

Sagemont meeting set

The Sagemont Maintenance Fund (formerly Sagemont Maintenance Committee) will hold its annual meeting Tuesday, July 20, at 10826 Sagebluff from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Terry King's position is up for election.

Active COVID cases up

As of Wednesday, July 7, there were 175 confirmed South Belt deaths due to COVID-19, up one from the previous week. Reporting of deaths related to COVID-19, however, may be delayed by local officials.

Of the 5,643 confirmed cases in 77089 (total population: 53,866), 52 remain active. To date, 67 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

In 77075 (total population: 43,933), 46 of the 4,065 confirmed cases remain active. A total of 56 from the ZIP code have died, no increase from the previous week.

Of the 4,165 confirmed cases in 77034 (total population: 40,532), 48 remain active. To date, 52 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, up one 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 403,646 total confirmed cases. Of those, 395,599 have recovered from the disease, while 3,125 cases remain active. A total of 4,894 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.

Heavy trash pickup set

City residents south of Fuqua will have heavy trash pickup Thursday, July 8 (second Thursday of the month). City residents north of Fuqua and west of the Gulf Freeway will have heavy trash pickup Friday, July 9 (second Friday of the month). July is for tree waste only. Due to a larger amount of debris being discarded during the COVID-19 pandemic, pickups may be delayed. For information, visit www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste or call 311.

Beltway closures planned

At least one eastbound and one westbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Kirby to Bellfort daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Friday, July 16.

At least one eastbound and one westbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from SH 288 to Kirby Drive nightly from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, July 16.

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, Aug. 6.

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.

Ellington hosts e-recycling

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's monthly electronic recycling will take place Saturday, July 10, at the Neighborhood Recycling Center at Ellington Airport from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Recycling electronics keeps potentially harmful materials, such as mercury, cadmium, lead and cathode ray tubes out of the waste stream and the environment. Items accepted are PCs, servers, keyboards, mice, laptops, game consoles, monitors, small kitchen appliances, memory chips, hubs and routers, printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines, projectors, cable boxes, car batteries, telephones, cellphones, PDAs, tape drives, hard drives, cords, cables and cameras. For additional information, visit www.houstonwaste.org or call 311.

County puts stop to constable rainy day funds

Harris County Commissioners Court recently dealt a devastating blow to area constables by requiring them to return unspent funds, or "rollover funds" — money traditionally retained at the end of the fiscal year as a savings account or "rainy day fund."

Countywide, constables representing eight precincts will have to return approximately \$20 million of these unspent funds. Locally, Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office will have to return around \$15,000 while Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin's office will have to return

approximately \$700,000.

The Democratic-led Commissioners Court worked until after 2 a.m. June 30 to pass the controversial measure.

Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo said the county cannot currently afford to have such rainy day funds and that the money can be best spent elsewhere.

"We cannot afford to have these savings accounts. We can't," Hidalgo said. "We have to spend the money tackling the rise in violent crime."

There has long been a large disparity in the amount of annual funds received by each of the eight constable precincts, with Precinct 2 and Precinct 8 being the lowest two in the county. In the 2021 county budget, Precinct 2 received \$10.2 million, and Precinct 8 received \$9.5 million. On the other end of the spectrum, Precinct 4 received \$59 million. (See related chart on Page 2.)

In 2016, Precinct 2 had a population of 343,514 and covered 108 square miles, bringing funding

levels to \$29 per person and \$93,518 per square mile. Conversely Precinct 4 had a population of 981,369 in 2016 and covered 472 square miles, bringing funding levels to \$59 per person and \$124,576 per square mile. (At press time, it was unclear how each precinct's budget was apportioned, as multiple calls to the county went unanswered.)

Garcia recently penned a letter to Commissioners Court requesting additional funding.

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Atkinson unveils book vending machine



Atkinson Elementary recently unveiled its new book vending machine. Spearheaded by Atkinson special education teacher Kimberly Grzesiek and campus coach Richard Whittaker, the Inchy the Bookworm Vending Machine was funded through a classroom funding site called Donorschoose.org. Atkinson's Parent Teacher Organization purchased the books to fill the machine. Shown above at the ribbon-cutting are, left to right, Grzesiek (with child), Stephanie Tanner, Lena Ortiz, Whittaker, Sharon Holcomb, Alyta Harrell, Regina Barnes, Bethany Burleigh, Barry Burleigh, Denise Burleigh and Elizabeth Echols.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Melillo teachers deliver at conference

By Maria Mata, Pasadena ISD

Megan Medina and Gabrielle Creagh, both teachers at Melillo Middle school, volunteered to represent their campus by presenting at the 2021 National Schools to Watch Conference.

More than 600 schools from across the nation virtually attended the event this June.

Each "School to Watch" is required to present at least once every three years as part of their commitment to the program. These presentations are meant to empower educators across the nation to strengthen their classroom skills and help students get the most of their classroom experience.

Melillo Middle School Principal Diane Wheeler said she is proud of the pair.

"We are very proud and honored that these two dynamic teachers presented at the national

conference," said Wheeler.

Medina presented on Google Slides and Jamboard use in the classroom. Google Jamboard is an interactive 55-inch digital whiteboard for classrooms that assists with collaboration with students and builds a class community.

Creagh presented on Nearpod, a product used in Melillo classrooms.

Her session taught educators how to embed Nearpod's interactive activities within Google Slides to create lessons in which students can interact with classroom content. Nearpod turns everyday lessons into interactive ones keeping students engaged.

"They (Medina and Creagh) are true leaders on campus and are always willing to share their wealth of knowledge with others," Wheeler said.



Megan Medina



Gabrielle Creagh

Sagemeadow hosts food truck events

The Sagemeadow Maintenance Committee hosts a weekly food truck event at Sagemeadow Park, located at 11219 Sageyork, every Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. Anyone in the South Belt community and surrounding communities are invited to attend.

This event is held at the park with different food truck vendors that are invited by the group as an effort to bring the residents out and meet one another as well as their committee members.

There is a different food truck every Thursday.

Admission is free. The Sagemeadow maintenance group does not get any proceeds from food sales.

As for July 15, Sauce Time food truck will be out providing its food services.

The Sagemeadow Maintenance Committee would like to invite all residents to go out, meet one another and eat. If there are any questions or concerns, residents can visit the group's website calendar at sagemeadow.org, its Facebook page at Sagemeadow Community or the Nextdoor app for the Sagemeadow subdivision.

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San Jacinto College hosts kids camp

San Jacinto College is excited to return with summer camps in 2021. There are fun and engaging camps for ages 6-18 at each of their campuses. There is something for everyone from athletics and career exploration, to music, STEM, and everything in between. These camps will run from July 8-23. To learn more, visit www.sanjac.edu/summer-camps. Camps include:

Exploring Industry

Come experience the new LyondellBasell

Man arrested for burning cross

Deputies with Harris County Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin's office recently arrested a suspect accused of burning a cross in the 15300 block of McConn near El Dorado and the Gulf Freeway.

On Sunday, June 27, at approximately 12:30 p.m., Precinct 8 Deputy K. Escareno was



George Seaman

dispatched to the above address in the Sterling Knoll subdivision in reference to a cross having been burned in the reporting witness's front yard.

Escareno arrived on scene and observed two pieces of burned plywood formed in the shape of a cross next to a gallon of flammable liquid in the victim's lawn. Escareno was able to review video footage from the night prior which shows a subject walk from a residence located in the 15200 block of McConn at 11:15 p.m. Seconds later, a fire is ignited at the reported location, and the subject is then seen walking back and enter the

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State legislature passes key bills

The Texas Legislature recently wrapped up its 87th Legislative Session, with several key bills getting passed.

The following are some of the more important pieces of legislation that passed — and some that didn't.

Abortion

Texas lawmakers passed Senate Bill 8, also known as the "heartbeat bill," banning abortions as soon as a fetal heartbeat is detected, which can happen as early as six weeks into pregnancy. The legislation is controversial, as many women don't even know they're pregnant at six weeks, effectively banning the practice altogether.

Lawmakers also passed House Bill 1280, which will immediately outlaw abortion in Texas if the U.S. Supreme Court were to overturn Roe v. Wade.

Man found dead outside cemetery

Houston police are investigating the death of a male found around 2:50 a.m. Sunday, July 4, outside a cemetery in the 8600 block of Almeda Genoa.

The identity of the victim was pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences at press time.

According to police, HPD patrol officers responded to a call from a passing motorist of a person lying in the area at the above address. Officers

Guns

Lawmakers passed House Bill 1927, a "constitutional carry" measure that allows Texans age 21 and over to openly carry a handgun in public without a license.

State lawmakers approved Senate Bill 20, which allows hotel guests to bring guns into their rooms.

Lawmakers also passed House Bill 2622, which bars local officials from enforcing federal gun control regulations.

Voting

Lawmakers failed to pass Senate Bill 7, which would have put many new voting restrictions in place. The legislation would have banned 24-hour and drive-thru voting; penalize local officials who send out mail-in ballots to those who

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Barbour organizes pop-up market

Kay Barbour, president of the Sagemont Civic Club, organizes a pop-up shop for the South Belt community every third Sunday of the month at The Gardens, located at 12001 Beamer. With permission from the host Carmen Garcia, The Gardens owner, they are able to offer this opportunity for small businesses to have exposure and make money. Since COVID-19 happened many people lost their jobs and had no income coming in, so many of them started creating their own businesses from home to help recover from the pandemic. For this reason, Garcia allows for The Gardens to be used for the small businesses to promote themselves.

This event is for the community to come out and see what small businesses have created and be able to purchase from them. Many of the small businesses that come together and advertise include things such as sterling silver jewelry, barbecue, em-

panadas, funnel cakes, cookies, cupcakes, Scentsy, paparazzi, wood ceder, antiques and collectibles, jams and jellies, eggs, pickles, etc.

This month's market will be held July 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Gardens. Anyone in the community is invited to come out to this event and support the small businesses and enjoy their time. There is no charge to attend this monthly event.

Starting in the fall, two or three other additional days will be added to the third Sunday of the month to fulfill the holiday needs or wants. So the community should be on the lookout for those dates, as they get closer.

If one is interested in having a booth set up, currently there is no charge for a booth but they do have to register. One can register on the Facebook page at The Gardens Pop Up Shop or call Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545 for any questions.

Firefighters respond to residential fire

Houston firefighters responded to a residential fire around 10:45 a.m. Tuesday, June 22, in the 12300 block of Palmsprings Drive.

Firefighters arrived on scene to find smoke coming from a two-story multifamily residence and began an attack on the fire.

A primary search was completed, and the building was ventilated.

Crews extinguished the fire and requested HFD Arson investigators to determine the cause

and origin of the blaze.

The fire caused approximately \$100,000 in damage. Firefighters were able to save roughly \$82,000 in property.

One civilian was transported to the hospital for smoke inhalation received while rescuing a neighbor. Firefighters from stations 23, 70, 71, 52, 61, 93, 29 and 24 responded to this incident.

At press time, the cause of the fire was still under investigation.

Update on Clear Creek project

In 2019, the Flood Control District took over as the lead agency for the Clear Creek Federal Project, working in close collaboration with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The initial project, the widening and improvement of the Beamer Road ditch south of Sage-downe, is currently underway in the South Belt area.

The entire Clear Creek project is currently undergoing preliminary design, and as part of that stage the Flood Control District is updating

and optimizing the flood risk mitigation plans laid out in the General Re-Evaluation Report, approved by the USACE in 2013, to accurately reflect current conditions. This work includes upgrading the project's hydrologic and hydraulic model to the latest modeling software and revising the land use and topographic information to consider the recent development that has occurred in this fast-growing area.

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Man burns cross in yard

Precinct 8 deputies arrested a man for burning a cross in his neighbor's yard. George Alfredo Seaman, 38, has a lengthy criminal history of harassing his neighbors, police said.

In My Opinion

Jim Muecke writes on criminal activity

To: HPD Police Chief Finner,
I'm forwarding you an article that I sent to the Houston Chronicle Viewpoints back on June 21, has not been printed. I have sent many articles and the Chronicle chooses not to print as my views are not to their liking. I strongly support our active military and all our first responders. Now if I were Jimmy Dunn or Ms Vesely and several others, they get printed often.
Not only Houston but the entire country has a major violent crime issue. We citizens are concerned when we need to leave our homes. I feel you are addressing this issue well with the assets you have. But it would be good if the Chronicle and other news media would back your efforts.
The Chronicle just went up by \$6.00 for two months and I can't get my opinion printed.
This was my submission:
HPD Police Chief Finner and I are on the same page and agree, we are tired of all the violence we not only see in Houston but across this great country. It is out of control for sure. Turn on the

TV or open the paper and the first thing we see/read is the violence. Homicides, DWI, suicides, drive by shootings. Immediately the reports is we have to get control of the weapons.
No, the weapon is not the problem, it is our sick society and the CRIMINAL ELEMENT. We citizens are tired of being scared to go out of our homes for or daily needs, then cameras, bars, fences, lights and dogs. This all costs us money plus look at the innocent lives lost.
Our police have to be so careful how they handle the criminal, the other page, the criminal has no restraints on how and what they do.
Until we get our state government to pass more harsh penalties on criminals, make the judges adhere to these laws fully, things will get worse. Then weapons.
We legal citizens who wish to have a weapon for our own protection or for hunting are told there needs to be more restrictions on us.
No, a criminal using a weapon is the problem and we need to get control of this.
Contact all your state representatives and badger, protest, argue for more better and stronger laws to get control of the CRIMINALS. **James E. Muecke**

Green Thumb events set for July 12, 15

The Green Thumb Gardening lecture "Fall Vegetable Gardening" presented by Harris County Master Gardeners with Houston Community College is set for Monday, July 12. The free virtual lecture will be given from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Plan to attend and register early at hccs.edu/communit-learning-workshops.
The Home Grown lecture "Garden Hummingbird Safety" will be presented by Brandi Keller, Texas A&M AgriLife County Extension Agent-Horticulture. This free virtual lecture will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 15. Registration is required. Go to <https://homegrown2021Q3.eventbrite.com/> to sign up.

Local library events set

In case of storms or adverse weather, refer to library website for details.
Bracewell Branch Library

For the Summer Reading Program and children's services, visit houstonslibrary.org/.
Bracewell Library, located at 9002 Kingspoint, is open. Customers are encouraged to come into the building to browse the collection, check-out and return materials, use the library's computers and Wi-Fi, and check out their own holds. In addition, customers may continue to schedule appointments and have curbside delivery of their items. For information, visit <https://houstonslibrary.org/>. For online learning, visit <https://houstonslibrary.org/online-learning-7556> or call 832-393-2580. Hours are: Mondays, noon - 7 p.m.; Tuesdays, noon - 5 p.m.; Wednesdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Thursdays, noon - 5 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Bracewell HPL To Go curbside service is available by appointment
Contactless curbside services, known as HPL To Go, are available by appointment. 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. 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, but taken inside.
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.houstonslibrary.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.
Houston Public Library's many free online resources and digital services are available 24/7 with a MY Link Library Card at www.houstonslibrary.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. HPL has a collection of free e-books and audio books. Visit the catalog for previously requested hold selection may be in a digital format. Instructions on downloading the e-book or audio book are on the site.
All overdue fines/fees will be waived through Dec. 31, 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. For more information, visit www.houstonslibrary.org to chat with a librarian 24/7, or to send questions through HPL's email reference.

Parker Williams Library

Parker Williams Library has now 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.
- Attend an HCPL program or story time online through Facebook or YouTube.
- Check an account to renew loans or request books, e-books, comics or graphic novels.
- Stream classic films, indie cinema and award-winning documentaries on Kanopy.
- Listen to audiobooks through RBDigital or OverDrive.
- Read along and play with picture books on TumbleBooks.
Don't have an HCPL library card? Instant access can be obtained to all HCPL's digital materials and research tools with an iKnow Digital Access Card. Apply at <https://www.hcpl.net/services/iknow-card> for a HCPL card. For details, visit <https://www.hcpl.net>.

Thursday, July 8, 10:30 a.m. Virtual Toddler Time. Take time to have some fun and interaction with the little ones. Join John Harbough and 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.

Thursday, July 8, 4:30 p.m. Anime Club. Discord Chat. Parker Williams's Anime Club has morphed online. Join the Discord Anime Channel for a discussion. To join in, email john.harbaugh@hcpl.net to get added to the channel.

Friday, July 9, 1 p.m. Draw with Me. Join Ariel Perez who tries something a little more difficult, but still fun and easy to follow. Residents will be needing pens and markers for these videos which will be featured on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Friday, July 9, 5 p.m. Is It Wrong to Watch So Much Anime? Episode 22: "Summer Picks." Summer anime has finally begun! With a lot of second seasons and an onslaught of movies, discover what's interesting this upcoming season. This video will be featured on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Saturday, July 10, 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 Loc Bui. This video will be featured on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Monday, July 12, 1 p.m. Library Cookout - Shaved Ice: Tasty treats to beat the heat. Learn about different shaved ice combos to eat during the summer to keep it chill. This program will be on Facebook Live and can be found at Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

#shavedice #cookout #cookbooks #harriscountyp1 #HCPL
Tuesday, July 13, 10:30 a.m. Virtual Story Time This program will be on Facebook Live at Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary. #storytime #story #childrensbooks #reading #books #harriscountyp1 #HCPL

Tuesday, July 13, noon. Drawing with 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, July 13, 1 p.m. Enjoy the Outdoors - Ten Essentials. There are 10 things that one should always bring on an adventure. Participants will be advised of all the gear necessary for one's first or next hike. This program will be on Facebook Live and can be found at Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Wednesday, July 13, 3 p.m. Pets of PW - Blue. Get to know the beloved pets of those that work at the Parker Williams Branch. The dog days of summer are here! Learn a little about Blue. This video will be featured on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Wednesday, July 14, 3:30 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons Online. Adventure awaits with Dungeons & Dragons online, a role-playing game in which a fantasy hero is created. Join Tanner Adams over Discord for swords, sorcery, and high adventure. No prior experience required. Email tanner.adams@hcpl.net for information. This program is available to patrons 16 and older.

Death

Ana Alicia Chiaffitelli



Ana Alicia Chiaffitelli, 91, of Houston, passed away peacefully Sunday, July 4, 2021. She was born Jan. 10, 1930, in San Miguel, El Salvador to the late Lisandro Jovel Reyes and Maria Tiburcia

Cruz Jovel.
Her hobbies included sewing, gardening and puzzles. She also loved playing card games with her kids, watching her Astros games and visiting with grandkids and friends. She was strong in her faith and put God first. Her one true love was her family. She was a tough but loving soul who will be deeply missed.
She is reunited in heaven with her loving husband of 31 years, Frank Chiaffitelli, along with brothers, sisters and extended family and friends. She is survived by her sister, Maria Elena Jovel; her sons Will Moreno and Chris Moreno; Chris' wife Jenny Moreno; grandchildren Melissa and husband Michael Moreno, Stacy Moreno and her boyfriend Louis Perez, Michael Moreno and wife Maria Moreno, Nicole More-

no, Chris Moreno Jr. and his wife Mandie Moreno, Emma Granados and her wife Amy Bush; and Maria Russell; great-grandchildren Angelize Moreno, Anthony Moreno and his wife Chiana Williams, Bella Villarreal, Serena Villarreal, Jakob Moreno, Sophia Scardino, Maria Moreno, Sarah Moreno, Cyerria Moreno, Brooklyn Moreno, Benjamin Moreno, Logan Moreno, Michael Russell, Myles Russell, Malik Russell, Naomi Cassidy and Maris Cassidy; and great-great-granddaughter Gabrielle Moreno.
A visitation and recitation of the rosary were held July 7. The funeral service will be Thursday, July 8, 2021, at 10 a.m. All services are held at Peevey Funeral & Cremation, 12440 Beamer Road. Interment will follow at Forest Park East Cemetery.

Toastmasters hosts duo event July 12

The Young Professional Southeast Toastmasters will celebrate the club's fifth-year anniversary Monday, July 12, at 6:30 p.m. The celebration, which will be held at the South Belt Chamber of Commerce, located at 10500 Scarsdale Blvd., will be a combined anniversary celebration and club open house.

This event is the perfect opportunity to discover everything about Toastmasters. The open house will provide an introductory showcase of the Toastmasters program and the numerous benefits of joining the YPSET club. For those unable to attend in person, interested individuals may join the celebration on the club's Zoom link, accessible via the YPSETM club website at <https://www.youngprofessionaltoastmasters.com> under the Zoom icon (virtual meeting).
Starting July 12, the club will resume regular in-person meetings at the South Belt Chamber every Monday night at 6:30 p.m.

Elected officials share their words from Senator Carol Alvarado

Five weeks ago, we wrapped up the 87th Legislative Session and I'd like to report our successes, challenges, and unfinished business.

We passed a budget and we addressed issues related to the electric grid. We are returning to a special session on July 8.

I was able to achieve legislative successes by passing the following bills in key areas including:

Women's health - SB 1065 which eliminates out-of-pocket costs for women seeking diagnostic breast cancer imaging.

The environment - SB 900 was in response to the ITC tank farm disaster of 2019 and directs Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to develop performance standards for safety for above ground and underground storage tanks.

Small Business - SB 678 creates the Small Business Disaster Recovery Loan Program which will provide short-term, emergency bridge loans to small businesses located in disaster areas that experience damage from a disaster.

Education - SB 1063 will allow school districts to offer optional courses in much needed personal financial literacy.

We missed another opportunity to provide health coverage to more Texans by not expanding Medicaid.

We witnessed an all-out assault on cities, our transgender community, women's reproductive health, gun safety and our democracy.

Recently I was honored to lead a delegation of Texas Democratic state legislators to our nation's capitol to meet with Vice President Kamala Harris,

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, the Senate Democratic Caucus and other key Democratic congressional leaders. We convened to discuss strategies on fighting GOP sponsored voter suppression legislation.

This is a fight in which we must prevail to keep our democratic institutions intact.

As Chair of the Senate Democratic Caucus, I will provide leadership on issues that we expect to deal with in the upcoming special session(s).

All Texas state senators will have to stand for reelection in 2022 after redistricting and I will be running for reelection to the Texas State Senate.

Your continued support and guidance are always greatly appreciated.
Thank you.

City of Houston water rates to nearly double over next 5 years

By Bill King

Most people today will remember this well-known quote being used by President Obama's chief of staff, Rahm Emanuel, during the Great Recession to justify that administration's agenda. However, most attribute the original use to Winston Churchill shortly after the end of World War II. But whatever its origin, the adage was on full display in last week's Houston City Council meeting.

You have probably seen that the Council approved a massive increase in water and sewer rates that will result in most Houstonians' water bills nearly doubling over the next five years (for Channel 13 story, visit <https://abc13.com/houston-water-bill-cost-of-sewage-city-council/10823352/>). The mayor and the council members who voted for the increase, blamed the increase on decades of under-investment in the utility system and a federal lawsuit settlement requiring the City to make improvements to its wastewater system.

Let me say at the outset that the City has under-invested in the system for decades. Also, earlier administrations allowed a helter-skelter development of our wastewater system that has left us a very decentralized and inefficient system that has chronically discharged untreated sewage in violation of the Clean Water Act. So, it is undoubtedly true that the current administration inherited a mess, or if you will, a "crisis."

However, we have, and City Council had when it approved this increase, no information to indicate whether the rate increase that was adopted bears any relationship to the actual need. The basis of the rate increase was this consultant's study, which is yet another of the City's "made-as-instructed" consultant reports to justify what they have already decided to do.

If you can stand the tedium of reading this report, you will see there is nothing that even vaguely resembles the kind of due diligence which would be required to make an investment of this magnitude in the private sector.

And there is not a single comment about how costs might be controlled. Former City of Houston Public Works Director Dan Krueger had this blunt assessment of the report: "The report was inadequate for Council to fulfill its duty under the Texas Water Code to ensure rates are just and reasonable for consumers."

One obvious flaw in the "Feds-made-us-do-it" justification is that the federal lawsuit only deals with the wastewater system, not the freshwater system. So, there is nothing in that suit that required a nearly 50% increase in water rates. I suspect that increase is mostly needed to cover the massive cost overruns at the water plant being built by the City on Lake Houston. The last I heard that project was running about 50% over the original cost estimate.

It is also important to note that this increase comes on top of another "one-time" increase in 2010 of about 16% and automatic annual increases of approximately 1.5-3.0%. Once the new increases are fully implemented, Houston will be paying about 2.5 times as much as they were before the 2010 increases. That works out to nearly a 10% increase annual increase. Dan Krueger described the situation perfectly: "We are literally throwing money at a problem we have not defined, rather than meaningfully investing in our water and sewer systems."

In 2006, Houstonians approved a charter amendment that would have limited water rate increases to the total of population growth and inflation without voter approval. However, the City has ignored that charter amendment based on, in my opinion, a convoluted legal argument that it was superseded by another amendment passed on the same ballot that limited property taxes.

I have always sort of marveled at the hypocrisy of the "progressives" at City Hall that howl about voter suppression and how the rich do not pay enough taxes while routinely ignoring the results of citizen referendums

County ends constable savings

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"Our precinct has been historically underserved and underprotected. When we arrived on Jan. 1, 2021, we found a neglected, depleted fleet, outdated computers, very few body cameras, an understaffed dispatch and

a desperate need for additional deputies among other things.
"Our department is severely underfunded and has been for many years," Garcia said. "I understand that we can not immediately request monies that would

place us in a position to be equal to some of the highly funded constables offices. I do believe however, that we can take steps to provide our residents with similar police services that are afforded to other residents who live in the better funded precincts."

Inequity of Harris County Constable's Offices

Pct.	2021 Budget	*2016 Population	Area (sq. miles)	Dollars Per Person	Dollars Per Mile
1	\$43,506,997	723,362	165	\$60	\$263,636
2	\$10,165,425	343,514	108	\$29	\$93,518
3	\$18,861,059	387,929	377	\$48	\$49,867
4	\$58,811,078	981,369	472	\$59	\$124,576
5	\$44,920,246	1,211,726	374	\$37	\$120,053
6	\$10,854,412	143,009	32	\$75	\$337,500
7	\$14,945,431	347,330	95	\$42	\$156,842
8	\$9,447,328	296,018	154	\$31	\$61,038

*Population based on 2016 US Census ACS Data provided by Harris County Budget Office

CCISD seeks Citizen nominations

The Clear Creek ISD Board of Trustees is now seeking nominations for the 2021 Citizen of the Year.

This distinguished award is presented each year to honor an outstanding member of the community who champions the Clear Creek Independent School District and devotes their efforts to the betterment of public education.

The recipient will be announced at the Clear Creek Education Foundation's (CCEF) Annual Gala on Nov. 1, 2021, at South Shore Harbour Resort & Conference Center in League City.

Recipients eligible for the Citizen of the Year award

must meet the following requirements:

- Demonstrated a commitment to Clear Creek ISD through volunteer efforts.
- Contributed significantly in ways that have benefited the entirety of Clear Creek ISD.
- Maintained a reputation across the Clear Creek ISD community as an individual with high standards and dedication to excellence in public education.
- Voluntarily served the district and its students and patrons over an extended period of time.
- Former recipients of the CCISD Citizen of the Year

honor include Chris Reed (posthumously), Mayor Pat Hallisey, Trent Martin, Joyce Abbey, Harv Hartman, Robert Davee, David Braun and Dr. James O'Malley.

All nominations must be submitted no later than Aug. 1, 2021, to be considered for the 2021 award. Nomination forms are available online on the CCEF and district websites. Once completed, nominations can be emailed to cccef@ccisd.net or mailed to: Clear Creek Education Foundation

Citizen of the Year Selection Committee
P.O. Box 1631
League City, TX 77574

County discusses flood resilience

During the June 29 Harris County Commissioners Court meeting, the Harris County Flood Control District and the Harris County Budget Management Department outlined a plan for a Flood Resilience Trust to provide certainty that all 2018 Bond Program projects will be constructed without delays due to funding.

Harris County Commissioners unanimously approved the plan that provides a backup for funding in accordance with the Court-approved Bond Prioritization Framework, but only when needed due to lack of planned partner funding.

The plan assures equitable progress across all 2018 Bond Program Projects and lays the groundwork to fund flood control needs beyond the program.
"The Flood Control District will continue to aggressively pursue partnership funding. Establishing the Flood Resilience Trust using funds already approved by Court, coupled with additional annual contributions, provides certainty that our projects will be completed in an equitable way, even when we are unable to secure funding from partners," said Alan Black, Harris County

Flood Control District director of operations.

As part of the plan, the Flood Control District outlined five key recommendations which include:

- Continue aggressively pursuing Federal, State and Local partner funds to meet Harris County's overall needs, but not at the expense of reducing or delaying the scope of priority projects.
- Direct funds approved by Court in April to a Flood Resilience Trust to backstop the 2018 bond program and provide for flood control needs beyond the bond program.
- Designate additional funds for the Flood Resilience Trust on an annual basis.
- Continue the bipartisan political push to ensure the GLO delivers a minimum of \$750 million of 2018 Harvey CDBG-MIT funds to Harris County.
- Expand the prioritization framework to include all watershed specific flood control projects and to distribute funds from the Flood Resilience Trust equitably.
- The Flood Control District is currently working on all active projects, and no projects have been delayed due to lack of funding. The establishment of the Flood

Resilience Trust along with annual mobility transfers does not eliminate the need for partner funding, but provides certainty to the public that the resources are available if needed to deliver the flood risk reduction projects that voters approved in 2018.

Any funds deposited in the Flood Resilience Trust that are derived from mobility revenue, such as tolls, must only be used on projects with a clear nexus to mobility. Establishing that nexus begins with the fact that nearly all roads in Harris County drain to Flood Control District channels, but also, Flood Control District projects can help to reduce if not eliminate flood inundation of roadways during a storm, allowing emergency responders access to neighborhoods. After a storm, residents can quickly access supplies for recovery, but more importantly can get back to their jobs sooner, helping to make the community more resilient.

Since the Bond Program's passage, the Flood Control District has secured more than \$1 billion in partnership funding and initiated 160 of the 181 projects identified in the program, spanning all of the County's 23 watersheds.

Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca

A member of the Neighbor's app posted that someone tried to break into their neighbor's home on Wolcott Park Lane Sunday, June 27. The member states that she did not capture a video but just saw them walk in and run out. The member wanted to alert the community to keep their doors locked and be safe.

A member of the same app posted a picture of a white dually truck that appears to be a fake tow truck, which was used to steal their neighbor's red SUV that was parked on the street. The incident took place Tuesday, July 6, near Sagemeadow Lane and Hughes Road.

Another member of the same app posted a video of a person that was caught on video surveillance looking

into a work van. The person did not take anything, but the member wants to let the community to be on the lookout. The incident happened Tuesday, July 6, on Sagevale Lane.

A member of The Official South Belt & Sagemont Area Crime Alert Facebook group shared a post that Houston police are investigating the death of a male found at 8603 Alameda Genoa Road about 2:50 a.m. Sunday, July 4. The identity of the victim is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences. HPD Homicide Division Detectives J. Brown and K. Fregia reported: HPD patrol officers responded to a call from a passing motorist of a person lying in the area of the above address. Officers arrived and found the victim near the en-

trance of a cemetery gate. He appeared to have suffered blunt force trauma. Houston Fire Department paramedics pronounced the male deceased.

At this time, there are no known witnesses or suspects. Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS. See related story on Page 1.

Another member of the same Facebook page shared a video of two suspects that are seen stealing a trailer. The incident occurred Thursday, July 1, at 5:54 a.m., on 11902 Sagedowne. The member states that the vehicle is the same vehicle used on Monday, June 28, at 3:56 a.m. stealing a truck from Sagemeadow.

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San Jacinto College presents kids camp activities

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 Jeff Pearce at Jeff.Pearce@sjcd.edu or 281-478-2733.

Pathway to the Stars virtual camp

Launch into summer fun with the free Pathway to the Stars summer camps. Campers can choose from three sessions, July 12 – 16; July 19 – 23; and July 26 – 30. Students will attend Monday – Thursday from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Fridays from 9 a.m. – noon. This camp provides enriching education and activities to middle school students to improve their achievement and interest in STEM subjects.

These free one-week-long camps at San Jacinto College campuses are focused on students learning about NASA's Artemis project and its upcoming journey to Mars. Topics include the engineering design cycle, rocketry, parachute landings, survival systems, space weather, navigation, robotics and more. Space industry guest speakers will provide insight on the challenging issues and solutions needed for long duration space travel. Eligible to students ages 10 – 14. For more information, contact Cindy Navarro or Misty Coyle at 281-459-5470, email Aerospac@sjcd.edu or visit www.sanjac.edu/pathway-to-the-stars-camp.

Camp STEMPACT
 Camp STEMPACT, July 12 – 16, July 19 – 23 and July 26 – 30 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., focuses on mathematics and science related to engineering and STEM careers. Curriculum will include hands-on experiments and experiential activities,

small and large group work with a virtual or in-person presentation for camper guardians. A SAT Math prep will be facilitated, as it has been demonstrated that students who prepare perform better on standardized tests. Further, there will be exciting and relevant industry speakers, particularly during a STEM immersive day, plus, a full day field trip to Space Center Houston. This field trip includes STEM topic presentations during tours of the museum, Mission Control at

Nasa Johnson Space Center and the Sonny Carter Neutral Buoyancy Lab. Camp activities are developed to lead up to and relate to this STEM field trip. The camp is free to eligible youth ages 14 – 18. Contact Dr. Janice Sullivan at janice.sullivan@sjcd.edu or 281-998-6150 ext 2015.

Exploring automotive

"Are cars your passion? Do you like to know how to make things work? Automotive Technology could be your next career." Come explore the different manu-

factures and opportunities available in the automotive industry at this free camp. The two sessions from which to choose are July 14 and 15 from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. at San Jacinto College Central campus. For more information, contact Kathy Burris at kathy.burris@sjcd.edu or 281-998-6150 ext. 1492.

San Jac girls softball camp

This softball clinic, located on the San Jacinto College South campus, is focused on techniques to help campers become a better softball player. The clinic is designed to teach progressions, offer constructive criticism and give assistance in improving techniques and training. The clinic will bring new and exciting drills while working on offense and defense. The one-day clinic takes place Friday, July 23, from 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and is available for ages 5 – 13. The cost is \$40 per camper. For more information, contact Kelsey Walters at 281-922-3524 or kelsey.walters@sjcd.edu.

San Jac board members re-elected unopposed



John Moon Jr. (left), Dan Mims (second from left) and Keith Sinor (third from left) were recently sworn in as San Jacinto College Trustees. The oath of office was administered by San Jacinto College attorney Daniel J. Snooks (right). All three are incumbents and ran unopposed in the May 1 contest, forgoing a formal election. All three trustees have served on the board for 10 years or more and have longstanding ties to the San Jacinto College District. Terms are for six years.

Photo by Andrea Vasquez

SJC board members unopposed

John Moon, Jr., Dan Mims, and Keith Sinor were sworn in as San Jacinto College Trustees on Monday, June 7. All three Trustees were unopposed for their respective positions, therefore no election was held in May.

Moon (Pos. 5) was first elected to the board in 2009. He attended San Jac upon his graduation from Sam Rayburn High School, and went on to receive a Bachelor of Business Administration from Southern Methodist University and a Master of Science from the University of Houston – Clear Lake. He is a licensed real estate agent and a life-long resident of the area.

Mims (Pos. 6) has served on the board for more than a decade in various leadership roles, including Chair from 2013-2017.

He is president of Mims Investment, Inc., a Houston area leasing and warehouse business, and served as president of Mims Meat Company, Inc., prior to its sale in 2010. Mims is active in the community and serves on the Association of Community College Trustees Board of Directors as the Western Region Chair.

Sinor (Pos. 7) is a Pasadena native and Deer Park resident. After attending San Jacinto College, he graduated from Texas A&M Univer-

sity with a bachelor's degree in accounting and finance as well as an MBA. After a two-year stint in public accounting, Sinor joined Sinor Engine Company, Inc., where he was previously a co-owner and chief financial officer.

Following the delivery of the oaths of office, the Board of Trustees appointed the slate of officers as: Marie Flickinger, chair; Moon, vice chair; Sinor, secretary; Erica Davis-Rouse, assistant secretary.

San Jac Trustees are elected to six-year terms in odd numbered years. Read more about the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees online at sanjac.edu/board-trustees.

St. Luke's JLOM celebrated dads at nursing homes

Teens from the Junior Legion of Mary worked tirelessly creating handmade cards to help celebrate dads residing at Park Manor South Belt and Clear Brook Crossing nursing homes. The cards included a message from the teens and their favorite scripture verse. The St. Luke staff asked parishioners of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church to donate baseball caps to gift to dads residing at the nursing homes. On Sunday, June 20, the Junior Legion took the cards, rosaries and caps to both nurs-

ing homes and sang to all the dads present. Sixty caps in all were presented to the nursing homes. Members of St. Luke's are very proud of their teens and sponsors of the Junior Legion of Mary for coming together in such a wonderful act of love. As always parishioners were very generous and the legion was also able to gift 268 caps to vets at Veterans Hospital which will be delivered by Knights of Columbus Council 9201 at a later date. In total they gifted 328 caps.



Shown are the handmade cards that the members made.



A variety of baseball caps were donated for the dads.



Gathered for a time of singing on Father's Day are, left to right, Junior Legion of Mary members Gabby Holste, Taylor Tran, Joanne Tran, Vincent Tran,

Marylene Tran, Cristina Alonso, Moises Ramos, Montse Ramos, Valeria Garcia, Daniela Holste and Michelle Holste, head of the Junior Legion of Mary.

Le appreciates Verhofstad's support

J. Frank Dobie High School's Shining Star Lewis Le (below, left) is shown with distinguished educator Selene Verhofstad who teaches ninth grade pre-AP chemistry.

Commenting on his teacher, Le said, "I have known Mrs. Verhofstad for all four of my high school years. As a freshman who was surrounded primarily by sophomores, I often found it difficult to learn and participate in my chemistry class. However, it did not take long for me to begin thrive in that class due to Mrs. Verhofstad's patience. Her willingness to provide assistance with everything from homework to college applications has been a significant factor in me being where I am today. Much of what I have accomplished would not have been possible without her lending hand."

Le has shown leadership in Key Club on the meetings committee.

Community service activities for Le included Key Club and National Honor Society.

"After high school, I plan on getting a mechanical engineering degree at a four-year university," Le said.

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



Update on Clear Creek project

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 Flood Control District is preparing the preliminary design report and completing new H&H modeling to reflect current conditions, provide maximum flood risk mitigation benefits with applicable regulations and policies, and complete the project within the dollars appropriated. Three key priorities are guiding the work:

- Must keep within the authorized budget.
- Must maximize flood risk reduction benefits.
- Must be a fully mitigated solution, both hydraulically and environmentally.

Flood Control is a "No Adverse Impact" agency, meaning improvements made in the watershed cannot increase the flood risk in another part of the watershed. No adverse impact is required for compliance with receipt of Federal funds and compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

Upcoming Milestones

Although subject to change as the H&H modeling and the preliminary design report* are finalized, the anticipated schedule at this time is as follows:

Summer 2021 – Continue H&H modeling, field topographic surveys and envi-

ronmental and geotechnical assessments.

Fall 2021 – Finalize H&H models and documentation and prepare the preliminary design report. Submit these materials to the USACE for acknowledgment.

The projected completion date for the entire Clear Creek Federal Project is 2028, though both the Flood Control District and the USACE are continuously looking for opportunities to accelerate project delivery.

The Flood Control District will continue to share updates as the project moves forward. To sign up for updates, ask questions or read additional information, visit www.hcfcd.org/CO3.

*The preliminary design report will include the preliminary design plan, the document that will identify proposed right-of-way needs for the Clear Creek Federal Project. As of June 2021, the proposed channel grading and alignment are still under evaluation, meaning the extent of impacted properties and right-of-way needs have not been finalized at this time.

It is the Flood Control District's goal to minimize right-of-way acquisition, but if it is determined that all or part of a landowner's property will be impacted by the Clear Creek Federal Project, they will be contacted to discuss next steps. The date for the preliminary design report to be finished, is expected during fall 2021.

Public Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technical Programs

Pasadena Independent School District offers career and technical programs in Agriculture, Business, Family and Consumer Science, Health Science Technology, Marketing, Technology Education and Trades and Industry. Admission to these programs is based on interest, aptitude, age and available space.

The Pasadena Independent School District is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability in employment matters, in its admissions policies, or by excluding from participation in, denying access to, or denying the benefits of district services, academic and/or vocational and technology programs, or activities as required by Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Pasadena Independent School District will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about Title IX rights, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Troy McCarley, Associate Superintendent for Projects, Planning and Communication, 1515 Cherrybrook, Pasadena, Texas 77502. 713.740.0247. For information about Section 504/ADA rights, contact the Section 504/ADA Coordinator, Erika Chapa, Instructional Specialist for Dyslexia, Intervention, and 504, 1515 Cherrybrook, Pasadena, Texas 77502; 713.740.0067.

La Notificación pública de no Discriminación en la Carrera y Programas Técnicos

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Pasadena ofrece programas vocacionales en La agricultura, el Negocio, la Familia y la Ciencia de consumo, la Tecnología de la Ciencia de la Salud, el Marketing, la Educación de la Tecnología y Comercio y la Industria. La admisión a estos programas se basa en el interés, la aptitud, la edad y el espacio disponible.

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Aguilar carries along advice from Taylor

South Houston High School's Shining Star Itzaira Aguilar (below, right) is shown with distinguished educator Saranya Taylor who teaches ninth-12th grade dance.

Commenting on her teacher, Aguilar said, "In addition to being a great dance instructor, Ms. Taylor was also an amazing mentor. This past year was one of the hardest years I have gone through, and Ms. Taylor just seemed to always know what to do and say. If I ever needed anything, I knew I could count on her support. She has given me many little pieces of advice that I know will stick with me as I grow. Ms. Taylor's support, advice, and hard work is what makes her my distinguished educator."

Aguilar has shown leadership as president for theater. Extracurricular activities for Aguilar included dance team participation. Community service activities for Aguilar included being a tutor at ECHS and National Honor Society.

"After high school, I plan on being a day-care owner/director," Aguilar said.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage Permit (MB) with a Food and Beverage Certificate (FB) by KHA Thai, to be located at 10904 Scarsdale Blvd. unit 252 Houston, Harris County, Texas. Officers are Nareekarn Thanatumchokchai (PARTNER) And Onuma Phiukhao (PARTNER).

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Lococo inspires Valdez on career choice

Dr. Kirk Lewis Career & Technical High School's Shining Star Sergio Valdez (below, left) is shown with distinguished educator Peter Lococo who teaches 10th- and 11th-grade engineering.

Commenting on his teacher, Valdez said, "I chose Mr. Lococo as my distinguished educator because he reinforced my passion to become an engineer. In his class I not only learned the procedures and programs used by engineers, I also learned the fundamentals of how to think like one. Mr. Lococo left us with a lot of creative freedom in his assignments, allowing me to develop my own problem solving and critical thinking skills. Most importantly, Mr. Lococo taught me how to manufacture my designs, giving me the power to take an idea and create a physical prototype with it."

Valdez has shown leadership as VEX Robotics team

captain, First Robotics Manufacturing team member, National Honor Society member and Key Club member.

Community service activities for Valdez included Houston Food Bank (40 hours), Key Club (10 hours) and VEX Robotics (8 hours).

"After high school, I plan on attending the University of Houston for industrial engineering," Valdez said.

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Finnen encourages Miculka to further education



Pasadena Memorial High School's Shining Star Cayla Miculka, right, is shown with distinguished educator Lana Finnen who teaches 11th-grade pre-calculus.

Commenting on her teacher, Miculka said, "Mrs. Finnen is one of the most inspirational teachers I have had in all of my years as a student. She taught me that learning could be fun and enjoyable through our discussions of trig functions and the applications of mathematics. In just two short semesters, Mrs. Finnen revitalized my passion for learning and encouraged me to further my education in college. Despite not pursuing a degree in applied mathematics or calculus, I am ever grateful to have the opportunity to make something of myself and find my place in the world as a result of her teachings and encouragement."

Miculka has shown leadership as varsity orchestra section leader. Extracurricular activities for Miculka include orchestra, National Honor Society, academic decathlon and Girl's State.

Community service activities for Miculka included local pet adoptions, Texas Music Educators Association regional preparations, orchestra and band University Interscholastic League preparations, local performances for PISD school board and Pasadena Chamber of Commerce.

"After high school, I plan to pursue a degree in computer information systems at the University of Houston and then transfer to a research-based university for a master's degree focused on cyber security," Miculka said.

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Legislation passes several key bills

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Education
Lawmakers passed House Bill 3979, which bans "critical race theory" from being taught in public schools. Core tenants of the theory include the existence of white privilege and systematic racism. Opponents of the bill claim the measure whitewashes U.S. history.

Electricity
In the wake of February's deadly winter storm, lawmakers approved Senate Bill 3, which mandates the weatherization of power plants and shores up communications between industry leaders.

Senate Bill 2 was also passed, lowering the number of members on the ERCOT board of directors from 16 to 11.

Transgender issues
Lawmakers failed to pass Senate Bill 29, which would have banned transgender children from playing sports aligning with their gender identity.

Legislators also failed to approve Senate Bill 1311, which would have penalized physicians that provide hormone therapy to transgender children, and Senate Bill 1646, which would have classified transition-related medical care as child abuse.

Crime
Lawmakers passed House Bill 1900, which financially penalizes large cities that cut funding from their police departments.

Legislators also approved Senate Bill 23, which requires local governments to hold an election before reducing law enforcement budgets.

Bail reform
State lawmakers failed to pass House Bill 20, which would have made it harder for individuals accused of violent or sexual crimes to be released from jail without cash. While the Senate approved the bill, a midnight deadline was missed in the House.

Abbott said he plans to revisit the issue during a special session, as it is a high priority of his.

Vices
Multiple bills to legalize casino-style gambling in the state failed to gain traction among lawmakers.

Multiple bills to legalize recreational marijuana also fell flat this legislative session.

Lawmakers approved House Bill 1518, which allows Texans to buy beer and wine at 10 a.m. on Sunday, rather than the previous noon time.

Legislators also passed House Bill 1024, which allows beer, wine and mixed drinks to be included in pickup and delivery food orders.

Lawmakers approved House Bill 1802, which allows researchers in the state to study the medical risks and benefits of psilocybin, MDMA and ketamine for military veterans.

Legislators passed House Bill 1535, which expands eligibility for the Texas Compassionate Use Program to people with cancer and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Lawmakers failed to pass House Bill 2593, which would have reduced the penalty for cannabis concentrates from a felony to a Class B misdemeanor.

Most of the new laws that passed will take effect Sept. 1.

Stringers win Yard of the Month



Congratulations goes to Tom and Jackie Stringer for winning the Sagemeadow HOA Yard of the Month for June. The Stringers have been living in their house since 1975. Taking care of the yard since then has always been Tom's pride and joy. There are beds with Knock

Out roses, caladiums, geraniums, lantanas and some elephant ear plants underneath the live oak tree. The bottlebrush plants survived the icy Houston days; they were damaged, but are growing back now. The couple's property is located on Sageplum.

St. Luke Evangelist hosts plastic bag event



According to The Center for Biological Diversity, 100,000 marine animals are killed by plastic bags annually. It takes 500 or more years for a plastic bag to degrade in a landfill and, even then, the bags don't break down completely but photo-degrade, becoming microplastics that absorb toxins and continue to pollute the environment. Due to the pandemic, many of the stores stopped collecting these bags for recycling. The question becomes, "What should one do with all these plastic bags?" In an attempt to be good stewards of the earth, try using reusable bags when one goes shopping. Members of the Catholic Community of St. Luke the Evangelist Church invite anyone to join the 2021 Family Summer Project efforts. Pa-

risoners and those in the community are invited to make sleeping mats out of these plastic bags for those who are currently experiencing homelessness. These mats will offer insulation from the moisture and cold weather during the winter. An individual plastic bag mat requires 500-750 grocery bags and each one can take two to three weeks to complete. The plastic bags are cut into strip loops that will be used to make "plarn" (plastic yarn) which can then be used to crochet the mat. One does not need great skill to do this project and it is a project that the entire family can do together. For more information, visit the St. Luke website at <https://stlukecatholic.com/2021-st-luke-family-summer-project>.

Remember When

45 years ago (1976)
Due to the area's location being so near to the "wide open" country, cattle began grazing just a short distance away, leaving evidence in front yards, around first base and the concession stand at the baseball field.

In spite of the floodings in the area and predictions of more to come, most Houstonians didn't carry the government subsidized flood insurance.

40 years ago (1981)
Sageglen resident Tracy Davis was part of the team which set the world's record for parasailing.

Kingsgarden, a new duplex subdivision, was to be built off Kingspoint Road.

35 years ago (1986)
Harris and Galveston counties signed an agreement to share in an \$80 million flood control project that was 18 years in the making.

Fuqua became a major thoroughfare for the city.

30 years ago (1991)
The Brio Task Force awarded the Brio Superfund remediation design contract to a company known as one of the worst Environmental Protection Agency regulation violators. Chemical waste management's EN-RAC division was to proceed with the design contract for remediation of the site including incineration.

Ellington Field received \$5 million federal award which was to be used to increase the airport's capacity, in turn relieving the air traffic at Hobby Airport.

25 years ago (1996)
Construction began on fire station #93 to be built near Sycamore Valley at 975 FM1599.

Robert Duncan, Nick Helton and Jimmy Wright, all 17, were charged with aggravated assault with reckless bodily injury and possession of a prohibitive weapon for allegedly injur-

ing two Pearland teens with a bottle bomb.

20 years ago (2001)
Harris County officials planned to go door-to-door to check for repairs being done without permits. Without a permit for repairs, flooded homes could have faced a lawsuit or fines.

Donna Benfiglio, 32, a pioneer transplant patient of Dr. Michael DeBakey, died. Benfiglio was the first American to receive the DeBakey

Ventricular Assist Device (VAD) and live to receive a heart transplant.

15 years ago (2006)
The annual South Belt Fourth of July parade was spared a deluge of rain by about 45 minutes. Although coming close, the parade had never been rained out since it began in 1988.

Officials from Precinct 2 Constable Gary Freeman's office made South Belters aware of a robbery at a local

gas station and separate incidents where several checks had been stolen from residential mailboxes.

Harris County Republican precinct chairs met June 29 to advance the process of selecting a replacement for Tom DeLay's vacated congressional position on the November ballot.

The 18-year wait for a connection between Scarsdale Boulevard and Yost Road was hoped to be over

by the end of the year.

10 years ago (2011)
Three South Belt teens were charged with capital murder following the fatal shooting of a League City man. Stephen Roman-Garza, Andrew Robles and Erick Valdez, all 18, were charged in the killing of Daniel Lee Clark, 23, in League City. Robles was a Dobie student at the time of the shooting, and Roman-Garza was a former Dobie student. Accord-

ing to League City police, Clark was trying to prevent his truck from being stolen from his driveway around 2:15 a.m. when shots were fired. Police responded to find Clark with multiple gunshot wounds. Neighbors tried unsuccessfully to revive him.

5 years ago (2016)
Recent Dobie graduate Cedric Washington made nationwide headlines after saving an elderly man from a house fire in the 4700 block of Teton Monday, June 27. Washington, 19, spotted the blaze while driving to visit his grandmother. The 75-year-old man's wife did not survive the fire. Washington was transported to the hospital to be treated for smoke inhalation.

Longtime Sagemont resident Kay Barbour was selected to serve as the new executive director for the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce. Barbour replaced outgoing executive director Sherry Trainer, who stepped down from the position to care for her sick daughter. Former chamber executive director Sally Mitchell had been filling in for Trainer in recent months as an interim director.

1 year ago (2020)
There was a sharp increase in the number of local COVID-19 cases, with ZIP code 77089 reaching 100 new cases per week for two consecutive weeks. ZIP code 77075 had similar figures. The South Belt community suffered its first COVID-related deaths, with two 77089 residents dying from the virus. Gov. Greg Abbott issued an executive order requiring all Texans to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth in public spaces in counties with 20 or more positive COVID-19 cases. The governor also issued a proclamation giving mayors



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

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

SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT'S LIST
Congratulations are in order for students listed on the President's Honor Roll at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville who have achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average in all work attempted while enrolled in not fewer than 12 semester hours in the Spring 2021 semester. The South Belt students being honored include: **Skyler Blanco, Paul Jimenez, Kyrsten Matthews, Marissa Maxwell, Haley Pena and Tori Williams.**

SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST
Congratulations are in order for students listed on the Spring Dean's List of Academic Honors at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville who have achieved at least 3.5 grade point average out of a perfect 4.0 in all work attempted while enrolled in not fewer than 12 semester hours for the 2021 spring semester. The South Belt students being honored include: **Amber Aguirre, Skyler Blanco,**

Andrew Branson, Nathan Buchanan, Victoria Campbell, Datriana Collins, Sara Cortez, Paul Jimenez, Jorge Martinez, Kyrsten Matthews, Marissa Maxwell, Haley Pena, Jenna Rodriguez, Cheyanne Rolif, Halen Sanchez, Tori Williams and Zalea Wilson.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays July 8 through July 14.

Atkinson Elementary
Celebrating a birthday July 13 is **Regina Barnes.** July 14 is the day for a birthday party for **Melanie Zelenka.**

Burnett Elementary
Give a birthday shoutout July 8 to **Amanda Lee.**

Genoa Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song July 9 to **Maria Vazquez.** Join in the birthday celebration July 13 for **Elizabeth Binnicker.**

Meador Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles July 8 for **Sanjuanita Mercado.** Cheers for a happy birthday on July 14 for **Corin Culpepper and Johanna James.**

Moore Elementary
Light the birthday candles July 14 for **Ana Herrera.**

South Belt Elementary
Send a special birthday card July 13 to **Kellie Hernandez.**

Stuchbery Elementary
Best wishes for a wonderful birthday July 12 are sent to **Clarissa Ridge.** **Kayla Ogden** enjoys a special a birthday July 14.

Roberts Middle School
Light the birthday candles July 13 for **Aaron Donias.**

Dobie High
Birthday greetings are sent to **Carol McDonald** on July 12.

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

Thursday, July 8: **Sammy Shimmessel, James Cook, Denise Patterson, Margie Remely, Zul-Tan Jackson, Erik Valdez, and Shannon Lawrence;** Friday, July 9: **Patsy Jimenez, Raquel Rodriguez, Traci Feil, Carolyn Garza and Shevlyn Spafford;** and Saturday, July 10: **Tannia Leal, Sharon Blackston, Juanjose Armenta-Aguirre and Jimbo Shimmessel;** Sunday, July 11: **Andy Cross, Anne Allen, Kolleen Bingham and Jasmine Mendez;** Monday, July 12: **Sharron Moore, Mary Renfro Heldman, Emma Rodriguez and Pam McEntire Ellis;** Tuesday, July 13: **Stephanie Pyle, Robin Read, Sandy Ward, Angela Wilkerson, Robin Stone Collins and Tyler Pearson;** and Wednesday, July 14: **Elaine Ann Monagas, Monay Noyobiz, Courtney Amelia Alba, Riva Saenz, Veronica Mier and Jeffrey Robert McGee.**

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Killingsworth lands Clear Creek AD gig

Kirby Killingsworth gained unanimous approval from the Clear Creek ISD Board of Trustees to become the new Athletic Director for the school district.

Formerly the varsity girls' basketball head coach at Clear Lake High School, Killingsworth succeeds Debbie Fuchs, who retired following the 2020-2021 school year following a 33-year career in CCISD.

Killingsworth was a three-year starting point guard at Stephen F. Austin University and also coached at Cypress Creek and Friendswood high schools.

For the past 11 seasons, Killingsworth had overseen a Clear Lake



Kirby Killingsworth

JOs start July 28 in Humble

Dickson, Smith grab Junior Olympic Games spots

Clear Brook High School's Camryn Dickson will be among several of the Houston area's prominent track and field stars chasing national championships as she has reached the Amateur Athletic Union's Junior Olympic Games.

A senior-to-be at Clear Brook, Dickson has put together a terrific summer season within the AAU ranks while representing the H-Town Hurricanes.

July 1-3 at the Region 17 Qualifier, Dickson punched her ticket for nationals in four different events, including the age 17-18 Young Women's 100 and 200 as well as the 4x1 and 4x4 relays.

Lutheran South Academy senior-to-be Ayana Smith, who won Texas

Association of Private and Parochial School State Championships in the 100 and the long jump in April, is also on her way to the Junior Olympic Games as a member of the Pearland Speed.

The bonus for the Houston-based athletes is that the 2021 JOGs nationals will play out at Humble ISD's Turner Stadium July 28 through Aug. 7, providing the hometown feel for Dickson, Smith and many others.

From regionals, the top eight finishers in both individual and relay events are invited to the AAU Junior Olympic Games.

Dickson won the 17-18-year-old 200 and was also part of the H-Town Hurricanes' 4x1 and 4x4 relay wins, while she was also third in the 100 to reach the JOs in four different events.

Going against a talented field in the 200, Dickson, a silver medalist at the ULL State Championships in May, won gold in a time of 23.53 seconds to put herself in the conversation for a national championship.

In the age 17-18 Young Women's 100, Dickson came away third in a time of 11.87 to reach nationals.

The win went to Jacobs Sports' Iyanna Gray at 11.72, with Alyssa Tate of Track Houston in at 11.83 for second place.

As for Smith, her 100

time of 12.24 was sixth-best as she reached nationals at that event.

The H-Town bunch then had Dickson running the third leg and Wade the anchor for the victory in the 4x4 relay in a time of 3:43.37 as that group included Ja'Nyia Tucker and Jaiden Itsen.



Camryn Dickson



Ayana Smith

Brook's Calhoun enjoys MLB pre-draft workouts

By John Bechtle Sports Editor

It had already been the best spring baseball season that Aaron Calhoun could have imagined, and now his summer has continued to deliver memories of a lifetime.

In advance of MLB's 2021 First-Year Player Draft July 11-13, the league invited chosen high school and collegiate draft eligible players to attend the MLB Draft Combine at the USA Baseball National Training Complex

in Cary, N.C. It's a first-ever event that MLB plans to host annually into the future, and for Calhoun, the event received a giant thumbs up. "We were treated as well and as professionally as I ever could have imagined," Calhoun said.

"The dinners included several guest speakers, the workouts and training sessions included guidance and instruction from people in the know," Calhoun said.

"It was just a terrific

event all the way around and something I am grateful to have been a part of. It's something that I'll be able to tell stories about for years to come."

In a sense, the MLB event mirrored that of the NFL pre-draft combine in Indianapolis, where players have their skills measured and timed, their height, weight and so forth are logged and more. Pitchers threw baseballs in live action and in

workouts, while offensive players aimed at recording elite exit velocity, home run distance and so much more.

What will it all mean to Calhoun, a University of Oklahoma signee who this

spring led Clear Brook to its first district championship in 21 years on his way to District 24-6A Most Valuable Player honors?

It's hard to tell for all but the 50 or so players projected as possible first-round picks.

Projections are just that — mere projections. The top 10 or so overall projected picks should fall in some order or the other at the onset. After that, it's up to individual teams to decide how much they covet a particular player moving forward.

Calhoun is not projected to be drafted within the top five rounds if at all, but anything is possible once names get called.

Whereas COVID-19 concerns limited the 2020 pro draft to five rounds, the 2021 draft will include 20 rounds plus supplemental choices.

Calhoun was certainly one of the top high school right-handed pitchers in the Houston area this season, but it's simply impossible to tell pre-draft just where he slots into this 2021 draft.

Should he attend Oklahoma and stay put, Calhoun would again be eligible for the 2024 MLB Draft, a time when one can imagine his pro prospects would almost certainly be on more solid ground.

"I'm just taking it all in and enjoying the experience as I go," Calhoun said. It was a terrific experience at the MLB Combine, and now we will just see what happens. I would also love to be a Sooner and plan to represent them with all of my abilities."

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MLB photo

At right, Clear Brook Class of 2021 graduate Aaron Calhoun delivers a pitch during a throwing session at the inaugural MLB Draft Combine at the USA Baseball National Training Complex in Cary, N.C. late last month. Select offensive players and pitchers from across the nation were invited to take part in the event in advance of the July 11-13 MLB Draft.

Dave Campbell's highlights Berneathy



Dave Campbell's Texas Football magazine announced its list of exemplary 40 Under 40 head football coaches across the state. Joining the list for 2021 was Longhorns' varsity football head coach Kevin Berneathy, who has gone 25-7 overall in his three seasons as leader of the program with three post-season appearances. Dobie's three-year run under Berneathy was bettered only by the 97-99 Dobie squads that went a combined 34-4. For more on how Campbell's foresees Dobie outlook in 2021, stay tuned.

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Cowboys, Dolphins preparing

Bay Area Football League preseason activities will start July 24, and the Southbelt Dolphins have a few football player opportunities as well as drill team and mascot openings available.

Youth football players who will be ages 5 through 12 as of Aug. 1, 2021, are eligible to play in the league, while drill team members may be between the ages of 8 to 13 and mascot between 4 and 7 to participate.

There are sibling discounts and payment plans available.

Football players may contact Dolphins' athletic director Raoul Garcia at 281-818-7880 while those seeking drill and/or mascot spots may call Christina Ybarra at 1-346-245-9608.

Dolphins workouts
 The Dolphins will host preseason and a conditioning workout July 8 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the team's home game facility at Blackhawk park. Open registration will also begin

at 6 p.m. on these dates. There will also be a July 10 workout from 9 to 10:30 a.m., with registration open at 9 a.m.

Team officials will release additional preseason activity dates for the remainder of July as they become available.

Cowboys equipment PU
 The Sagemont Cowboys will host preseason football equipment sessions July 10 and July 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at El Franco Lee Park.

Any final registration payments will be due at this time, and first-year families must bring a player's birth certificate for Cowboys' files.

Conditioning at EFLP
 The Cowboys will also host preseason conditioning workouts for any players July 19 through July 22, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at El Franco Lee Park, designed to help the players gear up for the 2021 season.

The 2021 Bay Area Football League season, complete with 20 pro-

grams, kicks off Saturday, Aug. 14 and runs through the middle of October prior to the postseason.

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Lady Longhorns, first-ever state champions, among PISD honorees

By Reesha Brown
Alumni News Editor

It's taken almost a full year, but the show must go on.

And on Thursday, April 28, 2022, the much-anticipated Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame Induction ceremony will be back to induct the Class of 2020.

The 2020 event was canceled due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

With so much uncertainty still surrounding COVID-19, program organizers felt it would be in the best interests of everyone involved to push back the date one more year and secure a location that allows for social distancing.

The event, which was previously held at Pasadena ISD's Phillips Field House since 2014, will take place next year at the Pasadena Convention Center.

"Our committee is planning a fun and safe induction banquet event for our honored inductees and guests," said Bill Barmore, Hall of Fame committee chairman.

"We appreciate the support and patience of our sponsors and ticket holders.

This should be a great evening of fellowship and celebration of the inductees with Pasadena ISD leaders, alumni, friends, supporters from the business community and Pasadena ISD students."

The Athletics Hall of Fame banquet, headed for its eighth year, will celebrate and honor the athletics achievements of 10 inductees, including five athletes, three coaches, a family and one team.

The inductees were selected for their exemplary athletics and coaching careers, in addition to inspiring the next generation of college and professional athletes and coaches.

With the change of venue, program organizers are optimistic that the 2022 event will be a chance to "go big" and do so in the safest way possible.

Here are the inductees:

Charlie Goehring – track and cross-country coach (1971-2007).

T.J. Mills (deceased) – football coach (1977-2005).

Wilburn Raby – track coach (1952-1980).

Steve Prentice – swimmer, South Houston High School (Class of 1970).

Bryan Willingham – football, Pasadena High School (Class of 1971).

Ron Schroeder – golf, Sam Rayburn High School (Class of 1975).

Marlen Esparza – boxing, Pasadena High School (Class of 2007).

Bo Snelson – football, Pasadena Memorial High School (Class of 2009).

Snelson Family, including Billie (deceased), and her two sons John and Andy.

Dobie High School girls softball team, 1993 state champion.

An alumnus of Pasadena High School, Goehring coached track and cross-country in Pasadena ISD for well over 30 years.

While attending Pasadena, Goehring earned two varsity letters in football and was a wide receiver on the Eagles' state runner-up team.

After graduating from the University of Houston, Goehring coached at various schools throughout Pasadena ISD and spent 16 years as the head boys' cross-country and track coach for South Houston High School and 10 years coaching boys' cross-

country at Pasadena High School.

Goehring retired in 2008 and was inducted into the Hall of Honor of the Gulf Coast Scholastic Track Coaches Association in 2009.

As head coach of the Sealy Tiger football team, Mills became one of only two 11-man coaches in Texas high school football history to lead a team to four straight state titles from 1993 to 1997.

The Tigers were 63-1 during that time, with a streak of 24 straight playoff victories.

The four-peat consecutive winning streak produced 20 first team All-State players.

His Sealy team reached the title game again in 1999. Mills coached the Tigers for 14 years before continuing his coaching career at Odessa Permian High School and then La Porte High School.

While Mills retired in 2005, he continued to earn multiple accolades including Coach of the Year by the Texas Sports Writers Association, also a four-peat victory.

He was later enshrined in the Texas High School Coaches Association's Hall of Honor in 2014.

Mills graduated from Pasadena High School in 1972 and played quarterback, receiver and defensive lineman on the football team, in addition to playing baseball and basketball.

Raby coached track and cross-country in Pasadena ISD for 27 years.

While growing up in Corsicana, he played football and basketball during high school.

After serving in the Navy during World War

II, he attended Navarro College and Daniel Baker College, playing football for both schools.

Raby went on to earn his bachelor's and master's degrees from Sam Houston State and began his Pasadena ISD coaching career in 1953 with a two-year stint at Jackson Junior High.

Raby spent 14 years as the head track and cross-country coach at Sam Rayburn High School, leading the Texans to two district titles and one regional team title.

Willingham, a graduate of Pasadena High School, was the go-to receiver for the Eagles' football team.

While playing in the 1971 Texas Coaches Association All-Star Game, Willingham set a record with 11 catches for 166 yards and three touchdown grabs.

After high school, Willingham attended the University of Houston and lettered for three years as a receiver.

He performed exceptionally well during his junior year of college, catching an impressive 83-yard touchdown pass and completing 16 catches for 328 yards.

Esparza is a barrier-breaking Olympic boxer who won the bronze medal in the Women's Flyweight Division at the 2012 Olympics in London.

Esparza graduated from Pasadena High School in 2007, where she ran cross-country, participated in swimming and competed in debate.

As a high school junior, Esparza won the bronze medal in the 2006 Women's World Boxing Championship.

Today, she has a professional boxing record of 9-1 with Golden Boy Productions and is a member of the Pasadena High School Alumni Hall of Honor.

Prentice is a graduate of South Houston High School's Class of 1970.

While attending SHHS, Prentice lettered in swimming all four years, earned All-American honors and was elected as the president of his senior class.

After graduation, Prentice attended Texas A&M and quickly became known as one of the Southwest Conference's most accomplished swimmers.

He qualified for the NCAA meet in each of his four years. While attending A&M, he served as the team captain for three seasons and set school records for three individual events.

Schroeder is a standout golfer who has played in amateur and professional leagues.

During his high school career, Schroeder was known as the district's top golfer and was the Pasadena ISD individual champion, district champion and an all-city honoree.

As an amateur, Schroeder won the Greater Houston Amateur Championship five times.

While playing professionally, he has won multiple tournaments and was named the Southern Texas PGA senior player of the year in 2017.

In 2018, he won the Texas open and in April of 2019, he won the PGA's Senior Series for the second time.

Bo Snelson lettered in football, track and baseball before graduating in

2009 from Pasadena Memorial.

After his senior season of football, he was named an Old Spice Red Zone National Player of the Year, a title given to only 50 players throughout the U.S.

Snelson attended the United States Naval Academy after graduating from high school and was the team captain of the football team, where he was known for his leadership skills as well as his statistical contributions.

After receiving his commission that year, Snelson graduated from the Marine Corps Officer's School and he now serves as a Series Commander and Infantry Officer for the Marine Corps in San Diego.

Dobie's 12-member 1993 Lady Longhorn softball team made history after winning the school's first softball championship, 1-0, against Tomball.

Christa Williams (Yates), a two-time Olympic gold medalist and PISD Hall of Famer, led the Lady Longhorns to the title, pitching a three-hitter and striking out 11, outdueling an equally-matched Tomball pitcher and scoring on a fielding error.

Dobie earned a seat on the road to state after pouncing El Paso Bel Air for 17 hits in a 10-2 victory in the semifinals.

Billie M. Snelson graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University in 1948, where she received her bachelor's degree in education.

She played basketball at Oklahoma Baptist University, using that background to coach basketball and volleyball during

her 31-year-long career in Pasadena ISD.

Andy Snelson, a graduate of Sam Rayburn High School, was an All-State sprinter in track and three-year letterman in football, earning multiple All-District awards.

Andy's record-breaking 9.4 seconds in the 100-yard dash and 21.6 in the 220 are still among the top in Pasadena ISD history.

At Sam Rayburn, he was coached by Odell Harrison and soon-to-be PISD Hall of Famer Wilburn "Willy" Raby.

Coach Raby enjoyed taking his 1973 and 1974 track team all over the state, displaying the talents of his boys.

After graduation, Andy attended the University of Houston, where he sprinted for Coach Johnny Morris and Tom Tellez.

He also attended Odessa College for one year under Coach James Segrest.

Due to injuries, Andy never finished up his career at University of Houston. He is now retired and resides in Pasadena.

John Snelson's Pasadena roots run deep. He graduated from Sam Rayburn High School with an impressive high school football resume.

Coached under Charlie Lyles, John became one of the football program's top players, starting three years.

A four-year letterman in baseball, John was also

a member of Rayburn's 1985 baseball team that played for the Class 5A state championship under head coach Al Campo.

From the gridiron to the sidelines, John channeled his experiences as a standout athlete into his coaching.

He joined the Memorial Mavs' coaching staff as the team's defensive coordinator during the football program's inaugural year in 2003.

In 2006, Tom Ed Gooden stepped down from his head coaching position at Memorial and John filled in.

With John at the helm, Memorial's football program was the first to advance to the third round of the playoffs for a district title since the 1960s in 2007, falling to Katy in the Class 5A Division II regional semifinals.

Memorial won their first district championship in 2009, going 6-1 in district 22-5A after winning against Pearland and La Porte.

In 2006, John joined the Dickinson Gators' football program as head coach, where he's tallied 112-55, some of the most wins in Gator history.

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Calhoun eyes MLB draft

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So now, it's on to the MLB Draft, and there are no guarantees for any player in the 20-round event.

High school players like Calhoun must weigh the value of a college education and the experience gained while playing another year or, in Calhoun's case, another three years collegiately before being eligible to be drafted again in 2024.

How about simply soaking it all in, Calhoun asks himself.

"I was part of the first-ever draft combine in the game, and that's some-

thing that I'll have with me my entire life. Regardless of what happens with the draft or if I head to Oklahoma as planned, this experience is something that will be valuable for years to come.

"It was first class all the way, something I'll never forget."

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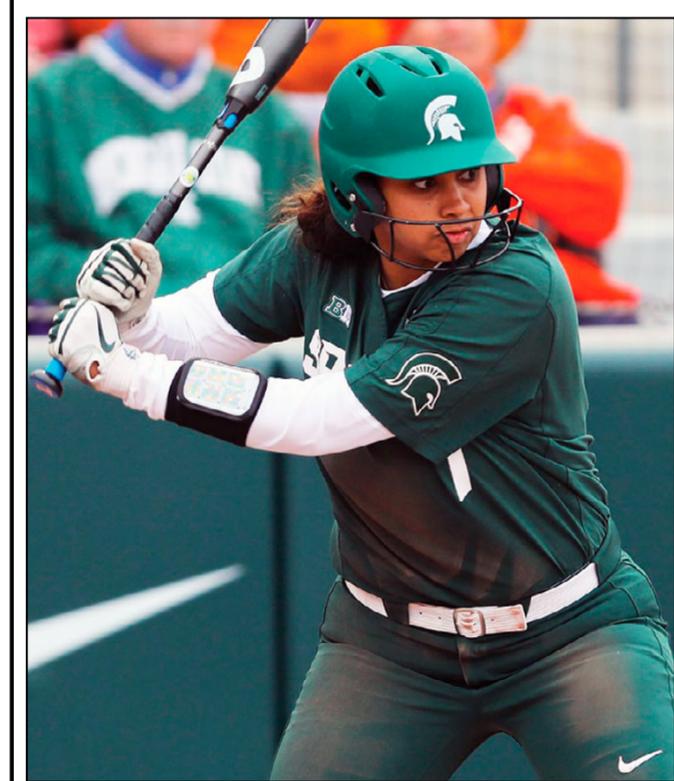


Clear Brook varsity baseball standout pitcher Aaron Calhoun (right) had a chance to catch up with former Houston Astros manager Bo Porter, who has opened his new Bo Porter's Future All-Stars Baseball Development Academy in Rosharon.



Nicole Myers Nalepa (left) and Christa Williams Yates were just two of the players who starred for a 1993 Dobie varsity softball team that won the first-ever University Interscholastic League state championship. Originally selected for recognition in 2020, the team will be part of the induction ceremony at the Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame banquet April 28, 2022.

Brook graduate Wincher earns Academic All Big Ten honors at Michigan St.



Clear Brook High School graduate and three-year Dobie varsity softball standout Camryn Wincher has continued to excel on and off the field at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan. The now sophomore was named to the Spring Academic All Big Ten list after finishing with a 4.0 grade-point-average while majoring in political science with a focus on pre-law. On the softball field for the Spartans, Wincher hit .242 while starting 23 of 30 games as she helped her team to a 14-26 mark in a tough Big Ten schedule. As a freshman in the abbreviated 2020 season, Wincher hit .262 while starting 21 of 22 games. The longtime South Belt area resident logged three varsity seasons at Dobie, transferred to Clear Brook for her senior year and graduated early following the fall semester in December, 2019.



The sessions will welcome all students entering the third through ninth grades as of the 2021-2022 school year.

Session I runs from 9 a.m. to noon at \$100 per student and is open to ninth-grade as well as eighth-grade players with previous competitive play experience, while the \$90 Session II welcomes sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade beginning level players from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Session III is open to third- through fifth-grade students, is \$75 per student and runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Online registration can be found at www.clearbrookvolleyball.org. For more information, direct email to Thompson at mthomps1@ccisd.net.

Wolverines' youth football camp

Clear Brook varsity football head coach John Towles III and his staff will host the 2021 Future Wolverines' Youth Football Camp July 26-28 at the high school.

The sessions will welcome all students entering the fifth through eighth grades as of the 2021-2022 school year.

The all-inclusive session runs from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at \$60 per student. The stated goal of the camp is to provide young athletes an opportunity to improve fundamentals in a fun, exciting and safe environment.

Each athlete will be given the opportunity to learn the basic skills required to be successful in football through position-specific instruction. Staff will also emphasize proper tackling techniques as required by the UIL.

In addition to teaching football skills, the staff will also teach the core values of the Clear Brook Wolverines.

Online registration for the camp is currently being accepted at <https://forms.office.com/r/LDUNGmzx>.

Clear Brook will begin preseason incoming freshman workouts Aug. 2, and varsity and all other sub-varsity level workouts begin Aug. 9. The Wolverines open the regular season hosting Texas City Aug. 26.

Sports camps, sign-ups

Dobie youth volleyball camps

Dobie varsity volleyball head coach Dawn Sexton will host the Lady Longhorns' youth volleyball camps July 20-22 at the school.

Session I, 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 is open to those entering the seventh and eighth grades and runs daily from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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 on the first day of the camp. For additional details, direct email to Sexton at dsexton@pasadenaisd.org.

SBYSC registration

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club is continuing online registration for the fall 2021 season.

Families may visit the league website at www.southbeltsoccer.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.

Brook youth volleyball camp

Clear Brook varsity volleyball head coach Meredith Thompson and her staff will host the 2021 Lady Wolverines' Youth Volleyball Camp July 26-29 at the high school.

The sessions will welcome all students entering the third through ninth grades as of the 2021-2022 school year.

Session I runs from 9 a.m. to noon at \$100 per student and is open to ninth-grade as well as eighth-grade players with previous competitive play experience, while the \$90 Session II welcomes sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade beginning level players from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

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NOTE: Clear Lake Bridge Club - now open. Activities scheduled daily. Visit <https://clearlakebridgeclub.org/> for face-to-face and virtual games. Email jpochsner@aol.com for more information.

FRIDAY, JULY 9
7 a.m.
AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or visit <https://nastuff.com/>.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - All services are live and Zoom online. For information on the 7 p.m. Friday night service or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service, visit <https://www.shaarhashalom.org>.
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.
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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/>.
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. Details are on the Pearland Chamber of Commerce website under the calendar tab.
9:30 a.m.
NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse - Meets the second Thursday at Praise Chapel, 18516 Hwy. 3, in Webster. The guest minister will be Dana Shaw, who operates in a prophetic ministry and is an anointed psalmist who leads praise and worship. For details, call 281-910-1971.
11:30 a.m.
ABWA - Southeast Express Network - American Business Women's Association-South. Meetings are on the second Thursday at Big Horn BQ, 2300 Smith Ranch Rd, Pearland, TX 77584. Pearland Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (\$20 cash or check). Includes networking with professional business women and guest speakers. Reservations appreciated. Visit www.seen-abwa.org.

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 <https://www.houstonalanon.org/> for details.
SUNDAY, JULY 11
8 p.m.
AA - at CrossRoads UMC. See Friday's notice.
MONDAY, JULY 12
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 additional information or visit <https://www.houstonalanon.org/>.
Noon
AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Toastmasters - The Young Professional Southeast Toastmasters will celebrate the club's fifth-year anniversary Monday, July 12, at 6:30 p.m. The celebration, which will be held at the South Belt Chamber of Commerce, located at 10500 Scarsdale Blvd., will be a combined anniversary celebration and Club Open House. This event is an opportunity to discover everything about Toastmasters. The open house will provide an introductory showcase of the Toastmasters program and the numerous benefits of joining the YPSETM club. For those unable to attend in person, individuals may join the celebration on the club's Zoom link, accessible via the YPSETM club website at <https://www.youngprofessionalalstonastuff.com> under the Zoom icon (virtual meeting). Starting July 12, the club will resume regular in-person meetings at the South Belt Chamber every Monday night at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Karen at 832-722-9061.
7 p.m.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #0683 Friendswood chapter meets at the Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. For information, call Lynette Ringrose at 832-858-4617.
7 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint 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 for details.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.

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TUESDAY, JULY 13
7 a.m.
AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 14
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - CrossRoads UMC meeting. See Friday's notice.
THURSDAY, JULY 15
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
7:30 a.m.
Pearland Rotary Club - See Thursday's notice.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.
7 p.m.
NA - Women's Group. See Thursday's notice.

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Father Marius Zadinsky Scholarship – \$1,000

Andrew Nguyen
University of Houston Academic Excellence Scholarship – \$24,000

University of Houston Edmonds Educational Scholarship – \$4,000

University of Texas at Dallas Academic Excellence Scholarship – \$64,000

Kevin Nguyen
Academic Excellence Scholarship – \$4,000

Baylor Academic Scholarship – \$12,000

Lechner Scholarship – Texas A&M – \$2,500

Opportunity Award Scholarship – \$1,000

Nathan Nguyen
HOSA Future Health Professionals Theodora Y. Justice Memorial – \$1,000

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Academic Excellence Scholarship (University of Houston) – \$24,000

Academic Excellence Scholarship (University of Texas at Dallas) – \$64,000

Presidential Scholarship – \$36,000

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Pavisha Sargunan
Academic Excellence Scholarship – \$40,000

Texas Tech Academic Scholarship – \$20,000

UH Academic Scholarship – \$16,000

UHCL New Hawk Scholarship – \$80,000

Serena Shupla
Texas State Academic Scholarship – \$24,000

Chase Stanley
Sports – \$28,000

Sarvesh Subramanian
Amanda's Legacy Foundation Scholarship – \$1,000

National Merit Finalist – \$2,500

Maura Summers
Clear Brook Celebrities Booster Club Scholarship – \$360

TAMU Tuition Support Award – \$500

Hira Tariq
Friendswood Chamber of Commerce – \$1,000

Sulay Trivedi
Academic Excellence Scholarship – \$24,000

Pritam Valluri
Academic Scholarship at Baylor University – \$64,000

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Muhammad Zain
Terry Foundation Scholarship – \$25,000

Mielad Ziaee
Academic Excellence Award at the University of Houston – \$6,000

Friendswood Chamber of Commerce – \$1,000

Houston Rodeo Scholarship – \$20,000

Space City Cruisers – \$1,500

Stop The Bleed – \$5,000

Texas HOSA Theodora Y. Justice Scholarship – \$7,000

Tier One Scholarship – \$60,000

Waste Solutions Scholarship – \$500

Sagemont provides 10,000 kids meals



Emory Gadd, associate pastor of Sagemont Church, and Deborah DeLoach, director of Sagemont Church Helping Hands Ministry, work to organize church volunteers. This ministry is providing 10,000 bagged snacks for "Kids Meals," a Houston area project for children who live unsure of their next meal.

Sandoval inspired by Melton's solving techniques

Pasadena Memorial High School's Shining Star Nathan Sandoval (below, right) is shown with distinguished educator Katherine Melton who teaches 11th- and 12th-grade physics I.

Commenting on his teacher, Sandoval said, "Ms. Melton is an excellent teacher. She cares about her students and will work with you if you are struggling. I was never afraid to ask questions in her classroom. Even though I'm not becoming a physics major, I will use the problem solving techniques I learned in her classroom as an engineering student. I also appreciate the fact that she would stay after school for us to finish our labs or to do corrections. She is patient and doesn't give up on her students."

Sandoval has shown leadership as brass lieutenant. Community service activities for Sandoval included Texas Color Guard Circuit guide.

"After high school, I plan to attend the University of Texas at Austin for Computer Engineering," Sandoval said.

The South Belt Shining Stars will be presented in a series of students being honored along with their favorite mentor. The Shining Stars represent the top Pasadena Memorial High School students.

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



Westbrook Intermediate wins robotics competitions



Clear Creek ISD robotics students ended the school year on a high note after competing in the 2021 VEX Worlds Live-Remote Championships. Students participated in either the VEX Robotics Competition or VEX IQ Challenge multiday tournaments with more than 1,400 teams from 30 different countries. Westbrook Intermediate's Team 7421C Flaming Phoenix was the tournament subdivision finalist and won the Design Award in the VEX Robotics Middle School Technology Division, the second-highest award in the competition. Team 1116X Rock-It-Bots Xtreme, two sixth-grade Westbrook Intermediate students, claimed the Innovative Award for the VEX IQ Middle School Science Division, the third-highest judged award. To finish off the season, CCISD also hosted the Space City Show-

case for the VEX IQ Challenge and Robotics Competition June 4 – 5. Team 3118B Astrobots from Clear Brook High School and Team 7421C Flaming Phoenix from Westbrook Intermediate won the Excellence Award for their respective divisions. Team 826C Patriots from Parr Elementary won a Design Award and Team 7421A Cyberbot from Westbrook Intermediate won an Innovative Award for their robot. Team 7421C Flaming Phoenix and Team 2218B Astrobots now qualify for the 2022 VEX World Championship next year in Dallas. Team 7421C Flaming Phoenix from Westbrook Intermediate won the Excellence Award at the Space City Showcase. Shown above, left to right, are James Gonzalez, Benjamin Thomas and Jonathan George.

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Man arrested for burning cross

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same residence from which he came.

This location is known by Precinct 8 deputies to be the residence of 38-year-old George Alfredo Seaman. Escareno contacted the Harris County District Attorney's Office, which refused to accept any charges in this case, citing insufficient evidence.

Seaman was previously arrested in April by Precinct 8 deputies for harassment after he broke a glass bottle in another nearby resident's driveway. Seaman was also charged with stalking based on several incidents involving threatening, destructive and intimidating behavior on his part.

Deputy A. Peters conducted a follow-up investigation later in the day and made contact with Seaman at his residence. While speaking with him, Seaman admitted to setting the fire the night before in the victim's yard. Upon further investigation, Peters learned that Seaman, on more than one occasion, has engaged in conduct directed specifically at the victim, causing the victim to be in fear of an offense being committed to his property, as well as feeling harassed by Seaman.

Precinct 8 deputies have responded several times to the victim's residence for criminal mischief involving Seaman. Two of these calls involved Seaman breaking the windows to the victim's vehicle. Upon learning this information, the Harris County District Attorney's Office was contacted and re-issued charges for stalking. However, arson charges were later accepted after persistent requests.

On Monday, June 28, Peters obtained an arrest warrant for Seaman on the arson charge. Seaman was located at his residence and placed into custody without incident. His bond has been set at \$50,000.

At the time of Seaman's arrest, he was out on bond awaiting trial for stalking, harassment and criminal mischief with the condition of GPS monitoring. It was noted that Seaman was not wearing a monitor at the time of his arrest.

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