-old 110 hurdles with a time of 22.48.

Noah Caballero of the 12-year-old boys' division advanced to the national level in the turbo javelin as his best throw of 100-5

gave him third place and a bronze medal.

Caballero wound up his solid 2019 summer on the track as he was ninth in the 800 run at 2:42.37. He also took ninth at the 1,500 distance with a clocking of 6:06.76.

Living's of the Stars was 14th in the boys' 10-year-old 1,500 run with a time of 6:49.50.

Reagan Dunlap of Clear Brook High School also had a great summer season with the Rising Stars in the women's 17-18-year-old division. At regionals, Dunlap just missed qualifying for nationals in the 1,500 run as her time of 5:48.68 was seventh-best. In the 3,000 run, Dunlap produced a time of 13:22.38 for eighth place.

### Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympic Games July 28 through August 3

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Note: 12 of 16 Rising Stars Track Club regional competitors qualified to attend nationals.



The Rising Stars' Camryn Dickson was the Region 17 champion in the 100 and 200 dashes and finished third in the girls' 15-16-year-old division, giving her high hopes for JO nationals.



Jason Doswell of the Rising Stars made his way to the Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympic Games by taking second place with a throw of 100 feet in the javelin among 14-year-old boys.



A throw of 77 feet, 5 inches gave the Rising Stars Trevor Doswell a silver medal and a national berth in the turbo javelin event for 11-year-old boys' competitors.



Noah Caballero, a 12-year-old boys' division competitor for the Rising Stars, placed third in the turbo javelin to grab a regional medal and qualify for the national meet.



Briana Haywood, the sister of Rising Stars Izzard Evans and Iryanna Evans, qualified for nationals in the 15-16-girls' division with a javelin throw of 77-11 for fifth place. She is a junior-to-be at Dobie.



Alena Holt of the Rising Stars was dominant in the women's 17-18-year-old javelin throw at regionals, claiming a gold medal at 100 feet and reaching the national finals.



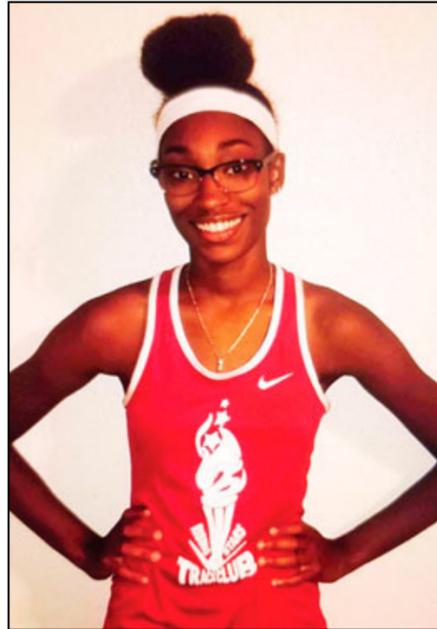
Michael Ramirez was another Rising Star who came up big at the Region 17 event in Webster, taking a silver medal in the boys' 17-18 javelin with a throw of 143-6.



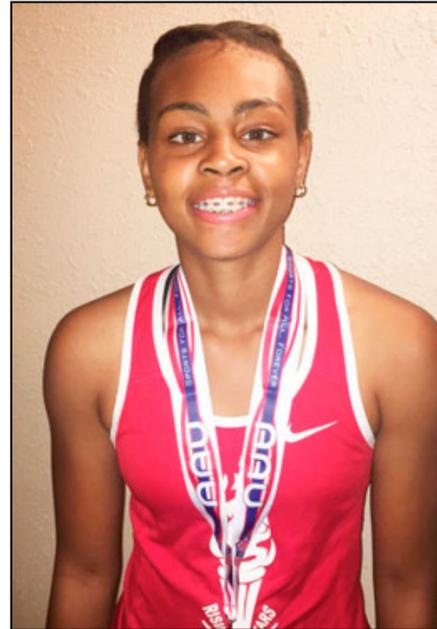
The Rising Stars' Ryan Reed continued his terrific summer for the locals in the boys' 10-year-old turbo javelin, grabbing a silver medal for second place at 72-3 and a national berth.



Iryanna Evans qualified to join her brother and sister at nationals in Greensboro, taking third for a bronze medal at 56-6 in the turbo javelin event for 11-year-old girls.



Already a regional competitor for Dobie, Janelle Mooney made her way to nationals after she was sixth in the women's 17-18 javelin toss at regionals, reaching the 70-10 mark.



Faythe Huffman captured a bronze medal in the women's 17-18-year-old division javelin throw at 78-2 and will now have a chance to compete at nationals beginning later this month.

# South Belt area sports news

## Cowboys have player openings

The Sagemont Cowboys of the Bay Area Football League are seeking players ages 5, 6, 8 and 9 years old as of Aug. 1, 2019 to compete in the league with the team. For additional questions or registration information, call Cowboys' athletic director Denny Wranich Jr. at 713-876-1491.

## Cowgirls' cheer, drill car wash is July 6

The Sagemont Cowgirls' cheer and drill squads will host a fundraising car wash Saturday, July 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Advance Auto Parts at the 9911 Alameda Genoa Road location. There is a \$10 per car fee for each vehicle.

## Clear Brook, Dobie to host youth volleyball camps

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

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

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

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

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

This session will focus on teaching beginner players the fundamentals of the game and familiarizing players with the various concepts of the sport.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Students entering the third through ninth grades as of the 2019-2020 school year are eligible to attend.

Visit [www.clearbrook.ccsid.net](http://www.clearbrook.ccsid.net) or direct email to Thompson at [mthomp1@ccisd.net](mailto:mthomp1@ccisd.net) for an entry form. Parents will be responsible for providing necessary medical insurance.

High school volleyball workouts will start Aug. 1 across the state.

## Thompson Intermediate offers summer camps

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Rutledge begins professional career

Former San Jacinto College first team All-American pitcher Jackson Rutledge has begun his professional baseball career as a member of the Washington Nationals' Gulf Coast League rookie class team.

Rutledge was the No. 17 overall pick of the Nationals in the first round of last month's MLB First-Year Player Draft, becoming the earliest JUCO player to be selected since Bryce Harper went No. 1

overall to the Nationals in 2010 of Southern Nevada. A native of St. Louis, Rutledge originally signed to continue his education and playing career at the University of Arkansas, but a hip injury and control issues on the mound hindered his progress.

Rutledge signed with San Jacinto prior to the 2018-2019 school year and was nothing short of sensational. Leading the nation in earned run average and

winding up second in strikeouts per nine innings, Rutledge won nine games while pacing the Gators to a 42-12 overall record.

Also the National Junior College Athletic Association's JUCO Division I Pitcher of the Year, Rutledge earned a \$3.45M signing bonus with the Nationals and had been training in Florida with the team prior to joining the Nats' GCL squad for the rest of the season.

# San Jacinto College student-athletes earn NJCAA All-Academic honors

Six San Jacinto College student-athletes, including five women's softball players, were honored as the National Junior College Athletic Association announced the 2018-2019 All-Academic nominations based on performance in the classroom. First team selections must

have earned a 4.00 grade-point average or better, while second-team honorees must have earned a GPA of between 3.80 and 3.99.

Those named to the All-Academic third team delivered a GPA of between 3.60 and 3.79.

SJC's softball's Ashley Tran, a sophomore infield-

er, was a first team selection while teammate Lillie Grotenhuis and baseball player Adam Houghtaling were second team picks. Three other softball players - Madelyn Daniel, Dominique Garcia and Ashley Ramber - all earned All-Academic third team accolades.



Ashley Tran



Adam Houghtaling



Lillie Grotenhuis



Dominique Garcia



Ashley Ramber



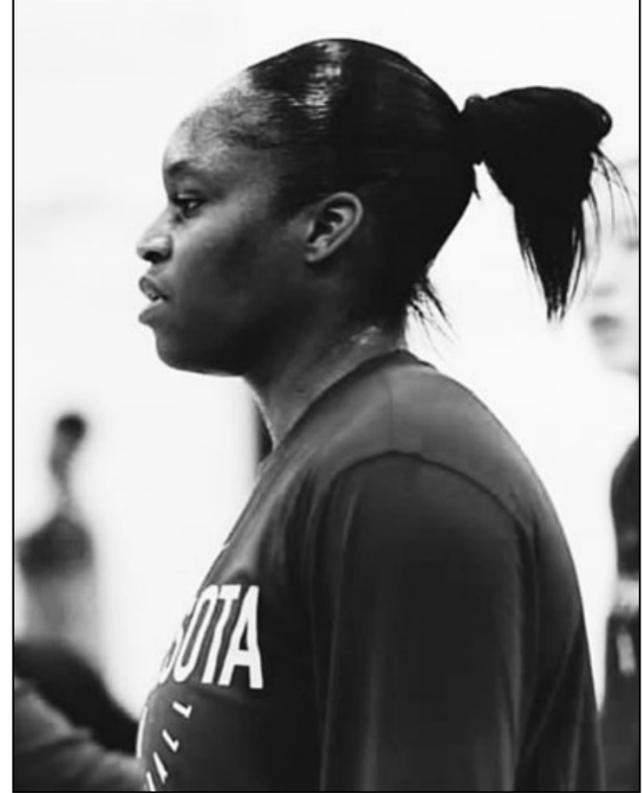
Madelyn Daniel

# Pleasants contributes to TEAM USA



2019 Dobie High School graduate Taylor Pleasants (17) contributed to TEAM USA's 7-1 victory over Chinese Taipei July 1 during opening-day action at the USA Softball International Cup in Columbus, Ga. Pleasants, who has seen quite a bit of action at first base defensively this summer for TEAM USA, smacked a two-run double to left-center field in the sixth inning of her team's win. TEAM USA also scored victories over Peru (9-0) and the Philippines (8-1), although Pleasants did not play in either of those games. She has also been invited to play in the Premier Girls Fastpitch All-American Game later this month. Photo courtesy TEAM USA softball

# Christmas-Kelly to undergo surgery



Just days after coming up with her best offensive performance of the season, Dobie graduate Karima Christmas-Kelly is set to undergo surgery to her right knee, prematurely ending her WNBA season for the second straight year. Christmas-Kelly, a 2011 second round draft choice, is in her ninth overall season, spending 2019 with the Minnesota Lynx. She saw her 2018 season with the Dallas Wings cut short by surgery to the same knee. Christmas-Kelly, a member of both the Dobie Hall of Honor and the Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame, has vowed via her Instagram account that she fully intends to rehabilitate, recover and play again beginning with the 2020 WNBA season. Photo courtesy Austin Kelly

# CALENDAR

## INDEPENDENCE DAY THURSDAY, JULY 4

**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.

**South Belt Fourth Of July Parade** - Line up begins at 9 a.m. at Beverly Hills Intermediate School parking lot, 11111 Beamer Rd. The parade begins at 10 a.m. Trophies will be awarded for special floats.

**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.

**South Belt Fourth Of July Fireworks Display** - starts after dark (usually after 9 p.m.) at El Franco Lee Park, 9400 Hall Road.

## FRIDAY, JULY 5

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

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

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

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**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 6

**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 additional information or drop in.

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

**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at [jpochnsner@aol.com](mailto:jpochnsner@aol.com) for details.

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

## SUNDAY, JULY 7

**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 [jpochnsner@aol.com](mailto:jpochnsner@aol.com) for details.

**Grief Support Group** - For adults who have lost a

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

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

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

## MONDAY, JULY 8

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

**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 [jpochnsner@aol.com](mailto:jpochnsner@aol.com) for additional information.

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

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

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

6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

**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 additional information, contact 281-488-5861 or [csh@shaarhashalom.org](mailto:csh@shaarhashalom.org).

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Saint Luke's 12 Step Recovery open meeting Mondays, 7:30 p.m. in the education bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801. Continued on Page 4B



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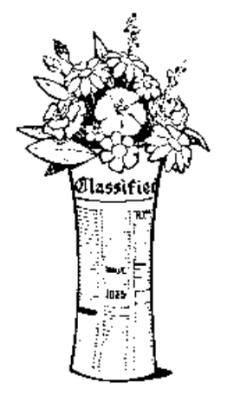


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9:30 a.m.  
**Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For details, call 713-472-0565.  
10 a.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.  
Noon  
**Rotary Club of Pearland** - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For details, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@texascitizensbank.com.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For additional information, call 713-686-6300.  
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.  
**Free dance lessons** - taught by Lewis and Betty Whistler (35 years of experience) at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E League City Parkway, on Tuesdays. Bringing a partner is not required. There is a different dance focus monthly. For details, call Betty at 832-517-5833. For questions about League City's activity card, call the park office at 281-554-1180.  
1:30 p.m.  
**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., 1:30 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713.  
2 p.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class** - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318.  
7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit [www.hascona.com](http://www.hascona.com).

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 10**  
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9:30 a.m.  
**Young at Heart Senior Club** - Meets the second and fourth week monthly (Nov./Dec. meet second week only) at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Jan Okumura at 832-298-9480 for details.  
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1 - 3:30 p.m.  
**Hometown Heroes Park** - has Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dances (not lessons) in a casual environment. A variety of rhythms are played from entry to advanced dancing levels at 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card (see Tuesday 12:30 p.m. dance for details). Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For details information on the activity card, call the city at 281-554-1180.  
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7 p.m.  
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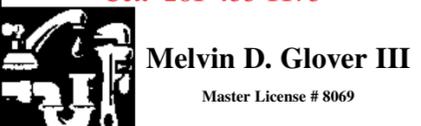
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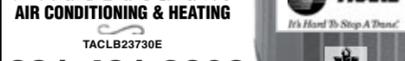
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## Ramirez family enjoys Disney



The Ramirez family, who are Sagemont residents, took their 2019 summer vacation in Panama and Orlando. They were able to spend six days in Florida and visited all four Walt Disney World parks. Shown above posing with Mickey Mouse (center) are, left to right, Mandy Ramirez, Destiny Ramirez, Alexis Hughes and Erick Ramirez.



Shown above, the family enjoyed a Kodak moment in front of the Cinderella Castle in Magic Kingdom Park. Shown below at Epcot Theme Park are, left to right, Mandy, Destiny, Alexis and Erick, who are donned in similar T-shirts. Destiny will be a cheerleader at Dobie9 High School this coming school year.

## Hoang takes kids on cruise



Longtime South Belt resident Thuy Hoang and her children Elissa Nguyen, Ethan Nguyen, and Emily Nguyen recently cruised on Enchantment of the Seas out of Galveston from May 11 to 15 to celebrate the end of a successful school year. Elissa recently graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in biomedical sciences from the University of Houston and Emily is currently attending the University of Houston-Clear Lake where she is studying early childhood education. Both sisters are Dobie High School alumnae, class of 2015 and 2018, respectively. Ethan is a student at South Belt Elementary and will be entering the third grade this coming fall. This was the family's first time on a cruise ship, and they had the chance to relax at the Nachi Cocom day resort while visiting Cozumel. Shown above near the ship terminal in front of two Royal Caribbean ships in Cozumel are, left to right, Tin Pham, Ethan Nguyen, Thuy Hoang and Emily Nguyen. Pham is also a Dobie alumnus and a student at San Jacinto College who also attended the trip.



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