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Join the 100 Club
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Tony Silva
Texas Senate passes SB 1609
On May 17, the Texas Senate passed SB 1609, which gives homeowners the right to change the property display on their property at any time. The bill was sponsored by Sen. Joe Buchanan and the Family Band. Buchanan defines Jewish Americana as a blend of American Jewish music and cultural traditions.

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Above, Ezequiel Garcia, CTE partnership liaison, addresses a large crowd of community members at the CTE breakfast.

Interactive Theater performs at Fraziers

The Interactive Theater Company gave a very engaging performance titled “The Story of the Lone Star State” for students from various schools on May 25, 2017. The performance included stories from Texas history, interactive elements, and audience participation. The students were engaged throughout the performance, and the audience was entertained by the actors’ energy and enthusiasm.

Above, fourth-grader Yaeisshya Ciudad won first place in the writing contest. Four other students also won prizes for their essays.

Meador students win Law Day competition

Meador Elementary’s law day competition was held on May 25th, with students from grades 4-6 participating. The competition was divided into two parts: a written test and an oral presentation. The written test covered a range of topics, including the constitution, history, and development of the legal system in the United States. The oral presentation was a mock trial where students acted as attorneys or witnesses.

CITY hosts appreciation breakfast

More than 100 Houston-area business representatives gathered recently at the Lewis University Center for Technical Education in Pasadena for Pasadena ISD’s 2nd annual Career and Technical Education (CTE) partnership appreciation breakfast.

The event recognized donors, community partners and volunteers for their contributions to the CTE program and its impact on students. It was a great opportunity for the district to express its gratitude to these partners for their support.

PASadena Independent School District Board President Quiel Garcia, CTE business partnership liaison, addresses a large crowd of community members at the event.

South Houston High School engineering and robotics students Jerardo Sanchez and Ophelia Torres talk to school board secretary Kenny Fernandez about their rocket. The students built a 30-pound rocket, capable of launch as part of their engineering pathway.
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Welch, who was a star on the women’s team in college, is now the coach of the Texas A&M women’s volleyball team. The team has a record of 28-6 and is currently ranked #1 in the country. The team advanced to the NCAA tournament, where they will play against the University of Virginia on Thursday, March 29. The game will be held at the Kohl Center in Madison, Wisconsin. The game is expected to attract a large crowd of spectators, including Welch’s former teammates and opponents. Welch is known for her strong work ethic and competitive spirit. She is expected to lead her team to victory in the tournament.

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**SJC sets calendar**

San Jac has announced its upcoming events.

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Marco Pertelo

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Jasmine Garcia (center) of Pasadena Memorial High School was the winner at the Darren Lajaunie Memorial Tennis Tournament with a scholarship. The event was sponsored by Lajaunie’s son, Andrew Lajaunie (left) and his widow, Camilla Lajaunie.

Six Dobie High School tennis players received scholarships at the Darren Lajaunie Memorial Tennis Tournament on May 19. The event was sponsored by Lajaunie’s son, Andrew Lajaunie (left) and his widow, Camilla Lajaunie (right). Six Dobie High School tennis seniors received scholarships, from the Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund during Senior Awards Night at Dobie May 16.

Dobie Lajaunie was a 1984 graduate and co-valedictorian, who played varsity tennis for four years. The Scholarship Fund was set up at his memory in 2012 by his wife, Camilla and son, Andrew, as a way to remember the contributions Darren made to the sport of tennis and the impact he made on the community.

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San Jacinto College’s baseball team is headed back to the national championships for the second straight year. The college, which is one of 20 community colleges that are members of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) World Series, will be playing in the World Series this year. The tournament will be held at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona, from May 27 to June 2. San Jacinto College has made it to the World Series twice in the last three years and hopes to continue their success this year.

The NJCAA World Series is the national championship for two-year colleges in the United States and Canada. The tournament is held annually and includes teams from various regions across the country. This year’s event will feature 48 teams from all over the nation, with 16 teams advancing to the World Series. San Jacinto College has earned a spot in the World Series for the second time in as many years, following their impressive performance in the Region 4 World Series last season.

San Jacinto College’s baseball team is coached by Ken Morris, who has been leading the team since 2008. Morris has guided the team to six regional championships and two World Series appearances in his tenure. The team’s success is due in part to the strong leadership of Morris and his staff, as well as the hard work and dedication of the players.

In addition to Morris, the team’s coaching staff includes assistant coach Tom Arrington, who has been with the program for several years. The team also benefits from the support of the community, including the San Jacinto College Foundation, which has provided vital funding for the program over the years.

The NJCAA World Series is a highly anticipated event for baseball fans across the nation. The tournament provides an opportunity for the best community college baseball teams in the country to showcase their skills and compete for the national championship. San Jacinto College is excited to represent its region and has high hopes for success in the World Series.

For more information on San Jacinto College’s baseball team, visit their website at sjcc.edu/athletics or follow them on social media.
Normal working hours are Monday through Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. During busy times of the month, overtime may be required. The district offers paid holidays, paid vacation and sick time, fully-funded employee health insurance and profit sharing.

Job Description:
- Handle cash transactions and heavy customer traffic on the phone and in person.
- Process and enter Customer Service agreements and disconnect requests.
- Process NSF’s, ACH’s, Recurring Credit Cards and daily Credit Cards.
- Proficiently balance and post payment batches daily – both manually and electronically.
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- Prepare special reports and complete special projects as required.
- Run district errands.
- Cross train with coworkers.

Job Requirements:
- Able to handle "high" stress situations and data.
- Must efficiently and be detail oriented.
- Be self-reliant and have good organizational skills.
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Word. Excel and capable of learning new billing software.
- Some accounting knowledge and understanding helpful.
- Good communication skills and telephone skills.
- Be reliable and able to work with others as well as independently.
- Must be able to pass physical, drug test, background check and credit check.

Resume along with salary requirements should be e-mailed to dcsmur@gmail.com. Absolutely 90 day wait-ins.
CB duo lands silver

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quarterfinals and semi-

finals. Herrera and Padilla
took the first Clear Brook
tennis players to reach the
class state in the spring
season.

If all began at the start of
2017 as Clear Brook
coach Jarrett Smith began
assembling singles and
doubles combinations for
the spring season.

Whereas in the fall team
season, players may compete
in both singles and doubles,
choices must be made in the
spring because

players may only play in
one division per season.

Padilla admires singles,
but with Dawson’s Kevin Zhu,
the eventual state finalists in
boys’ singles, lurking in Region III, perhaps there were
doubts.

On a lunch, Smith
 paired Padilla with the
frenemy Herrera in mixed
doubles.

The duo played fairly
well in some spring events
—particularly at Coppell —
then wound up second in the
district, thus advancing to
regionals.

Few were likely con-

cerned about the Brook
part at regionals, but yet
the team reached the finals
for a state berth.

Ditto at state. Little was
expected externally from
Padilla and Herrera, yet
they proved for the state
title. What a season.

“Working with Andres
and Maria has been some-
ting special,” Smith said.

Upon returning from state,
“[I] knew that putting
them together would form
a strong team. I wanted to
find a way to get Andres
out of districts since he has
been so close every year
(both as a freshman and
sophomore, fourth as a ju-
ior).”

“I didn’t really imagine
them making it all the way
to the state finals.”

But they did.

And why would Smith
think otherwise? No Clear
Brook player or play-
ers had reached an era to
since the 1998 season. But
then again, anything is
possible.

“They were a great
team,” Smith said. “They
are both great ath-
letic players, and they
putting this combo toge-
hether, and perhaps his
bunch will pay off again.

State Tennis Tournament
Quarterfinals – Maria Herrera/Andres Pa-
dilla (Clear Brook) def. Sarah Mabee/And-
edrew Shuvalov (Houston Memorial) 6-4,
6-2, 6-4.

Semifinals – Maria Herrera/Andres Pa-
dilla (Clear Brook) def. Charlie Deblemich
Zach Demlonico (Austin Vandergrift) 6-4,
6-3, 6-3.

Finals – Melissa La Metre/Vanocar Thach-
(Cypress Ranch) def. Maria Herrera/An-
dres Padilla (Clear Brook) 6-4, 6-3.

Nearly half of the 2016 San Jacinto College
soccer players decided to continue
their educational and soccer careers at four-year
institutions. Sophomore Jaky Hernandez (de-
fender) signed with St. Thomas University (Na-
tional Association of Intercollegiate Athletics);
Luis Almudin (midfielder) and Ricardo Ramos
(foward) signed with McLennan Baptist Univer-
sity (NAIA); Jorge Calejas (foward) signed with West
Texas A&M University (National Collegiate Ath-
letic Association Division II); Khambati Mkhize (foward)
signed with Midwestern State Univer-
sity (NAIA Division II); Antonio Jarvis (foward)
signed with the University of Texas Rio Grande
Valley (NCAA DI); and Bryan Gomez (defender)
signed with West Florida University (NCAA Divi-
sion II).

San Jacinto College soccer players decide on 4-year colleges

Photo by Andrea Vazquez.