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Register to vote by Oct. 5

The last day to register for the general election is Oct. 5. All registrations must be postmarked that day or turned into the Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector's office by 4:30 p.m. For information, visit www.hctx.net/voter/registration.

Check 10-1 for flood photos

Due to space limitations in this week's edition, the Leader will not be publishing any photos of the extensive area flooding associated with Tropical Storm Beta. See next week's Leader for flood photos of the South Belt community. See related story this page.

Knights sell BBQ

Knights of Columbus will host a barbecue sandwich sale Saturday, Sept. 26, and Sunday, Sept. 27, at St. Luke's Catholic Church. Sandwiches, chips and drink are \$8. Sale will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or until food runs out. Call Richard Valdez at 713-542-1760 for details.

COVID numbers decrease

At press time, Sept. 23, a total of 41 South Belt residents had been confirmed dead from COVID-19, according to Harris County officials. That number is up five from the previous week. Not all deaths, however, necessarily occurred last week, as the state's confirmation process often delays the county's tabulating. Additionally, the number of individuals who are reported as having recovered from the disease may also be delayed. (See chart on Page 6.) Of the 1,792 confirmed cases in 77089, 274 remain active, while 1,502 have recovered from the virus. To date, 16 from the ZIP code have died from the disease – up one from last week.

In 77075, 319 of the 1,336 confirmed cases remain active, while 1,003 have recovered. A total of 14 from the ZIP code have died – up one from last week.

Of the 1,476 confirmed cases in 77034, 357 remain active, while 1,108 have recovered from the disease. To date, 11 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, up three from the previous week.

According to Harris County Public Health officials, the vast majority of the fatalities suffered from preexisting health issues.

Countywide, there are 138,473 total confirmed cases. Of those, 119,304 have recovered from the disease, while 17,431 cases remain active. A total of 1,734 deaths have been reported in Harris County.

Statistics are updated daily and include numbers from within both the Houston city limits and throughout Harris County. To view an interactive map, visit publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Resources/2019-Novel-Coronavirus.

Kirkwood Civic meets Sept. 24

The Kirkwood Civic Association will hold a conference call meeting Thursday, Sept. 24, at 7 p.m. The dial-in number is 605-475-6006; access code: 4382419. Visit the Kirkwood Civic Club Facebook page for details or call Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.

Beltway closures planned

At least one northbound and one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Vista to SH 225 daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. through Thursday, Oct. 8. At least one northbound and one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Vista to SH 225 nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Thursday, Oct. 8. At least one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from San Augustine to Red Bluff continuously through 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27.

At least one eastbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed at Kirby daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Monday, Oct. 5.

At least one westbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed at Kirby nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Monday, Oct. 5.

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

Gulf Freeway closures set

The northbound exit ramp on the Gulf Freeway at NASA Bypass/ NASA Road 1 will be closed through 5 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 31.

At least one lane of the northbound and southbound entrance ramp from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96 and exit ramp from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96 will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Thursday, Dec. 31.

Two alternate lanes on the Gulf Freeway frontage road will be closed from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96/League City Parkway daily from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Dec. 31.

At least one alternate main lane and one frontage road lane on both the northbound and southbound sides of the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 518 to FM 517 daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Wednesday, Sept. 30.

There will be a total closure at the southbound IH 610 connector ramp at the Gulf Freeway through 5 a.m. Monday, Sept. 28.

The northbound connector ramp from the Gulf Freeway to the IH 610 South Loop, along with one inside lane, will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Thursday, Dec. 31.

At least two alternate main lanes and frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from IH 610 South Loop to Broad Street nightly from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. through Thursday, Dec. 31.

The northbound and southbound entrance ramp from IH 610 South Loop to Broad Street and the northbound and southbound exit ramp from IH 610 South Loop to Broad Street will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. through Dec. 31.

The closures are associated with an ongoing construction project to widen the freeway from three to five lanes in each direction and frontage roads from two to three lanes in each direction.

Beta floods South Belt streets; homes survive

Tropical Storm Beta hit the South Belt area hard earlier this week, causing extensive street flooding in the community.

The storm made landfall over the Matagorda Bay Peninsula late Monday, before being downgraded to a tropical depression the following day.

Despite Beta having sustained winds of 40 mph, it was the storm's slow speed and pockets of heavy rain that had the most impact locally.

While the storm produced rains in the area for roughly 48 hours, by far the most precipitation was received on Monday, with some parts of the South Belt community reporting as much as 12 inches of rain. Street flooding, however, continued well into Wednesday in some parts of the community.

According to the Harris County Flood Control District, the rain gauge at Clear Creek and FM 1959/Dixie Farm Road (near Blackhawk) recorded 12.12 inches of rainfall on Monday – the highest in the immediate area. Both the rain gauge at the Beamer Road Ditch at Hughes Road and Turkey Creek at FM 1959/Dixie Farm Road recorded roughly 9.5 inches of rain on Monday. The two sites recorded just

under 2 inches on Tuesday. All area thoroughfares were affected by the storm, with flooding taking place on Fuqua, Beltway 8, Hall, Hughes, Scarsdale, Astoria, Dixie Farm Road, Blackhawk, Beamer and Sageglen. Highway 288 was completely closed Monday and Tuesday due to flooding.

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One-car accident results in no injuries; 15 hours to repair tower



Photo by Richard Barreiro

The driver of an SUV lost control of his vehicle in the rain Sunday, Sept. 20, in the 11300 block of Beltway 8 near Sagemont Church, striking a 90-foot electrical tower. The crash required CenterPoint Energy workers to secure the tower before the vehicle could be removed. Repair work on the tower continued well into Monday, with traffic being blocked at the site. The stature of the workers shown in the photo at right puts the size of the massive repair equipment into perspective. This marked the second time in recent months that a car has struck such a tower along this stretch of road, as a similar crash took place just west of Beamer on March 23, 2020. No injuries were reported. The driver reportedly survived the accident without even a scratch.



Photo by Marie Flickinger

Governor, mayor update community on COVID-19 actions

Gov. Greg Abbott on Sept. 17 held a press conference outlining new regulations related to the state's efforts to combat the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

During the event, the governor issued executive orders expanding occupancy levels for restaurants, retail stores, office buildings, manufacturing facilities, gyms and exercise facilities and classes, museums and libraries and re-authorizing elective surgeries for a majority of the state of Texas. The governor also announced new guidance related to visitations at nursing homes and long-term care facilities across the state.

In addition, the governor implemented the use of data-driven hospitalization metrics used by doctors and medical experts to help guide the state's ongoing efforts to contain COVID-19 and expand occupancy for businesses and services. This metric focuses on areas with high hospitalizations –

referring to any Trauma Service Area that has had seven consecutive days in which the number of COVID-19 hospitalized patients as a percentage of all hospitalized patients exceeds 15 percent, until such time as the TSA has seven consecutive days in which the number of COVID-19 hospitalized patients as a percentage of all hospitalized patients is 15 percent or less. A current list of areas with high hospitalizations will be maintained at www.dshs.texas.gov/ga3031.

Using this metric, 19 of the 22 TSAs in Texas qualify to increase occupancy levels to 75 percent for restaurants, retail stores, office buildings, manufacturing facilities, gyms, exercise facilities and classes, museums, and libraries beginning Sept. 21. In addition, these 19 TSAs can also resume elective surgeries. Three of the 22 TSAs (S-Victoria, T-Laredo, and V-Lower Rio Grande Valley) must remain at 50 percent occupancy and continue postponing

elective surgeries until the hospitalization metric requirements are met. These three TSAs contain the following counties: Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Jackson, Lavaca, Victoria, Jim Hogg, Webb, Zapata, Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr and Willacy.

"With the medical advancements we have made and the personal hygiene practices we have adopt-

ed, Texans have shown that we can address both the health and safety concerns of COVID-19 while also taking careful, measured steps to restore the livelihoods that Texans depend on," said Abbott. "Achieving both goals requires safe standards that contain COVID-19, emphasize protecting the most vul-

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Airshow coming, but different

The 36th Annual Commemorative Air Force Wings Over Houston Airshow will take to the air Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 9-11, and will offer fans a drive-in viewing experience to ensure safe social distancing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The final lineup for an unprecedented three-day show will showcase the skills of four U.S. Air Force demonstration teams – F-22 Raptor, F-16 Viper, A-10C Thunderbolt II and the C-17 Globemaster III. The show will also include several aerobic performers, fan favorite Tora! Tora! Tora! and an array of vintage World War II aircraft.

Tickets

Drive-in parking slots for this year's show are now being offered online only to registered Insider fans Thursday, Sept. 24. Sign up now at no cost to become an Insider on the air show's website, www.wingsoverhouston.com. Any remaining parking slots will be available to non-Insiders Saturday, Sept. 26, through the air show's website or by calling 888-4-FLYSHOW. There will be no general admission, reserved seating or walk-up ticket sales at the show.

"We have done everything possible over many

months to hold this show for our fans, and we are appreciative to the mayor, city officials, Houston Airport Authority and many others for working with us to offer a drive-in show concept. We are also very grateful to our sponsors who have stayed with us and made this show possible every year, but especially this one," said Bill Roach, air show director. "While this will be a very different show lineup and viewing experience, we are also proud to host every single-ship demonstration team the U.S. Air Force has to offer. For three days in October, we are going to put on an amazing show, which is something I think we all need during these difficult times and also as a reminder of how important and fortunate we are to live in a free country."

Unlike normal years, the COVID-19 pandemic and the need for social distancing required changes to the show format and rules fans must follow. Fans will be required to remain in or alongside their vehicle and must wear masks to use public restroom facilities. Fans are encouraged to bring pre-prepared food and drinks; as there will be no vendors at the show and grills are prohibited. Houston city officials approved

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Turner announces anti-litter campaign

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner on Sept. 16 joined several city council members and community and neighborhood groups to announce an anti-litter campaign to encourage Houstonians to properly dispose of face masks, gloves, sanitizer wipes and other trash.

"Don't Let Houston Go to Waste" and "Litter is Trashy" are two of the slogans that will remind people to keep Houston clean by throwing all used items in trash cans and dumpsters. The signs also encourage everyone to do the "PPE123":

- Wear PPE and social distance.
- Dispose of PPE appropriately.
- Stop the spread.

"The use of proper personal protective equipment, like masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer, is critically important in the fight against the spread of COVID-19," Turner said. "But we have a PPE litter problem. Houston is not alone. Cities across the nation are experiencing unbelievable amounts of PPE litter on streets and sidewalks."

The mayor named Vice Mayor Pro-Tem Martha Castex-Tatum to lead the citywide anti-litter campaign.

"We have to sound the alarm and encourage Houstonians to join us. We have all noticed the significant increase in litter around our city," said Castex-Tatum. "We must address the uptick in

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City officials urge to get flu shots

In an effort to ease the strain on the local health care system during the current COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Houston is urging residents to get a flu shot.

The Houston Health Department encourages everyone ages 6 months and older to get such a shot.

People can visit their doctor or neighborhood pharmacy to get a flu shot. Many grocery store pharmacies also offer the vaccine.

The department offers flu shots at its health centers to uninsured and underinsured people on a sliding scale that ranges from free to \$15. To find the nearest health center and make an appointment to get vaccinated, call 832-393-5427 or the City of Houston 311 Help and Info line. Health center locations and hours of operation are also available at HoustonHealth.org.

"The time is now to get your annual flu shot. Don't wait until the last minute. The flu – just

like COVID-19 – hits older people and those with underlying health conditions especially hard," said Dr. David Perls, local health authority for the department. "Along with the flu, we fully expect the virus that causes COVID-19 to keep spreading this fall and winter and we need everyone to do their part to protect themselves and their loved ones by getting a flu shot."

People at high risk for flu are young children, pregnant women, people with chronic health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease, lung disease and those age 65 and older. They also are at greater risk of severe complications and hospitalization if they get the flu.

In addition to vaccination, people can help stop the spread of the flu and other illnesses by doing the following:

- Washing hands frequently.
- Covering coughs and sneezes.

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Dr. Burleigh gives "thumbs up" for blood



Dr. Barry Burleigh, local chiropractor gives a "thumbs up" while giving blood at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce drive which was held last Thursday. Shown with Burleigh is Rachia Mayzone, phlebotomy technician for the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center, which conducted the blood drive. Photo by Stephanie Tanner, chamber executive director

Elected officials share their words

Sheriff Ed Gonzalez gives thanks

Thank you for helping us fill trailers and truckloads of nonperishable food and high-demand supplies for first responders and their families in Louisiana hit hard by Hurricane Laura.

The outpouring of support from across the county was seen as an act of gratitude to our neighbors in Louisiana that rushed to our aid and worked shoulder-to-shoulder with our agency and other public safety partners three years ago following Hurricane Harvey's devastating blow to our region. We're on our way to make our initial delivery to those in need.

We know first-hand about what hurricanes can do and what those affected need. We also know that first responders work around-the-clock during disasters and are not able to take time off to care for their own families.

The first phase of our Hurricane Laura relief efforts focused on supporting those on the front lines.

When a resident from Richmond, Texas, heard about our Hurricane Laura Relief effort, he decided to drop off his own groceries. This is a testament to who we are as Texans, our community spirit, and generosity.

Since last week, our deputies stepped in to help those impacted by Hurricane Laura by coordinating with the Houston Food Bank, escorting food and pharmaceutical convoys, transporting supplies in high demand, and setting up donation collection supplies.

Our friends in Louisiana helped us during Harvey. Now it's time to help them on their road to recovery.

Sheriff Ed Gonzalez

For
Frank Braden's
Obituary.
See Oct. 1 issue

Beta causes problems; homes safe

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County Precinct 2 Constable's office, the worst flooding in the South Belt area took place on Astoria, Dixie Farm Road and Blackhawk, as well as the Beltway 8 feeder road at Pearlland Parkway and Telephone.

A team of Precinct 2 staff members worked 12-hour shifts, using a 5-ton truck to do high-water rescues Monday and Tuesday. Between 13 and 15 rescues were conducted by the team, Brown said.

The officers also checked between 30 and 40 abandoned vehicles to see if any people or animals were inside.

"We were getting people to where they needed to go," Brown said. "Get them to higher ground."

A Precinct 2 emergency boat was also on standby, but it was never deployed.

Brown was proud of his fellow Precinct 2 workers' efforts during the storm.

"Those guys did a great job," Brown said. "They were absolutely on their game. You guys can sleep tight when they're on duty."

Southeast Volunteer Fire Department Chief David Cino said his group also had high-water boats and trucks ready to deploy but did not perform any rescues.

Both Pasadena ISD and Clear Creek ISD were closed Tuesday and Wednesday due to flooding, with classes resuming on Thursday.

Take-out dinner, raffle set

Court Mother of Unity #2292 will host a take-out dinner and raffle fundraiser on Saturday Oct. 17, from 4-7:30 p.m.

The event will be held at St. Luke the Evangelist Rosary Garden located at 11011 Hall Road.

Available for take-out only will be a homemade lasagna dinner with green beans, garden salad, bread and a dessert. Raffle tickets will be three for \$5 and meal tickets are \$10 per person. Proceeds benefit charities and scholarships sponsored by CDA Court #2992.

For more information and raffle tickets, call Veronica Garza 281-460-6451.

Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca

A member of the *People of Sagemont* 2 Facebook group posted a video of a vehicle that crashed into an electrical post causing a disruption in electrical service. The accident happened Thursday, Sept. 17, around 8:30 p.m., near the feeder road of I-45 and Dixie Farm and Scarsdale exits. The accident also involved three cars near a church.

A member on the *Neighbors* app posted that a dumpster truck backed up all the way to their garage. The member states that their dogs started barking so the member's husband looked out the window and saw the truck, but the driver immediately drove off. The incident happened Thursday, Sept. 17, at 8:30 a.m. in Sagemeadow near Sageking Drive and Sageplum Drive.

Another member of the same app posted a video of an attempted theft. The video shows a man in a blue truck, wearing black pants and a red shirt getting out of the truck and walking to nearby vehicles parked on driveways to check vehicle doors to see which ones were unlocked. This incident happened Sunday, Sept. 20, near Fuqua Street and Blackhawk Boulevard.

Leader obituary policy

Obituaries submitted to the *Leader* are published free of charge. There must be a South Belt connection. Obituaries are edited to conform to the *Leader* style.

Turner announces anti-litter campaign for Houston

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illegal dumping in our parks and streets because COVID waste is being washed into our storm drains and waterways."

"Litter is 100 percent preventable," said Amy Reed, executive director of Keep Houston Beautiful. "It might seem like only one glove that hit the ground or one mask that flew away. Don't trash our city. This

is our home, and we want to keep it the cleanest and greenest." The anti-litter campaign also targets illegal dumping, which has increased during the pandemic.

"These things can clog the drains and clog inlets," said Public Works Director Carol Haddock. "They can contribute to flooding when we have the next rainstorm."

This sentiment was shared by Philip Salerno, Super Neighborhood Alliance vice-chair. "My community spends

thousands of dollars every year cleaning up illegal dumping and litter," said Salerno. "I look forward to working with the

mayor and city council on this initiative, so let's keep Houston clean and remember, litter is trashy."

Gulf Coast Lecture set Sept. 30

Gulf Coast Lecture series "Citrus Varieties" will be presented by Stephen Brueggerhoff, AgrilLife Extension Horticulture Agent in Brazoria County. This free virtual lecture will be held Wednesday, Sept. 30, from 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Register at gardeningonthegulf.eventbrite.com. For additional information, visit hemga.tamu.edu.

WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The SAGEMEADOW U.D. will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2020 on October 14, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. It is anticipated said meeting will be held via telephone and/or video conference pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.125, as amended, and as modified by the Governor of Texas in the Governor's proclamation concerning the Covid-19 pandemic.

Meeting access by Teleconference: 1-346-248-7799, Meeting ID: 842 9404 9672, Passcode: 389434. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

FOR the proposal: Glenn Williams, David Montgomery, Ted Heinrich, and Tim Beyer

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: John Elam

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year Adopted	This Year Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$.48000/\$100	\$.47341/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$.00659/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-1.37%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 186,322	\$ 195,518
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 186,322	\$ 195,518
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 894.34	\$ 925.60
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$ 31.26
and percentage of increase (+/-)		3.49%

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 3.5 percent, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23602, Water Code.

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

Bob Leared Interests 713-932-9011

WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The HARRIS COUNTY R.I.D. #1 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2020 on October 20, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. It is anticipated said meeting will be held via telephone and/or video conference pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.125, as amended, and as modified by the Governor of Texas in the Governor's proclamation concerning the Covid-19 pandemic. Meeting access by Telephone: 1-346-248-7799; Meeting ID: 983 6602 4316; Password: 415626.

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FOR the proposal: David Flickinger, Mike Daugherty and John Bechtle, Jr.

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year Adopted	This Year Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$.29350/\$100	\$.28770/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$.00580/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-1.97%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 221,186	\$ 233,477
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 221,186	\$ 233,477
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 649.18	\$ 671.71
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$ 22.53
and percentage of increase (+/-)		3.47%

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

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Sylvia Garcia responds to HPD firing

On Sept. 10, Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia (TX-29) issued the following statement in response to the firing of four Houston police officers over the deadly shooting of Nicolas Chavez in April of this year:

"Five months ago, the Houston region was shaken to its core by the fatal shooting of Nicolas Chavez, who was shot more than 30 times by several police officers during a confrontation in Denver Harbor.

"I know today is a difficult day for all of us, especially for the Nicolas Chavez family, the Houston Police Department, and our city. The footage from that day is difficult to watch. It has made us question what the Houston Police Department can do differently to de-escalate situations and avoid excessive force when at all possible.

"And, unfortunately, I agree with Mayor Sylvester Turner and Police Chief Art Acevedo in their decision to fire the four officers in this case. In the final seconds of this encounter, the question is whether or not Nicolas Chavez was an imminent threat to any of the officers or the general public. And, in this case, it appears there was no imminent threat. He should have lived to receive the help that he needed that day.

"The City of Houston has 5,300 police officers, and the vast majority of them do an excellent job in keeping our community safe. I thank them for their service, but holding officers accountable for wrongdoing does not take away from this.

"Accountability will only make our police department stronger and better stewards of our community, and this is a goal we should all be in support of."

Local library events set

Bracewell Branch Library

Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint, has phone service Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, noon to 7 p.m., at 832-393-2580 for information. Visit the website at https://houstonlibrary.org/location/bracewell-neighborhood-library?items_per_page=200#events or for virtual programs, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/learn-explore/library-events>.

Bracewell HPL To Go curbside service is in operation

Contactless Curbside services, known as HPL To Go, is available by appointment Mondays, noon to 7 p.m.; Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Customers walking or riding a bike may also pick up reserved materials. For questions, call circulation administration at 832-393-2222. All overdue fines/fees will be waived through Jan. 1, 2021.

To use HPL To Go:

1. Place a hold through the online catalog or by phone.
2. Receive email or phone call of notification prior to scheduling a time for pickup.
3. Upon arrival, park and stay in the vehicle and call to notify staff of arrival.
4. Have MY Link card number and PIN ready.

Book drop

The book drop is open. Houston Public Library materials can be returned with no overdue fees. The library provides online resources so the public can enjoy the library at home. Large items such as FLIP kits or laptops should not be placed in the book drop. Keep those items until further notice.

Additional resources

The HPL focuses on providing electronic resources, books, audiobooks, databases for research, tutoring, language learning, education and parent information for any resident of Texas with a temporary library card. To get a library card, visit www.houstonlibrary.org, on the Home Page and find the heading Here's What's Happening. Under that heading, there will be three cards. The middle one is Free Resources for All. Click on the card which will go to the page that lists the digital resources available and a link to obtain a temporary card.

Also, under the heading Here's What's Happening, look for the first card on the left, click on the heading titled Online Resources for Kids. One of the programs listed is Virtual Storytime. This is provided every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11 a.m. The archived storytimes can be found on Facebook by searching Houston Public Library Virtual Storytimes. Another virtual program is Craft. Soon there will be STEM programs.

HPL's free online resources and digital services are available 24/7 with a MY Link Library Card at www.houstonlibrary.org, including e-books and e-audiobooks, streaming TV, movie and music services, online classes and tutoring and databases. Until further notice, only electronic items (i.e. e-books, e-audio books, etc.) are eligible for holds and check-out. HPL has a collection of free e-books and audio books. Visit the catalog to see if a requested hold selection may be in a digital format. Instructions on downloading the e-book or audio book are also on the site.

All due dates for existing borrowed materials will be extended through the closure period. Until further notice, no new late fees and fines will be assessed during the closure period, retroactive to March 14, 2020. While the Bracewell Branch Library remains closed, Wi-Fi service is still available by coming to the library standing/sitting within 6 feet of the building. A password is not needed. Go to Settings, then Network and Internet, Wi-Fi and connect to HPL - Public.

HPL appreciates book donations, but is not accepting them at this time. The library staff requests that donations do not get placed outside library buildings, or at the book drops.

Visit www.houstonlibrary.org to find virtual programs and digital resources including e-books, e-audiobooks, streaming music and videos, online learning, online tutoring and much more. For more information visit www.houstonlibrary.org to find out how to chat with a librarian 24/7, or how to send questions through HPL's email reference.

Parker Williams Library

Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., is closed to the public. Visit the website at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for updates.

The book drop is open. No late fees will be charged during the library closure. The library social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary. Call 832-927-7870 for additional information.

Parker Williams "No-Contact Curbside Holds Pick-Up" is up and running!

- After receiving notification that holds are ready for pickup, call 832-927-7870.
- Have a library card number and PIN handy.
- A pickup time and instructions will be given.
- Upon arriving at the library, follow the instructions given.
- Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.

Curbside hours are: Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for details.

Online services

- Harris County Public Library will continue to offer a wide array of 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 through OverDrive.
- Stream classic films, indie cinema and award-winning documentaries on Kanopy.
- Listen to audiobooks through RBDigital or OverDrive.
- Read aloud and play with picture books on TumbleBooks.

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

Parker Williams schedule of events this week

All month long in September. Virtual Photo Club. This month's photo challenge is "The Signs of Fall," shows what are the early signs of fall, whether a leaf newly fallen or decorations being put up. Residents are encouraged to go close in with their photo shots and post them online with the tag post them online with the tag #HCPLphotoclub for a chance to be featured on our social media accounts: Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

All month long in September. Virtual Poetry Club. Residents may send poetry to the library to be featured on its social media accounts. Send an email to PW@HCPL.NET with the subject "Virtual Poetry Club." These posts will be featured on social media.

September is Book Club month: "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek," by Kim Michele Richardson. Join the Parker Williams Book Club and read a different fiction book each month. Contact the branch to reserve a copy. Meetings are the last Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. over Microsoft Teams. Contact Tanner Adams at tanner.adams@hcpl.net for information and an invite.

Thursday, Sept. 24, 10:30 a.m. Virtual Toddler Time. Join virtually for family fun. Parents in attendance are encouraged to participate with their children to facilitate virtual interaction. While this program is designed for 18 months to 4-year-olds, all children and families are welcome to join. Sign up once with a valid email address online at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> to get a weekly invitation.

Thursday, Sept. 24, 2 p.m. September Book Club meeting featuring "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek," by Kim Michele Richardson. Contact the branch to reserve a copy today. Meetings are the last Thursdays of the month over Microsoft Teams. Contact Tanner Adams at tanner.adams@hcpl.net for more information and an invite.

Friday, Sept. 25, 5 p.m. Is it wrong to watch so much anime? Join Jason Cruz and John Harbaugh as they talk about the wrap-up of the summer anime season. Find out their thoughts. This video will be featured on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

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

Tuesday Sept. 29, noon. Drawing with Ariel Perez for virtual fun and easy cartoon drawings featuring various doodles, numbers and letters. This video will be featured on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Hancock receives backpack donation

By Kadey Heidrich
Pasadena ISD
Communications

portunities for students and to purchase supplies and resources for the school.

In addition to the monetary donation provided by Invesco, the firm also donated 400 backpacks and various school supplies to the campus.

The donation of backpacks comes as many families in the Houston area and across the country are struggling to make

ends meet due to COVID-19-related workforce reductions.

"We are grateful for this donation," said Veronica Sandoval, principal of Hancock Elementary. "It not only provides our students with essential supplies, but also peace of mind to our parents."

Hancock Elementary distributed the backpacks to students participating in face-to-

face instruction earlier this month.

The school plans on holding a backpack distribution for Hancock students participating in virtual instruction on October 1.

"On behalf of our school family and our school district, we are so grateful for Invesco Cares," said Sandoval.



Shown above is a second-grade class displaying the backpacks the students received from Invesco Cares. Left to right are (front row) Christina Soraiz, Abigail Gomez, (middle row) Angelina Avila, Legrand Mbuza, (back row) Gretzell Ruiz, Lizzy Rodriguez, Jenesis Gonzalez and Daniel Pena.



Shown are pre-K students holding their backpacks received from Invesco Cares. Left to right are Laureine Mbusa, Leonidis Miranda, Kenzi Morgan, Brea Martin, Aryanna Jaramillo and Ava Hackett.

Learning academy reopens

CrossRoads Early Learning Academy (located within CrossRoads UMC on Scarsdale) will reopen its preschool program Monday, Oct. 5.

The academy will operate Monday through Thursday and will provide an educational and Christian program. Call Becky at 281-818-6859 or email becky@crossroads-umc.org.

Officials: Get flu shots

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— Staying home if sick, and at least 24 hours after their fever is gone, except to get medical care.

The flu — caused by different related viruses — is a contagious disease that results in symptoms such as fever, headache, fatigue, cough, nasal congestion, sore throat and body aches. People with a combination of these symptoms need to see a medical provider promptly.

The flu and COVID-19 share some symptoms including cough, weakness, fatigue and exhaustion, but if one is also experiencing new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, shortness of breath, nausea and diarrhea they might have contracted COVID-19. Since many of the symptoms of the flu and COVID-19 are similar, health care professionals can test for both illnesses.

Most people recover from the flu in one to two weeks, but some develop complications such as pneumonia, bronchitis and sinus and ear infections. Flu also can make chronic medical conditions worse. Doctors can prescribe antiviral medications that help make the illness shorter and milder. Antiviral medications work best if started within 48 hours of the onset of symptoms.

The department publishes a weekly Influenza Surveillance Report on its website during flu season. The report offers insight into local, state and national flu prevalence. Flu outbreaks can occur as early as October and last as late as May. The vaccine is safe and cannot cause people to get the flu.

Clients of the department's health centers, need to remember to call ahead and make an appointment.

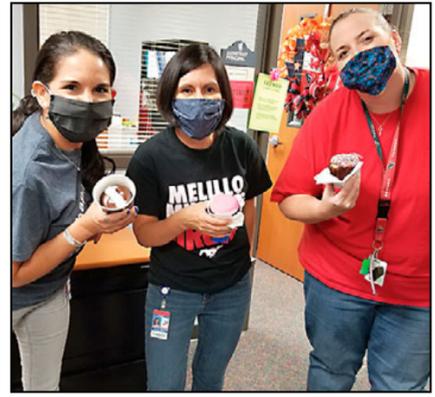
Melillo MS gets a sweet treat

Some of the faculty and staff members at Melillo Middle School won a yummy cupcake. Staff says it was a great way to celebrate completing the first face-to-face

week of school. Melillo staff would like to thank Small Cakes in Pearland and Stacy Anthony for sharing these delicious treats with the school.



Enjoying their sweet treats are, left to right, Leticia Guevara, paraprofessional; Norberta Mercado, paraprofessional; and Royinn Stewart, paraprofessional.



Showing their treats are, left to right, Jackie Carmona, Melillo counselor; Lilliana Monita, Melillo counselor; and Kellie Bishop, Melillo copy clerk.



Posing together with their cupcakes are Mary Diaz (left), reading teacher, and Olivia Mah, Melillo band teacher.



Shown above is Wanda Soto (left) giving a cupcake to Paloma Gonzalez.

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Stopping to take a quick picture with their decorated cupcake treats before heading back to class are sixth-grade teachers Giovanna Andrade (left) and Melissa Martinez.



Showing off their cupcakes are Sherry Gates (left), sixth-grade teacher, and Tyler Oakes, fifth-grade teacher.



Shown to the left are sixth-grade teachers Kelly Schwenk (left) and Heather Kaboutari. The pair stopped for a photo after getting their much-deserved cupcakes.



Showing off their treats are Melillo front office staff members Irma Barreiro (left) and Kimberly Salinas.



Giving the cupcake treat a "thumbs up" is Christian McCary, ABLE II teacher.

WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The CLEAR BROOK CITY M.U.D. will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2020 on October 21, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. It is anticipated said meeting will be held via telephone and/or video conference pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.125, as amended, and as modified by the Governor of Texas in the Governor's proclamation concerning the Covid-19 pandemic.

Meeting access at 11911 Blackhawk Blvd, Houston, Texas 77089 or Dial In: 1-346-248-7799, Meeting ID: 977 8533 4652.

Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

FOR the proposal: Jim Bishop, James Towey, David Flickinger, Chuck Tylka and Chris Clark

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$.60000/\$100	\$.59000/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$.01000/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-1.66%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 223,239	\$ 237,284
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 44,648	\$ 47,457
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 178,591	\$ 189,827
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,071.54	\$ 1,119.97
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	\$ 48.43	
and percentage of increase (+/-)	4.51%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

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

Bob Leared Interests 713-932-9011

Meador welcomes back students

Meador Elementary staff members were very excited to welcome back their face-to-face students on September 8. School officials say students are doing a wonderful job with bringing their masks, hand sanitizing and social distancing.



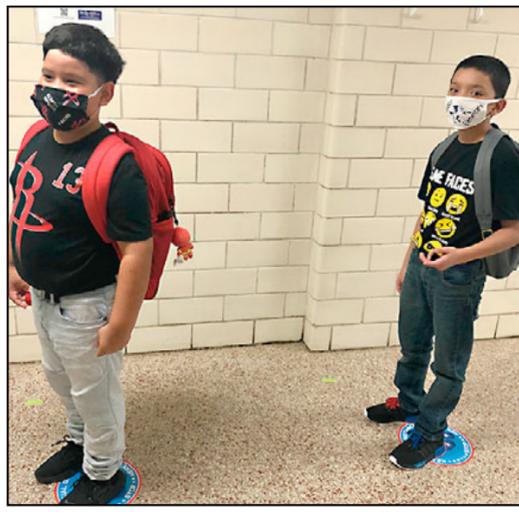
At left, Yadryel Limon, kindergarten student, poses and shows his school spirit wearing his mask with the image of the school mascot.

First-grader Ellie Bacot gets assistance sanitizing her hands from Beverly Bolton, Meador principal, before entering the school building.



At left, displaying their masks are, left to right, Malloy Rodriguez, kindergarten student; Fabian Rodriguez, fourth-grader; and Christine Jimenez, kindergartener.

At right, left to right, are fourth-grade students Chris Nunez and Emmanuel Martinez who are practicing social distancing.



Governor, mayor on COVID-19

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nerable, and establish clear metrics that the public can depend on. That is why today we have announced expanded occupancy standards for a variety of services. But, Texans should remember that a steady and significant decline in COVID-19 cases is not a sign to let up in our vigilance against the virus. Instead, Texans must continue to heed the guidance of medical experts by wearing a mask, social distancing and practicing proper sanitation strategies. By maintaining health and safety standards that are proven to mitigate COVID-19, we can continue to slow the spread while opening up the Texas economy."

The governor announced new visitation guidance for eligible nursing homes, assisted living facilities, intermediate care facilities, home and community-based service providers and inpatient hospice effective Thursday, Sept. 24. Under the new rules, residents will be allowed to designate up to two essential family caregivers who will be provided necessary training to allow them to safely go inside a facility for a scheduled visit, including in the resident's room, to help ensure their loved one's physical, social and emotional needs are being met. Designated caregivers will not be required to maintain physical distancing but only one caregiver can visit a resident at a time.

A long-term care facility resident (or legal representative) can designate the essential caregiver, who can be a family member, friend or other individual. Facilities are required to train essential caregivers on the proper use of personal protective equipment and other infection control measures. Proper PPE must be used at all times during these scheduled visits, and the caregiver must test negative for COVID-19 within the previous 14 days before the initial visit.

For general visitors who are not a designated essential caregiver, these updated emergency rules will allow approved facilities to schedule outdoor no contact visits, open window visits, or indoor visitation with the use of plexiglass safety barriers to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Physical contact between residents and general visitors is not permitted. Facilities also must continue to meet all additional visitation requirements outlined in the emergency rules.

Mayor's response
Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner feels the move is premature, releasing the following statement:
"I listened to Gov. Abbott's announcement and believe the plan is a little more aggressive than I would prefer in announcing the next round of reopenings. The virus is still in our community. The state

has taken an approach that comes with high risk. "The governor is only utilizing the number of hospitalizations as the primary matrix to make decisions about reopening, and hospitalizations represent a lagging indicator. "We have been here before. Our hospitalizations were low at the end of April, but then those numbers shot up, and the results were horrendous. Houston is still reporting too many positive cases and deaths at a level higher than in March, April and May. "This is not the time to take a victory lap, because it undermines the messages we have given the public to take this virus seriously and mask up and get tested. "If people think we have conquered the virus, it makes it more challenging to get them to continue to wear face masks, stay home if they are

sick, wash their hands, and get tested — all the measures we need them to take to contain the virus until there is a vaccine."

Turner also announced the death of 10-year Houston Airport System employee Richard Sable from COVID-19. Since the beginning of the pandemic, the City of Houston has lost seven municipal employees and three Houston firefighters as a result of the coronavirus. "I ask all Houstonians to keep Richard Sable's family and former colleagues in your thoughts and prayers," Turner said. "Please honor all victims, especially city employees, who lost their lives as a result of COVID-19."

To view the governor's executive orders, visit gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/EO_GA-30_expanded_openings_COVID-19.pdf.

2020 H-E-B Opportunity Exchange and Expo

Register for the first virtual H-E-B Supplier Diversity Opportunity Exchange and Expo, taking place Sept. 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event will allow small and minority business owners to interact with H-E-B leaders and learn how to do business with H-E-B.

Bay Area Genealogical Society meets Sept. 25

Interested in genealogy research? The Bay Area Genealogical Society hosts monthly virtual meetings. Check out the topics and links to access meetings at www.TxBayAreaGen.org. The next scheduled meeting is Friday, Sept. 25. For more information, call Kim at 281-992-2636 or email newsletter@TxBayAreaGen.org.

Start School Later meeting set Sept. 26

The Houston chapter of Start School Later has scheduled an informational meeting to bring awareness to chronic teen sleep deprivation, occurring when middle and high schools begin early. The meeting is at 11 a.m. on the fourth Saturday of the month on Zoom. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/y570geae> to attend the meeting. For information, visit StartSchoolLater.net or contact Yen Huynh Rabe at 281-229-1409.

Graduation issues available

Extra copies of the *Leader's* high school graduation issue, published Aug. 6, are available at the newspaper office, 11555 Beamer. The special edition includes graduation information for Dobie, South Houston, CTHS and Pasadena Memorial high schools.

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Remember When

40 years ago (1980)
Sage Meadow homeowners who had not paid their \$96 annual maintenance assessment received notice that failure to pay the fee would be reported to the credit bureau. Since the mortgage companies had stopped deducting the maintenance assessments from escrow accounts, Sage Meadow homeowners had been lagging in paying the yearly fee. In 1979, 95 percent of the residents had paid the assessment, but in 1980, only 75 percent of the homeowners had paid.

35 years ago (1985)
Drinking water from wells near the abandoned Brio Refinery on Dixie Farm Road was given a clean bill of health by the Brio Task Force. Installation of street lights on Fuqua at I-45 was set to take place by the end of January 1986, a year after the initial request. Firemen worked half an hour to put out a fire that destroyed the engine and front inside of a 1997 Mercury Cougar.

30 years ago (1990)
South Belt Chamber of Commerce board members introduced a resolution asking a federal judge not to sign the Consent Decree for the Brio Superfund site without further investigation. The resolution also called for a temporary cap. While acknowl-

edging Brio as a problem that would not go away, the chamber's Economic Development committee expressed a need to focus on positive Brio-related actions.

After five years of South Belt students taking TEAMS and parents trying to understand what scores meant, TAAS arrived along with new criteria. Area school officials agreed the new test would be harder than the TEAMS because of the emphasis placed on reasoning skills and comprehension. State graduation requirements included passing the exit level TAAS administered to juniors. For the first time, the exit test required a written composition.

25 years ago (1995)
The Sage Meadow Utility District board of directors decided that if residents were willing to dip a little deeper into their pockets, the district would provide them with a junior Olympic-size swimming pool. Letters containing ballots were mailed to residents in the Sage Meadow and Kirkwood South subdivisions.

Dobie, along with the three other PISD high school bands, left the UIL District Marching Band Contest with a 1 rating, placing them in the Superior category. This was the first time since 1982 that all the district's bands, including Sam Rayburn, South Houston and Pasadena, had

earned the rating. The director of the 192-member Dobie band was Gary Wilkes and assistant director was David Scott.

20 years ago (2000)
Donna Benfiglio, 31, made medical history by being the first American to have a De-Bakey VA (ventricular assist device) put in her heart.

Three South Belt females participated in the Olympics: Christa Williams, on the softball team; Judy Harrison, as assistant coach for the U.S. women's track team; and Crystal Fullen, as batgirl for the U.S. softball team.

15 years ago (2005)
Massive evacuations and preparations for Hurricane Rita were all in vain and the Houston area was spared after the hurricane took a last-minute turn toward the east. It made landfall as a Category 3 storm near the Texas/Louisiana border. At its highest intensity as a Category 5 hurricane, it was the fourth-most intense Atlantic storm ever recorded. In April 2006, the World Meteorological Organization retired the name Rita along with four other deadly storms from the 2005 season. Due to their severity in loss of life and damage to property, the names Dennis, Katrina, Rita, Stan and Wilma would no longer appear on the alphabetical list of names for hurricanes, which cycles ev-

ery six years. Those names were replaced with Don, Katia, Rina, Sean and Whitney for the 2011 season.

10 years ago (2010)
U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay was indicted by a grand jury in Travis County, Texas, on charges of conspiracy in a campaign scheme. DeLay temporarily stepped down as majority leader in the House of Representatives but kept his position as Congressional District 22 representative. He resigned in June 2006.

5 years ago (2015)
Multiple clashes between Dobie High School students took place off campus. The fights, reportedly between black students and Hispanic students, occurred after school at least twice at a park near the bus stop at Kirkville and Grandbrook in the Clear Brook Meadows subdivision. The fights may have involved as many as 50 students by some estimates. Other witnesses put the number at closer to 20 students. At least one of the brawls was posted to YouTube. The fights subsided following regular patrols by the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office and the Pasadena Independent School District Police Department.

1 year ago (2019)
Former Dobie student Jourdan Ellison was charged with capital murder for the fatal Sept. 4 shooting of Christian Lezama at his apartment in the 1800 block of St. Joseph Parkway. Investigators determined robbery to be the motive. According to multiple witnesses, Ellison, 19, pulled a gun on Lezama, 17, and demanded his necklace and diamond-plated teeth. When Lezama refused, he was fatally shot. Ellison most recently

attended class at The Summit, Pasadena ISD's alternative school.

On Friday, Sept. 20, at the Lutheran South Academy football game against Brookshire Royal, Beau Penscik and Francesca Scotto were crowned LSA's 2019 Homecoming King and Queen.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

HAVE A GREAT BIRTHDAY, CHRIS!
Birthday greetings are sent to **Dr. Chris Durham** on Saturday, Sept. 26, from his wife **Courtney**, daughters **Abigail** and **Penelope** and son **Jackson**; mother-in-law **Leslie** and husband **Fred Flickinger**; sister-in-law **Kimberly Flickinger**; and grandparents **Marie** and **David Flickinger**, **Olive Falkowski** and **John Fairchild**.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JOHN!
Best wishes for a happy birthday are sent to **John Laurin** who turns 78 on Sept. 27 from his friends who wish him an enjoyable day.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Sept. 24 through Sept. 30, 2020.

Atkinson Elementary
Send a birthday greeting to **Gabriela Rodriguez** Sept. 29.

Burnett Elementary
Join in a happy birthday chorus Sept. 28 to **Bernice Barraza**.

Bush Elementary
The day for a birthday gift for **Kassandra Aguilar** is Sept. 24.

Frazier Elementary
Dina Edwards marks a day of celebration Sept. 26. Light the candles on a triple-layer cake Sept. 30 for **Sarah Dudley**, **Katrina Mitchell** and **Valley Richardson**.

Genoa Elementary
Give a birthday shoutout Sept. 24 to **Elizabeth Tijerina**.

Meador Elementary
The day for a party for **Connie Daumas** is Sept. 26. Share a slice of birthday cake Sept. 29 with **Lucila Solis**.

Moore Elementary
The day for a birthday cake and ice cream for **Celena Hudspeth** is Sept. 26.

South Belt Elementary
Blow out the candles for a birthday celebration for **Kassandra Luna Hernandez** Sept. 26.

Stuchbery Elementary
Send a birthday greeting Sept. 28 to **Angelica Plummer**.

Mellillo Middle School
Sept. 26 is the day for some birthday fun for **Lois Evans**, **Christopher Bui** enjoys a birthday Sept. 27. Send a humorous birthday card to **Megan Medina** Sept. 28.

Roberts Middle School
Marking a special birthday Sept. 26 is **Luz Faz**. **DeRonda Pitre** celebrates a birthday Sept. 27. Join in the birthday fun Sept. 29 with **Crystal Lilly**. Light the birthday candles Sept. 30 for **Steven Brown**.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Light the birthday candles Sept. 25 for **Grant Thorp**.

Thompson Intermediate
Send warm birthday greetings Sept. 24 to **Diana Hejtmank**. Blow out the birthday candles for **Dalia Castillo** Sept. 25. The day for a cake for **Brianne Morse** is Sept. 29.

Dobie High
Break out the balloons and the birthday cake Sept. 24 for **Franklin Moses**, **Dobie** principal. Light the birthday candles Sept. 24 on a cake and **Martha Varela**. **Aaron Mathews** celebrates a birthday Sept. 28. Three cheers for a wonderful birthday Sept. 30 for **Tiffany Bowyer**, **Kevin Cross** and **Stephen Cross**.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
For those wanting a birthday mentioned in this section, email mynews@southbeltleader.com with "OTBF: Friends Celebrate Birthdays" in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Thursday, Sept. 24: **Paola Medel**, **Harold Barron**, **Lissa Stephens-Bell**, **Lindy Hoggard**, **Brenda Flewelen**, **Karl Wilkerson**, **Obed Valdez**, **Jason Rendon**, **Debra Kendrick**, **Kim Martinez** and **Angela Shaulis**; Friday, Sept. 25: **Key Voh Patches**, **Jamie Olivares**, **Melonie Conaway**, **Ronell Ram** and **Kevin Sockwell**; Saturday, Sept. 26: **Dina Edwards**, **Tripp Harris** and **Mike Flinn**; Sunday, Sept. 27: **Nicole Garcia**, **Yvette Rodriguez** and **Ashley McGuinty**; Monday, Sept. 28: **Megan Medina**, **Esmerelda Rodriguez**, **Anna Benavidez**, **Tam Vo** and **Christina Guth**; Tuesday, Sept. 29: **Antonio Morua**, **Marian Adams**, **Adriana Sepulveda**, **Ken Rodrick** and **Gwen Lopez**; and Wednesday, Sept. 30: **Jason Cook** and **Myra Janacek**.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

CCISD, PISD issue stadium guidelines, more

At long last, the 2020 high school varsity football season begins Thursday, Sept. 24 around town, and Pasadena ISD and Clear Creek ISD officials have provided guidelines for online ticket purchase, game attendance, online livestream viewership and more, prior to opening kickoff.

The Dobie Longhorns open their season Sept. 25 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena, while the Clear Brook Wolverines have a pair of road games before playing at Challenger Columbia Stadium in Webster in October.

Pasadena ISD guidelines
All home games involving Pasadena ISD programs will be played at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

As PISD Director of Athletics Rupert Jaso told the *Leader* in the Sept. 17 issue (see the issue for additional guidelines at www.southbeltleader.com), there will be 900 seating spots available

per stadium side, which includes the allowance of seats for school bands and drill team members.

Game tickets will be available for online purchase only. There are no exceptions.

To purchase tickets, visit www.pasadenaisd.org. Once there, click on Athletics and then choose the Box Office Tickets option.

PISD officials have deemed that stadium visitors must wear masks/face coverings at all times.

Fans not able to attend games in person may view the games via livestream. To do so, use the PISD/HOMETOWN link via the district website at www.pasadenaisd.org.

Clear Creek ISD guidelines
Clear Creek ISD officials have established its policies for the 2020 varsity football season, with all home games involving Clear Brook, Clear Creek, Clear Falls, Clear Lake and Clear Springs taking

place at Challenger Columbia Stadium in Webster.

Officials will allocate 1,340 seats per stadium side for occupancy, with 152 of those reserved for school bands and drill team personnel.

Game tickets will be made available via online

purchase only at www.ccisd.net. No tickets will be available for purchase at the stadium.

As for online ticket availability, pregame sales will begin each Monday as parents of football players, cheerleaders, drill team members, video crew, athletic

trainers and JROTC will have priority on those Mondays beginning at 9 a.m. at www.ccisd.net. Up to four tickets may be purchased per family.

Each Tuesday beginning at 6 a.m., general public and student tickets will be available online until sold out.

Again, up to four tickets are allowed per purchase.

There will be no more available once sales are deemed complete.

For 2020 only, all CCISD home games will be livestreamed for fans at www.ccisd.net/Game On.

Clear Brook, Dobie teams begin long-awaited football campaigns

Stages are set as the 2020 varsity football season for Class 5A and 6A programs takes center stage across the area.

The Clear Brook Wolverines and Dobie Longhorns are just two of the hundreds of squads looking for a quick start as they get underway Friday, Sept. 25.

The Wolverines will be at Stingaree Stadium in Texas City while Dobie plays host to Jersey Village at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

Clear Brook head coach John Towels III will be making his debut some seven months after coming over from Duncanville, where he was the team's defensive coordinator during back-to-back state championship game appearances in both 2018 and 2019.

At Dobie, the Longhorns have district championship aspirations this season after winning nine regular season games in 2019 for the first time in 20 seasons. The Longhorns would also like to end a postseason victory drought that extends back to 2004.

The regular season was supposed to have started roughly four weeks ago, yet due to the coronavirus issue, there was, for a time, good reason to believe it wouldn't happen at all.

At long last, preseason workouts began Sept. 8, and things have moved very quickly to now.

Towels arrived at Clear Brook in February and began to get a feel for the program over a few weeks before the pandemic stopped all activities in their tracks.

Spring football was a no-go, as was the ever-popular 7-on-7 summer circuit. No one is complaining, of course, but the Wolverines have reason to feel behind schedule entering the opener at Texas City.

A win or a loss at Texas City will not make nor break Clear Brook's season, but a win would obviously set the tone to begin the Towels era on the playing field.

Both Clear Brook and Texas City have rich histories. Clear Brook opened as a Class 4A school in 1987-88 and quickly ascended both in 4A and then Class 5A when 6A did not yet exist.

As for the Stingarees, they also experienced glory days in Class 4A, but has had a rougher time of things for the most part

since joining 5A.

Clear Brook went 2-8 last season before Guadalupe Flores resigned his post, leading to the hiring of Towels. Texas City also went 2-8 last season but is looking for better results after dropping down to the 5A Division II ranks.

The highlight in Texas City on opening night just may revolve around the debut of Clear Brook sophomore Zyon Little. An absolute stud on the basketball hardwood who garnered all district status as a freshman at the varsity level, Little also loves football.

The Wolverines' Cameron McCalister threw for 15 scores a season ago, doing nothing to harm his chances at leading the offense in 2020. But there's little doubt Towels and his

Saturday, Sept. 26

Cowboys at Santa Fe
Dolphins at Galveston

Game Times
Pee Wee: 8 a.m.
Seniors: 9 a.m.
Juniors 11 a.m.
Sophomores 1 p.m.
Freshmen 3 p.m.

BAFL aims to start 2020 season Sept. 26

Not to be denied by the coronavirus pandemic any longer, the 2020 Bay Area Football League season is set to kick off at eight different locations Saturday, Sept. 26 as the league celebrates its start.

The Sagemont Cowboys will begin things with a series of games at the San-

ta Fe Indians, while the Southbelt Dolphins will travel to the island to face the Galveston Hurricanes, a newcomer program within the league.

BAFL is set to play an eight-game regular season and then proceed with quarterfinal, semifinal and Super Bowl playoff rounds.

Lions, BHI Bears enjoying restart

Much of the focus of the University Interscholastic League's 2020-2021 restart plan has been focused on the high school level, but

the 10-school Pasadena ISD intermediate lineup is equally pleased to be back in action.

The volleyball season began Sept. 17 and

continues Sept. 24 as Thompson hosts Miller and Beverly Hills travels to Bondy.

Meanwhile, the intermediate football schedule kicks off Sept. 28-29 as a five-game regular season is the plan. Thompson head coach Doug Sawyer said the Lions will be more than ready to go game day.

"We are very excited here at Thompson to be able to play football this year," Sawyer said.

"My coaches are working hard every day to coach players the game of football and trying to keep them safe at the same time. It's definitely going to be a different season with all the new challenges with COVID-19, but we are up to the challenge."

Thompson's overall pool of football players is down a bit from previous years according to Sawyer. There could be several factors including coronavirus concerns for that, but that won't keep the Lions from fielding three teams, A, B and C, at each grade level.

"Finding other schools to play games for the C-team may be a struggle," Sawyer said. "We just want to play some football. The kids are excited to start playing."

Lions, Bears continue play

Volleyball, Sept. 24
Thompson hosts Miller
Beverly Hills at Bondy

Football Sept. 28-29
Beverly Hills vs. Bondy
Thompson vs. Miller

Campa, Singleton victorious at Longhorn Stampede event

A season ago Alberto Campa is serving notice that he is more than ready to prove his run to the state meet a season ago was no fluke, as he ran his way to a second consecutive victory to start the high school cross-country season.

Meanwhile, fellow senior Amari Singleton led the pack in the varsity girls' race as Dobie runners championed the 3.2-mile course at the inaugural Longhorn Stampede Sept. 17 at Dobie.

Varsity runners typically cover a 5K or 3.1-mile course, but Dobie cross-country coach Mo Hickman conceded that this home course ran a tad long.

No matter for Campa, who has two individual victories to open his season after winning a week earlier at Northwest Park

in La Porte.

At Dobie, Campa sprinted to the finish in a time of 16 minutes, 28 seconds for the overall medalist crown.

Singleton, also coming up big in the opening two weeks of her senior campaign, led a Dobie trio to the finish as she was first with a time of 20:27.

The Lady Longhorns' Jocelyn Olivares took third overall at 20:31, with Grace Castaneda sixth with a clocking of 21:27.

Kyla Lobo ran to a finish of 22:23 for 16th place overall, and Ashley Garcia's time of 23:09 was 25th best overall. Karisa Hernandez was in at 23:19 for 29th place.

Izela Munoz (23:33 for 32nd place), Abby Duron (23:50 for 36th place) and Victoria Ramirez (25:15 for 53rd place) also ran

for Dobie.

Elsewhere in the varsity boys' race, Travis Webb wound up 29th with his time of 18:33, and Robert Montano's time of 19:51 was 50th.

The Lady Longhorns' junior varsity squad covered a two-mile course at Dobie as Karen Martinez led the way, taking eighth overall in a time of 13:58.

Angelica Medina placed 15th in a time of 14:23, and Nicole Jasso's clocking of 14:57 placed her 24th. Jeneffer Gonzalez was at 15:16 for 31st place, and Lesley Cruz Cortez delivered a time of 16:17 for 45th place.

The junior varsity boys ran the 2.3-mile course as Dobie had Julian Trevino 34th at 22:04 and Luis Morales 39th in a time of 22:55.

Dobie off to solid tennis start as Deer Park matchup looms

Dobie first got off to a 1-0 start in District 22-6A action without having to play a match, then used a 5-2 lead through the doubles portion of play to defeat Pearland 14-5 Sept. 15 as the Longhorns picked up steam in the team tennis season.

The Longhorns took on Pasadena Sept. 22 after press time, with the locals looking to gain as much momentum as possible heading into what is likely a battle for the 22-6A championship as Dobie visits Deer Park Sept. 29.

The Longhorns gained their league win as Channelvyn has chosen not to play the team tennis season amid coronavirus concerns.

Instead, the Longhorns played unruly hosts to Pearland, getting a boys' doubles sweep and five wins in six boys' singles matches to lead the way.

Hayden Lazo and Quan Dinh teamed in No. 1 doubles for a victory and also won separate singles matches.

The same went for Lael

as they were victorious in the No. 2 boys' doubles slot and also claimed singles wins.

In girls' play, No. 1 singles player Julia Bui and Erica Hay at No. 2 recorded wins, and also teamed in the No. 1 doubles matchup for a win.

The Longhorns will host Cinco Ranch in a Sept. 25 nondistrict matchup before heading to Deer Park Sept. 29 for a match with huge implications as the league's likely top title contenders go head to head.

Dobie golf seeks used clubs

The Dobie High School golf program is preparing to begin its 2020-2021 season, and the Longhorns are looking for some preowned or used clubs to help some players who need them this season.

Kevin Cross, the team's first-year head coach, said the program is in particular need of clubs designed for female players, but any donations will be accepted.

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Dobie volleyball eases past Spring; Brook winless at 0-3

The wins proved hard to come by for the Clear Brook varsity volleyball team, while Dobie earned itself a win over Spring to gain some momentum during opening-week action.

The Lady Wolverines of Clear Brook, going up against three legitimate playoff-worthy programs, went winless in matches against Pearland, Kingwood and Friendswood.

Dobie, meanwhile, also dropped matches to Baytown Sterling and Shadow Creek before topping Spring in four games as part of the first week.

On opening night Sept. 15, Clear Brook fell at Pearland 25-11, 25-7, 25-21 as the locals went with a vastly new lineup compared to that of its 2019 district championship squad that was senior-dominated.

The Lady Wolverines then fell to Kingwood Sept. 18 by a 26-24, 25-16,

25-19 count.

Against defending Class 5A Region III champion Friendswood Sept. 19, the Lady Wolverines were on the short end of a 25-17, 25-13, 25-16 score.

As for Dobie, the Lady Longhorns took the opening set Sept. 15 in the season opener at Baytown Sterling at 25-23, but the Rangers went on to sweep from there at 25-23, 25-14, 25-16.

On Sept. 18 at Shadow Creek, the Lady Longhorns were swept in a loss at 25-18, 25-16, 25-21.

But Dobie, gearing up for District 22-6A beginning Sept. 29 at Channelvyn, got 10 kills from senior Victoria Thomas in a 21-25, 25-16, 25-15, 25-21 victory over Spring Sept. 19 at Dobie.

The Lady Longhorns have also received a team-high 39 assists over the first week from Cadie Masterson.

Dobie hosts Dickinson Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m. before hosting Barbers Hill Sept. 26 at noon.

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Dobie's Berneathy off to terrific start

The brief era of Dobie varsity football head coach Kevin Berneathy is off to a terrific start, with the varsity team winning 16 of 20 regular season games since his 2018 debut.

After a great run in 2019, aspirations within the program are as rich as any in recent memory, and rightfully so.

The team's best season in nearly two decades came in 2019 as the Longhorns

pocketed nine regular season wins for the first time since the 1999 campaign, when current assistant head coach Charles Washington was the team's starting quarterback. That team wound up 12-1 overall.

Eying Dobie's football history in terms of the post-season, one can fast forward to 2004 as head coach Tommy Kaiser led the Longhorns to a pair of playoff wins to reach the quarterfinals of the

Class 5A bracket.

Katy, led by eventual longtime NFL quarterback Andy Dalton, defeated the Longhorns in the final season of any type of play in the Astrodome during the Region III quarterfinals.

Jim Phillips took over the program in 2010, raved about the team's overall talent and proceeded to lead the Longhorns to the District 22-5A championship following a game 10 win over Deer

Park.

That team was led by quarterback Blake Jackson, and the high-powered Longhorns first lost a home field advantage coin flip and then a bidistrict playoff game at Beaumont West Brook.

Since that 2010 season, the Longhorns have advanced to the bidistrict playoffs seven times, drawing North Shore each time, losing each time.

In 2011, Jackson suffered a high ankle sprain as a senior. Dobie went 7-3 in the regular season but lost to the Mustangs 34-14.

Dobie in 2012 went 5-5 and then lost to North Shore 48-7 for a 5-6 overall finish. The 2013 season also ended at 5-6 overall after the Mustangs won in the bidistrict round 41-6.

The Longhorns' 2014 team was 6-4 in Phillips' final season, and North Shore then scored a 38-17 win.

Phillips joked following the season that he was tired of facing the Mustangs in the first round and was ready to move on.

The truth is he wanted to get closer to previous roots that he had developed in Waller.

In head coach Mike Norman's first season in 2015, the Longhorns went 5-5 and then came up short against North Shore a fifth consecutive time. The score was 52-17. Norman went 6-13 over the next two seasons as the Longhorns missed the playoffs altogether in 2016 and 2017. He resigned following that 2017 season, leading to Berneathy's hiring that off-season.

To sum it up, Dobie has gone 50-46 in all since winning that 2010 crown. Before Berneathy's arrival, though, that record had been 34-42.

Yes, the Longhorns have lost twice more in the playoffs to North Shore, but most true high school football fans

realize that North Shore went on to win Class 6A Division I state crowns in both of those seasons.

What could change in 2020? After all, North Shore remains in District 21-6A and, like Dobie, is still a Division I playoff bracket candidate.

Following the regular season, the 22-6A Division I top seed will go against the 21-6A Division I No. 2 seed and vice versa.

The bottom line is that should Dobie advance, it will face either North Shore or Atascocita in the bidistrict playoff round. That could change but isn't likely.

The first goal is winning the district title, and that will almost assuredly require a road win at Deer Park to get it done. But the Longhorns did it in 2010 and can do it again.

Dobie had not won a total of 16 games in any two consecutive regular seasons since the 90s yet have done it in Berneathy's first two campaigns. He and his staff have clearly executed their plan well and the players have responded in kind.

The bottom line is Class 6A football is more competitive than ever. Popular head coach John Snelson, a Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2020 inductee (ceremony still postponed due to COVID-19) left Pasadena Memorial many seasons ago to lead a Dickinson program that has dominated District 24-6A play for much of his stay.

When Dickinson hasn't won 24-6A, it's been Clear Springs, yet neither team was able to beat North Shore in the 10s during second-round playoff play.

As much as things change, they stay the same. Yet, Dobie seems primed for a breakthrough in 2020. It all begins Sept. 25 against Jersey Village.

Dittrich returns to roots at Brook

A four-year varsity starter at Clear Brook, Alicia Dittrich went on to a record-book-marked women's volleyball career at Central Arkansas.

Now, Dittrich has returned to her roots, joining the Lady Wolverines' staff for the 2020 campaign.

Dittrich was a varsity starter at Brook literally from the moment she arrived on campus, encompassing the 2007 through 2010 seasons. She then played at Central Arkansas from 2011 through 2014, leading the Sugar Bears to a 29-4 overall record and an NCAA postseason tournament berth in 2013. Dittrich, who had 842 career kills at Central Arkansas (No. 19 all-time), sits second in program history with a kill percentage of .328.



Alicia Dittrich

Wolverines, Dobie openers near

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staff wish to give Little his chance to be a difference-maker on the football field as well.

At Dobie, hopes and expectations are high as the Longhorns embark on a season they hope ends with a District 22-6A championship trophy in hand. The program last claimed one with a win over Deer Park in 2010 and will likely need to again beat the Deer this go-around to claim said coveted title.

The Longhorns are also working with a shortened prep time, but so are all teams. The team will almost certainly benefit from having 2019 district Newcomer of the Year

Cameron Gray back at quarterback. Dobie is a run-first team, but Gray, nonetheless, passed for 11 scored and rushed for nine more as part of a breakout sophomore campaign.

The team will need a primary running back to emerge. Trajan Davis could be that guy, but then again there were games in 2019 that saw as many as seven players in a single game draw carries.

Jeremiah Ballard returns as a true deep threat at receiver, and Jaylin Griffin flashed promise at tight end a season ago.

There are new faces along the offensive and defensive

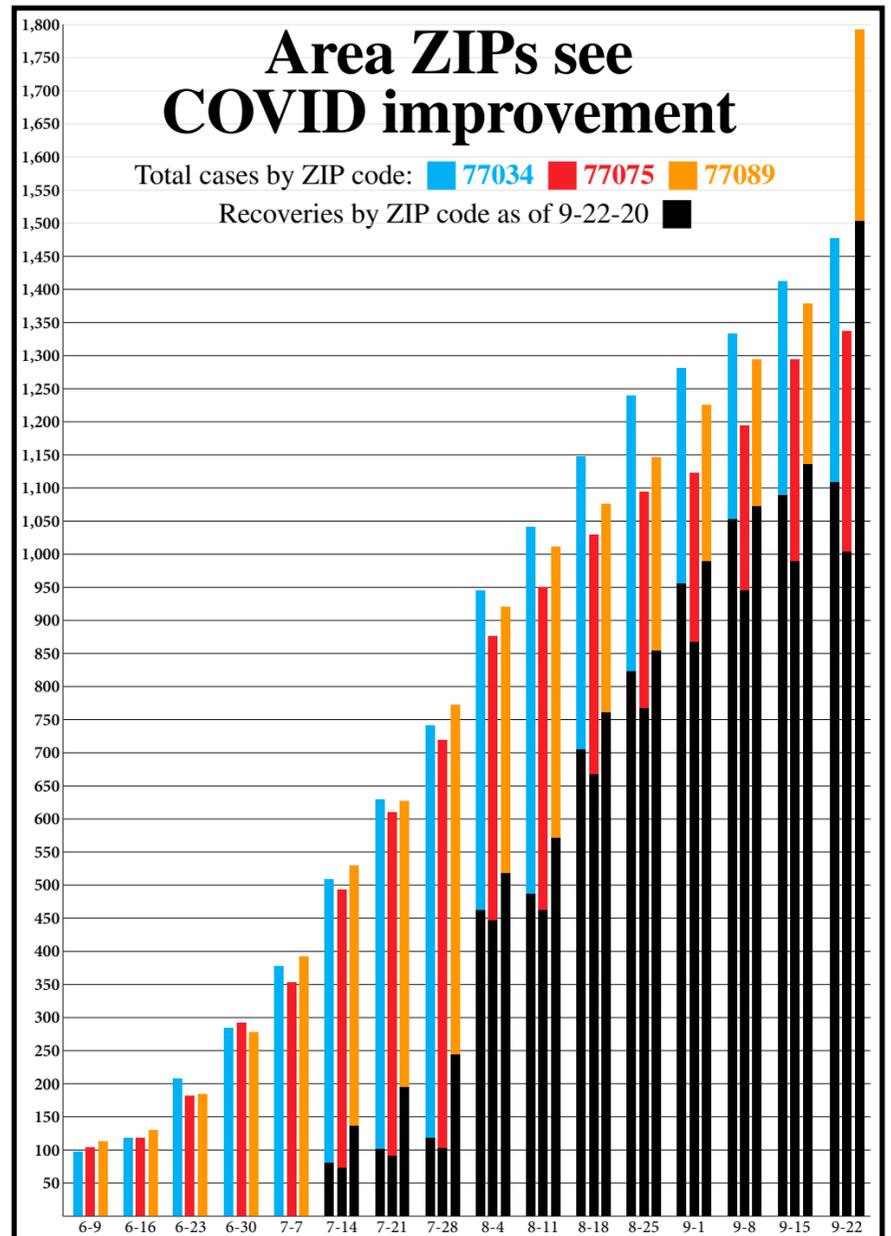
fronts, but end Gerald Joseph added eight sacks as a junior.

The linebacking crew includes three-year letterwinner Alexander "A.J." Garcia, who had more than 100 total tackles as a junior.

The secondary includes big-time performers in Rushad Ball and Darius Pampin.

It's all set for opening night. Dobie won its 2018 and 2019 openers over Santa Fe and has gone 16-4 overall in two seasons under head coach Kevin Berneathy.

The 2020 season could again hold tons of possibilities for Dobie, and it all starts against Jersey Village.



Dobie 14, Pearland 5

Boys' doubles
1) Quan Dinh/Hayden Lazo (D) def. Stanley Burns/Austin LeClere 8-1.
2) Lael Martinez/Brian Nguyen (D) def. Evan/Kohl 8-1.
3) Tristan Pedraza/Kyle Redmon (D) def. Kevin Garza/Noah Nunez 8-1
Girls' doubles
1) Julia Bui/Erica Hay (D) def. Anna Phan/Katie Sebright 8-4.
2) Jennifer Ho/Megan Rodriguez (D) def. Taylor Daigle/Bonny Le 8-4.
3) Kate Dies/Shelby McAllister (PL) def. Tracy Tran/Violet Tran 8-3.
Mixed doubles
1) Jalon Burns/Diego Guzman (PL) def. Ashley Huynh/William Ho 8-2.
Boys' singles
1) Hayden Lazo (D) def. Diego Guzman 6-4, 6-2.
2) Austin LeClere (PL) def. Tristan Pedraza 6-3, 6-2.
3) Quan Dinh (D) def. Stanley Burns 6-3, 6-3.
4) Lael Martinez (D) def. Cole McClair 7-5, 7-6 (5).
5) Brian Nguyen (D) def. Noah Nunez 6-2, 6-2.
6) Kyle Redmon (D) def. Kevin Garza 6-3, 6-2.
Girls' singles
1) Julia Bui (D) def. Jalon Burns 6-2, 6-2.
2) Erica Hay (D) def. Bonny Le 5-7, 7-6 (6), 10-4.
3) Megan Rodriguez (D) def. Katie Sebright 7-5, 6-4.
4) Anna Phan (PL) def. Jennifer Ho 6-2, 7-5.
5) Tracy Tran (D) def. Kate Dies 6-3, 6-4.
6) Shelby McAllister (PL) def. Violet Tran 6-4, 4-6, 10-4.

South Belt football predictions	Troy Leland	John Bechtle	Eli Tanksley	Toni Muse	Emory Gadd	Debbie Vaughn
Dobie hosts Jersey Village	Dobie	Dobie	Jersey Village	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie
Clear Brook at Texas City	Clear Brook	Clear Brook	Clear Brook	Texas City	Texas City	Clear Brook
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Clear Creek at Oak Ridge	Oak Ridge	Oak Ridge	Oak Ridge	Oak Ridge	Oak Ridge	Oak Ridge
Clear Springs hosts Katy	Katy	Katy	Katy	Katy	Katy	Katy
Shadow Creek at North Shore	North Shore	Shadow Creek	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	Shadow Creek
Deer Park at La Porte	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	La Porte	Deer Park	Deer Park
Pearland at The Woodlands	The Woodlands	The Woodlands	Pearland	The Woodlands	The Woodlands	The Woodlands
Clear Falls at Dawson	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson
Friendswood at Summer Creek	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood
This week's record	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Season record	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

CALENDAR

Due to the current public health situation, it is advisable to verify if face-to-face meetings are being held prior to attending. For Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings>; for Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meetings, visit www.hascona.com; for Al-Anon meetings, visit www.houstonalananon.org/meetings.html.

NOTE: Clear Lake Bridge Club – Although the bridge club is closed at this time, visit <https://acblunit174.org/clearlake/clean-blue-working/clearlake.html> for details about online games or email the director at ipochsner@aol.com for more information.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
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 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/> for more information.

Rotary Club of Pearland – Virtual meeting Thursday, 7:30 a.m., online on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81372891968>. Meeting ID: 813 7289 1968. Information is on the Pearland Chamber of Commerce website at www.pearlandtexaschamber.us under the calendar tab.

Noon

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group meets at noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or online at <https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners>. For information, call 713-686-6300.

7 p.m.

Kirkwood Civic Association meetson a conference call meeting at 7 p.m. Call Ericka McCutcheon at 281-989-9990 for more information. Civic club meeting conference dial-in 605-475-6006 Access Code: 4382419. Visit the Facebook page of Kirkwood Civic Club.

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 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
7 a.m.

AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" See Thursday's notice. 6:30 p.m.

Bay Area Genealogical Society – the last Friday, monthly, in a virtual webinar. Attendees must register for each session. Linda Worsham presents digital scrapbooking Sept. 25. Details will be posted on <https://www.txbayareagen.org>.

7 p.m.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom – All in-person events are canceled at this time. All services will be performed online. Join the Friday night service at 7 p.m. or the Saturday service at 9:30 a.m. at <https://zoom.us> with the Meeting ID 917 102 8979 and the Passcode 18csh1818. For members who wish to download a copy of the prayer book for the online service, visit <https://www.shaarhashalom.org/prayer-book-for-friday.html>. For the general website, visit <https://www.shaarhashalom.org/shabbat-online.html>.

7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). Call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
7:30 a.m.

AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" See Thursday's notice for more information.

9:30 a.m.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom – See Friday's 7 p.m notice. 11 a.m.

StartSchoolLater.net (SSL) Houston Chapter - informational meeting to bring awareness to chronic teen sleep deprivation when middle and high school starts early. The Zoom meeting is the fourth Saturday at 11 a.m. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/y576geae> to attend the meeting. For information, visit StartSchoolLater.net or contact Yen Huynh Rabe at 281-229-1409. 11 a.m.

Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) – For women affected

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
Noon

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, outside near 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801. 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Toastmasters – The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 has gone virtual at <https://youngprofessionalsoastmasters.com/>. To be a guest at the virtual meeting, select the "contact us" button on the toastmasters' home page to obtain access to the virtual meeting platform. For more information, contact Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 or Carolyn Carmichael at 832-372-3565.

7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518) in Pearland at the First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For additional information, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
7 a.m.

AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" See Thursday's notice for more information.

Noon

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice. 7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church (meeting in youth building) 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. For additional information, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.

na.com.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
7 a.m.

AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" See Thursday's notice. Noon

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice. 7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For additional information, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or visit <https://nas.tuff.com/>.

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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 group for women. Visit www.bayareaturningpoint.org for information.

8 p.m.

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1
7 a.m.

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Kelly Orsag, instructional paraprofessional, is shown above holding hands with student Jonathan Solis.



Friends sit on a bench outside school before classes begin on the first day of face-to-face instruction. Shown above, left to right, are Cayson Martinez, Charles Bruno and Ashia Jones.
Photos by Maria Mata PISD Communication Liaison



Shown above entering the school building with book bag in hand is Kelvin Nguyen.

2020 Airshow coming Will differ this year

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the air show, including these guidelines, on Sept. 15.

Produced by the Commemorative Air Force, the nonprofit air show performance lineup includes the following acts:

- The F-22 Raptor Demonstration Team is the world's first fifth generation dedicated combat aircraft demonstration unit and remains the only twin-engine, vectored-thrust demonstration unit in the world.
- The A-10C Thunderbolt II Demonstration Team will exhibit the capabilities of the A-10 "Warhog," a premier close air support aircraft that provides invaluable protection to troops on the ground.
- The C-17 Globemaster III Demonstration Team will fly the most flexible cargo aircraft to enter the airlift force, which is capable of rapid strategic delivery of troops and all types of cargo to main operating bases or directly to forward bases in the deployment area.

- The U.S. Air Force will showcase a Heritage Flight formation with aircraft (aircraft not yet finalized). Jason Newburg's Viper Airshows features 'extreme' aerobatic pilot Jason Newburg who flies a dazzling show in his customized Viper Pitts S2S aircraft.
- Jacquie B Airshows presents the amazing aerobatic flying skills of Jacquie Warda in her one-of-a-kind Pitts biplane.
- La Porte resident Deborah Rihn-Harvey, world aerobatic champion, will fly a demonstration that showcases why she is one of the highest ranked aerobics competitors in the United States.

- Fan favorite, Tora! Tora! Tora! returns again to wow fans with their explosive re-enactment of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, which includes an exciting show on the ground, too.
- The U.S. Coast Guard will demonstrate rescue routines, having provided an all-weather 24/7 search and rescue capability to the Texas and Louisiana Gulf Coast since 1963.
- Vintage aircraft performing and on display from various units of the Commemorative Air Force, Vietnam War Flight Museum, Lewis Air Legends and Collings Foundation West,

as well as two privately owned P-51 Mustangs and a collection from Stewart Dawson.

- The custom-built Shockwave Jet Truck, powered by three massive J34-48 Pratt & Whitney jet engines, will scream down the runway at chilling speeds.
- The RE/MAX Skydiving Team will open the show with a performance choreographed to the national anthem.

The show will be an air performance only; there will be no static aircraft on display, and the warbird area will not be opened before the show. The previously announced Canadian Forces Snowbirds will not perform this year.

About the air show

The Commemorative Air Force Wings Over Houston Airshow is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) community event produced by a volunteer effort of the Gulf Coast Wing, Houston Wing, and Tora! Tora! Tora! of the Commemorative Air Force, with support from the Vietnam War Flight Museum, Lewis Air Legends and Collings Foundation West. The air show is dedicated to showcasing vintage World War II aircraft, along with the thrills of modern aviation. One of the top air shows in the United States in its category, the CAF Wings Over Houston Airshow attracts more than 90,000 festival goers throughout Houston as well as from around the globe. The 2020 air show benefits the CAF Wings Over Houston Airshow Scholarship Program, military recruiting efforts, and the Commemorative Air Force aircraft restoration and flying historical programs, in addition to numerous other nonprofit organizations.

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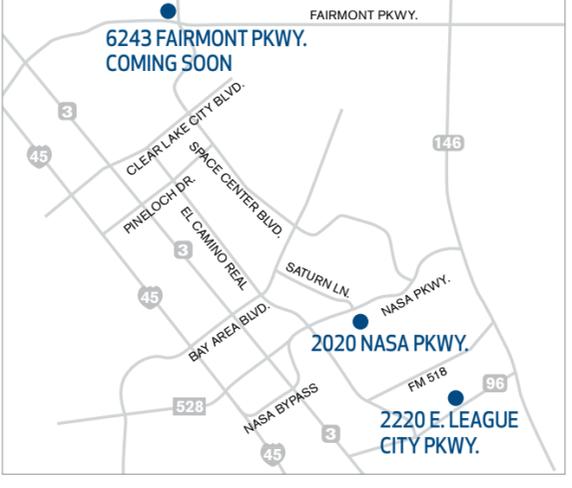
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