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National Night Out Oct. 1

National Night Out in South Belt will be held Oct. 1 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Harris County Courthouse Scarsdale annex parking lot.

Of particular interest to South Belt residents will be the Harris County shredder truck which will be on site to shred documents during the event.

Residents of all ages are urged to attend and visit with Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado, local constable officers, members of the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department. Also food will be served at some of the booths.

Fun for all! Be there.

FAFSA meeting Sept. 26

Dobie High School will host a financial aid (FAFSA) parent information night Thursday, Sept. 26. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria. All parents of seniors are encouraged to attend. For information, call Jennifer Johnson or Lili Solis at 713-740-0370.

Kirkwood Civic hosts Boykins

The Kirkwood Civic Club will host mayoral candidate Dwight Boykins for a Meet-and-Greet Candidate Event Thursday, Sept. 26, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, located at 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. All local area civic clubs presidents and their members are welcome to attend this open meeting.

St. Luke's KC BBQ sale

Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will host a barbecue sandwich sale at St. Luke the Evangelist church, located at 11011 Hall Road, at the rear parking lot Sept. 27, Sept. 28 and Sept. 29, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For the price of \$8, get a chopped beef sandwich with trimming (onions and pickles), choice of chips, and a soft drink. All proceeds benefit the KC charities.

CTHS salon day Sept. 27

The Career & Technical high school cosmetology students have obtained great success and valuable experience for their careers. The students are starting off the year with a Green Tea Spa Treatment on Friday, Sept. 27, from 3 to 8 p.m. Email appointment requests to MoRamirez@pasadenaisd.org. Email must include name, cell number, service and time needed. Book appointment by 2 p.m. Sept. 26, and a confirmation email will be sent. Be courteous and give notification of cancellations. All services are priced à la carte and cash only, in small bills, at checkout.

Moore seeks vendors

Moore Elementary is seeking vendors to display its goods during a community night/tailgating event Sept. 30 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Call Silvia Luna at 713-740-0656 or email Siluna@Pasadenaisd.org for information.

Dobie homecoming this week

Dobie High will host its homecoming game against Pasadena High Thursday, Sept. 26. To celebrate, Dobie held a parade and bonfire Wednesday evening, Sept. 25. Along with the football team and Dobie band, there were performances by the Lariatettes and cheerleaders and a DJ.

Beltway closures planned

The Beamer entrance and exit ramp at Beltway 8 are closed nightly 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Thursday, Sept. 26. Two left lanes eastbound from SH 288 to Beltway 8 are closed nightly, 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, Sept. 27.

There is a total closure of Blackhawk eastbound at Beltway 8 off-ramp and Pearland on-ramp overnight from 10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, to 5 a.m. Friday, Sept. 27.

Two inside lanes on Beltway 8 eastbound frontage road from Blackhawk to Hughes/Sabo are closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, Sept. 27.

There is a total closure of eastbound and westbound ramps from 10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, to 5 a.m. Friday, Sept. 27.

Both northbound and southbound U-turn lanes and one alternate northbound lane at Beltway 8 and Crenshaw will be closed daily, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Sept. 30; eastbound and westbound frontage road closed 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Sept. 27.

Both northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Vista will be closed daily, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Sunday, Oct. 13.

At least two inside northbound Beltway 8 frontage road lanes will be closed at SH 225, 8 p.m. to 5 a.m., through Sept. 30. At least two inside northbound Beltway 8 frontage road lanes will be closed at SH 225 from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. weekend days through Sept. 29.

Gulf Freeway closures set

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

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96/League City Parkway will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Tuesday, Dec. 31. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed.

Most tax rates except county may decrease

While most local taxing entities are preparing to lower rates due to higher appraisal rolls, Harris County is drawing fire for proposing to sharply raise its collections.

At a recent Commissioners Court meeting, a 12.6 percent property tax rate increase was proposed, bringing the fee to a new high of 65.26 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, or a 2.26-cent increase. For the average home (\$179,660 in taxable value), this would mean a \$131.50 in-

crease over their 2018 property tax bill.

If approved, the measure would increase county coffers by more than \$200 million, a 10-plus-percent increase of 2018.

According to state senator, and former Harris County tax assessor-collector, Paul Bettencourt, the move would mark the first time in 20 years the county has increased property taxes on top of an already strong appraisal roll.

The increase would push the property tax rate

all the way to the existing 8 percent rollback limit, during the last year this high limit applies to cities and counties with populations above 30,000, according to rules laid out in the recently passed Senate Bill 2.

County Commissioners Jack Cagle and Steve Radack voted to actually lower the property tax rate but were rebuffed by commissioners Rodney Ellis and Adrian Garcia and Judge Lina Hidalgo.

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Dobie to honor first-ever FB team

Dobie High School's Sept. 26 homecoming festivities will, of course, include the annual crowning of the king and queen, but this year's event will include something more.

Also at halftime, 12 members of the first-ever Dobie varsity football team plus an assistant coach will be honored 50 seasons after they made their debut.

The 1969 Dobie varsity football team, head-coached by Sam Sailer, won two of its first three

games before dropping their final seven games for a 2-8 record. The Longhorns' first-ever varsity football game resulted in a 10-7 win over Houston Jeff Davis on the road.

Craig Arrant, a member of that 1969 team, played a big role in coordinating the homecoming appearance at Veterans Stadium. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. as today's Longhorns take on Pasadena.

For more information, see Pages 1B and 2B.

Area resident charged with murder

A Jourdan Ellison, 17-year-old resident of apartments on FM1959 was charged with capital murder at last Saturday's probable cause hearing in the death of 19-year-old South Houston High graduate Christian Lezama at his apartment in the 1800 block of St. Joseph Parkway.

Ellison was arrested Friday after three wit-

nesses identified him as the suspect who fatally shot Lezama.

He reportedly shot Lezama during an apparent drug deal. According to officials, Ellison was trying to steal Lezama's necklace and diamond-plated teeth on Sept. 4.

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Local U.S. postal problems persist

Several South Belt residents have complained to the *Leader* and on social media about not receiving mail since the remnants of Tropical Storm Imelda struck the area last week.

The delays are associated with the closure of the U.S. Postal Service's North Houston mail processing facility, which suffered a roof col-

lapse during the storm, injuring three people.

According to Post Office officials, most operations have now resumed at the sorting facility, following an inspection by structural engineers. Mail deliveries in the South Belt area are expected to return to normal on Thursday, Sept. 26.

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South Belt spared storm brunt

The South Belt community was spared the brunt of storms associated with Tropical Storm Imelda this past week, as the formation struck to the east in the Beaumont-Port Arthur area.

While some weather forecasts had predicted as much as 20 inches of rain for the South Belt

area, the amount of actual rainfall was approximately half that.

Between Thursday, Sept. 19, and Friday, Sept. 20, the rain gauge at the Beamer ditch at Hughes Road recorded 3.3 inches of rainfall. The same

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3-car I-45 accident results in fatality

Houston police are investigating a fatal crash that occurred at 10200 Gulf Freeway (South Interstate Highway 45) about 6:25 a.m., Sept. 20.

The identity of the male victim, 29, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

HPD Vehicular Crimes Division Sergeant L. Ross and Senior Police Officer L. Ho reported that the driver of a red Ford Taurus was traveling southbound on the Gulf Freeway when the

victim, a pedestrian, attempted to run across the lanes of traffic and was struck by the Taurus. The driver of a gray Ford Focus then struck the victim, lost control and struck the concrete barrier. A third driver, in a white Audi Q5, also struck the pedestrian.

The victim was pronounced dead at the scene.

All three drivers remained at the scene, were questioned and released.

Candidates for District D visit area

Several candidates running for the position of City of Houston District D city council member gathered Monday, Sept. 16, at San Jacinto College South for a candidate forum and meet and greet session sponsored by the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce.

All but one of the crowded field of 16 candidates were present, with local rapper Brad "Scarface" Jordan being the lone absentee.

While the northern parts of District D near the Third Ward and Sunnyside were more heavily represented, unity of the entire district seemed to be a common theme of the evening.

"I believe we need to bridge together to make District D whole again and to make District D work like it's supposed to," said Marlon A. Christian.

This sentiment was shared by Dontrell L. Montgomery.

"I'm running because District D is running on an outdated model," Montgomery said. "We can no longer operate in a neighborhood-thinking model. It doesn't work. That's why we continue to have the same problems every election cycle. It is time to think as a district."

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LSA 2019 HC King and Queen

On Friday, Sept. 20 at the LSA football game against Brookshire Royal, seniors Francesca Scott (left) and Beau Psenick were crowned Lutheran South Academy's 2019 Homecoming King and Queen. Psenick is the son of Rob and Sheila Psenick of Pasadena and Scott is the daughter of Nick and Teresa Scott of Kemah. LSA 2019 Homecoming Court seniors are Katie Barlow, Laura Demchak, Kaitlyn McCann, Charlie Beck, Tyler Boskas and Gabe Degollado. Homecoming Court juniors are Tori Burkett, Sophie Gonzales, Grace Leblanc, Easton Brenner, Wyatt Maher and Rhett Newkirk. Court sophomores are Reese Davis, Lily Psenick, Nicholas Hatch; and Joel Hutchins. Court freshmen are Nisha Shah and Jett Strack. Kindergarten crown bearers are Alexis Walters and Levi Walker.

Chamber Evening of Cuisine Oct. 10

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Evening of Cuisine - The Taste of South Belt - Thursday, Oct. 10, at Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive in Pearland, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Now in its 22nd year, the event is the cham-

ber's main fundraiser each year. The all-you-can-eat event allows attendees to sample food and beverages from a wide variety of local vendors. This year's event will feature cuisine ranging from barbecue to pizza, as well as multiple

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Police investigate freeway shooting

Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of a male and the wounding of another that occurred around 1:50 a.m. Monday, Sept. 23, in the 9300 block of the Gulf Freeway near College Avenue.

The identity of the deceased male victim is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences. A second victim, 25, was transported to the hospital in stable condition.

According to police, officers responded to a re-

port of a shooting in the parking lot of a strip mall at the aforementioned address and found the victim deceased. The second victim was transported to HCA Houston Healthcare Clear Lake, where he was treated. The victim stated they were getting into a vehicle after leaving a nearby club when they were shot. The motive was unknown at press time.

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

SoHo announces Hall of Honor

Three South Houston High School graduates and a faculty member will be inducted into the South Houston High School Hall of Honor during the homecoming celebration Friday, Nov. 1.

The honorees include Sheila Wilson Beckett, Class of '70; Allen Fowler, Class of '80; Vaughn-ligan Walwyn, Class of '99 and former JROTC instructor Cecil H. Dinwiddie.

The Hall of Honor recognizes graduates who have made significant contributions to society and always "Do what's right."

Induction into the Hall of Honor is the highest accolade that can be given to South Houston High School graduates and former faculty members.

The induction ceremony will start at 11:45 a.m. Friday, Nov. 1, followed by a reception.

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San Jac chemical facility holds official opening

San Jacinto College marked the grand opening of the new LyondellBasell Center for Petrochemical, Energy and Technology (CPET), Wednesday, Sept. 18, with more than 350 elected officials, industry partners, community members, faculty and staff.

The ceremony revealed LyondellBasell as the facility's naming rights partner, honoring the company's generous \$5 million donation and their support in helping to develop the facility's curriculum, aligning with LyondellBasell's strong commitment to workforce development.

The new, cutting-edge training facility is located at 7901 W. Fairmont Parkway, on the San Jacinto Central campus, placing it in the heart of the largest petrochemical manufacturing complex in the United States, where 90 companies operate 132 plants within a 13-mile radius of the college's new facility.

As a top-10 community college in the nation and the country's second-largest producer of process operator graduates, San Jacinto College plays a vital role in helping the region maintain its status as the "Energy Capital of the World." The new technologically advanced center will enhance the college's ability to provide unrivaled, hands-on training in real-world labs, designed with current industry needs in mind.

"This building has been many years in the making," says San Jacinto College chancellor

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City council, District D speak in South Belt



A meet-and-greet and forum event was held Monday, Sept. 16, at San Jacinto College South campus sponsored by the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce along with local civic clubs and associations. The event allowed candidates running for City Council District D, which is being vacated by Dwight Boykins, to express their views so community members could make informed voting choices. Shown, left to right, are (front row) Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, T. "Nissi" Hamilton, Carla Brailey, (back row) Dontrell L. Montgomery, Terrill D. Thomas, Travis McGee, Andrew C. Burks Jr., Mike Grissom, Rashad Cave, Ken Moore, Marlon A. Christian, Dennis Griffin, Jerome Provost, Jeremy Darby and Cecil District D, which is being vacated by Dwight Boykins, to express their views so community members could make informed voting choices. Shown, left to right, are (front row) Carolyn Ev-

Photo by Marie Flickinger

In My Opinion

James Muecke urges honoring veterans

You are fortunate to be living in a beautiful free country. Why? Because of our active military and the veterans and some who returned home in a coffin with the American flag draped across, of all branches of the service. Lets honor them.

Honor Flight is a national volunteer organization, supported by donations and grants. This does not cost the veteran a penny. Honor Flight takes veterans to Washington D. C. on a 2 day trip visiting all the historical National Monuments. A group of Vietnam Veterans will leave Hobby Air Port this Friday Sept 27 and will return on Saturday evening Sept. 28, 2019 at about 7 p.m. I was privileged to take this trip back in May, what an honor.

James E. Muecke

This is how you can honor these heroes. Come to Hobby airport terminal, use the Jet Blue drop off door, with your families, friends and especially children. Bring American flags and place cards with wording Welcome Back, wave the American flag or how ever you wish.

There will be a welcoming ceremony in the terminal with music and speakers. Remember these heroes came back and were so dishonored and spit on. Lets correct this.

Please take the time to come. Now if you cannot, then think about making a donation so that future veterans can take this trip. At this point, over 200,000 veterans ages up to 100 have been so honored. If you wish to donate or make a flight contact: veterans@honorfliighthouston.org

Teen killed over necklace, teeth

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According to a witness at the scene, a group of males were hanging out at Lezama's when the victim went to get something from the refrigerator. About that time, Elliston pointed two guns at the group.

Then two men report-

edly entered the apartment, held guns on those there and searched the apartment.

That is when Ellison demanded Lezama give him the necklace and teeth. When Lezama refused he was fatally shot.

The Houston Chronicle erroneously named Ellison as

a Dobie High School student. Although he had attended Dobie during previous years, he most recently attended school at the Summit, Pasadena ISD's alternative school. He apparently had not even been attending the Summit as records show he dropped out in February, 2019.

Crenshaw, Olson host City, HCFCD for delegate update

Representatives Dan Crenshaw and Pete Olson hosted the City of Houston and Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) in the nation's capital yesterday for a briefing.

Members of the Houston delegation received an update on Hurricane Harvey recovery projects, including San Jacinto River dredging and the status of the Addicks and Barker study.

The meeting also addressed potential projects the city and county could execute if awarded federal funding by the Texas General Land Office.

"Harris County Flood Control District and the City of Houston are among our best allies when it comes to improving Houston's flood management," said Crenshaw. "Our goal of eliminating Houston's flooding vulnerabilities is no simple mission."

"We face infrastructural, geographical, monetary and engineering challenges, but HCFCD and the City of Houston have played an integral role in the progress we have made thus far. By partnering with these entities, the Houston delegation can continue to

make tangible improvements on flood mitigation."

"When it comes to supporting those affected by devastating rain, hurricanes and floods, the Texas delegation in the House of Representatives stands united," said Olson.

"Yesterday's briefing by the Harris County Flood Control District showed us how far we've come in the two years since Hurricane Harvey and how much more we can accomplish when elected officials, local leaders, and bipartisan coalitions work together."

Political candidates share their words

City mayoral candidate King speaks out

By Bill King

Once again hundreds of Houston families are waking up from the nightmare of floodwater rushing into their homes. They, and everyone else who suffered from flooding during the last four years, should be outraged that the City (of Houston) continues to spend only about half the drainage fees they pay each month on actually improving drainage.

Since voters approved the drainage fee in 2011, the City has been collecting about \$110 million in new revenue that was supposed to be dedicated to solving our flooding problems. The City has now collected nearly \$1 billion in drainage fees. And yet, we know from City records that no more than about half of that has actu-

ally been spent on drainage. In 2015 Turner promised to end the diversion of the drainage fees. It is just one of many campaign promises he has broken.

Flooding is the greatest challenge we now face as a city. It is taking an incredible toll on Houstonians and badly tarnishing our national image.

If Houstonians elect me as mayor, I will immediately implement my plan to ensure that every penny of the drainage is spent on improving the City drainage infrastructure.

1. Any income derived from the drainage fees will be deposited directly into a segregated "Drainage Fee Account." My administration will establish a web

page on the City's website which shows all deposits to and expenditures from the Drainage Fee Account.

2. No expenditure will be made from the Drainage Fee Account without City Council approval.

3. Any expenditure from the Drainage Fee Account submitted to City Council must be accompanied by a description, prepared by the Public Works Director, of how the expenditure will improve drainage, a quantification of the flood control benefit, and the area that will benefit.

4. Drainage fees will not be used to pay the salary or any other compensation of any City employee or any administrative or overhead charge to the City.

Local library events set

Bracewell Branch Library

Thursday, Sept. 26, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Spanish computer class for adults and seniors
Monday, Sept. 30, 10:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. Citizenship class. The classes cover the 100 civics questions and how to prepare for the citizenship interview. Other topics include the citizenship application and qualifications. Class participation is by appointment only. Call the library to sign up.

Tuesday, Oct. 1, 10:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. Citizenship class. Class participation is by appointment only. Call the library to sign up.

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 10:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. Citizenship class. Class participation is by appointment only.

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 10:30 a.m. Toddler storytime.: 11:15 a.m. Toddler playtime. Toddler around with the library staff for stories, songs, and activities that will help develop a toddler's social, motor and literacy skills. This session is intended for children ages 6 months to 4 years and their caregivers.
Wednesday, Oct. 2. Computer courses: 2 p.m. Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. Basic PowerPoint

For more information, call the library at 832-393-2580.
Bracewell hours are: Thursday noon - 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 1 - 5 p.m.; Sunday, closed; Monday, 2 - 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Parker Williams Library

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.:
Thursday, Sept. 26, 10:30 a.m. Microsoft Word for Résumés. Learn word processing skills and get started on one's résumé (or revise it) at the same time. There will be a discussion of general tips on preparing a résumé. Bring notes about previous work or a previous résumé. Registration is requested.

Thursday, Sept. 26, 4 p.m. Community craft: Rock Painting, for families and children, ages 8 and older. Participants will decorate and personalize a rock with beautiful images or messages to add to their garden, a desk or a number of various places. All materials are provided.

Saturday, Sept. 28 at 10:30 a.m. SCORE Small Business Presentation: Cash Management. SCORE Houston is a network of volunteers who offer small business entrepreneurs practical advice at no charge from conception to profitable growth. Learn about cash management and meet SCORE mentors at this free presentation by Rob Gay, who has more than 15 years of financial structuring and management experience as a banker and corporate finance specialist. Registration is requested.

Saturday, Sept. 28 at 11 a.m. Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration. Meet at the library for the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. There will be three fun activities for this free event. At 11 a.m., participants will learn how to make a Pinata. At 12:30 p.m. participants will play a traditional Hispanic matching game. A 1:30 p.m. there will be light refreshments and some traditional Hispanic music.

Tuesday, Oct. 1, 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. Book Buddies at Frazier Elementary School, for ages 3 - 8. Book Buddies is an exciting program that pairs a child with a teen mentor to read together. This bond is meant to foster a love of reading for enjoyment for the Little Buddy and the big Buddy. Sessions will continue until Nov. 19.

For more information on these programs, call the library at 832-927-7870.
Below are the programs that occur every week, unless the library is closed:
Tuesday, Babytime lapsit, 10:30 a.m. For babies from birth to 18 months, featuring a mother-baby lapsit time with fingerplays, songs and playtime.

Wednesday, Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m. For children, ages 3 to 5 years, storytime features stories, songs, fingerplays and a craft.

Wednesday, 2 - 3 p.m.: Basic computer classes (Vietnamese). Learn mouse, keyboarding, basic internet skills and more at this weekly class in Vietnamese. Registration is requested.

Thursday, Toddler storytime, 10:30 a.m. For toddlers from birth to 3 years, storytime features stories, songs, fingerplays and bubbles.

Saturday, Vietnamese learning time, for adults and children ages 8 and older. Classes begin at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. It's a great time to take a class to help with a skill for work, gain understanding of a topic or learn a language. There are many free classes available online at the library website or on the internet, through universities or other sources. Practice navigating the internet to learn about these, or sign up for one. For more information on these programs, speak with Loc Bui.

For more information on all other programs, call the library at 832-927-7870.
Library hours are: Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday, closed; Monday, 1 - 9 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Postal officials explain problems with delivery

The USPS has issued the following press release regarding mail delivery.

"The safety of employees and customers is our primary concern. We continue to work hard every day to reconnect our customers and businesses with their mail. The majority of our major processing infrastructure is up and running and the mail is moving. Most of our post offices are open for business and we are delivering to homes and businesses, wherever it is safe and accessible to do so.

"At our North Houston mail processing facility, which sustained damage during Imelda, we are making progress daily toward restoring normal operations. Following an inspection by structural engineers, the Postal Service began resumption of most processing operations. More than 2,100 dedicated postal employees are working around-the-clock at the Houston plant, in an effort to restore full service as soon as possible.

"For customers who may not have received their usual amount of mail or packages, they can be assured that all mail within our system is secured and safe at all times. We are processing all mail and packages as quickly as we can and any items customers are expecting will be delivered as soon as possible. We appreciate our customers' patience as we continue to work hard to re-

sume normal postal operations in Houston and the surrounding area."

A few postal facilities still remain inaccessible. The USPS says it will continually assess facilities to ensure they are safe to occupy.

For those Post Offices still unable to be occupied, it is currently operating in alternate locations until repairs can be made, as listed below.

If a Post Office is not listed, that means it is open and fully operational. The USPS reminds customers that they should rely primarily on the USPS website to obtain official, accurate, and updated information on Post Office operations. This information is posted to the USPS Service Alerts website, accessed here. All Post Offices/Stations/Branches/Finance Units have resumed normal operations, with the exception of the listed offices that remain closed until further notice:

All operations have resumed within the 3-digit ZIP Codes of 773 with the exception of Porter Post Office. Operations for the Porter Post Office have been moved to the following alternate location:
New Caney Post Office, 20811 US Highway 59, New Caney, TX 77357 (Hours of operation: M-F 9:00 AM-4:30 PM/Closed Sat. and Sun.)
All operations have resumed within the 3-digit ZIP Codes of 775 with the excep-

tion of: Devers Post Office, 102 S Gates St, Devers, TX 77538. Operations for the Devers have been moved to Liberty Post Office, 1515 Sam Houston St, Liberty, TX 77575.

All operations have resumed within the 3-digit ZIP Codes of 776 with the exception of:

Hamshire Post Office, 25142 Highway 124, Hamshire, TX 77622

Stowell Post Office, 3608 State Highway 124, Stowell, TX 77661

Mauriceville Post Office, 11424 Highway 12, Mauriceville, TX 77626

Nome Post Office, 2285 Highway 90, Nome, TX 77629.

Operations for the Hamshire and Stowell Post Offices have been moved to: Winnie Post Office, 324 Highway 124, Winnie, TX 77665 (Hours of operation: M-F 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM/Closed Sat. and Sun.)

Operations for the Mauriceville Post Office have been moved to: Evadale Post Office, 225 FM 105, Evadale, TX 77615 (Hours of operation: M-F 8:30 AM-11:30 AM/12:30 PM-4:30 PM/ Closed Sat. and Sun.)

Operations for the Nome Post Office have been moved to China Post Office, 305 N Broadway St, China, TX 77613 (Hours of operation: M-F 8:00 AM-12:00 PM/1:00 PM-4:30 PM/Closed Sat. and Sun.)

Imelda interrupts mail service

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Carla Brailey is of the same opinion. "We have a very complex district that includes not just universities, not just Third Ward, South Park and Sunnyside, we also have the medical district and the museum district. It's very important that whoever is in this particular position understands that we don't just have 'haves,' we also have 'have-nots,'" Brailey said. "We need to work together so we can become one."

Several candidates emphasized their experience with working on their local civic club, including Anthony Kirk Allen, Andrew C. Burks Jr., Carolyn Evans-Shabazz and Travis McGee.

"I'm basically running because the only difference between a productive civic club leader and a city council person is that they get benefits, they get paid, they get some of the complaints, and we get all of the complaints, and sometimes, we get blamed for those complaints," said McGee.

Allen feels that his time as civic club president will also help him in the position.

"I alone can't do anything," said Allen. "I believe in building coalitions. I want to build coalitions everywhere to help move our community forward."

Multiple candidates expressed a desire to build a bridge between younger and older generations.

"I'm running to build a bridge," said Rashad Cave. "A bridge between the older generation that's just trying to get a glimpse of the community they once loved and the younger generation that can't find themselves in that same equation."

A similar position was shared by Terrill D. Thomas.

"I've been around a long time," said Thomas. "I've been dealing with the youth, and I've been with the seniors. I've been a mentor for our youth. I've been a bridge to gain the gap between our seniors because we have so much talent that's retired in our community that we're not

utilizing. And so, we want to make it a safe community for our kids and for our seniors to be able to walk again."

At only 24 years old, candidate Dennis Griffin agreed.

"I'm the youngest person to run in this race and one of the youngest people to ever run for city council," said Griffin. "I do that because I know what a lot of the young professionals in this room know. We recognize that we are responsible for the future of the world we live in, and we owe it to our elders that to protect and help build the community that they're entrusting to us."

Candidates Shabazz and Ken Moore both heralded their experience in working with local universities.

"I help the community the best way I know how, and that's through legal means and education," said Moore, who teaches law at the University of Houston. "I protect your rights every day, and now, it's time for me to protect your district."

Shabazz, who chairs the board at Houston Community College, feels her experience as a trustee will benefit her.

"I am the leader of the board, but I realize that we have to work together," Shabazz said.

Candidates Jeremy Darby and Jerome Provost both expressed a desire to battle corporatism in the area.

"I'm running to represent the common citizens of District D," said Provost. "I'm more interested in representing the citizens' interest than the corporate interest. Right now, we are letting corporations dictate the life for citizens."

Darby also stands against what he refers to as "corporate culture."

"My reason for running is that I know I have the most progressive and forward-thinking initiatives for the community," said Darby. "And I know we can change the corporate culture and the processes and procedures of how we can operate as a team, a group of people who live together and work to-

gether."

A former at-large council member, Burks emphasized his accomplishments between 2012-2014 and said he'd continue to focus his efforts on flooding, veterans and seniors.

Candidate Mike Grissom stressed his experience as a Houston firefighter.

"When you think about the fire department, I don't want you to think about fire stations, and I don't want you to think about firemen," Grissom said. "I want you to think about work ethic. I want you to think about the discipline. I want you to think about the attention to detail. We have a job that if you make one mistake, that can be your life. Now, imagine taking those qualities and applying them to city council."

T. "Nissi" Hamilton said enforcing local ordinances would be a top priority for her, if elected.

"I'm running because I want the streets to be painted in Rainbow Valley," said Hamilton. "I want HOA fees and ordinances to be passed, and where violators can actually be persecuted when our homes are left abandoned in South Belt."

The District D election is set to take place Tuesday, Nov. 5.

For more information on candidates, visit www.houstontx.gov/2019-general-election.html.

While the future City of Houston Spaceport at Ellington Airport is technically located in David Martin's District E, all of the candidates seemed to be somewhat ignorant of the development and its potential impact on the South Belt community. Some of the later candidates called on to answer a question about the new facility appeared to be looking up the subject on their phones, as their turn approached.

The District D election is set to take place Tuesday, Nov. 5.

To listen to a full recording of the candidate forum, visit the South Belt-Ellington Chamber facebook page.

Deaths

Steven Craig Mears



Steven Craig Mears, 60, died July 28, 2019. He is preceded in death by his mother Laura Jane Hamilton Mears.

Craig is survived by his wife Pam; sons Zachary Mears and John Mears; grandsons Damian Mears and Jonathan Mears; father Melvin Mears; brother Mike Mears and his wife Rose; and sister Jana Chimenti and her husband Paul.

He was born May 8, 1959, in Houston, the eldest of three children. Craig and Pam married in 1985 and have lived in the South Belt area since.

Craig was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, son, brother and friend. Craig was also a dedicated employee of Wolfenson Electric Inc. for the past 28 years where he worked as a journeyman electrician/foreman.

Prior to that he worked in the telecommunications industry on cellular towers where most of his time was spent on the road. He left this industry so he could be home with his family.

While his passing was sudden and unexpected, Craig's zest for life will not be forgotten.

Those who knew Craig, knew he loved riding his motorcycle, classic rock and roll and his little buddy (dog), Max.

He became quite the backyard grill master/barbecue enthusiast - always trying new recipes that he could not wait to enjoy with family and friends. When he was younger, he was quite the sketch artist - mostly of dragsters and hot rod cars. Craig also had quite the sense of humor, often laughing at himself which made everyone around break out in laughter as well.

A Celebration of Life service is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 5, at 11 a.m. at Sagemont Church in the chapel, room WC 1113.

The church is located at 11300 S. Sam Houston Parkway E.

Guillermo Yarzagaray



Longtime South Belt resident Guillermo Yarzagaray, 78, known by his family and friends as "Mizan," passed away peacefully at his home in Houston. He was born in Aruba, then moved to the Virgin Islands where he met and married his wife of 49 years, Ella. They moved to Houston 39 years ago where he started a tile-laying business. Mizan loved dogs, sports, watching the news and telling jokes.

He is preceded in death by his father Efegeenio Yarzagaray and his mother Andrea Yarzagaray; his sister Carmen Yarzagaray; and his brothers Juan Yarzagaray and Felix Yarzagaray.

Mizan is survived by his wife Ella Yarzagaray; daughter Marianella Yarzagaray-Riley and husband Stuart Riley; and grandchildren Victor Riley, Houston Riley, Luke Riley and Ireland Riley. He is also survived by his brothers Victor Yarzagaray, Reno Yarzagaray and Alwin Yarzagaray; and sisters Edresilda Yarzagaray, Esmeralda Yarzagaray, Vilva Yarzagaray, Lina Kelly and Erica Yarzagaray.

A memorial Mass was celebrated Wednesday, Sept. 25, at St. Luke The Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road.

Benito Garza



Benito Garza, 57, was born Aug. 12, 1962, in Edinburg, Texas, and died Sept. 18, 2019.

He was preceded in death by his parents Gabriel and Maria Garza.

Many who knew him remember him as one who would give his last dollar to someone in need. He gave much of his money to perfect strangers.

He also enjoyed drinking his Budweiser, smoking and making friends. He loved to listen to music and dancing. Benito was known as a very noble, innocent and caring person.

Benito is survived by his sisters Guadalupe Blasa Garza and husband Daniel Ruiz, Alma Gabriela Garza and husband Ivan Montemayor, Aracely Garza and husband Jose Genaro Artiga, Aida Alicia Garza and husband Oscar Ramirez; his brothers Jose Luis Garza and wife Raquel, Rafael Garza and wife Janie, Juan Enrique Garza and wife Sonia; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at Forest Lawn Funeral Home, located at 8706 Alameda Genoa, Sept. 21, 2019, followed by the recitation of the rosary.

Dog adoptions cheaper for National Dog Week

In celebration of National Dog Week which started Sept. 23, BARC Animal Shelter & Adoptions will offer adoption specials all week.

BARC Animal Shelter & Adoptions will charge adoption fees of only \$20 on all dogs 5 months and over through Friday, Sept. 27.

Adopters will have the opportunity to receive a complimentary plush pet bed with each qualifying dog adoption while supplies last.

Additional adoption specials will be available starting Saturday, September 28, 2019 to Sunday, Sept. 29.

When: Monday, Sept. 23 - Sunday, Sept. 29.
Where: 3300 Carr St. Houston, TX 77026.

"We hope Houstonians are able to visit us and find a new four-legged friend at BARC this weekend!" said Jennifer Barrera Wandrey, outreach manager at BARC.

The simplest, but most powerful thing Houstonians can do to help BARC and pets throughout the community is to foster, volunteer, donate and adopt. If you are unable to permanently adopt a pet but would like to help animals in need, BARC encourages you to consider becoming a volunteer or a foster pet parent at BARC. By getting these animals out of BARC and into foster homes, BARC has more space for additional animals as they enter the shelter.

Leader checks out social media

A member from *The Official South Belt & Sagemont Area Crime Alert* Facebook page shared a post from *Neighbors* app stating that on Sept. 21, a lady and a friend went to Walmart at Alameda Genoa and I-45 around midnight when two dark-skinned men and two

females waiting in a vehicle confronted the lady. The alleged suspects demanded for the lady to give them her chain. The victim got in to a physical fight with them. The men were not able to get the necklace off her neck. The victim wants to let people know to be careful of sur-

roundings and to stay safe.

Another member from the same Facebook page posted a picture of attempted vehicle theft. The member stated that only the door handle was broken and nothing was taken from the truck. The incident happened on Sagevalley and Hughes.

Rotary Club of Pearland convenes weekly

The Rotary Club of Pearland meets every Thursday at 7:30 a.m. at Allendale's Kitchen & Cocktails, located at 5010 Broadway St., in Pearland.

Meetings include a variety of speakers. The next meetings are scheduled for Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31.

The restaurant will be exclusively open for club attendees with breakfast at one's own cost. For information, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@texascitizensbank.com.

Hometown Heroes Park "Let's Dance"

Let's Dance is sharing the dates of their next dance plans for those who like to plan ahead and mark their calendar. Everyone is welcome to attend these dances at the Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 East League City Parkway, League City. Evening dances are from 7 to 9:45 p.m. and the door fee is \$8. Attire is always "dress as you like" and theme attire is also welcome.

Dancers without partners are welcomed with tables reserved for those who choose to sit together for convenience in sharing partners. All ages from teens through seniors can share the music and floor regardless of the level of danceability.

Everyone is encouraged to "save the dates." These are the dates: Oct. 5, "Some Enchanted Evening"; Nov. 2, "Veterans Dance"; Dec. 7, "Cool Yule Ball"; Jan. 4, 2020, "Come to the Cabaret"; Feb. 1, "Everything's Coming Up Roses"; and Feb. 29, "Mardi Gras Dance."

Everyone is welcome to attend the free ballroom dance activity at Hometown Heroes Park every Wednesday from 1 - 3:30 pm. Recorded music selections chosen by Neva Schroeder include all rhythms that you expect at any ballroom dance in the area. This dance is casual but is not lessons. Any questions on the evening dances or the Wednesday dances should be directed to neva@letsdanceballroom.org

Those interested in lessons can enjoy free dance lessons at Hometown Heroes Park on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. These lessons are taught by Lewis and Betty Whistler. Questions on lessons can be directed to 832-517-5833.

Grief support group shares on Sundays

A grief support group meets weekly on Sundays, except on major holidays, from 2 to 3:15 p.m., at First United Methodist Church, located at 1062 Fairmont Parkway in Pasadena.

Harris county tax rate options explained

Harris County Commissioners Court must approve property tax rates for Harris County, the Flood Control District, Hospital District, and the Port of Houston on Oct. 8. The combined rates make up the overall rate for the County, which has been 62.998 cents per \$100 taxable valuation since 2007. The approved rates were advertised publicly by the Tax Office Sept. 12 via print outlets, the web and television. For any rate greater than the effective rate that was approved Sept. 10, public hearings were conducted at a special meeting Sept. 19 or Sept. 20, followed by a regular meeting of Commissioners Court Sept. 24. Following the first two public hearings, the procedure recommends the Court hold a third and final public hearing and officially adopt the rates during its regular meeting Oct. 8.

Option 1 Effective Tax Rates - Rate Reduction 1.828 cents - No hearings required

	Harris County	Flood Control	Hospital District	Port	Overall (1.82800)
M&O	0.34174	0.02670	0.16491	-	
Debt Service	0.06539	0.00122	0.00100	0.01074	
Overall	0.40713	0.02792	0.16591	0.01074	0.61170
Tax Savings for Avg Home	\$ (19.07)	\$ (1.42)	\$ (8.61)	\$ (1.35)	\$ (30.45)
M&O Tax Revenue	1,558,065,954	119,639,040	741,083,156		
FY2020 Budget	1,543,127,412	116,311,564	722,168,221		
Increase	14,938,542	3,327,476	18,914,936		
Percent Increase	1.0%	2.9%	2.6%		

Option 2 Same Overall Tax Rate - Court Adopted Rate since 2007

	Harris County	Flood Control	Hospital District	Port	Overall
M&O	0.35300	0.02863	0.17000	-	
Debt Service	0.06539	0.00122	0.00100	0.01074	
Overall	0.41839	0.02985	0.17100	0.01074	0.62998
No Change for Avg Home	\$ (0.32)	\$ 1.80	\$ (0.13)	\$ (1.35)	\$ -
M&O Tax Revenue	1,609,402,709	128,287,106	763,956,925		
FY2020 Budget	1,543,127,412	116,311,564	722,168,221		
Increase	66,275,297	11,975,542	41,788,705		
Percent Increase	4.3%	10.3%	5.8%		

Option 3 Rollback Tax Rates - Maximum Rates without Election - 2.262 cent increase

	Harris County	Flood Control	Hospital District	Port	Overall 2.26200
M&O	0.36751	0.02870	0.17804	-	
Debt Service	0.06539	0.00122	0.00100	0.01074	
Overall	0.43290	0.02992	0.17904	0.01074	0.65260
Tax Increase (decrease) for Average Home	\$ 23.84	\$ 1.91	\$ 13.25	\$ (1.35)	\$ 37.65
M&O Tax Revenue	1,675,192,173	128,600,766	800,087,594		
FY2020 Budget	1,543,127,412	116,311,564	722,168,221		
Increase	132,064,761	12,289,202	77,919,373		
Percent Increase	8.6%	10.6%	10.8%		

The Court possesses the full authority to set the individual rates. The Budget Management Department (BMD) has been asked for its assessment, especially in light of state legislation on property taxes. Each option on the rates generates more revenue and allows the County to secure its financial stability and the ability to respond to disasters while allowing for responsible growth and innovation in services provided.

Though the Court can adjust the rates however it wishes, there were essentially three primary options presented Sept. 10. One major difference in each option is how much additional revenue the County is estimated to realize from growth in the tax base.

Option 1 - Effective Rate - Adopting the effective rate would reduce the County's overall tax rate to 61.170 cents - a drop of 1.828 cents or 3 percent. This is a rate reduction but still generates more revenue, though less than other options. The average homeowner would pay \$30.45 less with this approach.

Option 2 - Same Overall Rate - The Court could also vote to keep the overall rate at 62.998 cents - the same rate adopted since 2007. This generates more additional revenue than falling back to the effective rate. The average homeowner would pay roughly the same under this approach. More flexibility is there for future planning and growth in operations under this scenario.

Option 3 - Maximum without Rollback - The Court could also take the rate to the maximum level allowed without triggering the possibility of a rollback election. Of all the options presented, this approach generates the most revenue and allows for even more flexibility for future planning, operations and growth.

If the maximum rate is adopted, BMD recommends a portion of excess revenue be used to establish a County economic stabilization fund like the State of Texas. This will assist with future financial planning as the Court navigates state law changes and adjustments forced on the County by those changes. Additional revenue to the Hospital District can also be set aside by the District to use once detailed studies of the community's health needs are complete.

Under this scenario, the average homeowner will pay \$37.65 more in County property taxes and the overall rate increases 2.262 cents or 3.5 percent.

This would take the overall County rate to 65.260 cents. (See related story Page 1A)

FAFSA forms ready for seniors

High school seniors planning to attend college or technical school next fall should fill out the free application for Federal Student Aid, also called the FAFSA, as soon as possible beginning Oct. 1, according to KHEAA.

The information on the FAFSA determines if students qualify for federal grants and student loans. It is also required to apply for state grants and scholarships.

In addition, many colleges use the information to award their own grants and scholarships. The FAFSA asks for information about income, assets and expenses. A formula set by Congress determines eligibility for federal and state aid.

If the student is considered... **Continued on Page 5A**

South Houston High plans on Hall of Honor

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Cecil H. Dinwiddie
former faculty member

Senior Chief Cecil H. Dinwiddie inspired SHHS students to live a life dedicated to national service as a JROTC instructor.

Dinwiddie enlisted in the U.S. Navy during WWII, shortly after his high school graduation. While serving in the Navy, he received training to become a radioman and specialized in Morse code. During his military career, Dinwiddie was stationed in Guam, Puerto Rico and Cuba.

Dinwiddie retired from the Navy after 24 years of service with the rank of senior chief petty officer. After retiring, Dinwiddie joined the reserves and began teaching JROTC students. As an instructor, he was affectionately called "Chief" by both students and faculty. Dinwiddie often traveled with students to competitions on the weekends to teach them about active duty Navy sailors and to let them tour Navy ships.

Dinwiddie volunteered at the media center after retiring from SHHS and in a year, he began working there part time at the suggestion of his supervisor. While working at the media center, he also volunteered at a downtown church once a week, handing out bags of food to people in need.

Dinwiddie left a lasting impact on those who knew him. When asked about her father, Dinwiddie's daughter Rebecca said, "He not only taught his recruits about

the Navy, but by his personal example of being a strong Christian man, he also taught them about ethics, honesty and being someone that accepted responsibility for their actions and words."

After a battle with cancer, Dinwiddie passed away in 2006. He and his wife Elizabeth were married 58 years and raised five children, namely Ray, Rebecca, Ron, Larry and his Rosalind, who is deceased.



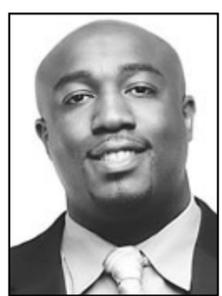
Sgt. Allen Fowler
Class of 1980

Retired Master Gunnery Sgt. Allen Fowler began his military career as a member of the JROTC at SHHS. Fowler went advanced to serve in the U.S. Marine Corps for 30 years and retired as a master gunnery sergeant, the highest enlisted ranking in the Marine Corps.

After retiring from the Marine Corps, Fowler's commanding officer recommended that he serve as a family readiness officer. In this role, he aided families of deployed Marines by offering support and counseling services, coordinating events for the families and keeping families informed about their loved ones. Fowler also supported Toys for Tots by coordinating the donation of 108,000 toys for children in need in the San Diego area.

Fowler moved back to Texas after serving as a family readiness officer to spend more time with his parents. He is currently attending Texas State University and will soon graduate with his

teaching credentials. After graduation, he plans to teach high school history because he "wants to give some more to the future of this country."



Vaughn Walwyn
"Von Won"
Class of 1999

Vaughn Walwyn III, known as Von Won, grew up in Edgebrook and was a standout long jumper in high school. After receiving a fully funded track and field scholarship, he earned his bachelor's degree in history from Rice University. In college, Von Won became an NCAA All-American athlete for track and field. He holds the record in the long jump event for the U.S. Virgin Islands, where he was born.

As a minister and recording artist, Von Won has appeared on MTV, Daystar and Fox News. During his music career, he has collaborated with Grammy Award Winning gospel artist Lecrae and the hip-hop artist Scarface. In the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, Von Won gathered friends and community members to film a music video titled "God Bless Edgebrook" in response to the flooding.

Currently, Von Won serves as the lead pastor of the Fellowship Church in Houston, runs his own marketing agency and hosts "Grown & Saved TV" on the JUCE Television Network. Von Won is well known for his work as a hip-hop artist, motivational speaker and entrepreneur. A husband and father of four, Von Won has

a vision of spreading inspirational media and a message of hope throughout the world.



Sheila Wilson Beckett
Class of 1970

Sheila Beckett serves as senior advisor for the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Technical Assistance. As a senior advisor, Beckett recruits public finance experts from local and state government entities to serve in international advisory roles.

Beckett has also provided guidance to financial specialists in several developing and post-conflict nations including Cambodia, Djibouti, Honduras, Malawi, Mongolia, Myanmar, Uganda and the Ukraine.

Prior to the role as a senior advisor, Beckett served as the budget director for Gov. Bill Clements and Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock. As the executive director of the Employees Retirement System of Texas, she managed an investment portfolio worth \$20 billion dollars.

Before the start of her career in public finance, Beckett received a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M and a master's degree from the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas.

Beckett has earned many awards for her efforts, including the Distinguished Public Servant Award by the LBJ School of Public Affairs and the National Public Servant Award by the American Society for Public Administration and the National Academy of Public Administration.

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 2019 on **October 16, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at 11911 Blackhawk, Houston, Texas 77089.** Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

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

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: James Towey

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)	\$.67000/\$100	\$.60000/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$.07000/\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)	-10.44%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 204,952	\$ 229,338
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 40,990	\$ 45,868
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 163,962	\$ 183,470
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,098.54	\$ 1,100.82
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	\$ 2.28	
and percentage of increase (+/-)	.20%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase 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 rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

Bob Leared Interests 713-932-9011

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 2019 on **October 9, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at Sagemeadow Utility District Building, 10755 Hall Road, Houston, TX 77089.** Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Glenn Williams, Timothy Beyer, John Elam, Ted Heinrich, David Montgomery

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)	\$.45000/\$100	\$.48000/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$.03000/\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)	6.66%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 170,939	\$ 187,526
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)\$	0	0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 170,939	\$ 187,526
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 769.22	\$ 900.12
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	\$ 130.90	
and percentage of increase (+/-)	17.01%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase 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 rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

The board of directors of Sagemeadow U.D. proposes to use the tax increase for the purpose of increased debt requirements for rehabilitating aging water and sewer infrastructure.

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Confirmed vendors include (in alphabetical order) Celeste's Cakes & More, Cakes by YaYa, d'lish catering, El Oregano, H-E-B Blackhawk, Iguanas Ranas Cantina Pearlard, Itz Family Food/Fun Pasadena, La Forchetta Italian Grill, Las Haciendas Mexican Bar & Grill, Maggiano's Little Italy, Maximum Impact CrossFit, Nothing Bundt Cakes Pasadena, Pena's Donuts & Diner, Raising Cane's Pearlard, Randy's Smokehouse & BBQ, Sagemont BBQ, Sam's Club Fuqua, San Jacinto College Culinary Arts Department, Savannah Cafe & Bakery Webster, Time Out Sports Bar #1 and Tony's Pizza & Grinders.

Awards will be given to best entrée, best dessert, best decorated booth, rookie of the year, people's choice, kid's choice and best of show. The event will also feature live and silent auctions, as well as door prizes. Auction items include a Galveston Bay sailboat cruise, dinner under the stars at San Jacinto College South, hotel stays, custom outdoor furniture, sports memorabilia, Kendra

Scott jewelry, many items donated by South Belt-Ellington Chamber members and more. Sponsors for the event include Alameda Mall, Ayrshire Corporation; H-E-B Blackhawk; Kroger; Norton Rose Fulbright; Charles Plumbing; Frost Bank; Shell Federal Credit Union; Texan Bank; Jerry Garcia; HomeTown Bank; JSC Federal Credit Union; Bob Leared Interests; Little Longhorns Day Care; Kelli Owens Realtor; San Jacinto College; the Sold Team, Laura and Sandra Yandell; Al-dape Legal PLLC; Baywood Crossing; CenterPoint Energy; CT Church; the Dynamos Group; Oti's Travel; the Team Sylvia Group RE/MAX 5 Star Realty; S & K Power Tool Service; Daniel J. Snooks; and Texas Go2Realtors.

Dining tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Children 12 and under are free. Tickets may be purchased online at <https://southbeltchamber.com>. For additional ticket locations, sponsorship or additional information, or to find out how a business can participate or be promoted at the event, call the chamber at 281-481-5516 or email info@SouthBeltChamber.com.

HC libraries offer instant digital card

In this digital age where time is a valuable commodity, readers may not have time to visit their local library and sign up for a library card. However, Harris County residents can instantly sign up for a Harris County Public Library (HCPL) card and begin borrowing popular ebooks, audiobooks and digital magazines in under 30 seconds using only their cellphone number.

To sign up for this Instant Digital Card, members of the community can visit <https://hclp.overdrive.com> or download Libby, the award-winning one-tap reading app from Rakuten OverDrive. Harris County Public Library's Instant Digital Card enables Houston-area residents to read popular ebooks, audiobooks and digital magazines at no charge.

"Most of our regular patrons know about our great digital media collection. Our circulation numbers bear that out," said Amber Seely, division director of collections and technical services at Harris County Public Library.

"We hope that the new OverDrive Instant Digital Card will help more casual library users to discover and take advantage of our huge selection of free ebooks and audiobooks.

"The ease-of-access to our Instant Digital Card along with the Libby app's ease-of-use will take the HCPL digital experience to the next level."

Named one of PCMag's Best Free Software of 2019 and one of TIME magazine's Best Apps of 2018, Libby seamlessly connects first-time users and experienced readers with the popular digital collections of libraries.

These tailored collections offer ebooks, audiobooks and magazines including best-sellers and new releases in a variety of topics. Readers of all ages can select from virtually every subject ranging from mystery, romance, children's, business and more.

HCPL patrons can also listen to audiobooks, the fastest growing segment of the publishing industry with the convenience of listening on the go. In addition, HCPL offers top-selling magazines

that are available with no wait lists or holds.

Libby provides an easy way to access ebooks, audiobooks and magazines altogether on one app.

By entering a cellphone number via HCPL's website or Libby, a secure verification service connects the user's name and phone number to a physical address.

If that address is within Harris County Public Library's service area, users can instantly begin borrowing thousands of ebooks and audiobooks for free from the library's digital collection.

The new patron's cellphone number doubles as their card number allowing access to HCPL's OverDrive-powered digital books. Patrons interested in borrowing physical books may visit a nearby branch to sign up for a full card.

This service is compatible with all major computers and devices, including iPhone, iPad, Android and Windows. With Libby, readers can also "send to Kindle" devices and apps (U.S. only).

All titles will automatically expire at the end of the lending period and there are no late fees. Readers can also download titles onto Libby for offline use.

The Texas Comptroller's office approved and paid a record \$308.4 million in unclaimed property claims during the past fiscal year, Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced today.

This is the first time the Comptroller's office has returned more than \$300 million in unclaimed property in a fiscal year, breaking the previous record of \$281 million returned in fiscal 2017.

"Since I took office, I have been committed to returning more unclaimed property to the rightful owners across our great state," Hegar said.

"The hard-working team in our Unclaimed Property division has made this record-breaking year possible. They have helped implement new technologies to make claiming money easier than ever before, and they strive every day to improve customer service and build a more efficient claims process. I want to thank them for their commitment and dedication to the people of Texas."

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Over The Back Fence by Alexis

HAVE A GREAT BIRTHDAY, CHRIS!
Birthday greetings are sent to **Chris Durham** on Thursday, Sept. 26, from his wife **Courtney**, daughter **Abigail** 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!
Special birthday wishes for a wonderful day are sent to **John Laurin** who turns 77 Friday, Sept. 27.

LAURA CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Happy birthday wishes are sent to former **Leader** staff member **Laura Benavides Scallan** Oct. 1 from the **Leader** staff.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Sept. 26 through Oct. 2.

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

Burnett Elementary
Join in a happy birthday chorus Sept. 28 to **Bernice Barraza**. Blow out the birthday candles for **Van Caroselli** and **Generra Guillory** Oct. 2.

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**. Break out the balloons and party favors Oct. 2 for **Liz Taylor**.

Genoa Elementary
Give a birthday shoutout Oct. 1 to **Lisa**

Grissinger.
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. Light the birthday candles Sept. 29 for **Janet Messinger**.

Stuchbery Elementary
Send a birthday greeting Sept. 28 to **Angelica Plummer**. The day for a special celebration for **Jennifer Dowell** is Oct. 2.

Melillo 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.

On Oct. 1, blow out the birthday candles for **Kellie Bishop** and **Heather Kaboutari**. **Shannon Martinez** is sent a birthday greeting Oct. 2.

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**.

Thompson Intermediate
The day for a cake for **Briane Morse** is Sept. 29. Send a birthday greeting Oct. 1 to **Karissa Guerrero**. **Cathy Broussard** enjoys a birthday Oct. 2.

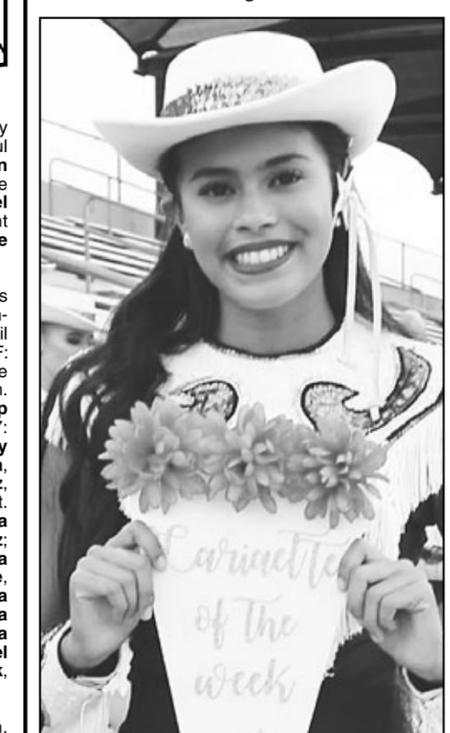
Dobie High
Aaron Mathews celebrates a birthday Sept. 28. Three cheers for a wonderful birthday Sept. 30 for **Tiffany Bowyer**, **Kevin Cross** and **Stephen Cross**. Blow out the candles on a birthday cake Oct. 1 for **Miguel Torres**. Happy birthday wishes are sent Oct. 2 to **Rayanne Sinski** and **Charlotte Williams**.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
The **Leader** sends birthday wishes to friends who have a birthday. For those wanting a birthday mentioned in this section, send an email to mynews@southbeltleader.com with "OTBF: Friends Celebrate Birthdays" in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Thursday, Sept. 26: **Dina Edwards**, **Tripp Harris** and **Mike Flinn**; Friday, Sept. 27: **Nicole Garcia**, **Yvette Rodriguez** and **Ashley McQuinty**; Saturday, Sept. 28: **Megan Medina**, **Esmerelda Rodriguez**, **Anna Benavidez**, **Tam Vo** and **Christina Guth**; Sunday, Sept. 29: **Antonio Morua**, **Marian Adams**, **Adriana Sepulveda**, **Ken Rodrick** and **Gwen Lopez**; Monday, Sept. 30: **Jason Cook** and **Myra Janacek**; Tuesday, Oct. 1: **Amy Malone**, **Jeffrey Restrepo**, **Wendy Sattiewhite**, **Linda Garies**, **Cindy Que**, **Cyndee Davila**, **Dena Roessler**, **Yvonne Mintz** and **Rebekka Barker**; and Wednesday Oct. 2: **Racquel Rojas**, **Tomeka Anderson**, **Diana Holbrook**, **Paula Smith** and **Lori Pytka**.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS
Email birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Lariaette of the week



The J. Frank Dobie Lariaette of the week for Sept. 16 through Sept. 20 is Junior Carolina Miranda. She is the daughter of Felipe and Jeannette Miranda and was chosen for her hard work and setting a good example for the team.

Meador celebrates Constitution Day



Meador Elementary celebrated Constitution Day Sept. 17 with community partners at the Houston Bar Association and attorney Lisa Nelson of Hegwood Law Group, PLLC, who volunteered her time to read to students in honor of the event. Students learned about Texas Congresswoman Barbara Jordan in the book "What Do You Do With A Voice Like That?" A copy of the book was also donated to the school library. Shown left are third-grade students, left to right, (front row) Virginia Gavarette, Karter Holcombe, Gregory McNeil, (back row) Nelson and Valerie Narro. Shown above are, Beverly Bolton, Meador principal; Tara Merida, school counselor; and Nelson.

Photo by Tara Merida

Federal government offers student loan forgiveness options

The federal government may forgive all or part of teachers' and nurses' federal student loans if they meet certain requirements. The forgiveness options, according to KHEAA, include:

Teacher loan forgiveness
To qualify, students must teach at least five full years in a low-income school in an eligible district. Depending on student's field, students may have up to \$17,500 in student loans forgiven. For complete details, visit www.ed.gov.

Nursing loan forgiveness
Students must be at least a registered nurse and agree to work full time for at least two years in a critical shortage facility. If students fulfill their agreement, 60 percent of their loan balance will be forgiven. Another 25 percent will be forgiven if students work a third year. Nurs-

es teaching at an accredited school of nursing may also qualify. For complete details, visit <https://bhw.hrsa.gov>.

One thing to remember is that the Internal Revenue Service counts the amount forgiven as income. Students should talk with a tax professional to understand the impact it may have on one's income taxes.

KHEAA is a public, non-profit agency established in 1966 to improve students' access to college. It provides information about financial aid and financial literacy at no cost to students and parents. KHEAA also helps colleges manage their student loan default rates and verify information submitted on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). To learn more about those services, visit www.kheaa.com.

San Jac Battleground now under THC

Recently, the San Jacinto Monument and Battleground State Historic Site transferred from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) to operation by the Texas Historical Commission (THC). San Jacinto staff, supporters, and officials from the Texas Historical Commission (THC) were on hand on Sept. 13 to officially welcome San Jacinto to the agency and unveiled a new image that will be used on the site's branded merchandise. Chairman John Nau III, of the Texas Historical Commission and the San Jacinto Museum of History Association, was the speaker.

Nine historic sites across the state of Texas transferred to the THC Sept. 1. Eight of these properties were managed by TPWD. These properties were transferred by the 86th Texas Legislature on the recommendation of the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission.

The action allows both THC and TPWD to improve efficiency by focusing each agency on its core mission. THC's role as the state historic preservation office, and TPWD's as steward of the

state's impressive natural resources and hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation attractions.

TPWD sites transferring include:

- San Jacinto Monument and Battleground (Harris County).
- Washington-on-the-Brazos and Barrington Plantation (Washington County).
- Kreische Brewery and Monument Hill (Fayette County).
- Lipantitlan (Nueces County).
- Fanthorp Inn (Grimes County).
- Port Isabel Lighthouse (Cameron County).

Separate legislation transfers the Star of the Republic Museum to THC management Jan. 1, 2020.

"Texas Parks and Wildlife and their professional staff have done impressive work stewarding these historic places," said Mark Wolfe, THC executive director. "We welcome this challenge to build on their legacy and continue the preservation of these unique sites for new generations of visitors to enjoy."

Comptroller announces \$308 million unclaimed

The Texas Comptroller's office approved and paid a record \$308.4 million in unclaimed property claims during the past fiscal year, Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced today.

This is the first time the Comptroller's office has returned more than \$300 million in unclaimed property in a fiscal year, breaking the previous record of \$281 million returned in fiscal 2017.

"Since I took office, I have been committed to returning more unclaimed property to the rightful owners across our great state," Hegar said.

"The hard-working team in our Unclaimed Property division has made this record-breaking year possible. They have helped implement new technologies to make claiming money easier than ever before, and they strive every day to improve customer service and build a more efficient claims process. I want to thank them for their commitment and dedication to the people of Texas."

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Remember When

40 years ago (1979)
An eighth-grade student at Thompson Intermediate School was suspended after pulling a gun on his classmates during a math class.

Frank Mancuso filed for his 10th term on the city council for Houston.

35 years ago (1984)
The defunct Brio Refinery at 2501 Choate at Beamer was named as one of four toxic waste sites in Houston by a New Jersey congressman who successfully sponsored legislation which would enlarge the superfund to \$10.2 billion from taxes on petrochemical products and crude oil.

The first dinner for the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce was held.

30 years ago (1989)
Three Dobie High School Future Farmers of America students, Justin Rascoe, Brian Berkley and Sheila Robbins, won grand championship honors for their entries at the Pasadena Livestock Show.

Running its record to 3-0, the Clear Brook High School Wolverines' junior varsity football team won its district opener over C.E. King with a 28-19 victory.

25 years ago (1994)
The Pasadena Independent School District board voted unanimously to uphold the reassignment of former Thompson Intermediate School math teacher

Sarah Young.

Clear Brook High School students Aren Cambre, Mary Crouch, Sydney Devaty, Jimmy Duong, Emily Le, Marcy Moore and Niall Shambhag were named "Commended Students" in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

20 years ago (1999)
A main water pipe in the ceiling of Thompson Intermediate School burst, filling the orchestra pit with approximately three feet of water.

Thomas Quinoes pled guilty to the car-jack killing of JoE Esparza. He received a life sentence.

15 years ago (2004)
The South Belt Security Alliance discontinued patrolling areas within the city. Through a contract with the city, off-duty Houston police officers patrolled Sagemont and Kirkwood subdivisions. Constable Gary Freeman's office would continue to patrol subdivisions in the Clear Brook City, Sagemeadow and Kirkmont Municipal Utility Districts.

State Rep. Robert Talton announced the formation of Parents and Taxpayers for Accountability to oppose the \$299.88 million bond election proposed by PISD.

Former Dobie coach Mike Stephens was presented a plaque by current head coach Tommy Kaiser at a

game which honored Stephens as a "Lifetime Longhorn."

Houston Mayor Bill White lauded District E councilmember Addie Wiseman for her leadership in passing a whistle-blower policy. The policy set a time frame which required department directors to be responsive to employees' claims if they believed they had been retaliated against.

10 years ago (2009)
The official groundbreaking ceremony for the new Southeast Volunteer Fire Department station, located at 10510 Scarsdale Blvd., took place Thursday, Sept. 24. SVFD Chief Chuck Tyika expected construction would be complete by July 4, 2010.

5 years ago (2014)
According to police, a chase started before 9 a.m. in the town of Liverpool, south of Alvin, when officers responded to an aggravated assault call in which Ryan Champ allegedly pulled a shotgun on someone. Brazoria County deputies attempted to pull Champ over, but he fled, driving north on Highway 35.

Pearland police then joined the pursuit and were fired upon as the chase continued. Houston police joined in as the suspect headed east on Beltway 8. Multiple police units were

in hot pursuit when Champ exited on Beamer northbound toward Kirkmeadow, coming to a stop at his residence at the 11703 address. As the suspect was exiting his vehicle, he reportedly pointed a shotgun at a Pearlard police officer, who then shot at the man. Champ then returned fire, and a massive shootout began. During the exchange of gunfire, the suspect went back to his vehicle and retrieved a handgun, then also shot it at officers. At some point during the shootout, Champ was struck and was pronounced dead at the scene.

1 year ago (2018)
Deputies with the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office executed warrants on two illegal gambling operations in the South Belt community, seizing more than \$30,000 in cash. The first raid took place at a convenience store located in the 10800 block of Hughes Road, where deputies seized more than \$5,500 in U.S. currency and an electronic gaming machine, as well as multiple electronic gaming machine hard drives. The second warrant was executed at a convenience store located in the 12300 block of Scarsdale Boulevard, where approximately \$28,600 was seized, as well as a gaming machine and numerous hard drives.

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For more information about the unclaimed property program, or to search for unclaimed property and begin the claims process, visit the Comptroller's unclaimed property website, claimitexas.org, or call 1-800-321-2274 (CASH).

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SJC's CPET builds partnerships

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Dr. Brenda Hellyer. "It is a true collaborative effort between industry and higher education."

"Many of our industry partners served on our advisory council, steering committees, and sub teams to provide insight and expertise on everything from building design, curriculum programming, and creating a safety culture to equipment and software recommendations. This facility has truly been designed by industry, for industry."

FAFSA forms ready for graduating seniors

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ered a dependent under federal guidelines, both the student and parents must provide financial information. Nearly all students going directly to college from high school are considered dependent. Some student aid programs have limited money and provide funds on a first-come, first-served basis, so it is very important to submit the FAFSA as soon as possible. Even if they don't think they'll qualify for financial aid, students should sub-

ronmental health and safety technology, instrumentation technology, nondestructive testing and process technology. As part of the center's offerings, San Jac will be expanding its contract training. Through these efforts, the college will work with companies to create customized and confidential employee training for incumbent workers, maximizing the region's ability to capitalize on the college's new facility, faculty and resources. "The need for a facility like this has never been greater," says Jim Griffin, San Jacinto College's associate vice chancellor/senior vice president of the LyondellBasell Center for Petrochemical, Energy and Technology.

"We're seeing a growing industry that's investing more than \$60 billion in new capital locally, at the same time our baby boomers are exiting the workforce, so the workforce needs are growing along with the job opportunities. This new facility expands the college's capabilities to bridge that gap by developing and training the industry's current and

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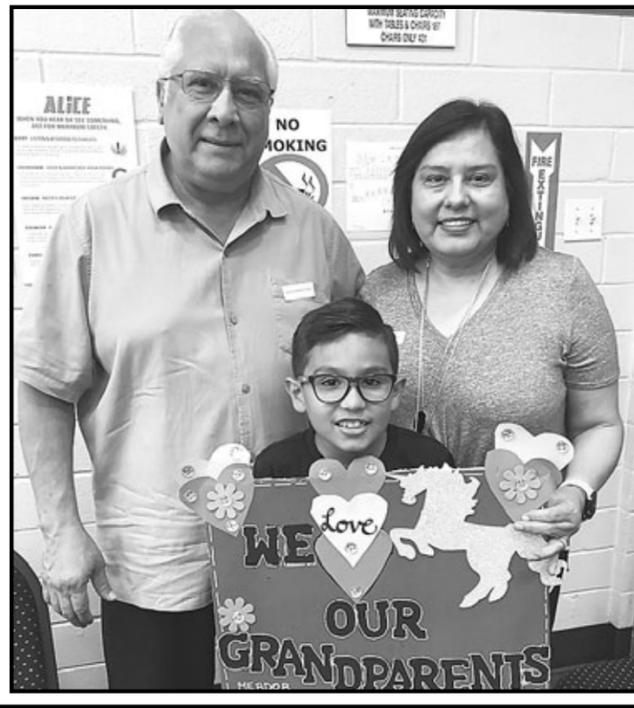
future workforce in a technologically advanced environment, designed with industry input." Mike VanDerSnick, senior vice president of LyondellBasell Americas Manufacturing agreed saying, "We are a future-focused company dedicated to finding the right people for the right positions and that includes addressing one of our industry's pressing needs, training the next generation of workers. The LyondellBasell Center for Petrochemical, Energy and Technology is an example of industry, educators, and the community working collaboratively to host events and annual conferences in support of workforce development."

Many of the region's industry leaders also donated funding and equipment to the college's new training center and its related programs including Eaton, Emerson, Albemarle Foundation, BIC Magazine/BIC Recruiting, Dow, Evosite LLC, Hunter Buildings, INEOS Olefins and Polymers USA, International Cooling Tower, Kuraray, Lubrizol, nVent Thermal Management, Olympus Corporation of the Americas, Shell Oil Company, Siemens Analytical Products and Solutions, Swagelok and Donald Wiedemeyer - Valve World. "Partnering with our community has always been a core value at San Jacinto College," said John Moon Jr., board of trustees vice chair. "When industry partners tell us what they need and we implement curriculum that meets both our high educational standards and their job requirement standards, the result is a positive collaboration producing skilled graduates who are seen by companies as first and foremost qualified to do the job on day one." For additional information on CPED, visit sanjac.edu/cpet.

Meador celebrates Grandparents Day



Meador Elementary had more than 200 grandparents attend its annual Grandparents Day luncheon Sept. 9. It was a special day filled with lots of smiles, hugs, and pictures. Shown, top left, is fourth-grader Julianna Milulski with his grandmother Delia Melchor. Shown, top right, are fourth-grade grandparent escorts/helpers, left to right, (front row) Tara Merida, counselor; Angie Barragan; Anthony Maldonado; Karely Maldonado; Emilio Zavala; Ishmael Rodriguez; (back row) Julianna Mikulski; Jennie Mancuso; Miriam Andrade; and Gissele Cardiel. Shown in the photo below are pre-kindergartener Parker Bounds (holding sign) and Logan Bounds with their grandparents Mary Anne (far left) and Brad Jeter. Shown in the lower right photo is third-grader Daniel Savala (holding sign) with his grandparents Larry (left) and Molly Savala.



Photos by: Tara Merida

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 2019 on **October 15, 2019 at 12:30 p.m. at 1301 McKinney, 51st Floor, Houston, Texas 77010.** Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

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	This Year
	Adopted	Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$.3000/\$100	\$.29350/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$.00650/\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		-2.16%
Average appraised residence		
homestead value	\$ 198,573	\$ 219,179
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 198,573	\$ 219,179
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 595.71	\$ 643.29

Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) \$ 47.58 and percentage of increase (+/-) 7.98%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase 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 rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

Bob Leared Interests 713-932-9011

Harris County may increase property rates

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"This is a maximum smash on taxpayers the last year before Senate Bill 2 takes effect in 2020, reducing the rollback rate from 8 percent to 3.5 percent," said Bettencourt. "Cities and counties will both still be allowed to add a value for new construction, which is why Harris County can collect a double-digit revenue increase of \$200 million plus this property tax year."

Authored by Bettencourt and passed in the last legislative session on a bipartisan vote, Senate Bill 2 provided the first change in the property rollback rate in 38 years by lowering it from 8 percent to 3.5 percent for cities and counties starting in 2020.

Should taxing entities in the state seek a higher rate increase than 3.5 percent, it must receive voter approval in an automatic November election.

"The key point is that such an onerous tax increase next year would require Commissioners Court to take it to the voters for ratification in November," said Bettencourt. "It is bad enough public policy that they can have a double digit increase in 2019, but SB2 will stop these preposterous increases in 2020 and leave it up to the voters to decide in a November election, as opposed to the being taxed to the max on a 3-2 vote. Average homeowners in Harris County are not getting a 12-percent pay raise and they shouldn't be paying a

12-percent tax hike either." The controversial move comes at a time when higher home appraisal values would have already added tens of millions in revenue, had the county just kept its existing 2018 rate.

According to sources familiar with the proceedings, had the county opted to just keep its current rate, it would generate more than \$66 million more for Harris County; almost \$12 million more for the Flood Control District (they have a separate tax rate from the county); and almost \$42 million more for the Hospital District - or approximately \$120 million more than 2018.

With the proposed increase, the county would receive more than \$132 million over last year; Flood Control would receive more than \$12 million over last year; and the Hospital District would receive almost \$80 million over last year, totaling approximately \$224 million in additional revenue.

Had the county opted to go with the effective rate (the rate that generates the same amount of revenue as last year), it would have actually reduced the property tax rate (by 1.828 cents for every \$100 of value) while still generating slightly more revenue for the county.

By comparison, nearly all other taxing entities in the area opting to lower their rates.

Pasadena Independent School District has dropped

its rate from \$1.48 per \$100 of assessed valuation to \$1.38; San Jacinto College District plans to reduce its rate from \$0.179329 to \$0.178169; Clear Brook City MUD has reduced its rate from \$0.67 to \$0.60; Kirkmont has had a

rate of \$0.56 and will propose to keep it at \$0.56 at the Oct. 16 meeting; and Harris County RID No. 1 has lowered its rate from \$0.30 to \$0.29.

Sage Meadow MUD is raising its rate from \$0.45 to \$0.48, as it is undertaking a

massive sewer rehabilitation project and is being forced to sell bonds. Clear Creek Independent School District is scheduled to vote on the measure Sept. 30 and is expected to lower its rate from the current \$1.40 to \$1.31.

Recognizing Congressman Olson



San Jacinto College welcomed state and local legislators at their recent Legislative Luncheon celebrating the completion of the 86th Legislative Session at the state-of-the-art LyondellBasell Center for Petrochemical, Energy and Technology. During the event Dr. Brenda Hellyer, San Jac chancellor, presented Congressman Pete Olson with a retirement gift commemorating his service in the U.S. Navy. Olson's name will be placed on San Jacinto College Central campus veterans' wall of honor in the Veteran Services Center. Photo by Melissa Trevizo, San Jacinto College

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Welcoming Trump to South Belt



Greeting President Donald Trump upon his arrival at Ellington Airport Sunday, Sept. 22, before he went to the "Howdy, Modi!" rally at NRG Stadium are, left to right, Larry Taylor and South Belt residents Chris and Dawn McDonald, holding a large sign of endorsement for Trump in the 2020 election. *Photo by Marie Flickinger*

Dobie announces HC court



Dobie High School announced its homecoming court members. Shown are senior students, left to right, (front row) Faith Johnson, Danny Nguyen, (middle row) Charlerial Terrell, Javier Martinez, (back row) Charliz Tamayo and Eduardo Benavides. Dobie will announce its King and Queen Thursday evening, Sept. 26, during the football game. *Photo submitted*

Sandlin hosts shrimp boil



In attendance at the annual Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin's shrimp boil are some who love shrimp! Adding to the numbers to make this the largest shrimp boil event for Sandlin's political fundraiser are, left to right, Joe Dominguez, Yolanda Dominguez, Sandlin, Brad Hance and Evelyn Hance. *Photo by Marie Flickinger*

Officials, community honor Kidz Harbor



Above, attending the Sept. 20 gala at the South Shore Harbor Resort and Convention Center as the community honored Kidz Harbor were, left to right, Kenny Koncaba, Texan Bank CEO; Kristi Koncaba, Texan Bank president and COO; David Flickinger; Texas Sen. Angela Paxton; Ken Paxton, Texas attorney general; Ashlea Quinonez, director of Local and Community Relations, Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital; and Keith Gray, CenterPoint Energy, director of Warehouse and Material Management. The Paxtons were the keynote speakers for the event which featured a silent auction benefiting Kidz Harbour. *Photo by Marie Flickinger*

Principals at luncheon



Shown above, recently attending a Pasadena Chamber of Commerce luncheon are Franklin Moses, Dobie High School principal, and Jeremy Richardson, Pasadena Memorial High School principal.

Sen. Alvarado gives update



Keeping the South Belt area up-to-date on legislative issues is Texas Sen. Carol Alvarado (center). Those in attendance for the Sept. 21 legislative information session included Judge Jo Ann Delgado (left) and Dave Matthews, administrative aide for Pet. 2 Constable Chris Diaz. *Photo by Marie Flickinger*



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Students are heroes



Fourth-grade Burnett students Ryan Nguyen (left) and Celeste Casarez, received "Heroes of the Heart Award" certificates Sept. 12 because of their contributions to the school and growth in academics and social-emotional areas. Jae Lee, Burnett principal, and his administrative team chose the students as a representation of enduring until one succeeds, regardless of the difficulty, while modeling kindness and compassion. *Photo by Marie Flickinger*

Imelda spares South Belt

Continued from Page 1A unaffected by Imelda, as ing, with many residents the north Houston area saying damage was even suffered extreme flood- worse than during Harvey. the previous 48 hours.

By comparison, rainfall to the east topped 40 inches in multiple spots. The highest report came from an observation site near Hamshire, located roughly 65 miles east of Houston, which recorded 43.39 inches. Several other areas topped the 40-inch mark, including Mayhaw Bayou (42.64 inches) and Taylor's Bayou (41.57 inches).

While most local schools were canceled Wednesday, Sept. 18, students returned to class on Thursday, Sept. 19, and Friday, Sept. 20. Students in Pasadena Independent School District, however, were dismissed early on Thursday, as a second powerful band of the storm approached the area.

Despite minimal flooding in the South Belt community, the city was not

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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

True team effort leads Dobie's take-notice win over Summer Creek

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

There certainly will be much to celebrate as the Dobie football program enters homecoming week fresh off one of its biggest victories in years.

The focus this week should and will be defeating an improved Pasadena program as the Longhorns look to improve to a perfect 4-0 this season.

But for those looking to savor every moment, there is plenty of congratulations to go around after the Longhorns spoiled Summer Creek's Sept. 20 homecoming, coming from behind in the fourth quarter to defeat the Bulldogs 36-23.

The Longhorns led 29-23 on the strength of a pair of touchdown runs from senior Dontavion Crosby, but the Bulldogs were on the move in the final minute.

That's when senior Giambi Boyd stepped in front of Summer Creek

quarterback Bryan Bush's pass over the middle at midfield, intercepting the throw and then weaving his way down the right sideline for a victory-clinching 50-yard touchdown.

Boyd's play, and those of many other Longhorns in the game, helped Dobie secure its first-ever win over Summer Creek, which advanced three rounds deep into the playoffs a season ago.

In getting the huge win, Dobie excelled in all phases of the game, forcing four turnovers on defense and getting a career-best rushing night from Crosby.

The defense, which entered the game as the district's best from a yards-allowed standpoint, was outstanding while defending Bush, who was the District 22-6A Most Valuable Player in 2018 after accounting for a total of 48 touchdowns.

This time around, Bush

had a 21-yard touchdown run but was otherwise held in check, completing 13 of 28 throws for 158 yards and no touchdowns.

Dobie head coach Kevin Berneathy, who is now 10-4 overall in his career with the Longhorns over parts of two seasons, gave all the credit to his players.

"I'm just so proud and happy for the kids," he said.

"They are the ones who believe in one another and

put in all the hard work and extra work, they are the ones in the weight-room both in the summer and now doing the work, they are the ones out there making the plays on the field. It was just a great moment to see all of them celebrating, and they deserve it."

It was back-and-forth affair throughout the night. Dobie got a 3-yard scoring run from linebacker Jesse Mitchell to get the scor-

ing started early. Amar Lewis then scooped up a Summer Creek fumble and raced 31 yards for the touchdown as the locals led 14-0 with 8 minutes, 50 seconds remaining in the opening quarter.

But back came the Bulldogs. Tailback Torrie Curry had scoring runs of 21 yards and 7 yards to tie the game, and kicker Kolby King provided a 31-yard field goal for a 17-14 Summer Creek lead

at halftime. Bush got free for his touchdown run early in the third quarter as the Bulldogs extended their edge to 24-14, but the Longhorns didn't quit.

Dobie's offensive line, getting back to full strength week to week, led the way as Crosby was able to find the end zone twice in the second half.

Following Bush's score, Crosby burst 28 yards for a touchdown midway through the third quar-

ter. The score then stayed the same until late in the fourth as Crosby dashed 39 yards for the go-ahead touchdown with 1:28 to go.

The Bulldogs still had one more chance while down just 29-23, but Boyd

took that away with his interception, sealing the big win.

For Dobie football historians, the last win of this magnitude likely came in 2010 as Dobie defeated Deer Park to clinch the district title.

For Berneathy, clearly, it's all about the here and now. Rightfully so.

Crosby had the biggest night of his career, going for 179 yards on just 15 carries, including a burst of 67 yards in the game.

The defense also continued to play outstanding football. Bush, while completing 13 of 28 passes was also held to just 28 yards rushing on 13 carries.

Placekicker Joshua Hernandez continues to be one of the district's best.

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JFD's first-ever team to be honored

Dobie High School will honor both the past and present during Homecoming ceremonies Thursday, Sept. 26, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena as the Longhorns celebrate 50

years of football competition.

The highlight of the evening will be the varsity football team's homecoming game against the Pasadena Eagles. Kickoff will

come at 7 p.m.

Dobie will enter the game clicking on all cylinders, having defeated Summer Creek 37-23 Sept. 20 as part of the Bulldogs' own homecom-

ing festivities at Turner Stadium in Humble.

As for the present, six seniors make up the 2019 Homecoming Court as Faith Johnson, Charl-

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Crosby's night nets Player of the Week



Homecoming! Dobie hosts Pasadena

Thursday, Sept. 26
Veterans Stadium, 7 p.m.

Special guests of the night will include 12 members of Dobie's first-ever varsity football team from the 1969 season as well as assistant coach John Bryan, who went on to become a member of the Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame largely for his work with state champion track and field and cross-country teams at the school. Members of the team will appear on-field during the halftime homecoming ceremonies, which will include the crowning of the school's homecoming king and queen. See more on Page 1A.

At left, Dobie tailback Dontavion Crosby (28) was named the Player of the Week in the Houston area after leading the Longhorns to their first 3-0 start to a season since 2006 with 179 yards rushing and two touchdowns in a 36-23 win over Summer Creek.

Photo by David Flickinger

Thompson, BHI go head-to-head

Two of the Pasadena ISD's longtime powerhouse programs will go head-to-head with South Belt supremacy on the line as Beverly Hills and Thompson battle Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.

The two eighth-grade games will be played at

Veterans Stadium in Pasadena, with the B division game beginning at 5 p.m., followed by the A division game at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets at the Veterans Stadium gate on Sept. 30 are \$3 each.

The seventh-grade contests will be played Oct.

1 on school campus, with seventh-grade A play at Beverly Hills and seventh-grade B action at Thompson. Both games will begin at 5 p.m.

The Lions' and Bears' eighth-grade A teams were both 3-0 with the rivalry series approaching. The seventh-grade teams, which did not get to play Sept. 17 due to rain in the area, are both 2-0 to this point in the season.

Thompson ruled the district during both the regular season and playoffs in 2018, going on to win the PISD championship in three of the four divisions.

BHI vs. Thompson FB
Monday, Sept. 30
8B Lions vs. Bears, 5 p.m.
8A Lions vs. Bears, 6:30 p.m.
Both at Veterans Stadium

Tuesday, Oct. 1
7B Lions host Bears, 5 p.m.
7A Lions at Bears, 6:30 p.m.
Both games on campus at 5 p.m.

Pioneers now 3-1 Harrison, LSA football easily get past Royal

Junior quarterback Luke Harrison threw for three touchdowns and ran for another as Lutheran South Academy moved to 3-1 this season with an easy 37-6 victory over Brookshire Royal.

Playing at the newly-christened Teichman Field at Glassell Stadium on the LSA campus, the Pioneers had little trouble while getting their third win in four tries.

Harrison tossed an early 4-yard scoring pass to Jake Justice and shortly thereafter found Nick Chowdhury for seven yards and a touchdown.

Senior Beau Psenick was on the receiving end

of a 27-yard touchdown pass from Harrison, who also ran for an 18-yard score.

Backup quarterback Wes Lauer hooked up with sophomore Joel Hutchins on a 19-yard touchdown pass as the Pioneers built a 30-0 lead early in the second half before Brookshire Royal was able to get on the board.

Kevin Cordes, the Pioneers' placekicker, got the scoring started early as he nailed a 30-yard field goal on the game's opening drive.

LSA has one remaining nondistrict game at Legacy Prep, coming Friday, Sept. 27.

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BHI eighth-grade A gets big win

The Beverly Hills eighth-grade A football team used a 14-point comeback late in the contest to defeat San Jacinto, improving to 2-0 this season with the big win.

The Tigers looked to be in control after a touchdown with five minutes to play in the game, but the Bears' Dylan Jackson

turned that around with an 80-yard kickoff return for a score.

Following that touchdown, the Bears executed an inside kick perfectly with the help of Angel Limachi, and Chris Garcia then fired a pass to Charles Richard for a big first down.

With the clock winding

down, Jackson scored to give the Bears a lead they would not surrender.

The Bears came up big defensively when they needed to as Derrion Lewis, Derrick Kelly, Gabriel Smiley, Miguel Mendez and Chris DeLaRosa all made big plays when it mattered most against a good San Jacinto squad.

1969 Dobie footballers to be honored Sept. 26

Continued from Page 1B rize Tamayo and Charde-rial Terrell and hope to be crowned queen, with Eduardo Benavides, Javier Martinez and Danny Nguyen vying for the title of king.

The homecoming king and queen will be awarded during halftime of the game, and a little piece of the past will also be recognized as 12 members of Dobie's first-ever football team in 1969 and one coach have confirmed to be on hand.

That 1969 team began the season with two wins in three games before dropping seven straight to finish 2-8 under the guidance of head coach Sam Sailer.

This night will not be about wins and losses, though, only celebration as Dobie remembers the past and honors the present.

"It's just a terrific way to honor some of those guys who got the rich tradition of Dobie football started that year," said Dobie principal Franklin Moses.

"It fits perfectly with our homecoming celebration. That group was actually in the midst of their 50th year reunion from that graduating class of 1970. There is supposed to be about 50 alumni or so present at the game this year, so it's a great mo-

ment for our football program and our school."

Moses told the *Leader* Dobie football player Craig Arrant, a member of that 1969 team, was the one who reached out in August about getting an event together to celebrate the team.

Moses said it was an easy decision to allow the group to have its special moment in the spotlight after 50 years.

After all, the tradition began with this team under the direction of head coach Sam Sailer, and even as the years have gone by, it's always fun to remember the past.

Arrant did much of the legwork, finding 12 players and John Bryan who are able to participate.

The group will include Arrant, a fullback (jersey No. 21), tackle Bill Aten (73), defensive end Lynn Cook (80), tackle George Deshotels (71), manager Ed Elston, defensive end Jay Fincher (82), quarterback George Frels (12), center Tim Georg (52), fullback Mike Hornung (35), defensive end Larry Neumann (40), quarterback Mark Russell (10) and halfback Jim Sage (25).

Bryan, an assistant coach with the team in 1969, will also be on hand. Bryan, one of the legendary track and field and cross-country coaches in

the state, is a member of the Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame.

Current Dobie football players, one on either side of each player and coach Bryan, will escort the 1969 group onto the field during halftime homecoming proceedings.

The game will kick off at 7 p.m., with halftime coming at 7:35 or so. Let the fun begin as Dobie takes a special look back at its first-ever varsity football team, also part of the first graduating class.

South Belt football predictions							
Dobie vs. Pasadena	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie
Clear Creek vs. Clear Brook	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Clear Creek
Shadow Creek at Angleton	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek
Channelview at Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Channelview
South Houston at Kingwood	Kingwood	Kingwood	South Houston	Kingwood	Kingwood	Kingwood	South Houston
Strake Jesuit at Dawson	Dawson	Strake Jesuit	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson
Humble at Pasadena Memorial	Humble	Humble	Humble	Humble	Humble	Humble	Humble
Friendswood at Texas City	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood
C.E. King at Beaumont West Brook	BWB	BWB	BWB	BWB	BWB	BWB	BWB
Lutheran South at Legacy Prep	LSA	LSA	LSA	LSA	LSA	LSA	LSA
This week's record	6-2	7-1	6-2	7-1	6-2	6-2	6-2
Season record	30-8	29-9	28-10	26-12	32-6	24-14	

Dobie cross-country hits stretch run

Tropical Storm Imelda wiped away the Dobie cross-country team's chance to compete at the Sept. 27 Running With The Texans Invitational at Memorial Park in Pasadena, but perhaps the special break in the action came at the right time as the teams prepare for the stretch run.

The Dobie groups now have a handful of meets to finish out before preparing for the District 22-5A Championships next month.

So far, so good for both the Dobie varsity boys' and girls' teams.

Lady Longhorns' head coach Mo Hickman knew she could count on a few things when this season began. One, her team

would give it its all each and every day out. To this point, they have.

Also, Hickman knew that 2018 regional meet qualifiers Izzy Padilla and Amari Singleton would lead the way for the most part. They have.

But beyond that, Hickman has found many more pleasant positives as the season has gone on.

Things are progressing as expected week by week," Hickman said.

"This is week six of competition with three weeks out from district. Our teams are continuing to produce in practice and holding a high standard as the cross-country program at Dobie has had a tradition of success to uphold."

When district does arrive, both Atascocita and Humble figure to be very competitive in terms of the team crown, but the Lady Longhorns are making a strong push of their own, even as several runners also take part in the school's volleyball season.

"We are somewhat of a young squad this season, and the growth has been tremendous," Hickman said. "Padilla and Singleton continue to hold their honors in the top 10, but junior Grace Castaneda is pressing hard.

"Maybe something a lot of people don't know or realize is that we are sharing the majority of our varsity squad with another in-season sport.

"Padilla, Danielle Colunga, Abby Duron (freshman) and Ashley Garcia are all volleyball players in season. They are super tough kids doubling up and doing great work.

"So hands down, we are proud of the efforts these young ladies continue to put forth every day. First-year junior McKenzie Rankins (the Dobie varsity girls' soccer team goalie) has been a great addition and contributes in the top five weekly, too."

On the boys' side of things, the Longhorns' Alberto Campa should be in the running for the 22-6A top overall medalist spot as he continues his brilliant season as a junior with several top 10s.

Dobie's Remaining Cross-Country Meets

- Sept. 27 La Porte Invitational 8 a.m.
- Oct. 3 Pasadena Invitational 8 a.m.
- Oct. 17 District 22-6A Championships (Atascocita High School, 8 a.m.)
- Oct. 28 Region III Championships (Sam Houston State Univ., 8 a.m.)
- Nov. 8 State Championships (Round Rock)

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Volleyball

8A Records	Div.	Overall
Division 1	W L T	W L T
San Jacinto	0 0 0	2 0 0
Thompson	0 0 0	2 0 0
South Houston	0 0 0	1 1 0
Miller	0 0 0	1 1 0
Southmore	0 0 0	0 2 0

Match Scores
 San Jacinto def. Park View 25-20, 25-15
 Thompson def. Queens 25-22, 25-10
 South Houston def. Jackson 25-17, 25-18

Division 2	W L T	W L T
Queens	0 0 0	1 1 0
Bondy	0 0 0	1 1 0
Beverly Hills	0 0 0	1 1 0
Jackson	0 0 0	1 1 0
Park View	0 0 0	0 2 0

Match Scores
 Bondy def. Southmore 25-3, 25-10
 Beverly Hills def. Miller 26-24, 25-18

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Volleyball

7A Records	Div.	Overall
Division 1	W L T	W L T
San Jacinto	0 0 0	2 0 0
Thompson	0 0 0	2 0 0
Southmore	0 0 0	0 2 0
Miller	0 0 0	0 2 0
South Houston	0 0 0	0 2 0

Match Scores
 San Jacinto def. Park View 25-13, 25-21
 Thompson def. Queens 25-8, 25-12

Division 2	W L T	W L T
Jackson	0 0 0	1 1 0
Queens	0 0 0	1 1 0
Bondy	0 0 0	1 1 0
Beverly Hills	0 0 0	1 1 0
Park View	0 0 0	0 2 0

Match Scores
 Jackson def. South Houston 25-4, 25-20
 Bondy def. Southmore 25-20, 25-18
 Beverly Hills def. Miller 24-26, 25-13, 25-23

Dobie VB moves to 4-3 with wins

Continued from Page 1B wood has once again assumed control of the top spot in the standings with a perfect 8-0 start through the first half of play.

With only a loss to Kingwood, Summer Creek is in second place with a 6-1 mark.

Thanks in part to a 27-25, 25-15, 25-17 home win Sept. 21, Atascocita is in third place with a 5-2 record, and Dobie and Memorial sit fourth with one more match remaining in the first half of play.

Dobie is on the winning side of things at 4-3 after defeating Rayburn 25-19, 25-18, 25-12 as Taiya Mitchell led the way with 15 kills and Alayna Gonzalez added eight more.

Natalie Onozie, who has more than 320 assists this season, had 23 in the win.

The Lady Longhorns went on the road Sept. 24 and handed South Houston a 25-19, 25-12, 25-14 loss.

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football

8A Records	Div.	Overall
Division 1	W L T	W L T
Beverly Hills	0 0 0	2 0 0
Thompson	0 0 0	2 0 0
Southmore	0 0 0	1 1 0
Miller	0 0 0	1 1 0
Bondy	0 0 0	1 1 0

Game Scores
 Beverly Hills 14, San Jacinto 8
 Thompson 14, South Houston 12
 Bondy 49, Jackson 0
 Miller 24, Queens 22
 Southmore 36, Park View 0

Division 2	W L T	W L T
Queens	0 0 0	1 1 0
San Jacinto	0 0 0	1 1 0
South Houston	0 0 0	1 1 0
Park View	0 0 0	0 2 0
Jackson	0 0 0	0 2 0

Game Scores
 Queens 13, Southmore 6
 San Jacinto 45, Miller 39
 South Houston 31, Bondy 20

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football

7A Records	Div.	Overall
Division 1	W L T	W L T
Beverly Hills	0 0 0	1 0 0
Thompson	0 0 0	1 0 0
Southmore	0 0 0	0 1 0
Miller	0 0 0	0 1 0
Bondy	0 0 0	0 1 0

Game Scores
 Beverly Hills 35, Jackson 7
 Thompson 37, Park View 0

Division 2	W L T	W L T
Queens	0 0 0	1 0 0
San Jacinto	0 0 0	1 0 0
South Houston	0 0 0	1 0 0
Park View	0 0 0	0 1 0
Jackson	0 0 0	0 1 0

Game Scores
 Queens 13, Southmore 6
 San Jacinto 45, Miller 39
 South Houston 31, Bondy 20

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football

8B Records	Div.	Overall
Division 1	W L T	W L T
San Jacinto	0 0 0	2 0 0
South Houston	0 0 0	2 0 0
Miller	0 0 0	1 1 0
Southmore	0 0 0	1 1 0
Thompson	0 0 0	0 2 0

Match Scores
 San Jacinto def. Park View 25-22, 25-18, 25-20
 South Houston def. Jackson 28-26, 25-12, 25-19

Division 2	W L T	W L T
Bondy	0 0 0	2 0 0
Queens	0 0 0	1 1 0
Beverly Hills	0 0 0	1 1 0
Jackson	0 0 0	0 2 0
Park View	0 0 0	0 2 0

Match Scores
 Beverly Hills def. Miller 13-25, 25-22, 25-21
 Queens def. Thompson 25-20, 23-25, 25-23

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football

7B Records	Div.	Overall
Division 1	W L T	W L T
San Jacinto	0 0 0	2 0 0
Thompson	0 0 0	2 0 0
Southmore	0 0 0	1 1 0
Miller	0 0 0	1 1 0
South Houston	0 0 0	0 2 0

Match Scores
 San Jacinto def. Park View 23-25, 25-18, 25-18
 Thompson def. Queens 25-18, 25-16

Division 2	W L T	W L T
Bondy	0 0 0	1 1 0
Queens	0 0 0	1 1 0
Beverly Hills	0 0 0	1 1 0
Jackson	0 0 0	1 1 0
Park View	0 0 0	0 2 0

Match Scores
 Jackson def. South Houston 25-20, 25-14
 Bondy def. Southmore 23-25, 25-16, 25-14
 Beverly Hills def. Miller 25-18, 25-15

CEK football downs Brook

Sophomore running back Trent Lady scored late in the fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough as the Clear Brook Wolverines stayed winless with a 43-7 loss at Crenshaw Stadium.

Sophomore quarterback Cameron McCalister completed 12 of 29 throws for 104 yards but also endured a pair of interceptions.

Loranzo Thompson was the Wolverines' top receiver in the game with five grabs for 50 yards. Andrew Rodriguez caught three balls for 36 yards.

The Wolverines saw their record fall to 0-4 this season with nondistrict play now complete. The locals will be back in action Friday, Sept. 27, against the Clear Creek Wildcats as District 24-6A action gets started for both teams.

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football

8B Records	Div.	Overall
Division 1	W L T	W L T
Beverly Hills	0 0 0	2 0 0
Thompson	0 0 0	2 0 0
Southmore	0 0 0	2 0 0
Bondy	0 0 0	2 0 0
Miller	0 0 0	0 2 0

Game Scores
 Beverly Hills 20, San Jacinto 7
 Thompson 42, South Houston 0
 Southmore 36, Park View 6
 Bondy 6, Jackson 0

Division 2	W L T	W L T
San Jacinto	0 0 0	1 1 0
Queens	0 0 0	1 1 0
South Houston	0 0 0	0 2 0
Park View	0 0 0	0 2 0
Jackson	0 0 0	0 2 0

Game Scores
 Queens 14, Miller 6

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football

7B Records	Div.	Overall
Division 1	W L T	W L T
Beverly Hills	0 0 0	1 0 0
Thompson	0 0 0	1 0 0
Southmore	0 0 0	1 0 0
Bondy	0 0 0	1 0 0
Miller	0 0 0	0 1 0

Game Scores
 Beverly Hills 27, Jackson 0
 Thompson 36, Park View 6
 Southmore 26, Queens 6
 Bondy 27, South Houston 14

Division 2	W L T	W L T
San Jacinto	0 0 0	1 0 0
Queens	0 0 0	0 1 0
South Houston	0 0 0	0 1 0
Park View	0 0 0	0 1 0
Jackson	0 0 0	0 1 0

Game Scores
 San Jacinto 36, Miller 0

South Belt 5K activities ongoing as big day nears

Plans continue for the inaugural South Belt 5K and Kids 1K Walk/Run, honoring the memory of former longtime Dobie High School educator Barry E. Harris. The big event is coming together for Saturday, Nov. 9, and the entire community is invited to participate. Proceeds from the 5K and 1K events will go toward the Barry E. Harris Memorial Scholarship

Fund, founded by friends and colleagues of Harris. Harris, also a big presence at both Dobie High School and Pasadena ISD athletic event, died from the affects of cancer in 2018.

The focus for now is getting the community involved, and registration is now as easy as ever to handle via <https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/Houston/SouthBelt5K>.

The race will begin at Dobie High School and wind through El Franco Lee Park. The 5K distance will be certified for the serious competitors.

The event will include food and crafts vendors, and much more. There will be awards in most event categories as well.

The Barry E. Harris Memorial Scholarship is given to a deserving Dobie senior each May.

Parents who have children in strollers are encouraged to get involved as there will be an award given to the Best Decorated Stroller.

There is additional race information on the event's Facebook page at *South Belt 5K*.

Those who wish to donate directly to the Barry E. Harris fund may do so at pasadenaisd.revtrak.net.

Cowboys to face M.P. Sharks

Due to wet field conditions caused by Tropical Storm Imelda, much of the Bay Area Football League youth schedule for Sept. 21 was forced to postponement.

Unable to face the Magnolia Park Sharks as scheduled, the Sagemont Cowboys will now host the Sharks as part of a special Sunday, Sept. 29 set of games at El Franco Lee Park.

The games will feature special start times (see below), with the Pee Wee games kicking things off at noon.

Each of the Cowboys' teams will also be granted victories via forfeit for games that were scheduled for Sept. 28 against the Ellington Rams.

As reported last week, the Rams have been permanently banned from BAFL for illegal roster violations.

LSA cross-country again fares well

Despite the persistent rains caused by Tropical Storm Imelda, the Lutheran South Academy cross-country program was able to make its scheduled appearance at the Second Baptist Invitational as the Soaring Eagles hosted many of the area's top private school programs.

The varsity girls competed across a two-mile course, while the varsity boys were extended to a three-mile course.

For the Lady Pioneers, Catherine Hergenra led the way as the sophomore

finished 56th overall in a time of 18 minutes, 22 seconds.

Audrey Pfeiffer, another sophomore, was next to the finish line for her team as she was 66th in a time of 19:24.

LSA's Charlotte Gimenez, also a sophomore, completed the course at 19:42 for 69th place, and Kendal Miller's clocking of 23:00 placed the freshman 83rd.

Fernanda Salazar, a junior, finished the event 84th overall at 23:01.

Freshman Layton Thacker led the Pioneer boys as his time of 20:39 was 33rd over-

all. Will Spencer, a junior, took 37th place in a time of 20:43.

Robert Aguanno of LSA presented a time of 21:04 as the senior was 49th, and Elijah Ward, a sophomore, was at 22:40 for 67th place.

Nathan Mendoza of LSA placed 85th with his time of 24:07 for the freshman, and fellow freshman Jeff Strack had a time of 24:28 for 87th place.

Lucas Wells, a freshman, was 95th at 25:33, and junior Daniel Warren (26:09) was 97th, with Luke Anderson (27:00) 99th.

Bay Area Football League Standings

Sophomore Division

Teams	Wins	Losses	Ties
Hurricanes	6	0	0
Texans	5	1	0
Dolphins	4	1	0
Trojans	4	1	0
Sharks	4	1	0
Patriots	3	1	0
Eagles	3	2	0
Stingrays	3	3	0
Mustangs	2	3	0
Cowboys	1	3	0
49ers	1	4	0
Panthers	1	4	0
Wildcats	0	4	0
Raiders	0	5	0

Freshman Division

Teams	Wins	Losses	Ties
Dolphins	5	0	0
Stingrays	5	1	0
Hurricanes	5	1	0
Texans	5	1	0
49ers	4	1	0
Cowboys	3	1	0
Sharks	2	3	0
Panthers	2	3	0
Trojans	2	3	0
Eagles	2	3	0
Mustangs	2	3	0
Patriots	1	4	0
Wildcats	0	4	0
Raiders	0	5	0

Pee Wee Division

Teams	Wins	Losses	Ties
Stingrays	6	0	0
Hurricanes	5	1	0
49ers	4	1	0
Eagles	3	1	1
Raiders	2	2	1
Sharks	2	3	0
Cowboys	2	2	0
Wildcats	2	2	0
Trojans	2	2	1
Dolphins	2	3	0
Texans	2	3	1
Patriots	1	3	0
Mustangs	1	4	0
Panthers	0	5	0

Bay Area Football League Standings

Senior Division

Teams	Wins	Losses	Ties
Stingrays	6	0	0
Sharks	5	0	0
Dolphins	4	1	0
Hurricanes	4	1	0
Wildcats	3	1	0
49ers	3	2	0
Trojans	3	2	0
Cowboys	2	2	0
Eagles	2	3	0
Mustangs	2	3	0
Panthers	2	3	0
Raiders	1	4	0
Patriots	0	4	0
Texans	0	6	0

Junior Division

Teams	Wins	Losses	Ties
Stingrays	6	0	0
Hurricanes	5	1	0
49ers	4	1	0
Cowboys	3	1	0
Texans	4	2	0
Panthers	3	2	0
Sharks	3	2	0
Mustangs	3	2	0
Raiders	2	3	0
Eagles	2	3	0
Patriots	1	3	0
Dolphins	1	4	0
Trojans	1	4	0
Wildcats	0	4	0

Week Seven – Sun. Sept. 29

Cowboys host M.P. Sharks, El Franco Lee Park
Special game times: Pee Wee – noon; Seniors – 1 p.m.;
Juniors – 3 p.m.; Sophomores – 5 p.m.; Freshmen – 7 p.m.
Dolphins are on a bye week

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

7 a.m.
AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.
 7:30 a.m.
Rotary Club of Pearland – Meets Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. at Allendale's Kitchen & Cocktails, 5010 Broadway St., in Pearland. Variety of speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@texascitizensbank.com.
 10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.
 Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.
 7 p.m.
Kirkwood Civic Association meets at the South Belt Chamber of Commerce (new location), 10500 Scarsdale. For more information, call Ericka McCutcheon at 281-989-9990.
 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 27
 7 a.m.
AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.
 10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark,

77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.
 6:30 p.m.
Bay Area Genealogical Society – Meets monthly, the last Friday, at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Dr., Clear Lake. Coffee and socializing prior to 7 p.m. meeting. No meeting in December. For details, visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org.
 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 details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.
 8 p.m.
Serenity Now Al-Anon Group – meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
 7:30 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – "Breakfast with Bill," Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
 11 a.m.
StartSchoolLater.net (SSL) Houston Chapter - informational meeting about the link of teen sleep deprivation to depression and low academic performance. The public is welcome, 11 a.m., on the fourth Saturday at the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-229-1409. RSVP is requested for meeting attendance.
 11 a.m.
Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) – For women affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-

487-8787, or drop in.
 1 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.
 8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
 1 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.
 2 p.m.
Grief Support Group – For adults who have lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. For details, call 281-487-8787.
 5:30 p.m.
Celebrate Recovery – A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., in the Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for details or to RSVP for child care.
 8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
 10 a.m.
Al-Anon Deer Park – Mondays, 10 to 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.

10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.
 11:30 a.m.
Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park – 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.
 Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.
 6 p.m.
Scrabble Club #511 – Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details.
 6:30 p.m.
Toastmasters – The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets Mondays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., at the South Belt Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd., next to the fire station. For details, call Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 or Carolyn Carmichael at 832-372-3565 or visit <https://youngprofessionalstoastmasters.com/>.
 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 details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.
 7:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801.
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 9:30 a.m.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For details, call 713-472-0565.
 10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.
 11:30 a.m.
Local NARFE Meeting - National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1321, meets the first Tuesday at Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Pkwy. Lunch is \$6. For details, call Norman Chaffee at 713-944-2461.
 Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.
 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Free dance lessons - taught by Lewis and Betty Whistler (35 years of experience) at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E League City Parkway, on Tuesdays. Bringing a partner is not required. There is a different dance focus monthly. For details, call Betty at 832-517-5833. For questions about League City's activity card, call the park office at 281-554-1180.
 1 p.m.
Trailmixers - Meets the first Tuesday at Luby's, 11595 Fuqua. Former and current employees of J. Frank Dobie High School are welcome.
 1:30 p.m.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., 1:30 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713.
 2 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318.
 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 details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.

levels at 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card (see Tuesday 12:30 p.m. dance for details). Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For details on the activity card, call the city at 281-554-1180.
 7 p.m.
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Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention - Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support group for women. Visit www.bayareaturningpoint.org for information.
 8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3
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Lutheran South Academy officially dedicates Glassell Stadium, Teichman Field



Lutheran South Academy held a ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony for Glassell Stadium and Teichman Field Friday, Sept. 13, prior to the Pioneers' first varsity home football game. Members of the track and field planning committee, the Teichman Family and the Glassell Foundation (represented by Pamela Lindberg) were honored at the ceremony for their generosity and sponsorship of the project. Holding the ribbon were current LSA student body president, Paul LeBlanc and 1965 alumni and retired LSA teacher, Archie Buchman. Sheila Psencik, Head of

School, cut the ribbon to officially open the complex before kickoff. Those involved in the ribbon-cutting included, left to right, LeBlanc, Charlie Pfeiffer, Doug McReaken, Diego David, Joseph Pfeiffer, Brad Crain, Rob Psencik, Kevin Teichman, Kelly Teichman, Donna Teichman, Holt Teichman, Sheila Psencik, Erin Teichman, Pamela Lindberg, Rex Lindberg, Paul Lindberg and Archie Buchman.

Eagles at 0-4 Dobie football at 3-0; homecoming game next

Continued from Page 1B making good on four extra-point tries.

Clearly, Berneathy and his staff are pleased with the 3-0 start to the season, but with seven total games still remaining, there's no time to lose focus, even with Pasadena coming into Veterans Stadium.

"Pasadena, in my opinion, has been a good football team

this season," Berneathy said. "They played really hard, and their offensive front really comes off the ball and comes at you with leverage."

"Defensively, they are playing hard and doing everything they can to make plays. Pasadena is improving, and we have to go out there and play well, continue to improve and make sure we get the win."

Dobie Longhorns (3-0, 1-0) vs. Pasadena (0-4, 0-2)

Dobie: *It's hard to imagine this year's homecoming game being any more exciting what with the Longhorns coming off one of their biggest wins in years against Summer Creek. The Longhorns' defense remains statically the best in the league after forcing four turnovers against the Bulldogs. Pasadena is likely to have trouble controlling Dobie's big play ability, which could lead to a lop-sided score.*

Pasadena: *While the Eagles remain winless to open the 22-6A campaign after losses to South Houston and Memorial, the Pasadena program has been revitalized with the promotion of David Zapien, who previously had been a longtime assistant coach with the Eagles. With 93 yards rushing and two touchdowns against Memorial, running back Jacob Henriquez continued to lead the league in rushing with more than 500 yards through four games. Still, the Eagles have not developed much of a passing game.*

Dobie tennis gives all, but Kingwood gets W

The Dobie varsity team tennis squad will head to Atascocita Friday, Sept. 27 intent on grabbing sole possession of first place after a gritty loss to defending District 22-6A champion Kingwood Sept. 24, at Dobie.

The Longhorns gave the Mustangs everything they wanted in several of the matches, but the visitors were able to prevail in the end by a 15-4 count. With Kingwood now looking like the repeat champions of District 22-6A, the Longhorns will now turn their attention to the Eagles on the road.

Dobie's Jennifer Ho and Megan Rodriguez combined for a win in the No. 3 girls' singles, and Kyle Redmon teamed with Thailony Kam Trevino for a win in the mixed doubles.

The Lady Longhorns also got singles victories from Gisell Morales at No. 3 and Erica Hay at No. 4.

Kingwood, which led 5-2 at the completion of the doubles, improved to

a perfect 4-0 with the win, while Dobie is 3-1. "Kingwood was the better team, and we just can't take that away from them," Dobie head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. said.

"Congratulations to them for probably going on and winning the district title from here on out. They were good, and definitely mentally and physically tougher than us on some of the bigger points."

Atascocita defeated Dobie a season ago by a 12-7 count, but this is a new season and vastly different roster, particularly on Dobie's side.

Regardless, Moreno said his team's formula remains the same each and every time out.

"We need to be able to have a lead after the doubles," he said. "We're going to work hard in practice over the next two days on the doubles."

"I told the kids that we need to go 4-0 from this point forward and win out. I believe we can do that. It's all about maintaining focus."

Astros' Graham named Employee of the Month



The Houston Astros organization honored Esteban Graham (center) as the Armark Employee of the Month for August during the team's recent homestand. Those present for the ceremony included Astros' President of Business Operations Reid Ryan (right) and Orbit, the team's mascot. Graham, a coach within Clear Creek ISD, is the son of Leader staffer Rosa Graham and her husband, Don. Esteban Graham is currently in his 17th season with the Astros, and his mother is also a former longtime guest services supervisor for the team.

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