

Mistletoe Market approaches

The 22nd annual Mistletoe Market will be held Saturday, Oct. 3, at BellaVita, 1548 N. Riviera Circle in Pearland, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by the BellaVita Belles, the holiday market will feature more than 70 local vendors selling jewelry, home decor, women's clothing, children's clothing and much more. Food and drink will be available for purchase. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Military Moms and Wives of Brazoria County.

For additional information, call 281-464-3150 or visit club-bellavita.org.

MUD trash times may vary

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

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

Knights hold blood drive

Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will host a blood drive Sunday, Sept. 20, at St. Luke the Evangelist, located at 11011 Hall Road, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Blood is required every day for medical needs due to health and injuries. Appointments are preferred but not necessary. Donors must bring identification. All are welcome. For additional information or to schedule an appointment, contact Val Comeaux at vcomeaux42@gmail.com or 713-345-3556.

Sageglen to meet Sept. 21

Sageglen Community Association will hold its bimonthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21, at the Sageglen Community Building, 11610 Sageyork. Joshua Philbeck of Harris County Public Health Services will serve as guest speaker. All homeowners are encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served. For additional information, email sageglen@sageglen.com or call 281-481-2160.

Freeway Manor to meet

Freeway Manor Civic Club will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at One Movement Bible Church (aka Bible Way Church, 10120 Hartsook. Meetings typically take place the fourth Thursday of the month. Residents of Freeway Manor, Sun Valley and Gulfway Terrace are encouraged to attend. For additional information, contact Freeway Manor Civic Club President Brenda Frewellen at 281-851-9567 or FreewayManorCivic@gmail.com.

2026 Lariaettes set clinic

Join the Dobie Lariaettes at Dobie High School for their annual Lariaette dance clinic on Wednesday, Oct. 7. This fall clinic is open to students in kindergarten through eighth grades. For more information or registration for this event, visit <https://www.successfund.com/lariaettedanceclinic>.

Beltway closures planned

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

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

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

Kirkwood to meet Sept. 28

The Kirkwood Civic Club's monthly meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28, at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road near Beltway 8. Meetings are typically held for the last Monday of the month. For additional information, call Kirkwood Civic Club President Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.

Gulf Freeway closures set

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

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

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

Pct. 2 joins multi-agency Operation Washout

Led by U.S. Marshals, joint operation nets 465 arrests, clears 595 warrants

This past month, Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's Special Operations Unit partnered with the U.S. Marshals Service in Operation Washout – Texas Tide, a 30-day, multi-agency enforcement initiative that resulted in 465 arrests and the clearance of 595 warrants across Galveston, Brazoria, Chambers and Harris counties.

"It was a privilege for the Harris County Constable Precinct 2 Office to be part of this important operation," a post on Garcia's Facebook page read. "We are grateful for the dedication and commitment of every agency and deputy who contributed to its success."

Conducted from July 29 through Aug. 28, Operation Washout – Texas Tide was led and coordinated by the U.S. Marshals Service Gulf Coast Violent Offenders and Fugitives Task Force – Galveston, Southern District of Texas, and

brought together federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in a sustained effort to identify, locate and apprehend violent fugitives and other high-risk offenders throughout multiple counties within the Southern District of Texas.

In addition to the arrests and warrants cleared, law enforcement officers participating in Operation Washout – Texas Tide seized 23 firearms, approximately \$21,000 in currency and more than 300 kilograms of narcotics. The operation focused on violent felony offenders, known gang members, firearm-related offenders, narcotics offenders and individuals wanted on outstanding warrants, while also developing actionable intel-

ligence to support ongoing and future investigations.

"Operation Washout – Texas Tide sends a clear message to wanted individuals throughout the Southern District of Texas: if you commit violent crimes in our communities and attempt to evade justice, Justice Is Coming," said U.S. Marshal for the Southern District of Texas T. Michael O'Connor. "These arrests represent dangerous offenders removed from our streets, outstanding warrants resolved and communities made safer. That is the mission of the U.S. Marshals Service, and it is a mission strengthened every day by the

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Drugs, guns seized during raid



Throughout the month of August, deputies from the Precinct 2 Special Operations Unit took part in Operation Washout – Texas Tide, a multi-agency mission led by the U.S. Marshals Service to take down wanted felons. During the 30-day operation, law enforcement officers made 465 arrests and cleared 595 warrants across Galveston, Brazoria, Chambers and Harris counties. Agents also seized narcotics, weapons and cash (shown above). See related photo on Page 4.

Photo courtesy of U.S., Marshals

Local hero Charles Jordan dies at 76

At 63, Jordan saved female jogger from pit bull attacks

Local hero Charles David Jordan died this past week at the age of 76.



Charles Jordan

Jordan made national headlines in 2014 after saving the life of a female jogger who was attacked by dogs on the Blackhawk hike-and-bike trail.

On March 5, 2014, Monica Garza, 34, was jogging on the local trail when she was attacked by two adult pit bull dogs, one weighing about 70 pounds and the other about 85. She screamed for help as the dogs took her to the ground and mauled her.

At his home nearby, Jordan, 63, a retired telecommunications database manager, was alerted to the attack. He went to the trail, where he saw one of the dogs biting Garza about one of her legs and the other biting her opposite arm.

Jordan ran to her, positioned himself between her and the dogs, and worked to fight them off, kicking and punching them and at one point twisting the collar of one of the dogs to choke it.

Garza fled to a nearby electrical box and got on top of it, but the dogs pursued her there to continue their attack. Jordan again positioned himself between Garza and the dogs and from atop the box maintained kicking and hitting them.

After one of the dogs was distracted and left the immediate scene, the other dog stopped its attack.

Garza was hospitalized more than a month for treatment of extensive and severe bite wounds, and Jordan was treated by a doctor for lesser injuries, to his face and a hand. He made a full recovery.

Jordan received multiple recognitions for his heroism, and on March 30, 2015, he was one of 20 people nationwide to be honored by the prestigious Carnegie Hero Fund Commission.

See related obituary in last week's Leader.

HFD 70 gets new ambulance



In an effort to maintain a modernized fleet of vehicles, the Houston Fire Department recently replaced Station 70's EMS vehicle. Citywide this year, HFD has replaced 28 vehicles, including 15 transport units, eight district chief units and five EMS vehicles. HFD officials said these replacements helped bring the department's average vehicle age to just four years. Station 70 crew members shown above are, left to right, Donald Shamben, engine operator; James Bellar, firefighter; Ryan Black, senior captain; Robert Ramirez, captain; Paul Dean, firefighter; and Anthony Howard, firefighter.

Photo by David Flickinger

Highway 3 roadwork underway

Public Works project ongoing through Sept. 26

Houston District E City Council Member Fred Flickinger reminds commuters of an ongoing construction project on SH 3/Old Galveston Road near Winkler.

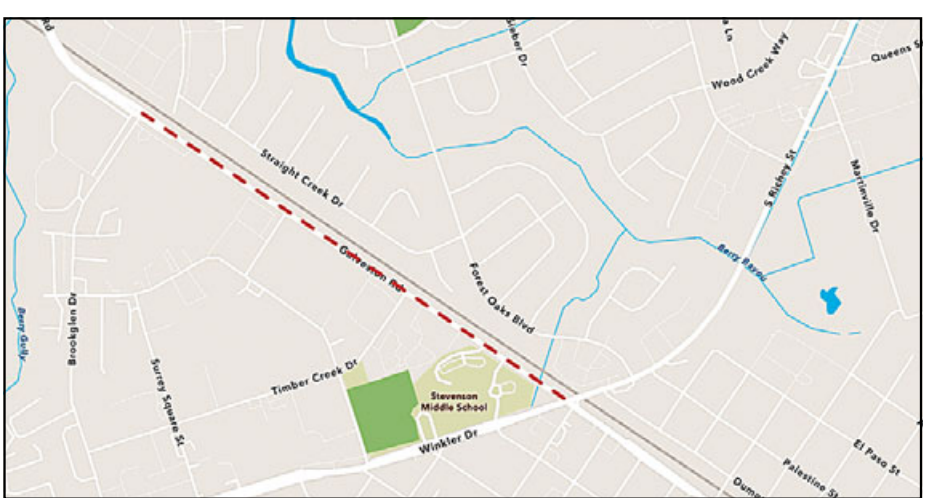
Begun Monday, Aug. 17, the mill and overlay road rehabilitation project will make improvements along SH 3/Old Galveston Road from Brookglen Drive to Winkler Drive. The scope of work includes milling and overlay of the existing asphalt street. The project cost is \$1.3 million and is funded through ad valorem tax.

The project is anticipated to be completed by

Saturday, Sept. 26, weather permitting. Construction activities are expected to result in minor traffic impacts, including a single-lane closure that may increase congestion. No disruptions to utility or city services are anticipated during the project.

Crews are scheduled to work Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon.

For additional information, contact Flickinger's office at 832-393-3008 or districte@houston.tx.gov.



Pct. 2 sergeant injured in beltway crash

Driver blinded by sun; sergeant expected to fully recover

A Precinct 2 sergeant was injured around 7:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, when his vehicle was struck as he was conducting a traffic stop in the 8500 block of the Beltway 8 service road near Pearland Parkway/Monroe.

According to officials with Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office, the lawman had stopped a driver on the eastbound frontage road lanes when his marked patrol car was struck from behind by another commuter, as he was sitting inside writing a ticket. The impact caused the sergeant to smash his face and head near the rear-view mirror. The sergeant sustained lacerations and other

minor injuries and was transported to a local hospital for further medical evaluation. He was expected to make a full recovery.

The driver who caused the crash reported no injuries and stated that he has vision problems and was blinded by the morning sun, causing him not to see the patrol vehicle or its emergency lights. Witnesses told investigators the man's speed was estimated to be in excess of 60 mph in a posted 50 mph zone prior to the crash. The driver showed no signs of intoxication and was cooperative with investigators. He was cited for failure to control speed and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

SoHo recognizes '71 alumnus

Bob Steubing selected for 2026 Alumni Spirit Award

Bob Steubing, Class of 1971, a highly valued and uniquely versatile member of the South Houston High School Alumni Association board for a dozen years, has been named the recipient of the David A. Ainsworth Alumni Spirit Award for 2026.

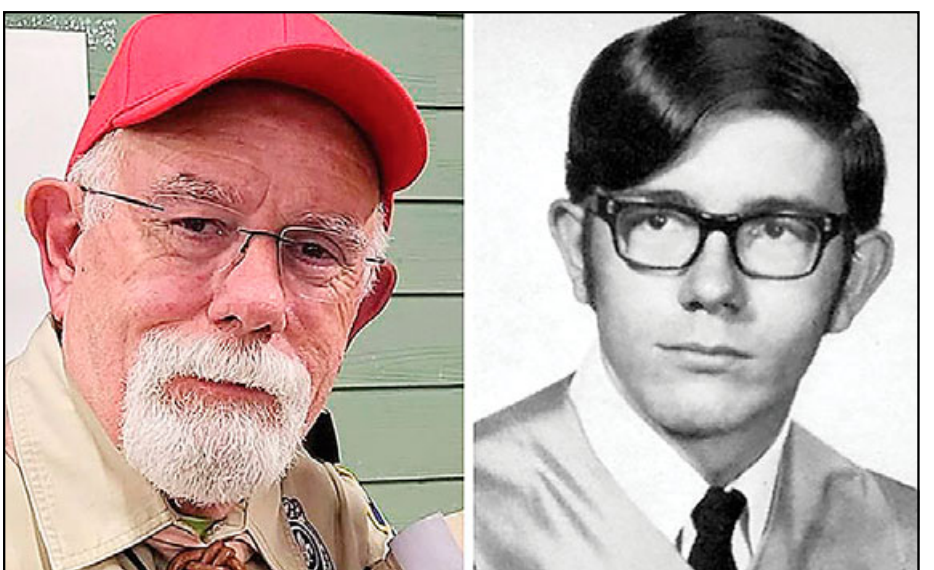
Steubing served in three different executive positions while on the board: president, vice-president and treasurer, where he aptly applied his expertise as a certified public accountant. He joined the board shortly after it was established in 2012.

The Ainsworth Award is presented annually to a South Houston alumnus who makes signif-

icant contributions to alumni-related endeavors. The award is named after its first recipient, David Ainsworth, a member of the Class of 1968 who helped build and strengthen social media connections for his class and other South Houston alumni until succumbing to cancer in 2013.

Steubing will be honored at South Houston High's annual homecoming celebration on Sept. 25 as part of an induction ceremony for four new members of the Hall of Honors. Of the new inductees, two are alumni: Pat Hallisey, Class of 1968, and

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South Houston Class of 1971 alumnus Bob Steubing then and now

Man arrested for dumping



A man was recently arrested for illegal dumping on Easthaven Boulevard near Windmill Lakes. Precinct 2 deputies were dispatched after a man was seen reportedly dumping furniture at the site. Deputies identified the male as Craig Ortega (shown above). A warrant was issued, and Ortega was later apprehended.

Local water mains break



High heat and low rainfall have caused multiple local water mains to fail over the past week. Crews from Houston Public Works and the Clear Brook City MUD have been busy trying to keep up with the necessary repairs. Drivers had to navigate through the water-filled street on Scarsdale near Highland Meadows. Photo by David Flickinger

PPL hosts free Hispanic Heritage Month celebration

Pasadena Public Library invites the community to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at Viva la Biblioteca on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fairmont Library, 4330 Fairmont Parkway.

The free event will bring families and neighbors together for an afternoon of live music, dance, art, children's activities and community resources while celebrating Hispanic culture and traditions. Families may enter their names for a chance to win door prizes. The event is open to all ages, and no registration is required.

The day's performances will include Sam Rayburn High School Mariachi Los Tejanos, the Salsa Teen Team from Salsa y Bachata Pasadena and South Theatre from San Jacinto College. The event will also feature an art exhibition by local artist Victoria Armenta.

For more information, visit PasadenaLibrary.org or contact Jonathan Hua at jhua@pasadenatx.gov or 713-475-7008.

Local library events set

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

Bracewell Branch Library

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

The following events are scheduled for Bracewell Library:

Thursday, Sept. 17, 4 – 5 p.m. Family STEM adventure. Registration required.

Saturday, Sept. 19, 2 – 4 p.m. Saturdays at HPL. Registration required.

Monday, Sept. 21, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Bring family to storytime. Registration required.

Wednesday, Sept. 23, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Cultural connections: Hispanic Heritage Month. Registration required.

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

Book drop

The book drop is open. Library materials can be returned. The library continues to provide online resources to enjoy the library virtually. Large items such as FLIP kits or laptops should not be placed in the book drop, but taken inside.

Parker Williams Library

Parker Williams Library is at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Customers are encouraged to visit the building to browse, check out and return materials, use the computers and Wi-Fi, and check out holds. Hours are Monday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 – 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for more information. One can also visit social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

The following events are scheduled for Parker Williams Library:

Thursday, Sept. 17, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Toddler time.

Friday, Sept. 18, 1 – 3 p.m. Genealogy.

Friday, Sept. 18, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m. Lego club.

Saturday, Sept. 19, 10 a.m. – noon. Tai Chi.

Saturday, Sept. 19, 10:15 a.m. – 1 p.m. Personas que corren con libros: Club de lectura en Espanol.

Saturday, Sept. 19, 1 – 3 p.m. Medicare 01 with Mae: Understanding your Medicare options. Registration required.

Saturday, Sept. 19, 1 – 2:30 p.m. Korean language music class. Registration required.

Monday, Sept. 21, 1 – 2 p.m. ESL classes (various levels).

Monday, Sept. 21, 1 – 2:30 p.m. Basic computer classes with Harris County universal services. Registration required.

Monday, Sept. 21, 6 – 7:30 p.m. Tai Chi.

Monday, Sept. 21, 6 – 7:30 p.m. Como coprar una casa-INNOVA reality. Registration required.

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Babies and books.

Wednesday, Sept. 23, 4 – 5 p.m. 3D printer orientation. Registration required.

Wednesday, Sept. 23, 6 – 7:30 p.m. Pathway to citizenship. Registration required.

Online services

– Use HCPL Wi-Fi service with HCPL's drive-up Wi-Fi.

– Download e-books and audiobooks, stream movies, research and learn at www.hcpl.net.

– Attend an HCPL program or story time online through Facebook or YouTube.

– Check an account to renew loans or request books, e-books, comics or graphic novels.

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– Listen to audiobooks through RBDigital or OverDrive.

– Read along and play with picture books on TumbleBooks.

Don't have an HCPL library card? Instant access can be obtained to all HCPL's digital materials and research tools with an iKnow Digital Access Card. Apply at <https://www.hcpl.net/services/iknow-card> for a HCPL card.

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David Flickinger, owner

Responders honor 9/11 anniversary



Emergency responders from multiple local agencies, including the Houston Fire Department, Houston Police Department, Harris County Sheriff's Office and Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office took part in a ceremony hosted by the city of Houston Sept. 11, commemorating the 25th anniversary of the 2001 attacks on the twin towers. Houston Mayor John Whitmire served as the featured speaker at the event. Photo courtesy of Precinct 2

SoHo alumnus Bob Steubing recognized

Class of 1971 graduate selected for 2026 Alumni Spirit Award

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Dennis Paul, Class of 1979. Two are former teachers: Roseta Boening and the late Ralph Sheram.

Festivities begin at 9 a.m. with an open house featuring tours of the school, tours of the Hall of History Museum and a hot dog picnic. The induction ceremony begins at 11:30 a.m. in the Reinartz Center. Alumni are also invited to attend the "Beat Friendswood" pep rally at 1:45 p.m.

Steubing's dedication to his alma mater was on display every time the Alumni Association board met. Attending those meetings required a long drive from his home in Cypress.

"I am proud of the fact that I missed very few meet-

ings during my tenure on the board," Steubing said.

The contributions of the Alumni Association, and the camaraderie of fellow Trojan alumni, he said, made the commute worthwhile.

"I believe in what the Association does for South Houston High School," he said. "A bonus that comes from being with such a great organization is that I have met many awesome people from the other classes and their wives and husbands and even principals, school board members and the superintendent of the district."

Steubing attended Pearl Hall Elementary, South Houston Intermediate and Park View Intermediate before arriving at South Houston High. He participated in band all

four years and earned a music scholarship to San Jacinto College. After earning his Associate of Arts degree from San Jac, he enrolled at Sam Houston State, where he earned his BBA in accounting in 1975. He later earned a master's degree from Sam Houston State with a double emphasis in economics and management.

Steubing played on the Sam Houston State's rugby team and remains a member of the school's Rugby Alumni Association.

Steubing worked in public accounting for two years and then another 38 years as an accountant in the oil and gas business. He retired in 2014. Steubing's ledger of community service activities is matched only by his list of hobbies.

He enjoys reading, music, and the theater. For several years, he raised Charolais cattle.

"I refresh my spirit by camping and being in nature," Steubing says. "Going to the country lifts me up. My favorite thing to do is visit and talk to just about anybody. I find it interesting to hear what others have on their mind and learn about them. You never know who you'll meet."

His commitment to the Boy Scouts of America goes back 30 years. He currently volunteers as a commissioner in the Sam Houston Area Council. For 10 years, he served as an Adult Leader Trainer, helping Cub Scout and Boy Scout leaders with the administration of their packs and troops. He led troops to three National Scout Jamborees and two World Scout Jamborees, including one in Japan.

He has been recognized with numerous scouting honors, including the Council's highest award, the Silver Beaver Award.

"Helping young boys, and now young ladies, turn into upstanding young adults is such a rewarding experience," he said.

Steubing has also served as a committeeman for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo for 39 years. A member of Bear Creek United Methodist Church for 34 years, he teaches an adult bible study class and has participated on mission trips to several Central American countries.

His latest adventure came as a volunteer on the restoration team helping to overhaul the Battleship Texas.

"It's not glamorous work," he said, "but so worthwhile to get the battleship back in good shape."



South Houston High School alumnus Bob Steubing was named the 2026 recipient of the David A. Ainsworth Alumni Spirit Award. A 1971 graduate, Steubing is a longtime member of the South Houston High School Alumni Association board. Steubing is shown above aboard the Battleship Texas, where he volunteers his time as part of the vessel's restoration team.

Galveston sets sail with inaugural Pirate Festival to debut Sept. 19–21

Galveston is set to embark on a new chapter of its rich maritime heritage with the launch of the Galveston Pirate Festival, scheduled for Sept. 19–21. This inaugural event promises to transform the island into a haven for pirate enthusiasts and families alike, offering a weekend filled with live entertainment, historical reenactments and family-friendly activities.

Event highlights:

– Friday, Sept. 18: The festivities commence with a pirate pub crawl through Galveston's historic Strand District, inviting guests to enjoy themed drinks and lively entertainment.

– Saturday, Sept. 19: Seawolf Park becomes the epicenter of pirate activities, featuring live bands, a vendor market, barrel races, costume contests, treasure hunts, pirate history tours and inflatable axe throwing for kids.

– Sunday, Sept. 20: The weekend concludes with Pirate Sunday Excursions & Tours, offering unique maritime experiences and historical insights.

The festival is designed to

be a family-friendly event, celebrating Galveston's storied past as a haven for pirates and maritime adventurers. Attendees are encouraged to don their best pirate attire and immerse themselves in the swashbuckling spirit of the weekend.

Tickets for the Galveston Pirate Festival are available online. For more information and to secure ones spot, visit GalvestonPirateFest.com.

Embark on a weekend of adventure and history at the Galveston Pirate Festival – where the spirit of the sea comes alive.

Deaths

Antonio Ontiveros



His legacy will live on through his family for generations and in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know and love him. Services will be held at Integrity Funeral Home at Forest Lawn Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday, Sept. 18, from 5 to 9 p.m. Funeral services will be on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On Sept. 11, 2026, at the age of 85. He and his late wife, Mary, were longtime residents of the South Belt area. Short was born in Center on Sept. 17, 1940. He attended Stephen F. Austin University and retired from Pasadena ISD in 2000 after 38 years of service. He was a lifetime member of the Texas State Teachers Association and an honorary lifetime member of the Texas P. T. A.

Until about five years ago, Short had also been an active member of Cokesbury/Crossroads United Methodist Church. He was a longtime participant of the choir and men's choral. He had also taught Sunday School as well as Disciple Bible classes, and served as chair of the church council.

He leaves his children Ellen Sekumade, Rollin Short and his wife Maureen, and Karen Short; grandchildren Jonathan and David Sekumade and Daniel and Annalisse Short; his sister, Danna Morgan; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at Crossroads UMC on Thursday, Sept. 17, at 10 a.m.

John F. Short



John F. Short passed away

Leader obituary policy

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Durham Park Community Garage Sale

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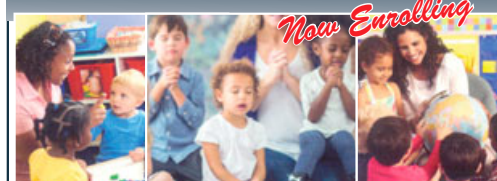
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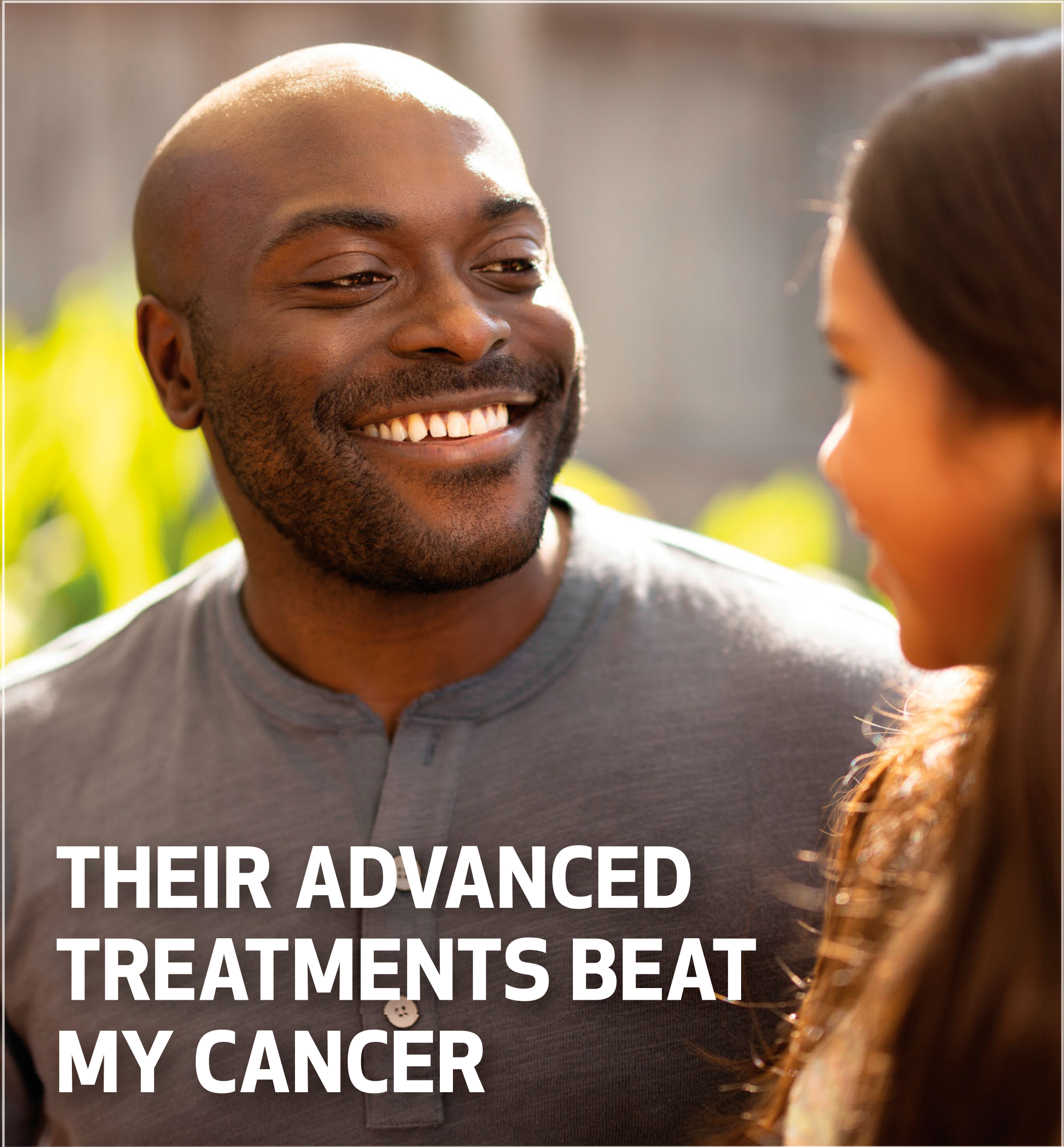
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commitment of our federal, state and local law enforcement partners.”
The operation was coordi-

nated across a broad geographic area by GCVOTF-Galveston, which worked with participating agencies to identify and prioritize targets, coordinate enforcement activity, share intelligence and direct resources toward offenders presenting significant threats to public safety.



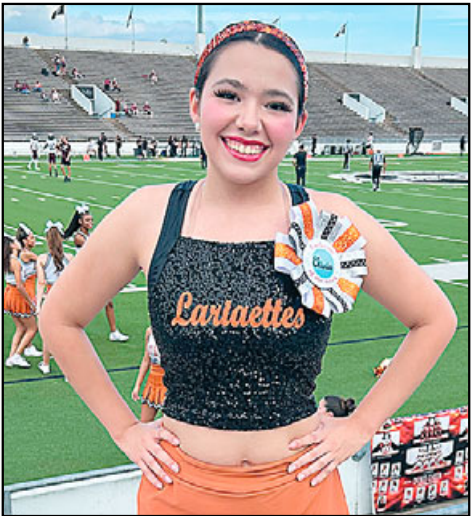
Law enforcement officers are shown above executing a warrant as part of Operation Washout – Texas Tide, led by the U.S. Marshals Service.

“The success of Texas Tide was built upon sustained coordination and the willingness of our partner agencies to bring their personnel, intelligence, resources and local expertise together in pursuit of a common objective,” said Assistant Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal Regino Quintero, who oversees U.S. Marshals Service operations throughout the Galveston and surrounding areas. “GCVOTF-Galveston led an aggressive 30-day enforcement effort, but an operation of this scope is only successful when our partners are fully engaged. The 465 arrests, 595 warrants cleared and significant seizures achieved during Texas Tide reflect the professionalism and commitment of every agency and every law enforcement officer who contributed to this operation.”
Operation Washout – Texas Tide brought together 16 federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, combin-

ing fugitive investigative expertise with local intelligence, specialized enforcement capabilities and established partnerships throughout the region. The multi-agency approach allowed investigators to pursue offenders whose criminal activity crossed jurisdictional boundaries while simultaneously developing information for additional investigations and enforcement activity.
Participating agencies included the U.S. Marshals Service Gulf Coast Violent Offenders and Fugitives Task Force – Galveston; Homeland Security Task Force Fugitive Investigative Strike Team; FBI; Drug Enforcement Administration; Galveston County Constable’s Office Precinct 1; Brazoria County Sheriff’s Office; Chambers County Sheriff’s Office; Galveston Police Department; Harris County Constable’s Office Precinct 2; Texas City Police Department; La Marque Police Department; Texas Department of Public Safety; Texas Board of Criminal Justice, Office of Inspector General; Chambers County District Attorney’s Office; Galveston County District Attorney’s Office; and Brazoria County District Attorney’s Office.
The operation also underscores the central role of the Gulf Coast Violent Offenders and Fugitives Task Force – Galveston in coordinating fugitive apprehension efforts throughout its area of responsibility. By bringing together federal authorities and state and local partners under a coordinated enforcement strategy, the task force was able to direct resources toward high-priority offenders while maintaining the flexibility to act on new intelligence and enforcement opportunities developed throughout the operation.
The U.S. Marshals Service and its federal, state and local

partners remain committed to identifying, locating and apprehending violent fugitives; disrupting criminal organizations; removing illegal firearms and narcotics from communities; developing actionable intelligence; and working collaboratively to enhance public safety throughout the Southern District of Texas.
Photos of the operations can be found at flic.kr/s/aH8qjD3QB3.
The U.S. Marshals Service Gulf Coast Violent Offenders and Fugitives Task Force – Galveston, Southern District of Texas, is comprised of federal, state and local law enforcement partners working collaboratively to identify, locate and apprehend violent fugitives and enhance public safety. Operation Washout – Texas Tide was supported by law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies throughout Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston and Harris counties.

Lariaette of the Week, Sept. 10



The J. Frank Dobie Lariaette of the Week for the week of Sept. 10 is junior Olivia Treviño, a second-year member.

Beta Academy board of directors honors 2025–2026 teachers

Beta Academy’s board of directors recognized Marla Miller and Jordan Wade as the school’s two most outstanding teachers of the 2025–2026 academic year during its Sept. 10 board meeting. Miller received the prestigious Teacher of the Year award, while Wade received the Most Magical Teacher award across both campuses.
Selected for their exceptional commitment to scholars, innovative instruction,

and embodiment of Beta Academy’s “Joyful Rigor” educational model, the honorees have distinguished themselves as outstanding educators and leaders within the Beta community.
“Ms. Miller and Mr. Wade represent the very best of Beta Academy,” said Superintendent Latisha Andrews. “Their classrooms are places where scholars are challenged to achieve at high levels while feeling known, encouraged,

and inspired. We are grateful for the lasting difference they make in the lives of our scholars and families.”
During the 2025–2026 school year, Miller earned the exemplary Texas Teacher Incentive Allotment Master Teacher, one of the highest distinctions a teacher can earn. Year after year, she takes scholars who begin the year as struggling readers and transforms them into confident, successful readers, and

she does so creatively. This past year she transformed the Confetti Campus with her scholars’ Beta Parade, a showcase of balloon creations that brightened everyone’s day.
According to the board, Wade likewise creates outstanding academic results in the most magical way for scholars. He regularly transforms his classroom into amazing spaces, such as Civil War battlefields, Ancient

Egypt, and the settings of books his scholars read, as he artfully becomes the main characters. Both he and Miller have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to academic excellence, character development, and helping every scholar reach his or her fullest potential, says the board.
The board of directors formally recognized both teachers at its meeting on Thursday, Sept. 10, 2026, at Beta Academy.



Beta Academy’s board of directors has honored its outstanding teachers for 2025–2026. Pictured, left to right, are (front row) Jan Saunders, director; Jordan Wade, most magical teacher honoree; Marla Miller, teacher of the year; Anita Archer, director; Laurie Bricker, director, (back row) Tim King, board vice president; Daniel Neely, board president; and Latisha Andrews, superintendent and CEO.

Dobie names 2026 HoCo court



Dobie High School recently announced its 2026 homecoming court. Members were selected by their classmates to serve and represent the student body during homecoming festivities. The homecoming parade will take place at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, and will travel along Hall Road and Blackhawk Boulevard before returning to the Dobie High School parking lot. Left to right, are Cullen Ponder, Kendrick Ramos, Jayden Perdomo, Aracely Alvarado, Arianna Bermudez and Pretty McCoy.

Thompson begins new athletic season



The Thompson Intermediate cheer team supporting the football team in their new season includes members, left to right, (front row) Arianna Molina, Demi Rose Gaitan, Nathalia Blanc Chandelaria, Aubrey Barajas, Soraya Shah, Emilie Umanzor, (back row) Taryn Beason, Presley McMurphy, Sofia Nava, Gabriella Christensen, Amari Edwards, Olivia Cavazos and Melanie Charles.

Remember When

50 years ago (1976)
The Harris County Mosquito Control District confirmed mosquitoes carrying the St. Louis encephalitis (SLE) virus were found in the Sagemont and Ellington Air Force Base areas.
The Scarsdale Maintenance Committee lowered the tax rate for property owners.
Barbara Taylor of Sagemeadow and Steve Erickson of the Glenbrook Valley area were Junior Optimists for the month of September.

45 years ago (1981)
The Pasadena Independent School District made low-fat milk the only drink choice for students.
Would-be swindlers were operating locally with a scam including an envelope full of money. They tried to get the victim to put up his or her own money for a share of the cash.

40 years ago (1986)
The child of a Wood Meadow resident was exposed to pesticides from diapers purchased from the Walgreens on Scarsdale at Beamer. Walgreens settled for \$3,000 in civil penalties and \$1,000 a day for each day the contaminated diapers remained on the shelf.
Stuchbery was one of two PISD elementary schools serving students in the East Harris County Cooperative for Deaf Education, a state-funded project which allowed deaf students to be educated in public schools.
PISD enrollment figures,

based on the third day of attendance, showed an increase of only 40 students from the previous year across the district.
35 years ago (1991)
Construction began for a right turn lane west of Beamer at Scarsdale Boulevard.
Plans for the Brio toxic waste incinerator called for the plant to be built on a

piece of property just south of Brio and Dixie Oil Processing. Former Friendswood Mayor Ralph Lowe owned the property selected for the incinerator.
30 years ago (1996)
Former Houston City Councilman Frank Mancuso was released from Memorial Hospital Southeast after undergoing open-heart surgery.

Sgt. Marvin “Butch” Bryant, 44, of Constable Gary Freeman’s office, was fired after being arrested. Bryant was charged with possession of a prohibited weapon, namely, two machine guns, which he allegedly agreed to transport for \$2,000.
Crime Stoppers offered a \$1,000 reward for information leading to an arrest in

the death of South Belt resident Allen Harris, 39. Harris was riding his bicycle on Old Galveston Road when he was crushed against the guardrail by a vehicle. The unknown driver did not stop.
25 years ago (2001)
In approximately 10 hours, the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department collected more than \$16,000

which was sent to members of the New York City fire and police departments after the 9/11 attacks.
Members of the South Belt area showed caring, sympathy and patriotism. Some attended “See You at the Pole” prayer services held at local schools. A replica of a flag made by students of styrofoam cups was built in the fence at

Stuchbery Elementary.
20 years ago (2006)
Precinct 2 deputy constables made arrests for theft, drugs, a weapon violation and for outstanding warrants. One arrest alone cleared 11 local warrants.
Southwestern Bell began upgrading telephone lines in the South Belt area. The old lines had become obsolete and were being replaced with fiber optic cable lines.
CCISD’s Clean Living Encouragement and Responsibility members teamed up with the Bay Area Alliance for Youth and Families to host a family fun walk titled Assets in Motion held at Challenger 7 Memorial Park.

State Sen. Mike Jackson’s local office received a fake anthrax package in office mail on Sept. 11. The letter had a Lubbock postmark with the return address of an inmate.
15 years ago (2011)
A former Clear Brook teacher and Clear Springs High School teacher and volleyball coach was arrested on drug charges during a police raid on his League City home. Timothy Todd Porter, 45, was suspected of selling steroids and cocaine to students and others. His arrest was the result of a three-month investigation involving Friendswood police and Drug Enforcement Administration agents in Houston and Dallas.
A San Jacinto College soccer player was killed the

morning of Tuesday, Sept. 13, when the vehicle he was traveling in was involved in a traffic collision at Beamer and Astoria. According to the police, Jose Perez, 18, was a rear passenger of a BMW that allegedly ran a red light at the intersection, causing it to strike another vehicle and then flip over.
10 years ago (2016)
Easthaven Church celebrated its 75th anniversary. Begun as a mission of First Baptist Church of South Houston, then-Easthaven Baptist Church had its first gathering on Easter 1941 in the home of Herman Head, who would later also donate property on Edgebrook to house the new church. Pastors over the years include Fred Sanderlin; R.H. McCroskey; J.P. Graham; W.C. Koonce; Buford E. Cain; Michael Collins; Dr. Bruce Prescott; and current Pastor Kevin J. Rizer.
5 years ago (2021)
The South Belt community was spared the

brunt of Hurricane Nicholas, with minimal damage being reported locally. Downed fences and branches accounted for most of the physical damage. The only other problem reported was loss of electricity to approximately 150 Sagemeadow homes.
A man was stabbed Wednesday, Sept. 8, outside an apartment complex in the 1400 block of Redford. The victim, David Diaz, 31, was transported to an area hospital in an unknown condition. No immediate arrests were made.
1 year ago (2025)
The Leader and Sagemont Civic Club received multiple complaints from area residents Thursday, Sept. 4, about an American flag being removed from a Sagemont esplanade to make room for a garage sale sign. Many residents complained the action was disrespectful and a desecration to the flag, which was laid down on the ground.



Over The Back Fence by Nicole

SCHOOL DAZE
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Sept. 17 through Sept. 23.
Atkinson Elementary
Sing a melody of a happy birthday song to **Gustavo Cadena** Sept. 20.
Burnett Elementary
On Sept. 20, birthday wishes are sent to **Maricela Escamilla**. **Sonya Robledo** celebrates a birthday Sept. 23.
Bush Elementary
The day for a birthday gift for **Vanessa Varner** is Sept. 22.
Genoa Elementary
Abigail Ortega enjoys a birthday Sept. 22.
Hancock Elementary
Send a special birthday greeting Sept. 20 to **Qualan Opico**.
Moore Elementary
Sept. 20 is the day for a party for **Maria Acosta** and **Mats Holmqvist**.
South Belt Elementary
The day for cake and ice cream for

Raquel Hersh is Sept. 22.
Stuchbery Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles Sept. 18 for **Enrique Macias**. September 21 is the day for a party for **Cindy Garcia**.
Dobie High
Send birthday wishes Sept. 17 to **Patricia Johnson**. Light the birthday candles Sept. 20 for **Reginald Rice** and **David Janda**. Share a slice of a double-layer cake Sept. 21 with **Jermaine Gasaway** and **Manuel Moreno**. September 22 is the day for a party for **Lisa Murphy**. **Denice Smajstrla** celebrates a birthday on Sept. 23.
FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
Thursday, Sept. 17: **Michael Nevills**, **Fauna Santos**, **Alice Mireles**, **Xavier Sustaita**, **Jose Ochoa**, **Reggie Godbolt**, **Sandy Muse**, **Dean Konrad**, **Letty Lopez**, **Tracy Dukes**, **Sandra Sankey** and **Tara Johnston**; Friday, Sept. 18: **Carey Holder**, **Cathy Cox**, **Anthony Virgadamo** and **Leslie Cockerham**; Saturday, Sept. 19: **Tasha Ford**, **Diane Martinez**, **Carlos**

Melcher, **Stacy Mayberry**, **Elyse Totten**, **Jo Ann Minchew**, **Porsche Lancelin**, **Roe Moreno**, **Rita Hernandez**, **David Bergeron**, **Gracie Bires**, **Michelle Griffin**, **Marisa Hartley**, **LaToya Oliver** and **Brittany Swanson**; Sunday, Sept. 20: **Bren Duh**, **Freddy Silva**, **Rebecca Sanchez**, **Doris Zacks**, **Nancy Naquin**, **Peggy Bennett**, **Keith Mercado**, **Sandra Buchman**, **Manuel Guerrero**, **Ricky Aquino**, **Dawn Sharpe** and **Catherine Windsor**; Monday, Sept. 21: **John Neal**, **Laura Arispe**, **J. Cruz Aannette**, **Cesar D’Agostino**, **Kim Kapsiak**, **Jennifer Paling**, **Susan Kim** and **April Carson**; Tuesday, Sept. 22: **Joe Garza**, **Larry Swann**, **Michael Rummel**, **Shawnie Moses** and **Gwen Ohman**; and Wednesday, Sept. 23: **Marcus Anthony**, **Carla McKay**, **Cheney Tamez**, **Gloria Tran**, **Cynthia Rodriguez** and **Lauren Allen**.
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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Longhorns turn attention to Texans after loss to Pearland

The Dobie varsity football team has turned its attention to the Sam Rayburn Texans as both programs will look to bounce back from opening-week defeats in league play. JFD fans will sit on the visitor side of the Veterans Stadium in Pasadena as the Texans host the Longhorns Sept. 18, beginning at 7 p.m.

The visiting Longhorns will be aiming to quickly turn the page after a 49-10 defeat at the hands of Pearland, while the Texans will try to get back on track after losing a 38-7 decision to the Brazoswood Buccaneers. Both the Longhorns and Texans stand at 1-2 overall heading into the game.

Dobie gave up just 15 points to Clear Springs in a 17-15 in victory to open its season but has subsequently allowed 96 total points and losses to Alief Taylor and Pearland. Junior running back Adrian Taylor, as hoped, has been a terrific performer to this point in the season. Taylor, expected to be a focal point of the offense for the Longhorns from his tailback spot, has been just that.

Pearland's Royce Swan leads the district in rushing with 462 total yards, but Taylor is just behind Swan with 413 yards of his own on 53 carries, averaging 7.79 yd per tote. Fellow Junior running back Tyler Owens has picked up the pace of late and has rushed for 163 yards on just 22 carries as the two running backs have provided a great deal of offense for the Longhorns.

Rayburn's Daniel Saucedo is sixth in the district in rushing as he has gained 276 yards on 35 carries, scoring a pair of touchdowns. Joshua Slater of Rayburn has also played well for the Texans as he has rushed for 174

yards on 32 carries while scoring twice, and junior Tyrone Smith has gotten in on the action for Sam Rayburn with 106 yards on just eight carries.

The series dates back to the late 1960s when Dobie opened, and the Longhorns have had plenty of success head-to-head against the Texans. Now, the Longhorns are intent on getting back to the postseason after a 5-5

overall run of things in 2025 kept the locals from advancing. However, the Longhorns are taking a week-to-week approach this season and will be firmly focused on taking out the Texans this go-around.

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Dobie's Marco Rincon (17) tries to elude Pearland safety Aric Cook (27) during second half action as the Longhorns and Oilers clashed in the 19-6A varsity football opener for both programs Sept. 10 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Photo by Kendrick Ramos



Longhorn junior running back Adrian Taylor (9) scored the lone touchdown of the game for his team as Pearland went on to defeat the locals 49-10 as the two longtime district competitors met to open league play. Photo by Kelvin Lopez

JFD boys' cross-country wins at La Porte; locals to host Dobie Stampede Sept. 17

The Dobie varsity boys' cross-country team has again made a big statement as the postseason portion of the schedule nears as the Longhorns scored the team championship at the La Porte-hosted Bulldog Invitational Sept. 11 at Northwest Park.

Once again, it was the junior tandem of Cruz Jasso and Jordan Roman leading the way for the Longhorns in the 5,000-meter event.

Jasso who boosted his resume as a bonafide individual regional contender, was the overall gold medalist at La Porte as he

made his way to the finish line in a time of 15 minutes, 56.02 seconds.

Roman, continuing his best stretch of the season, ran stride for stride with Jacob Fenger of Clear Falls. At the tape, Fenger nipped Roman for second place, with Fenger in at 16:31.41. Roman was third at 16:31.43.

Matthew Dunn, who has had a tremendous final season with the Longhorns, placed in a time of 17:15.90, with 26th place and a time of 17:30.30 going to Longhorn sophomore Jaden Moron.

Jorge Rodriguez was Dobie's fifth official scorer as his time of 17:48.02 placed him 38th.

Also for Dobie, Angel Montiel delivered a clocking of 18:08.62 for 52nd place, and Ruben Flores was 54th as he was in at 18:10.63. Josiah Wilkins of Dobie, a sophomore, was 56th as his time of 18:12.37 added to the Longhorns' exceptional morning in La Porte.

As for the final team standings, Dobie was easily the team champion with a low of 79, followed by host La Porte with 101 and Clear Falls third with 104.

The JFD varsity girls wound up fifth in the overall team standings as the postseason nears.

Dobie seemingly has been following the Manvel twins, Jannie Cardenas and Jessica Cardenas around town at various meets for much of the season.

At La Porte, Jannie Cardenas was the top medalist as she was first to the finish line at 18:13.32 followed by her sister, Jessica Cardenas, who produced a time of 18:17.03. As they have

done for much of the season, senior Aracely Alvarado and freshman Sophia Charles paced the Longhorns.

Alvarado was Dobie's top finisher in the time of 20:14.18, and Charles was next, ninth with her time of 20:29.58.

Cecilia Bogany, another freshman standout for the Longhorns along with Marley Manriquez, both came through big for the locals. Bogany's time of 22:38.95 was 38th overall, while Manriquez was in at 22:54.91 for 43rd place.

The Longhorns' Esmeralda Martinez, a sophomore (22:38.04), and junior Destiny Sidiropoulos (23:40.14), were 53rd and 54th, respectively.

Longhorn sophomore Ivaneer Morales came up with a terrific effort as she was 63rd overall with a time of 24:06.45.

With the district championships drawing closer by the week, the Longhorns will host their annual Stampede event on the main campus Sept. 17.



Junior teammates Cruz Jasso (left) and Jordan Roman combined to help lead the Dobie varsity boys' cross-country team to the team championship at the Bulldog Invitational in La Porte. Jasso was the overall gold medalist, while Roman finished third overall.

Dobie hosts Longhorn Stampede

Sept. 17, 7 a.m. at Dobie main

Dobie at South Houston Tune-Up

Sept. 25, 7:15 a.m. at Crenshaw Park



Salazar, 20th at freshman boys' event; Matthew Dunn, 16th at varsity level; Jordan Roman, third at varsity level; Mia Chavez, 12 at junior varsity level; Ava Flores, 21st at junior varsity level; Sofia Charles, eighth at varsity level; Aracely Alvarado, seventh at varsity level and Jasso.

JFD football vs. Rayburn Sept. 18, 7 p.m. PISD Veterans

LSA varsity football starts 4-0

The Lutheran South Academy varsity football program has enjoyed a perfect 4-0 start to the regular season following a convincing 49-14 victory over host St. John's Sept. 11.

The Pioneers jumped out to a 21-7 advantage after one quarter of action, but then saw St John's get within 21-13 at halftime before a big 21-0 surge in the third quarter allowed the locals to pull away.

Dedric Polk led the way for the Pioneers as he rushed for 262 yards and six touchdowns in the game. Polk is now averaging more than 173 yards rushing per game and has produced 16 overall touchdowns as the Pioneers have outscored their opponents by a combined 203-55 to this point in the season.

Brook runs on the beach

The Clear Brook cross-country program competed at the 2026 Galveston Island Beach Run Sept. 11 at the East Beach Pavilion. Along the way, several of the Wolverine varsity girls' competitors stood out in the 5,000-meter event.

Sophomore Xiomara Vasquez was 30th overall in a time of 23 minutes, 10.18 seconds.

Also for Clear Brook, sophomore Olivia Guillen placed 105th as she clocked in at 25:56.7. Sophomore Emily Harrell was in at 26:23.4 for 125th place, and freshman Andrea Pando finished in a time of 28:45.9. Junior Hope Taylor competed for Clear Brook in the junior varsity event that covered two miles as she was in at a time of 15:11.7 for 13th place. Freshman Janelsi Baltazar finished at 17:04.2 for 68th place.

Springs wins Remembering Ike title

Clear Springs outlasted Friendswood 10-9 in the championship match of the annual Remembering Ike varsity team tennis tournament, hosted by Dobie. Fort Bend Austin captured third place by way of an 11-8 triumph over Ridge Point, and Dickinson took fifth place following a 14-5 victory over host Dobie. In the seventh place match, La Porte squeezed past Galveston Ball by a 10-9 count.

In other results leading up to the trophy round, Dobie defeated La Porte 10-8 and Dickinson defeated Galveston Ball 15-4. Clear Springs made its way to the final, courtesy of 18-1 and 9-0 victories over Ridge Point and La Porte, respectively. Friendswood's route to the championship match included an 11-8 victory over Fort Bend Austin as well as a 15-4 win over Dickinson. Fort Bend Austin also downed Galveston Ball 16-3.



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BAFL Weekly Standings

Peewee Division			
Team	W	L	T
Hurricanes	5	0	0
Pearland Texans	4	0	1
Wildcats	4	0	0
Panthers	4	1	0
Red Raiders	4	1	0
Manvel Texans	3	2	0
Braves	3	2	0
Cowboys	2	2	1
Buccaneers	2	2	0
Chargers	2	2	0
Gators	2	3	0
Stingrays	2	3	0
49ers	2	3	0
Patriots	1	3	0
Sharks	1	3	0
Eagles	0	5	0
Longhorns	0	5	0
La Porte Texans	0	4	0

Freshman Division			
Team	W	L	T
49ers	5	0	0
Red Raiders	4	1	0
Stingrays	4	1	0
Manvel Texans	4	1	0
Pearland Texans	4	1	0
Wildcats	3	1	0
Hurricanes	3	2	0
Panthers	3	2	0
Chargers	2	2	0
Patriots	2	2	0
Cowboys	2	3	0
Eagles	2	3	0
Buccaneers	1	3	0
Gators	1	4	0
Longhorns	1	4	0
Sharks	1	3	0
Braves	0	5	0
La Porte Texans	0	4	0

Sophomore Division			
Team	W	L	T
Red Raiders	5	0	0
Panthers	4	0	1
49ers	4	1	0
Chargers	3	1	0
Manvel Texans	4	1	0
Stingrays	3	1	1
Gators	3	2	0
Hurricanes	3	2	0
Pearland Texans	3	2	0
Wildcats	3	1	0
Sharks	2	2	0
Buccaneers	1	3	0
Braves	1	4	0
Eagles	1	4	0
Patriots	1	3	0
Cowboys	0	5	0
Longhorns	0	5	0
La Porte Texans	0	4	0

Junior Division			
Team	W	L	T
Cowboys	5	0	0
Manvel Texans	5	0	0
Buccaneers	4	0	0
Panthers	4	1	0
Stingrays	4	1	0
Chargers	3	1	0
49ers	3	2	0
Gators	3	2	0
Red Raiders	3	2	0
Braves	2	3	0
Pearland Texans	2	3	0
Hurricanes	1	4	0
Patriots	1	3	0
Sharks	1	3	0
Wildcats	1	3	0
Eagles	0	5	0
Longhorns	0	5	0
La Porte Texans	0	4	0

Senior Division			
Team	W	L	T
Pearland Texans	5	0	0
La Porte Texans	4	0	0
49ers	4	1	0
Gators	4	1	0
Manvel Texans	4	1	0
Buccaneers	3	1	0
Chargers	3	1	0
Sharks	3	1	0
Wildcats	3	1	0
Patriots	2	2	0
Hurricanes	2	3	0
Stingrays	2	3	0
Eagles	2	3	0
Longhorns	1	4	0
Braves	0	5	0
Cowboys	0	5	0
Panthers	0	5	0
Red Raiders	0	5	0

BAFL Week 5

Cowboys’ PW 13
Chargers 6

Cowboys’ Fr. 7
Chargers 6

Cowboys’ Soph. 0
Chargers 56

Cowboys’ Jrs. 44
Chargers 0

Cowboys’ Srs. 19
Chargers 24

BAFL Week 6

Cowboys’ Peewee at
Red Raiders, 8 a.m.

Cowboys’ Freshmen
at Red Raiders,
9:30 a.m.

Cowboys’
Sophomores at Red
Raiders, 11:30 a.m.

Cowboys’ Juniors
at Red Raiders,
1:30 p.m.

Cowboys’ Seniors
at Red Raiders,
3:30 p.m.

South Belt
football
predictions

				
John Bechtle	Emory Gadd	Stephen Sutton	Debbie Vaughn	
Dobie vs Rayburn	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie
Pearland vs Dawson	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland
Kingwood at CE King	CE King	CE King	CE King	CE King
Clear Falls at Barbers Hill	Barbers Hill	Barbers Hill	Barbers Hill	Barbers Hill
Deer Park at Clear Brook	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park
South Houston at Angleton	Angleton	Angleton	Angleton	Angleton
Goose Creek Memorial at La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte
Baytown Sterling hosts Lufkin	Lufkin	Lufkin	Lufkin	Baytown Sterling
Galveston Ball at Port Arthur Memorial	Port Arthur Memorial	Port Arthur Memorial	Port Arthur Memorial	Port Arthur Memorial
Lutheran South at Austin St. Michael’s	Lutheran South	Lutheran South	Austin St Michael’s	Lutheran South
Last Week’s Results	7-3	8-2	7-3	6-4
Season record	20-10	22-8	19-11	19-11

Cowboys tackle La Marque Chargers



A La Marque player tries to recapture the football while being pursued by Cowboys’ junior division defenders, from left, Max Taylor (7), Adrien West (14) and Dallas Clark (19).



Lathen Piquet (2) of the Sagemont Cowboys’ junior division squad races toward the end zone for an eventual touchdown as the Cowboys took on the La Marque Chargers Sept. 12 at El Franco Lee Park.

Photos by David Flickinger



In junior division action at El Franco Lee Park, Sagemont Cowboys’ junior defensive players Chad Bimage Jr. (0), Bryce Starks (28) and Dallas Clark (19) chased a La Marque fumble. Starks recovered the fumble for the Cowboys.

18-6A varsity football title chase could be wide open

In what has been a sluggish start to the District 18-6A varsity football race, the push to become the eventual league champion just may be as wide open as ever. Newcomer Barbers Hill has been exceptional out of the gate, as have the Deer Park Deer as both programs have run out to 3-0 starts heading into league action.

Barbers Hill, competing at the Class 6A level for the first time, has delivered three consecutive lopsided victories while jumping out to a perfect start. The Eagles, who will host Clear Falls Sept. 18 to open district play at Eagle Stadium, outscored non-

district opponents Aldine Nimitz, Crosby and Dayton by a combined 123-50.

It must be pointed out that the Eagles’ three non-district opponents combined for just a 3-6 record in the opening three weeks of the season, but strength of schedule arguments will have to be saved until after the season.

Deer Park, which will begin 18-6A action at Clear Brook Sept. 17 at Challenger Columbia Stadium, also has come through with a perfect 3-0 start. The Deer own victories over Pearland Dawson, La Porte and Kingwood and have allowed just 24 overall points in

three games with *Dave Campbell’s Texas Football* magazine preseason defensive Most Valuable Player choice Michael Benavidez leading the way. Offensively, second-year returning starter Haden LaFrenz has been sensational at quarterback in running an offense that has scored 121 points in three games.

With the Deer going up against Clear Brook, Clear Lake, Clear Springs and Clear Creek in their first four district games, it is very possible that coach Austin Flynn’s group could very well go 7-0 leading into an Oct. 23 game at Dickinson.

Barbers Hill and Dickinson certainly have been the talk of the league through the opening three weeks. Dickinson, which is the defending champion of the former 24-6A division that encompassed each of the current teams within 18-6A plus Barbers Hill, is off to a winless start through the first three weeks.

It is the first time that the Gators have opened a season with three losses since anyone can remember, however, it must be stated that Dickinson’s strength of schedule out of the gate has been as elite as anyone’s.

Dickinson’s opponents of Fort Bend Ridge Point, Katy and Atascocita will no doubt all earn playoff berths down the line and to this point have combined for eight victories in nine games.

At Dickinson, head coach John Snelson’s

team has struggled while integrating numerous first-year varsity starters. Standout quarterback Lorenzo Aguirre is one of the finest signal callers in the Houston area but has been susceptible to the interception early on this year as the Gators have struggled to produce a successful running game to this point.

Even still, high school football fans would be foolish to discount Dickinson as an eventual postseason qualifier.

The respective 1-2 starts for Clear Falls and Clear Springs also has to have left many observers a bit surprised.

Both the Knights and Chargers have been regular postseason qualifiers for quite some time and still could very well be right there in the mix. Yet to this point, the Knights have simply surrendered too many points on defense.

Clear Falls has given up 126 points in three games despite coming away with a 42-35 victory over Fort Bend Elkins Sept. 10 to avoid an 0-3 start. Head coach Zach Head’s group on the defensive side simply has to play better.

With the aforementioned road game against Barbers Hill kicking off league action, Clear Falls will no doubt need a tremendous effort to avoid an 0-1 start to 18-6A action.

Clear Springs, which will go against Clear Creek Sept. 18 at Clear Creek ISD Veterans Memorial stadium, needs to find some answers on offense.

District 18-6A Opening Week

*Barbers Hill hosts Clear Falls
Sept. 18, 7 p.m.
at Eagle Stadium*

*Clear Brook hosts Deer Park
Sept. 17, 7 p.m.
at Challenger Columbia*

*Clear Springs hosts Clear Creek
Sept. 18, 7 p.m.
at Challenger Columbia*

*Clear Lake hosts Dickinson
Sept. 18, 7 p.m.
at CCISD Veterans*



Deer Park junior quarterback Haden LaFrenz (5) and his teammates leaped over three non-district opponents to get off to a perfect start heading into league play. The Deer will visit Clear Brook to begin 18-6A action Sept. 17 at Challenger Columbia Stadium.

The Falcons, who have scored 104 points through three games, will no doubt face a tough challenge when they host Dickinson to open 18-6A action Sept. 18 at CCISD Veterans Stadium.

Clear Creek lost a pair of games to begin its season while surrendering 76 overall points but then bounced back to hammer an outmanned Channelview squad 47-9.

The Wildcats, therefore, will enter their league opener against Clear Springs with plenty of confidence.

Clear Brook began its season with a bang, getting a last-second field goal from Ricardo Posito to defeat Aldine.

Since then, however, the Wolverines have dropped two games while surrendering 106 points. In its final nondistrict contest, Clear Brook went toe-to-toe with Cypress Ridge before falling 35-30.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7 a.m. **AA Meeting** – “Breakfast With Bill,” Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Hope Community United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit https://aahouston.org/meetings/.

7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** – Check website for time and location https://pearlandrotary.com/events/calendar or call 832-293-9860.

9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** – Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Open Tues. – Sat., 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call Karen Hollon at 713-472-0565 for appointment. Tours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7 a.m. **AA Meeting** – “Breakfast With Bill.” See Thursday's notice.

9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** – See Thursday's notice.

Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** – **Imperfect Nooners Group**, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300 for more information. Meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** – Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/. Meets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

7 p.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** – All services are live and on Zoom. For details regarding services or Judaism classes, visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.

8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** – meets at Cross Roads UMC Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.

8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** – meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** – “Breakfast With Bill.” See Thursday's notice.

9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** – See Thursday's notice.

9:30 a.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** – See Friday's notice.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8 a.m./10:15 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** – has worship Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., Wednes-

day at 7 p.m. (Bible study, Book of Revelation, at 6 p.m.) and Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., 11456 Space Center Blvd. (in back of a medical/retail community). For details, call 281-479-7285 and leave a message, or stop by.

5:30 p.m. **Celebrate Recovery** – A faith-based 12-Step program, in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 5125 Preston Ave. Pasadena, TX 77505. Call 713-419-2635 for details.

8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** – See Friday's notice.

8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** – See Friday's notice.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** – **Imperfect Nooners Group**. See Friday's notice.

5 p.m. **New Directions Singles Social Group** is a singles group for those 55+. Meetings are the first and third Monday held in the community room at Maplewood Crossing, 600 Hobbs Road, League City. There will a potluck dinner and may include group activities. For further information, call Carol at 281-508-1663. See Facebook page: New Directions Singles Social Group.

6 p.m. **Scrabble Club #511** – Meets Monday at Denny's, 19212 Gulf Freeway. Join the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Email huff_reunion@juno.com for info.

7 p.m. **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** – #0683 Friendswood chapter meets at Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. For information, call Lynette Ringrose at 832-858-4617 or Dorothy Pourteau at 713-875-8820.

7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)**. See Friday's notice.

7 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** – St. Luke's Group 12-Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7 p.m. in the education Bldg. in room 4, at 11011 Hall Rd. Call 832-725-8479 or 281-309-2801.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

7 a.m. **AA Meeting** – “Breakfast With Bill.” See Thursday's notice.

9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** – See Thursday's notice.

10 a.m. Join Wise Owls on every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. For companionship and games at, United Methodist Church, 12501 Palmsprings Dr. in Houston. Call Shirley at 713-449-9959.

11:30 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** – See Sunday's notice.

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. **Southeast Houston Toastmasters** – The Southeast Houston Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets virtually with the exception of the second and fourth Tuesdays (hybrid meeting) at seahouston.toastmastersclubs.org and in-person at

10500 Scarsdale Blvd. (SB Chamber of Commerce). Visit the website or call Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 for information.

7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** – See Friday's notice.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

7 a.m. **AA Meeting** – “Breakfast With Bill.” See Thursday's notice.

9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** – See Thursday's notice.

Carmelites – a nondenominational senior citizen social group meeting at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real, in Clear Lake on the first and third Wednesdays for a time filled with fun, fellowship, lending library with books and puzzles, coffee and bingo. The meetings are open to those ages 55 and older, with no dues. Day trips and extended trips available. Deposits are now being taken for Poland. For details, call Marilyn at 713-444-6744.

Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** – **Imperfect Nooners Group**. See Friday's notice.

Noon **Ballroom Dancing** – casual ballroom dance, open to the public, held every Wednesday afternoon from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 East League City Parkway, League City. Everyone is welcome to come with or without a partner. The dance itself is free as music is provided by volunteer, Neva Schroder. The city requires an activity card for participants in all of the city's many activities. Call the park office (281-554-1180) for answers to any questions regarding the activity card. Visitors are welcome to walk in to observe or participate.

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7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** – See Friday's notice.

8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** – See Friday's notice.

8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** – See Friday's notice.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

7 a.m. **AA Meeting** – “Breakfast With Bill,” Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Hope Community United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit https://aahouston.org/meetings/.

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The Beverly Hills Intermediate eighth-grade girls' athletics Athlete of the Week for the week ending Sept. 11 was Emely Rabago.



The Beverly Hills Intermediate eighth-grade boys' athletics Athlete of the Week for the week ending Sept. 11 was Matthew Garcia.



The Beverly Hills Intermediate seventh-grade girls' athletics Athlete of the Week for the week ending Sept. 11 was Isabella Alvarez.



The Beverly Hills Intermediate seventh-grade boys' athletics Athlete of the Week for the week ending Sept. 4 was Caleb Gutierrez.



The Beverly Hills Intermediate eighth-grade girls' athletics Athlete of the Week for the week ending Sept. 4 was Yana Cleckley.



The Beverly Hills Intermediate eighth-grade boys' athletics Athlete of the Week for the week ending Sept. 4 was Isaiah Shepherd.

Beverly Hills 8B football off to solid start



Beverly Hills Intermediate eighth-grade B football player Tommy Nguyen (14) delivered a big run on the offensive side of things as the Bears took on Miller in Pasadena ISD action. It is still early in the district season, but to this point the entire Beverly Hills program has been playing solid football under the direction of head coach Joseph Peterson and his staff.

Photos by David Flickinger

Beverly Hills eighth-grade B division running back Kristopher Prevost (35) looks for big yardage on a running play against the Miller Falcons as offensive lineman Nicholas Nguyen (60) provides blocking on the play. Prevost and his teammates have come together nicely to this point in the season as the Bears have enjoyed a great deal of success.



Oilers take down Dobie 49-10 to open 19-6A action

Continued from page 5
Pearland captured its 10th consecutive district victory dating back to the 2025 season by getting past the Longhorns 49-10 in what was effectively the 19-6A opener across the league.

Swan got things going early on for the Oilers as he helped cap off their opening 52-yard drive as he bounded into the end zone from one yard out with 6:25 to go in the first quarter.

The Oilers would extend things to 14-0 later in the quarter as quarterback Caleb Smith opened the drive with a deep ball down the middle to Lance Goree for a 52-yard pickup to set up shop at the JFD 20-yard line.

From there, Swan went for four yards on first down, then Smith tossed an incompletion on second down.

On a key third-down play, Swan found an opening down the left side and rambled for a first-and-goal at the Longhorns 7-yard line.

Smith then threw a fade pass to Washington for a 7-yard touchdown pass as Pearland jumped in front 14-0 with 2:55 to go in the opening quarter.

Midway through the second quarter, the Oilers pushed their advantage to 21-0 as Smith found Johnson in the back of the end zone out of the bunch formation, with Johnson reeling in the 1-yard pass for another touchdown.

Down three scores, Dobie responded in the final five minutes of the half. Markeith Smith had a key third-down reception to keep a drive going, and a Pearland personal foul call helped things as JFD was able to set up shop at the Oiler 11-yard line with just over a minute to go in the half.

Unfortunately for the locals, Jaden Palmer of Pearland got free for a quarterback sack that pushed the Longhorns back to the 20.

After using their second time-out of the first half, the Longhorns got a big completion down the left side from Hernandez to Smith as the Longhorns moved down to the 7-yard line with 36 ticks remaining.

On third-and-6, Taylor burst out of a tackle at the line of scrimmage and raced into the end zone for a touchdown on what was truly a terrific individual play. Nathanael Campos

added the conversion kick as the locals got within 21-7 heading into halftime.

It was Taylor's fourth rushing touchdown of the season as the Longhorns headed into the second 24-minute session two scores down.

Opening the second half with possession of a football, Pearland needed just five plays to travel 62 yards to paydirt for a 28-7 advantage. Smith lofted at a pass toward the end zone that became a jump ball between a couple of Dobie defenders and Oiler tight end K.J. Johnson, with Johnson coming down with the ball for the score.

At that point, Pearland again assumed control of the action with 9:20 to go in the third quarter.

Pearland made a bid for more points midway through the quarter but lost possession of the ball as the Longhorns' Christopher Mitchell alertly came up with an interception in the end zone on a bit of a trick play by the Oilers. Taylor immediately put his team in a favorable position, busting off a 64-yard run down the right side line to the Pearland 16-yard line.

From there, Taylor had

a second down pickup of seven yards down to the 9-yard line, but on third down the Longhorns came up short of the line to gain on an end around from Owens and settled for a 25-yard field goal from Campos that made the score 28-10 with 3:42 to go in the third quarter.

The fourth quarter belonged to the visitors as the Oilers tacked on 21 additional points to extend the margin of victory and win a 14th consecutive regular season game dating back to 2024.

Through three games, Pearland has scored 136 points and surrendered just 27. The Oilers will face a tough challenge Sept. 18

at The Rig in Pearland as they go against Dawson, which has opened the season at 1-2 overall but has scored 116 points over its three games.

Pearland is second in the district in total offense with 442 yards per game and has rushed for a league-high of 903 yards through three games. Swan, a junior, leads the district in rushing with 462 yards on just 56 carries.

Teammate Ryan Miller has rushed for 199 yards on 23 carries. Swan and Miller have combined to score nine touchdowns. In the air, Smith has passed for 347 yards while completing 33 of 48 throws for five touchdowns.

Pasadena Memorial at Alvin
Sept. 18, 7 p.m.

AISD Veterans Memorial

Brazoswood at Shadow Creek
Sept. 18, 7 p.m. Freedom Field

Pearland vs. Dawson
Sept. 18, 7 p.m. The Rig



Markeith Smith (14) came up with several big grabs for the Longhorns during their district opener Sept. 10 against Pearland, and Smith will no doubt look to be more involved as Dobie continues its run in district action.

Photo by Kelvin Lopez



Dobie defensive back David Harris (2) challenges Pearland's Lance Goree for a pass in the end zone during the two teams' clash Sept. 10 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Pearland got the upper hand on the Longhorns early on and went on to cruise to a 49-10 victory.

Photo by Kelvin Lopez

At right, Dobie running backs, from left, Tyler Owens, Ezekial West and Adrian Taylor combined to give the Dobie varsity football program a variety of options offensively. As the locals make a move toward the postseason the rest of the way in 19-6A play, the trio will play key roles. Taylor's 413 yards rushing is second in the district, and Owens has added 163.

Photo by Gloria Wallace



JFD volleyball hunts victories

The Dobie varsity volleyball team went into 19-6A action Sept. 15 after press time against Pasadena Memorial holding a 14-15 overall record, including 2-3 in district play. Senior Alyssa Espinoza, who earlier this season surpassed 500 career kills for her career, leads the way to this point with 197 kills, while senior Mahoganii Davis is second on the team with 144 heading into play against the Mavericks. Freshman

Neriah LeBlanc is third on the team with 132 kills and senior Brianna Huesca has 119.

Defensively, Ally Garza leads the way with 339 digs, while Junior Riese Rackley has 157 and Allison Walker, a senior, has 150. Espinoza is second on the team with 217 digs. Rackley and Alyssa Goree have shared setting duties, with Rackley leading the way with 310 assists and Goree having delivered 217.

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