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### Sagemont celebrates July 4

Sagemont Church invites the South Belt community to its annual Patriotic Celebration held near the cross on the church's campus Sunday, June 27, from 5 to 9 p.m. There will be inflatables for the kids, food trucks, a concert by Christian country artist Chad Ware and a fireworks display. The games and food trucks will be available at 5 p.m.; the concert will begin around 7:30 p.m.; and the fireworks will begin around 9 p.m. The event is free, except food truck purchases. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and picnic blankets.

### St. Luke resale June 25

A mega resale shop hosted by St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church is Friday, June 25, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, June 26, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, June 27, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Length of sale depends on availability of items. The sale will be held at the Cenacle Learning Center (across from South Belt Elementary) at 1750 Riverstone Ranch, Pearland. All proceeds will support St. Luke's. (See photo this page.)

### July 4 events canceled

Multiple July 4th events have been canceled due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The annual South Belt Fourth of July parade will return next year. The yearly South Belt fireworks show at El Franco Lee Park has also been canceled due to the pandemic. Organizers of both events said they will return next year bigger and better than ever.

### Active COVID cases down

As of Wednesday, June 23, there were 174 confirmed South Belt deaths due to COVID-19, up two from the previous week. Reporting of deaths related to COVID-19, however, may be delayed by local officials. Of the 5,645 confirmed cases in 77089 (total population: 53,866), 46 remain active. To date, 67 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, up one from the previous week. In 77075 (total population: 43,933), 22 of the 4,066 confirmed cases remain active. A total of 56 from the ZIP code have died, up one from the previous week. Of the 4,130 confirmed cases in 77034 (total population: 40,532), 23 remain active. To date, 51 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

According to Harris County Public Health officials, the vast majority of the fatalities suffered from pre-existing health issues. Countywide, there have been 403,035 total confirmed cases. Of those, 395,068 have recovered from the disease, while 3,141 cases remain active. A total of 4,802 deaths have been reported in Harris County.

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

### Highway 3 closure set

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

### Beltway closures planned

At least one eastbound and one westbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from SH 288 to Kirby Drive nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Sunday, June 27.

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

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

### Gulf Freeway closures set

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

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

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

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

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

### Girl Scout cookie surplus

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there were approximately 15 million boxes of Girl Scout cookies that went unsold this year.

South Belt area Girl Scouts and their parents looking for unsold cookies may advertise them in the Leader for free as a way to connect sellers with buyers.

For additional information, email [mynews@southbeltleader.com](mailto:mynews@southbeltleader.com).

## Woman killed in Fuqua robbery attempt

A woman was fatally shot early Thursday, June 17, outside a gym in the 10500 block of Fuqua near Beamer.

Elsa Mikeska, 62, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Houston police responded to the incident at the Life Fit Gym shortly before 5 a.m. According to police, the woman was arriving at the gym for her morning workout when a white SUV pulled

into the parking lot next to her.

When the victim got out of her car to walk into the gym, two male suspects exited the SUV and approached her. Police said words were exchanged before the woman ran toward the gym. At this time, a suspect fired a shot to



Elsa Mikeska

the woman's back. The victim attempted to make it inside the gym but collapsed. Other gym members attempted to revive the woman, but it was too late. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

The suspects got back into the SUV and exited the parking lot.

Police believe the suspects may have been trying to carjack the woman after a similar incident was reported just earlier about two miles away

in the 10100 block of Freehill Street near the intersection of Fuqua and SH 3/Old Galveston Road. Police said the description of the suspects and their vehicle was the same in both crimes.

In the first incident, the female victim was broken down on the side of the road and thought the suspects were offering help when they approached. The suspects, however, pulled a gun

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## Body of missing person found

A body was found around 1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 19, in the 11800 block Teaneck Drive, which has been confirmed to be that of missing tattoo artist Julian Issac.

While police first said they were "pretty certain" it was Isaac based on his clothing, at press-time Tuesday, they officially confirmed his ID. According to police, detectives originally re-

sponded to a possible kidnapping call in the 11700 block of Teaneck Drive on June 15. During their investigation, they canvassed the area for three days and were able to recover video surveillance of a male - reported as missing - walking in the area by himself. After careful review of the case, no suspicion of a murder or a kidnap-

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## Police respond to possible homicide

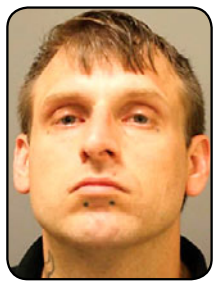


A body believed by police to be that of missing tattoo artist Julian Issac was found around 1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 19, in the 11800 block Teaneck Drive. Issac had been missing since around 4 a.m. Tuesday, June 15, when he took an Uber to visit his girlfriend in the Scarsdale subdivision. The body was discovered in the above field after a resident reported a foul odor. Texas EquuSearch assisted in the search for Isaac. Photo by Marie Flickinger

## Pct. 2 deputies combat area crime

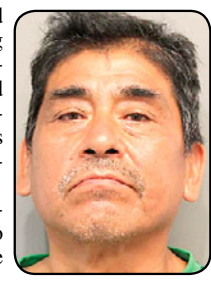
Deputies from Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office have kept busy as of late battling crimes ranging from drug possession to hit-and-run crashes.

On Wednesday, June 9, at approximately 3:15 p.m., deputies with the Precinct 2 Special Operations Division observed a vehicle make a traffic infraction at the intersection of Sageglen and Sage-



Jonathan Bryant

downe. A traffic stop was subsequently conducted in the 11200 block of Sageglen, and the driver was



Pedro Lopez

identified as 35-year-old Jonathan Bryant. During this stop, Bryant exhibited suspicious behavior and was acting extremely nervous. Due to the driver's behavior, a further investigation was completed. During this investigation, Bryant admitted to having narcotics inside his vehicle. A probable cause search was then conducted, and deputies discovered 12.5 grams of methamphetamine, 1 gram of heroin,

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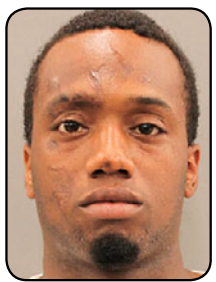
## Man charged with killing sister, 15

A man was arrested Friday, June 11, for allegedly killing his 15-year-old sister at an apartment complex in the 12600 block of South Green Drive near Alameda Genoa Road.

Jaylen George, 20, is charged with capital murder in the 232nd State District Court.

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

According to police, officers were dispatched to a shooting call at the above address around 12:40 a.m. and located the victim outside an apartment unit.



Jaylen George

Paramedics pronounced her dead at the scene due to a gunshot wound.

Witnesses told police the victim might have been shot by her brother. Police further said the suspect admitted to a family member he had shot his sister.

The suspect, however, had fled the scene prior to the police's arrival.

The victim was reportedly a habitual runaway, and her brother had tracked her down at the apartment complex and was attempting to bring her home when the shooting took place. The female had allegedly been missing for several days.

Further investigation led police to George's whereabouts, and he was arrested later that Friday without incident.

At the time of his arrest, George was found to have three open felony warrants. He is currently being held without bond.

## BAHEP meets in person

In a much-anticipated, in-person general membership meeting June 2, the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership hosted Mario C. Diaz, director of Aviation, Houston Airport System, who spoke on the Houston Spaceport - the Future Ahead. After an extremely challenging year for the aviation industry, that future is full of promise.

Bob Mitchell, BAHEP president, convened the meeting by saying that the last in-person membership meeting had been held on March 2, 2020. He said that he had missed the face-to-face interaction that takes place during the meetings which cannot be duplicated during virtual meetings. He then introduced the elected officials present as well as members new to the organization. Following Mitchell, BAHEP Board Chair Charlie Stegemoeller, senior director, Business Development, SAIC, gave an uplifting introduction of Diaz who Stegemoeller said had been

turning chaos into opportunity during the past year taking us to "infinity and beyond."

Early in his presentation, Diaz said, "We have to work as a pack." He noted that it was a primitive idea that works when taking down big game. The big game refers to the big corporations that he and others in the pack want to bring to Houston and the Houston Spaceport. He mentioned a few individuals who had been instrumental in the development of the Houston Spaceport which included Mitchell, Dan Seal, BAHEP executive director for Economic Development, Houston Mayor Pro-Tem Dave Martin, and a number of others.

### Houston Airport System

Diaz spoke of the philosophy of the Houston Airport System which is captured in its mission statement - We exist to connect the people, businesses, cultures and economies of the world to

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## Vigil held for slain grandmother



Mourners braved the rain Monday, June 21, to honor Elsa Mikeska at a vigil held in front of the gym where she was fatally shot Thursday, June 17. According to police, the incident may have been an attempted carjacking, as a similar robbery was reported moments earlier near Fuqua and SH 3/Old Galveston Road. Mayor Sylvester Turner has increased the reward to \$15,000 for information leading to a conviction. Photo by Marie Flickinger

## Local restaurant catches fire

Houston firefighters responded to a restaurant fire in the 10000 block of Kleckley by Alameda Mall around 8:45 p.m. Monday, June 14.

According to Houston Fire Department officials, firefighters arrived on scene at the Rey Del Pollo restaurant within four minutes to find fire coming from the roof of a restaurant in a strip mall. They then made an attack on the fire and conducted a primary search. The fire was extinguished with no extension to the inside of the

restaurant.

The blaze caused roughly \$15,000 in damage. Firefighters were able to save approximately \$135,000 in property.

HFD Arson investigators were requested to determine the cause and origin. At press time, the cause of the fire was under investigation.

No injuries were reported. Crews from HFD stations 46, 70, 71, 61, 93, 36 and 24 responded to this incident.

## St. Luke's preps for resale event



St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church will host a mega resale shop at the Cenacle Learning Center, 1750 Riverstone Ranch across from South Belt Elementary, Friday, June 25, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, June 26, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, June 27, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers shown above organizing toys for the event are, left to right, Marilyn Roberts, Lupe Saiz, Minerva Mendoza, Ellie Flickinger and Jackie Biles. Photo by Marie Flickinger

## Clear Brook nationally recognized

Two Clear Creek ISD high schools received 2021 Promising Practice designations for their character development programs. Clear Brook High School and Clear Lake High School were two of only 170 total recipients named by Character.org, a national advocate and leader for character in schools and communities.

Promising Practices are unique, effective and replicable initiatives that inspire "goodness in action" and contribute to the field of character development. Each Promising Practice aligns

with one or more of the principles articulated in Character.org's 11 Principles Framework.

Clear Brook received one award for their "Art With Heart" program where students on campus created and donated artwork to area hospitals to help decorate patient hospital rooms.

"This was particularly noteworthy during the high number of hospitalizations during COVID as patients had no visitors," said Clear Brook Principal Sharon Lopez. "This helped add a little

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## Koncaba earns banking honor

Former South Belt resident Kristi Koncaba, president and COO of Texan Bank, has been elected to the board of directors of the Texas Bankers Association, an organization whose members represent the voice of the banking industry and participate in discussions around financial and economic issues confronting the state and national economies.



Kristi Koncaba

A 1991 Dobie graduate, Koncaba, has also been appointed chairman of the Texas Bankers

Foundation, a philanthropic organization that serves and supports Texas banks, their employees, and communities through educational programs and gifting and recognition initiatives. She will serve a two-year term for each.

Koncaba has 19 years of relevant banking experience. She began her career with First Community Bank in Houston in 2002. There she worked as the Human Resources director and later expanded to Human Resources and Information Technology director. In 2007, Koncaba became cofounder, executive vice president and COO of San Antonio National Bank, where she oversaw the operations of the bank. In 2011, she and her husband raised the necessary capital and purchased the Bank of Fort Bend and changed

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### CB gazebos under repair



Clear Brook City MUD gazebos located at Bishop Park and Clear Brook City Park are undergoing repairs and upgrades. Both gazebos will not be available for use for the next 2-3 weeks as crews work to restore the structures.

## In My Opinion

### Bill King speaks on ERCOT situation

On June 8, Texas Governor Greg Abbott tweeted, "Everything that needed to be done was done to fix the power grid in Texas." Barely a week later, his agency which controls the power grid was recommending that Texans set thermostats at 78° or higher, turn off lights and unplug appliances. I don't know but I am just guessing that not many appliances have been unplugged at the Governors mansion or, for that matter, at the homes of any of our other state leaders.

It has been clear from the start that the state leadership's principal aim has been to sweep the February grid collapse under the rug as quickly as possible and move on to red meat issues to deflect the public's attention away from one of the greatest governance failures in the State's history.

At every turn, the State has sought to cover-up and dissemble any information about what really happened in February and scuttle any real effort to investigate the systemic problems with the ERCOT-controlled grid.

Since the grid failure, numerous media outlets and public advocacy groups have been filing Open Record requests with ERCOT, seeking answers about what happened. ERCOT has been fighting most of those requests, claiming that it is not subject to the Texas Open Records law.

Instead, according to the Attorney General, the Public Utility Commission (PUC) which oversees ERCOT gets to decide what information is public.

Remember that this is an agency that is totally controlled by state law, has claimed in litigation that it is entitled to sovereign immunity as a state agency, and was just bailed out by the Texas Legislature to the tune of about \$2.5 billion. And yet, according to the Attorney General, those who will ultimately pick up the tab for this fiasco have no right to see ERCOT's records.

Of course, Governor Abbott could, with one telephone call, instruct his appointees to the PUC to stop fighting the

Open Records requests. I would not hold my breath waiting for that to happen.

Not surprisingly, ERCOT's fight to keep its records secret have been slammed by open record advocates. Some early discussion by some legislators to include a provision in the recently passed legislation that would have specifically subjected ERCOT to the Open Records Act was quickly quashed.

That is hardly surprising. This analysis by WFAA (Channel 8 in Dallas) found the energy-related interested hired 338 lobbyists at a cost of over \$24 million to lobby in just this last session. Lord only knows how many millions have been doled out in campaign contributions. With the billions in profits that some made, there is plenty of money to go around.

This whitewash of an abject governance failure that caused hundreds of deaths and cost billions of dollars cannot be allowed to stand.

But it is clear that our state leaders will do exactly that unless we demand a complete, impartial investigation of the grid failure and how to prevent it from ever happening again.

Please add your voice to this petition demanding an investigation: <https://p2a.co/jnbcA0D>.

Bill King

### Muecke welcomes new commander

Welcome to the Clear Lake Station. Your lucky, the best in the Houston police dept. Yes, we have crime, but I feel much more under control than other areas. Commander May has been very responsive to our issues on Edgebrook, speeding and loud mufflers.

I have lived in my home for 61 years so well know the area from I-45 being two lanes in each direction and U-Turns still allowed to what we have now. I have been fortunate to be a member of the PIP for many years.

Richard does an outstanding job, has good speakers but we just have a problem getting people to come join us.

Now, I do speak up. I like to go through channels but if something big needs to be done I go to the top. Chief of Police Finer does hear from me. I look forward to a good productive relationship with you.

Jim Muecke

## Brook nationally recognized

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brightness in their rooms. I am so excited for our students and teachers and grateful for the connection to our community."

Clear Lake was recognized for four character programs on campus. In "Character Court," the boys basketball team would spend time at elementary campuses and conduct activities. "Winter Wonderland" brought student council members from all of the feeder elementary schools together for a day-long character workshop. A group called the CCISD Students for Safety,

hosted "Character Seminars" where they would determine relevant topics for discussion with all students during advisory class.

"As we continue our character journey, to be recognized for programs that are part of the culture of Clear Lake by organizations not familiar with us is encouraging," said David Drake, Clear Lake principal. "We know what great things our community does, and to have others recognize what we do validates our journey."

A group called the CCISD Students for Safety,

initiated and led by Clear Lake students, was also honored for their work to advocate for safety and equity during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Most recently their efforts have been nationally recognized by the Texas School Safety Center in their School Safety Spotlight Program.

Both schools will be celebrated during Character.org's 2021 Virtual National Forum in October 2021.

To learn more, about the programs, visit Character.org.

# Precinct 2 deputies battle South Belt area crime

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2.6 grams of Xanax, 85 grams of marijuana and a loaded handgun. Deputies also located a digital scale and numerous small clear

plastic baggies, both often used with narcotic sells.

Upon completing this investigation, Bryant was charged with felony possession of a controlled substance with intent to distrib-

ute. On Sunday, June 13, at approximately 6 p.m., deputies with the newly created Harris County Precinct 2 Toll

Road Division responded to a four-car major accident in the 12100 block of Beltway 8 near the Gulf Freeway.

Upon arriving on scene, deputies learned that the driver responsible for this crash had fled the scene.

With the assistance of

Harris County Precinct 8 Toll Road Division, deputies were able to locate the suspect, approximately one mile away from the original crash, after he wrecked into a barrier.

The driver was detained and was found to show nu-

merous signs of intoxication. Precinct 2 Constable deputies completed an investigation and ultimately charged 56-year-old Pedro Lopez with felony failure to stop and render aid and misdemeanor driving while intoxicated - his second.

## Deputies make drug bust



A traffic stop near the intersection of Sageglen and Sagedowne led to multiple felony charges Wednesday, June 9. The driver, 35-year-old Jonathan Bryant, was found to be in possession of methamphetamine, heroin, Xanax and marijuana, as well as a loaded handgun and a digital scale. Bryant was charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute.

## Pct. 2 responds to crash



Deputies responded to a crash Sunday, June 13, on Beltway 8 near the Gulf Freeway. Upon their arrival, deputies learned the driver responsible for the crash had fled the scene. Deputies located the driver roughly one mile away when he crashed into a barrier. Pedro Lopez, 56, was charged with a DWI and failure to stop and render aid.

## Local library events set

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

### Bracewell Branch Library

Bracewell Library, located at 9002 Kingspoint, is closed at this time. For information, visit <https://houstontlibrary.org/>. For online learning, visit <https://houstontlibrary.org/online-learn> ing-7556 or call 832-393-2580.

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

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

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

The Houston Public Library has electronic resources, books, audiobooks, databases for research, tutoring, language learning, education and parent information for Texas residents with a library card. Also, under Here's What's Happening, the card titled Online Resources for Kids accesses a Virtual Storytime provided on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 a.m. The archived storytimes are found on Facebook under Houston Public Library Virtual Storytimes. All overdue fines/fees will be waived through June 30, 2021, retroactive to March 14, 2020. For more information, visit [www.houstontlibrary.org](http://www.houstontlibrary.org) to chat with a librarian 24/7, or to send questions through HPL's email reference.

### Parker Williams Library

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

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

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

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

### Online services

- Use HCPL Wi-Fi service with HCPL's drive-up Wi-Fi.
- Download e-books and audiobooks, stream movies, research and learn at [www.hcpl.net](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 details, visit <https://www.hcpl.net>.

Thursday, June 24, 10:30 a.m. Virtual Toddler Time. Take a moment to have some fun and interaction with the little one or little ones. Join Mr. John (John Harbaugh) and Mr. Jason (Jason Cruz) for a virtual Toddler Time through Microsoft Teams. Parents are encouraged to participate to facilitate interaction. While this program is designed for 18 months to 4-year-olds, all children and families are welcome to join virtually. Sign up once with a valid email address online at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> to get a weekly invitation.

Livestorytime #storytime #story #childrensbooks #reading #books #harriscountyp1 #HCPL

Thursday, June 24, 2 p.m. Parker Williams Book Club: "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele Richardson. Contact the branch to reserve a copy today. The meetings are over Microsoft Teams. Email Tanner Adams at [tanner.adams@hcpl.net](mailto:tanner.adams@hcpl.net) for more information and an invite.

Friday, June 25, 1 p.m. Draw with Me. Join Ariel Perez who tries something a little more difficult, but still fun and easy to follow. Residents will be needing pens and markers for these videos which will be featured on Facebook and Instagram.

Friday, June 25th at 5 p.m. Is It Wrong to Watch So Much Anime? Episode 21: Spring Wrap-Up. Spring can't last forever. Mr. John and Mr. Jason will run down all the titles worthy of watching from the end of the spring season. This video will be featured on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary. #anime #animefan #manga #otaku #animelove #harriscountyp1 #HCPL

Friday, June 25, 7 p.m. Codenames. Spymasters. Clues. Join in for an online game of Codenames. Two teams face off and race to find their operatives before the enemy can. An internet connection is required. Contact [jason.cruz@hcpl.net](mailto:jason.cruz@hcpl.net) for more information.

Monday, June 28, 1 p.m. Library Cookout: BBQ Sauce. Sometimes the right sauce can make or break the taste of your meal. Learn how to make a basic barbecue sauce for grill and glaze and another one for dipping just in time for Fourth of July. This program will be on Facebook Live at Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary

#barbecue #barbeque #barbequesauce #cookout #cookbooks #harriscountyp1 #HCPL

Monday, June 28, 3:30 p.m. Community craft: Fourth of July craft: Sweet Freedom paper door hanger. Explore one's creation with this take-home DIY paper door hanger to "light up" one's door in this Fourth of July celebration.

Tuesday, June 29, 10:30 a.m. Virtual Story Time Join Mr. John (John Harbaugh) and Mrs. Celeste (Celeste Plew) This program will be on Facebook Live at Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary. #storytime #story #childrensbooks #reading #books #harriscountyp1 #HCPL

Tuesday, June 29, noon. Drawing with Ms. Ariel (Ariel Perez). Get one's creative juices flowing and grab some markers or crayons. Join Ms. Ariel every Tuesday for virtual fun and easy cartoon drawings featuring various doodles, numbers, and letters. This video will be featured on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Tuesday, June 29, 1:30 p.m. Texas Workforce Solutions: Job Search Skills. Join the Harris County Southeast branches for a job search seminar hosted by Texas Workforce Solutions In this seminar, learn how to follow up with an employer after an interview and learn how to use social media as a networking tool. This event will be over Microsoft Teams. Call the branch at 832-927-7870 to register or register online at the Parker Williams events page.

Wednesday, June 30, 3 p.m. Pets of PW: Ellie. Get to know the beloved pets of those that work at your local Parker Williams Branch. Since June is Adopt-A-Cat Month, participants will learn more about Mr. Michael's (Michael Saperstein's) cat Ellie. This video will be featured on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary. #catsofinstagram #petsofinstagram #cat #cats #harriscountyp1 #HCPL

## Woman fatally shot on Fuqua in possible robbery attempt

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On the woman and demanded her keys. Fearing for her life, the victim gave the suspects her keys and ran away on foot.

When the thieves were unable to operate the broken-down vehicle, they rummaged through the vehicle, before fleeing the scene in the SUV.

Police believe there were three total suspects. They are described as being skinny, clean-cut, possibly Hispanic males in their 20s. They were traveling in a 2000 to 2007 year model white Chevrolet Suburban.

The Houston Police Department is seeking the public's help in identifying the suspects. A video of the

crime can be viewed at [youtu.be/9zLPJ7kFNE0](https://youtu.be/9zLPJ7kFNE0). Anyone with information on this case is urged to contact HPD's Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

With the help of Mayor Sylvester Turner, a reward of \$15,000 is now being offered in the case.

## Deaths

### Matilde (Argelia) Piñón



Matilde (Argelia) Piñón, born Nov. 18, 1939, and a resident of Sagemont for more than 45 years, went home to be with her Lord June 16, 2021.

Her family has known her

### Edward Michael Saunders



Edward Michael Saunders, 66, of Houston died Friday, June 18, 2021, following a valiant fight against the COVID-19 virus. A born-again Christian at the age of 26, Mike spent the next 40 years transforming lives across the United States preaching the word of God, which ultimately became his passion in life.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents Ricki and Charles Saunders. He is survived by sons Brandon Saunders and wife Amber, Caleb Saunders and Joshua Saunders; grandsons Nathan, Kamdyn, Mason and Hayden Saunders; sisters Rikki Popkin, Charlene Vaughan and Diane Cobble; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and church friends; and many friends around the world.

Blessed with a beautiful voice, Mike took up playing the guitar and often played to the delight of many who were eager to hear the sweet songs of praise. His keen sense of humor and vivid imagination often led him to embellish stories like only Mike could, making his tall tales outrageously funny. Mike was a son, brother, father, grandfather, uncle, friend, and a man seeking God daily. But the love he had for his family, especially his sons and grandsons, was immeasurable. He was immensely proud of each of them and their successes. He never failed to praise them as only fathers can do.

After his love of Christ, they were his greatest love. Mike led a prison ministry for several years leading young men toward a better life. His success in this endeavor proved to be legendary. In the most recent past Mike transitioned to a new ministry supporting American veterans of all ages through G.I.'s Friend, Inc. For these and many other attributes his family stands in awe of Michael.

The funeral service was held Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at Peevey Funeral Home with visitation one hour prior to the service. Interment followed at Brookside Memorial Park, 13747 Eastex Freeway, officiated by the Rev. Danny Farley.

Those honored to serve as pallbearers were Craig Saunders, Chase Cobble, Martin Rivera, Jack Lutrick, Gary Lutrick and Brian Green.

to be a glorious woman and, even in her passing, a matron of strength and a teacher of faith, love and compassion.

She was an active member of St. Luke's Catholic Church and continued servant of God's purpose since moving to the neighborhood.

Her undying love to make Christ known and servitude of kindness to all those who knew her will be greatly missed both in the church community and her entire family. The moments and memories she shared with family and friends will carry through for generations to come.

Argelia is survived by her daughter Lilia Pinon; son Christopher Pinon; her four-legged companion Andy "Fabuloso" Pinon; brother-in-law Mark Pinon and wife Vangie; sister-in-law Santos Pinon; grandchildren Jessica, Zulma, Racine, Rheanna, Raeleen and Reve'; and 11 great-grandchildren.

With culinary traditions being the staple of any Mexican American household, Argelia touched the hearts and stomachs of her family with tamales, mole, menudo and her famous fried chicken (a recipe from her mother, Antonia).

Argelia carried herself with

grace but never forgetting that she served as the backbone of her immediate family, especially on May 17, 2005 - the day she became a widow.

Her essence continues to live on in this physical world as family members go through drawers, cabinets and boxes - filled with memories of a life well lived, filled with pictures of a life well lived and filled with handwritten letters of a family well loved.

Her family members continue to carry her in their hearts and minds knowing that God's work here on Earth was truly her own.

A visitation was held Monday, June 21, 2021, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Peevey Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer Road. The funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday, June 22, at 11 a.m. at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road.

## Leader obituary policy

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## Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca

A member of the Next-door app posted that on Friday, June 18, around 2:30 a.m., in the Victoria Park subdivision near Alameda Mall people in a Chevrolet Suburban shot toward the neighbor's house where their parents live. The bullet went through their front window. Fortunately, no one was home at the time. The member is asking if anyone has any footage of something similar happening to notify them.

A member of the Neighborhood looking and pulling vehicle door handles. The member states that a neighbor approached and questioned the man and that local police were contacted. The incident happened Thursday, June 17, on Ryewater Drive.

A member of People of Sagemont Facebook group posted that on Friday, June 11, while they were eating at IHOP on Fuqua, their vehicle was broken into. The member stated that the only thing taken was a North Face backpack that had a pink Spectra S2 breast pump in it.

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## CCISD students honored



The CCISD Students for Safety with their teachers from two high schools are shown, left to right, (front row) Esther Jin, Clear Springs; Sophie Snapp, Clear Lake; Sarayu Parthasarathy, Clear Brook; Zahra Virani, Clear Brook; (back row) Aaron Troyer, Clear Lake assistant principal; Surya Chinnappa, Clear Lake; Adam Colman, Clear Lake; and Christina Cavaliere, administrative intern at Clear Lake.

## Roberts receives grant for math department



Roberts Middle School was granted a \$650 check from PISD Education Fund that was fully funded for the RMS math fluency. Shown above are, left to right, Dr. DeeAnn Powell, superintendent; Kassandra Davis, teacher; Susie Nguyen, teacher; Melissa Jimenez, teacher; Barry Burleigh, Burleigh Chiropractic; Shannon O'Connor, teacher; Denise Burleigh, Burleigh Chiropractic; Josselyn Perez, teacher; Judy Harrison, PISD Education Fund board president; Lashondra Evans, coach; Steve Sipes, PISD Education Fund director; Erin Perry, teacher; and Hector Del Rio, teacher.

## Simmons honored at Sam Houston State University



Aneika Simmons, daughter of Kenneth and Venita Coleman, graduated from J. Frank Dobie High School in 1992, the University of Texas at Austin in 1996 with her undergraduate degree, the University of Houston in 2002 with her master's degree, and completed her doctorate in business at Texas A&M University in 2006. Simmons is married to Anjuan Simmons with three children and they reside in The Woodlands. Simmons is a professor of management at Sam Houston State University and was recently named one of two Faculty Administrative Fellows. This position is important because it provides an opportunity for faculty members to have more exposure to university leadership and operate as an administrator. Simmons is conducting a campuswide project on burnout. The intent is to help faculty and staff avoid burnout and recover from burnout without stigmatization, ultimately resulting in a healthier campus.

## South Houston names sixth six-weeks honor roll

South Houston High School staff announced their sixth six-weeks honor roll.

**Ninth grade**  
Mikaela Acosta, Andrew Alcantar, Jessica Alfaro, Elizabeth Almaguey, Christopher Almanza, David Alvarado Paz, Maria Alvarez Ramos, Rebecca Alvarez Torres and Kevin Alvarez.  
Pedro Alvarez, Daniel Arroyo-Yopez, Jennifer Avendano Gaytan, Andrea Ayala, Jonathan Barrientos, Breana Benitez, Michelle Bernardo, Ovidio Bustillo and Dora Caballero.  
Rosa Campos, Ashly Canales Arias, Jose Cardoza, Aaron Chavarria, Ja' nai Curry, Angelina Damian, Olga Diaz Camacho, Paola Diaz Galvan and Abraham Escareno.  
Everth Flores, Isael Flores, Jacob Flores, Jaden Flores, Jayden Flores, Jesus Flores, Natalie Funes, Manuel Gamboa and Aldo Garcia Loya.  
Kenneth Garcia Martinez, Angela Garcia, Emily Garza, Ethan Garza, Trynity Garza, Elias Gauna, Deaira Golden, Julie Gonzales and Hidelc Gonzalez.  
Christian Granados, Eddie Guerrero, Azael Gutierrez, Edwin Hernandez Angeles, Cristian Hernandez, Frida Hernandez, John Hernandez, Valeria Hernandez and Angela Herrera.  
Elissa Herrera, Ruby Herrera, Gabrielle Howard, Kayla Hughes, Ciara Jackson, Benjamin Jimenez, Jose Labra, Kayleen Leal and Abril Leon.  
Hamilton Lopez, De Leon, Alyssa Madrigal, Daniela Maldonado, Jesus Marin, Judith Martinez, Kassandra Martinez, Raul Martinez, Tristian McGuffery and Maria Meza-Gonzales.  
Omar Montalvo, Alondra Morales Cordon, Gavin Morales, Aldo Navarro Moran, Jaui Navarro, Laila Olmos, Edgar Orozco, Zachariah Pacheco and Miracle Payne.  
Michelle Perez, Ryan Pham, Adrian Pineda, Fernando Pruneda, Giselle Quintero, Kaylee Ramirez, Pamela Ramirez, Joanna Ramos and Rosa Reyes.  
Sebastian Reyes, Onorio Rico, Maria Rivera Robles, Stacie Rivera, Cheyenne Robertson, Josephine Robles, Silvio Rodriguez Suarez, Mansa Rogers and Carlos Roman.  
Victoria Romano, Dina Romero, Diana Rubio, Luis Salas Mercado, Estefany Salazar, Jose Salazar, Brayan Sanchez, Roselyn Sanchez and Roselin Serna.  
Jacob Sheppard-Rubio, Emmanuel Solano, Alan Solis, Salomon Sosa, Bryanna Suarez, Kevin Terrell, Caleb Trejo, Brandon Trevino and Edward Trujillo.  
Mariela Urias-Sarmiento, Isaac Valdez Gonzalez, Eric Valdez, Gabriel Valenzuela, Melanie Vargas Garcia, Jamileth Vasquez and Neomi Vasquez.  
Daniel Vazquez, Oscar Vilchis, Angela Villafranco, Ja'kobe Wilson, Ashley Zarate and Leslie Zarate.  
**10th grade**  
Edith Acosta, Denise Aguilar, Jose Aguilar, Valeria Adape Calzada, Juan Alfonso, Alejandra Arredondo, Edgard Banuelos, Stephanie Barrientos and Yeisi Benitez-Vazquez.  
Jacqueline Bocanegra, Kensy Bonilla Lainez, Cristian Briagas, Cristal Camacho Najera, Isaac Camacho, Kimberly Cantillano Pavon, Gladys Cantillano Rosales, Ariana Cantu and Daniel Carrillo.  
Diego Castaneda Medina, Gael Castillo, Juan Cavazos, Angeles Chamorro Hernandez, Joseph Chavez, Cesar Conde, Heidi Cruz, Gabriela Davila Barron and Gabriela Deras Calix.  
Diego Espinosa, Joseph Ferguson, Heidi Franco, Manuel Galindo, Susana Garcia Perez, Kimberly Garcia, Cesar Garibay, Natalie Garza and Marisol Gomez Camero.  
Aimee Gomez, Jefferson Gomez, Nathalie Gomez, Alize Gonzales, Lea Guzman, Maylyn Hernandez, Melanie Hernandez, Nicolas Hernandez and Jeremiah Horton.  
Christina Houston, Tuan Huynh, Jacob Jaimes, Amy Jimenez, Jazlyn Jimenez, Jacob Juarez, Carolina Julian, Ashley Lara and Sindi Lemus Ruiz.  
Krystal Lira, Aileen Lopez, Jessiel Lopez, Sonia Lopez, Joel Luque, Matthew Macias, Stephanie Maldonado, Natalia Martinez and Daisy McGarrity.  
Keven Medel, Edwin Mendez, Daisy Mendoza, Richard Mendoza, Tomas Meza, Emily Millan, Maribel Montalvo, Nathanael Morales and Cristina Moreno.  
Rigoberto Orellana, Isayah Orta, Aliana Paez, Jonathan Piche, Saul Quintanilla, Emmanuel Ramirez, Govany Ramirez, Janeth Ramirez and Maritza Ramirez.  
Jose Ramos, Amy Rios Del Cid, Angel Rivas, Katerin Rivera Diaz, Diana Rivera, Cesar Rodriguez, Kathryn Rodriguez, Leslie Rodriguez and Susana Rodriguez.  
Paloma Rosas, Karen Sagredo Galan, Celissa Salazar, Jailyn Saldana, Astrid Salinas Velasquez, Ingrid Sanchez, Valeria Sanchez, Stephanie Sandoval and Crystal Saucedo.  
Shakia Scott, Jeremiah Sheppard-Rubio, Olufunmilayo Talabi, Ashley Trujillo, Andrea Valadez Alvizo, Evelyn Valdez and Alexandra Vazquez Garcia.  
Melissa Vazquez, Hanson Vo, Demarcus Whitaker, Ariel Zamora, Josue Zuniga and Angie Zuviri.  
**11th grade**  
Esteban Abascal, Joselyne Acosta, Alejandro Aguilar, Yanira Alfaro, Natalie Amaya, Keyla Amaya-Hernandez, Ricardo Anaya, Anthony Arguello and Yessenia Argueta Lara.  
Javier Arzate, Jennifer Balleza, Donato Barrientos Arredondo, Michelle Bustamante, Jose Cabrera Ramirez, Alexis Calles, Daniel Campuzano, Alexander Cantarero and Hazel Canton.  
Viviana Castaneda, Elisa Cervantes, Alondra Chapa, Matthew Collada, Dayannia Colon Santiago, Seth Compean, Idalia Contreras, Damaris Cornejo and Rebecca Cortez.  
Jeremy Cruz Gonzalez, Edi Cruz Vega, Nikko Deleon, Maryella Diaz, Dreshon Downey, Jorge Estrada, Vanessa Forbes, Katherine Gallardo and Richard Gallegos.  
Dixey Garcia Valenzuela, Angelica Garcia, Karla Garcia, Lizeth Garcia, Rick Garcia, Saul Garcia, Yaneli Garibay, Daniel Garza and Elizabeth Garza.  
Jesus Gonzalez, Leslie Gonzalez, Bianca Gutierrez, Alexandra Guzman, Raul Hernandez Ramirez, Evelin Hernandez, Josiah Horton, Yahaira Ibarra and Latavia King.  
Talia King, Christian Labra, Seep Lona, Bryan Lopez, Marium Macias, Ivan Marquez, Domenica Marroquin, Destiny Marshall and Alazae Martinez.  
Chrystal Martinez, Luis Martinez, Alejandro Mata, Jocelynn Mata, Rosa Mayor Suarez, Treveon McGuffery, Destiny McKnight, Bianca Medellin and Gloria Mendez.  
Katterly Mendoza, Natalie Mendoza, Nestor Meza, Sa'von Mitchell, Liliana Moncada, Yessenia Monteroza, David Morales, Jesus Morales and Pablo Morales.  
Neyder Moreno Mendez, Yurely Negron, Joe Orozco, Enrique Ortiz Guevara, Yoselin Ortiz, Emily Padron, Alec Palacios, Stefany Perez Macias and Mariah Perez.  
Stephanie Perez, Stephanie Peterson, Uyen Pham, Jaida

## Smoke drives Garcia to success

South Houston High School's Shining Star Liliana Garcia (below, right) is shown with distinguished educator Abby Smoke who teaches ninth-grade AP human geography.

Commenting on her teacher, Garcia said, "I chose Mrs. Smoke because I believe her class set me up to succeed in the ECHS program. Her AP human geography class was the first class that challenged me in high school. Despite this, her teaching style and generous support not only helped me through my first year of high school, but also gave me the tools I needed to succeed in every class thereafter. I truly loved spending time with her in and out of the classroom - I'll always remember watching movies, discussing Game of Thrones, or playing cards with Mrs. Smoke and my friends after school!"

Garcia has shown leadership as SoHo Early College High School student council (public relations director,

2017-2018), SoHo ECHS Garden Club (co-founder, 2018-2019) and Gay-Straight Alliance (president, 2019). Extracurricular activities for Garcia include ECHS tutoring (2019-2020), Garden Club (2019), National Honor Society (2018-2021), ECHS student council (2017-2018).  
Community service activities for Garcia included SoHo ECHS tutoring (67 hours) and after-school event help (48 hours). "After high school, I plan on studying architectural engineering at University of Texas at Austin," Garcia said.  
"The South Belt Shining Stars will be presented in a series of students being honored along with their favorite mentor. The Shining Stars represent the top South Houston High School students. The information and photos were submitted by Pasadena Independent School District.  
The Leader is also running the Shining Stars from Dobie, Lewis Career & Technical and Pasadena Memorial high schools.



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## Burnett celebrates Parades' retirement

After 28 years in the field of education, Burnett Elementary assistant principal Esmeralda Paredes retired June 10. Paredes began her educational career in Houston ISD in 1992 as a fourth-grade bilingual teacher.  
Paredes began her Pasadena ISD career in 2000 as a bilingual teacher at Garfield Elementary. She was a peer facilitator at Fisher Elementary before assuming the position of assistant principal at Burnett Elementary during the 2006-2007 school year under the leadership of former principal Cynthia Henderson.  
For the past 15 years Paredes has touched the lives of many staff members, students and their families with her positivity and kindness. In the final days leading to her

retirement milestone, staff and students dressed up according to daily themes: superhero, favorite color blue, relaxing PJ's and Hawaiian shirts to bid her farewell.  
A retirement celebration was held May 27. Family, colleagues (past/present) and friends, including a Mariachi band wished her well alongside her husband Javier Paredes who will also be retiring from his 40-year career as a construction foreman.  
The newly retired couple plan to spend their time making more memories with their family, participating in missionary work through Sagemont Church and traveling abroad to Israel and other destinations.



Shown above, Esmeralda Paredes poses in front of one of the reception backdrops that was made for her retirement party.



Below, left to right, (front row) are family members Javier Paredes, husband; Esmeralda Paredes; (back row) Alex Smalls, son-in-law; Cynthia Smalls, daughter, 2007 Dobie grad; Javier Paredes Jr., son, 2006 Dobie grad; and Jesse Paredes, son, 2016 Dobie grad.



Shown above, left to right (front row) Carolina Reza, Paredes' mother; Andres Reza, Paredes' father; (back row) Jim Boggs, brother-in-law; Elizabeth Boggs, sister; Letisia Ramirez, sister; Laurentina Saucedo, sister; and Esmeralda Paredes.

## Beverly Hills announces sixth six-weeks honor roll

Beverly Hills Intermediate officials announced their honor roll for the sixth six-weeks.

**Seventh grade**  
Aubrey Adler, Leonela Aguilera, Jozeph Alejo, Dreacon Alexander, Dulce Arias, Hussai Arias, Alyciana Armelin, Eduardo Arredondo and Brylon Badger.  
Mikalya Bain, Zarrean Barrientez, Arihanna Beronnes, Diana Bonilla, Nathaly Bonilla, Isabella Byron, Julian Calderon Vargas, Nicole Campos and Julissa Cantu.  
Thien Cao, Zenaida Cisneros, Aubri Cole, Tiffany Contreras, Chloe Crosby, Christina Dang, Jeremiah Davis, Katelyn De Leon and Josselyn Delgado.  
Lynn Dickerson, An Do, Hayden Do, Gizelle Escobar, Chloe Estes, Desmond Etienne, Norman Fabian Alba, Oliver Fabian Guzman and Esbeydy Fonseca.  
Tatiana Franks, Joselyn Galvan, Ethan Garay, Edward Garcia, Johnny Garcia, Christopher Gomez, Angel Gonzales, Ryleigh Gonzalez and Ella Guerra.  
Cristian Guerrero, Daniela Guerrero, Alvaro Guevara, Joel Gutierrez, Ashley Hernandez, Luis Hernandez, Michael Hernandez, Christopher Hernandez-Chavarria and Kenny Ho.  
Trinity Hoang, Eli Jackson, Jordan Johnson, Siah Johnson, Marcus Jones, Audrina Lanza, Richard Le, Janiel Lebron Delgado and Jayden Lee.  
Joselyn Lima, Franca Luengo Montano, Ilana Luna, Nathan Luna, Peyton Lynn, Nayelly Marquez, David Martinez, Eduardo Martinez and Kevin Martinez.  
Natalia Martinez, Nicholas Martinez, Xavier Martinez, Mark Mata, Victor Mejia, Isaac Mendez, Nelson Mendez, Simon Montemayor and Steven Morillo Rodriguez.  
Jacob Muniz, Matthew Muniz, Tommy Ngo Andrew Nguyen, Chloe Nguyen, CJ Nguyen, Dan Nguyen, Diana Nguyen and Gia Nguyen.  
Hannah Nguyen, Hoang Nguyen, Mary Nguyen, Matthew Nguyen, Ngan Nguyen, Michaela Offord, Kamillah Oliva, Nair Olvera Guerrero and Ryan Pacheco.  
Waleska Palacios, Isabella Pena, Matthew Perez, Don Pham, Hannah Pham, Cynthia Pineda, Ademay Pol, Austin Prouse and Jezreel Ramales.  
Joaquin Ramirez, Lucas

Reed, Kaitlyn Resendez, Alexander Resendiz, Destiny Reyes, Aileen Rivera, Rachel Rivera, Adrian Rodriguez and Alexander Salguero.  
Anthony Salguero, Dylan Salinas, Aaron Sanchez, Christopher Sanchez, Desiree Sanchez, Jacob Sanchez, Alejandro Saucedo, Dayana Serrano and Kaitlyn Sherwood.  
Cameron Smith Mickle, Savannah Talavera, Aspen Thompson, Jaiden Torres, Bladimir Tovar, Kaylanie Tran, Eliud Urbina Paez, Andres Valdez and Brandon Ventura.  
Theodore Villarreal, Audrey Volper, Bao Vu, Leslie Walker, Clayton Washington and Ja'ana Washington.  
Xandria Williams, Ximena Yopez, Yuliana Zambrano, Christopher Zarate Moreno and Summer Zuniga.  
**Eighth grade**  
Diego Aguilera, Giselle Aguirre, Abigail Alvarez, Bryan Anderson, Jeremy Arceneaux, Malynia Armelin, Taylor Armstrong-Forniss, Kael Arredondo and Giselle Ayala.  
Neveah Ben-Smith, Diego Bonilla, Hector Callejas, Mia Campos, Mikera Carraway, Aiden Carrillo, Ariana Castaneda, Thomas Castelan and Kahlina Chahayed.  
Victor Chapa, Covan Chavez, Kobi Conaway, Avangeline Cosse, Kiana Cruz, Eduardo Cuevas, Alexis Davis, Anthony Dinh and Eduardo Dominguez.  
Samuel Errasti, Alexa Fernandez, Alan Flores, Jose Flores, Brenden Foxx, Kylie Gale, Jenny Gallardo, Freddy Gallegos and Angel Garcia.  
Jenna Garza, Alexandra Gomez, Freddie Gonzales, Valerie Gonzales, Christian Gonzalez, Diego Gonzalez, Lavon Graham, Ke'myra Green and Hector Guevara Avila.  
Emmaly Gutierrez, Jacob Guzman, Johnathan Hatton, Isabella Hernandez, Jaylen Hernandez, Kynadi Hines, Juan Hinojosa Vasquez, Ruben Hinojosa and Halaina Hobbs.  
Shalaci Hollis, Laila Jack, Nia Jackson, Zoey Janke, Melanie Jaramillo Zamora, Isaiah Jasmine, Jorge Jasso, Erron Jones and Abigail Koplina.  
Jamiya Lacy, Alexander Lara, Christopher Lopez, Mia Lozano, Yamila Luna, Bobby Maldonado, Katlyn Martinez, Naomi Martinez and Zaniya McClain.

Milly Salas, Matthew Salazar, Yahir Sanchez, Rhema Sanni-Thomas, Omar Santos Fuentes, Lizbeth Serrano, Cindy Su, Jasmine Sunga and Jazmine Teissonniere.  
Leonard Thumann Andres Tolentino, Angelina Tran, Loi Tran, Sarah Trinh, Samantha Truong and Samantha Urbe.  
Vivian Vega, Kennedy Villafana, Michael Williams, Aaliyah Wilson, Luis Ysaguirre, Jordi Zamudio and Yuriana Zollocoffer.

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# BAHEP holds membership meeting; airport system discussed

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Houston – and its vision – Establish the Houston Airport System as a five-star global air service gateway where the magic of flight is celebrated.

Houston Airports is a financially self-sustaining department of the City of Houston. Its three airports – George Bush Intercontinental, William P. Hobby and Ellington – saw over 59 million passengers in 2019 before COVID, and 24.7 million in 2020. The airports contributed more than \$36 billion to the local economy in 2019. Both IAH and HOU have been awarded 4-star service ratings by Skytrax, a global air transport rating organization. The ratings make Houston the third city in the world and the first in the U.S. with two airports earning four stars for service.

Diaz outlined strategic priorities for the airports which are: 1) Make Our Passengers Happy, 2) Act Responsibly to Achieve Social, Environmental, and Economic Sustainability, 3) Build Platforms for Future Success, 4) Invest in Our Partnerships and Our Employees.

**COVID-19 effects**  
The charts on Diaz's PowerPoint presentation showed a 90 percent decrease in passenger traffic in May 2020

over the previous year. By December 2020, that number showed a 55 percent decrease. By April 2021, there was a 29.7 percent decrease. Diaz delivered great news in that the projected passenger traffic for June and July indicates that HAS will be at 110 percent of the passenger traffic of 2019. He believes that much of this is attributable to leisure travel, since business traffic has not recovered. That, he said, will change as the economy picks up and

the need for business travel returns. Diaz said that a recovery to pre-COVID levels will not happen until 2023 and probably more like 2024.

**Houston Spaceport**  
In June 2015, HAS was awarded a license from the

Federal Aviation Administration making Ellington Airport the 10th commercial spaceport in the nation and one of two such spaceports in Texas. The mission of the Houston Spaceport is to create a focal point for aerospace innovation with a cluster of aerospace companies that will lead the US in the transition from a government-focused to a commercially driven space program.

The Houston Spaceport is a 422-acre site for aerospace development.

The former Boeing office building was purchased in late 2015 and renamed the Houston Aerospace Support Center. Phase 1 infrastructure was recently completed – a \$21 million investment with \$1 million Economic Development Administration grant – which included roads, cabling, and utilities serving 153 acres. Diaz said that this was a strong selling point for companies considering building at the spaceport.

In addition to serving as a launch and landing site for suborbital, reusable launch vehicles, the Houston Spaceport was developed to be a center for collaboration and a hub for innovation. Today, Intuitive Machines is developing the NOVA-C Lunar Lander to deliver commercial payloads to the lunar surface, and San Jacinto College's EDGE Center is providing workforce training at the spaceport for the aerospace industry. Diaz stated emphatically that a training center is fundamental to companies seeking a skilled workforce.

**New developments**  
Axiom Space and Collins Aerospace have signed agreements to develop their facilities at the Houston Spaceport. Axiom Space specializes in aerospace technology and management of missions to space. Axiom Station, orbiting 250 miles above Earth and traveling faster than 17,000 miles per hour, will be a commercial laboratory and residential infrastructure that will serve as a home to microgravity experiments, critical space environment materials testing, and use by private and professional astronauts.

Axiom plans an Aerospace Operations and Technology Facility Development for the production of space station components: Habitation, Research and Manufacturing, Observation and Power Thermal Modules for Axiom Station. Construction of this approximately 400,000-square-foot facility on a 14-acre plot of land in the Phase 1 area of the Houston Spaceport will begin in the fourth quarter of this year or in the first quarter of 2022. Completion is set to take 24 months, and it is estimated that 1,000 jobs will be created including those for engineers and technicians.

Collins Aerospace – a division of Raytheon Technologies – is a company specializing in aviation and aerospace technology. Col-

lins Aerospace will plan, design and construct an estimated 116,000-square-foot facility for office space and manufacturing laboratory space, including 10,000 square feet of accelerator space on approximately 8.37 acres.

The company will employ up to 250 engineers and technicians. Construction is slated to begin in the second quarter of this year with completion within 24 months.

**Bright future ahead**  
The aviation industry is recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic which has affected every nuance of society. The Houston Spaceport has become another gem in the crown of the Houston Airport System and continues to expand.

The future is bright for the aviation/aerospace industry in Houston, the home of human spaceflight.

## Diaz speaks on Ellington future



Mario C. Diaz, director of Aviation, Houston Airport System, was recently the featured speaker at the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership's annual general membership meeting. Diaz spoke on the current status of the airport system, as well as its future, including plans to construct the Houston Spaceport at Ellington Airport.

## Collins influences Lowtan to strive for success

Lewis Career & Technical High School's Shining Star Xavier Lowtan (below, left) is shown with distinguished educator Madeline Collins who teaches 10th, 11th and 12th grade Advancement Via Individual Determination.

Commenting on his teacher, Lowtan said, "Ms. Collins has been a phenomenal teacher that genuinely cares for each one of her students. I've had Ms. Collins from sophomore year to senior throughout her AVID class, which has been an uplifting experience throughout my high school years.

"I can say she is one of the best teachers that has influenced me to continue striving for success. Ms. Collins has been a kindhearted and inspiring teacher throughout my high school years. I would like to say it has been an honor and a wonderful experience to be a part of your AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) class."

Lowtan has shown leadership as a member of National Honor Society and a member of Business Professionals of America.

Community service activities for Lowtan included volunteering at local community events and volunteering at the CTHS courtroom.

"After high school, I plan on attending the University of Houston and majoring in supply chain management," Lowtan said.

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## Ayusa seeks families

Ayusa is looking for host families to provide a safe and caring home environment in this area for high school exchange students. Requirements are a private or shared bedroom, three meals a day and local transportation. The student will have their own health insurance and money for personal items, sports and travel expenses, etc. The host family will have no legal liability for the student. University of Houston graduate Sarah Jones is the local Ayusa liaison working to assist in placing students and coordinate with the host family and school.

Ayusa Global Youth Exchange is a nonprofit high school exchange organization dedicated to the development of next generation of global leaders and world citizens. For more than 30 years, Ayusa has been connecting extraordinary international students with host families in the U.S. and other countries to cultivate leadership skills, develop intercultural awareness and enhance global knowledge not only through education, but through experience.

For more information or questions, email Sarah Jones at [Slones@Ayusa.org](mailto:Slones@Ayusa.org) or call 832-322-3193. Visit [www.Ayusa.org](http://www.Ayusa.org) for accreditation and information with the Better Business Bureau, Youth Exchange and Study and Council on Standards for International and Educational Travel.

## HPD hosts youth program

The Houston Police Department Southeast Division Post 8300 is offering its Explorers program every Tuesday at 5 p.m. at the HPD Southeast Patrol Station, located at 8300 Mykawa, to area youth considering a career in law enforcement.

The Explorers program provides educational training programs for young adults on the purposes, mission and objectives of law enforcement.

The program provides career orientation experiences, leadership opportunities and community service activities. The primary goals of the program are to help young adults choose a career path within law enforcement and to challenge them to become responsible citizens.

For additional information, call HPD Officer L.E. Anderson at 346-397-1363 or email [lloyd.anderson@houstonpolice.org](mailto:lloyd.anderson@houstonpolice.org).

## Junkin inspired by Berreth's life advice

J. Frank Dobie High School's Shining Star Casey Junkin (below, left) is shown with distinguished educator Dianne Berreth who teaches 11th-grade AP chemistry.

Commenting on her teacher, Junkin said, "For Mrs. Berreth, learning went beyond what she could teach in AP chemistry. She made the navigation through life so much easier and was an amazing chemistry teacher as well. She never gave up on her students, including me. The pandemic being no exception. Even after the completion of her class, Mrs. Berreth continues to teach and mentor her students. Without some of her life changing advice, I don't know where I would be. She has pushed me beyond what I ever saw myself capable of and for that I am eternally grateful."

Junkin has shown leadership as student body vice president. Extracurricular activities for Junkin include FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) robotics, Dobie varsity volleyball and VEX robotics. Community service activities for Junkin included National Honor Society and Dobie Student Council.

"After high school, I plan on attending Georgia Tech to study Mechanical Engineering," Junkin said.

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## Randalls celebrate 60 years

South Belt residents Dick, 89, and Dorthene, 92, Randall celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Wednesday, June 16, 2021.

The couple built a home in Sagemont and have lived there 53 years. In 1968 when they moved in, their only child Dianne was 6 years old and attended all the neighborhood schools including San Jacinto College. Dianne married Dobie graduate Chris Connealy who later became fire chief of the Houston Fire Department. Dianne died of cancer in 2010 but she left sons Brent and Kyle Connealy.

Dick retired in 1994 after 27 years with a NASA contractor. Now he "spends his time maintaining the house, yard, food, car, com-

puter, phones and keeping their finances going," said Dick. "D o t has been homebound due to medical issues for many years, but manages to keep busy with her genealogy hobby," he added. Brent is the lone surviving relative in the Houston area. Friends, co-workers and relatives may have passed on but Dick and Dorthene still have each other.



Dorthene and Dick Randall

# Remember When

**45 years ago (1976)**  
City Councilman Frank Mancuso acknowledged that an additional exit from the area was needed after a flood that stranded Sagemont, Sagemeadow, Sagemont Park and Scarsdale residents in their subdivisions.

Two savings and loan companies in the Alameda Mall area were hit by a pair of robbers who robbed three savings and loan establishments in two weeks.

**40 years ago (1981)**  
U.S. Rep. Ron Paul protested the proposal to use Ellington Air Force Base as a detention center for illegal Haitian and Cuban aliens at a meeting at Teague Elementary.

Southeast Volunteer firemen Brian Bennett and Steve Lombardi rescued a silver toy poodle from the Beamer Road ditch.

Metro reduced its fare on the 247 Fuqua and 244 Monroe Park and Rides to just \$1 during July.

**20 years ago (2001)**  
South Belt area community leaders were approached by Houston city officials to become a Super Neighborhood.

Jerry Speer, Jim Hulme and Steve Jamail attended the groundbreaking for the new Dobie campus on Blackhawk.

**15 years ago (2006)**  
Five Dobie High School students were awarded scholarships from the Austin Jay Childs Memorial Fund.

Dobie High School band director Ken Wright resigned after 19 years to start a new position as the fine arts director of Channelview ISD.

**10 years ago (2011)**  
Houston Mayor Annise Parker announced the city would make adjustments to the controversial new monthly drainage fees, significantly lowering payments for area residents. The measure reduced the amount of impervious surface used to calculate the fee for each property by 1,000 square feet. This change lowered the median residential drainage utility charge from approximately \$8.25 per month to between \$5 and \$6 per month.

A security guard shot one of three suspects who tried to hold up an armored car outside the Bank of America on the Gulf Freeway near Alameda Mall. Shots were reportedly exchanged between the Loomis armored car officer and the suspects, with one of the suspects being struck. The guard was not injured. Police later found one of the suspects, Malcolm Jamaal Austin, 25, at a nearby apartment

complex. He was charged with aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon. The other two suspects, including the one who was shot, were not apprehended.

A woman's burning body was found in a vacant lot at 9500 Scranton near Easthaven. Employees at a business on the Gulf Freeway noticed the blaze and called 911. Houston firefighters responded to put out the flames and discovered the body. Authorities said it appeared that someone poured a flammable liquid on the body before setting it ablaze. The

victim, 24-year-old Sherell Nicole Baldwin of Huntsville, was later determined to be seven months pregnant. Autopsy results revealed she also suffered various types of trauma. Investigators believe Baldwin was killed elsewhere and then dumped in the field before her body was set on fire. Police say Baldwin had come to Houston the day before to meet a friend and look for work. No arrests were made in the case as of press time.

**5 years ago (2016)**  
Clear Creek Independent School District's Clear Hori-

zons Early College High School, located on the San Jacinto College South campus, was recognized by the nonprofit advocacy group Children at Risk as being one of the top-10 high schools in the Greater Houston area. In all, 1,331 public schools were evaluated – 171 of which were high schools. CCISD's Clear Lake High School was also ranked in the top 10.

**1 year ago (2020)**  
The annual South Belt Fourth of July fireworks show at El Franco Lee Park was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This marks the second time in the event's 32-year history the display has been called off, as it had previously experienced a rainout. The annual South Belt Fourth of July parade was also canceled out of social-distancing concerns. This marked the second time in the parade's 33-year history that the event had been canceled, as the 2018 parade was rained out.

A 24-year-old man was shot in the face during an altercation with an unknown male at an apartment complex in the 10900 block of the Gulf Freeway near Edgebrook. The victim was transported to an area hospital in stable condition. No immediate arrests were made.

# Over The Back Fence by Alexis

**SEN. LARRY TAYLOR CELEBRATES**  
Special birthday wishes are sent from family and friends to Texas Sen. **Larry Taylor** who celebrates a birthday June 24. Taylor is a lifelong Texan and Baylor University grad who has served the community as a businessman and as a state senator.

**POMPAS ENJOY 47TH ANNIVERSARY**  
**Nancy and Roger Pompa** celebrate 47 years of marriage Wednesday, June 30. Best wishes are sent from friends to the special couple as they enjoy this anniversary.

**HARDYS CELEBRATE 65 YEARS**  
Congratulations are sent to **Rose and James Hardy** who celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary Wednesday, June 30, from friends in the South Belt area.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays June 24 through June 30.

**Atkinson Elementary**  
Marking a memorable birthday June 27 is **Tulu Sarkar**. Birthday greetings are sent to **Maria Zamora** June 28. Sing a birthday song June 29 to **Maria Giron**.

**Genoa Elementary**  
Celebrate the birthday of **Tara Poi** June

25 with cake and ice cream.

**Meador Elementary**  
Send a happy birthday greeting June 24 to **Esmeralda Araujo**. Remember to wish **Heather Cline** a happy birthday June 25.

**Melillo Middle School**  
Enjoying a birthday June 25 is **Leticia Guevara**. Break out the balloons and party favors for **Penny Havard** June 26. The day for a double-layer cake for **Julie Jasso** and **Kristin Konzelman** is June 28. Marking a special birthday June 30 is **Christine Wright**.

**Roberts Middle School**  
Break out the cake and ice cream June 27 for **Gracie Hernandez**.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
The day for a birthday celebration for **Joseph Peterson** is June 29.

**Dobie High**  
Join in the birthday fun June 26 with **Ana Valencia**. Blow out the birthday candles June 30 for **Steven Mullins**.

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

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# SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

## Dickson advances within AAU track and field circuit



Representing the H-Town Hurricanes, Clear Brook High School senior-to-be Camryn Dickson reached the Amateur Athletic Union regional track and field level in four different events, including the 17-18-year old 100, 200, 4x1 and 4x4 relays.

Camryn Dickson, a double medal winner at the UIL State Track and Field Championships, has continued her strong run this summer as part of the Amateur Athletic Union circuit.

The Clear Brook High School senior-to-be won the girls' 17-18-year-old 100-meter dash and finished second at the 200 distance while representing the H-Town Hurricanes at the Gulf District Qualifier June 17-19 at Challenger Stadium in Webster.

In the 100 meters at the Gulf Qualifier, Dickson won at 11.92 seconds and was second in the 200 at 23.56 as Tomball Concordia Lutheran Academy Class of 2021 graduate Taejha Badal grabbed the gold medal in a time of 23.47.

Dickson also helped guide the Hurricanes' 17-18 4x1 and 4x4 relay squads to a second place time of 46.22 in the 4x1 and 3 minutes, 46 seconds for the top spot in the 4x4.

In addition to Dickson, the Hurricanes' 4x1 group included Christina Pleasant, Kennedy Wade and Tamijah Furlow.

Meanwhile, H-Town's 4x4 foursome included Dickson, Wade, Jaiden Itson and Ja'Nyala Tucker.

For Dickson, it's simply the extension of a stellar track and field career that has included several national appearances prior to this season, and there is of course her success at the state level as a Clear Brook High School student.

Dickson and all athletes missed out on the 2020 season due to the pandemic, but are now making up for lost time while bidding to get to AAU Junior Olympic Games, which are set for Humble July 31 through August 7.

Next, though, are the AAU Regional Championships that are coming July 1-3 back at Challenger Stadium in Webster as the push to nationals continues.

So far, so good for

Dickson as she not only aims for national success in the two sprints but also looks to help her teammates to further advance in the relays.

In May, Dickson won a silver medal in the 6A 200 and a bronze medal in the 100 at the UIL State Track and Field Championships in Austin.

## Pleasants voted best in Louisiana



Taylor Pleasants added to her collection of accolades following her 2021 season with the Louisiana State University softball program as she was named the state's Freshman of the Year by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association earlier this month. The Dobie High School graduate and four-year varsity softball starter has put together the makings of a star-studded career thus far with the Tigers, earning Southeastern Conference Newcomer of the Year as well as All-SEC first team status in 2021. She led the team in numerous offensive categories while helping LSU to within a win of the NCAA Division I College World Series. The LSWA also recognized Louisiana State head coach Beth Torina as its 2021 Louisiana Coach of the Year.

## Student training pair lead way

**By John Bechtle Sports Editor**

A decision to visit the sports medicine display at a career day assembly years ago might very well shape the future of Dobie High School Class of 2021 graduates Jaden Rendon and Zachary Glover as they head toward the 2021-2022 academic year at the collegiate level.

The Dobie student athletic trainers, named as Trailblazers at the school for their outstanding overall achievements in and out of the classroom, were also awarded 2020-2021 Houston Methodist Pasadena ISD Student Athletic Training Scholarship designations.

Clearly, both have made a lasting impression within Dobie head athletic trainer Jesse Lopez's student athletic training program, which annually provides support services to all of the Longhorns' athletic programs, beginning well before and ending well after the calendar year.

Rendon surely brought a smile to Lopez's face when she shortly after graduation announced that she will attend the University of Texas at Austin beginning this fall.

Lopez, after all, is a UT graduate who was a member of the Longhorns' athletic training staff when Vince Young last led the football program to a national championship in 2005.

"I'm going to be a biology major at UT, with my eventual goal to become a doctor in the sports medicine field," Rendon said. "I joined the student athletic training program at Dobie in my sophomore year and just fell in love with it."

Rendon, owner of a 4.8 grade point average at Dobie, also has been awarded a sizable academic scholarship from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship Committee.

"I had a lot of fun in the (athletic training) program," Rendon added. "You do put in a lot of extra hours, sometimes 20 hours or more a week. But I also had a lot of fun with it, and it also gives you a feeling of being part of a team and being part of special moments."

With Rendon off to Austin later this summer, Glover said he plans to take a bit longer to decide where he will continue his education.

Yet like Rendon, Glover says his future will likely include studies in the biology field with an emphasis on sports medicine.

"I've always been a people person, and being in the student athletic training program really taught me things about myself and also helped me shape how I want my future to look like," Glover said.

"There's plenty of hard work involved, but good things happen for you when you are willing to work hard. That, and the athletes make you feel like you are part of their success. That makes it all worth it."

A lifelong Pasadena ISD student, Glover this summer landed the Greater Houston Athletic Trainers' Society Student Athletic Trainer Scholarship Award for use beginning in 2021-2022.

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## Brook volleyball sets youth camps

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

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

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

Session III is open to third- through fifth-grade students, is \$75 per student and runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Online registration can be found at [www.clearbrookvolleyball.org](http://www.clearbrookvolleyball.org). For more information, email Thompson at [mthomps1@ccisd.net](mailto:mthomps1@ccisd.net).



Dobie Class of 2021 graduates and student athletic training staff members Jaden Rendon and Zachary Glover were all smiles after receiving their awards as Trailblazers, recognizing their overall achievements during their time at Dobie. Rendon is headed to the University of Texas at Austin, where she plans to major in biology. Glover, meanwhile, plans to major in biology or kinesiology moving forward.

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**BAFL regular season begins Aug. 14**

A sense of normalcy has returned as the Bay Area Football League is gearing up for what promises to be its most competitive season ever.

New for BAFL in 2021, the league will feature four divisions, including North, South, East and West as the regular season is set to begin Saturday, Aug. 14.

The Sagemont Cowboys and Southbelt Dolphins headline the North Division, which also includes the newcomer Bay Area Buccaneers, East End Eagles and Magnolia Park Sharks.

The West Division includes the Alvin Red Raiders, Alvin Yellowjackets, GAA Warriors, Pearland Patriots and Pearland Texans, while the Angleton Wildcats, Galveston Hurricanes, Hitchcock Red Raiders, Santa Fe Braves and Texas City Bengals make up the South Division.

BAFL's East Division includes the League City 49ers, LPTX Elite, North Shore Mustangs, Pasadena Panthers and Southeast Houston Wildcats.

As part of that opening weekend Aug. 14, the Cowboys' squads will visit the Pearland Hurricanes, while the Dolphins will visit the North Shore Mustangs.

**Dolphins at Snowies**  
 The Southbelt Dolphins will host a fundraising car wash Sunday, July 27, beginning at 10 a.m. at Snowies Shaved Ice, 10902 Scarsdale Blvd. (Food Town parking lot). The Dolphins will also host preseason and a conditioning workout June 26 from 10 a.m. to noon at Blackhawk Park.

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

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

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

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

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## Summer sports camps, sign-ups

### Dobie youth volleyball camps

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

Session I, open to students entering the third through sixth grades as of the 2021-2022 school year, runs from 9 to 11 a.m. each day, while Session II is open to those entering the seventh and eighth grades and runs daily from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The July 26-28 morning session camp runs from 9 a.m. to noon each day and is reserved for those entering the 10th through 12th grades, while incoming freshman students will attend the afternoon session from 1 to 4 p.m.

Those who preregister online may pay \$50 cash on the first day of the camp. For additional details, direct email to Sexton at dsexton@pasadenaisd.org.

### SBYSC registration

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

Families may visit the league website at www.southbeltsoccer.org to take advantage of this opportunity. Only credit or debit cards will be accepted as forms of payment. All registered players will receive a uniform, which includes jersey, shorts and socks. Parents will be required to provide shin guards, a ball and cleats.

The discounted fees are \$100 per under-4 through under-8 players, \$120 per under-9 and under-10 players, \$140 per under-11 and under-12 players and \$160 per under-13 through under-19 players.

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

### Lions continue summer work

The Thompson Intermediate boys' coaching staff continues its summer of strength and conditioning and football skills training running through July 23 at the school.

Students entering the seventh and eighth grades as of the 2021-2022 school year are encouraged to take part in the Monday through Thursday weekly strength and conditioning sessions at \$25 cash a week per student.

The 9 to 11 a.m. daily sessions include weight room work and strength and conditioning drills as well as agility training.

The football skills training follows daily from 11 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$15 cash per week per student unless enrolled in the strength and conditioning sessions.

The remaining dates for the weekly training sessions include June 28-July 1, July 12-15 and July 19-22.

## HTX Hustlers 8U softball takes crown

The South Belt-based HTX Hustlers went undefeated at the Bring The Heat Invitational to capture the championship. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Izzy Rocha, Bailey Garcia, Zoie Escobar, Chloe Vasquez, Emma Hernandez, (middle row) Sophia Garza, Maddie Hall, Journee Al-pough, Mila Elizondo, Ciara Frias, (back row) coaches Danny Garza, Dee Escobar and Aaron Vasquez.



Those showing support for Pasadena High School aquatics standout Jesus Mendoza during his Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame scholarship presentation included, left to right, Demond Stafford, Rayburn High School athletic coordinator;

Donna Branch, Pasadena ISD assistant athletic director; Bill Barmore, Athletics Hall of Fame chairman; Mendoza; Vanessa Reyes, Sam Rayburn High School principal; and Andrea Nguyen, Education Foundation director.



Those joining in the celebration of Pasadena Memorial High School multisport standout Allura Monroe during her Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame scholarship presentation were, left to right, Donna Branch, Pasadena ISD assistant athletic director;

Bill Barmore, Athletics Hall of Fame chairman; Rupert Jaso, Pasadena ISD athletic director; Allura Monroe; Valiza Castro, (Monroe's mother); and Andrea Nguyen, Pasadena ISD Education Foundation director.

# Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame awards scholarships

Four Class of 2021 graduates were selected as Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame scholarship award recipients.

The designees will each receive scholarships totaling \$2,500.

Sponsored by the Pasadena ISD Education Foundation, the students were selected based on a rigorous application process that requires applicants to demonstrate good academic and disciplinary standing.

Selection is also based on a student's mastery of "skills and principles of the athletic programs in which the student has participated," according to

the application.

The scholarship program was developed as a way of supporting graduating senior athletes who are pursuing their career path at a post-secondary institution.

This year's recipients included Maria Prado - Pasadena High School (cross-country, track and field), Donovan Berotte - Pasadena Memorial High School (basketball), Allura Monroe - Pasadena Memorial High School (volleyball, track and field, swimming and powerlifting) and Jesus Mendoza - Sam Rayburn High School (swimming)

Prado is a well-round-

ed student who balances sports, advanced academic courses and school leadership.

She lettered four years in cross-country, while receiving medals nearly every year she lettered in track and field.

Prado was named an All-American athlete in taekwondo in 2018, along with winning six national championships and earning a spot on the U.S. taekwondo team twice.

Prado has been heavily involved in various school organizations, including the PHS National Hispanic Honor Society and the Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee.

She is a member of the National Honor Society. Prado, who ranked No. 1 in her class, earned an associate degree as part of the Pasadena Early College High School program and has also earned her high school diploma.

Prado plans to become a DNP (Doctor in Nursing Practitioner) in hopes of opening a clinic and helping less fortunate communities.

Berotte has been described by coaches and teachers as a gifted student, lifelong learner and hard worker.

And his resume fits the bill. Berotte played basketball all four years of

high school, lettering his senior year, in which he earned the District 22-6A All Academic Achievement award with a stellar 3.95 GPA.

He's played on numerous basketball teams over the years, including Team Elite, serving as a co-captain in 2020; BeastSide Athletics in 2019; Clutch City in 2018; and the Superstar Clippers in 2017.

Berotte dedicated more than 300 hours of volunteer service to the community and has volunteered at the Houston Food Bank, coached basketball for the City of Pasadena and provided a helping hand after Hurricane Harvey hit the

Houston area. Berotte caught the eye of multiple top-tier colleges and universities.

Once he makes his pick, he plans to study petroleum engineering.

Monroe's multisport resume is as impressive as it is inspiring. She lettered four years in multiple sports, starting as early as freshman year when she ran track and field.

Monroe continued to letter in track and field each year of high school and earned a spot on the swim team her sophomore year at Pasadena Memorial, where she was named "Newcomer of the Year."

That same year, she was also named a regional qualifier in track and field.

As a junior and senior in high school, Monroe lettered in volleyball, track and field and powerlifting.

Her senior year, she earned the All-State Academic Achievement award in volleyball and she was a regional qualifier in powerlifting.

Beyond her achievements as an athlete, Monroe also maintained a 4.66 GPA and she was inducted into the National Honor Society.

Monroe received the Thomas Jefferson History award in 2020 and she was named a DECA finalist for

Entrepreneurship Team Decision Making. The 2021 graduate plans to major in business, with a focus in entrepreneurship.

Mendoza lettered in swimming for the past three years, earning the Open-Water Championship in Austin during his sophomore year and Most Improved Player his junior year.

Mendoza also received the Academic All-State award from the Texas Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association.

Outside of swimming, he participated in various volunteer efforts over the years, including Pasadena ISD's Walk for Sight

event, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, the South Belt Area State, St. Juan Diego Church, Seabrook Lucky Trails and the San Jacinto La Porte Fun Run.

Mendoza plays the alto saxophone and led the Mighty Sam Rayburn Texas band as a drum major. He plans to earn a bachelor's degree in music and mortuary science.

The coronavirus pandemic prevented the 2020 and 2021 Athletics Hall of Fame banquets from taking place, but the return of the event is set for April, 2022 as the Pasadena Convention Center is now the venue.



Joining Pasadena High School standout Maria Prado during her Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame Scholarship presentation were, left to right, Steve Martin, Pasadena High School assistant principal; Andrea Nguyen, Education Foundation director; Aldo Prado, dean of Early College High School; Bill Barmore, Athletics Hall of Fame chairman; Donna Branch,

Pasadena ISD assistant athletic director; Justin Sumrall, Pasadena High School teacher and coach; Prado; David Zapfen, Pasadena High School athletic coordinator; Carla Fowler, Pasadena High School teacher and coach; Laura Gomez, Pasadena High School principal; and Rupert Jaso, Pasadena ISD athletic director.



Those joining Pasadena Memorial High School boys' basketball standout Donovan Berotte during his Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame scholarship presentation were, left to right, Bill Barmore, Athletics Hall of Fame chairman; Rupert Jaso, Pasade-

na ISD athletics director; Berotte; Donna Branch, Pasadena ISD assistant athletic director; and Andrea Nguyen, Pasadena ISD Education Foundation director. The ceremony was held in the Hall of Fame wing inside Phillips Field House.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 17  
7:30 a.m.  
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill," Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/>.  
7:30 a.m.  
Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. either at Pearland Chamber of Commerce, 6117 Broadway St., Pearland, or online on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81372891968>. Meeting ID: 813 7289 1968. Additional information is found on the Pearland Chamber of Commerce website under the calendar tab.  
Noon  
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or online at <https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners>. Call 713-686-6300 for more information.  
7 p.m.  
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit <https://nastuff.com/>.

Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit [www.hascona.com](http://www.hascona.com).  
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - Services are online for the 7 p.m. Friday or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service at <https://www.shaarhashalom.org/shabbat-online.htm>. Email [ritual@shaarhashalom.org](mailto:ritual@shaarhashalom.org) for the link.  
8 p.m.  
Serenity Now Al-Anon Group - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.  
Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.

at 832-372-3565.  
7 p.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's 12-Step Recovery, education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd. Call Jesse at 832-725-8479.  
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.  
TUESDAY, JUNE 22  
7 a.m.  
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
Noon  
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.  
7 p.m.  
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23  
7 a.m.  
AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
Noon  
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.  
7 p.m.  
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.  
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8 p.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous - CrossRoads UMC meeting. See Friday's notice.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24  
7:30 a.m.  
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
9:30 a.m.  
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - See Friday's notice.  
11 a.m.  
Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) - For women affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Call 281-487-8787 or visit <http://www.houstonalanon.org/meetings.html>.  
HUNDAY, JUNE 20  
8 p.m.  
AA - meeting at CrossRoads UMC. See Friday's notice.  
MONDAY, JUNE 21  
10 a.m.  
Al-Anon Deer Park - Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details or visit <http://www.houstonalanon.org/meetings.html>.  
Noon  
AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
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# Pasadena Memorial High School names final 2020-2021 honor roll students

Pasadena Memorial High School officials announced their sixth six-weeks honor roll.

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