

### MUD trash times may vary

Due to a major county construction project, trash collection times may vary in the coming weeks. Residents should have trash curbside no later than 6 a.m. Monday and Thursday, as collection crews will be working in coordination with construction crews and may arrive earlier than before. All Texas Pride Disposal Trucks have cameras for verification. This will continue until the project's completion.

A project of Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia, the massive undertaking will make street and traffic repairs to the majority of major roads in the Clear Brook City MUD. Work has already begun in the Highland Meadow and Wood Meadow subdivisions. Work will soon begin in the Sageglen subdivision.

### HPD to hold PIP June 15

The Houston Police Department's Positive Interaction Program will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, June 15, at Grace Church, 14505 Gulf Freeway, Classroom No. 103. Guest speaker to be announced. Begun in 1983, HPD's PIP involves police and community members working together for safer neighborhoods. PIP meetings typically take place the third Monday of each month. For additional information, contact HPD Officer C. Castillo at castillo@houstonpolice.org or 832-395-1777.

### Court to hold games event

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court No. 2292 will host its annual Games Party Saturday, June 27, at the St. Luke the Evangelist Social Hall, 11011 Hall Road, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This year's event will celebrate America's 250th anniversary.

To purchase \$15 tickets to the event – which includes games, lunch, a drink and dessert – contact Ella Gauthier at 281-788-8692.

All proceeds will go toward the court's charitable projects. See related ad on Page 2.

### Sagemeadow HOA to meet

The Sagemeadow HOA will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 18, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer at Hughes. Homeowners are encouraged to attend. Meetings are typically held the third Thursday of each month. For meeting agenda, guest speaker or other additional information, visit hnsmm.sites.townsq.io/0.

### Ellington eRecycling set

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's monthly electronic recycling event will take place Saturday, June 13, at the Neighborhood Recycling Center at Ellington Airport from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Recycling electronics keeps potentially harmful materials, such as mercury, cadmium, lead and cathode ray tubes out of the waste stream and the environment.

Items accepted are PCs, servers, keyboards, mice, laptops, game consoles, monitors, small kitchen appliances, memory chips, hubs and routers, printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines, projectors, rechargeable batteries, cable boxes, car batteries, telephones, cellphones, PDAs, tape drives, hard drives, cords, cables and cameras.

The collection events take place the second Saturday of each month. For additional information, visit www.houstonsolidwaste.org or call 311.

### Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from SH 96/Calder/Brittany Bay in League City to FM 519/Main Street in La Marque daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. until further notice.

At least one northbound and one southbound frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from Deats Road in Dickinson to FM 2004/Camp Wallace Access in Texas City from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. until further notice.

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 519/Main Street in La Marque to Tiki Drive in Galveston daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. until further notice.

### Sagemont Park to meet

The Sagemont Park Community Improvement Association will hold its annual homeowners meeting Thursday, July 18, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Agenda items include election of officers (board of directors) for the upcoming year, deed restriction violations, community improvement issues and the possible construction of a new warehouse. The meeting is open for all Sagemont Park homeowners and residents.

### Beltway closures planned

At least one northbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Spencer Highway to Greenshadow Drive continuously through 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31.

At least one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Pasadena Boulevard to Fairmont Parkway continuously through 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31.

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

# Woman, juvenile male fatally shot in Riverstone

## Female reportedly boy's mother; 2nd juvenile male detained for questioning

An investigation is underway after two Riverstone Ranch residents suffered fatal gunshot wounds early Tuesday, June 9, in the 9400 block of Windy Springs Lane.

One victim was an adult woman, while the other was a juvenile male. According to multiple news reports, the woman was the juvenile's mother, but county officials would not confirm this at press time.

A juvenile male who reportedly has connections to the victims was detained for questioning,

but the criminal investigation was ongoing and no charges related to the shootings had been filed.

According to Precinct 2 officials, deputies were dispatched around 6:30 a.m. to a suspicious-person call in the 9400 block of Windy Springs Lane, where a resident reported seeing an unknown male enter their backyard tool shed. Deputies located the suspect and detained him.

While investigating this call, Precinct 2 deputies were dispatched across the street (same street/block) to a possible suicide.

Deputies responded and located a juvenile male with a gunshot wound to the head. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Then while investigating this call, Precinct 2 deputies learned that earlier in the morning another person inside the residence – an adult female – had suffered an unknown injury to her head and was transported to Southeast Memorial Hermann Hospital, where she later died.

The female had also been shot in the head, according to news reports. Again, however, Pre-

cinct 2 officials would not confirm this.

A juvenile female – reportedly the daughter of the female victim and sister to the male victim – was at the residence at the time of the shooting but was uninjured.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office has taken over the investigation.

The juvenile male detained in the suspicious-person call was transported to the Harris County Sheriff's Office for further questioning.

The investigation continued at press time.

## Deputies respond to shootings



Two Riverstone Ranch residents, including one juvenile, died Tuesday, June 9, from apparent gunshot wounds. At press time, it was unclear what led to the shootings or who was responsible for them. A second juvenile was detained for questioning, but no arrests had been made nor charges filed related to the shooting at press time. The investigation was ongoing.

Photo by David Flickinger

## "Subzero Suspect" IDd, in custody

### Man accused of robbing Almeda Genoa bank at gunpoint

Federal investigators have identified the masked gunman known as the "Subzero Suspect" as Jamaill White, a man already in custody in North Dakota on unrelated charges, according to FBI officials.

White is accused of robbing the Frost Bank in the 9900 block of Almeda Genoa this past January.

According to FBI officials, White entered the area bank wearing a bright lime-green ski mask and gloves, pointed a handgun at employees, forced them to the ground and escaped with an undisclosed amount of cash. No injuries were reported.

The distinctive mask and cold-weather gear led investigators to nickname him the "Subzero Suspect." The Houston area was also experiencing a rare hard freeze at the time of the robbery.

### Other possible robberies

With White now identified, the FBI Violent Crime Task Force is expanding its investigation to determine whether he may be responsible for additional robberies in Texas or other states. Agents say the identification came after

cross-referencing evidence from the Houston robbery with information from North Dakota authorities, where White has been held since earlier this year.

Federal investigators are now reviewing unsolved robberies with similar methods or descriptions. Additional charges could follow depending on what the expanded investigation uncovers.

### Tips still needed

Even with the suspect identified, the FBI is urging the public to come forward with any information that could help link White to other crimes or clarify his movements before his arrest.

Crime Stoppers of Houston continues to offer a reward of up to \$5,000 for information.

Anyone with information about this incident or other similar crimes is urged to contact the FBI Houston Field Office at 713-693-5000 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

FBI officials said the Houston Police Department, Harris County Sheriff's Office and Conroe Police Department assisted in the investigation.

## Standoff ends in self-inflicted gunshot

### Warrant execution at Redford leads to SWAT standoff

A felony warrant service ended in a tense SWAT standoff Tuesday, June 2, leaving a wanted suspect dead from a self-inflicted gunshot wound inside an apartment complex in the 1200 block of Redford.

According to Houston Police Department officials, the incident began around 5 p.m. at the Redford Apartments, located near the Gulf Freeway and Edgebrook.

Members of the U.S. Marshals Gulf Coast Violent Offenders Task Force, alongside the Friendswood Police Department and Harris County Precinct 2 constable's office, arrived at the complex to serve an arrest warrant. The suspect was wanted on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Upon arrival, officers encountered the suspect, his girlfriend and children inside the apartment unit. Authorities successfully evacuated the woman and children from the residence unharmed.

As law enforcement attempted to take the suspect into custody, he retreated to the back of the apartment, barricaded himself inside, and claimed to be armed. The Houston Police Department's SWAT team and hostage negotiators were called to the scene.

For more than an hour, crisis negotiators attempted to communicate with the barricaded individual, urging him to surrender peacefully.

After attempts to establish a dialogue failed, tactical officers breached the apartment. Upon entry, officers discovered the suspect dead from what appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound. No shots were fired by law enforcement officers during the incident.

The Houston Police Department's Homicide Division is leading the ongoing investigation into the death, assisted by the partnering task force agencies.

The suspect's name had not been released at press time.



Jamaill White aka "The Subzero Suspect"



## Sagemont swimming pool now open

### Due to lifeguard shortage, Beverly Hills pool remains closed

The swimming pool at Sagemont Park is now open for the summer after being added to the city's Phase I of openings, according to an announcement on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department's website.

The Sagemont pool joins the swimming pool at Wilson Memorial Park on the Phase I list.

The swimming pool at Beverly Hills Park remained closed at press time. It was unclear when it would open, if at all.

There will be two phases of swimming pool openings this summer, city officials said, with Phase II openings set to take place Tuesday, June 16. At press time, however, the city had yet to announce what openings would be included in Phase II and Phase III.

HPARD officials said the staggered openings are related to a national lifeguard shortage – a problem that hindered local swimming pools since they began to reopen in 2022 following a two-year hiatus related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Officials said additional pools are expected to open later in the summer as more lifeguards be-

come available.

The city is currently seeking lifeguards for the 2026 season. In hopes of attracting potential lifeguards, the city has lowered its minimum age requirement from 16 to 15 years old. While all lifeguards must be strong swimmers, previous lifeguard experience is not necessary. For more information on becoming a city lifeguard, visit www.houstontx.gov/parks/pdfs/2026/2026LifeGuardFlyer.pdf.

City swimming pool hours are 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday. All pools are closed for cleaning on Monday (except on Labor Day Sept. 7, when pool hours will be 1 to 5 p.m.).

For the latest updates on the city's swimming pool openings, visit www.houstontx.gov/parks/swimming.html.

Despite the national lifeguard shortage, all community swimming pools located in the South Belt area are open and operating on normal hours. For a complete listing of local swimming pool hours, see the May 21 edition of the Leader.

## Alvarado visits Sagemont



State Sen. Carol Alvarado (third from left) recently visited the Sagemont Civic Club to discuss issues involving her District 6, which includes much of the South Belt community. Shown above with the senator are, left to right, Kay Barbour, Sagemont Civic Club; Judge Jo Ann Delgado, Precinct 2; Judy Harrison, San Jacinto College; Javier Frutos, Precinct 2; and Cecelia Ganje, Clear Brook City MUD.

## Vega lawsuit reaches Supreme Court

### Suit challenges legitimacy of Pct. 2 commissioner Garcia

Harris County Republican candidate Richard Vega has escalated his legal fight to unseat incumbent Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia, asking the Texas Supreme Court to rule that Garcia's position became vacant years ago due to his appointment to another public office.

Vega's filing comes after the First Court of Appeals rejected his earlier challenge in April, concluding that Garcia could legally remain on the Harris County Commissioners Court. Vega, who is running against Garcia in the November election, is now seeking a ruling that could force a special election before the county's mid-September budget and tax-rate votes.

According to Vega, such an election could

shift the power in Commissioners Court.

"The partisan split on Commissioners Court is currently 4-1, but if the election is held, it could again yield a 3-2 split," Vega's petition states. "This is a choice for the voters to make. But it reflects how important it is for the Court."

Vega argues that Garcia automatically forfeited his commissioners court seat in 2021, when he accepted an appointment to the Gulf Coast Protection District, a regional entity created by the Texas Legislature to address coastal flooding risks. Under the Texas Constitution, holding two public offices simultaneously can trigger an immediate resignation from the first.

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# Infrastructure improvements, preparing for the FIFA World Cup

Improvements are in the works as the city prepares to welcome thousands who will visit Houston and attend the FIFA World Cup.

**Emancipation Avenue Corridor improvements**

One of the most visible transportation improvements in District D ahead of the 2026 FIFA World Cup has been the mill and overlay work completed along portions of Emancipation Avenue, improving roadway conditions for residents, motorists, cyclists, and visitors traveling through Third Ward.

In addition to the roadway resurfacing, improvements have been made to enhance:

- Sidewalk accessibility
- Drainage infrastructure
- Streetscape aesthetics
- Pedestrian safety
- Corridor connectivity between Third Ward and Downtown
- ADA-compliant pedestrian accommodations
- Crosswalk visibility and accessibility

As one of Houston's most historic corridors and a key connection between Downtown and Third Ward, these investments help create a safer, smoother, and more welcoming experience for both residents and visitors.

**METRO Rail Red Line enhancements**

The METRO Rail Red Line, which serves major District D destinations including Texas Southern University, the Museum District, Hermann Park, Downtown Houston, and NRG Stadium, has received improvements to support increased visitor traffic and long-term mobility needs.

Enhancements include:

- Increased service capacity planning
- Improved station accessibility

**Enhanced visitor wayfinding**

- Better connectivity between key destinations
- Improved rider experience and transit access

These improvements strengthen one of the most important transportation corridors serving District D residents.

**Green Corridor investments**

As part of Houston's World Cup preparations, improvements have been made throughout portions of Third Ward and surrounding areas through the Green Corridor initiative.

These investments include:

- Expanded tree canopy
- Additional shade infrastructure
- Native landscaping
- Bicycle amenities and repair stations
- Water stations
- Air quality monitoring installations
- Enhanced pedestrian accommodations
- Beautification improvements along key travel routes

These enhancements improve comfort, safety, and connectivity for residents while creating a more welcoming environment for visitors.

**Roadway and sidewalk improvements**

Roadway and pedestrian infrastructure improvements have been completed along major travel corridors serving District D and connecting residents to Downtown, the Museum District, and NRG Stadium.

These improvements include:

- Road resurfacing
- Sidewalk reconstruction
- ADA accessibility upgrades

**Crosswalk enhancements**

- Traffic signal improvements
- Pedestrian safety enhancements

These projects improve daily mobility while helping accommodate increased activity during major international events.

**Traffic management and Mobility preparations**

Transportation agencies have implemented mobility and traffic management plans designed to improve movement throughout the city during the World Cup.

These preparations include:

- Designated event transportation routes
- Temporary traffic pattern modifications
- Enhanced transit operations
- Pedestrian-priority zones near major venues
- Safety and wayfinding improvements
- Coordination between local, regional, and federal transportation partners

These efforts are intended to reduce congestion, improve safety, and provide efficient access between District D, Downtown, EaDo, the Museum District, and NRG Stadium.

**Lasting impact for District D**

While these improvements help prepare Houston for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, they also represent long-term investments in District D's infrastructure. From the mill and overlay work on Emancipation Avenue to transit enhancements, pedestrian improvements, expanded green infrastructure, and upgraded mobility networks, these projects will continue benefiting residents, businesses, students, and visitors long after the final World Cup match is played.

# Elected officials share their words

## Dr. Carolyn Evans-Shabazz's update on FIFA World Cup events

Dear District D Family,

The excitement surrounding the FIFA World Cup is officially here, and Houston is welcoming visitors from around the globe to experience the energy, culture, and hospitality that make our city so special. This historic event presents a unique opportunity to showcase our neighborhoods, support local businesses, and celebrate the diversity that defines Houston.

Residents will see an increase in activities, events, and celebrations throughout the city, including the FIFA Fan Festival and many other community gatherings leading up to and during the tournament. These festivities will bring excitement, economic opportunity, and international attention to our region.

As we embrace this moment, it is also important that we remain vigilant and aware of our surroundings. Large-scale events naturally attract significant crowds, and while the overwhelming majority of visitors come to celebrate and enjoy the experience, it is important to exercise caution, stay informed, and report suspicious activity when necessary. Looking out for one another and remaining attentive can help ensure that everyone enjoys a safe and memorable World Cup experience.

District D is proud to play a role in welcoming the world to Houston. Investments in public safety, infrastructure, lighting, mobility, and community enhancements are helping prepare our neighborhoods for the increased activity while creating lasting improvements that will benefit residents long after the final match is played.

This is an exciting chapter for our city. Let us celebrate responsibly, support one another, and demonstrate the spirit of community that makes District D the District of Destination.

Sincerely,  
Council Member  
**Dr. Carolyn Evans-Shabazz**  
Houston City Council, District D

## District E residents encouraged to prepare for hurricane season

Hurricane season officially began on June 1 and will continue through Nov. 30. Now is the time for residents to prepare before a storm enters the Gulf. District E residents know firsthand how quickly weather conditions can change, and taking steps early can make a major difference during an emergency.

Residents are encouraged to review evacuation plans, check emergency supply kits, secure important documents, and make preparations for pets, medications, and power outages. It is also important to monitor local forecasts regularly and stay informed through trusted emergency management and weather sources throughout the season.

Helpful preparedness resources include:

- National Weather Service Houston/Galveston Forecast Office: <https://www.weather.gov/hgx>
- National Hurricane Center: <https://www.nhc.noaa.gov>
- City of Houston Office of Emergency Management: <https://houstonoem.org>
- AlertHouston Emergency Notifications: <https://member.everbridge.net/892807736728451/login>
- Ready.gov Hurricane Preparedness: <https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>
- Harris County Flood Warning System: <https://www.harriscountytws.org>

Residents are also encouraged to sign up for emergency alerts and follow guidance from local officials during severe weather events. Staying informed and prepared remains one of the best ways to protect your family, property, and community during hurricane season.

Council Member  
**Fred Flickinger**  
Houston City Council, District E

# Deaths

## Robert Nelson Lea



Robert Nelson Lea, born on Dec. 27, 1936, passed peacefully in his sleep on May 19, 2026, after his battle with cancer. Rob was raised on his family's dairy farm. Later he had his own small dairy to help pay his way through college. Rob, while in the ROTC, earned his Bachelor of Science and his master's degree in mathematics at LSU. He earned his Ph.D in mathematics at University of Houston.

Rob worked at NASA on the Mercury, Gemini, Apollo, Skylab and Space Shuttle programs.

He was also a pioneer in the fields of Expert Systems and Fuzzy Logic, which are branches of Artificial Intelligence. Rob traveled to different conferences worldwide giving presentations and presenting scientific papers of his work on these systems. Rob also published multiple articles on this technology in various scientific journals.

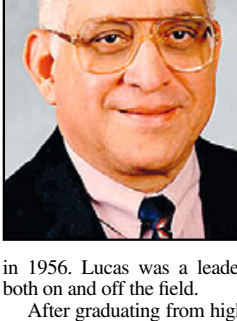
During his time at NASA, Rob found time for the Boy Scouts of America as a Scoutmaster for his son's Scout troop, helping to form the next generation of leaders.

In addition to his extensive career in space exploration, Rob was also a professor at University of Houston teaching courses in mathematics, computer science and digital logic. He also taught at several junior colleges.

Rob is survived by his three children, four grandchildren, his sister, brother-in-law and many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Lane Fudge Lea; his dad, Orris Lea Sr.; his mom, Nellie Mae Lee Lea; his sister, Eleanor Mae Lea; and brother Orris Jr. Lea.

After the death of his first wife, Rob met and married JoAnn Richardson and was married for 14 years. Rob was dearly loved by JoAnn, her children and her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

## Robert Louis Swift



Robert Louis Swift of La Porte, passed away Tuesday June 2, 2026, at the age of 80. Born Jan. 9, 1946, in Pasadena, to Ernest and Mariana Swift, Robert was a lifelong resident of the Houston area including 17 years in Sagemont.

Robert graduated from Pasadena High School and attended San Jacinto College before enlisting in the United States Army. He was a proud Vietnam-era veteran and flew the American flag at his home year-round.

On New Year's Eve 1968, a friend set up Robert on a date with Alice Lynn Williams, who would become the love of his life. He and Alice married in July 1970 and were married just shy of 56 years when he passed away. They had two children, Wesley and Alicen, who were the light of Robert's life.

Robert will be remembered as a devoted husband, a loving father and a loyal friend. He was a proud Aggie Dad and more days than not could be found sporting a Texas A&M hat or shirt. He was also an avid golfer and played golf at least once a week for many years. He loved to bake and was always searching for new recipes to try. He will be best remembered for his pound cake, which was a special request at many gatherings and celebrations.

Robert is preceded in death by his son Wesley, his parents and all five of his siblings. He is survived by his loving wife, Alice, his daughter Alicen Swift, brother-in-law Carl Williams and his wife Roxanne and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 20, at 2 p.m. at The Story Church, 3223 Westheimer Road, Houston, TX 77098.

In lieu of flowers, family and friends are invited to make donations to the Wesley H. Swift '97 Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund at Texas A&M University. Gifts can be made to the scholarship by mail to The Association of Former Students, 505 George Bush Drive, College Station, TX 77840, or online at [tx.ag/wesleyswift](http://tx.ag/wesleyswift).

## Lucas Vegas Jr.



Lucas Vegas Jr., 86, of Friendswood, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 30, 2026. He was born on Aug. 27, 1939, in Goose Creek (Baytown), to Lucas and Dominga Vegas.

Lucas graduated from Robert E. Lee High School, where he played varsity football and baseball and ran track. During those years, he helped lead the Ganders to the state semifinals.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Scarbrough; his brother, James Vegas (Nelda); his daughter, Lucinda Bright (Joe), and their children, Elizabeth Wright (Daniel), Noah Bright (Magen), Sarah Bright, Katie Ruth Bright, and McKenzie Bright; his son, Luke Vegas (Angie), and their children, Jacob Vegas (Erica), Joshua Vegas, and Lane Vegas; his son, Jaime Vegas (Brooke), and their children, Sully Vegas and Sloane Vegas; his stepson, Stephen Scarbrough (Dana), and their children, Wyatt and Tyler; and his stepdaughter, Stacey Scarbrough.

Lucas will be remembered for his unwavering dedication to education, his love for family, and the countless lives he touched through his leadership, kindness and example.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, June 10, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Jeter Memorial Funeral Home and the Funeral service will be Thursday, June 11, at 10 a.m. at Jeter Memorial Funeral Home at 311 N. Friendswood Dr. Friendswood, TX 77546.

## Hometown Heroes Park hosts free ballroom dance

A free ballroom dance is held every Wednesday from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 East League City Parkway, League City. Everyone is welcome regardless of skill level. The dance is casual dress, and the purpose is to have fun, get some mental and physical exercise and make friends. A variety of rhythms are provided by Neva and Bill Schroder, including foxtrot, waltz, rumba, cha-cha, tango, Viennese waltz, swing, West Coast swing and several popular Latin dances.

Several dancers have attended regularly since the dance began in 2012. Lasting friendship is a bonus of this weekly event. Walk-ins are welcome to share in the fun.

The ballroom has a large floating hardwood floor and natural light from many windows and a wall of mirrors.

While this regular dance is provided free by volunteers, there is a fee for age-dependent non-residents and non-senior residents. The fees are handled entirely by the front office at Hometown Heroes Park. Information is available by calling 281-554-1185.

## Police swarm on Redford



A felony warrant execution at an apartment complex in the 1200 block of Redford led to a SWAT standoff Tuesday, June 2, leaving a wanted suspect dead from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Multiple law enforcement agencies responded to the incident, including the U.S. Marshals Gulf Coast Violent Offenders Task Force, Houston Police Department, Friendswood Police Department and Harris County Precinct 2 constable's office. See related story on Page 1.

## Local library events set

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

**Bracewell Branch Library**

Bracewell Library is at 9002 Kingspoint. Customers are encouraged to visit the building to browse, check out and return materials, use the computers and Wi-Fi, and check out holds. For information, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/> or call 832-393-2580. Hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, noon – 8 p.m.; Fridays, 1 – 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Bracewell is closed Sundays.

The following events are scheduled for Bracewell Library:

Thursday, June 11, 1 – 5 p.m. HPL Get LIT 2026.

Saturday, June 13, 2 – 4 p.m. Saturdays at HPL. Registration required.

Monday, June 15, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Bring family to storytime. Registration required.

Monday, June 15, 1 – 5 p.m. HPL Get LIT 2026.

Monday, June 15, 3 – 5 p.m. Teen movie time. Registration required.

Tuesday, June 16, 1 – 5 p.m. HPL Get LIT 2026.

Tuesday, June 16, 3 – 4 p.m. Bad art club: Disaster-piece craft event. Registration required.

Tuesday, June 16, 3 – 4 p.m. Teen movie time. Registration required.

Tuesday, June 16, 4 – 5 p.m. Kids STEM workshop. Registration required.

Wednesday, June 17, 1 – 5 p.m. HPL Get LIT 2026.

Wednesday, June 17, 3 – 5 p.m. Teen movie time. Registration required.

Visit <https://houstonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events> for more library events.

**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.

**Parker Williams Library**

Parker Williams Library is at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Customers are encouraged to visit the building to browse, check out and return materials, use the computers and Wi-Fi, and check out holds. Hours are Monday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; 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 more information. One can also visit social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

The following events are scheduled for Parker Williams Library:

Thursday, June 11, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Toddler time.

Thursday, June 11, 11 a.m. – noon. Mommy circle by Post-baby bliss.

Thursday, June 11, 4 – 5:30 p.m. Juneteenth movie and craft celebration.

Friday, June 12, 1 – 3 p.m. Recycled CD suncatchers craft for adults.

Friday, June 12, 4 – 5 p.m. Pokemon club perler bead craft.

Saturday, June 13, 10 a.m. – noon. Tai Chi.

Saturday, June 13, 3 – 4:30 p.m. Korean language music class. Registration required.

Monday, June 15, 10 a.m. – noon. MFAH kids art camp. Registration required.

Monday, June 15, Noon – 1:30 p.m. Adult computer classes with Harris County universal services. Registration required.

Monday, June 15, 1 – 2:30 p.m. ESL conversation club. Registration required.

Monday, June 15, 4 – 5 p.m. 3D printer orientation. Registration required.

Monday, June 15, 6 – 7:30 p.m. Tai Chi.

Tuesday, June 16, 10:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Personas que corren con libros: Club de lectura en Español.

Tuesday, June 16, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Babies and books.

Tuesday, June 16, 3 – 4 p.m. The ballerina with webbed feet performance by Books Alive.

Wednesday, June 17, 4 – 5 p.m. Kids shya-saurus rex performance by Express Theater.

Wednesday, June 17, 4 – 5 p.m. Shya-saurus rex performance by Express Theater.

Wednesday, June 17, 6 – 7:30 p.m. Pathway to citizenship. Registration required.

**Online services**

- Use HCPL Wi-Fi service with HCPL's drive-up Wi-Fi.
- Download e-books and audiobooks, stream movies, research and learn at [www.hcpl.net](http://www.hcpl.net).
- Attend an HCPL program or story time online through Facebook or YouTube.
- 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 additional information, visit [www.hcpl.net](http://www.hcpl.net).

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## Melillo celebrates fifth-grade art winners

Five of Melillo Middle School fifth-grade students were awarded gold medals as they achieved exemplary status for their outstanding work at the regional level. Left to right, are (front row) Ailani Wright who received two gold medals, one for each of her art pieces; Jonathan Thomas who also received a gold medal; (back row) Ruby Salinas; principal Jennifer Saucedo; Adalina Sosa; Anabell Amezcua; and art teacher Jan Tekell.

# Vega lawsuit reaches Supreme Court

## Suit challenges legitimacy of Pct. 2 commissioner Garcia

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Garcia served on the protection district's board for one year while continuing his work as commissioner before Vega's lawsuit was filed in 2024.

But Harris County officials say Vega's argument rests on a faulty premise. In April, acting County Attorney Jonathan Fombonne told the appeals court that Garcia's appointment to the protection district was invalid from the start, meaning it could not have caused him to vacate his commissioners court seat. The appeals court agreed.

Fombonne also noted that any questionable votes Garcia may have cast as a protection district board member could be corrected retroactively.

"You could ratify all those past votes to make sure there are no 'illegal expenditures,'" said Fombonne. "Even assuming they had identified illegal expenditures, we can take action through commissioners court to ratify them."

Garcia's office sharply criticized Vega's latest filing.

"(The lawsuit) is a last-ditch effort and a waste of taxpayer money," said Garcia spokesperson Scott Spiegel. "It should be noted that two courts have already dismissed these baseless and ludicrous claims. The relief the plaintiff seeks is not allowable under the Texas Constitution. We will be having no further comment at this time."

The Harris County Attorney's Office also reiterated that state law does not allow a special election to fill a commissioners court vacancy. If a seat becomes empty before a general election, the county judge is responsible for appointing a replacement.

Vega maintains that the case is about constitutional rights and voter representation.

"This case is about the rule of law and the voice of the people," Vega said in a press release. "If a vacancy occurred, then the residents of Precinct 2 have been denied their constitutional right to elect their representative."

The Texas Supreme Court has given Harris County until Monday, June 15, to respond. Vega is seeking a ruling by Monday, July 6.

# CCISD to host pre-K and kindergarten registration fair for upcoming school year

Clear Creek ISD will hold a pre-K and kindergarten Registration fair on June 15-16, 2026, to help walk families through the registration process in preparation for the 2026-27 school year. CCISD bilingual enrollment and data specialists will be present to support incoming families to the District.

What: Clear Creek ISD Full-Day pre-K and kindergarten registration fair.

When: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, June 15, and Tuesday, June 16.

Where: McWhirter Elementary School, 300 Pennsylvania, Webster, TX 77598

Who: Open to parents and guardians of children turning four years old on or before Sept. 1, 2026, and who reside in CCISD for pre-K enrollment, and parents and guardians of children turning five years old on or before Sept. 1, 2026, and who reside in CCISD for kindergarten enrollment.

More Information: Clear Creek ISD offers free, full-day early learning programs for those who qualify, as well as a tuition-based pre-K program for residents who live within the District boundaries.

To finalize registration and qualifications for the pre-K or kindergarten program, parents and guardians will need to bring the following required documentation to the registration fair:

- Birth certificate
- Immunization record
- Two proofs of residency in the Clear Creek Independent School District (mortgage or lease and a gas, water or electric bill)
- Social Security card (Social Security card is recommended but not required. A student who does not provide or have a Social Security card will be assigned a state identification number.)
- Parent/Guardian I.D. (driver's license, passport, military I.D.)

Additionally, if parents believe their child meets one of the six qualifications for free pre-K listed below, the corresponding documentation of qualification will also need to be provided at the time of registration.

- Limited English Proficiency. Students qualifying as limited English proficient will be tested on the day of registration to determine placement in the program.
- Economically Disadvantaged. Students qualifying as economically disadvantaged must meet the federal income eligibility guidelines.
- Homeless.
- The child of a parent in the military or injured or killed while actively serving in the military. Appropriate Department of Defense identification or documentation must be provided.
- In or have been in the conservatorship of the state of Texas. Appropriate documentation for the Department of Family and Protective Services must be provided.

- The child of a person eligible for the Star of Texas Award, as a peace officer, firefighter or emergency medical first responder.

Visit [ccisd.net/prek](http://ccisd.net/prek) and [ccisd.net/enroll](http://ccisd.net/enroll) for more information.

Families interested in learning more may visit [ccisd.net/prek](http://ccisd.net/prek) and submit the interest form to be contacted to determine qualifications and enroll.

# HCPH observes Gun Violence Awareness Month

Harris County Public Health (HCPH) is joining communities nationwide in observing Gun Violence Awareness Month this June.

The initiative draws critical attention to the growing public health crisis of gun violence and reaffirms HCPH's commitment to community-based prevention and healing.

Gun violence is currently the leading cause of death for children and teens in the United States, surpassing motor vehicle crashes, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Each day, more than 110 people are killed by guns, and more than 200 are non-fatally injured, based on national estimates from Everytown for Gun Safety. Beyond these statistics, the ripple effects of trauma, fear, and grief continue to affect survivors, families and entire communities.

Harris County recognizes that gun violence is not just a law enforcement issue—it's a public health emergency. Addressing the issue requires a comprehensive approach that targets the root causes of violence, strengthens social support systems, and provides access to mental and behavioral health services.

To commemorate lives lost and raise awareness, HCPH encourages community members to participate in National Gun Violence Awareness Month by wearing orange. This color symbolizes the value of life and a future free from violence.

HCPH's Community Health and Violence Prevention Services (CHVPS) Division leads county efforts to prevent and reduce violence through trauma-informed, evidence-based strategies. Strategies carried out through the HART (Holistic Assistance Response Teams) and RISE (Relentless Interrupters Serving Everyone) programs include the following:

- Hospital-based violence intervention
- Credible messenger and youth mentorship initiatives
- Behavioral and mental health support
- Community outreach and education

These services are focused on prevention, healing, and long-term resilience to build safer, healthier communities across Harris County.

# Moody Gardens announces summer events

Moody Gardens recently announced their summer kickoff events.

**Cheer on USA this Friday in the MG3D theater**

Get ready to cheer on Team USA as they take on the world stage at the Moody Gardens' watch party. And the best part? Admission is free. Join us on June 12 for the USA vs. Paraguay match, shown on one of the largest screens in Texas inside the MG 3D Theater. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., with kickoff at 8 p.m. Wear your red, white, and blue, bring your friends and family, and experience all the excitement of Team USA's opening match in an immersive, larger-than-life setting.

Seating is first come, first serve.

For more information, visit [https://www.moodygardens.com/events?utm\\_source=revinate&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=SUB%3A%20June%20Pickleball%20Schedule-878598](https://www.moodygardens.com/events?utm_source=revinate&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=SUB%3A%20June%20Pickleball%20Schedule-878598).

**Wine Dinner is this Wednesday**

Experience an unforgettable evening of fine dining at the Truchard Vineyards Wine pairing dinner this Wednesday, June 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Shearn's Seafood and Prime Steaks. This exclusive multicourse dinner pairs exceptional Truchard wines with chef-crafted dishes, including butter-poached diver scallops, roasted wild mushroom tartlet, pan-seared beef tenderloin and a decadent Valrhona dark chocolate mousse. Thoughtfully curated to complement every flavor, this intimate dining experience is the perfect blend of culinary artistry and world-class wine. Do not miss out on this evening of decadence.

Reservations are required, visit [https://www.moodygardens.com/events?utm\\_source=revinate&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=SUB%3A%20June%20Pickleball%20Schedule-878598](https://www.moodygardens.com/events?utm_source=revinate&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=SUB%3A%20June%20Pickleball%20Schedule-878598).

**Dinner with a view**

Come join this Friday, June 12, from 5 to 7 p.m., as they kick off their Summer Dinner Buffet at the Moody Gardens Golf Course. Every Friday starting June 12 and ending Aug. 7, enjoy a rotating menu of these three themes: Steak Smoke House (ribeye au jus, grilled shrimp, chargrilled chicken), Captain's Table (fried catfish, blackened salmon, mussels, and linguine), and Italiano (chicken parmesan, roasted meatballs with peppers, and fettuccini alfredo). Every buffet includes classic sides, desserts, plus refreshments. Bring loved ones and enjoy a meal at a top-ranked Texas course, overlooking a spectacular view of the fairway.

Pricing: adults - \$24, children - \$16 (plus tax and service fee).

Or, upgrade your experience and bundle pickleball and dinner with their Dink & Dine package which includes open play from 3 to 6 p.m. plus the buffet for just \$30.

Walk-ins welcome, reservations recommended. Call (409) 683-1205 to book a table or for more information. Prepurchase a bottle of wine when booking and save.

**Beats on the Beach starts this Saturday**

Get ready to dance and kick back this summer at Beats on the Beach at Palm Beach. Every Saturday evening starting June 13 through Aug. 8 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., enjoy live music, the gulf breeze, and unbeatable water views on Galveston's only white sand beach. Bring friends and family of all ages to enjoy the family-friendly lineup of music and grab a bite and drink at Shoreline Grill (open with a full menu and cocktails from the bar). This week, Big E and The Lowdown are on the lineup. Individual admission tickets are available, or it is included with a Value Pass. Guests enjoying Palm Beach during the day can stay for the event at no additional charge. Come join for an unforgettable summer of music and laid-back fun.

**Kids baking class**

Let young baker's creativity shine at the Kids baking class at Moody Gardens on Sunday, June 14, from noon to 2 p.m. in the Convention Center kitchen. Guided by their immensely talented pastry team, kids ages 6 to 11 will decorate cookies, cupcakes, donut holes and a gummy worm dirt cake while creating delicious treats to take home and enjoy. Each participant will receive a chef hat and apron to keep, a recipe booklet for future baking adventures at home, and a certificate of completion. Light refreshments and drinks will be provided, and parents are welcome to join the fun and bake alongside their child at no additional cost. Last chance to register one's young ones. Registration is \$99 plus tax and space is limited.

**Ready, set, pickle**

Calling all pickleballers. Galveston Island pickleball at Moody Gardens golf course is now open and serving up a full June schedule packed with fun for every skill level. Whether one is brand new to the game or already a seasoned pro, there are plenty of ways to jump in and play this summer. For more information, visit [https://www.moodygardens.com/pickleball?utm\\_source=revinate&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=SUB%3A%20June%20Pickleball%20Schedule-878598](https://www.moodygardens.com/pickleball?utm_source=revinate&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=SUB%3A%20June%20Pickleball%20Schedule-878598).

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## 2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

**CLEAR LAKE ELLINGTON FIELD**

**COVID-19 GUIDELINES**  
Increased safety protocol due to Covid-19: Residents will be required to wear a mask or face covering when talking to staff on site. Residents are encouraged to place items for drop-off in their trunk for easy contactless unloading.

**ACCEPTED ITEMS:**

Computers	Monitors	TVs*
Routers	Hubs	Mice & Keyboards
Laptops	Printers	Switches
Power Cords	Cables	Fax Machines
UPS	Servers	Cell Phones
Cellular Phones	DVD Players	Telephones
VCRs	Cable Boxes	Toner Cartridges
Scrap Wire	Ink Jet Cartridges	Copiers

\*CRT TV's up to 27" and Flat Screen up to 50"

[WWW.HOUSTONSOLIDWASTE.ORG](http://WWW.HOUSTONSOLIDWASTE.ORG)

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Pasadena Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 p.m., June 23, 2026 in 3920 Mickey Gilley Blvd, Pasadena Texas 77055. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in this discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$0.8254/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.3400/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

**Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget**

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

Maintenance and operations	2.69 % increase
Debt Service	53.14 % increase
Total Expenditures	6.39 % increase

**Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)**

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$28,369,173,634	\$28,293,308,513
Total appraised value** of new property***	\$342,714,633	\$476,439,473
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$18,814,326,656	\$18,764,013,200
Total taxable value*** of new property***	\$227,287,024	\$315,972,823

\*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.  
\*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.01(2)(17), Tax Code.  
\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

**Bonded Indebtedness**

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$814,865,000

\*Outstanding principal.

**Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates**

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$0.8322	\$0.3400	\$1.1722	\$5,189	\$8,079
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$0.8809	\$0.3678	\$1.2487	\$5,272	\$8,013
Proposed Rate	\$0.8254	\$0.3400	\$1.1654	\$5,110	\$8,306

\*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

**Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence**

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$225,379	\$225,227
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$98,207	\$99,348
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.1722	\$1.1654
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$1,151.18	\$1,157.80
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$6.62

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.1654. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$1.1654.

**Fund Balances**

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$113,163,762
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$73,900,841

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](http://Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.



## Perry, Campbell marry

Christine Perry (right) and Caleb Campbell were married June 3 at Gerald D. Hines Waterwall Park in Houston. Tam Lam officiated the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Aquila and Ricky Perry of the Ellington area. The groom is the son of Stephanie Campbell and the grandson of Tammy Campbell Pues of the Beverly Hills area. The bride wore a sleeveless, boat-neck, tea-length gown in a 1950s-inspired style. She was unescorted; there were no bridesmaids, groomsmen, ushers or house party members. Musical selections included "Dearly Beloved" from the Kingdom Hearts II soundtrack and "Prelude" from the Final Fantasy I soundtrack. Following the ceremony, the couple and their guests celebrated with a luncheon at The Hobbit Cafe. Both the bride and groom are 2018 graduates of J. Frank Dobie High School. The bride is employed as a tax preparer, and the groom works as a delivery driver. The couple met in 2014 during their freshman year at Dobie High School. Both are lifelong residents of the South Belt area, aside from a brief time living in College Station. The bride attended Genoa, Moore and South Belt elementary schools, Melillo Middle School and Thompson Intermediate School. The groom attended Atkinson Elementary School, Morris Middle School and Beverly Hills Intermediate School. After a honeymoon to Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Fla. The couple will reside in the Beverly Hills area.

# Soar into June at Lone Star Flight Museum

## Multiple summer programs, classes available for people of all ages

Don't miss out on the summer action - there is something for everyone. One's Summer Passport to Adventure, sponsored by United Airlines, is the place to be for:

- Summer camps
- Scout workshops
- Warbird rides
- Hangar talks
- Flight simulators
- Boeing toddler terminal programming
- Saturdays live aircraft on the ramp (weather permitting)
- Tuesdays are free, courtesy of ExxonMobil

There's still time to take advantage of the \$80 Summer Pass.

**Plane of the month**  
Douglas A-1D Skyraider  
The Douglas A-1D Skyraider was developed as a rugged, carrier-based attack aircraft for the U.S. Navy, first taking flight on March 18, 1945. Designed to carry a wide variety of weapons on its numerous wing hard points, the Skyraider became famous for its ability to carry more ordnance than a World War II B-17 bomber. Between 1946 and 1957, Douglas built 3,180 Skyraiders across 28 different variants. Today, this arduous aircraft is owned by the Vietnam War Flight Museum and stands as powerful reminder of the Skyraider's remarkable combat legacy. Learn more about this multi-role attack aircraft used by the U.S. Navy up close all month in our Heritage Hangar. Included in your general admission and free for members.

**Live aircraft on the ramp**  
Join on Saturday mornings (weather permitting) to experience the sights and sounds of American airpower in action. Watch live aircraft on the ramp, with your best chance to catch the action at 10 a.m. A list of aircraft that one might see is listed at [https://lonestarflight.org/flights/?mc\\_cid=3c7c9214c8&mc\\_eid=bd0a309810](https://lonestarflight.org/flights/?mc_cid=3c7c9214c8&mc_eid=bd0a309810). (Flights are subject to change due to weather and pilot availability.)

**New exhibit**  
Made in Texas: 116 Years of Aviation History  
In honor of the United States' 250th anniversary, the Lone Star Flight Museum is reflecting on Texas' contributions to national and global aviation achievements through an exhibit titled Made in Texas: 116 Years of Texas Aviation History.

This exhibition features photographs, designer flight attendant artifacts created through the years by renowned fashion designer Emilio Pucci, and aircraft from LSFM's collection, celebrating the incredible people, planes, and companies that have affected aviation in the Lone Star State.

This Exhibit is scheduled to open Friday, June 19.

**WINGS Speaker Series**  
Lone Star is thrilled to welcome Aldora Louw, Deputy Division Chief of the Aircraft Operations Division at NASA, as the next WINGS Speaker on Saturday, June 27 at 11:30am. Aldora oversees a fleet of aircraft that support astronaut training, spaceflight readiness, astronaut transportation, and specialized science missions. Join us for this interactive series which highlights women leading the way in aviation and STEM. Hear their stories, ask questions, and get inspired! Included with your general admission, free for members.

**Summer camps are in full swing**  
This summer, campers ages 6-14 can explore aviation, space, and STEM with our Destination: Exploration Summer Camps,

featuring week-long adventures filled with hands-on activities, real-world exploration, and age-appropriate learning.

Spots are filling quickly, secure ones place today. For more information, visit [https://lonestarflight.org/summer-camps/?mc\\_cid=3c7c9214c8&mc\\_eid=bd0a309810](https://lonestarflight.org/summer-camps/?mc_cid=3c7c9214c8&mc_eid=bd0a309810).

**Kids Corner**  
TINY: Ground Crew: Tuesday, June 9 at 9 a.m. Tiny hands get to work. Through hands-on exploration and playful problem-solving, little ones build fine and gross motor skills while discovering how airplanes stay in the air. For registration, visit [lonestarflight.org/learn/tiny/?mc\\_cid=3c7c9214c8&mc\\_eid=bd0a309810](https://lonestarflight.org/learn/tiny/?mc_cid=3c7c9214c8&mc_eid=bd0a309810).

To learn more about Storytime, Aviation Adventures and Toddler Dress Up, visit [lonestarflight.org/event/listing/?mc\\_cid=3c7c9214c8&mc\\_eid=bd0a309810](https://lonestarflight.org/event/listing/?mc_cid=3c7c9214c8&mc_eid=bd0a309810).

## PMHS Guzman wins Tommy Tune Award, advances to Jimmy Awards

As a senior at Pasadena Memorial High School, Rangel Guzman has already achieved what many young performers only dream of: earning top recognition as a Tommy Tune Award Winner for his performance in Matilda.

Now a Jimmy Awards Nominee, Guzman's accomplishment advances him to the national stage and places him among the nation's top high school musical theater performers.

Guzman portrayed Miss Trunchbull in his school's production of Matilda, delivering a performance that secured his win in the Houston-area program. Hosted by Theatre Under the Stars, the Tommy Tune Awards recognize excellence in high school musical theater and serve as a pathway to national competition.

A large group of people in colorful shirts waved and cheered on a stage, with



**Rangel Guzman**  
As Guzman heads into a new stage of life, he is preparing to continue his training at the University of Michigan, where he will pursue a Bachelor of Fine Arts in musical theater.

He will advance to the National High School Musical Theatre Awards, known as the Jimmy Awards, scheduled June 22, at the Minskoff Theatre in New York City.

"I'm going to the University of Michigan for my BFA in musical theater. It's always been my dream school, and then, throughout the grueling college audition process, I ended up just landing right where I belonged," Guzman said.

Guzman is shown sitting on grass, holding a blue and yellow Michigan pennant. The Tommy Tune Awards program annually recognizes student performers across the Houston region, with winners selected for their talent, dedication and stage presence. Those chosen to advance to the Jimmy Awards participate in a week of coaching and workshops before performing on a Broadway stage.

Guzman's recognition reflects both his individual achievement and the opportunities available to students in Pasadena ISD as he prepares to take his next steps from a high school stage to Broadway.

## City launches annual Beat the Heat program

### 20+ cooling centers now open; Reliant to distribute 300 air conditioners

Mayor John Whitmire, along with officials from Reliant Energy, recently announced the opening of more than 20 cooling centers across the city as part of the 2020 Beat the Heat campaign, offering residents free, air-conditioned relief as temperatures climb.

Speaking at the June 1 launch of this year's program, Whitmire emphasized the city's commitment to protecting vulnerable residents during increasingly intense summer heat.

"It took many years of collaboration and partnership with our friends at Reliant," said Whitmire. "It also took neighborhood citizens to participate, spread the word that in Houston, Texas, we look out for our seniors, our young people."

Reliant is contributing more than \$80,000 and providing more than 300 air-conditioning units and cooling devices to support the centers. "We don't want anybody, whether you're on a fixed income or not, to have to make a choice between your health and running your air conditioning unit," said Bill Clayton, Reliant's senior vice president.

The cooling centers - located at city multi-service centers, public libraries, community centers and even City Hall - offer air-conditioned spaces, water, snacks, entertainment and in some cases care packages and energy-bill assistance resources.

Houston Health Department Director Theresa Tran underscored the life-saving importance of these facilities.

"These units are not luxuries; they are preventative medicine," said Tran. "They help people stay out of the hospital, reduce medical crises and, more importantly, save lives."

Whitmire also noted that the city is equipping its centers with mobile backup generators to ensure they remain operational during outages.

"When I got elected, I found out that our multiple service centers, cooling centers, didn't have generators," said Whitmire. "Can you imagine that?"

For additional information on the 2020 Beat the Heat program, visit [www.reliant.com/en/about/community/beat-the-heat](http://www.reliant.com/en/about/community/beat-the-heat).

The following is a complete list of cooling centers that were opened:

**City multi-service centers**  
- Acres Homes MSC: 6719 W. Montgomery Road  
- Alief Neighborhood Center: 11903 Bellaire Blvd.  
- Denver Harbor MSC: 6402 Market Street  
- Fifth Ward MSC: 4014 Market Street  
- Hiram Clarke MSC: 3810 W. Fuqua Street  
- Kashmere MSC: 4802 Lockwood Drive  
- Magnolia MSC: 7037 Capitol Street  
- Northeast MSC: 9720 Spaulding Street  
- Southwest MSC: 6400 High Star Drive  
- Sunnyside Health & MSC: 4410 Reed Road  
- Third Ward MSC: 3611 Ennis Street  
- West End MSC: 170

**County community centers**  
- Bay Area Community Center: 5002 E. NASA Parkway in Seabrook  
- East Harris County Activity Center: 7340 Spencer Highway in Pasadena  
- JD Walker Community Center: 7613 Wade Road in Baytown  
- Deputy Darren Almandarez Center: 10918 1/2 Bentley Street  
- Leonel J. Castillo Center: 2101 South Street  
- Mangum-Howell Center: 2500 Frick Road  
- Martin Flukinger Center: 16003 Lorenzo Street in Channelview  
**Community family centers**  
- Community Family Centers: Reliant Energy Building, 7524 Avenue E  
**Tejano center**  
- La Tiendita Pasadena: 1062 Fairmont Parkway in Pasadena  
- La Tiendita Gulfton/Sharpstown: 6400 Bissonnet

**Friends of PWBL seeks donations**  
The Friends of Parker Williams Branch Library would like to thank the South Belt community for their continuing support. The library is currently in need of new or gently used children's books, adult paperback novels (both fiction and nonfiction) and DVDs and CDs. Donations can be made during open hours at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., suite 501.

# Remember When

**50 years ago (1970)**  
The Sagemont Jaycees held a raffle and raised \$400 for community service projects. The raffled a CB radio, which was won by Duane Voytosi.

HPD denied knowledge about the Blackburn purse snatching.

**45 years ago (1981)**  
Failure of the Texas Legislature to redraw lines for the state's 27 congressional districts forced the governor to call a special session for such a purpose.

Southeast Volunteer Fire Department acquired a new \$37,184 ambulance.

**40 years ago (1986)**  
Harris County Commissioners Court gave the green light for the first step in building the Harris County Court Annex in the South Belt area.

Even if Pasadena School District hired every black person on file, PISD still could not fill the quota sought by the U.S. Justice Department, said PISD defense attorney Steve Greenberg.

**35 years ago (1991)**  
Doris Barnes, 31-year-old PISD employee and assistant principal of Pasadena High School by the PISD board of trustees.

News publications across America continued to use the Brio superfund site as an example of a good idea gone bad in looking at toxic waste sited in their coverage area.

**30 years ago (1996)**  
Pasadena elementary schools began sending out report cards every nine weeks instead of every six weeks.

Design of the quarter-mile extension of Blackhawk Boulevard to link the beltway to Fuqua was being done by an independent engineering firm in the city's attempt to accelerate the project.

**25 years ago (2001)**  
A return of tropical storm Allison flooded the area leaving 20 inches of rain in a week.

The City of Houston began a \$25 million program for debris removal.

**20 years ago (2006)**  
Sagemont Church celebrated its 40th anniversary

by hosting more than 5,000 people at Reliant Center. The Rev. John D. Morgan, pastor since Sagemont's inception, was presented with a financial contribution to his retirement fund during the event.

Dobie Future Farmers of America participated in a benefit for Joshua Cranfill, infant son of Allan and Kara Cranfill, who was diagnosed with Rhabdomyosarcoma.

The theme of the annual South Belt July Fourth Parade was Proud to Be an American.

Jean Liew, daughter of Yook-Ying and Wai-Ping Liew, was awarded the distinction of being the first Dobie High School student named Latin Student of the Year in Texas at the 2006 State Latin Convention.

**15 years ago (2011)**  
Sagemont Church celebrated its 45th anniversary.

The day's celebration included special morning worship services as well as an evening praise and baptism service outdoors at the church's 170-foot cross. The date also marked an important deadline in the construction of a new building on its main campus on the South Sam Houston Parkway near Interstate 45 South. Church members generously donated an unprecedented \$4.5 million in a mere two days - far more than the \$3.2 million needed to finish the construction of the building.

**10 years ago (2016)**  
Sagemont Church celebrated its 50th anniversary with multiple services June 5, culminating with a special outdoor celebration that evening. Over the past five decades, the church had grown from a mere 16 members to a congregation of

more than 20,000 - one of the largest in the country, with ministries all around the globe. The church, then known as Sagemont Baptist Church, was founded in 1966 by the Rev. John D. Morgan. The original church, located on 5.46 acres of land, cost a meager \$160,000 to construct. Around the year 2000, the church added a \$12.5 million children's building and parking lot expansion and a church retreat in Danbury. A recent expansion at Sagemont included the installation of a 170-foot, 90-ton cross on the church's property along Beltway 8 near the Gulf Freeway. The expansion also included the construction of a new \$30 million worship center and adult education facility. Overall, Sagemont's buildings and property were valued at more than \$50 million.

Sagemont's budget and offering receipts total roughly \$20 million annually. Mission gifts have increased to more than \$2 million per year, and total gifts received over the church's history total around \$250 million. The church had then baptized more than 16,800 people, and more than 300 people have been licensed or ordained through the church.

**5 years ago (2021)**  
The death of 5-year-old Samuel Olson was ruled a homicide, caused by blunt head trauma. Theresa Balboa, the girlfriend of Olson's father, was charged with evidence tampering involving a human corpse. Balboa appeared in court Monday, June 7, where her bail was increased to \$600,000. Her bail had initially been set at \$500,000, but prosecutors said she was a possible flight

risk. Additional charges could be filed once Olson's autopsy was complete, prosecutors said. At the time of the alleged crime, Balboa was already out on \$15,000 bond for reportedly choking the boy's father the previous November.

San Jacinto College announced it was offering free tuition to all graduating students in its taxing district. The move was made possible by a significant donation from an anonymous donor. The tuition program is a last-dollar scholarship, meaning it kicks in only after all other grant and scholarship funding has been applied. Once all other funding sources have been applied, the remaining balance, if any, will be picked up by the anonymous donor. The unnamed benefactor reportedly made the generous do-

nation in response to recent gains made by the college district's minority students. To stay enrolled in the 21 Forward program, a student had to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress as determined by financial aid at the end of each semester. The San Jacinto College District includes six independent school districts, including Channelview ISD, Deer Park ISD, Galena Park ISD, La Porte ISD, Pasadena ISD and Sheldon ISD. Home-school, private school and GED graduates in the district were also eligible. Clear Creek ISD is not located in the college's taxing district. San Jacinto College officials announced the scholarship program at each of Pasadena ISD's six graduation ceremonies to roaring applause.

On Wednesday, May 26, deputies with Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's Special Operations Division conducted a major narcotics operation at an undisclosed location, seizing large amounts of methamphetamine. The street value

of the confiscated narcotics is approximately \$1.4 million. During the bust, deputies seized 50 kilograms of crystallized methamphetamine and approximately 10 gallons of liquid meth, which converts to around 28 kilograms of crystallized meth, for a total seizure of roughly 78 kilograms - or approximately 172 pounds. While begun in Precinct 2, the investigation led deputies to multiple surrounding areas. Several individuals were expected to be charged. This bust followed a string of recent arrests by the Precinct 2 Constable's Special Opera-

tions Division that removed hundreds of pounds of methamphetamine off the streets.

**1 year ago (2025)**  
Lutheran South Academy alumni Geoff Barnes appeared as a contestant on Jeopardy!, winning three consecutive days from Thursday, May 29, through Monday, June 2. Now an analyst living in Washington D.C., Barnes was defeated on his fourth appearance on the game show Tuesday, June 3, by a fellow contestant from Houston. As a three-day Jeopardy! champion, Barnes' total winnings equaled \$44,800.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LESLIE!**  
Leslie Flickinger celebrates a birthday June 11. Wishes for a wonderful day are sent by her husband Fred; daughter Kimberly and husband Matt Lipina and child William; daughter Courtney and children Abigail, Jackson and Penelope; father-in-law David Flickinger; and brother-in-law David (Leader president) and wife Ellie Flickinger.

**BILL CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY**  
Local businessman Bill Winning celebrates his birthday June 15. Best wishes are sent from his wife Carol, family and friends and staff at the South Belt Leader.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MARCUS!**  
Happy birthday wishes from friends at the Leader go to Marcus Anderson who enjoys a birthday June 15. He is a Precinct 2 officer who has served the South Belt area.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHUCK!**  
Birthday greetings are sent June 17 to longtime South Belt resident and businessman Chuck Maricle who serves as the district chief of staff for the U.S. Coast Guard's 8th Coastal Region. He is a veteran U.S. Army engineer and is active in several local chambers of commerce.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays June 11 through June 17.

**Burnett Elementary**  
Jeany Ngo celebrates a birthday June 11.

**Bush Elementary**  
Light the birthday candles June 11 for Felicia Olivia.

**Frazier Elementary**  
June 14 is the day of celebration for Danielle Webster.

**Genoa Elementary**  
Enjoying a memorable birthday June 11 is Alije Kivijav. Send a birthday greeting June 12 to Cheryl Helaire.

**Meador Elementary**  
Blow out the candles June 11 for Alexandra Richardson. Remember to wish Alexis Jaso a happy birthday June 16.

**Moore Elementary**  
Light the candles on a birthday cake for Laura Rodriguez June 11. The day for a party for Shelly Blair is June 16.

**South Belt Elementary**  
Margo Sanchez enjoys a special birthday June 12.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
Blow out the birthday candles June 13 for Lisette Gallegos. Best wishes for a wonderful birthday June 14 are sent to Heather Trog.

**Melillo Middle School**  
Remember to send a birthday greeting June 16 to Lauren Sanchez.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
Give a birthday shoutout June 14 to Yesenia Lopez. The day for a double-layer birthday cake for Thelma Baeza and Carla

Castillo is June 15.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
Kaylyn Harlan enjoys a birthday June 11. MaryBeth Nicol and Meagan Wisniewski celebrate birthdays June 16.

**Dobie High**  
Happy birthday greetings are sent to Danielle Taylor, on June 11. Remember to wish Magaly Quiroz a happy birthday June 13. Break out the balloons and party favors June 17 for John Kneisler.

**FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**  
Thursday, June 11: Greg Medina and Debbie Mills; Friday, June 12: Charlie Groover, Marilyn Millet and Edily Watson; Saturday, June 13: Daniel Huston, Rhonda Jones, Heidi Beckham and Keshia Rodriguez; Sunday, June 14: Thomas King, Thomas Golightly, Sandra Torres, Dale Brister, Karl Jasso and Sandy Gutheinz; Monday, June 15: Margarita Duron, Oscar Guevara, Jen Joyce, Corrie Gallaway, Jason Evans and Derek Gray; Tuesday, June 16: Arturo Ayala, Melissa Farr and Caitlin Caughlin; and Wednesday, June 17: Patrick Thomas, Steven Bryant, Rick Bailey, Christine Thomas, Michelle Miller and Stephanie Hartman.

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# SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

## PISD, CCISD schools now prepared for UIL's newest realignment twists

It will likely take some getting used to, but both athletes and coaches within the Pasadena ISD and Clear Creek ISD athletic departments will have to get used to being in part of different numerical districts beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.

The University Interscholastic League's newest two-year realignment now has the Pasadena ISD programs involved in District 19-6A along with

newcomer Brazoswood as well as holdovers Dawson and Pearland of Pearland ISD as well as Alvin and Shadow Creek of Alvin ISD and Manvel to create a nine-program district.

Dobie remains one of the top 25 high schools in the state of Texas in terms of enrollment and would head to the Division I playoff bracket in all team sports.

In terms of first round playoff matchups, those

programs within 19-6A will go against a group of schools within district 20-6A, including Alief Elsik, Alief Hastings and Alief Taylor as well as Bellaire, Houston Heights, Houston Lamar, Houston Westside, Houston Memorial and Spring Branch Stratford.

The Clear Creek ISD programs, including Clear Brook, will now be part of district 18-6A.

The entire eight-program league will include

Deer Park, Dickinson, Clear Brook, Clear Lake, Clear Creek, Clear Falls, Clear Springs and newcomer Barbers Hill.

The competition within 18-6A figures to be as challenging as ever with the arrival of Barbers Hill, which advanced deep into both the volleyball and the girls basketball playoffs before winning a 5A State Championship in its final season on the softball field before the jump to 6A.

District 18-6A will also find the going very challenging in first round playoff competition as it will go head-to-head against a District 17-6A group that includes Channelview, Crosby, North Shore, Humble, Atascocita, Kingwood, Summer Creek, and C.E. King.

Also within Pasadena ISD, South Houston has now made the move to

Class 5A, where the Trojans will be part of District 20-5A, which very well could be one of the most competitive districts within the region.

The Trojans will be joined by Iowa Colony, Angleton, Friendswood, Galveston Ball, La Porte, Pasadena, Santa Fe and Texas City.

All of the fun begins Aug. 1 across the state on the volleyball court as the short preseason begins.

The UIL has set Aug. 7 as the first allowable day for scrimmages, and a regular season will begin Aug. 10.

Preseason football workouts across the state may begin August 10, with contact allowed Aug. 15 and scrimmages starting Aug. 20. Dobie will open the varsity football season Aug. 28 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena, taking on Clear Springs at 7 p.m.



**Dobie varsity football head coach Danny Fitzmorris and his entire group of coaches will have to make the adjustment to referring to their new competitive district as 19-6A heading into the 2026-2027 school year as per the University Interscholastic League's two-year realignment. Dobie will open the 2026 varsity football season Aug. 28 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena, hosting perennial playoff power Clear Springs in a nondistrict matchup.** Photo by Donna Alsdorf

## SJC softball's Perez gets NFCA honors

Northeast Alabama has captured its first National Junior College Athletic Association Division 1 Women's Softball Championship as the 2026 season has come to a conclusion.

Things did not go as smoothly as San Jacinto College would have hoped at the national tournament, especially after an opening round 7-0 victory over McCook College.

A pair of losses followed as the Ravens saw their championship tournament hopes come to a premature ending, but the Ravens had very little to be disappointed about following a Region 14 South zone championship season that included an overall record of 42-26, including 21-3 in conference play.

Sophomore Maddie Perez concluded an outstanding run of things in her final season with the Ravens and she earned first team All-American accolades from the National Fastpitch Coaches

Association.

Playing in 62 total games, Perez hit .536, scoring 75 runs, knocking in 72 and collecting 105 total hits. Perez had 46 extra-base hits, including 25 doubles, nine triples and 12 home runs.

As head coach Kelly Saenz looks ahead to 2027, the list of players eligible to return include Bree Norman, who hit .432 with 41 runs driven in. Alyssa Terry, a Clear Brook graduate, may also return after hitting .372 in her debut season with the Ravens.

Mia Ortega and Zoie Powell were both significant contributors on the offensive side of things and will be eligible to return for the 2027 season.

San Jacinto College figures to undergo a major revamp of the pitching department with Audrey Diercks the only eligible returnee to have seen significant action as a freshman as she was 4-4 with a 4.68 earned run average.

## Clear Creek ISD Class of 2026 Athletic Hall of Honor unveiled

Officials with the Clear Creek ISD Athletic Hall of Honor have unveiled the class of 2026 inductees as legendary coaching and athlete performances are recognized later this fall.

The coaching inductees for 2026 include Tom Landgraf, a legendary United States water polo coach who later in his career was the swimming and diving head coach at Clear Lake High School from 1992 through 2011.

Also from Clear Lake High School, Karolyn Criado, who coached girls' golf for the Falcons from 2004 through 2023, will be enshrined.

As for the athletes, Annette Carney Propp, a 1988 Clear Lake High School graduate, will be honored for her outstanding performance in both volleyball and basketball.

Brian Williams, who starred for the Falcons during the 1989 state championship basketball run, is entering the Hall

of Fame based on his tremendous performances on both the hardwood as well as track and field.

Meredith Phillips Thompson has been a part of Clear Creek ISD athletics essentially her entire life. Currently the longtime varsity volleyball coach at Clear Brook High School, Thompson starred at Clear Creek High School both on the volleyball and basketball courts before graduating in 1996.

Thompson went on to produce an outstanding collegiate volleyball career at Lee College in Baytown.

Clear Brook high school graduate Deryell Patterson starred on the football field as well as on the track for the Wolverines before graduating in 1999.

Lauren Viel, a 2007 Clear Lake High School graduate, will enter the Hall of Honor as one of the girls' golf program greats for the Falcons.

Representing Clear

Springs High School will be 2014 graduate Brooke McCarty Williams, one of the very first players for the Chargers who went on to compete collegiately.

Landon Etzel, a football and baseball standout for the Clear Creek High School Wildcats before his graduation in 2016, will also be inducted.

The team inductees for 2026 include the 1964 Clear Creek High School varsity girls basketball team that was a Class 2A State runner-up under the guidance of legendary head coach Virginia Butler.

Head coach Anid de La Garza, who is already a member of the Hall of Honor, will also see her 1988 Clear Lake girls' Cross-Country State Champion team be inducted.

Also from Clear Lake, the 2007 State Champion girls' golf team, led by Criado, will be enshrined into the Hall of Honor.

### 19-6A for 2026-2027

<b>Dobie (3,642)</b>
<b>Pearland (3,520.5)</b>
<b>Memorial (3,133)</b>
<b>Alvin (2,749)</b>
<b>Dawson (2,640)</b>
<b>Shadow Creek (2,620)</b>
<b>Brazoswood (2,536)</b>
<b>Rayburn (2,494)</b>
<b>Manvel (2,259)</b>

### 18-6A for 2026-2027

<b>Deer Park (4,104)</b>
<b>Dickinson (3,857.5)</b>
<b>Clear Springs (2,764)</b>
<b>Clear Falls (2,623)</b>
<b>Clear Lake (2,590)</b>
<b>Clear Creek (2,483)</b>
<b>Clear Brook (2,425)</b>
<b>Barbers Hill (2,309)</b>

## Lutheran South spring programs earn recognition

The Lutheran South Academy baseball, softball, track and field and golf programs figured

permanently in TAPPS postseason honors following the completion of the spring competition semes-

ter.

Baseball players Jaylen Walker, Marcus Cantu and Wyatt Powell were first team All-State honorees after helping the Pioneers win a second consecutive state championship.

Meanwhile, teammates David Corona and Troy Gonzalez were honorable mention All-State picks.

At the district level, Powell, an outstanding right-handed pitcher for the Pioneers, was the Most Valuable Player of the league while Gonzalez and Cantu were also first team picks along with Co-

rona and Walker.

Rocha and the Landon Victorian found spots on the second team along with Rocha and Brycen Gilbert while Max Saldana and Jake Stewart were honorable mention choices.

Several Lutheran South varsity softball players were also recognized for their standout play this season. Addi Smith was the district Most Valuable Player, while teammates Emily Bankson and Gia Bales for first team All-District picks along with Ava Zamora and Kendall Putnal.



Lutheran South varsity golfers Addison Trahan (left) and Emma Poffinbarger, and who were All-State tournament team selections this season while leading the Pioneers to third place in the state championship tournament, were both Academic All-State selections.



Lutheran South Academy varsity baseball players, from left, Troy Gonzalez (15), Wyatt Powell (9), Jaylen Walker (2) and Brycen Gilbert (5) were each named to the All-Tournament Team at State after the Pioneers completed a comeback 4-3 victory over Fort Worth Christian to win a second consecutive state championship. Each of the players also received various All-District accolades following the completion of the regular season.

ed Smith, Bankson and Whitehead.

Lutheran South state champion pole vaulter Reed Brenner was an Academic All-State selection among the track and field performers for the Pioneers, as were Elijah Brown, Rhet Lavergne, Case Noack and Lanie Ward.

Lutheran South varsity golfers Emma Poffinbarger and Addison Trahan, who were All-State tournament team selections this season while leading the Pioneers to third place in the state championship tournament, were both Academic All-State selections.

LSA baseball players Drew Rocha, Corona and Cantu were Academic All-State honorees for the 2025-2026 school year.

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At right, Class of 2026 Lutheran South Academy senior graduate Addi Smith was truly one of the top performing players anywhere across the state as she was an All-State selection in both varsity girls' soccer and softball for the 2026 season. Smith, also a terrific student in the classroom, will now continue her education and softball career at Wichita State University. Smith received Academic All-State recognition for her work in the classroom during the 2025-2026 school year.



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# Jones welcomes new opportunities at Texas Wesleyan

By John Bechtle  
Sports Editor

One of the most dynamic playmakers in special teams on the football field and an up and coming sprinter on the track, Dobie Class of 2026 graduate Marcus Jones is now ready to take his talents to the college level as he joins Fort Worth-based Texas Wesleyan University.

Jones has signed with the Rams to play football but also plans to participate in the track and field program next spring.

The District 22-6A first team all-league special teams performer during the 2025 season, Jones

finished sixth overall in the district in all-purpose yardage gained. Putting together 290 yards in kickoff returns and another 111 in punt returns, Jones proved to be the most dynamic return man in the district.

In limited opportunities both in the run and pass game for the Longhorns offensively, Jones also produced 271 yards rushing and 267 yards receiving for a total of 939 all-purpose yards.

Jones averaged 32.22 yards per return on kickoffs during the regular season, taking one to the house for an 88-yard score.

As an incoming freshman at Texas Wesleyan, Jones understands that he, just like many other first-year players, will most likely need to make his initial impressions on special teams.

Texas Wesleyan University is in the process of pursuing inclusion into the NCAA Division 2 ranks.

The Rams underwent a change in leadership at the top of the football program as Fran Johnson was named head coach in March.

The program is also touting success in the final phase of development for Karen Cramer Stadium, with completion of construction to come in the winter of next year.

The Rams currently compete in a National Association of Interscholastic Athletics with Johnson playing a significant role in building the Wesleyan offense into one of the more dynamic groups in recent years.

In 2025, the Rams went 7-5 overall but captured the Sooner Athletic Conference title with a record of 7-1. In the first round of the NAIA playoffs, Wesleyan was defeated 38-9 by William Penn University.

With Johnson stepping into the lead role over the program, it would certainly

appear that Jones and the rest of his teammates, regardless of experience or grade class, will receive a great opportunity to make a name for themselves in preseason workouts.

Granted, Jones will be making the jump to the collegiate ranks, but his gifted return skills are sure to be able to translate well at the next level.

Jones, quite honestly, hopes to sooner than later be able to contribute to the Wesleyan offense out of the slot receiver position.

"I have the mindset that at any time I touch the football, I have a chance to take it to the house for a touchdown," Jones said. "I

really think, especially in the return game, you have to be a little bit fearless and have the belief that you can make a big play every time you touch the ball.

"For me, I have always felt the same way on the offensive side of things. I just want to be able to get the ball in my hands, and then see what I can do with it from there."

While Jones currently plays at roughly 5-foot-8-inches and 160 pounds, he was actually in the parking lot of his local training gym when he stopped to take the phone call for this story.

Ideally, Jones said he has a target weight of 175 to 180 pounds, and figures he can withstand the tolls of tackles at the collegiate level without sacrificing speed and burst at the increased weight.

Jones does currently plan to sprint at Texas Wesleyan when the track and field season comes around in the spring, but said he will defer to competing in spring football if and when that decision has to be made.

Whatever he is able to add to the Texas Wesleyan sprint group will be a bonus.

Despite dealing with a handful of nagging injuries down the stretch this spring during the 2026 track and field season at Dobie, Jones was able to qualify for the Region III Championships, where he ultimately finished 14th in the preliminaries to end his high school career.

Even though Jones felt as though he could have finished a bit higher in the qualifying, he was left with no regrets from his final season on the track

with the Longhorns.

"I really put a lot of study into my opponents from meet to meet, and focused on what I needed to do on a given week to get the job done," Jones said.

"I was able to come up with quite a few gold medal performances particularly through the early and middle portion of the season, and overall I'm very proud of not only what I was able to do on the track but also the success we were able to have in the relays and some of the performances that we put together as a team.

"I know a lot of us will always be able to have a lot of great memories from our senior year at Dobie. We didn't make the playoffs on the football field, but we gave our best effort and left it all out there on the field.

"On the track, a lot of us were able to stay healthy and put up personal best times in our respective events.

"All in all, I can certainly say for myself that I'm very proud of what I was able to achieve."

Jones said he plans to study business at Wesleyan and likely minor in finance with an eventual goal of entrepreneurship/owning his own business at some point.

"I'm looking forward to the next chapter in college as far as my education goes," Jones said. "I have a lot of goals outside of athletics but I want to get to and to be able to set up a better life for myself and my family."

"I feel like it will be a great decision to attend Texas Wesleyan, both athletically and in the classroom. I'm looking forward to the opportunities."

## JFD volleyball camps coming

Dobie varsity volleyball coach Dawn Sexton and her staff will offer a pair of summer camps designed to both help younger players develop their skills within the sport as well as prepare incoming high school aged players for the upcoming 2026 season. Students entering the first through eighth grades are invited to attend the Longhorns' developmental camp July 20-22 at Dobie main. Incoming first- through sixth-grade students will attend the camp from 9 to 11 a.m. at a cost of \$50 per participant. Incoming seventh- and eighth-grade students will attend from noon to 2 p.m. also at a cost of \$50 per participant. Players ages 14 through 18 may attend the Longhorns July 28-30 camp, to be at Dobie main at \$60 per participant. Dawn Sexton and other experienced volleyball coaches will direct participants in skill development, team building exercises, strategy sessions, fitness and conditioning drills as well as friendly match play. Incoming sophomores, juniors and seniors will attend the camp from 9 a.m. to noon, while incoming freshmen will attend from 1 to 4 p.m. Visit the Dobie High School website issued link at To register, visit the link at <https://forms.gle/LJWWDMA4if6oPXud7> to register for either camp. For any questions, direct email to Sexton at [dsexton@pasadenaisd.org](mailto:dsexton@pasadenaisd.org).

## Brook boys' hoops camp

Clear Brook boys' basketball head coach Nathan Janak will host the 2026 Wolverine Basketball Camp June 15-18 at the main campus. Session one will be open to students entering the fourth through sixth grade as of next school year and will run from 9 to 10 a.m. Cost of the campus is \$125 per student.

Session two is for boys and girls entering kindergarten through the third-grade levels and will begin at 10 a.m. Cost of the camp is \$85 per student. The third session will be open to students entering the seventh through ninth grades and will begin at 1 p.m.

Cost of the camp is \$125 per student. To register for the camp, visit the Clear Brook boys' basketball site on X at Clear Brook Hoops.

## Bears host summer open gym

The Beverly Hills intermediate coaching staff has announced open weight room dates for the summer. Each of the sessions will be from 10 a.m. to noon, including June 30-July 2, July 14-16, July 21-22 and July 28-30.

Any students currently playing football or planning to play, may also attend the Dobie Head-Start football camp July 28-30. The on-campus, back-to-school camps for both volleyball and football will be held Aug. 4-6, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. each day.

## Dobie strength/conditioning

The Dobie High School coaching staff has planned dates for the summer strength and conditioning program at the main campus.

These sessions will run from 8-10 a.m. daily, with sport-specific sessions to follow from 10-11 a.m. each day. The dates include June 8-11, June 15-18, June 22-25, June 29-July 2, July 6-9 and July 13-16.

## Lions' strength/conditioning

The Thompson Intermediate coaching staff will host strength and conditioning sessions for both boys and girls throughout the summer. Each of the sessions will run from 9-11 a.m. each day. The dates include June 15-18, June 22-25, July 6-9 and July 13-16.

The Lions football camp will be held July 20-23, from 9-11 a.m. each day at a cost of \$40 per student. Additional information and or adjustments to the above information will be provided as needed. As required by the state, all students must have a current athletic physical on file and have had completed required Rank One paperwork.



Marcus Jones Jr., a Class of 2026 Dobie High School graduate and varsity football and track and field standout, signed earlier this spring to continue his education and athletics career at Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth. Those with Jones at the signing included, left to right, (front row) Marquise Hayes

(cousin), Dornicea Smith (aunt), Genevia Hawkins (aunt), Masen Jones (brother), Marc Jones (brother), (back row) James Jones (personal adviser/uncle), Marcus Jones Sr. (father), Kimberly Bass (grandmother), Marcus Jones Jr., Kimeoshia Jones (mother), WahKecia Colter (godmother) and Liberty Jones (sister).

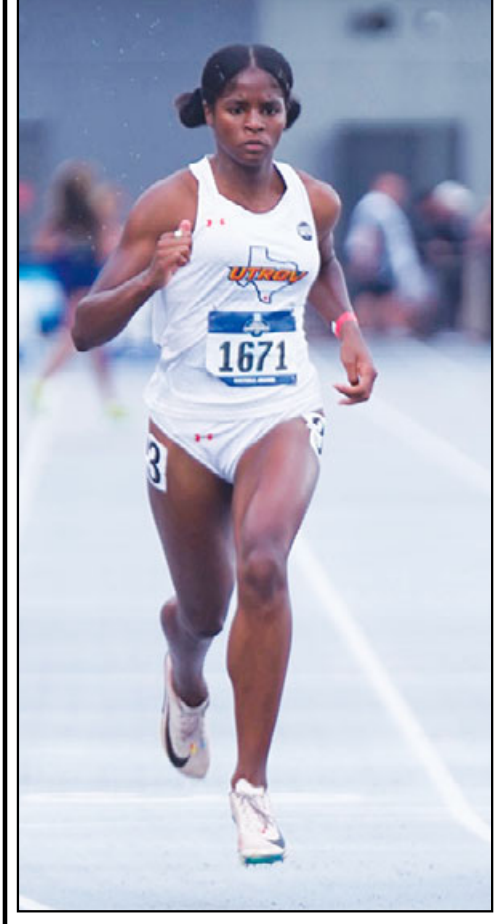


The District 22-6A first team all-league special teams performer during the 2025 season, Marcus Jones finished sixth overall in the district in all-purpose yardage gained. Putting together 290 yards in kickoff returns and another 111 in punt returns, Jones proved to be the most dynamic return man in the district.



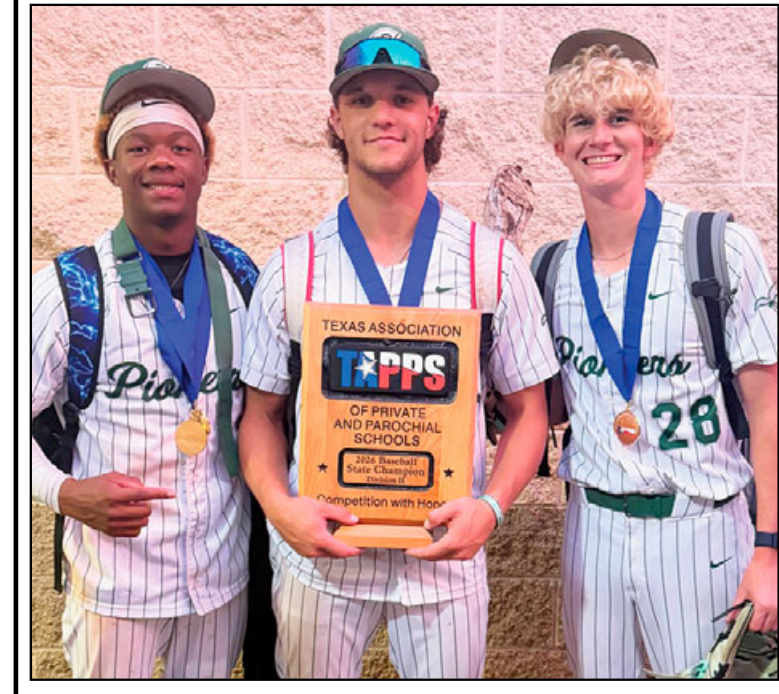
Despite dealing with a handful of nagging injuries down the stretch this spring during the 2026 track and field season at Dobie, Marcus Jones was able to qualify for the Region III Championships, where he ultimately finished 14th in the preliminaries to end his high school career.

## Davis, UTRGV finish strong

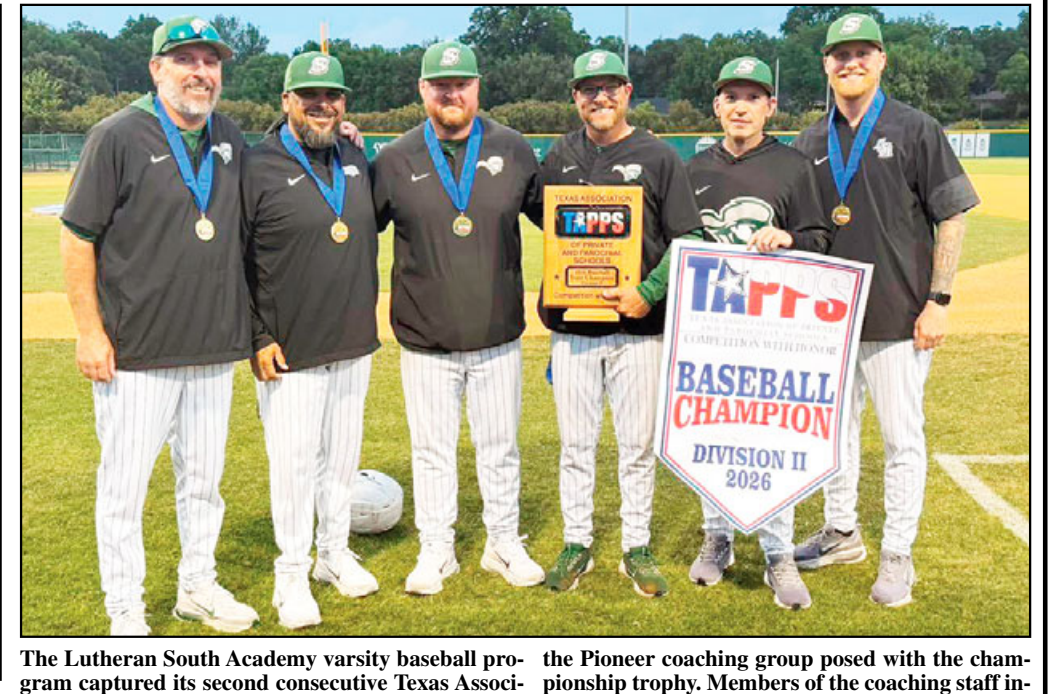


Class of 2024 Clear Brook High School graduate Jizzale Davis figured prominently within the action for the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley women's track and field qualifiers at the NCAA West first round competition at the University of Arkansas. Davis, now a sophomore with the Vaqueros, was part of the women's 4x100 relay foursome that finished 19th overall in the quarterfinal round to complete an exceptional season. Davis teamed with redshirt junior Ashley Lingueno, freshman Dior Williams and senior Kaliyah Posten to clock in at 45.17 seconds, which is the sixth fastest time in program history in the event. The group had also won the Southland Conference gold medal in the event two weeks prior. Likewise at the West first round, Davis competed in both the 100 and 200 events. Davis was 46th in the 200 with a time of 24.36, and also took 47th in the 100 with a time of 12.03. During the indoor season, Davis was a key contributor as the Vaqueros earned their first Southland Conference team championship in program history.

## LSA players relish second crown; Pioneer coaches celebrate state title



Lutheran South Academy varsity baseball players, from left, Brycen Gilbert, Hank Hughes and Jake Stewart, held the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools 5A Division 2 State Baseball Championship trophy after the Pioneers defeated Fort Worth Christian for the program's second straight title.



The Lutheran South Academy varsity baseball program captured its second consecutive Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools 5A Division 2 State Baseball Championship earlier this month with a come-from-behind 4-3 victory over Fort Worth Christian. Following the team celebration, the Pioneer coaching group posed with the championship trophy. Members of the coaching staff include, left to right, assistant coaches Jon Mueller, Trey Sanchez and Caleb Taylor, head coach Aaron Schneider and assistant coaches A.J. Bettcher and Jake Williams.

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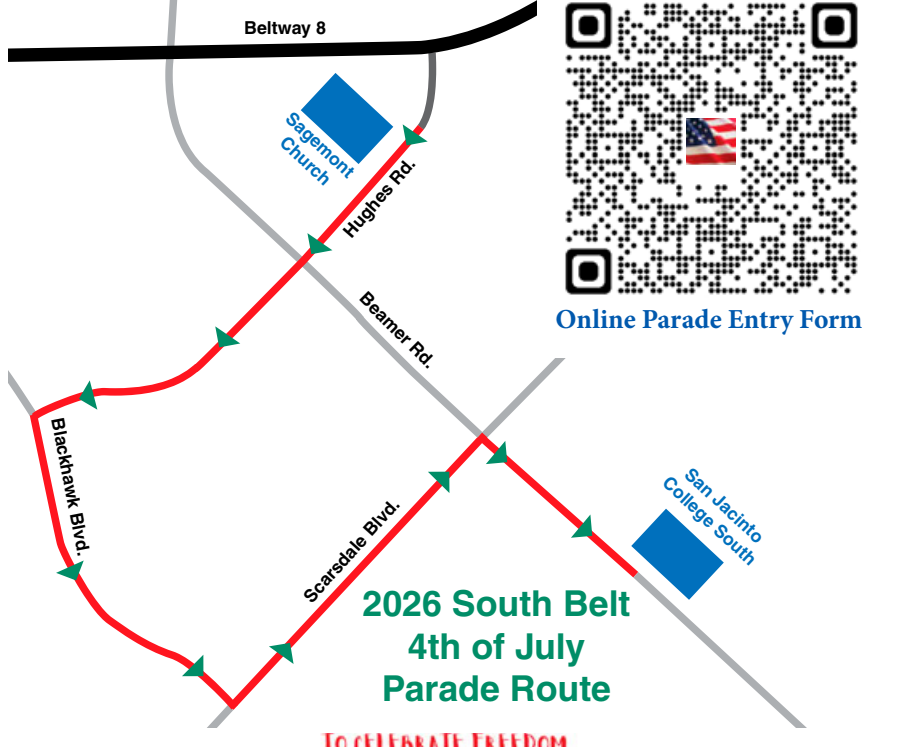
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## South Belt July 4th Parade

The parade will begin at Sagemont Church (11300 S. Sam Houston Pkwy. E.) Parking Lot K off Hughes Road at 10 a.m. The parade will end at San Jacinto College South Campus on Beamer. Lineup starts at 9 a.m. Judging for trophies will be at 9:30 a.m. Individuals, groups and businesses are encouraged to build floats, decorate vehicles and participate.

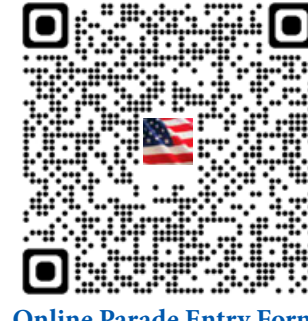
Entry fees **MUST** be paid by June 29th to participate in the parade. Adult supervision is mandatory! **Due to the length, NO WALKING ALLOWED IN THE PARADE.** For everyone's safety, **NO alcohol or glass containers, water balloons or water guns are allowed.** This is a celebration of the 250th Birthday of America! **Only United States of America, Texas and U.S. military flags are allowed.**

Candy, small trinkets, beads, etc. to toss from your float or vehicle to spectators is encouraged.  
 For more information, contact the *South Belt-Ellington Leader* at 281-481-5656.  
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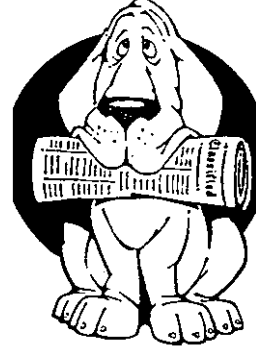
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# CALENDAR

**THURSDAY, JUNE 11**  
 7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill," Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Hope Community United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/>.  
 7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Check website for time and location <https://pearlandrotary.com/events/calendar> or call 832-293-9860.  
 9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Open Tues. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call Karen Hollon at 713-472-0565 for appointment. Tours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Museum** - See Thursday's notice.  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 14**  
 8 a.m./10:15 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - has worship Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday at 7 p.m. (Bible study, Book of Revelation, at 6 p.m.) and Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., 11456 Space Center Blvd. (in back of a medical/retail community). For details, call 281-479-7285 and leave a message, or stop by.  
 5:30 p.m. **Celebrate Recovery** - A faith-based 12-Step program, in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 5125 Preston Ave. Pasadena, TX 77505. Call 713-419-2635 for details.  
 8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** See Friday's notice.  
 8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** - See Friday's notice.

**Museum** See Thursday's notice.  
 11:30 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.  
 7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)**. See Friday's notice.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 12**  
 7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
 9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** See Thursday's notice.  
 Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group**, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at <https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfectnooners>. Call 713-686-6300 for more information. Meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday.  
 7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit [www.hascona.com](http://www.hascona.com) or <https://nastuff.com/>. Meets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.  
 8 p.m. **Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.  
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**MONDAY, JUNE 15**  
 Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group**. See Friday's notice.  
 5 p.m. **New Directions Singles Social Group** is a singles group for those 55+. Meetings are the first and third Monday held in the community room at Maplewood Crossing, 600 Hobbs Road, League City. There will be a potluck dinner and may include group activities. For further information, call Carol at 281-508-1663. See Facebook page: New Directions Singles Social Group.  
 6 p.m. **Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Monday at Denny's, 19212 Gulf Freeway. Join the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Email [huff\\_reunion@juno.com](mailto:huff_reunion@juno.com) for info.  
 7 p.m. **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - #0683 Friendswood chapter meets at Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. For information, call Lynette Ringrose at 832-858-4617 or Dorothy Pourteau at 713-875-8820.  
 7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)**. See Friday's notice.  
 7 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - St. Luke's Group 12-Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7 p.m. in the education Bldg. in room 4, at 11011 Hall Rd. Call 832-725-8479 or 281-309-2801.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17**  
 7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
 9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.  
 Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group**. See Friday's notice.  
 Noon **Ballroom Dancing** - A ballroom dance group welcomes visitors every Wednesday to enjoy free dancing from noon to 3 p.m. at Hometown Heroes Park Ballroom, 1001 East League City Parkway, League City. Everyone is welcome to enjoy dancing to a selection of CD music provided by DJ Neva Schroder and guest DJs. This weekly dance does not include lessons. Free lessons are taught by Jerry Sanford at the same location on Mondays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. While these opportunities are free and provided by volunteers, the park system requires participants to register and get an activity card for all park activities. For more information about the activity card, ask at the front desk or call 281-554-1180.  
 6 p.m./7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.  
 7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)**. See Friday's notice.  
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**SATURDAY, JUNE 13**  
 7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
 9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 16**  
 7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
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**THURSDAY, JUNE 18**  
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## South Houston headed to state flag football



De'Aziah Foster (10) and her teammates completely dominated their opponents to the tune of a perfect 9-0 She's Next record to reach the Girls Flag Football Texas State Championship Tournament June 13-14 at the University of North Texas.

Photos by Donna Alsdorf



Arianna Aguirre (7) and the South Houston flag football team adapted to the first year sport exceptionally well this spring as they were clearly the top program on the field each day. The Trojans will carry an undefeated record into the She's Next state championship tournament.

## Barnes excited to join Henderson State track

By John Bechtle  
Sports Editor  
Clear Brook Class of 2026 graduate Patty Barnes certainly put ev-

erything she had into what became an exemplary career with the Wolverines both in the classroom and on the track as a middle

distance runner, and now she is excited to see what the possibilities are for herself if she takes her talents to Henderson State University later this fall.

In the classroom, Barnes said she plans to study pre-nursing at Henderson State with, at least right now, the goal of becoming a registered nurse.

At Clear Brook, Barnes finished with a grade point average of 4.7 on a 5.0 scale, graduating magna cum laude as she was well within the top 30 percent in her senior class. At Henderson State, Barnes figures to be able to get the same sort of small classroom type-fee and one-on-one instruction as she furthers her education.

There is plenty of work that goes into chasing a college degree in any designation of course work, and there will be plenty for Barnes to handle as she juggles pre-nursing studies along with track and field. But Barnes feels she is more than up to the challenge.

"I think one benefit that I've always had working in my favor is that I do not procrastinate," Barnes said. "If there is an assignment or a particular

task that I need to handle, I generally stay on top of it and get it done as soon as possible. I figure that way, I can stay ahead of the game and not have any concerns about falling behind."

An accomplished middle distance runner both on the summer circuit as well as with the Wolverines for multiple varsity seasons, Barnes is excited to see how far her talents can take her collegially.

Barnes said she will have no qualms about relocating to Arkadelphia, Ark., as she has family members in the general area should she need to find comfort in her new surroundings.

Equally as important to her will be the friendships and lifelong bonds that are sure to be possible as she builds camaraderie and teamwork at Henderson State.

"I have always felt like personal relationships, friendships and teamwork are very important no matter if it's track and field or otherwise," Barnes said.

"I've always been a team player and been willing to do my part to contribute to an assignment or a particular goal, whether

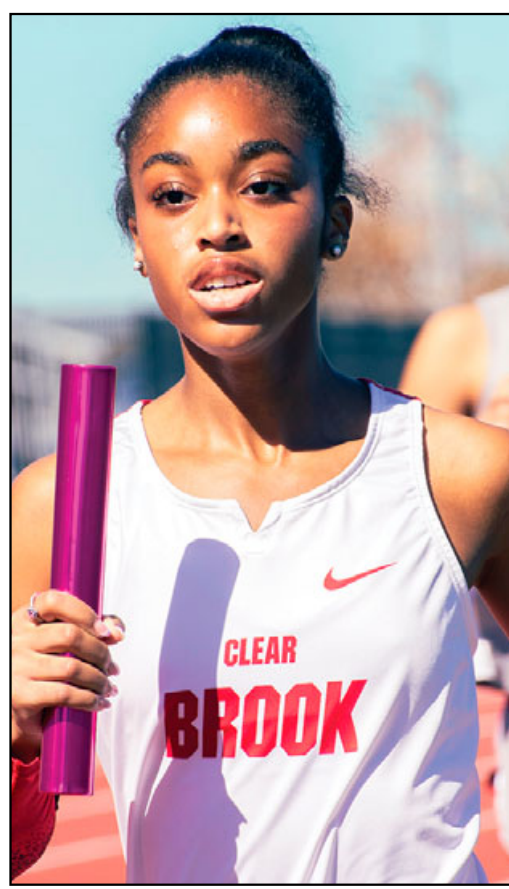
it be short or long-term. I'm looking forward to having some of the same opportunities at Henderson State."

Henderson State University is a smaller college atmosphere featuring an undergraduate enrollment of around 2,500 students, another factor that Barnes said she will enjoy as she pursues pre-nursing studies.

Within the athletic department, the Reddies compete within the Athletic Conference as part of the NCAA Division II ranks.

Henderson State reinstated its men's and women's track and field programs beginning with the recently completed 2025-2026 school year, and Barnes is excited to be able to add her talent to the program.

Above what Barnes can add to the Reddies athletically, the program is getting a tremendously driven athlete who will no doubt become a team leader, a cheerleader when necessary, a fiercely competitive individual both during practice sessions and on meet days and someone who will push others to be at their best.



Clear Brook Class of 2026 graduate Patty Barnes excelled in the 800 and other events during a standout career with the Wolverines and will now take her talent to Henderson State University where she will study pre-nursing.



Clear Brook High School Class of 2026 graduate Patty Barnes (center) was joined by her brother, CJ Barnes (left) and her father, Cedric Barnes, as she signed a letter of intent earlier this spring to continue her academic and track and field career at Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, Ark. An accomplished middle distance runner, Barnes will join a Henderson State program that reinstated its track and field program last school year.

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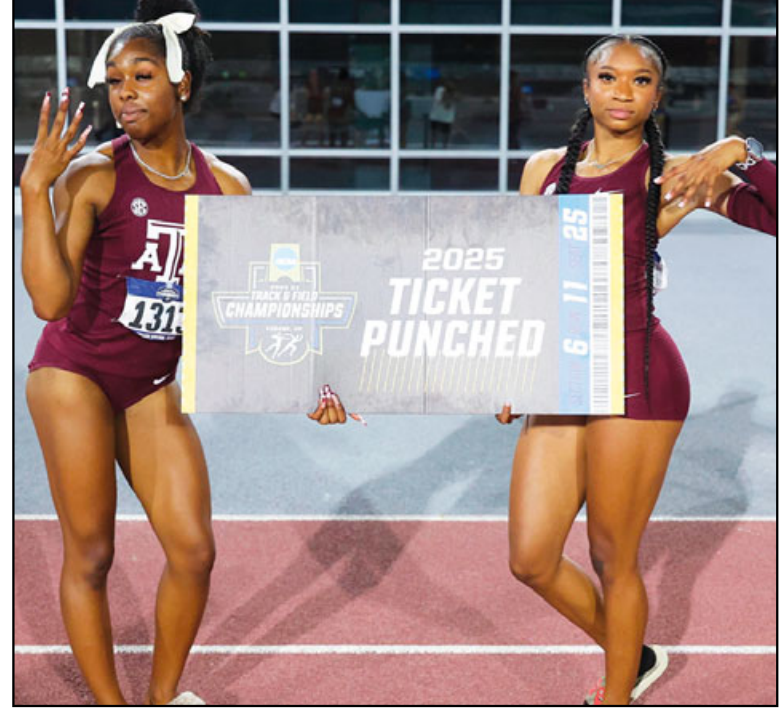


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## Montgomery, Dickson lead TAMU track



Jasmine Montgomery (left) and teammate Camryn Dickson, a Class of 2022 Clear Brook graduate, were once foes in high school but will now compete in four events each at the NCAA national championships at the University of Oregon as they conclude their respective illustrious careers at Texas A&M University.

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