

# South Belt-Ellington Leader

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### Graduation issues available

Extra copies of the *Leader's* high school graduation issue, published on June 1, are available at the newspaper office, 11555 Beamer. The special edition includes graduation information for Dobie, Clear Brook, South Houston and Clear Horizons Early College high schools and Lutheran South Academy.

### JFD cheer holds car wash

J. Frank Dobie High School cheerleaders will hold a car wash on Saturday, June 10, at Snowie's Shaved Ice in the Food Town parking lot, located at Scarsdale and Beamer, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$5. Donations are also welcome.

### LSA holds summer camps

Registration is open for summer camps at Lutheran South Academy. Camps are available for art, baseball, boys basketball, girls basketball, book creator, football, forensic science, Lunch Bunch, physical education, Pioneer Power Camp, photography, Pride Camp, scuba, soccer, tennis and volleyball.

For students interested in weights, strength and agility, Pride Camps are available for students entering grades 6-8 and 9-12 in the fall. The Pioneer Power camp is for students entering grades 9-12 and for students interested in football, boys soccer, basketball, baseball and volleyball. Camp length varies depending on the camp. Go to [www.luthेरansouth.org](http://www.luthेरansouth.org) for more details and camp registration.

### Beltway 8 closures set

The Blackhawk exit and Monroe entrance on Beltway 8 will be closed through Saturday, July 8. The closures are associated with the widening of Beltway 8 from Beamer to Highway 288.

### SEEN-ABWA to meet

The South East Express Network of the American Business Women's Association (SEEN-ABWA) will host its luncheon Thursday, June 8, in the private meeting room at Spring Creek Barbeque, located at 9005 Broadway in Pearland, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The guest speakers will be four ABWA-approved candidates for District II vice president. Cost is \$20 and includes meal and meeting fee.

### Symphony performs at JFD

The Houston Symphony will perform a free concert at Dobie High School Saturday, June 10, in the school's auditorium, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Part of the Houston Symphony's Summer Community Concert Series, the performance will include selections from Bizet's *Carmen Suite*, Tchaikovsky's *Waltz from Sleeping Beauty*, the theme from Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* and the *Flying Theme from E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*. Robert Franz will serve as conductor of the symphony. Guests are invited to arrive early for the symphony's "instrument petting zoo." For additional information, visit [www.houstonsymphony.org](http://www.houstonsymphony.org) or call 713-224-7575.

### HM HOA meets June 14

The monthly meeting of Highland Meadow HOA is Wednesday, June 14, at 7 p.m. at Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale. Homeowners are urged to attend. Questions submitted prior to the meeting may be directed to Sherrida Williams with C.I.A. Services I, 713-981-9000 or [CustomerCare@cia-services.com](mailto:CustomerCare@cia-services.com).

### Dobie football car wash set

The Dobie High School football program/booster club will host a car wash fundraiser Saturday, June 17 at Snowie's Shaved Ice in the Food Town parking lot at Scarsdale and Beamer. Players will wash cars for a minimum \$5 donation from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### SPCIA to hold meeting

The Sagemont Park Community Improvement Association (SPCIA) will hold its annual homeowners' meeting Thursday, June 15, at the Sagemont Park Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes Road from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Agenda items include election of board of directors for 2017-2018; proposed deed restriction changes, deed restriction violations and community improvement issues and actions. This meeting is open to all Sagemont Park homeowners and residents. Residents are urged to attend.

### Kirkmont HOA meets June 14

Kirkmont I HOA will meet Wednesday, June 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the MUD Building, located at 10102 Blackhawk. Homeowners are urged to attend.

### Ellington e-recycling set

The City's monthly electronic recycling will be Saturday, June 10, at Ellington Airport from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Accepted items include PCs, servers, keyboards, mice, laptops, consoles, monitors, small kitchen appliances, memory chips, hubs and routers, printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines, projectors, rechargeable batteries, cable boxes, batteries, phones, PDAs, tape drives, hard drives, cords, cables and cameras. For information, visit [www.houston-solidwaste.org](http://www.houston-solidwaste.org).

## Lone Star Flight Museum moves forward

Construction of the new Lone Star Flight Museum at Ellington Airport is moving forward, with a grand opening date now scheduled for Labor Day weekend.

Hundreds recently gathered at the new facility for the museum's annual *Taking Flight* gala, raising more than \$1 million for the project.

In the most highly-attended gala in Lone Star Flight Museum history, more than 900 guests joined the museum's board of directors and co-chairs Lisa and Jerry Simon and Cathy and Joe Cleary for a black-tie and military mess dress gala to honor four new inductees to the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame, as well as to inaugurate the future flight museum.

Historic aircraft, specifically the museum's P-47 Thunderbolt and T-6 Texan, provided the

evening's unique backdrop which was held in the museum's new 130,000-square-foot facility at Ellington Airport.

The pre-event sponsorships, ticket sales and donations brought in more than \$700,000 – the paddles up and auction combined for a windfall of \$400,000, making this a \$1.1 million event. At the end of the evening, each guest left the event with a complimentary one-year membership to the Lone Star Flight Museum.

Master of Ceremonies, Don Nelson, USAF and ABC-13 news veteran, lead a full program, featuring the Presentation of Colors by five branches of the Armed Forces, the *National Anthem* by Nicholas Connors and a *Salute to the Armed Forces* medley by the Sanctuary Choir of Clear Lake United Methodist Church.

### Artistic renderings of museum



Construction of the new Lone Star Flight Museum at Ellington Airport is moving forward, due to be complete by the end of the summer. The museum's annual gala recently raised more than \$1 million toward the project. Currently located in Galveston, the museum was forced to relocate after suffering extensive damage during Hurricane Ike. Artistic renderings of the museum are shown above.

## Annual July 4 parade approaches

Independence Day is around the corner, and the 30th annual South Belt parade is scheduled to take place Tuesday, July 4, beginning at 10 a.m.

The parade route will wind from Beverly Hills Intermediate to San Jacinto College South. While the parade starts at 10 a.m., participants are urged to arrive early, as the lineup for the caravan will begin at 9 a.m.

All residents, organizations and businesses are welcome to enter. Participants are encouraged to decorate their vehicles and floats, as prizes will be awarded in various categories.

Community and nonprofit groups may sign up for the parade at no charge, unless they wish to be eligible for a prize. A \$50 fee is charged for

commercial entries. Noncommercial entries may enter the contest for \$25.

Entry forms are available at [www.southbeltleader.com](http://www.southbeltleader.com), the *Leader* office and in next week's paper.

The forms are to be filled out and returned to the *Leader* office, faxed to 281-481-5730 or emailed by July 2.

### Fireworks display

Later that evening, residents may view the annual fireworks show at El Franco Lee Park, located at 9400 Hall Road.

Funded by the annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off, the display is scheduled to begin around 9:30 p.m.

## City honors San Jacinto College

The City of Houston officially recognized San Jacinto College for being named one of the top five community colleges in the nation by the prestigious Aspen Institute for Community College Excellence.

The recognition was spearheaded by Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner and City Council members Dwight Boykins and Dave Martin, both of whom represent portions of the South Belt community.

Officials proclaimed that May 16 will now be recognized as San Jacinto College Day.

This past March, the Aspen Institute for Com-

munity College Excellence presented San Jacinto College a Rising Star award at a luncheon held in Washington.

For its efforts, the college was awarded \$100,000. The area school was one of 10 finalists for the prestigious Aspen Prize, which was presented to Lake Area Technical Institute of Water-town, S.D., earning it \$600,000. In all, the Aspen Institute awarded \$1 million in prize money.

Florida's Broward College (Fort Lauderdale) and Indian River State College (Fort Pierce) were both named Finalists with Distinction, and

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## FBI seeks two serial bank robbers

The FBI is asking for the public's assistance in identifying two serial bank robbers who are connected to at least three Houston bank robberies in the last two months, including one in the South Belt area.



The South Belt robbery took place at the Wallis State Bank, located at 10055 Alameda Genoa Road near the Gulf Freeway, on Wednesday, April 5. Authorities said the suspects fired gun shots during the robbery, but no one was seriously hurt.

Investigators believe the suspects are also responsible for two other Houston bank robberies – one at the Mercantile Bank located at 3200 S. Shepherd on Monday, April 3, and one at the Wells Fargo Bank located at 14001 Memorial Drive on Friday, June 2.

In the most recent robbery, the suspects entered the bank around 11:55 a.m. armed with pistols. Wearing masks to conceal their faces, they ordered all employees to the ground. One robber waited in the lobby and stood watch with his weapon over the employees, while the other went behind the teller counter and stole an undisclosed amount of money from cash drawers.

The armed robbers left the bank in a silver Hyundai Elantra. Investigators later recovered the vehicle near the bank and determined it had been reported stolen a month earlier. No one was physically hurt during the robbery.

Investigators have released a composite sketch of one of the suspects.

Crime Stoppers of Houston is offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information that leads to the identification and arrest of the bank robbers.

Anyone with any information on these suspects is urged to contact Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS (8477) or the FBI Houston Field Office at 713-693-5000. All tipsters remain anonymous.

John Nau, chairman of the Texas Historical Commission and CEO of Silver Eagle Distributors, conducted the induction ceremony for new hall of famers President George W. Bush, who provided a video greeting; Maj. Gen. Benjamin D. Foulois (1879-1967); Albert W. "Al" Mooney (1906-1986); and the 111th Aero Squadron.

Marshall Cloyd received a lifetime achievement award.

The Lone Star Flight Museum officially broke ground on its new facility at Ellington Airport in November 2015. The museum is moving from its current location in Galveston as a result of damage suffered during Hurricane Ike.

"We have enjoyed our time in Galveston and greatly appreciate the support of the Galveston community," said Scott Rozzell, chair of the Lone Star Flight Museum board of directors. "However, we felt it important to protect our collection by moving the museum further inland. We are excited to be a part of all the great things now going on at Ellington."

The site has been leased from the City of Houston for 40 years for \$1 per year.

In addition to a collection of award-winning

historic aircraft, the museum will feature interactive, educational exhibits focusing on the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) concepts essential to flight, while allowing visitors to explore Texas' rich aviation heritage.

Among the highlights of the new facility will be a \$1 million Aviation Learning Center and the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame. The Aviation Learning Center, originally developed at the Seattle Museum of Flight, will be replicated for the first time at the new museum.

The museum will also offer a number of amenities for visitors to enjoy, including a restaurant, gift shop and a 400-seat auditorium, in which programs, conferences, public meetings and other events can be held.

The total project cost, including facility, exhibits and relocation expenses, is estimated at \$38 million. In 2014, the museum completed an initial \$25 million capital campaign.

The success of that campaign encouraged the museum's board of directors to expand the facility, add additional educational programming and undertake a \$10 million Phase II capital campaign.

## Beltway to close from Beamer to 288

According to officials from the Harris County Toll Road Authority, Beltway 8 will be completely closed in both directions between Beamer Road and SH 288 from 10 p.m. Friday, June 9, to 5 a.m. Saturday, June 10.

Residents should be aware, however, that sim-

ilar notices regarding the closure of Beamer at Beltway 8 have been issued at least three times in the last two months but never took place as published.

At press time, it remained unclear what had caused the multiple discrepancies.

## Accident injures 6; 5 are children

At least six people, including five children, were injured late Sunday, June 4, when an impaired driver allegedly swerved into oncoming traffic in the 8300 block of Galveston Road near South Shaver Street.

The suspect, Elmer Jose Sandoval, is facing six charges of intoxication assault.

According to police, the accident occurred around 11:50 p.m. when Sandoval, 26, was traveling south on the street in a silver Lexus ES 300. He was witnessed driving erratically before crossing into the northbound lanes and striking a red Ford Expedition head on. Both vehicles were rendered inoperable.

Witnesses told police an older model white Cadillac arrived at the scene following the crash, and everyone in the Lexus reportedly got in the vehicle and left the scene.

The driver of the Ford was taken to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital with broken bones. Two children in the Ford were taken to Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center. One child, 12, suffered a broken nose, while the second child, 5, had a broken arm.

Sandoval and three children passengers of the

Lexus were later located at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital while officers were conducting a follow-up investigation with the driver of the Ford. The children, ages 3, 5 and 6, reportedly suffered serious injuries.

At the hospital, Sandoval appeared impaired to officers. A subsequent sobriety test confirmed their suspicions, and Sandoval was arrested.

The investigation was ongoing at press time.

## Vacation photos sought

The *Leader* is seeking readers' 2017 vacation photos for possible publication. A first-, second- and third-place prize of Schlitterbahn Galveston tickets will be awarded monthly during June, July and August to the best submissions. First place will be awarded eight tickets; second place will be awarded six; and third place will be awarded four. All submissions should include when and where the photo was taken, identify each person in the picture and describe the trip. All photos must be high resolution. Email photos to [mynews@southbeltleader.com](mailto:mynews@southbeltleader.com). Do not compress photos when emailing.

## Precinct 2 deputies keep busy

Deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office have kept busy as of late responding to calls ranging from emergency incidents to criminal activity.

On Saturday, June 3, deputies were dispatched at 4:17 p.m. to a birthday party in the 10000 block of Sagecourt where a 2-year-old child was reportedly drowning. Upon arriving at the residence, CPR was being administered to the child by family members.

Emergency workers from the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department then rushed the child to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, where breathing was stabilized enough to transport the child by Life Flight to Texas Children's Hospital.

At press time, the child's status was unknown. Two separate traffic stops recently resulted in drug arrests.

The first incident occurred Saturday, May 27, in the 12000 block of Beamer around 8:30 a.m.

An investigation determined the driver, identified as Deric Epps, was transporting marijuana.

Epps, 18, was arrested and charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana. The confiscated marijuana was found already divided into multiple baggies, leading the arresting deputy

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## Leader correction

The article titled *Sagemont's Beth Morgan dies at 76* that was published in the June 1 edition of the *Leader* contained a mistake.

The story stated that June 1 would have marked Beth and John Morgan's 51st wedding anniversary. While June 1 did mark the 51st anniversary of Sagemont Church, the date would have marked the couple's 54th wedding anniversary.

The *Leader* apologizes for any confusion.

## PISD board members take oath



The winners of the May 6 Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees election were recently sworn into office. All four were incumbents who handily defeated their challengers. Shown above are, left to right, Jack Bailey, Position 4; Nelda R. Sullivan, Position 3; Mariselle Quijano, Position 2; and Fred Roberts, Position 1.

Photo submitted

# In My Opinion

## End of school year recycling tips

With the school year wrapping up, soon alarm clocks, schedules and homework will be forgotten for a few months as kids enjoy the summer.

Taking the time to properly go through books, notes and school supplies cannot only save you some dough for next year, it can help the environment.

Students, teachers and parents can all make a difference in reducing waste at the end of the school year by practicing waste reduction and recycling. Here are some recycling tips to remember:

When cleaning out your backpack or locker, think about items that can be donated or reused for summer art projects.

Recycle old paper and save binders and folders for reuse next school year.

Many schools reuse text books to save money and reduce waste. Share your used books with friends or younger siblings.

Save items that can be reused like refillable pens and pencils, and rechargeable batteries for next school year.

Help your teacher clean out the classroom to ensure items no longer of use get donated to someone who can use them and other items get recycled.

Now, your children's dried-out markers, empty glue sticks and other used items can have a second life with these recycling programs:

Staples, the office supply store, offers \$2 in rewards per recycled ink cartridge. Fill a bag with used writing utensils — pens, pencils, highlighters and Google "Writing Instruments Brigade" for a free shipping label.

This initiative, which includes participation from PaperMate and Sharpie, turns old writing utensils into plastic storage bins.

Crayola's ColorCycle program turns used markers into fuel for cars. Get a free shipping label to send your markers to a conversion facility.

Classrooms participating in Elmer's Glue Crew can collect empty glue sticks and bottles throughout the year to send to a recycling center using free downloadable shipping labels. There, old glue holders are transformed into new products like plastic bins.

Tracy Skenandore

# Publisher's Opinion

## Attention Frazier alumni

This is the first time that this column has been used to solicit funds. But I think this is a good cause.

Frazier Elementary is getting playground equipment for its students. The cost is nearly \$50,000.

Through multiple events at the school, they have raised all but the last \$2,500.

I thought it would be a good idea if some of the many Frazier alumni and their parents were given an opportunity to help get the final \$2,500 raised.

So many students have attended Frazier since it opened in 1975. It would not take a whole lot of effort to raise this final \$2,500 if we could get donations of \$1,

\$5, \$10, \$20 or maybe \$100 from some of the Frazier alumni.

Think how neat it would be driving down Hughes passing Frazier Elementary and seeing the Frazier students playing on equipment you helped provide.

I am suggesting this on my own, Frazier officials are not aware of my idea.

As a mother of a student that attended Frazier the first year it was open, I will make a donation and hope you will join me. Please send your donation to Frazier Elementary, 10503 Hughes Road, Houston, TX. 77089.

Thanks for caring about our kids and community.

—Marie Flickinger

# Deaths

## Eleanor A. (Ellie) Krupa



Eleanor A. (Ellie) Krupa, 80, died on Wednesday, May 31, 2017, in San Antonio. She was born March 31, 1937, and raised in St. Louis, Missouri. Ellie received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Webster College and master's degree of religious studies from The University of the Incarnate Word. Additionally, she received her teacher of religion certificate from the diocese of Galveston-Houston.

She was married for 56 years to Joseph B. Krupa. She and her husband were blessed with eight children and twenty grandchildren. The Krupas were longtime residents of the Sagemont subdivision before moving to San Antonio.

Ellie faithfully shared and supported Joe's vocation as a permanent deacon in the Catholic church and together, they taught marriage preparatory classes for engaged couples. Ellie and Joe enjoyed traveling, taking cruises and attending performances at the Majestic Theatre. Ellie was devoted to her family and treasured her church family for the joy they brought to her life.

Traditions were a cornerstone Ellie established in her family, making every birthday and holiday special celebrations. She was a kind, deeply spiritual woman and natural teacher who lived her faith and nurtured those around her. She welcomed all into her home, whether hosting Air Force recruits for Thanksgiving or family and friends for special occasions.

Throughout her life, in addition to being a full-time mother, Ellie was employed as a teacher, principal, catechist and consultant. Ellie held various catechetical positions at St. Pius V, St. Frances Cabrini and St. Luke the Evangelist in Houston and at St. Brendan in Ormond Beach, Florida. She served as the director of religious education at St. Mark the Evangelist, St. Anthony of Padua, and St. Helena in San Antonio.

Ellie used reflection, symbolism and storytelling to bring her values and faith to life, connecting her to the adults and children she taught for more than 46 years. Whether Holy Eucharist, reconciliation, or confirmation classes, Ellie shared her children's and grandchildren's experiences, family dynamics, and rights of passage to convey the richness and depth of living faithfully in Christ.

She was a consultant for both Sadlier and Silver Burdett publishing companies speaking at numerous conferences throughout the United States as a keynote speaker. She was a delegation member of the National Catholic Educational Association to Russia and Lithuania for cultural exchange in education and catechesis. She was also recognized as a Catechetical Scholar at Catholic University of America and Loyola University.

Ellie completed 46 years of faithful service to the church as the Associate Director for the Archdiocesan Catechetical Center in San Antonio. Upon

retirement, she received an Apostolic Blessing from The Holy Father John Paul II.

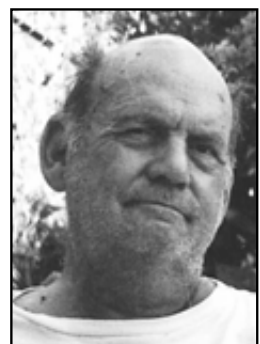
Ellie was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph, her parents, George and Marie Meyer, her sisters, Marilyn Scharf and Dolores Williams and son-in-law, William Hardy Cook.

She is survived by her children Jeanne Cook, Anne and John Jimenez, Michael and Tracy Krupa, Christopher and Dion Krupa, William and Julie Krupa, Robert and Denise Krupa, Mark Williams, and James and Karen Krupa; and grandchildren Jennifer Jimenez, Jason Jimenez, Lauren Krupa, Ashley Krupa, Anthony Krupa, Joseph Krupa, Nicholas Krupa, Emily Krupa, Matthew Krupa, Amanda Krupa, Kelly Krupa, Jacob Krupa, Chance Williams, Phillip Krupa, Peyton Krupa, Samuel Krupa, Luke Krupa, Holden Krupa, Violet Krupa and Skylar Krupa.

On Monday, June 12, the family will receive friends for visitation at Porter Loring Mortuary North, 2102 North Loop 1604 East at Gold Canyon Drive in San Antonio, 78232, beginning at 5 p.m. The recitation of the rosary will begin at 7 p.m.

The funeral Mass will be Tuesday, June 13, at 10 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 20523 Huebner Road. A reception will immediately follow in the church banquet hall.

## Bill Nickelson



Bill Nickelson, 83, died June 1, 2017. He was born on April 23, 1934, in Lometa, Texas and was a South

Belt area resident. Bill loved watching old westerns, doing crossword puzzles and playing with his dog Charlie. He married Lillie Mae in 1954. The couple had four sons — Billy, Edward, Gary and Larry. Bill Nickelson had 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Bill loved his family very much and will be missed by.

He is preceded in death by brothers Wayne, Gerald and Jack Nickelson; daughter-in-law JoAnn Nickelson; and nephews B.J. and Randy Nickelson.

Memorial service will be held Thursday, June 8, 2017, in the mausoleum of Forest Lawn Cemetery, 8706 Alameda Genoa Road.

## Sondra Caldwell Leal



Sondra Caldwell Leal died on May 26, 2017, at the age of 81 after a short battle with lung cancer.

She was born on May 28, 1935, in Maryville, Missouri, and resided in the South Belt area for 52 years.

She will be missed by her two daughters Julie Goins and Donna Covey and husband Wayne Lindsey; three grandchildren Brian Covey and wife Justina, Michael Covey and fiancée Destine Hammond, and Melissa Jones; step-grandchildren Heather and Chase Lindsey; great-grandchildren Gwendolyn Jones and Wyatt Covey; step-great-grandchildren Nathaniel and Nehemiah Hannon; and longtime friend Mary Sue Goins.

## Hurricane season started June 1

June 1 marked the start of the 2017 hurricane season, although the season officially started in April when Tropical Storm Arlene formed over the north Atlantic. This is the third consecutive year that a storm has formed before the official start of hurricane season. Tropical Storm Ana formed in May 2015 and Hurricane Alex formed in January 2016.

"It is impossible to precisely predict where storms will form or hit, so it is important that everyone prepares," said Harris County Judge Ed Emmett. "It only takes one storm to make it a bad year, regardless of the number of storms that are forecast."

The Harris County Of-

fice of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HCOHSEM) urges everyone to prepare now. Start by downloading the free ReadyHarris app, from the App Store or Google Play. The ReadyHarris app delivers real-time weather alerts, hosts a step-by-step guide to building a personalized family disaster plan, offers survival tip sheets, maps evacuation routes, and locates local emergency services. The app is available in both English and Spanish.

"Every minute counts when severe weather, or any emergency, threatens our community," added Emmett. "This app empowers residents to make a personal plan and receive life-saving infor-

mation at their fingertips."

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Prediction Center released its 2017 Atlantic Hurricane Season Outlook last week, predicting 11-17 named storms, five to nine could become hurricanes, two to four could reach major hurricane strength. Hurricane season runs from June 1st to November 30th, but the peak of the season is from mid-August to mid-October.

Finally, stay informed before, during, and after a hurricane. Sign up to receive weather and emergency alerts at [www.readyharris.org](http://www.readyharris.org) and closely monitor the news media. Residents can also follow HCOHSEM on Facebook and Twitter.

## Climate mayors vow to honor Paris Climate Agreement goals

In response to President Trump's decision to withdraw the U.S. from the Paris Climate Agreement, Mayor Sylvester Turner joined more than 60 "climate mayors" from across the U.S. in vowing to honor the Paris Agreement's goals to fight climate change.

"Cities are front and center in the fight against climate change and we have to take action," said Mayor Turner. "We must not let the president's decision today slow our efforts. As the energy capital of the world and the nation's largest municipal purchaser of green power, Houston is leading by example and living proof that large, industrial cities can have a robust economy and also fight climate change."

Houston has reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by 35 percent since 2007 and was named the nation's largest municipal purchaser of green power for 2017 by the

U.S. EPA.

Mayor Turner is vice chair of the climate mayors, a network of U.S. mayors working together to strengthen local efforts for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and supporting efforts for binding federal and global-level policy making. In response to the president's decision, more than 60 mayors representing more than 35 million Americans have vowed to honor and uphold the goals of the Paris Agreement in the statement below.

"The president's denial of global warming is getting a cold reception from America's cities.

"60 mayors representing 35 million Americans, we will adopt, honor, and uphold the commitments to the goals enshrined in the Paris Agreement. We will intensify efforts to meet each of our cities' current climate goals, push for new action to meet the 1.5 degrees Celsius target,

and work together to create a 21st century clean energy economy. "We will continue to lead. We are increasing investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency. We will buy and create more demand for electric cars and trucks. We will increase our efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions, create a clean energy economy, and stand for environmental justice. And if the president wants to break the promises made to our allies enshrined in the historic Paris Agreement, we'll build and strengthen relationships around the world to protect the planet from devastating climate risks.

"The world cannot wait—and neither will we." Full text of the climate mayors' statement is available at [www.medi.um.com/@ClimateMayors/climate-mayors-com-mit-to-adopt-honor-and-uphold-paris-climate-agreement-goals-ba566e260097](http://www.medi.um.com/@ClimateMayors/climate-mayors-com-mit-to-adopt-honor-and-uphold-paris-climate-agreement-goals-ba566e260097).

## Dobie Vanguard winners named



Dobie High School has announced its Vanguard Winners for 2017. Left to right are (front row) Tai Le, Quyen Nguyen, Taylor Nguyen, (back row) Lacedrian Coleman and Kevin Phan. Photo submitted

## Elected officials speak out

### State Rep. Carol Alvarado

As the 85th Legislature has come to an end, it was my intent to provide a legislative overview but the unfortunate events that took place on the House floor on Monday, May 29 have overshadowed the positive work the Legislature was able to accomplish for the people of Texas.

Protesters, exercising their First Amendment right, came to the Capitol to rally against SB 4. In response, a House Representative boasted to other Representatives that he had called U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement on the protesters.

This is the type of behavior we feared the passage of SB 4 would bring out and can only serve to further divide our communities and discourage people from reaching out to their government officials and law enforcement. As elected officials, it is our job to bridge these gaps and foster an environment where people of all races can feel safe to express themselves.

I look forward to getting back to my district and focusing on the issues that are important to ALL Texans. Keep an eye out for my soon-to-come report highlighting the significant legislation of the 85th session. This will feature the bills I passed, including the two that have already been signed into law by the governor.

### District D Newsletter

By Dwight Boykins

2017 is off to a great start and the District D office is working consistently to meet the needs of residents across our various communities. Over the course of the past five months, we have engaged constituents through a variety of events and activities, including annual town hall meetings, the 2017 CIP Meeting, and family-friendly Super Bowl LI festivities. Collectively, we are continuing to take steps in the right direction to make our District D communities the best places to live and work within the City of Houston.

As the summer and fall seasons approach, we are also preparing for two of our signature events — the 2nd Chance Job Fair, to be held on August 14, and the 4th Annual Swingin' for Senior's Golf Tournament, to be held on September 8. As a team, our mission is to serve and make positive and worthwhile contributions back to the community. We look forward to the generous support of our sponsors and volunteers. With your assistance, we are able to significantly impact the lives of those in need. If you would like to assist or serve as a sponsor for these events, please contact my office for more information. Being a public servant is an honor and calling that I must always answer.

Please be sure to join us on June 17 and 19 for the grand opening of the newly renovated Emancipation Park for the Juneteenth Celebration. On June 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. will be the Rededication Ceremony. On June 19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. will be the actual Juneteenth Celebration. Emancipation Park is located at 3018 Emancipation Ave. in Houston.

Throughout this newsletter, I will provide a series of updates on all the great news and events that have impacted our community and our city. Please know that your feedback is always welcome and appreciated and I look forward to all we have in store in the great months ahead.

If you have any specific questions or concerns, please contact my office by calling 832-393-3001 or emailing [districtd@houstontx.gov](mailto:districtd@houstontx.gov).

## Texas House approves balanced budget

The Texas House gave final and overwhelming approval Saturday, May 27 to a budget proposal that keeps state spending flat while making significant investments in child protection and mental health care.

The budget, Senate Bill 1, appropriates about \$107 billion in general revenue and almost \$1 billion from the state's Economic Stabilization Fund. Including federal funds and other dollars, the budget totals \$217 billion.

• \$75 million in education funding to offset share declines in property values in some school districts.

• \$71.5 million for Texas Grant scholarships, allowing the program to reach 92 percent of eligible students.

• More than \$100 million to address critical cybersecurity and IT needs across state agencies.

• \$160 million for deferred maintenance at state schools and hospitals.

• A 25 percent restoration of rates for Medicaid therapy

### House Bill 2 Supplemental Budget

Adjustments are made to amounts of savings from the Public Finance Authority due to payments that accrued following delays in bond issuances and actual interest rates being lower than originally projected.

• \$14.1m GR/\$32.7m AF in FY 18 for the phased-in implementation of the therapy assistant policy change.

• Amounts adjusted for DFPS Contracted Day Care, Foster Care Payments, and Adoption/Permanency Care Assistance Payments.

• Adjustment to Texas A&M Forest Service to account for increased costs related to disaster response.

• \$15 million provided to the Department of State Health Services for a short-fall with State Hospitals.

• \$4.5 million provided to the Health and Human Services Commission to provide for Early Childhood Intervention.

• \$2.4 million provided to

reductions, SB 1 contains a partial (25 percent) restoration of rates for 2018-19, and includes a phase-in of a policy change that will adjust how therapy assistants are paid:

• \$24.5m GR/\$56.8m AF provided to restore approximately 25% of the Medicaid therapy rate reductions,

• \$14.1m GR/\$32.7m AF in FY 18 for the phased-in implementation of the therapy assistant policy change.

• Amounts adjusted for DFPS Contracted Day Care, Foster Care Payments, and Adoption/Permanency Care Assistance Payments.

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the Health and Human Services Commission for Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services (CRS) to account for their loss related to their revenue source being ruled as unallowable by the Court:

• \$11.3 million provided to the Department of Aging and Disability Services for a shortfall related to State Supported Living Centers (SSLCs).

• Adjustment to TxDOT Capital Authority (due to purchase of vehicles).

• Language is added related to the IMPACT Project at DFPS related to reporting of cost overruns and project delays.

• Language is added related to DPS Driver License Improvement Plan to ensure that funds appropriated are spent to complete the project.

• Related to the Governor's Hiring Freeze: amounts unexpended related to the hiring freeze lapse and are returned to the funds and accounts from which they were appropriated.

## Abbott announces 2017 special session

Gov. Greg Abbott announced a legislative special session that will begin on July 18. In his announcement, Abbott identified 20 items that will be included on the special session call.

"Considering all the successes of the 85th legislative session, we should not be where we are today," said Abbott. "A special session was entirely avoidable, and there was plenty of time for the legislature to forge compromises to avoid the time and taxpayer expense of a special session. As governor, if I am going to call a special session, I intend to make it count."

### Special session agenda items will include

- Sunset legislation
- Teacher pay increase of \$1,000
- Administrative flexibility in teacher hiring and retention practices
- School finance reform commission
- School choice for special needs students
- Property tax reform

- Caps on state and local spending
- Preventing cities from regulating what property owners do with trees on private land
- Preventing local governments from changing rules midway through construction projects
- Speeding up local government permitting process
- Municipal annexation reform
- Texting while driving pre-emption
- Privacy
- Prohibition of taxpayer dollars to collect union dues
- Prohibition of taxpayer funding for abortion providers
- Pro-life insurance reform
- Strengthening abortion reporting requirements when health complications arise
- Strengthening patient protections relating to do-not-resuscitate orders
- Cracking down on mail-in ballot fraud
- Extending maternal mortality task force

## City honors SJC

Continued from Page 1A fellow Texas school, Odessa College (Odessa), also received a Rising Star award. Each of the three schools received \$100,000.

Other Aspen Prize finalists included Anoka-Ramsey Community College (Coom Rapids, Minn.), Chaffey College (Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.), Northeast Community College (Norfolk, Neb.), Pasadena City College (Pasadena, Calif.), West Kentucky Community and Technical College (Paducah, Ky.).

Launched in 2011, the Aspen Prize is awarded every two years to a community college achieving high marks in student learning, certificate and degree completion, employment and earnings for graduates, and access and success for minority and low-income students. From the more than 1,100 community colleges nationwide, San Jacinto College was first selected among the top 150 last spring.

A selection committee then narrowed those institutions to the top 10, and then selected the Aspen Prize winner, two Finalists with Distinction and two Rising Star recipients.

"San Jacinto College is delivering highly-skilled graduates to fuel economic growth and enable social mobility in the Houston region," said Joshua Wyner, executive director of the Aspen Institute for Community College Ex-

cellence. "Student completion rates have risen steadily and substantially since San Jacinto College reorganized and began to develop a strong culture where everyone at the college is uniquely focused on and held accountable for student success."

Between 2007 and 2016, San Jacinto College increased the number of certificates and associate degrees awarded by 161.7 percent. Last academic year, 7,019 students earned a certificate or degree from San Jacinto College.

This increase is due to a focus on student success and the support students receive along their paths from when they first arrive at San Jacinto College through graduation. The college concentrates its efforts on initiatives that show results in student achievement and progress.

"Student success is what we are about," said Dr. Laurel Williamson, deputy chancellor and San Jacinto College president. "Our entire college is focused on student success, beginning with our board of trustees. They set the vision for our college. We have excellent faculty and staff who are executing that vision by implementing innovative and new techniques in the classroom and within student services to help more students finish what they started here at San Jacinto College."

See related photo Page 6A.

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## Clark, West Point grad



Dewey and Terry Clark, parents, along with brothers Matthew and Mitchell, announce the graduation of Michael Wayne Clark from the United States Military Academy at West Point on May 27, 2017. Michael was commissioned the same day as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. The Class of 2017 motto is "So Others May Dream." Michael was a student at Jessup and Moore elementary schools, in the first sixth-grade class at Morris Middle School and attended Beverly Hills Intermediate. He graduated from Dobie High School in May 2012. He was in the orchestra at Moore and through his graduation at Dobie, playing the cello and enjoying several school trips. He was active in the Doie ROTC program which sparked his interest in the military. As a young boy he joined Troop 692 as a Cub Scout, became a Boy Scout and advanced to complete his Eagle Scout rank. While a junior at Dobie he applied to West Point and other colleges. He received an appointment to West Point from Congressman Pete Olson in the fall of his senior year. He was not accepted to West Point the first year, so on Dec. 7, 2011, he joined the Texas Army National Guard Reserves. After graduation he attended boot camp at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina, then reported to Ft. Eustis, Virginia, for further training. While at Ft. Eustis he was contacted by someone from West Point asking him to apply again. At that time he received a recommendation from his company commander who was also a West Point graduate. He attended boot camp, called BEAST, at West Point the summer of 2013 and survived to Acceptance Day in August. He soldiered on through Plebe, Yuk, Cow and finally to Firstie year. While a junior (Cow) he spent a semester abroad in Brazil and had many amazing experiences in his 47 months at West Point. Michael graduated in the top 15 percent of his class and received academic recognition. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in defense and strategic studies and Portuguese. His branch is in the Armor division. After marrying his high school sweetheart, Tyara Hernandez, on June 9, 2017, and spending a few weeks in Houston he will report to Ft. Benning, Georgia for further training and Ranger school. After completion, he will report to the 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. *Photo submitted*

## Free self-defense offered

The American Society of Karate is offering free one-hour self-defense and martial arts courses for teens and adults (ages 13-80) at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes, on Fridays beginning June 9 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

For more information, email Michael.Alonzo@ASKKarate.com or call 281-788-5930.

## Singles dance June 17

The Bay Area Singles Club monthly dance is June 17, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the VFW Lodge, 5204 Highway 3 in Dickinson, Post # 6378. Bring party snacks to share. Cost is \$7 for members and \$9 for nonmembers. For more information, call 409-948-1156 or 281-337-3112.

## SJC sets events

San Jacinto College has announced its upcoming calendar of events.

**Summer registration**  
Registration is open, with payment due on day of registration by 7 p.m., for classes beginning on July 10. Visit [sanjac.edu/ap-apply-register/overview/registration](http://sanjac.edu/ap-apply-register/overview/registration) for more information on steps to register.

**Summer camp registration**  
Summer camp registration is open. San Jacinto College is offering a variety of camp activities for children of all ages. For a complete list of summer camps and links to register, visit [sanjac.edu/summer-camps](http://sanjac.edu/summer-camps). Below are camps starting on June 12 and 13:

Energy Venture - Career in the Energy Industry.  
Water-Bots and Air-Bots for beginners.  
Middle School Band camp.

Maritime Venture camp.  
Kidspot Summer Musical Theatre camp for youth.  
All-State Choir camp.  
San Jac Baseball camp

**Continuing education summer courses**  
Registration is open for noncredit summer courses in the San Jacinto College Continuing and Professional Development division.

Courses available include the areas of applied technologies and trades, business and professions, computer and advanced manufacturing, health occupations, maritime and lifelong learning.

To register, visit [sanjac.edu/continuing-professional-development/registration](http://sanjac.edu/continuing-professional-development/registration).

**University of Houston transfer recruiter visit**

The University of Houston will have a transfer recruiter at the San Jacinto College North campus on Monday, June 12, and Wednesday, June 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., near the building N9 elevator lobby.

**University of Houston-Clear Lake transfer recruiter visit**  
UHCL will have representatives at the Central campus University Center (building C1, Room 129) on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

The next visit will be Tuesday, June 13 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., on each of these days and closed from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch.

**North American University transfer recruiter visit**  
North American University will have representatives at the Central campus University Center (building C1, Room 129) every Wednesday, beginning June 14, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to provide transfer advising for San Jacinto College students.

**Community Education Center events**  
The San Jacinto College Community Education Center, located on the Central campus in room C-1.108, will host the following June workshops.

These workshops are free and open to the public:  
• June 9, Moving Meditation, from 11 a.m. to noon.  
• CPD Wellness, from noon to 1 p.m.  
• June 14, CPD Career Coaching, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
• June 15, Healthy Life with Reiki, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
To register, email [communityeducation@sjcd.edu](mailto:communityeducation@sjcd.edu).

# Over The Back Fence by Alexis

**BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR MARY**  
Dr. Mary Campbell-Fox of Campbell Family Practice and Internal Medicine Associates is wished a happy birthday Friday, June 9, from her family and friends.

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LESLIE!**  
Leslie Flickinger celebrates a birthday June 10. Wishes for a wonderful day are sent by her husband Fred; daughter Kimberly; daughter Courtney and husband Chris Durham, daughter Abigail and son Jackson; mother Olive Falkowski and father Jerry Cook; mother-in-law Marie (South Belt Leader owner) and husband David Flickinger; and brother-in-law David (Leader president) and his wife Ellie Flickinger.

**GILES MARK 28TH ANNIVERSARY**  
Tracy and Jim Giles of Kirkwood South celebrate their 28th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 10. Congratulations and best wishes are sent from their children, Kristen, Cody and Aaron, parents Bobby and Ken Griffin and other family members and friends.

**CONGRATULATIONS, BAYLOR GRADS!**  
Baylor University conferred degrees on more than 2,500 graduates during spring commencement exercises May 12 and 13 in the Ferrell Center on the Baylor campus.

Among those earning degrees are South Belt residents Oscar Daniel Cruz, cum laude with a Bachelor of Music Education, specializing in instrumental music; Obize Ogo with a Bachelor of Science in biology; Alyssa Brianna Perez with a Bachelor of Science in family and consumer science in child and family studies; and Kathleen Yvette Vasquez with a Master of Social Work.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays June 8 through June 14.

**Atkinson Elementary**  
Light the birthday candles for Jessica Carlos June 8.

**Burnett Elementary**  
Jennifer Ramirez celebrates a birthday June 14.

**Bush Elementary**  
Erica Anderson enjoys a birthday June 8. The day for a party for Felicia Willis-White is June 9. Blow out the birthday candles June 10 for Sandra Vazquez. A birthday greeting is sent to Krista Brizeno June 13.

**Frazier Elementary**  
June 8 is the day for a cake for Denise Saldivar. Enjoying a birthday June 9 is Adriana Cortez. June 14 is the day for a party for Danielle Ponder.

**Meador Elementary**  
Marking a birthday June 12 is Margo Sanchez. June 13 is the day to sing a birthday song to Genoveva Arrona.

**Moore Elementary**  
The day for a party for Laura Rodriguez is June 11.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
June 14 is the day to send a birthday greeting to Heather Trog.

**Roberts Middle School**  
Celebrating a birthday June 9 is Chad Cleveland.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
Kaylyn Harlan enjoys a birthday June 11. David Martin is wished a happy birthday June 12. Sing a happy birthday song to Rachel Heffernan June 13.

**Dobie High**  
A birthday greeting is sent to Donna Smith June 8. Blow out the birthday candles on a double-layer cake for Larry Davis and Patrick Payne June 9. On June 10, happy birthday greetings are sent to Steven Higginbotham. Light the birthday candles June 11 for Catherine Espinoza. June 14 is the day for a birthday party for Stefanie McKinney.

**FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**  
The Leader sends birthday wishes to its Facebook friends who celebrate a birthday:  
Thursday, June 8: Baron Jones, Tamisha Lowe-Hendricks, Diane Cardenas, Judd Montes, Jennifer Hunter, Delia Marcum, Carolyn Valdez-Gomez, Victoria Wright and Byron Ewald; Friday, June 9: Trey Wilmore, Angel Ortiz, Gene Robertson, Estella Davis, Anthony Berg, Sandy Ann, Heather Walker, Austin Gates and Summer Keys; Saturday, June 10: Russell Simon, Mariela Ramirez, MaryRose Burk, Shawn Barras and Francine Bretado; Sunday, June 11: Greg Medina, Nicoale Zeigler-Clement and Debbie Mills; Monday, June 12: Charlie Groover, Marilyn Millet, Myla Pallorina-Mamitig, Matthew Kippley and Edily Watson; Tuesday, June 13: Daniel Huston, Rhonda Jones, Andrea Amaro Delatorre, Heidi Beckham and Keshia Rodriguez; and Wednesday, June 14: Thomas King, Sherie Taylor, Wesley Holt, Thomas Goughly, Sandra Torres, Dale Brister, Kelley Brown, Laura Keith, Karl Jasso and Sandy Gutheinz.

**LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS**  
Email announcements to [mynews@southbeltleader.com](mailto:mynews@southbeltleader.com) with OTBF in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

## Dobie seniors visit Meador for annual Grad Walk



Dobie High School seniors visited Meador Elementary on May 30 for the second annual Grad Walk. The elementary students and staff cheered as the seniors walked the halls in their caps and gowns and visited with former teachers, sharing their college plans and career goals. Shown, left to right, are (front row) Presley Marquez, Alani Lanza, Markina Green, Anthony Zeledon, Romero Valdez, Yaeishya Ciudad, Joshua Cavazos, Luke Adame, Mia Campos, Edson Moreno, Anyscia Hagler, (second row) Rafael Ramos, Perla Vazquez, Juan Garcia, Thera Reed, Gabriella Rivera, Natalie Balle, (back row) Emma Espinoza, Veronica Alarton, Jaznyn Drumgo, Shawn Medlock, Mariah Alvarez, Janet Rodriguez, Mariama Conteh, Brandon Gonzalez and Ashley Rodriguez. *Photo by Tara Merida*

# Remember When

**40 years ago (1977)**  
Roland Dominguez was chosen to join the South Texas All-Star Soccer Team.

The Pasadena Independent School District stood to lose in excess of \$5.5 million in added revenue if the proposed school bill had not passed in a special session in the summer.

**35 years ago (1982)**  
A natural gas well was drilled just west of Wood Meadow about 100 feet from Scarsdale Boulevard. Perotex Petroleum, which was operating the rig, had a lease on the site and the mineral rights to 500 acres in the area including Wood Meadow, the area between Wood Meadow and Beamer, and part of Sagemont.

Richard Jackson's house became the site of one of the 50 burglaries reported by county officials in a 60-day period in the Sageglenn area.

Water was turned off to 34 residences in Sagemeadow and Kirkwood South due to water bills being 90 or more days late.

**15 years ago (2002)**  
The Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees approved new costs covering the redesign of the Dobie High School construction site after it learned of extensive wetlands in the area. The change order added about \$764,000 to the Dobie construction cost.

Bravos Mexican Restaurant on Fuqua suffered severe damage following an electrical fire.

Firemen from Station 70, Shift C, fought a lightning-caused fire to eight apartment units at Green Arbor Apartments.

Dr. Adena Loston, San Jacinto College South president, was named to two statewide board of directors positions. Gov. Rick Perry reappointed Loston to a six-year term on the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, following her term under Gov. George W. Bush. Also, State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander named her to chair the Texas Next Step Task Force.

**10 years ago (2007)**  
Kirkmont resident Linda Ballew was arrested and spent four nights in jail for failing to comply with court orders related to her lawn. The incident garnered so much attention that it was featured in the national news media.

Dobie seniors Tam Nguyen and Cynthia Paredes won first place at the Health Occupation Students of America's state competition for their presentation on pediatric cardiology, qualifying them for the national HOSA competition in Orlando, Florida.

**5 years ago (2012)**  
Houston City Council Members Wanda Adams and Mike Sullivan and the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department hosted an open house to celebrate the reopening of the Sagemont Park Community Center. Funded in part by a \$1 million state grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the new complex replaced the previous center with an 11,526-square-foot facility. The center includes a gymnasium, classrooms, office and storage space, a kitchen, a new 58-space parking lot and a trail that connected to the existing pool and tennis courts. Construction cost of the new facility was roughly \$2.4 million.

Col. William P. Barriague assumed command of the 1st Brigade, 75th Training Division (Mission Command) during a change of command ceremony in the United States Coast Guard hangar at the Ellington Joint Reserve Base. Barriague succeeded Brig. Gen. Peter Lennon, who assumed command of the 377th Theater Sustainment Command in New Orleans. Barriague was promoted to the rank of brigadier general and Lennon to the rank of major general.

**1 year ago (2016)**  
Sagemont Church celebrated its 50th anniversary with multiple services June 5, culminating with a special outdoor celebration that evening. Over the past five decades, the church has grown from a mere 16 members to a congregation of more than 20,000 - one of the largest in the country, with ministries all around the globe.

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

Mission gifts have increased to more than \$2 million per year and total gifts received over the church's history total around \$250 million. The church has now baptized more than 16,800 people, and more than 300 people have been licensed or ordained through the church.

## South Belt Elementary top teacher named



Pasadena Independent School District has announced the 2017 teachers of the year. From South Belt Elementary, Courtney Moran has been named the campus Teacher of the Year.

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- BBQ Camp - completed 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grades.....June 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> 6-8 pm
- Culinary Camp - completed 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grades.....June 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> 6-8 pm
- Glam Camp - completed 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grades.....July 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> 6-8 pm

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## Moore choir performs at spring show



Moore Elementary fourth-grade choir presented a choir musical titled, "Destination: America" for the school spring program on Tuesday, May 23. Shown above are the Country Dancers, left to right, (front row) Emma Zamora, Abigail Zamarrripa, Kayla Lam, Leslie Sarduy, (back row) Ashley Barahona, Kiana McCombs, Kate Magana, Malia Martinez, Ariana Castaneda, and Skylar Stoves. Photos by Guadalupe Hudson



Above are the Rock 'n Roll Dancers showing their classic attire, left to right, (front row) Jordi Zamudio and Paris Cervantes; Jose Flores and Alejandra Munoz; Herli Barahona and Kristin Do; (back row) Jorge Jasso and Anneliese Goodrum; Hunter Stacey and Joselyn Benitez; and Tripp Harris and Tahllon Provost.



The Moore choir performing together, left to right, (front row) are Jonathan Willis, Leslie Sarduy, Tripp Harris, Malia Martinez, Kayla Lam, Alejandra Munoz, Brissa Marroquin, Jorge Jasso, (second row) Skylar Stoves, Dillon Steve, Kate Magana, Kiana McCombs, Andrea Aguilar, (third row) Alan Flores, Kaden Mai, Kristin Do, Ariana Castaneda, Abigail Zamarrripa, Ashley Barahona, (back row) Rafael Pulido, Tahllon Provost, Ryan Nguyen, Anneliese Goodrum, Hunter Stacey and Joselyn Benitez.



The Moore choir sang for the audience. Left to right (front row) are Alejandra Munoz, Brissa Marroquin, Jorge Jasso, Paris Cervantes, Jordi Zamudio, Valeria De La Garza, Herli Barahona, (second row) Kate Magana, Kiana McCombs, Andrea Aguilar, Kael Arredondo, Jose Flores, Leonel Hernandez, Hector Fasci, (third row) Ariana Castaneda, Abigail Zamarrripa, Ashley Barahona, Pablo Lopez, Giovanni Nunez, Emma Zamora, Carlos Garza, Emily Stephen, (fourth row) Ryan Nguyen, Anneliese Goodrum, Hunter Stacey, Joselyn Benitez, Natalie Martinez, Nathaniel Chevalier, Martin Ramos, Sophia Ho and Cameron Mathews.

## Library of Congress accepts SJC project submission

The United States Library of Congress Veterans History Project of the American Folklife Center has accepted San Jacinto College's Veterans Oral History Project, a collection of veteran interviews from across the college district and community.

In 2011, several college employees developed the San Jacinto College Veterans Oral History Project as a way to capture the stories of veterans on campus (faculty, staff and students) and those in the community.

Over a period of 16 months, 26 veterans spanning each branch of the U.S. military shared their service experiences, some of which included time serving in World War II, the Cold War, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War and the Iraq War. With the intent to submit the interviews to the Veterans History Project of the American Folklife Center, students, faculty and staff members conducted and filmed the interviews using the specifications required by the Library of Congress.

However, time intervened and the original employees who began the project left the college. Ross Kelsey, San Jacinto College South campus director of evening, weekend and campus services, discovered the collection of interviews in May 2015 and decided to finish the submission process for the San Jacinto College's Veterans Oral History Project. For every three video files submitted, the Library of Congress requires at least six months of processing and cataloging. Kelsey submitted 19 videos that met all of the criteria, and was prepared to wait on a final confirmation from the Library of Congress.

"These stories capture the sacrifice and service of our people," said Kelsey. "Having a degree in history, I felt confident that I could perform this task adequately and provide the assistance that these stories needed."

The interviews cover an array of accounts from boot camp memories, first duty stations, travel opportunities, camaraderie and the toll that seeing combat often takes on the military member and the loved ones.

Marine Corporal and former San Jacinto College student Donny Daughenbaugh survived a gunshot wound to the head during the Battle of Fallujah in 2004. In addition

to recalling the events surrounding his injury, Daughenbaugh discussed another memory he said he'll never forget.

"We came across a family

that lived in a mud hut in one of the rural areas we were patrolling," said Daughenbaugh. "As they welcomed us in, we noticed that some of their children had lesions. Our

Navy corpsman noticed that their mother was getting water from one of the irrigation canals. Upstream of the canal there was garbage, oil slicks, and dead animals. Seeing that they were drinking, cooking and bathing with this water, he provided medical treatment to the kids and showed the parents how to boil the water and add iodine to stabilize the water so that it was safer for them. This sticks with me because it had nothing to do with combat, food or shelter; just us showing them a safer way to live."

Army Sgt. Alexander Reyes, another former San Jacinto College student, suffered severe injuries from an improvised explosive device (IED) while conducting a dismounted patrol in Baghdad in 2007 during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Along with his immediate physical injuries at the time, Reyes was ultimately left with limited use of his right forearm.

"My life came to a complete halt," said Reyes. "It changed my life completely, but I beat the odds. Even though I wasn't going to be at 100 percent physically, I learned how to use my left arm more proficiently and still maintained the ability to write with my right hand. I decided to return to school because I wanted to find a career where I can apply what I've learned and give back to the U.S. Army. Having post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) myself, I want to help other veterans understand and cope with their PTSD the way others have helped me."

San Jacinto College Deputy Chancellor and President, Dr. Laurel Williamson, served during peacetime in the Army as a Specialist 4 drafting technician with the Army Corps of Engineers in the 1970s. Stationed in Germany, Williamson recalls doing vehicle checks with the 42nd military police for explosives due to the series of bombings, assassinations, kidnappings, and shoot-outs done by the West German terrorist group, the Baader-Meinhof Gang.

"Because I was fluent in German, I was assigned to assist with vehicle searches for car bombs and other explosives for any vehicle entering the base," said Williamson. "Since we had a number of local Germans who worked on base and visited regularly, I had to translate as the searches were being conducted. Luckily we never found anything, but at the time I was so focused on translating and keeping a friendly presence that it never occurred to me the danger we all could have been in if we came across something."

Williamson added that making the decision to join the military isn't always easy for some. "You may be asking them to do the hardest thing they've ever done in their lives," said Williamson. "It's very hard to get someone to understand what the long-term rewards will be. All you can feel at the front end is the torture of it; you don't know that when you come out the other side you're going to be a changed, better person who can climb any mountain life puts in front of you."

Now that these veteran stories are officially documented with the Library of Congress, Kelsey says he hopes to have them cataloged with the San Jacinto College libraries as well.

"All of the stories were outstanding, especially those of former students Donny Daughenbaugh and Alexander Reyes," said Kelsey. "Their stories are quite powerful. My overall contributions to the project were small compared to those by the employees who first developed the San Jacinto College's Veterans Oral History Project. I am just grateful that these veterans' stories are now a tangible part of our nation's history."

The U.S. military veterans whose stories are now cataloged with the Library of Congress via the San Jacinto College Veterans Oral History Project include: Donny Daughenbaugh, Beverly Doty, Mack Freestone, William Randall George, Calvin Roy Gruetzmacher, Heather Hartig, AJ High, Daniel Illerich, Danny Lee King, Atton Love, LaTosha McNeil, Mark Norwood, Alexander Reyes, Gary Smith, Richard Soliz, Jacob Thompson, Dr. Laurel Williamson, Ernest Everett and George Yancy.

To view the collection of interviews submitted from the San Jacinto College Veterans Oral History Project, visit <https://memory.loc.gov/diglib/vhp/html/search/search.html>, type "San Jacinto College" in the search bar and hit "Go." For more information on San Jacinto College veteran services, visit [sanjac.edu/veterans](http://sanjac.edu/veterans).

## Veterans participate



The military service story of Dr. Laurel Williamson, Army specialist 4 and San Jacinto College deputy chancellor and president is cataloged with the U.S. Library of Congress in its Veterans History Project of the American Folklife Center.



The military service story of Army Sgt. and former San Jacinto College student Alexander Reyes is cataloged with the U.S. Library of Congress in its Veterans History Project of the American Folklife Center. Photos by Andrea Vasquez

## SJC selected for prestigious national initiative

San Jacinto College has been chosen to join the Frontier Set, a national initiative comprised of 31 educational institutions across the country, focused on improving student outcomes and better preparing new generations of students for the college experience.

Amongst these 31 institutions, only 12 are community colleges and only three are from Texas.

The Frontier Set is a network that brings together a diverse group of high-performing two- and four-year colleges, organizations and state systems that are pioneers in transforming the way they operate to improve student success in learning, credential and degree completion, and transition to the labor market.

"We are honored to be a part of the Frontier Set initiative," said Dr. Laurel Williamson, San Jacinto College deputy chancellor and college president. "This gives us the opportunity to work with forward-thinking and innovative institutions who, like San Jacinto College, are on a continuum of transformation regarding student success."

San Jacinto College was encouraged to apply for entry into the initiative by the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program, an organization that recently awarded the college a 2017 Rising Star Award, placing them among the top five in the nation of more than 1,100 community colleges.

As a Frontier Set institution, the college will have access to funding to advance implementation of student success reforms in the form of targeted grants over the next four years, support in planning accelerated implementation and transformational change strategy, targeted on-demand support from the Aspen Institute's technical assistance team and cross-sector collaboration and learning through structured and intentional network-building activities.

The Frontier Set, supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, is designed to increase postsecondary credentials and degree attainment, a goal also held by the college. "Our goal is to remove barriers for students and to understand where we may have unintentionally created barriers," Williamson said. "Access to the Frontier Set will help us to track and analyze our programs, making sure that all aspects of the institution serve to create independent learners ready to be successful at a transfer institution or in the workplace."

Frontier Set members have committed to document, collaborate and share best practices to improve not only their individual performance but to also spur collective progress. By facilitating knowledge sharing within and across sectors, the Frontier Set helps institutions avoid "reinventing the wheel" and instead draws on experience from others about what works and why it works for improving student success.

"Our work with the Frontier Set complements our transformational work with the American Association of Community Colleges' Pathways Initiative," said Dr. Kelly Mizell, program leader for the Pathways Project. "Dedicated members of administration, faculty and staff have worked the last year to redesign many aspects of the college to help our students successfully achieve their educational goals. As members of this initiative, we share our successes and lessons learned with other members and collectively our work will benefit from the experiences and expertise of dedicated educational professionals."

As a Frontier Set college, San Jacinto College has committed to: Integrate key solutions within broader efforts to strengthen pathways to completion/transfer, including: redesigned advising, enhanced digital learning and courseware, and strengthened developmental education. Engage with the Frontier

Set Network.

Build a strong implementation and network engagement team.

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Below is a complete list of Frontier Set members:

Arizona State University; Claflin University, S.C.; College of Staten Island; Columbia Basin College, Wash.; Davidson County Community College, N.C.; Delaware State University; Fayetteville State University, N.C.; Florida International University; Georgia State University; Guilford Technical Community College, N.C.; Indian River State College, Fla.; Jackson State University, Miss.; Johnson C. Smith University, N.C.; Lorain County Community College, Ohio; Miami Dade College, Fla.; Morehouse College, Ga.; New Jersey City University, NJ; Northeast Wisconsin State University, Wis. **Continued on Page 6A**

## Medina receives national award



Patricia Medina from Beverly Hills Intermediate is the recipient of the National School Orchestra award. The award is given to an orchestra member for singular merit and outstanding contribution to the success of the school orchestra, for displaying an unusual degree of loyalty and for exemplifying a high standard of conduct. Medina's name will be engraved on a plaque which is displayed in the Beverly Hills Intermediate orchestra room. Photo by Sandra Shaffer

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## City honors San Jacinto College



San Jacinto College was recognized as one of the top five community colleges in the nation by the prestigious Aspen Institute for Community College Excellence. May 16 has officially been deemed San Jacinto College Day by the city of Houston. Shown, above, at the recognition event are, left to right, Francisco Bautista (student), Dave Martin (Houston City Council member), Marie Flickinger (Leader publisher and San Jacinto College board of trustees member), Dr. Brenda Hellyer (San Jacinto College chancellor), Cheryl Curtis (student), Sylvester Turner (Mayor of Houston), Dan Mims (San Jacinto College board of trustees chair) and Dwight Boykins (Houston City Council member).

## Pct. 2 officials respond to local events

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to believe he was selling the narcotics.

Approximately \$1,400 was also found in Epps' possession. Suspecting the money was from the sell of narcotics, the deputy also seized the currency.

The second incident took place on Tuesday, May 30, in the 10200 block of Sagemark

at 3:18 a.m. An investigation determined the driver, identified as Orin Matthews, and front seat passenger, identified as Socrates Guzman, were both in possession of several grams of Ecstasy.

Deputies reported that Guzman was seen attempting to hide something in his underwear during the traffic

stop. A subsequent body search revealed narcotics had been hidden between his buttocks.

Matthews, 19, and Guzman, also 19, were arrested and charged with felony possession of a controlled substance.

## MEDINA GRADUATES

### Adrianna Medina

graduated from Sam Houston State University with her Masters Degree in Criminal Justice and Criminology on Friday, May 12, 2017. Adrianna is a 2010 graduate of J. Frank Dobie High School. She is the daughter of John and Charlotte Medina, and sister to Amanda Medina.



## Plan for hurricanes

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plans to prepare for any potential storms.

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## SJC earns prestigious national initiative

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**Story of the School Year – Dobie boys' soccer**



The 2016-2017 Story of the School Year was delivered by the Dobie varsity boys' soccer team, which won the program's first-ever Region III championship and subsequently advanced to the state tournament for its debut appearance. The Longhorns lost that state semifinal game late in regulation, but that did nothing to diminish the accomplishments of this team, which extended the program's District 22-6A loss-less streak to 45 matches and then went on a terrific run. See more on Page 6B.

Photo by Jerry Baker

**National title eludes SJC baseball**

San Jacinto College's resume within the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I baseball ranks is unmatched, yet some of the program's JUCO series finishes this decade might be best labeled as frustrating.

Since 2010, the Gators have reached the championship game four times, but have yet to win a national crown.

The team's latest setback included back-to-back losses to Chipola, Florida June 2-3 at the JUCO World Series in Grand Junction, Colorado.

The last remaining undefeated team in the tournament with a 5-0 record, San Jacinto needed a single win over Chipola in two tries to win a sixth national title.

San Jacinto had already beaten Chipola 13-9 in bracket play and had much of its top pitching in line to go in the championship round. Yet once more, it wasn't to be.

This year, just like the 2010, 2012 and 2016 championship round losses, the Gators simply did not close the deal.

Chipola evened things with a 7-1 win over San Jac June 2 to advance to a

winner-take-all championship game.

In that one, Chipola plated 11 runs over its final four innings to win the NJCAA Division I crown by a 15-6 count.

San Jacinto head coach Tom Arrington is one of the sport's best, what with more than 700 career victories and more JUCO world series wins than any of his peers.

Somehow, though, Arrington has yet to win a world series title. The SJC program has not won the title since 1989.

Championships aside, San Jacinto has been the nation's most prominent program under Arrington and has now played for the title in consecutive seasons.

In 2016, the Gators simply were beaten by a top-notch pitcher as Yavapai's Jojo Romero fanned 15 in a 5-2 complete-game victory in the final.

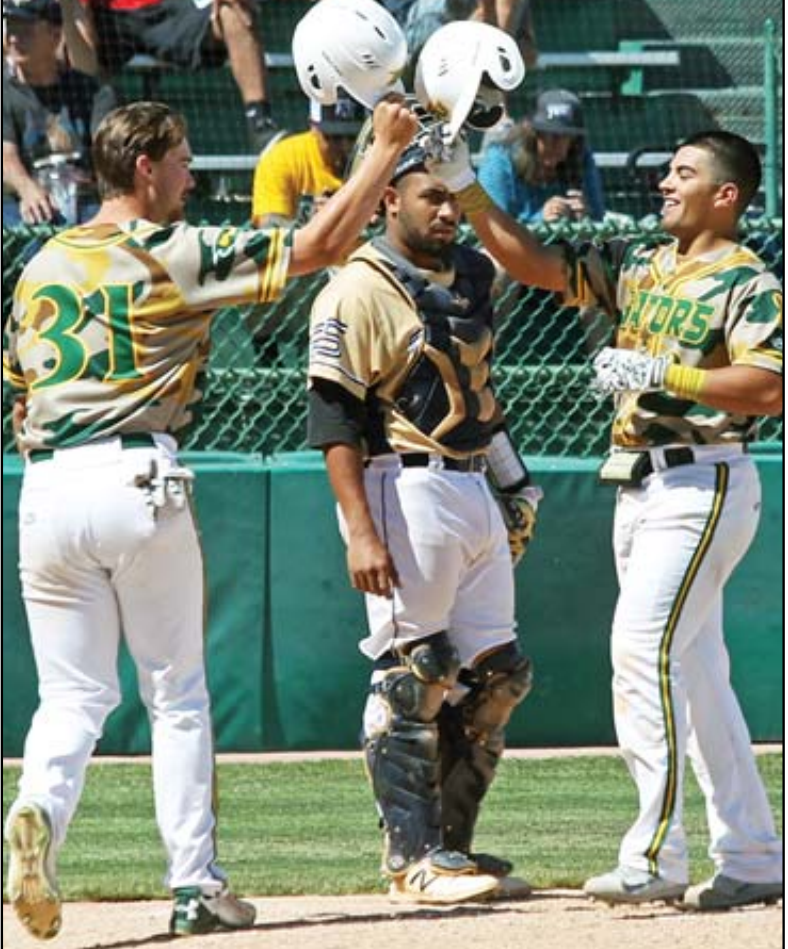
Days later, Romero was a fourth-round draft pick by the Philadelphia Phillies and is currently 4-1 with a 2.04 earned run average for the Class A Lakewood BlueClaws.

This season, perhaps San Jacinto's lack of timely hitting over the two final games against Chipola was most to blame.

While posting a 5-0 record en route to the championship round, the Gators outscored their opponents by a combined 60-28.

7. Sometimes that is the way baseball goes.

Chipola ended the regular season ranked No. 1 in the country and wound up at 51-9 overall this season. San Jacinto, meanwhile, finished at 48-18.



Having blasted a two-run homer to give San Jacinto College a 9-3 lead over Chipola in bracket play, Sergio Macias (right) greets teammate Ryan Johnson at the plate during the 2017 JUCO world series in Grand Junction, Colorado.

Photo courtesy of Grand Junction Sentinel

**Myers, Dobie alum, makes all-region**

Perhaps his Paris team fell short of its dream of a Region XIV title this season, but Tyler Myers certainly did his part to help the Dragons get close.

Myers, a 2016 Dobie High School graduate and three-year letterman with the Longhorns, adjusted quite nicely to the closer's role at Paris, eventually earning All-Region XIV status following the completion of the season.

Although the Dragons

chased the .500 overall record mark for much of the season, Myers finished the season with 11 saves, tying him for fourth nationally.

The two-way player made 26 appearances, going 4-3 with those 11 saves and a 3.03 earned run average. Over 43 innings of work, Myers struck out 31 and walked just six.

Also a starting infielder for the Dragons, Myers hit .262 and finished in a tie for second on the team with 31 RBIs and 40 runs scored. Myers also hit seven doubles to go with four home runs this season.

**Wolverines' Pichardo 24-6A's top newcomer**

Clear Brook freshman infielder/pitcher Sebastian Pichardo was one of the top honorees as the District 24-6A varsity baseball head coaches released their All-District selections following the completion of the regular season.

Pichardo, a key player as the Wolverines made

a late-season push to the playoffs, was named the 24-6A Newcomer of the Year.

Dickinson, the 24-6A regular season champion, rightfully garnered plenty of respect.

Gators' pitcher Brian Dawson was named the league's Most Valuable

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**Clear Brook's Julks leads Coogs' charge**

The University of Houston baseball team fell shy of its goal – winning the Houston Regional and advancing to a Super Regional.

Instead, Texas A&M advanced with an undefeated run through the four-team event, defeating the Cougars 4-3 June 5, at Cougar Field in the title round.

Had UH won the game, the two teams would have met a second time to decide the champion. Instead, TAMU advanced to the Super Regional, where it will host tournament Cinderella entry Davidson.

Those facts aside, it was another solid season for Clear Brook graduate and current Cougar left fielder Corey Julks, who was one of Houston's leaders during the entire 2017 campaign, including during the Houston Regional.

Julks a junior, had already done his share of damage in the postseason before striking again in the final against the Aggies.

UH entered the bottom of the ninth inning trailing 4-0, but Julks got the Cougars on the scoreboard with a long home run to left field.

Julks' hit sparked a rally that eventually saw the Cougars get within 4-3 before the Aggies closed out the win.

Could the MLB first-year player draft be in

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# TD15 tourney play awaits SBHLL all-star teams

The rosters are set as the Texas District 15 all-star tournament series gets underway this month and continues into July.

erly Hills is looking to make its mark after many of the entire Texas District 15 programs have watched the Pearlland Little League control the action in most

of the age groups.

It all begins Thursday, June 8, as the 9-year-old division tournament gets under way at the Friendswood Little League loca-

tion. Sagemont-Beverly Hills has drawn OFA as a first-round opponent. That game is set for June 8, at 8 p.m.

Pearland East will meet Pearlland West in a first-round game, with the winner going against host Friendswood in the winner's bracket. The tourna-

ment is set to run through June 13.

Texas District 15 officials had yet to release the 10-year-old bracket as of press time.

That tournament will play out June 22-28 and will be hosted by the South Houston Little League.

In the 11-year-old division, Sagemont-Beverly Hills will face Friendswood in a Texas District 15 opener June 23, at 8 p.m. The tournament location has yet to be determined.

Pearland West, Pearlland East, Friendswood and SBHLL are in the mix for that tournament crown.

In the 12-year-old division, Sagemont-Beverly Hills will open play June 23, at 8 p.m., against Pearlland West. The Pearlland Little League is the host site.

Texas District 15 details have yet to be released in the other divisions, including junior and senior play.

## Junior Division Roster

### 13-14-Year-Olds

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**Jonathan Hernandez, Astros**  
**Isaiah Garcia, White Sox**  
**David Gay, Blue Jays**  
**Joshua Jimenez, Red Sox**  
**Ricardo Lopez IV, Red Sox**  
**Gavin McMurry, Reds**  
**Christian Medina, Blue Jays**  
**Anthony Perrett, Astros**  
**Anthony Sanchez, Reds**  
**Santos Sanchez, Red Sox**  
**Nicholas Trevino, Astros**  
**Myles Washington, White Sox**

#### Manager

**C.J. Hernandez, Blue Jays**

#### Assistant Coaches

**Daniel Gonzalez, Blue Jays**

**Xavier Hernandez, Blue Jays**

## 11-Year-Old Roster

**Tyler Ankenbruck, Astros**  
**Julio Cantu, Braves**  
**River Carroll, Astros**  
**Adrian Cazares, Cubs**  
**Austin Gonzalez, Rangers**  
**Noah Keigley, Red Sox**  
**Jacob Kipp, Braves**  
**Daniel Rodriguez, Braves**  
**Dylan Rodriguez, Cubs**  
**Juan Salinas, Cubs**  
**Brycen Sommerfelt, Red Sox**  
**Ian Thomas, Rangers**  
**Liam Vasquez, Rangers**

#### Manager

**Jonathan Kipp, Braves**

#### Assistant Coaches

**Steven Ramirez**

**Andrew Rodriguez**

## 10-Year-Old Roster

**Rigoberto Alanis, Giants**  
**Adam Aguilar, Tigers**  
**Kalel Arrendondo, Rangers**  
**Aaron Bennet, Orioles**  
**P.J. Dailey, Cardinals**  
**Johan De La Paz, Rays**  
**Ricardo Garza III, Cardinals**  
**Julian Ontiveros, Dodgers**  
**Diego Rios, Rays**  
**Derek Rodriguez, Giants**  
**Aiden Sanchez, Cardinals**  
**Leonard Thumann, Rangers**  
**Cruz Torres, Dodgers**

#### Manager

**Raul De La Paz, Rays**

#### Assistant Coaches

**Baldemar Gonzalez**

**Jose Lara**

## 12-Year-Old Roster

**Nathan Bennett, Red Sox**  
**Bryan Cortez, Cubs**  
**Xander Garcia, Yankees**  
**Dagoberto Garza, Braves**  
**Jadon Gonzalez, Yankees**  
**Joshua Gonzalez, Braves**  
**Roy Gonzalez, Braves**  
**Ethan Hernandez, Cubs**  
**William Junkin, Red Sox**  
**Deveon Moses, Yankees**  
**Steven Oviedo, Astros**  
**Jaedon Reichelt, Yankees**

#### Manager

**Larry Brannon, Yankees**

#### Assistant Coaches

**Leroy Moses, Yankees**

**Bubba Bennett, Red Sox**

## 9-Year-Old Roster

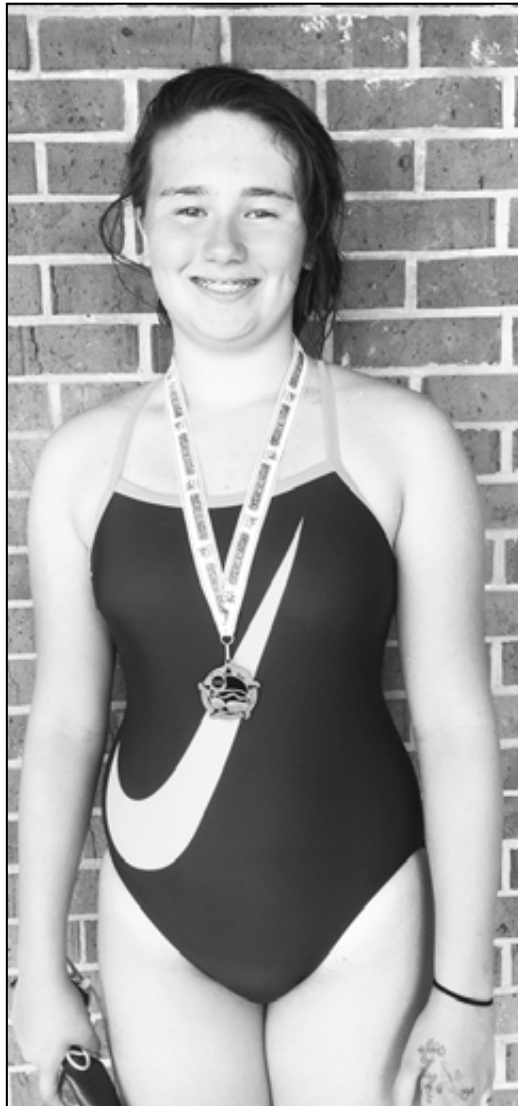
**Abner De Anda, Rays**  
**Kiarra Brannon, Orioles**  
**Raiden Garay, Tigers**  
**Cesar Garcia, Dodgers**  
**Jordan Hernandez, Dodgers**  
**Alex Hofstetter, Giants**  
**Dominic Lara, Rays**  
**Josiah Perez, Astros**  
**Jayson Rivera, Tigers**  
**Nicholas Sepulveda, Dodgers**  
**Gabriel Swann, Orioles**  
**Noah Villareal, Cardinals**  
**Joshua Wright, Orioles**

#### Manager

**Daniel Hernandez, Dodgers**

## SBAST Sharks Honor Swimmers of the Week

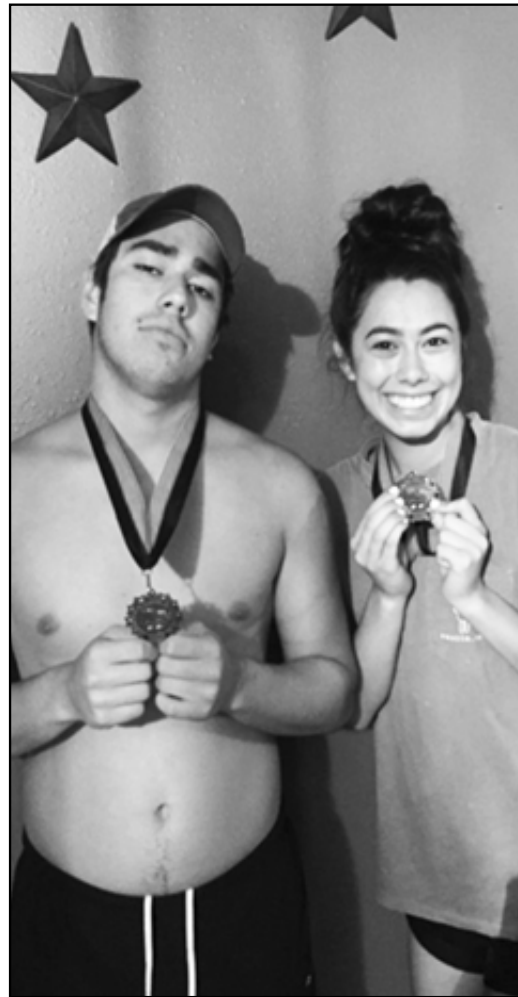
The South Belt Area Swim Team Sharks, celebrating 46 years of success this spring/summer season, have named their Swimmers of the Week for the third and fifth week of the season. The coaching staff selects the honorees based on solid attendance, effort and attitude.



**Sophia Martinez**  
11-12-year-old winner



**Ruben Herrera**  
11-12-year-old winner



**Samuel and Allie Parker**  
13-18-year-old winners



**Robert Pheister and Blessing Akinloye**  
8-under winners



**Carlos Herrera and Hannah Callison**  
9-10-year-old winners

## Ace pitcher Gonzalez paces softball squad

By Madelon Zimmerman  
San Jac Athletics

The 2017 season moved the San Jacinto College softball team one step closer to a national title, as it ended the season 2-2 at the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Softball National Championship and as the 2017 NJCAA Region XIV champions.

San Jac finished the season with a 43-12 record, earning an automatic bid to the NJCAA national championship tournament.

San Jac's 43 wins this season mark the 10th time in school history with at least 40 wins.

The softball team went into the regional tournament as the No. 1 seed from the South and into the national tournament as the No. 7 seed.

This was the team's second straight and fourth overall trip to the national championships.

San Jac defeated No. 10 seed Chattanooga State 5-4 to open its national tournament run. The locals then fell 5-2 to Salt Lake Community College, before rebounding with a 3-2 win over Tyler Junior College to stay alive in the

double-elimination event.

In its final game against Florida Southwestern, SJC needed eight innings to decide the game, but Florida Southwestern walked away with a 9-1 victory.

Sophomore pitching ace Niki Gonzalez (Baytown/Ross Sterling High School), who was awarded conference and region pitcher of the year, pitched all four games and had 22 strikeouts.

Meanwhile, Katlin Kerl (Silsbee/Silsbee High School) caught all four games of the tournament and led the team in hitting with a .500 batting average. In all, Kerl had five hits with a run scored and a run driven in.

Earlier in the season, San Jacinto College head coach Kelly Saenz celebrated her 500th career win. For Saenz, 2017 marked her 14th year at the helm of the San Jac softball program.

Since she was named head coach in 2004, Saenz's teams have won 61 percent of their games and made four National Junior College Athletic Association national tournament appearances. In 2008, SJC finished a program-best fourth.



San Jacinto College third baseman Dani Damiano, who helped the women's softball program to back-to-back national tournament appearances for the first time in team history, is one of several sophomores who are now looking to move on to the four-year collegiate ranks.

## SJC hoops duo named All-Americans

By Madelon Zimmerman  
San Jac Athletics

The 2016-2017 season came to a close for the San Jacinto College men's basketball team with two players being named All-Americans, the team's 21st overall appearance at the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Basketball National Championship, and a Region XIV title.

Sophomores Corey Davis (Lafayette, Louisiana/Lafayette High School) and Jordan Duffy (Upper Marlboro, Maryland/James M. Bennet High School) were selected as All-Americans by the NJCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee.

Davis, who has signed a national letter of intent to continue his education and basketball career at the University of Houston, was named first team All-American, while Duffy, who signed a national letter of intent to the University of North Texas, was named third team All-American.

Sophomore Chris Harris (Houston, Texas/James Madison High School) has

also signed a national letter of intent with the University of Houston.

This season the team had an overall record of 33-2.

It remained undefeated for the majority of the season and was seeded No. 1 heading into the Region XIV championship tournament.

It was also the No. 1 seed in the NJCAA national championship tournament. San Jac won two games before falling to Northwest Florida State (27-4) in the quarterfinals.

"This was a special season that I will never forget," said head coach Scott Gernander.

"It ended a little sooner than we thought, but that's something that comes with competing in sports. We accomplished almost all of our goals."

"Thirty wins in college basketball is something to be extremely proud of and something every team must work hard to earn."

Several players received All-Region honors. First team All-Region was awarded to sophomore guards Davis and Duffy. Second team All-Region

was awarded to freshman guard Tay Hardy (Natchitoches, Louisiana/Lakeview High School) and honorable mentions were awarded to sophomore guard James Kirksey (Chester, Pennsylvania/Chester High School, Clarendon College) and freshman guard Kabir Mohammed (Lagos, Nigeria/National Christian Academy).

In addition to the players' honors, Gernander was named the region's coach of the year. This is his fifth season as head coach and he has led the team to two national tournament appearances.

The men's basketball team will hold tryouts for the 2017-2018 season on Saturday, June 10.

The tryouts will take place at Anders Gymnasium on the San Jacinto College Central campus from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Questions about tryouts should be directed to Gernander in the San Jacinto College men's basketball office at 281-476-1849. For more information, visit the San Jacinto College athletics website at www.sanjacsports.com.

## South Belt area sports, registration, news

### Dobie youth volleyball camp

Dobie varsity volleyball head coach Dawn Sexton and her staff will host the Lady Longhorns' youth camp June 27-29 at Dobie High School. Incoming third through sixth-grade students as of the 2017-2018 school year are eligible to attend. The cost is \$40 cash only per participant. The fee includes a camp T-shirt and camp award certificate. The staff will provide instruction in all phases of the game, including serving, passing, digging, blocking, hitting and more. Those wishing to secure their spot early may direct email to Sexton at dgutierrez2@pasadenaisd.org to obtain an entry form. Payment may also be made in the Dobie High School front office this month. Parents must provide medical insurance coverage as the Pasadena ISD does not do so for these types of events.

### Dobie voluntary conditioning sessions

Dobie's coaching staff will host a conditioning camp for incoming freshmen through incoming seniors as of the 2017-2018 school year.

The sessions will run Monday, June 12, through Thursday, July 20. There will be no Friday workouts. Cost for those who preregister is \$50 per student, and there is a sibling discount available. The preregistration deadline is June 10. Those who register on June 12 will pay \$60.

Payments may be made with cash, money order or credit cards. No checks will be accepted. The first session, designed for incoming sophomores through seniors, will run from 8 to 10 a.m., while the 10 a.m. to noon session is designed for incoming freshmen. All participants must have a current athletic physical on file at the school prior to taking part in any of the workouts. There are no exceptions.

In addition, Pasadena ISD does not provide medical insurance coverage for events of this type. Thus, parents will be required to provide this coverage for their children. For more information, direct email to Dobie varsity football head coach Mike Norman at MNorman@pasadenaisd.org or call 713-740-0370. Dobie will also host a headstart camp for incoming freshmen early in August, prior to the start of preseason football workouts. Details on those events will appear in future *Leader* editions.

### Brook voluntary conditioning sessions

Clear Brook's coaching staff will host a conditioning camp for incoming seventh-grade students through incoming seniors as of the 2017-2018 school year.

The sessions will run Monday, June 12, through Thursday, Aug. 3. There will be no Friday workouts. Cost is \$80 per student.

Payments may be made with cash or money order. No checks will be accepted. The daily schedule for incoming sophomore through senior boys includes weight room work at 7 a.m. and outdoor conditioning at 8 a.m. For all girls, there will be outdoor conditioning at 7 a.m. followed by weight room work at 8 a.m.

Incoming freshman boys will have outdoor conditioning at 8 a.m. followed by weight room work at 9 a.m. Seventh- and eighth-grade boys will have outdoor conditioning at 9 a.m., followed by weight room work at 10 a.m.

All participants must have a current athletic physical on file at the school prior to taking part in any of the workouts. There are no exceptions.

In addition, Clear Brook ISD does not provide medical insurance coverage for events of this type. Thus, parents will be required to provide this coverage for their children. For more information, direct email to Clear Brook varsity football head coach Mike Allison at mallison@ccisd.net or Jamie Scott at JaScott@ccisd.net.

### Lady Wolverines' youth volleyball camp

The Clear Brook Lady Wolverine youth volleyball camp, hosted by Brook head coach Meredith Thompson and her staff, will be held July 24-27 at the school.

The camp is designed for incoming third- through ninth-grade students as of the 2017-2018 school year. Camp one is for third through fifth graders and will be from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Camp two is for sixth- through eighth graders and will be from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Camp three is for advanced eighth graders and ninth graders and will be held from 10:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Early registration (before July 15) for camp one is \$80 and camps two and three are \$100 each. Registration after July 15 is \$100 for camp one and \$120 for camps two and three.

Families are required to provide participants' medical insurance. Forms are available at <http://clearbrook.ccisd.net>. Once there, click on the summer camps link. More information is available from Thompson at [mthomps1@ccisd.net](mailto:mthomps1@ccisd.net).

### Dobie youth girls' basketball camp

Dobie varsity girls' basketball head coach Shane Brown and his staff will host the Lady Longhorns' youth camp June 26-28, from 9 a.m. to noon at the school. Students entering the fourth through ninth grades as of the 2017-2018 school year are eligible to attend. Cost is \$55 per student and includes a camp T-shirt. For additional information or to register, direct email to Brown at [Rbrown@pasadenaisd.org](mailto:Rbrown@pasadenaisd.org).

### San Jac men's hoops tryouts June 10

The San Jacinto College men's basketball team will hold tryouts for the 2017-2018 season Saturday, June 10. Tryouts will take place at Anders Gymnasium on the San Jacinto College Central campus from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is a \$25 processing fee for the tryouts, and participants will be required to sign a waiver of liability.

Participants should plan to arrive no later than 10 a.m. Questions about the tryouts should be directed to the San Jacinto College men's basketball office at 281-476-1849.

The men's basketball team made its 21st overall National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Men's Basketball Championship appearance after earning the automatic bid with a Region XIV championship.

The team finished the season with a 33-2 overall record. Five San Jacinto College men's basketball players earned Region XIV postseason honors and head coach Scott Gemander was named the region's Coach of the Year.

### Clear Brook youth girls' basketball camp

Clear Brook varsity girls' basketball coach Garrett Hilton and his staff will host the Clear Brook Lady Wolverine basketball camp for incoming fifth- through ninth-graders as of the 2017-2018 school year. The camp will be held June 19-22 at Clear Brook High School. Enrollment fee is \$90 before June 5 and \$100 after June 5. Walk-up registration is \$100.

The camp is available only to Clear Creek Independent School District students. Families are also required to provide participants' medical insurance. For more information, call Hilton at 817-504-4866 or direct email to him at [ghilton@ccisd.net](mailto:ghilton@ccisd.net).

### Clear Creek ISD TopGolf Fundraiser is June 12

The Clear Creek Education Foundation has set the second annual CISD Alumni and Friends TopGolf Tournament, to be held Thursday, June 12 from 3 to 6 p.m., at TopGolf in Webster. Deadline to register is June 12. The public is invited to attend. Proceeds from the tournament will go to students and teachers in CCISD through the Foundation's Give-A-Grant Program. This program includes teacher innovative grants, student-teacher innovative grants, mini-grants, and special innovative grants, all of which encourage and support students and teachers in creating and implementing innovative learning experiences. Visit the foundation's website for more information regarding sponsor and team registration, or direct email to [alumni@clearcreekeducationfoundation.org](mailto:alumni@clearcreekeducationfoundation.org) with any questions.

## Brook baseballers named all-district

**Continued from Page 1B** Player, and as is almost always the case, Dickinson's Bo Davis was named Coach of the Year after guiding his team to a 10-4 record and the title.

Clear Brook, which finished in a fourth-place tie with Friendswood at 8-6, defeated the Mustangs in a

play-in game to reach the playoffs.

In addition to Pichardo, the Wolverines saw designated hitter Stephen Moreno make his way onto the first team.

Clear Brook was also featured prominently on the 24-6A second team list.

## Wolverines' Julks delivers the goods

**Continued from Page 1B** play for Julks in just a few days?

Perhaps, but if he stays at the University of Houston for his senior season, the Cougars will certainly have a solid building block for 2018.

For the second straight season, Julks was named as an All-American Athletic Conference first team pick after leading the Cougars to the league title.

Over the course of the season, Julks hit .335 with 12 doubles, six triples, nine home runs and 45 runs batted in through 59 contests.

Houston entered its regional as the top seed but started slow, losing 6-3 to Iowa despite two hits,

including a double, from Julks.

In a 17-3 drubbing of Baylor in an elimination game, Julks homered and doubled, scoring twice and knocking in a pair.

Houston then eliminated Iowa 7-5 as Julks doubled among his two hits with two runs scored and a run driven in for the Cougars.

Julks' homer against the Aggies in the final game gave the junior outfielder two homers and two doubles in the Houston Regional.

He finished the season having reached base in each of the team's final 24 games.

The 2017 season is now concluded, but Julks is far from done at UH.

## Thompson athletics

### offers summer camps

The Thompson Intermediate coaching staff has scheduled a variety of camps and fitness activities aimed at keeping first-year and returning Lion athletes active this summer.

Parents must provide medical insurance coverage as the Pasadena ISD does not do so for these types of events.

**Boot Camp** – Available in three different sessions, the Lions' boot camp for boys and girls will include strength training, agility drills, tire work, stair climbing, ladder work, weight training, conditioning and more. The sessions are June 12-15, June 19-22 and June 26-29. Registration is \$25 cash only per session (\$25 for one session, \$75 for all).

**Soccer Camp** – The Lions' July 10-13 soccer camp for boys and girls will include training in all phases of the game, including offensive and defensive alignments, conditioning, goalkeeping, etc. Registration is \$25 cash only per student. Camp hours are 9 to 11 a.m.

**Basketball Camp** – The Lions' July 17-20 basketball camp for boys and girls will include training in all phases of the game, including offensive and defensive alignments, conditioning, passing,

drizzling, rebounding, shooting, etc. Registration is \$25 cash only per student. Camp hours are 9 to 11 a.m.

**Volleyball Camp** – The Lady Lions' July 24-27 volleyball camp for girls will include training in all phases of the game, including offensive and defensive alignments, conditioning, passing, hitting, serving, blocking, etc. Registration is \$25 cash only per student. Camp hours are 5 to 7 p.m. For additional information, direct email to coach Jessica Fitzmorris at [jfizmorris@pasadenaisd.org](mailto:jfizmorris@pasadenaisd.org).

**Strength/Conditioning Camp** – The Lions' July 24-27 strength and conditioning camp for boys and girls will include strength training, agility drills, tire work, stair climbing, ladder work, weight training, conditioning and more. Registration is \$25 cash only per student. Camp hours are 9 to 11 a.m.

**Football Camp** – The Lions' July 31-Aug. 3 football camp at Dobie High School will include strength training as well as drills in all phases of the game, including passing, receiving, ball carrying, tackling, defensive secondary work and more. Registration is \$25 cash only per student. Camp hours are 9 to 11 a.m.

## All-District 24-6A Selections

### Varsity Baseball

### Most Valuable Player

**Brian Dawson, Dickinson**

### Newcomer/Year

**Sebastian Pichardo, Brook**

### Coach/Year

**Bo Davis, Dickinson**

### First Team Selections

**Util – Garrett Poston, Clear Creek**

**DH – Stephen Moreno, Clear Brook**

**DH – Thad Horman, Friendswood**

**OF – Kam Johnson, Dickinson**

**OF – Michael Gillaspia, Clear Springs**

**OF – Johnnie Nemecek, Friendswood**

**OF – Braxton Garek, Clear Falls**

**3B – Henry Bird, Alvin**

**SS – Parker Osburn, Clear Creek**

**2B – Jaden Horlacher, Clear Falls**

**2B – Dalin Stanton, Clear Springs**

**1B – Kiko Nunez, Dickinson**

**C – Kade Morris, Alvin**

**P – Brandon Deskins, Friendswood**

**P – Blake Schultz, Clear Springs**

**P – Braydon Fisher, Clear Falls**

**P – Marc Luna, Alvin**

### Second Team Selections

**OF – Jerran Schiller, Alvin**

**OF – Colton Haught, Clear Springs**

**OF – Reggie McCalister, Clear Brook**

**OF – Gavin Machado, Clear Brook**

**3B – Daniel Mosqueda, Clear Brook**

**SS – Joey Villarreal, Clear Falls**

**2B – Andrew Jiminez, Dickinson**

**1B – Jerick Paquinto, Clear Brook**

**C – Willis Coleman, Clear Falls**

**C – Ryder Moore, Clear Lake**

**P – Jason Jaekel, Clear Creek**

**P – Tyler Zarella, Clear Falls**

**P – Jeff Arnaud, Clear Springs**

**P – Kyle Taylor, Clear Lake**

### Honorable Mention – Clear Brook

**Kyle Knobloch – A.J. Winger**

# CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, JUNE 8

**AA Meeting** – "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.

**NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse** – Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Hwy. 3 in Webster. Public welcome and encouraged to bring others. For details, call 281-910-1971.

**Harris County Master Gardeners** – The Harris County Master Gardeners Precinct 2 presents *Beneficial Insects*, by Galveston County AgriLife Agent, Dr. William Johnson, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., in the Friendship Garden Education Building, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road. Note: New location. For more information, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>

**Fun Bunch** – for senior citizens, ages 55 and older, meets the second Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call Ronn Canon at 281-610-8999 or the chamber at 281-481-5516.

**Clear Lake Bridge Club** – 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

**ABWA - Southeast Express Network** – American Business Women's Association-South meets the second Thursday, Spring Creek Barbeque, 9005 Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (\$20). Includes networking with professional business women and guest speaker. Women of all ages/occupations invited. Bring business cards. Reservations appreciated. Visit [www.seen-abwa.org](http://www.seen-abwa.org).

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** – Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. Call 713-856-1611.

**CrossRoads UMC** – Invites everyone to the Thursday night service beginning with a light meal and fellowship at 6 p.m. followed by a praise, worship and prayer service at

7 p.m. at 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Afterward both pastors lead a Bible study in English and Spanish. Everyone is welcome.

**Congregation Shaar Hashalom's** – Rabbi Stuart Fedorow hosts free discussions on Judaism and religion in general, open to the public, second Thursdays, at Victor's, 1425 NASA Pkwy., (next to "space" McDonald's). This is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. For details, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at [csh@shaarhashalom.org](mailto:csh@shaarhashalom.org).

**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** – Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-856-1611.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** – Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 9

**AA Meeting** – "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or just drop in.

**Clear Lake Bridge Club** – Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** – West End Group, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Rd. 39, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** – Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. Call 713-856-1611.

**Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** – meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 10

**Alcoholics Anonymous** – "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** – Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.

**Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English)** – For women affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

**Clear Lake Bridge Club** – Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

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

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**Clear Lake Bridge Club** – Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

**Grief Support Group** – For adults who have lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. For details, call 281-487-8787.

**Scleroderma Support Group** – Do you know someone with scleroderma? Join a support group on the second Sunday, 2 to 4 p.m., at Memorial Hermann Northeast Hospital in Humble. Bring a friend. Call Jacob Davila at 281-

706-6232, or email [jdavila@scleroderma.org](mailto:jdavila@scleroderma.org).

**Celebrate Recovery** – A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., in the Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for details or to RSVP for child care.

**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** – Vigilance Group of NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** – Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.

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

### MONDAY, JUNE 12

**Al-Anon Deer Park** – Mondays, 10 to 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.

**Clear Lake Bridge Club** – Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

**Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park** – 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** – Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

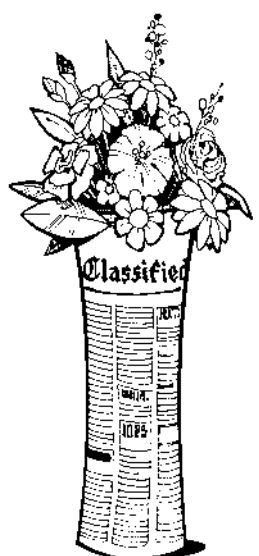
**Houston Area Parkinson Society** – Free exercise and speech therapy for adults with Parkinson's, 3:15 to 4:45 p.m., Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit [www.hapsonline.org](http://www.hapsonline.org) for details.

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**Houston Area Parkinson Society** - Free exercise and speech therapy for adults with Parkinson's, 3:15 - 4:45 p.m., Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit [www.hapsonline.org](http://www.hapsonline.org) for details.

6 p.m.  
**New Directions Singles** - Age 60 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Pkwy. For details, call Margarita at 832-715-9658.

**Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details. 6:30 p.m.

**ESL at CrossRoads UMC** - Academic ESL classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Free. Call Cris at 832-724-4296 to register. 10030 Scarsdale Blvd.

**Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting** - Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. Enter door next to recycling bins. For details, call 713-973-6633 or visit [www.oahouston.org](http://www.oahouston.org).

7 p.m.  
**Survivors of Suicide Support Group** - gives coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adults who have lost a loved one to suicide. For details email [LynneAnnH@yahoo.com](mailto:LynneAnnH@yahoo.com) or visit [www.crisishotline.org](http://www.crisishotline.org).

**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.

7:30 p.m.  
**The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society** - Meets the third Monday at Clear Lake Park Bldg., 5001 NASA Pkwy., Seabrook. Presenters explore topics such as fossils, planetary geology, mineralogy, lapidary, jewelry making, fossil and mineral collecting. Field trips to Texas collecting sites and surrounding states. Interested persons welcome. Door prizes. Free parking. For details, visit [www.clgms.org](http://www.clgms.org).

**Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - Israeli Folk Dancing on Monday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., 16020 El Camino Real, 77062. \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 sessions for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For details, contact 281-488-5861 or [csh@shaarhashalom.org](mailto:csh@shaarhashalom.org).

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Russell at 832-483-6715.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 20

7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in. 9:30 a.m.

**Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For details, call 713-472-0565.

10 a.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

Noon  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

**Rotary Club of Pearland** - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For details, call 281-900-7257. Email [nalix@texascitizensbank.com](mailto:nalix@texascitizensbank.com).

1:30 p.m.  
**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713.

2 p.m.  
**The National Active and Retired Federal Employees** - NARFE Chapter 941 meets the third Tuesday, 2 p.m., El Franco Lee Park Community Center, 9500 Hall Rd. Visitors welcome. For details, call Roy at 713-734-1461. No meeting in Aug.

**Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class** - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details/classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at [drglandorf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:drglandorf@sbcglobal.net) or 281-488-6318.

6:30 p.m.  
**Breast Cancer Support Group** - Meets monthly on the third Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the lobby of the Clear Lake Regional Breast Diagnostic Center, 200 Medical Center Blvd., Suite 106, Webster. For details call 281-526-6840.

**Pearland Area Republican's Club** - meets monthly on the third Tuesday (except December, June and July) at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland. For details, call Gary at 281-993-8335.

7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.

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**Alcoholics Anonymous** - Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. Call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in. 9:30 a.m.

**The Community Club** - meets the third Wednesday, monthly, at Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., in Pasadena. Social time is 9:30 a.m.; meeting is at 10 a.m. The club is a charitable organization of women helping the Salvation Army feed and care for homebound elderly/disabled people, children and the homeless, providing scholarships for Bridge Over Troubled Water clients. Day trips may be scheduled, followed by a guest speaker/program with fellowship and lunch. New members and guests are invited. For information, email [jmopry@yahoo.com](mailto:jmopry@yahoo.com).

10 a.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

11:30 a.m.  
**Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club** - meets monthly, first and third Wednesdays, noon, Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. December may be an exception. For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

1 p.m.  
**Hometown Heroes Park** - has free Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dance, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card. Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For details, call Neva Schroder at 417-838-2204.

6:30 p.m.  
**ESL at CrossRoads UMC** - Academic ESL classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Free. Call Cris at 832-724-4296 to register. 10030 Scarsdale Blvd.

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

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

### THURSDAY, JUNE 22

7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.

10 a.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call 281-480-1911 for details.

Noon  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

6 - 8 p.m.  
**CrossRoads UMC** - Invites everyone to the Thursday night service beginning with a light meal and fellowship at 6 p.m. followed by a praise, worship and prayer service at 7 p.m. at 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Afterward both pastors lead a Bible study in English and Spanish. Everyone is welcome.

7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-856-1611.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** - Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 - 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. Call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.

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A shootout victory over Channelview, led by, from left, Sabino Lozano (9), Raul Hernandez (22), Andy Garcia (7) and Ivan Diaz (12) helped Dobie become the first-ever Pasadena ISD boys' soccer program to advance to state.

### Story of the School Year

## JFD soccer's state march was magical

There were several worthy choices this time around, but there was simply no mistaking the fact that the Dobie varsity boys' soccer team's march to state provided the 2016-2017 Story of the School Year in the South Belt area.

Almost as if head coach Justo Manrique had executed his four-year plan to perfection, these Longhorns improved in each of Manrique's three previous seasons.

A breakthrough this season of course seemed possible, but then again almost anything is possible.

Achieving something never previously seen in program history is truly special, and these Longhorns pulled it off.

It all started with a third consecutive season of absolute dominance during the regular season.

Manrique's team began a streak of loss-less decisions in District 22-6A play back in 2015.

The squad went unbeaten in league play in both 2015 and 2016, then put together 13 more before a loss this season.

In all, the Longhorns went 45 matches without a loss until Memorial ended that run on the final day of the regular season.

By that time, the loss-less streak had taken on a life of its own. In a sense, it was almost as if Manrique and his crew were

pleased that a loss had finally come, even if on the eve of the playoffs.

There were whispers in some circles that Brazoswood, perhaps the Longhorns' second-round opponent, would cause a stir in the second round of the playoffs.

That didn't happen as the Longhorns just may have played their finest match of the season in dispatching the Bucs rather easily.

Then came the rematch. Dobie was confident in its talent just a season earlier in the regional quarterfinals versus North Shore, but the Mustangs controlled much of the action en route to a shutout win.

Fast forward to 2017 in nondistrict play, when North Shore drilled a short-handed Dobie squad 4-0. The regional quarterfinal rematch seemed to favor the Mustangs again, but Dobie came up with a win to reach the Region III Final Four for the first time since 2013.

Up next was Seven Lakes, and the Spartans were simply outworked and outthrustled as the Longhorns made their way to the regional final for the second time in program history.

Whereas the Cinco Ranches, Strake Jesuits, Alief Elsiks and North Shores of the region were viewed as title contenders, it all came down to Dobie

and another darkhorse, Channelview, for all of the marbles.

It is almost eerie how this one played out, what with Dobie leading much of the way but Channelview staying close enough for a final strike.

Dobie fans may remember that in 2011, the locals outplayed Strake Jesuit for much of regulation and overtime before falling apart in the shootout. That season, Strake Jesuit ended Dobie's run with a shootout win.

That said, it was almost fitting that Dobie and Channelview went to a shootout for the Region III title. This time, though, the Longhorns persevered. This time, the job was completed.

Dobie lost the state semifinal in the closing seconds against Arlington Sam Houston. A state title would have been nice, but a Region III title will certainly suffice.

This incredible group achieved several firsts and also set the bar higher than ever for future Dobie teams.

Winning the Region III title for the first time, this Dobie group also became the first Pasadena ISD team to advance to state in boys' soccer.

That fact, then, certainly allows for the Dobie varsity boys' soccer team to have delivered the Story of 2016-2017.



It was a true team victory for Dobie in its win over Channelview, but JFD goalkeeper Ramon Cahue made a couple of saves that surely extended the Longhorns' season. Photos by John Bechtel

# Despite title game loss, SJC baseball still elite

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San Jacinto College still possesses the most impressive list of accomplishments ever at the JUCO world series with 25 overall appearances, 15 national final appearances and five championships, the last coming in 1990.

Arrington, who has now made the trip to Grand Junction with San Jacinto College 10 times, is now 36-20 at the series.

Graham made seven trips to the NJCAA nationals with SJC, claiming five titles over that span with a record of 34-8.

San Jacinto College is also the winningest program at nationals. While the NJCAA considers three of the program's trips to nationals separately while the program was housed at the Central campus, the Gators were 79-36 over 21 appearances prior to this season.

While at Central, San Jacinto was 5-6 over three showings at nationals.

One thing is for certain. San Jacinto College is a regular contributor at the NJCAA championships. Perhaps Arrington has yet to see his team hoist the trophy, but the time will inevitably come.

Graham became a legend while at San Jacinto College. Chris Rupp followed and certainly had his fair share of success. Arrington's success at SJC certainly puts his name in the conversation as one of the sport's greats.

### NJCAA All-tourney

Following the championship round, San Jacinto saw five players named to the All-Tournament team, including MacGregor Hines, who went 2-0 on the mound at the series as well as reliever Donny Diaz and everyday players Sergio Macias, Ryan

### Johnson and Michael Smith.

### MLB draft up next

After the 2016 season, several San Jacinto College players were selected in the MLB First-Year Player Draft and subsequently signed, including Devin Smeltzer (Dodgers), Cody Nesbit (Roy-

als), Ryan January (Blue Jays), Brandon Montgomery (Dodgers) and Nick Shumpert (Braves).

Smeltzer reportedly received a significant six-figure signing bonus from the Dodgers when he signed.

Collegiately, pitchers Hudson Treu (Kan-

sas State), Montana Parsons (Baylor) and Colten Schmidt (Louisiana-Lafayette) advanced to the Division I ranks.

For 2017, San Jac is sure to see outfielder Aaron Bond selected, as he was drafted by Atlanta in 2016 but declined to sign. San Jacinto's MacGregor

Hines (12-3, 129 strikeouts over 94 2/3 innings) leads a pitching staff that could see several players chosen.

The 2017 MLB First-Year Player Draft is set for June 12-14. The proceedings may be viewed on the MLB Network or at mlb.com.



San Jacinto College baseball head coach Tom Arrington (center) confers with Gators' catcher Brett Wright (left) and pitcher Caleb Roper during the team's championship game loss to Chipola June 3 at Sam Pulizio Stadium in Grand Junction, Colorado.

Despite the program's fourth championship round loss since 2010, Arrington has taken over the all-time lead in world series victories with 36. Overall, he's 36-20 at the series. Photo courtesy of Grand Junction Sentinel

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