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# San Jacinto named top 5 in nation – again

### Event marks the third consecutive time SJC has earned the prestigious biennial honor

San Jacinto College was recently named a Finalist with Distinction for the 2021 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance among community colleges.

"All of us on the Board of Trustees are so proud of everyone at San Jacinto College," said Marie Flickinger, chair of the San Jacinto College board of trustees. "We want to commend

everyone for the work they do to ensure that students complete what they start. This is an exciting day for the college and the entire San Jacinto College community."

Awarded every two years since 2011, the Aspen Prize recognizes institutions that achieve strong student outcomes across four key areas: teaching and learning, degree completion and successful transfer to four-year institutions, success in the workforce and equitable outcomes for diverse student groups. In 2017, San Jacinto College earned the Aspen Rising Star Award; and in 2019, the Aspen Institute named San Jacinto College as one of the top-10 community colleges in the country.

"This Aspen Prize honor goes to the people of San Jacinto College," said San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer. "Everyone at the college – from our board of trustees, administra-

tion, and faculty, to our staff, students and community partners – work hard in and out of the classroom every single day in support of our college mission. To be named a top-five community college in the nation is truly a recognition of

their hard work."

According to the Aspen Institute, San Jacinto College was selected for the following reasons:

– Focus on completion: San Jacinto College

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## PISD has recount

The PISD Position 2 election recount between Mariselle Quijano and Crystal Dávila is underway. PISD officials said the results will be counted and canvassed within the next two weeks. Dávila defeated Quijano by 225 votes in the May 1 election.



## Bonavita, Teacher of the Year

Morris Middle School fifth-grade science teacher Sonia Bonavita was recently named Pasadena ISD's 2021 Elementary Teacher of the Year. Bonavita, along with the other winners, received the honor at a luncheon hosted by Pasadena ISD Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell and the school district's board of trustees. For her efforts, Bonavita will receive free use of a new vehicle through the coming summer, courtesy of sponsor Bayway Auto Group. See related photo on this page and story on Page 3.

## City, county denied federal flood funds

Despite absorbing the brunt of the damage during 2017's Hurricane Harvey, neither the City of Houston nor Harris County will receive any federal funding for flood mitigation efforts in the first round of payments, according to a recent announcement.

The Texas General Land Office on May 21 announced the recipients of Community Development Block Grant for Mitigation funds through the Hurricane Harvey State Mitigation Competition. Houston and Harris County were not included in the initial list of recipients, although the two account for more than 50 percent of the estimated 300,000 structures flooded during Hurricane Harvey – more than any other region in Texas.

After receiving widespread backlash from both local officials and the public, Texas GLO Commissioner George P. Bush on Wednesday, May 26, said he will ask the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to allocate \$750 million directly to Harris County. No such request was made for the City of Houston.

If awarded, the funds would go to fund flood projects in some of the area's hardest hit spots.

"We are disappointed by today's announcement, particularly since Harris County saw some of the worst flooding impacts from Hurricane Harvey," said Russ Poppe, executive director of the Harris County Flood Control District. "These funds are dedicated to increasing our regional

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## Illegal dumping sparks controversy

A piece of property located near Beamer and Dixie Farm Road continues to spark controversy, as its owner keeps dumping large quantities of dirt there despite the land being located in a 100-year flood plain.

The Leader first reported on the site in late February. Since then, the landowner has been issued citations from the Harris County Flood Control District at least twice, dating back to early March.

If a property is located in such a flood plain, it is illegal to add additional soil without getting a permit. Failure to do so can result in large fines. Further, whatever dirt is added must be offset to equalize the existing drainage. In such cases, a nearby retention pond is traditionally installed, although more elaborate methods such as storing excess water underground are sometimes implemented.

"(The property owner) is either going to have to get rid of that stuff or he's going to have to dig a big hole," said John Danna, who oversees remediation efforts at the adjacent Brio Superfund Site. "He's got to do something."

When first contacted by the Leader, the owner of the property said he was unaware of any regulations and that he'd contact the proper authorities. Within two weeks, however, more loads of dirt were being dumped at the site.

Confounding matters, the site in question is located roughly a block away from where the Harris County Flood Control District is already taking drastic measures to alleviate area flooding by constructing the South Belt Stormwater Detention Basin. In that multimillion-dollar project, crews are already displacing enough soil to hold more than 407 million gallons, or 1,250 acre-

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## Police find missing child, 6, dead

UPDATE: At press time Wednesday, police announced they found a body inside a Jasper motel room they believe to be Samuel Olson.

According to KTRK Channel 13 news, Theresa Balboa, the girlfriend of Olson's father, was detained for questioning.

See next week's Leader for more information.

The South Belt has become an area of focus in the search for a missing 6-year-old boy, as police and volunteers from Texas EquuSearch are combing the area near Dixie Farm Road and



Samuel Olson

the Gulf Freeway, looking for signs of the child. Samuel Olson was reported missing from southwest Houston Thursday, May 27. Police said, however, he may have been missing for much longer.

Olson was last seen by someone outside his family on April 30, when he was at school in northeast Houston.

Investigators had initially focused their attention on the area around the Gateway at Ellington apartment complex on FM 1959 near Dixie Farm Road after receiving reports the child may have been there at a friend of Olson's father's girlfriend.

Authorities reportedly searched an apartment unit and a nearby field for clues.

Olson's parents have joint custody of the

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## PISD announces summer food service

Pasadena ISD will once again participate in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children 18 years of age or younger, free of charge. Meals will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis at the following sites and times:

- Lewis Career and Technical High School**  
1348 Genoa Red Bluff, Houston, 77034  
Serving dates: Monday – Friday, June 7 – 22.  
Breakfast from 7:40 – 8:10 a.m. and lunch from 11:35 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.
- Dobie High School**  
10220 Blackhawk Blvd., Houston, 77089  
Serving dates: Monday – Friday, June 7 – 22.  
Breakfast from 7:40 – 8:10 a.m. and lunch from 11:30 a.m. – noon.
- Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
11111 Beamer Road, Houston, 77089  
Serving dates: Monday – Thursday, June 7 – 24. Breakfast from 8:30 – 9 a.m. and lunch from

- 11:30 a.m. – noon.
- Morris Middle School**  
10415 Fuqua, Houston, 77089  
Serving dates: Monday – Thursday, June 7 – 24. Breakfast from 8:30 – 8:55 a.m. and lunch from 11 – 11:30 a.m.
- Atkinson Elementary**  
9602 Kingspoint Road, Houston, Texas 77075  
Serving dates: Monday – Thursday, June 1 – 24 and Friday, June 4. Breakfast from 7 – 7:30 a.m. and lunch from 10:45 – 11:15 a.m.
- Jessup Elementary**  
9301 Almeda Genoa Road, Houston, 77075  
Serving dates: Monday – Thursday, June 1 – 24 and Friday, June 4. Breakfast from 7 – 7:30 a.m. and lunch from 11 – 11:30 a.m.
- Stuchbery Elementary**  
11210 Hughes Road, Houston, Texas 77089  
Serving dates: Monday – Thursday, June 1 – 24 and Friday, June 4. Breakfast from 7 – 7:30 a.m. and lunch from 11 – 11:30 a.m.

## Pasadena ISD recognizes 2021 teachers of the year



Pasadena ISD recently held a luncheon to announce its teachers of the year. Pictured above at the event are, from left to right, New Elementary Teacher of the Year Marcella Flick, Williams Elementary; Nelda Sullivan, Pasadena ISD board member; New Middle School Teacher of the Year Rebecca Long, Kendrick Middle School; Marshall Kendrick, Pasadena ISD board member; Secondary Teacher of the Year Fortuni Rosales, South Houston Intermediate; Dr. DeeAnn Powell, Pasadena ISD superintendent of schools; Elementary Teacher of the Year Sonia Bonavita, Morris Middle School; Paola Gonzalez Fusilier, Pasadena ISD board member; New High School Teacher of the Year Jordyn White, South Houston High School; Casey Phelan, Pasadena ISD board member; New Intermediate Teacher of the Year Patricia Rocha, Park View Intermediate; and Kenny Fernandez, Pasadena ISD board member.

## PISD holds meetings

Pasadena ISD will hold a pair of public meetings Thursday, June 3, to discuss the future use of federal funds. The meetings will specifically seek public comments on the needs and use of federal funds within the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III). Meetings are scheduled for 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Pasadena ISD Carmen Orozco Professional Development Complex, located at 1832 E. Sam Houston Parkway S., room No. 101 in Pasadena. For additional information, contact the Special Programs office at 713-740-0225.

## Active COVID cases decrease

As of Wednesday, June 2, there were 170 confirmed South Belt deaths due to COVID-19, up four from the previous week. Reporting of deaths related to COVID-19, however, may be delayed by local officials.

Of the 5,632 confirmed cases in 77089 (total population: 53,866), 61 remain active. To date, 65 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, up two from the previous week.

In 77075 (total population: 43,933), 41 of the 4,069 confirmed cases remain active. A total of 54 from the ZIP code have died, no increase from the previous week.

Of the 4,128 confirmed cases in 77034 (total population: 40,532), 35 remain active. To date, 51 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, up two from the previous week.

According to Harris County Public Health officials, the vast majority of the fatalities suffered from pre-existing health issues.

Countywide, there have been 400,507 total confirmed cases. Of those, 391,322 have recovered from the disease, while 4,581 cases remain active. A total of 4,581 deaths have been reported in Harris County.

Statistics are updated daily and include numbers from within the Houston city limits and throughout Harris County. To view an interactive map, visit [publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Re-sources/2019-Novel-Coronavirus](http://publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Re-sources/2019-Novel-Coronavirus).

## Highway 3 closure set

At least one northbound lane and one southbound lane on SH 3/Old Galveston Road will be closed from FM 2351/Clear Lake City Boulevard to NASA Road 1 daily (excluding Sundays) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Wednesday, June 30.

## Beltway closures planned

At least one eastbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed at SH 288 nightly from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Sunday, June 6.

At least one eastbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from SH 288 to Kirby Drive nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Tuesday, June 15.

At least one northbound and one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Vista to SH 225 daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, June 4.

The closures are associated with the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from two to four lanes in each direction.

## Gulf Freeway closures set

Two alternate northbound and southbound main lanes and frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96 daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, Dec. 31.

The northbound exit ramp from the Gulf Freeway to NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 will be completely closed through Friday, Dec. 31. Motorists wishing to access these intersections may exit using the exit to FM 518 and proceed on the northbound frontage road to the intersections or exit using the Bay Area Boulevard exit ramp, then make a U-turn and travel south to the NASA Bypass or FM 528.

At least one northbound main lane and one southbound main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 518 to FM 517 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Thursday, Sept. 30.

At least one northbound lane and one southbound lane on the Gulf Freeway frontage road will be closed from FM 518 to FM 517 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Thursday, Sept. 30.

Two alternate northbound and southbound main lanes and frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from IH 610 South Loop to Broad Street nightly from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. through Friday, Dec. 31. Both the northbound and southbound entrance and exit ramps between IH 610 South Loop and Broad Street will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. through Friday, Dec. 31.

The closures are associated with an ongoing construction project to widen the freeway from three to five lanes in each direction and the frontage roads from two to three lanes in each direction.

## Heavy trash pickup set

City residents south of Fuqua will have heavy trash pickup Thursday, June 10 (second Thursday of the month). City residents north of Fuqua and west of the Gulf Freeway will have heavy trash pickup Friday, June 11 (second Friday of the month). June is for junk waste, but tree waste will also be accepted. Due to a larger amount of debris being discarded during the COVID-19 pandemic, pickups may be delayed. For information, visit [www.houstonx.gov/solidwaste](http://www.houstonx.gov/solidwaste) or call 311.

## Ellington hosts e-recycling

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's monthly electronic recycling event will take place Saturday, June 12, at the Neighborhood Recycling Center at Ellington Airport from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. 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. For additional information, visit [www.houstonx.gov/solidwaste](http://www.houstonx.gov/solidwaste) or call 3-1-1.

# In My Opinion

## Morgan speaks about PISD's board election

My Dear Friends,  
The past three months have been wrought with many emotions - excitement, pride, shock and disbelief, to name a few. Since Election Day, for School Board, those emotions that began with excitement have ended with a glimmer of hope, but a great deal of skepticism and concern for the future of a district that so many of us hold dear.

I was excited for my fellow board members, who chose to once again run for re-election and I was proud to be supporting them and two other candidates, who had been serving in this community and our school district for many years, through their actions, involvement and support, outside of the board table! I will admit I had mixed emotions for my two fellow board members who chose not to seek re-election for this term. I am pleased they will have more free time to spend with family, while doing the things they enjoy. Each of these individuals often put aside those things, in order to place their responsibilities as a board member first. I will greatly miss both Fred Roberts and Jack Bailey, as both have given so much to our community and students. Each one has left a legacy of commitment, hard work, dedication and an unrelenting devotion to the things that they believed were in the best interest of our community, our students and our staff.

As we began the journey of this election process, I became keenly aware that there were some, who wanted to make a point or a name for themselves by running for the board. Some would go to any and all lengths to get elected. They began their campaign with twisted facts and lies, to suit their purpose and to convince voters that their words were true. They worked hard, knocking on doors, meeting with individuals who could be "shocked and awed" by the things that they were being told. Often, the first information that a potential voter was given, was assumed to be factual. Opponents worked hard to destroy the faith that many had for those who were currently serving on the board by eroding the real truths. Even now, while the election is over, these individuals want to continue spouting lies, continuing to "make their point!" They have repeatedly criticized and questioned Ms. Quijano's petition for a recount - that was HER RIGHT. They also blamed me for signing that petition. What they did not tell you was, that as Board President, it was MY DUTY to sign that petition, as it would have been for ANYONE who filed such a document. All was done in a timely manner and ALL parties involved were notified by phone and email of the proceedings.

Over the years, this community has been so supportive of the district's efforts to educate all students and to provide quality education and educational opportunities. Because of strong leadership from our incredible Superintendent, our awesome administrators, our devoted educators and remarkable staff in all areas, we are looked upon by others as a "model district". Your Board and Superintendent worked well together, as a "Team of Eight", studying recommendations, asking questions when appropriate, listening and learning together, putting aside differences and personal agendas, to do what was right for all concerned. I am ashamed of nothing - only proud of those who

have worked tirelessly to prove the accolades given to Pasadena ISD, were well-deserved!

As I have spent hours trying to make sense of what happened, I have come to two conclusions - voter apathy was real in this election. Many believed that good would prevail, as it had in the past and they chose not to take the time to vote! The other thing was that FALSE information that was "put out there" was taken as truth and no attempt was made to verify it. In the end, this district lost a very devoted, active and supportive board member - Mariselle Quijano. Mariselle and her family have strongly supported this community and school district over many years. Mariselle was recognized as a Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year, the recipient of the Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year, Distinguished Alumna from Sam Rayburn High School, as well as many other accolades. She is one who has always served without any desire for personal gain or recognition. Mariselle and the perspective and leadership she has brought to the board table will be greatly missed.

In closing, I would say to those of you who were somehow misinformed, don't always believe the first information you are provided. Do your own research - ask questions of those who have nothing at stake (not from candidates seeking your vote). Be very leery of those who make promises that are impossible for them to fulfill. Many have no understanding that in this case, one person has only one vote. It takes four votes to make change and the role of a Board member is well-defined. Also, take nothing for granted. Your vote in all elections DOES count!

Vickie Morgan

**Publisher's comment:** Thank you, Vickie, for helping educate our readers on the past election. I especially appreciate your comments on the work Mariselle Quijano has done for the district. She has been a fantastic board member and so supportive of the kids in Pasadena ISD. She does have every right to protest the election and the state of Texas totally defines how this process is done.

I was very sad to see the reaction of the other candidate to the process as is defined by Texas state law.

Neither you, Vickie, nor the school district, nor Mariselle are responsible for the process and should not have been blamed.

I talked to the other candidate and strongly suggested that the best action for her to take at the board meeting, and before and after the meeting, would be to let people know that although she was disappointed that she was not seated on the board at the meeting, that she accepted the state of Texas' regulations on the protest of the election and look forward to getting to the end of the process.

I had hoped that she would not continue to blame people who were not responsible and have no authority to do anything different than was being done. When state law outlines and defines the process, that is what must be done.

I was disappointed in the actions of the challenging candidate. My hope is that we all remember what needs to be done is that which is best for students. This process will play out as the state of Texas requires. At the end of the process, hopefully, all will work together to keep our district on the successful track it is on and continue doing what is best for students.

Publisher,  
Marie Flickinger

## Elected officials share their words from Gov. Greg Abbott

### Abbott comments on 87th session

Gov. Greg Abbott on May 31 issued a statement upon the conclusion of the 87th regular Legislative Session:

"From Day One of this session, our priorities were centered around hardworking Texans and building a state that is safer, freer, healthier, and more prosperous. We added to that the imperative that we secure the Texas power system to ensure it never fails again. We kept those promises while also delivering one of the most conservative legislative sessions our state has ever seen.

"We passed legislation to secure our border, support our police, expand second amendment rights, defend religious liberty, and protect the sanctity of life in Texas. We also enacted several key emergency items like reforming the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, weatherizing and stabilizing our power grid, ensuring COVID-19 liability protections, and expanding access to broadband and telemedicine.

### Abbott announces food increase

Gov. Greg Abbott and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Tuesday announced a temporary increase in food benefits for families participating in the Texas Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) through September 2021. This temporary increase specifically covers the purchase of fruits and vegetables.

"This increase in benefits will help Texans who participate in WIC provide more fruits and vegetables for their families this summer," said Abbott.

"I thank Food and Nutrition Service and HHSC for their continued partnership to ensure Texas children and their families have access to nutritious, healthy food."

"Texas WIC provides foods that have great nutritional value — providing key nutrients at key stages of development," said Texas WIC Director Edgar Curtis. "This nutritional support early in life builds stronger, smarter, healthier and happier children and Texans. Fresh fruits and vegetables, which are loaded with vitamins and other plant-based nutrients, are at the forefront of that strategy."

The American Rescue Plan Act was signed into law in March 2021 and allows states to temporarily provide up to \$35 for

"However, there is more we can and must do to ensure a brighter future for Texas. At the beginning of the legislative session, I declared Election Integrity and Bail Reform to be must-pass emergency items. It is deeply disappointing and concerning for Texans that neither reached my desk.

"Ensuring the integrity of our elections and reforming a broken bail system remain emergencies in Texas, which is why these items, along with other priority items, will be added to the special session agenda.

"I expect legislators to have worked out their differences prior to arriving back at the Capitol so that they can hit the ground running to pass legislation related to these emergency items and other priority legislation. During the special session, we will continue to advance policies that put the people of Texas first."

fruits and vegetables per child and adult, per month.

This additional benefit allows WIC clients to purchase more fresh fruits and vegetables so they can consume more healthy foods.

As a result of federal legislation, Texas WIC clients will receive four months of additional benefits, from June through September. Clients receive benefits three months in advance and existing clients should already have the \$35 in their benefits starting in June.

WIC clients include pregnant and breastfeeding women and children up to the age of five who also meet income guidelines.

All WIC clients are encouraged to keep their next appointment to receive additional benefits.

WIC is a federal nutrition program administered by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

The program provides healthy food, one-on-one nutrition counseling, recipes, nutrition classes, and breastfeeding support to mothers and families with children younger than 5.

The program serves approximately 700,000 women and children monthly.

For more information about Texas WIC, visit [TexasWIC.org](http://TexasWIC.org).

## St. Luke the Evangelist hosts mega resale shop

A mega resale shop hosted by St. Luke the Evangelist will be open Friday, June 25, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday, June 26 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday, June 27 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Length of sale will depend on availability of items.

The sale will be held at St. Luke the Evangelist-Cenacle Learning Center (across from South Belt Elementary) at 1750 Riverstone Ranch, Pearland.

Go and find hidden treasures as one looks through their assortment of collections!

**Selections include:**  
- Boutique.  
- Sports and outdoors.  
- Toys.  
- Shoes and clothing.  
- Home goods.  
- Holiday seasonal items.  
All proceeds will go to support St. Luke the Evangelist.

## Mendozas win Yard of the Month



**Congratulations are in order for Maria and Jose Mendoza for winning the Sagemeadow HOA Yard of the Month for May. They replaced many plants after the frosty days this year. The landscaping design is very much contemporary and well suited to the climate. The yard features Viburnum topiaries and annuals. The beds are bordered by natural rocks and pebbles with one larger rock in the center. Maria's family has had quite a few gardeners. Her mother and grandmother taught her to love plants. Mendoza likes to sit on the front patio admiring the colorful flowers. "Plants with flowers make the yard beautiful," she remarks. Their property is on Kirkviale.**

## Flood funding sparks controversy

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drainage capacity which will help mitigate damages from bayou and river flooding which meets the intent of the CDBG-MIT program. We waited for more than three years to get this news, and while we continue to make progress on these important projects, we will now have to double up on our pursuit of partner dollars to fund flood mitigation projects across Harris County."

The CDBG-MIT scoring criteria made it difficult for highly urbanized areas to score well in several metrics in the GLO criteria, which determines the distribution of these funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Without mitigation funds, the very same homes rebuilt using HUD dollars following Harvey are left vulnerable to future flooding events.

There is another \$1 billion available for CDBG-MIT projects that the GLO plans to take applications for later this year. The City of Houston and Harris County will

advocate to both the GLO and HUD for changes in the current selection criteria to assure a more equitable distribution of funds.

Harris County submitted \$900 million in applications, which was the maximum allowable amount under the competition's rules. However, none were approved in the GLO's recent announcement.

Partner funds are a key component of the Flood Control District's 2018 Bond Program, which represented a \$2.5 billion down payment on the future of resiliency in Harris County. All bond-funded projects continue to move forward on schedule with no delays due to funding. The Flood Control District is working with the Harris County Budget Management Office to identify backstop funding for every project if and when it is needed to ensure all projects continue regardless of partner funds.

A group of local leaders, including Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo

and all members of Houston City Council and Harris County Commissioners Court, recently penned a letter to Bush, asking him to reconsider the decision.

In the letter, the leaders urged Bush to "allocate the CDBG-Mitigation funding based on the proportionality of the damage caused by Hurricane Harvey."

Turner, along with Harris County Precinct 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis, had previously written a letter seeking assistance to Marcia L. Fudge, secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Turner subsequently spoke with Fudge to provide an overview of Harvey's severe impact on the city of Houston. He also outlined the evaluation criteria and matrix that GLO used in determining the allocation of \$1 billion, which left zero dollars to Houston.

"HUD should immediately halt the distribution of the \$4.2 billion in flood mitigation funding pending its review," said Turner.

## Police find missing boy, age 6, dead

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lice uniform. This, however, was not substantiated by police.

Investigators said they followed all leads but were unsure how reliable their sources of information were.

"We didn't know if we had a child custody issue, and we still might have that, or if it's anything else more nefarious," said Houston Police Department Assistant Chief

Larry Satterwhite before the body was found. "We just don't know - or if we're even getting the accurate information."

The ongoing drama has made international headlines.

Anyone with information concerning this case is still urged to contact the HPD Missing Persons Division at 832-394-1840 or Texas EquiSearch at 281-309-9500.

## Collins Aerospace comes to area

Collins Aerospace, a unit of Raytheon Technologies (NYSE: RTX), and Houston Airports, which manages and operates Houston Spaceport at Ellington Airport, EFD, announced plans for a new eight-acre, approximately 120,000 square-foot cam-

pus that will support spaceflight and host Houston's first spaceflight incubator.

"Collins Aerospace's new campus is yet another a game-changer for Houston as we position our region as one of the country's leading next-generation tech

and aerospace hubs," Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner said. "We are leveraging Houston's many advantages, including our dynamic workforce, to fuel the future of aerospace - a potentially trillion-dollar, 21st-century

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## Illegal dumping sparks concern

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feet, of stormwater.

"As quickly as they're taking it out, they're putting it right back in," said *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger, a staunch opponent of the illegal dumping. "It just doesn't make any sense."

Relocating the soil excavated from the South Belt Stormwater Detention Basin has already been met with controversy, as another nearby site on Dixie Farm Road and Blackhawk has already faced legal consequences for accepting loads of soil while in a 100-year flood plain.

In that case, City of Friendswood officials were utilizing outdated maps that showed the property in question was not located in a flood plain. In the end, the Harris Coun-

ty Flood Control District purchased the land, which once housed a paint-ball course, to have for possible stormwater detention in the future.

There is no indication that any of the dirt being dumped at the new site originated from the county detention basin. The property owner told the *Leader* in February the soil was transported free from a site near Baybrook Mall and that he was using it as fill dirt to level out his land.

The newspaper has heard from multiple sources that it now appears the property is being prepared to have concrete poured on it. Fireworks booths are also now being erected at the site in preparation for the Fourth of July.

At press time, Harris County officials assured com-

munity leaders the situation was being addressed and that actions will be taken quickly against the property owner, given his previous citations and the fact the site lies within a flood plain.

"He won't be given normal compliance time," said Debjani Chakravarty, lead enforcement coordinator for the Harris County Engineering Department's Permits Office. "He must account for everything that's been added."

# Deaths

## Wilma Stephanie Janecek Holloway



Wilma Stephanie Janecek Holloway, 78, died May 22, 2021 at Kindred Hospital in Clear Lake City. She was born Oct. 30, 1942, and grew up in Wallis, Texas. She graduated from Orchard High School in 1961, before attending nursing school to pursue a career as a Licensed Vocational Nurse, receiving her LVN

training at St. Luke's Hospital. She served as an LVN in the post-partum unit for more than 30 years before retiring from Southeast Memorial Hospital in 1995.

She is preceded in death by her parents BT "Cap" and Annie Janecek; her brothers Johnny Janecek and Dennis Janecek; and her sister-in-law Yvonne Janecek.

Wilma is survived by her husband Willis Holloway; her daughters Cheryl Holloway and Katherine Marrie and her husband Michael Marrie and two grandchildren Ryan and Elise Marrie. She is also survived by her sister Ann Barrios; brothers and their wives Frank and Helen Janecek, Bobby and Irene Janecek, Benny and Kathy Janecek, and Charlie Janecek; and sisters-in-law Judy Janecek, Betty Janecek and Nina Lee Chapman and her husband Tom. She was blessed with many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews.

In addition to spending

time with her family, she had a passion for her volunteer and worship activities at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church of which she was a founding member, and she was a member of Court Mother of Unity 2292 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Wilma also loved going to Dobie High School football games with her husband, traveling, and meeting with her retired nurse friends every year for dinner. Additionally, she was a member of the KJZT Czech Catholic Family Fraternal, and she donated to multiple charities and her church.

The funeral Mass was celebrated Friday, May 28, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church.

Palbearers at the funeral service included her nephews Daniel Chapman, Dwayne Janecek, Jeff Janecek, Kevin Janecek, Ronnie Janecek, Randy Barrios, her son-in-law Michael Marrie and her grandson Ryan Marrie.

## Local library events set

**In case of storms or adverse weather, refer to library website for details.**

### Bracewell Branch Library

Bracewell Library is located at 9002 Kingspoint. For information, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/>. For online learning, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/online-learning-7556> or call 832-393-2580.

### Bracewell HPL To Go curbside service is in operation

Contactless curbside services, known as HPL To Go, are available by appointment Mondays, noon to 7 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon to 4 p.m.; Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Customers walking or riding a bike may also pick up reserved materials. For questions, call circulation at 832-393-2222. To use HPL To Go:

1. Place a hold through the online catalog or by phone.
2. Receive email or phone call of notification prior to scheduling a time for pickup.
3. Upon arrival, park and stay in the vehicle and call to notify staff of arrival.
4. Have MY Link card number and PIN ready.

### Book drop

The book drop is open. Library materials can be returned with no overdue fees at this time. The library continues to provide online resources to enjoy the library virtually. Large items such as FLIP kits or laptops should not be placed in the book drop. Keep those items until further notice.

### Additional resources

The Houston Public Library has electronic resources, books, audiobooks, databases for research, tutoring, language learning, education and parent information for Texas residents with a library card. To get a card, visit the home page at [www.houstonlibrary.org](http://www.houstonlibrary.org) under Here's What's Happening. Click on Free Resources for All to access digital resources and access a link for a temporary card. Also, under Here's What's Happening, the card titled Online Resources for Kids accesses a Virtual Storytime provided on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 a.m. The archived storytimes are found on Facebook under Houston Public Library Virtual Storytimes. Another virtual program is Craft.

Houston Public Library's many free online resources and digital services are available 24/7 with a MY Link Library Card at [www.houstonlibrary.org](http://www.houstonlibrary.org), including e-books and e-audiobooks, streaming TV, movie and music services, online classes and tutoring and databases. Until further notice, only electronic items (i.e. e-books, e-audio books, etc.) are eligible for holds and check-out.

All overdue fines/fees will be waived through June 30, 2021, retroactive to March 14, 2020. While the Bracewell Branch Library remains closed, Wi-Fi service is still available by coming to the library standing/sitting within six feet of the building. A password is not needed. Go to Settings, then Network and Internet, Wi-Fi and connect to HPL - Public.

HPL is not accepting book donations at this time. For more information, visit [www.houstonlibrary.org](http://www.houstonlibrary.org) to chat with a librarian 24/7, or to send questions through HPL's email reference.

### Parker Williams Library

Parker Williams Library has officially reopened its doors, subject to limited capacity. See the website at <https://www.hcpl.net/reopening> for information. The library will follow state and county guidelines for mask and social distancing.

The book drop is open. Social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

### Parker Williams "No-Contact Curbside Holds Pick-Up"

- After receiving notification that holds are ready for pickup, call 832-927-7870.
  - Have a library card number and PIN handy.
  - A pickup time and instructions will be given.
  - Upon arriving at the library, follow the instructions given.
  - Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.
- Curbside hours are: Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for details.

### Online services

- Use HCPL Wi-Fi service with HCPL's drive-up Wi-Fi.
- Download e-books and audiobooks, stream movies, research and learn at [www.hcpl.net](http://www.hcpl.net).
- Attend an HCPL program or story time online through Facebook or YouTube.
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Thursday, June 3, 10:30 a.m. Virtual Toddler Time. Take a moment to have some fun and interaction with the little one or little ones. Join Mr. John (John Harbough) and Mr. Jason (Jason Cruz) for a virtual Toddler Time through Microsoft Teams. Parents are encouraged to participate to facilitate interaction. While this program is designed for 18 months to 4-year-olds, all children and families are welcome to join virtually. Sign up once with a valid email address online at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> to get a weekly invitation.

#toddlertime #storytime #story #childrensbooks #reading #books #harriscountyp #HCPL  
Friday June 4, 1 p.m. Draw with Me. Join Ms. Ariel (Ariel Perez) who tries something a little more difficult, but still fun and easy to follow. Participants will need pens and markers for these videos which will be featured on Facebook and Instagram.

Saturday June 5, 3 p.m. Learning Vietnamese in 5 minutes. Interested in learning how to read and speak Vietnamese? Join online for a quick 5-minute Vietnamese language lesson presented by Mrs. Loc (Loc Bui). This video will be featured on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary

Monday, June 7, 1 p.m. Mythical Mondays. Join Ms. Jasmine (Jasmine Washington) as she guides through facts, lingo and survival tips for mythological creatures. Learn and be one step closer to becoming a mythological creature master. This program can be found at Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Tuesday, June 8, 10:30 a.m. Virtual Story Time. Join Mr. John for stories and songs. Families with children of all ages are welcome. This program will be on Facebook Live and can be found at Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

#storytime #story #childrensbooks #reading #books #harriscountyp #HCPL  
Tuesday June 8, noon. Drawing with Ms. Ariel (Ariel Perez) for virtual fun and easy cartoon drawings featuring various doodles, numbers and letters. This video will be featured on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Tuesday, June 8, 1:30 p.m. Texas Workforce Solutions: Job Search Skills. Join the Harris County Southeast branches for a job search seminar and learn how to assess personal needs and employment skills to create a target job plan and review labor market information. This event will be over Microsoft Teams. Call 832-927-7870 to register or register online at the Parker Williams events page.

Wednesday, June 9, 11 a.m. Bilingual Vietnamese Storytime. Bilingual Vietnamese Storytime. Enjoy story time in English and Vietnamese with Kathy Pham and have fun singing, reading and learning in both languages. This video is available on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary. #Vietnamese #Storytime #Bilingual #reading #literacy #counting #picturebooks #harriscountyp #HCPL

Wednesday, June 9, 1 p.m. Spanish Storytime. Libros en Español con Sr. Jason! Join the storytime in Spanish with Jason Cruz, featured on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Wednesday, June 9, 3 p.m. Pets of Parker Williams. Get to know the beloved pets of those that work at the Parker Williams Branch. Since June is Adopt-A-Cat Month, start with the library staff that have cats. This week let's learn more about Kathy Pham's cats Pierre and Camille as seen on Miss Kathy's Bilingual Storytime. This video will be featured on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

#catsofinstagram #petsofinstagram #cat #cats #harriscountyp #HCPL

Wednesday, June 9, 3:30 p.m., ages 16 and older. Dungeons & Dragons Online. Join Mr. Tanner (Tanner Adams) over Discord online. No prior experience is required. Contact [tanner.adams@hcpl.net](mailto:tanner.adams@hcpl.net) for details.

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Visit Dobie graduate Tory Mask's blog at South Belt Houston Digital History Archive for more memories that happened in the South Belt area.

## Dobie wins first Regional track championship



### Guy, Johnson, Miller, Shimfessell, Mitchell gain State berths

Dobie won its first regional track meet Saturday, scoring 83 points to edge out second-place Galveston Bay which had 56 points. Dobie had first place finishes from Paul Miller in the pole vault, Lawrence Mitchell in the 200-meter dash, and Gawain Guy in the mile run. Miller set a new regional record of 15'6" in the pole vault, an old guy in the mile run with a time of 4:12.11. Dobie also got points from Greg Johnson, second in the two-mile run; David Windsor, sixth in the two-mile run; Mitchell, Miller, Shimfessell, Mitchell, Guy and Johnson will all advance to the State Meet, which will be held in Austin on May 16. They will be competing in the Meet of Champions at Rice University this Saturday. Field events begin at noon, and running events start at 1 p.m.



Dobie milers Gawain Guy (right) and Philip Williams (left) run near the front of the pack in the Regional Meet Saturday at San Jacinto College. Guy set a meet record with a time of 4:12.11 while Williams was disqualified from the race. Photo by Tim Carter

Lawrence Mitchell holds up the trophy Dobie awarded for winning the Regional Track Meet. Pictured are Dobie tracksters (left to right) Curtis McWooden, John Bryan, coach, Sammy Shimfessell, Mitchell, Mike Kuggisch and Greg Johnson.

## PISD names teachers of the year

Pasadena Independent School District recently hosted the district's 2021 Teacher of the Year celebration, honoring Morris Middle School teacher Sonia Bonavita, among others. (See related story, Page 1.)

Hosted by Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell, the board of trustees and the district's associate superintendents, the annual awards luncheon recognizes Pasadena ISD teachers who are uniquely dedicated to excellence in their profession.

Bonavita, a fifth-grade science teacher at Morris Middle School was selected the Elementary Teacher of the Year, and Fortuni Rosales, an ESL teacher at South Houston Intermediate, was chosen the Secondary Teacher of the Year.

"She hopes to change the world through simple acts of kindness," said Jessica Swenson, South Houston Intermediate Principal, of Rosales.

"Whether it's lesson planning, giving advice or training teachers, she plays a huge role in the success of our students."

This year's event was held in person, marking the first time that educators and administrators were able to gather for the celebration since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bayway Auto Group and Gulf Coast Educators Federal Credit Union, this year's sponsors, were also in attendance at the event.

GCEFCU provided each of the winners with gift baskets, and Bayway Auto Group announced they will

provide Teacher of the Year winners Bonavita and Rosales with a vehicle for their personal use throughout the summer.

Bonavita and Rosales will represent Pasadena ISD as they advance to the Region IV competition later in the year.

The Pasadena ISD 2021 Teacher of the Year celebration also recognized the following new teachers in the school district:

- New Elementary Teacher of the Year: Marcella Flick, Williams Elementary.
- New Middle School Teacher of the Year: Rebecca Long, Kendrick Middle School.
- New Intermediate Teacher of the Year: Patricia Rocha, Park View Intermediate.
- New High School Teacher of the Year: Jordyn White, South Houston High School.

## Collins comes to Ellington Field

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commercial space economy."

The new Collins Aerospace campus will continue to be part of the company's Mission Systems business, one of six strategic business units for Collins Aerospace.

The facility will also host Houston's first-ever incubator supporting spaceflight, with a dedicated 10,000 square-foot area for start-ups and universities to collaborate on solving critical space technology challenges, including robotics, medicine and additive manufacturing.

Houston continues to be a leading region for aerospace, and the Houston Spaceport will provide a great opportunity for members of the aerospace community to come together, facilitating collaboration and innovation.

"On behalf of Collins Aerospace, I would like to thank the City of Houston, Houston Airports and Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership for creating a robust business climate and for their strong support of this important expansion of our business," said Phil Jasper, president of Collins

Aerospace's Mission Systems business unit.

"Building on our 40 years in the Houston community, this expansion will further strengthen collaboration with our customers to support spaceflight."

As an anchor tenant of Houston Spaceport, Collins Aerospace will receive up to \$25.6 million in financing from Houston Airports for capital improvements. The amount financed will be reimbursed by Collins Aerospace.

Collins Aerospace currently has a facility in Houston, which is at capacity, that develops and produces systems for NASA's human-manned space flight programs.

"Collins Aerospace is a great fit at Houston Spaceport," said Mario Diaz, Houston Airports director. "The partnership is a key element to realizing the importance of Houston Spaceport - a center for collaboration and innovation where the brightest minds in the world can lead us beyond the next frontier of space exploration."

"For 45 years now, the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership, BAHEP, has worked very closely with the aerospace community in Houston to help this very important industry cluster continue to be successful," said Bob Mitchell, BAHEP president. "The work Collins Aerospace has brought to Houston for nearly 40 years has provided valuable aerospace career opportunities for Houstonians."

## Meador's honor roll students for entire 2020-2021 school year

Meador Elementary officials recently announced their honor roll and merit roll students for the entire 2020-2021 school year.

Students earning the honor are:

**Honor roll**  
Carolyn Erazo and Alexa Guevara.

**Honor or Merit roll**  
Julian Montero, Jeremy Pendleton, Alyssa Picarro and Annabelle Rodriguez.

## Meador Elementary names honor roll for 4th nine-weeks

Meador Elementary officials announced their fourth nine-weeks honor roll, merit roll and bug roll.

**First grade Recognized roll**  
Ellie Bacot, Gwen Bounds, Anthony Bui, Bethany Cabralles, Yaritza Cazares, Gracelynn Corrales, Nathaly Cortez and Melany Fernandez.

Ricky Flores, Jaielle Guillory, Travis Lance, Issa Meza, Janessa Murray, Bella Nguyen, Julia Nguyen and Tina Nguyen.

Adalyn Renteria, Azariah Rios, Alana Rivas, Jessenia Salazar, Jimena Torres and Alexander Zarate.

**Bug roll**  
Samantha Arias, Yaritza Cazares, Isabella Cedillos, Cameron Escobar, Gerardo Garza and Jeremiah Henry.

Laylah Hernandez, Aliyanna Knight, Andrew Salazar, Ariel Starks, Marieli Teniente and Rocky Thomas.

**Second grade Recognized roll**  
Oscar Barrera, Eleena Breigheith, Azariah Calidonio, Giselle Cammack, Breanna Elizalde, Genesis Gonzales and Makayla Hernandez.

**Fourth grade Honor roll**  
Carolyn Erazo, Alexa Guevara, Julian Montero and Azul Pineda.

**Merit Roll**  
Annabelle Rodriguez, Alyssa Picarro, Emmanuel Martinez and Jeremy Pendleton.

**Bug roll**  
Saul Arreola, Diamonique Burton, Natasha Cordova, Leonardo Cruz, Kaci Curry Shepard, Sophia DeJesus, Solanch Deleon, Ethan Dominguez and Anthony Garcia.

**Third grade Honor roll**  
Diana Alvarez, Timothy Craige, Arley Maldonado and Sophia Mancuso.

**Merit roll**  
Yazlin Cazares, Myrion Davis, Isabella Fernandez, Blake Gonzalez, Emryiah Groves, Isabella Rios and Agny Santa Cruz.

**Bug roll**  
Diana Alvarez, Aya Bahar, Alannah Calzada, Yazlin Cazares, Myrion Davis, Daniel Denova, William Dunn, Ethan Espinosa and Natalie Estrada.

Isabella Fernandez, David Tanveer Masoom, Madelin Matute, Angelo Mendez, Isaac Montano, Elian Moreno, Karime Munoz, Joseph Nguyen, Christopher Nunez and Evelyn Padilla.

Angelo Polito, Grasiela Preza, Noah Salazar, Regina Saucedo, Daniel Savala, Jaylon Thornton, Flor Vasquez and Josiah Wilkins.

## San Jac College receives Center of Excellence for maritime program

The San Jacinto College Maritime Technology and Training Center has been named a Center of Excellence for Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education, as announced last week by the United States Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration.

San Jacinto College joins 26 additional recipient institutions across the nation as the country's first group to receive the CoE designation, which recognizes community colleges and training institutions that prepare students for careers

in the maritime industry. San Jacinto College is one of just three community colleges located along the Gulf of Mexico, and the only Texas institution to be designated a Center of Excellence.

Opened in 2016, the college's 45,000-square-foot, waterfront Maritime Technology and Training Center is equipped with state-of-the-art bridge and engine room simulators and offers more than 70 U.S. Coast Guard and Standards of Training Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers approved courses. The

Center also offers Texas' only Associate of Applied Science degree in maritime transportation, combining USCG- and STCW-approved training with college-level academics.

"Sitting at the mouth of the largest port in Texas, and one of the busiest in the country, San Jacinto College's maritime training program plays an essential role in ensuring economic success in both the Houston area and the entire nation and educating a strong workforce for high-quality jobs," said Rep. Brian Babin (R-TX-36). "Their designation as a Center of Excellence for Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education is well-deserved, and I look forward to seeing the positive impact that San Jac will continue to make on our region and across the globe."

"I am glad to see the San Jacinto Community College District earn this long-awaited, prestigious designation as a Center of Excellence for Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education (CoE) through the Maritime Administration," said Congresswoman Sylvia R. Garcia. "San

Jacinto Community College campuses have continuously provided high-quality, affordable education to my constituents and the Greater Houston area. This important recognition should go a long way in securing more federal funding to improve and expand upon San Jacinto Community College District's existing education programs. I'm proud to represent their incredibly successful campuses and students in Congress."

Winner of the prestigious national 2019 Bellwether Award in Workforce Development, the San Jacinto College Maritime Program excels at providing a solution to the shortage of Gulf Coast mariners through academic excellence and strong industry partnerships. These efforts will be bolstered by the new CoE designation, as MARAD partners with designated institutions to help advance student and faculty recruitment, enhance facilities, and provide assistance in the form of equipment and vessel usage.

## Moore receives check from PISD Education Fund



Moore Elementary School was granted a \$5,000 check from Pasadena ISD Education Fund that was fully funded for the library. Shown above, appreciating the moment are, left to right, Judy Harrison, PISD Education Fund board president; DeeDee Pitts, assistant principal;

Alyta Harrell, associate superintendent; Jill Lacamu, Moore principal; Lourdes Guenard, Moore librarian; Dr. DeeAnn Powell, superintendent of schools; and Steve Sipes, PISD Education Fund director.

## CTHS criminal justice receives certifications

Dr. Kirk Lewis Career & Technical High School senior criminal justice students completed their Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Municipal Jailer 40-hour Certification. At right are students proudly displaying their certificates, left to right, (front row) Lizbeth Pineda, Zenaida Castillo, Yahir Serna, (back row) Melissa Escobar, Hermione Vilchis and Bryan Mata. Not shown are Melanie Rojas, Andres Gallegos Molina, Emma Gonzalez, Arturo Salazar, Sydney Stauffer, Jakayla Gary, Xavier Vargas and Christopher Olvera.



Another group of CTHS criminal justice students reflects on time well spent as they show off their certificates. Left to right are, (front row) Xavier Ramirez, Kelly Velasco, Vianca Valles, Charles Sigala, (middle row) Ethan Ayala, Cameron Hawn, Nailea Cerda, Jessica Salazar, (back row) Alberto Trevino, Axel Solano and Freddy Quezada.

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# San Jacinto College recognition in top 5 nationally

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has increased its certificate and degree completion by 168.4 percent from 2009 to 2019.

Community partnerships: San Jacinto College is involved with schools, churches, nonprofits and businesses across the college district to ensure it is addressing the needs of various communities in the ways that best serve them.  
Economic impact: For every \$1 students invest in

their San Jacinto College education, they will see a \$6.30 return in future income. The college's impact on the region totals \$1.3 billion in added income, which supports 13,044 jobs.

Student support: Through industry advisory committees and career readiness preparations, students are provided the tools and resources to ensure the selected pathway meets students' goals, interests and salary aspirations.  
Equity: San Jacinto Col-

lege has developed several strategies to address equity gaps that have resulted in an increase in financial aid and credentials awarded, as well as course completion, retention and persistence.  
"San Jacinto College takes responsibility for not just making sure that its students earn a degree or credential, but also that they succeed after graduation," said Linda Perlstein, a director at the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program. "That care and

commitment has yielded great outcomes for graduates."

San Jac graduates with an associate of applied science degree, intended to prepare students to immediately enter the workforce, earned nearly \$15,000 more than the average new hire in the county.

"San Jacinto College has been through a decade of innovation, growth and steady improvement," said Aspen Prize jury co-chair Ruth Williams-Brinkley in announcing the award. "The institution

has been rigorously self-reflective about where it can do better, ambitious about scaling reform and wholeheartedly committed to owning graduates' success after transfer and in the workforce. Leaders have built remarkably strong partnerships with industry, leading to state-of-the-art training facilities constructed in collaboration with employers. San Jacinto College is not just responsive to employer needs, it also plays a lead role in developing key industries

in the region, with exceptional workforce outcomes for alumni."

The 10 Aspen Prize finalists recognized were selected from the nation's 1,100 community colleges in a process that included a rigorous review process, a comprehensive examination of outcomes data, as well as multiday virtual site visits to each of the 10 finalist institutions.

## 2021 Aspen Prize results

**Winner**

San Antonio College, San Antonio.

**Finalists with Distinction**

Broward College, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

San Jacinto College, Pasadena.

West Kentucky Community and Technical College, Paducah, Ky.

**Rising Star**

Amarillo College, Amarillo.

**Other finalists**

Borough of Manhattan Community College, New York.

Odessa College, Odessa.

Pierce College, Pierce County, Wash.

Pasadena City College, Pasadena, Calif.

Tallahassee Community College, Tallahassee, Fla.

Previous winners of the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence include Miami Dade College (Fla.) and Indian River State College (Fla.), 2019; Lake Area Technical College (S.D.), 2017; Santa Fe College (Fla.), 2015; Santa Barbara City College (Calif.) and Walla Walla Community College (Wash.), 2013; and Valencia College (Fla.), 2011.

The Aspen Prize is funded by Ascendium Education Group, Joyce Foundation and Siemens Foundation.

The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program aims to advance higher education practices, policies and leadership that significantly improve student outcomes, especially for the growing population of low-income students and students of color on American campuses.

For more information, visit <http://higher.ed.aspeninstitute.org/> and [www.linkedin.com/showcase/aspenhigher](http://www.linkedin.com/showcase/aspenhigher) and follow @AspenHigherEd on Twitter.

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# Blue Day at Burnett to honor AP



Burnett Elementary celebrated 12 days of retirement for assistant principal, Esmeralda Paredes (left). One of the days was Blue Day, in which the students dressed in Paredes' favorite color. Shown with Paredes is Brooklyn Bailey.

# CCISD names Community Partners

The Clear Creek Independent School District (CCISD) named Memorial Hermann and UTMB Health the district's Community Partners of the Year for the 2020-2021 school year.

"Clear Creek ISD is fortunate to be encircled by a diverse network of supportive partners and volunteers that positions our district consistently above the bar," said Dr. Eric Williams, superintendent of schools. "The past year shined an even-brighter light on the depth and significance of such partnerships and like those with Memorial Hermann and UTMB Health."

Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, the district was laser focused on opening schools for student learning, in both virtual and brick and mortar environments, for the 2020-2021 school year. The effort drew together district leadership, medical professionals, county health authorities, parents, students and staff for solution-based planning.

Through the active participation of medical experts from Memorial Hermann and UTMB Health in the Safety Reopen CCISD Committee,

as well constant accessibility in an advisory capacity with district leadership, CCISD was confident in establishing appropriate protocols and anticipating and mitigating challenges imposed by COVID-19 throughout the year.

The CCISD community also benefited from the partners' provisions of the

COVID-19 vaccine early on for school nurses, followed soon thereafter for all staff.

Memorial Hermann and UTMB Health will be formally recognized as Clear Creek ISD's Partners of the Year at the board of trustees regular meeting June 28, 2021.

Go to <https://www.ccisd.net/VPOTY20-2021> for more information.

# Frazier awards students with scholarships

Frazier Elementary recently held its annual scholarship ceremony in which scholarships are presented to Dobie seniors who attended Frazier in elementary school. 2021 scholarship recipients were recognized as well as a few



Deron (left) and Julie Kutra (center) presented the Matthew Kutra Memorial Scholarship in memory of their son to Savannah Garza.

of the 2020 recipients who were not able to be recognized last year due to COVID. Frazier staff members are proud of all these former Owls and look forward to hearing about all the great things they do in the future.



Mark (left) and Clara Young (center) presented the Ruth Young Memorial Scholarship in memory of their daughter to Denise Rodriguez.



Wendy Wiseburn, Frazier principal, (far right) presented the Frank, Elda and Kimberly Wiseburn Memorial Scholarship in memory of her parents and sister to Julio Silva (center). Joining them is Julio's mother Esthela Silva.



Wendy Wiseburn (right) presented the Frazier PTO Cecilia Ramirez Memorial Scholarship in memory of Frazier staff member Cecilia Ramirez to Christina Suarez.



John Gorman (far right) and his daughter Cyndi Moore (left), presented the Karen Gorman Memorial Scholarship in memory of Karen Gorman, former Frazier teacher, to Alayna Gonzalez.



John Gorman (far right) and his daughter Cyndi Moore (left), presented the Karen Gorman Memorial Scholarship to Eloy Sanchez in memory of former Frazier teacher, Karen Gorman.

# Remember When

**45 years ago (1976)**  
Cathie Hawkins was selected as the feature twirler for Sam Houston College.

The All-Star committee released guidelines stating that the selection of all-stars would be based on votes cast by the players instead of managers.

**40 years ago (1981)**  
Emergency personnel from the Sagemont station of the Houston Fire Department responded to five fire calls and 15 ambulance calls in the period from May 25 to June 1.

The South Belt area got two new stoplights as a result of a 1979 bond program. The lights were to be erected at the intersections of Beamer Road at Scarsdale Boulevard and at Scarsdale Boulevard and Sageglen Drive.

**35 years ago (1986)**  
Dr. Lon Luty, Pasadena Independent School District superintendent of schools agreed to upgrade his contract from two remaining years to a full three-year contract, following a 6-1 board decision.

Two men were foiled in what would have been the fourth auto theft from the Beverly Hills Intermediate parking lot.

**30 years ago (1991)**  
More than 60 percent of the people responding to the Clear Creek Independent School District survey concerning Weber Elementary School wanted the school closed.

A Memorial Day weekend trip to an East Texas resort area put a South Belt man's lifesaving knowledge to the test and he passed. Beverly Hills resident George Haines and his family spent a weekend at Cypress Lake Resort near the Trinity River without incident until he went swimming at one of the resort pools and found a group of people panicking

over a young girl who had accidentally fallen into the pool. George worked to keep 6-year-old Brittany Gonzalez alive. It took 10 minutes before the little girl even showed signs of life.

**25 years ago (1996)**  
Sam Houston Tollway East opened, allowing South Belt travelers to go from the South Belt area to the ship channel.

The Pasadena School District's proposed \$168.9 million 1996-1997 budget included salary increases of

approximately 3 percent.

**20 years ago (2001)**  
The South Belt area received 7 inches of rainfall in one day, with 90 percent of that falling between 3 and 8 p.m.

Applicants for a Genoa Red Bluff Road landfill were using a new technique as they pursued a permit for a Class IV landfill through Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

Applerock Group agreed to donate \$35,000 to the Genoa Elementary Parent Teacher

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**15 years ago (2006)**  
An arrest for assault with a deadly weapon as well as family violence and criminal mischief calls kept Precinct 2 constable's deputies busy during the Memorial Day weekend.

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce planned to host a program on hurricane awareness.

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**5 years ago (2016)**  
The body of a missing 15-year-old female South Houston High School student was found inside an abandoned apartment complex in the 1600 block of Avenue N on May 30. Karen Perez, a ninth-grader at the area school, had been reported missing the previous Friday after she failed to return home from school. A male juvenile, reportedly the girl's boyfriend, was arrested and charged with her murder.

**1 year ago (2020)**  
A South Belt resident was fatally shot May 15 at a Spring-area motel during a robbery attempt, in which he was the alleged suspect. Jesse Jackson, 24, was pronounced dead at the scene. A 2014 Dobie graduate, Jackson played football, basketball and track at the area high school.

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# Over The Back Fence by Alexis

**MATT CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY**  
Matt Griesmeyer celebrates a birthday June 4. Best wishes are sent to Matt from his former co-workers at the Leader.

**HAVE A GREAT BIRTHDAY, BOBBY**  
Bobby Griffin, co-founder of the South Belt-Ellington Leader, is wished a very happy birthday on Saturday, June 5, from husband Kenneth; son David Griffin and wife Angela; daughter Tracy Giles and husband Jim; grandchildren Robert and Kenneth Griffin, Aaron, wife Ashley and sons Jaxson and Jace Giles, and Kristen and Cody Giles; and friends and co-workers at the Leader.

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DR. CAMPBELL-FOX**  
Dr. Mary Campbell-Fox of Campbell Family Practice and Ghebranious Internal Medicine is wished a happy birthday Wednesday, June 9, from her family and friends.

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

**GILESES MARK 29TH ANNIVERSARY**  
Tracy and Jim Giles of Kirkwood South celebrate their 29th wedding anniversary June 10. Congratulations and best wishes

are sent from their children Kristen and Cody Giles and Aaron and wife Ashley and sons Jaxson and Jace Giles; parents Bobby and Ken Griffin; other family members and friends; and the Leader staff.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays June 3 through June 9.

**Atkinson Elementary**  
Remember to wish Elsa Martinez a happy birthday June 3. Best wishes for a wonderful birthday June 8 to Jessica Carlos.

**Bush Elementary**  
Enjoy a slice of birthday cake with Suzanne Anderson June 4.

**Genoa Elementary**  
Join in the birthday celebration June 9 for Maria Frias.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
Sing a special happy birthday tune June 3 to Sharon Woodruff. The day for a celebration for Jose Wong is June 4. Susan Hall marks a birthday June 5.

**Melillo Middle School**  
Send a birthday greeting June 4 to Lisa Hoffpauir. June 5 is the day to break out the balloons and birthday cake with ice cream for Gabriel Busch. Celebrating a memorable birthday June 8 is Lilliana Monita.

**Dobie High**  
Sing a special birthday song June 3 to Robert Pheister. Remember to wish Gilbert

Deleon a happy birthday June 4. Send a birthday greeting June 7 to Linu John. Blow out the birthday candles June 9 on a double-layer cake for Larry Davis and Patrick Payne.

**FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**  
For those wanting a birthday mentioned in this section, email [mynews@southbeltleader.com](mailto:mynews@southbeltleader.com) with "OTBF: Friends Celebrate Birthdays" in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Thursday, June 3: Sasha Divine, Richard Leisz, Elbert Giron Sr., Susan Arnold and Jennifer Medina; Saturday, June 5: Zach Fisher, David Reyes, Minnie Gaeckler, Jessica Cordero and Merri Taylor; Sunday, June 6: Amanda D'Orazio, Timothy Turbeville, Vicki Derobles, Tracy Harder and Jay Hyle; Monday, June 7: Damon Dixon, Nancy Carlton, Liza Vasquez Ybarra and Dee Foster; Tuesday, June 8: Baron Jones, Tamisha Lowe-Hendricks, Diane Cardenas, Judd Montes, Jennifer Hunter, Delia Marcum, Carolyn Valdez-Gomez, Victoria Wright and Byron Ewald; and Wednesday, June 9: Trey Wilmore, Angel Ortiz, Gene Robertson, Estella Davis, Anthony Berg, Sandy Ann, Heather Walker, Austin Gates and Summer Keys.

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# SPORTS NEWS & NOTES



Marisa Perla (11) made a solid initial impression as a freshman in 2020 before play stopped, then put together a terrific all-around performance as a sophomore this season on her way to District 22-6A Most Valuable Player honors for the second-place 10-2 Lady Longhorns. In the circle, Perla won 14 overall games to go with an earned run average of 2.73. Perla also excelled in the middle of the lineup, hitting .390 with 40 runs batted in, 41 hits and 20 runs scored.

## Dobie trio snags 22-6A softball honors



What a great career it was for Lady Longhorn senior outfielder Leslie Longoria (14) as she scored Offensive Player of the Year accolades in District 22-6A after the leadoff hitter batted .394 for the season with 39 hits, 35 runs scored and 14 runs batted in. Longoria has signed to continue her education and playing career at Howard Payne University. For more photos of the Lady Longhorns' all-district honorees, see Page 6.



Dobie's Karlie Barba (22) has been a dynamic force throughout her career with the Lady Longhorns, and 2021 was truly special as she earned Designated Player of the Year honors in District 22-6A as she went 7-1 with a 2.08 ERA in the circle and also excelled at the plate as she hit .449 with 33 hits, 31 runs batted in and 20 runs scored. A senior-to-be, Barba will return with Perla and others in 2022.

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## LSU softball ousted

Dobie Class of 2019 State University softball graduate Taylor Pleasants and the Louisiana program saw its season Continued on Page 6

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## San Jac softball takes third nationally

Winning three straight games to reach the national semifinals, the San Jacinto College softball program came away with its best-ever finish nationally, taking third place at the 2021 National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Championships May 25-29 at the Pacific Avenue Athletic Complex in Yuma, Ariz.

Losing back-to-back games first to eventual national champion Florida SouthWestern and then to runner-up Grayson might have dampened things a bit for the Coyotes, but a 43-10 overall record to go with that third-place plaque is quite nice.

San Jacinto's Audrey Garcia went 0-3 in the Coyotes' opening-game 1-0 win over Chattanooga State but then had seven hits in 13 at-bats to go with four runs scored and a pair of runs driven in as she made the All-Tournament Team.

Florida SouthWestern's Janessa Plummer was named Most Valuable Player of the tournament leading her third-seeded team to five straight wins and the crown.

Coyotes' sophomore pitcher Cat Cavazos defeated Chattanooga State 1-0 in the tournament opener for both teams and then got the win in a 6-2 victory over top-ranked Salt Lake to finish 20-2 this season.

San Jacinto defeated Grayson 2-1 on the third day of the event, getting a pair of runs in the fourth as freshman pitcher Ronni Grofman went the distance for the win, allowing five hits while fanning five along the way.

The wins over Chattanooga State, Salt Lake and Grayson guaranteed the Coyotes a spot in the tournament semifinals, but the fourth day of the event was unkind to the locals.

Florida SouthWestern reached the championship

round with a 10-2 win via run rule in five frames. In an elimination game hours later, Grayson rallied from an early 4-0 deficit to take out the Coyotes 5-4.

In the championship round May 29, Florida

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Three consecutive wins at the national tournament ultimately allowed San Jacinto College to finish a program-best third at the NJCAA finale.

## SBYSC hosts fall registration

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club has begun online registration for the fall 2021 season, with registrants able to take advantage of a \$20 discount through June 30.

Families may visit the league website at [www.southbeltssoccer.org](http://www.southbeltssoccer.org) to take advantage of this opportunity.

Only credit or debit cards will be accepted as

forms of payment. All registered players will receive a uniform, which includes jersey, shorts and socks.

Parents will be required to provide shin guards, a ball and cleats.

The discounted fees are \$100 per under-4 through under-8 players, \$120 per under-9 and under-10 players, \$140 per under-11 and under-12 players and \$160 per under-13 through

under-19 players.

Those signing up online from July 1 to July 31 will see a \$20 fee increase, which jumps to a \$40 increase for those registering Aug. 1 through Oct. 31.

## SLL summer play is still available

The Southbelt Little League is currently accepting individual and team registration for the 2021 summer league season, with first pitch set to be delivered June 21.

Each team will play a guaranteed 10-game schedule, with 12 games possible, and all teams will then compete in the postseason.

The majority of games will be played during the week, with an every-other-weekend slate also in play to allow for league players to additionally take part in select team weekend

action and the like. Individual player registration is \$85 plus a \$50 raffle fee, while team (11 or 12 players) fees are \$1,150 per team.

Individual players who register will receive a cap and team T-shirt, while teams must provide their own.

The divisions include T-ball (age 6-under), Coach Pitch (8-under), Minor (10-under) and Major (12-under).

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# Lady Longhorns earn all-district honors after 24-12 run



Lady Longhorn senior Kristen Barba (3) was solid in 2021 for the Lady Longhorns in all facets of the game as her first team all-district honor included a .333 batting average, 20 hits and 19 runs scored. She is a Galveston College signee, where she will continue her education while playing for the Whitecaps.



Dobie senior Yessenia Pena (10) was a first team all-district honoree as she hit .358 with 29 hits, 21 runs batted in and a team-high 11 doubles. She is now headed to Frank Phillips College, where she will continue her education while competing for the Plainsmen.



Sophomore Bella Perez (5) is another star in the making at Dobie as her season included a 22-6A first team all-district nod on the strength of a .325 batting average, 27 hits, 22 runs batted in and nine doubles.



Dobie senior Jasmin Benitez (2) saved her best for her final season as she hit .412 this season with 35 hits and 22 runs batted in as she earned first team all-district status within the 22-6A ranks. She will now continue her education and playing career at Lamar State College-Port Arthur.

## Pleasants, LSU team fall at super regional

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this season and picked up where she left off the prior season. Still a freshman on the playing field, Pleasants hit 3-3 in the top of the eighth inning before FSU tied things in the bottom half of the inning and then walked off with a win and a berth in the NCAA Division I World Series in Oklahoma City courtesy of a ninth-inning run. Pleasants, who was off to a terrific start in 2020 at LSU before the pandemic ended play, returned

## Myers tosses gem at SECs

There have been plenty of special moments during Tyler Myers' five-year collegiate baseball career, but perhaps none more memorable than the fifth-year senior's Southeastern Conference post-season victory May 27 over third-ranked Vanderbilt. Myers, a 2016 Dobie High School graduate who missed the 2020 season while rehabilitating from offseason Tommy John surgery on his right arm, tossed seven shutout innings as his 12th-ranked

## JFD subvarsity netters celebrate successes



The Longhorns' District 22-6A spring tennis championship medalists included, left to right, Eric Huynh (boys' singles, third place); Ryan Le/Hallie Vu (mixed doubles, first place); Hailey Maldonado (girls' singles, first place); Kayla Tran (girls' singles, second place); Loan Pham/Evelyn Tran (girls' doubles, second place); and Leslie Figueroa/Max Delgado (mixed doubles, third place).

## Dobie grads guide UHV at nationals

Dobie High School graduates Michelle Kristoff and Marissa Longoria saw their collegiate softball careers come to an end as the UH-Victoria Jaguars were eliminated from contention at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics National Championships in Columbus, Ga. UH-V finished 23-23 overall and Kristoff wound up 10-10 in the circle as the Jags lost a 3-1 decision to Bethany College in an elimination round game May 27.

## First at TSU since 2012 Pre reaches track nationals

Clear Brook High School graduate Kenneth Pree will represent Texas Southern University at the 2021 NCAA Men's Track and Field Championships June 9-12 in Eugene, Ore., becoming the first Tiger to do so since 2012. Pree, who signed with the University of Houston out of high school and has since transferred to TSU, turned in a career-best long jump of 24 feet, 2 1/4 inches to win the SWAC crown earlier this month. Fast forward to the



The Lady Longhorns' District 22-6A championship spring tennis team included, left to right, (kneeling) Katharina Bleith Ramirez, Leslie Figueroa and Valerie Huynh, (standing) Amalia Reyes, Trang Vu, Zoey Zaragoza, Hallie Vu, Hailey Maldonado, Kayla Tran, Loan Pham and Evelyn Tran.

## Lions' staff sets summer lineup

The Thompson Intermediate boys' coaching staff is set to offer a full summer of strength and conditioning sessions at \$25 cash a week per student. The 9 to 11 a.m. daily sessions will include weight room work and strength and conditioning drills as well as agility training. The football skills training will follow daily from 11 a.m. to

## Garza, UTSA end 2021 season

Dobie graduate Daniel Garza took the walk-off loss as UT-San Antonio's baseball season ended with a 10-9 loss to Western Kentucky in 10 innings in an elimination game at the Conference USA Championships on the campus of Louisiana Tech University in Rustin, La. Garza, a four-year varsity starter at Dobie and 2020 graduate, ended his freshman season with the Roadrunners tossing 22 2/3 innings over 13 total appearances, primarily in relief. The Roadrunners finished the season at 22-26 overall, having lost each of their final four games by walk-off. In the Conference USA Championships opening round, UTSA lost 7-6 to host Louisiana Tech in 12 frames. Garza aims at a larger role in 2022.

## Summer youth sports camps return

### Clear Brook boys' hoops camp is June 14-17

Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball head coach Nathan Janak, fresh off leading his program to the 2020-2021 District 24-6A championship, is set to host the Wolverines' youth basketball camp June 14-17 at the school. Session I is \$125 per student, runs from 9 a.m. to noon each day and is open to those entering the fourth through sixth grades as of the 2021-2022 school year. Session II is open to boys and girls entering kindergarten through the third grade as of the 2021-2022 school year and is \$80 per student. Session III is open to those entering the seventh through ninth grades and runs from 1 to 4 p.m. each day at a cost of \$125 per student. All participants signing up by June 7 will receive a camp T-shirt. To register online, visit <https://tinyurl.com/BrookBBallCamp>.

### Dobie youth volleyball camps are July 20-22, July 26-28

Dobie varsity volleyball head coach Dawn Sexton will host the Lady Longhorns' youth volleyball camps July 20-22 at the school. Session I is open to students entering the third through sixth grades as of the 2021-2022 school year, runs from 9 to 11 a.m. each day, while Session II and is open to those entering the seventh and eighth grades. The July 26-28 morning session camp runs from 9 a.m. to noon each day and is reserved for those entering the 10th through 12th grades, while incoming freshman students will attend the afternoon session from 1 to 4 p.m. Those who preregister online may pay \$50 cash online on the first day of the camp. For additional details, direct email to Sexton at [dsexton@pasadenaisd.org](mailto:dsexton@pasadenaisd.org).

## San Jacinto takes third

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Southwestern scored four times in the top of the seventh to break a 1-1 tie and grabbed the NJCAA Division I Championship with a 5-1 win over Grayson. Florida Southwestern, the No. 3 seed in the event, finished 48-4 and was the No. 1 ranked program to end the 2021 campaign, with Grayson (49-6) second and San Jacinto No. 3. It's San Jacinto College's best-ever national finish.



Dobie High School's spring tennis District 22-6A medalists in the junior varsity division included, left to right, Kim Nguyen/Kathleen Nguyen (girls' doubles, third place) and Thang Tran and Dominic Ortiz (boys' doubles, second place).

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# CALENDAR

It is advisable to verify if face-to-face meeting prior to attending. For Alcoholics Anonymous, visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings>; for Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meetings, visit [www.hascona.com](http://www.hascona.com); for Al-Anon meetings, visit [www.houstonalanon.org/meetings.html](http://www.houstonalanon.org/meetings.html).

**NOTE: Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Visit <https://aclunit174.org/clearlak/clean-blue-working/clearlake.html> for games or email jpochnr@aol.com for additional information.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 3**  
7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill," Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/> for more information.

7:30 a.m.  
**Rotary Club of Pearland** - Meets Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. either at Pearland Chamber of Commerce, 6117 Broadway St., Pearland, or online on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81372891968>. Meeting ID: 813 7289 1968. Additional information is found on the Pearland Chamber of Commerce website under the calendar tab.

Noon  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or online at <https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners>. Call 713-686-6300 for more information.

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

**FRIDAY, JUNE 4**  
7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" See Thursday's notice.

Noon  
**Hometown Heroes** - Ballroom dances are open Fridays, noon - 1:30 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, 2 - 3:30 p.m. and on the large room equipped with floating hardwood floor. These are not dance lessons but casual dances. For information, call the park office at 281-554-1180.

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 <https://nastuff.com/>.

7 p.m.  
**Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - All services are online. Join the 7 p.m. Friday or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service at <https://www.shaarhashalom.org/shabbat-online.htm>. Email ritual@shaarhashalom.org for details.

8 p.m.  
**Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.

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

**SATURDAY, JUNE 5**  
7:30 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.

9:30 A.m.  
**Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - See Friday's notice.

11 a.m.  
**Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English)** - For women affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, drop in or visit <http://www.houstonalanon.org/meetings.html> for more information.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 6**  
8 p.m.  
**AA** - meeting at CrossRoads UMC. See Friday's notice.

**MONDAY, JUNE 7**  
10 a.m.  
**Al-Anon Deer Park** - Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information or visit <http://www.houstonalanon.org/meetings.html>.

Noon  
**AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
**Toastmasters** - The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194

meets on a virtual site at <https://youngprofessionals.toastmasters.com/>. To be a guest, select the "contact us" button on the toastmasters' home page to obtain access. For additional information, contact Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 or Carolyn Carmichael at 832-372-3565.

7 p.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - St. Luke's 12-Step Recovery, open meeting, education Bldg., room 4, 11011 Hall Rd. Call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801.

**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 8**  
7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" See Thursday's notice.

Noon  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's noon notice.

7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9**  
7 a.m.  
**AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.

Noon  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's noon notice.

7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.

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

8 p.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - CrossRoads UMC meeting. See Friday's notice.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 10**  
7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" See Thursday's notice.

7:30 a.m.  
**Rotary Club of Pearland** - See Thursday's notice.

Noon  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's noon notice.

7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Women's Group. See Thursday's notice.

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### San Jac teams up to train mariners

San Jacinto College and Capital IDEA Houston are co-recipients of a Port Houston grant to train future maritime workers.

The goal of the grant is to train 25 individuals in maritime logistics. Eligible students will take three courses, and after successful completion are prepared for an entry level training position alongside a seasoned mariner to learn vessel and company policies and procedures.

"As the maritime industry continues to grow and expand in the Southwest region, maritime companies are looking for new hires to grow into their company," said Ed Horton, Director of Commercial Maritime at the

San Jacinto College Maritime Technology and Training Center. "Students who complete this coursework could potentially land a position working on tug boats, offshore supply vessels, chemical carriers, and container vessels earning up to \$40,000 per year."

The three courses included in the free training are Tanker Man, Basic Training (First Aid, CPR, Basic Firefighting, Personal Survival Techniques, Personal Safety, and Social Responsibilities), and Vessel Personnel Designated Security Duties. In order to qualify for the free training, individuals must reside in the Greater Houston area, be 18 years of

### Hummel honored before retirement



Sageglen Homeowners Association board members wish Debi Hummel (second from left) the very best for her decade of outstanding service to Sageglen, saying she will be truly missed. Shown above, left to right, are the board of directors Chris McDonald, Hummel, Chuck Tylka, Mary Maddox, Sam Weeke and Margie Adams.

### Huerta receives Frazier scholarship



Frazier principal Wendy Wiseburn (right) presented the Kimberly Wiseburn Memorial Scholarship in memory of her sister to Kacy Huerta.

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### Biles family donates cello to BHI

Bill (right) and Jackie Biles donated a cello to the Beverly Hills Intermediate Orchestra in memory of Leigh Anne Ledford who was the orchestra director at BHI for 15 years. Ledford was devoted to her students and school. The Biles' son Darren was a student of Ledford while at BHI from 1992-1995. Darren currently works as a mechanical engineer in Portland, Ore.

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### Roberts receives grant for new headphones



Roberts Middle School was granted a \$4,577 check from PISD Education Fund that was fully funded for new headphones. Shown above are, left to right, DeeAnn Powell, superintendent; Shelby Willis, Barry and Denise Burleigh, Burleigh Chiropractic; Judy Harrison, PISD Education Fund board president; Ashlie Haas, Steve Sipes, PISD education fund director and Aaron Donias.

### Cubos graduates from Brook



Erik Cubos graduated from Clear Brook High School on May 28. Cubos was a member of the Wolverine football and wrestling teams. Cubos will continue his education at San Jacinto College and pursue a career as a chiropractor. Cubos' parents Erik and Claudia Cubos, and sisters Brittney, Sunshine and Bonnie Cubos wish him the very best in this new season and his well-deserved success.



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