

July is Disability Pride Month

Boston hosted the first Disability Pride Day following the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act in July 1990. Now communities across the country use July as a time to celebrate Disability Pride Month with the goal of promoting visibility, awareness and recognizing ableism as it exists in our world.

The month is also a time to take pride in one's whole self. Taking pride in oneself will look different to everyone. Personally, this month is about celebrating something that is both part of my life as well as the overall human experience.

"At some point in their lives, most people will either have a disability or know someone who has one," said Coleen Boyle, former director of Center for Disease Control's National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities.

Disability can be both visible and invisible; the CDC measures six types

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of disability: mobility, cognition, hearing, vision, independent living and self-care.

According to a 2020 report from the CDC, about 5,435,500 — or 1 in 4 — Texans have a disability. Disability becomes more common with age, with mobility and hearing becoming the two most prevalent for those over 65 years old.

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission offers the Talking Book Program, which "provides free library services for Texans of any age who are blind or have a visual, physical or reading disability."

A component of the TBP is the Disability Information and Referral Center, which assists people with questions related to disabilities. You do not have to be a patron of the TBP to use the Disability Information and Referral Center. For more information on these resources, visit tsl.texas.gov/tbp or call 1-800-252-9605.

One of the ways the Georgetown

Public Library can celebrate Disability Pride Month is by highlighting diverse disabled voices. Learn about the disability rights movement in the U.S. from the 1970s to present day in activist Judith Heumann's autobiography *Being Heumann: an Unrepentant Memoir of a Disability Rights Activist*. Explore more first-hand stories in activist Alice Wong's *Disability Visibility* collected two years ago for the thirtieth anniversary of ADA's passage.

If fiction is more your speed, there is Helen Hoang's *The Kiss Quotient* or Talia Hibbert's *Get a Life, Chloe Brown* for readers of contemporary romance. In the science fiction realm there is Ada Hoffmann's *The Outside*, and Rivers Solomon's *Sorrowland* for lovers of fantasy.

Find more books and media to celebrate Disability Pride Month at: bit.ly/gpl-disabilitypride

See you soon at the library!

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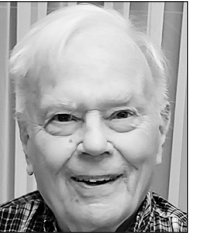
OBITUARIES

Nelson Richard Barrett

Nelson Richard Barrett, of Liberty Hill, passed away on Saturday, July 16, 2022. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Ann Barrett, and son, Nelson David Barrett. He is survived by daughter, Carolann Barrett (Donna) of Cambridge, Massachusetts; son, Craig (Rick) Barrett (Christine), of Houston; daughter-in-law, Joyce Barrett, of Wilton, Connecticut; grandson, Luke Barrett of Seattle, Washington; and stepdaughters, Ria Van Fossen (Martin) and Margaret Sanna (Mark). Nelson enjoyed life to the fullest, and his life was enriched by the thousands of people he met on his journey.

Nelson was born in Buffalo, New York, on May 26, 1927. He enlisted in the Army to serve in WWII and was stationed in Germany. He graduated from the University of Rochester Law School. He was married to Phyllis Raffauf until 1974, and they had three children. He married Dorothy Ann Zanzano in 1976. They moved to Liberty Hill in 1984. Nelson was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Georgetown, where he served on the missions committee. He was an active member, Paul Harris Fellow, and proud past president of Rotary Clubs in Georgetown and in Orchard Park, New York. Nelson was a pilot, and he and Dorothy enjoyed many years of traveling around the world. His hobbies included history, photography, flying, scuba diving, and stamp collecting.

A funeral service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Georgetown on Wednesday, July 20, at 10:30 a.m., preceded by a graveside service with military honors.



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Theodore (Ted) R. Girvan

Theodore (Ted) R. Girvan, 83, passed away on July 14, 2022, in Georgetown. He was a long-time resident of Middlesex, New Jersey.

Ted Girvan was born on June 12, 1939, in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, to Francis Girvan and Mary Girvan.

Ted graduated from St Mary's High School, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, in 1957 and went on to earn his Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from Bucknell University. He started his career at Pittsburgh Steel as a Civil Engineer and went on to work at Merck for 25 years.

Ted married Maria Capone in 1961, at St. Ignatius Catholic Church, in Kingston, Pennsylvania, and was married for 61 years. The couple had two children, Lisa Mickel and Michael Girvan.

Ted was a longtime volunteer fireman of 41 years. He started his volunteer career in Warminster, Pennsylvania, at the Hartsville Fire Co. When he moved to Middlesex, New Jersey, he became a member of the Beachwood Volunteer Fire Department, where he became President and Assistant Chief and was honored as a lifetime member. Once he retired to Texas, he was a member of the Round Rock Volunteer Fire Department followed by the Florence Volunteer Fire Department. Ted also volunteered at the Williamson County Fire Museum.

Ted was also a master woodworker and "Mister Fixit." He made beautiful wood creations for family, friends, and the Santa Rosa Church.

Last but not least, he loved his antique cars. He built a barn and filled it with eight cars and an antique fire truck, which he and a few others restored. He loved to tinker with them all. But his pride and joy was a green 1958 Ford Edsel. He took that car to many car shows and even won a few awards.

Along with his many interests and hobbies, Ted and Maria were world travelers. They traveled for both business and pleasure. They covered eight continents and much of the U.S. They took 42 cruises and loved every minute of them.

Ted was a man who could not sit still and loved to be involved with many different things.

Ted is survived by Maria Girvan, spouse of 61 years, of Georgetown, Lisa [Kent] Mickel, daughter, of Leland, North Carolina, Michael [Dawn] Girvan, son, of Stafford, New Jersey, Johnny Benton, grandson, of Seattle, Washington, Travis Mickel, grandson, of Wilmington, North Carolina, Courtney [John] MacDonald, granddaughter, of Lebanon, New Jersey, Brynleigh MacDonald, great granddaughter, of Lebanon, New Jersey, Evan Mickel, grandson, of White Plains, New York, Erica Girvan, granddaughter, of Somerville, New Jersey, Skylar Girvan, granddaughter, of Middlesex, New Jersey, Kathryn [Clark] Beurlen, sister, of Tarpon Springs, Florida.

Theodore was preceded in death by Francis Girvan, father; Mary Girvan, mother; Edward Girvan, brother; Robert Girvan, brother; Frank Girvan brother.

The service for Ted Girvan will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Santa Rosa De Lima Catholic Church, Georgetown.

Visitation will also be held at Middlesex Funeral Home, Middlesex, New Jersey, on Friday, July 22, 2022, from 9 - 11 a.m.

Burial at Fern Knoll Cemetery, Dallas, Pennsylvania.



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Death Notice

Melba Doering, 88, died on July 13, 2022, in Georgetown. Services for Mrs. Doering are currently pending at Christ Lutheran Church. Please check back for more details. www.ramseyfuneral.com.

At the library

July 19, 10 a.m.: Staci Gray (tickets required and available one hour before at kid's desk)

July 20, 10 a.m.: Storytime Playdate in San Gabriel Park

July 26, 10 a.m.: Jeff Hapke (tickets required and available one hour before at kid's desk)

July 27, 11 a.m.: Know The 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's with Alzheimer's Association Capital of Texas (registration required)

July 29, 1 p.m.: Draw Manga (tickets required and available one hour before at kid's desk)

July 29, 3 p.m.: Manga Drawing with Surapsari (tickets required and available one hour before at kid's desk)

August 3, 4 p.m.: Wired Wednesday

August 5, 7 p.m.: ASRP wrap party (no tickets required)

August 10, 6:30 p.m.: GPL World Cinema: My Octopus Teacher

For more information about these and other library events, visit library.georgetown.org/events-calendar or call 512-930-3551.

Water Utility Board recommends contractors for water storage tank projects

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through water impact fees and utility rate revenue, Ms. Van Dyke said. Costs will also be covered through the city's annual debt issuance.

Both tank projects are included in the city's Capital Improvement Plan and the Water Master Plan. Accord-

ing to the city, the installation of the Hoover tank will ensure the city meets storage capacity requirements established by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The Parkside tank is necessary because of a purchase agreement with Round Rock that will allow Georgetown to supplement its supply of treated water while the

Southlake Water Treatment Plant is under construction the agenda reads.

The project went out to bid in early June. Of the three competitive bids received, Landmark Structures was the lowest. The city anticipates that both tanks will be completed, installed and online by the summer of 2024.

Trustees review safety protocols

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meeting of the school year on August 2.

The committee meets three times per year and provides recommendations for updating multi-hazard emergency operations plans, safety audit findings and methods to increase law enforcement presence on all campuses.

Specifically, the committee's responsibilities are to:

- Provide feedback on the district Emergency Operating Plan.
- Review the Summer Targeted Partial Safety Audit results and the Exterior Door Safety Audit.
- Review Active Threat Plan.
- Discuss campus security needs.

The district will also conduct a partial safety audit in the next few weeks which will review visitor procedures, door security, drills, staff training, available resources and building safety audits.

Ms. Stoner said the district will contract with a safety consultant to conduct a comprehensive safety audit in spring 2022, as required by state law.

Georgetown launches online survey tool

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shared with participants once it is closed.

The service will expand the city's public engagement efforts, which currently include community town hall events, online surveys and a biannual resident survey administered by Texas State University.

"FlashVote is a tool the city is using to enhance, not replace, our current public engagement efforts," said Aly Van Dyke, the city's Communications and Public Engagement Director. "We know folks are busy, and we want to make engaging with the city quick and easy."

Initial surveys will be sent out once "the number of people who have signed up is large enough and includes a cross section of the community," the city's statement reads. Information gathered through the service will be used for future planning, programming and initiative decisions.

Heat exhaustion, stroke pose threat during summer

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drinking fluids are imperative for these times.

"The biggest thing [people] do wrong is try to tough it out," he said. "Take the time to get cooled off."

A similar issue is heat stroke. This differs from heat exhaustion in that there is neurological involvement.

"People can get so overheated that they have a fainting spell," Dr. Connor said. "If someone is confused, acting unusually or has a seizure, that person needs to come to the ER to be evaluated."

The best way to avoid both heat exhaustion and heat stroke — other than

staying indoors — is to drink fluids. Dr. Connor recommends drinking beverages with added electrolytes like Pedialyte and Liquid-iv.

Signs of heat exhaustion are cool, moist, pale or flushed skin, heavy sweating, headache, nausea, dizziness and weakness, according to the American Red Cross. Signs of heat stroke are hot, red skin that may be dry or moist, changes in consciousness, vomiting and high body temperature.

Because the heat can cause disorientation and exhaustion, falls are a big risk at this time of year as well. Hiking and outdoor activities should be done in the cooler parts of the day to avoid

excessive dehydration and exposure.

"Wearing light colored clothing and hats can be very helpful," Dr. Connor said.

This will also help prevent sunburn, which can affect your body's ability to regulate internal temperature and increase the risk of large cancer down the road.

Alcohol can also increase your risk of experiencing heat exhaustion and stroke, as it further dehydrates your body and can make it harder to register the symptoms of either illness. Dr. Connor suggests limiting intake while outdoors and balancing out with water and electrolytes.