Texas, HISD fall in reading, math

By Jacob Carpenter

Students hit an all-time low on national test

The test commonly known as the "Nations Report Card," according to educational experts. The Texas fourth-graders ranked 41st and eighth-graders placed 47th in the National Assessment of Educational Progress, the first since the test was released.

By the numbers

San Jac site's cleanup moves forward

Deal between EPA, companies avoids court fight

By Alyse Stocky

The Environmental Protection Agency has reached a landmark agreement for cleaning up the San Jacinto River, a legacy of industry that has poisoned waterways for decades. The deal, reached with Entergy, will allow the agency to monitor the cleanup site and bring the area back to its former glory.

Matriarch deaths inflate, study finds

The number of deaths in the state of Texas at the beginning of the year has been inflated by the study, which found that deaths were under-reported. The study, conducted by researchers at the Texas Medical Center, found that the number of deaths was actually lower than previously thought.

Bail lawsuit to test Galveston County

ACLU law firm file class-action case in U.S. court

By Keith Blake and Nick Prew B

A coalition of bail reform advocates has filed a lawsuit against the Galveston County Jail, alleging that the jail's bail system is unconstitutional.

Trump vows a swift decision on Syria

Russia, Iran may be punished for "barbaric act"

By Peter Baker

President Donald Trump said on Monday that the United States will respond "swiftly" to the reported attack in Syria, saying that "consequences will be severe."
Prosecutor: Cosby gave woman nearly $3.4 million for settlement

DA suggests actress paid large amount because accusations were true

By Michael B. Jordan

NORTHEAST, Pa. — The prosecution has said that the woman who accused Bill Cosby of raping her was a paid actress.

According to a statement released Monday, the woman, known as Jennifer Joy, was paid $3.4 million by the actor and his associates.

Joy, a former model and actor, is seeking $6 million in damages from Cosby, who has denied all allegations.

The statement, which was obtained by The Associated Press, said that Joy was paid for her work on the set of the TV show "The Cosby Show" and that her payment was part of a $5 million settlement agreement.

The amount was paid to Joy by a company that was founded by Cosby and was later dissolved.

The company, Blue Mountain Pictures, was accused of paying Joy for her work on the show, and the case went to trial in 2016.

The trial ended in a hung jury.

Joy's attorney, David M. Ries, said in a statement that "the settlement agreement" was "inherently flawed" and "the conduct of the parties was outrageous and reprehensible."
Texas Guard on border may hit 1,400

Abbott answers Trump call for more diligence on Mexico border

AUSTIN — Texas Gov. Greg Abbott announced Monday that the Texas National Guard has deployed additional soldiers to the border to detent and boost security, bringing the total number of guardsmen deployed to over 1,400.

"We want to deprecate any notion that would be misinformed that our National Guard is bearing up with the necessary forces to take on anybody who comes across the border, that is not the role," Abbott said.

No one's going to make you feel unworthy if you're on her bus

Metro operator Rusty Johnson received thanks from Maria Torres for her kindness and helping to get to the bus stop.

Houstonians flock to Dome for a look before renovations

"Every single one of my childhood memories involved the Astrodome," said Brian D. of Houston.

Sanctuary falls victim to storms

United Orthodox Synagogues experiencing end of era with post-Harvey demolition
Plan will turn Dome into event space with parking

Passengers who are disabled tell Metro officials of problems

Members share fondest memories of beloved synagogue