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Dobie9 holds open house

Dobie9 will hold its open house Monday, Sept. 16, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Blood drive set for Sept. 15

Knights of Columbus Council 9201 is hosting a blood drive in the blood center's donor coach at St. Luke the Evangelist, 11011 Hall, Sunday, Sept. 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information, call Val Comeaux, 713-582-5358.

Prayer walkers gather 9/21

School Prayer Walks USA will host a prayer walk 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at Meador Elementary, 10701 Seaford Drive. This is a nondenominational gathering to pray for the protection and peace of students and staff. For more information, call 281-484-0901.

Moore seeks vendors

Moore Elementary is seeking vendors to display their 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.

St. Luke's garage sale 9/20

St. Luke the Evangelist church, 11011 Hall Road, will host a garage sale in the Social Hall Sept. 20, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sept. 21, 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Come and find hidden treasures in the assortment of collections of boutique, sports and outdoors, toys, children's shoes and clothing, home goods and holiday/seasonal items. All proceeds will go to future building on Riverstone Ranch campus.

New self-defense class starts

The American Society of Karate begins one-hour self-defense and martial arts courses for teens and adults (ages 13-80) Friday, Sept. 20, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road. The physical requirements are minimal. No previous self-defense or martial arts experience is necessary. For information, email Michael.Alonzo@ASKKarate.com or call 281-788-5930.

Beltway closures planned

The eastbound and westbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Beamer will be closed continuously until 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 22.

Both northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Crenshaw will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Monday, Sept. 30.

At least one alternate lane on the northbound Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed at Crenshaw daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Monday, Sept. 30.

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

At least two inside northbound Beltway 8 frontage road lanes will be closed at SH 225 nightly from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Monday, 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.

The northbound exit ramp on the Gulf Freeway between SH 96/League City Parkway and FM 518 will be closed continuously through 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31.

Heavy trash haul Sept. 12

City residents south of Fuqua will have heavy trash pickup Thursday, Sept. 12, (second Thursday of the month).

City residents north of Fuqua and west of the Gulf Freeway will have heavy trash pickup on Friday, Sept. 13, (second Friday of the month). September is for tree waste only.

Residents should be aware that despite the city hiring additional contractors to assist with heavy trash pickup, crews are currently often behind schedule. For additional information, visit www.houston.tx.gov/solidwaste.

Dobie, parade, bonfire set

Dobie High School will have its homecoming game against Pasadena High Thursday, Sept. 26. To celebrate, Dobie will hold a parade and bonfire Wednesday, Sept. 25. The parade will start at Dobie at 6:10 p.m., head south on Blackhawk Blvd. to Hughes Road and return to Dobie.

The bonfire begins at 7:15 p.m. in the detention pond behind campus. Along with the football team and Dobie band, there will be a DJ and performances by the Lariaettes and Dobie cheerleaders.

Organizations interested in participating should email Dobie assistant principal Lauren Calderaro for more information at lcaldera@pasadenaisd.org.

Candidate forum for District D Sept. 16

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, along with civic clubs and associations in the South sector of District D, will host the South Belt District D Candidate Forum Meet-and-Greet Monday, Sept. 16 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at San Jacinto College South campus, 13735 Beamer Road, Building 12. Attendees should park in lots 12A or 12B and enter from the south side of the building. The Forum will be in the Kaleidoscope Room. This event is open to the public and will feature District D candidates Anthony Kirk Allen, Carla Brailey, Andrew C. Burks Jr., Rashad Cave, Marlon A. Christian, Jeremy Darby, Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, Dennis Griffin, Mike Grissom, T. "Nissi" Hamilton, Brad Jordan, Travis McGee, Dontrell L. Montgomery, Ken Moore, Terrill D. Thomas, Don Zimmerman and Jimmy Flannigan.

The candidates will answer questions generated by the public and a panel. A large number of candidates is not unusual for District D elections. In 2013, a dozen candidates wanted to provide new leadership to Houston's City Council District D when there was an open seat vacated by term-limited Councilwoman Wanda Adams.

With the current Council Member for District D, Dwight Boykins, vacating his position in the hope of being the next mayor of the City of Houston, sixteen candidates are vying for the opportunity to serve constituents of District D. Fifteen of the 16 candidates have committed to attend the Forum.

District D in the City of Houston covers an area predominantly located north of S. Sam Houston Parkway E. and west of Mykawa Road. The South Belt-Ellington community is invited to come hear what the candidates have to say. **Continued on Page 5A**

Frazier students ready to rodeo



Frazier students were all decked out for Rodeo Day at the school Thursday, Sept. 5. The event included a visit from horses and covered wagons. Posing in their fashionable western attire and holding a sign that is translated, "Welcome to Frazier" are students, left to right, Arlette Pulido, Logan Betancourt, Victoria Chapa and Julio Torres. (See related photos Page 6A.)

Pasadena rodeo celebrates 70 years

The Pasadena Livestock Show & Rodeo is celebrating 70 years of helping the community and youth of the area. What started out in 1949 as small organization for just the city of Pasadena has grown into an organization that serves all of South East Harris County.

are given away and other things the organization does for the community.

In celebration of the rodeo, members of the rodeo and Pasadena ISD had a trail ride Thursday, Sept. 5 from Dobie to four of the elementary schools. (See more photos Page 6A.)

The cook-off will run from Sept. 12 through 14. The rodeo runs Sept. 20 through 28. This rodeo is considered to be one of the best rodeos in the country as Frontier rodeo is the stock provider and cowboys come from all over the country to participate before going on to the National Finals in Las Vegas. For more information, visit www.pasadenarodeo.com and see the complete lineup of entertainers that follow the rodeo.

At one time there was only one high school showing animals at the show and now there are 11 with areas including Pasadena, Deer Park, La Porte, Webster and League City. The auction gives the youth of the area a great place to show and sell their animals, in fact the auction has been raising around half a million dollars a year for the youth not to mention the scholarships that

With 70 years of experience the Pasadena Rodeo can show the entire family a good time from the youngest of kids that want to go through the barn and see all the animals and play at the kids zone to the adults that want to go out dancing at the Spur Club after the rodeo, the Pasadena Rodeo has it all.

Dobie homecoming events planned

Dobie High School will have its homecoming game against Pasadena High School Thursday, Sept. 26. To celebrate the event, Dobie will hold a parade and bonfire Wednesday, Sept. 25. The parade will start at Dobie at 6:10 p.m., head south on Blackhawk Boulevard to Hughes Road and return to Dobie.

Jessica Ibe, a senior on the varsity volleyball team, said, "It was a great experience being a part of the parade last year, and I look forward to doing it again."

The bonfire begins at 7:15 p.m. in the detention pond behind campus. Along with the football team and Dobie band, there will be a DJ and performances by the Lariaettes and Dobie cheerleaders. After several years of not having a parade and bonfire, Dobie began holding the event again last year.

Senior Ameyalli Flores said, "I'm glad we're doing it again so I can look back at the memory when I'm out of high school." Awards will be given to the best parade float and to the organization showing the greatest spirit.

Organizations interested in participating in the parade should email Dobie assistant principal Lauren Calderaro for more information. Calderaro can be reached at lcaldera@pasadenaisd.org.

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Pct. 2 Deputies arrest two suspects

Last week the Leader reported the arrest of Omar Herrera for thefts of tailgates which occurred in the subdivisions of Highland Meadow and Wood Meadow. The suspect has been arrested and charged.



Harris County Constable Jedin Villatoro

stable Pct. 2 Deputies' investigation included the Sagemont area regarding a burglary of a motor vehicle.

The second suspect is Jedin Villatoro who was captured on surveillance video entering a vehicle taking possessions from within that vehicle.

Villatoro has been arrested and charged with two counts of burglary of a motor vehicle as accepted by the Harris County district attorney's office. **Continued on Page 3A**

Ellington recycling site improved; electronics items accepted Sept. 14

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's monthly electronic recycling event will take place Saturday, Sept. 14, at the Neighborhood Recycling Center at Ellington Airport from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

existing asphalt was replaced with concrete to improve driving conditions and to preserve and prolong the life of the road base.

Due to the efforts of Houston City Council Member Dave Martin, those who use the facility will be pleased to find a complete replacement of the Recycling Center.

While the project was not expected to be completed until sometime in October, the newly constructed roadway and parking lot are now open.

The former asphalt had a multitude of asphalt patches.

Mayor Sylvester Turner and Martin are planning a ribbon-cutting for the facility, but a date has not yet been set.

Martin pushed for a more substantial long-term solution to the asphalt problem. All prior

Area residents are urged to recycle and use the Ellington location. Electronic recycling only takes place once a month at Ellington. **Continued on Page 3A**

One killed in Sageriver shooting



At press time Wednesday, Sept. 11, the Leader was notified by Linda Elder of a disturbance at 11106 Sageriver. At 2:30 p.m. Clear Lake Houston Police were on the scene waiting for homicide investigators to arrive. Police would only give minimal details until after press time. According to police the incident involved two men and a woman and the woman reported the incident. When the Leader was on the scene, the two witnesses, a man and a woman, were in the back seats of separate HPD patrol cars. For more information check the Leader's Facebook page or next week's Leader. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Atkinson seeks 200 volunteers for 1-day playground construction

Volunteers from Atkinson Elementary and the community will join KaBOOM! Nov. 16, to transform an empty site into a kid-designed, state-of-the-art playground in just six hours at Atkinson Elementary. The new playground will help make play the easy choice for children and families impacted by Hurricane Harvey in Houston.

ue to regain a sense of normalcy, and make play an easier opportunity for families.

In July, children from the surrounding community came together to draw their dream playground. The playground is based off their drawings and will provide thousands of children, over this playground's lifetime, with a great, safe place to play following the devastation of Hurricane Harvey.

This playground project is part of a broader effort led by the Rebuild Texas Fund and KaBOOM! to serve communities affected by Hurricane Harvey by ensuring kids can get back to the business of childhood.

Atkinson Elementary is in an area that serves a culturally diverse population of more than 600 students and the need is great for a children's playground. This addition will be a positive asset to the community for exercise and enjoyment.

Overall, the partnership will lead 27 community-designed playspace projects and award 30 creative play products - Imagination Playground and Rigamjig - to organizations across 41 counties in Southeast Texas, providing new opportunities to play for more than 145,000 kids over the next generation.

Ensuring kids have safe places to play is critical to helping families and communities heal during times of recovery, as they continue to deal with the stress of lost homes, lost loved ones and lost routines. By creating and providing playspaces, this work will help children and communities contin-

The schedule of events is as follows:
- 8:30 to 9 a.m. Kick-off ceremony.
- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Best viewing of playground construction.
- 1 to 2:30 p.m. Final construction phase.
- 2:30 to 3 p.m. Ribbon-cutting.
The events will be held at Atkinson Elementary, located at 9602 Kingspoint Dr.

Atkinson Elementary is one of many schools in the Pasadena Independent School District. Dr. DeeAnn Powell is the PISD superintendent and Kenny Fernandez is the local PISD school board member.



Hortensio, played by Dobie Senior Nick Keel, shows the results of his first music lesson with the tempestuous Kate in Dobie Theatre's Wild West version of Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew."

Dobie's "The Taming of the Shrew"

Dobie Theatre announces its inaugural production of the 2019-2020 season, William Shakespeare's classic comedy "The Taming of the Shrew," playing Sept. 12 - 14, in the Dobie High School auditorium.

This "battle of the sexes" tells the tale of sharp-tongued Kate, who must marry before her younger sister Bianca is allowed to find a suitor.

Undaunted by her waspish reputation, Petruchio attempts to woo the not-so-fair maiden, but is faced with a tirade of poisonous insults. Petruchio eventually wins the day by "killing his wife with kindness."

Showtimes are 7 p.m. Sept. 12 and 13, with a 2 p.m. matinee Saturday, Sept. 14. All tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the door.

The community is invited to this Wild West retelling of the story, complete with a riotous mixture of cowboys and slapstick as the cast shouts "YEE-HAW!"

In My Opinion

Saperstein thanks community members

Thanks! After 25 years of service, The Parker Williams Library is proud to announce that our carpet will be replaced starting on Sept. 16, 2019.

The expected completion date is Oct. 4, 2019. While the library will remain open during this process, there may be gaps in certain services while the new tiling is being placed. The first phase of tiling will begin in the Juvenile and Young Adult collections and is expected to conclude on Sept. 20.

Please be advised that the library will be louder than normal as the tiling work is underway and shelving is moved. During this time, staff may not have access to books in certain collections until the project has been completed. To find out what services are not available on any given day, please feel free to call the library at 832-927-7870.

This project would not have been possible without our community's involvement. The Parker Williams Library staff would like to thank Ed Jackson, the President of the Parker Williams Friends of the Library, for leading the effort to get the carpet replaced. We would also like to thank Judge Jo Ann Delgado, our local Justice of the Peace, Marie Flickinger of the South Belt Leader, Precinct 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis, and the South Belt Ellington Chamber of Commerce for their support.

The Parker Williams Library staff extends their gratitude to the community for their continued support over the last 25 years. A 25th anniversary celebration is planned for early November 2019.

Mike Saperstein
Branch Manager
— Parker Williams Branch Library

Williams reports need to trim branches

It's great to see mature trees in the neighborhood along the streets and esplanades; however, property owners need to take the time to trim back the branches.

I believe the City ordinance requires there to be a minimum of 14' clearance to allow emergency vehicles access.

Tree branches and limbs can cause thousands of dollars of damage to private, industry and government property. Delivery trucks, fire trucks, emergency vehicles, travel trailers and even pickups all can be damaged by these obstructions.

Additionally, tree and shrub overgrowth minimizes the effectiveness of our streetlights.

Keeping our streets clear of obstructions, safe and with better lighting would benefit our community.

Thanks
Scott Williams

Asscherick urges support for H.R. 3742

Please contact Rep. Pete Olson and thank him for cosponsoring the Recovering America's Wildlife Act in the last session, and ask that he please show his support in the current session by cosponsoring H. R. 3742. This would help stabilize and recover at-risk fish and wildlife before they become endangered. The funding would come from existing revenues and would not require a new tax. Texas would receive over \$50 million per year to help the over 1,300 at-risk species in our state.

More resources for habitat restoration and nature-based infrastructure in the greater Houston area would support outdoor recreation and at-risk wildlife, while also helping to slow flood waters and increase property values. Preventative conservation is a common-sense approach that will benefit Texas fish & wildlife, business/industry, Houston area residents, and our outdoor recreation/tourism economy. Please call or email his office by September 13th to ask him to co-sponsor HR 3742.; Calls to DC office: 202-225-5951; Email messages: <https://olson.house.gov/contact-us>. For more information watch the Recovering America's Wildlife Act Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ovRG6fY8SiE>.

Marie Asscherick

Elected officials share their words

Dennis Paul submits Texas constitutional amendments for November 2019 election

Since the adoption of the Texas Constitution in 1876, 498 amendments have been added. These amendments typically appear on November ballots in odd numbered years after the conclusion of the regular legislative session. This year, 10 proposed amendments will appear on the statewide ballot.

Below find a brief explanation of each amendment. For additional details, consult the publication by the nonpartisan House Research Organization called the "Guide to the Constitutional Amendments," which can be found by visiting https://tlc.texas.gov/docs/amendments/analyses19_condensed.pdf.

The election will occur Nov. 5 with Early Voting beginning Oct. 21.

PROPOSITION 1: "The constitutional amendment permitting a person to hold more than one office as a municipal judge at the same time."

Current law allows for an appointed municipal judge to serve as a judge in more than one municipality. In municipalities where the judge is elected, however, a judge may only serve in one municipality. Voting YES for this constitutional amendment would create parity between appointed and elected municipal judges, so that both may serve more than one municipality. This proposition passed both the Texas House and Senate unanimously.

Serving as a municipal judge is often a part-time job in smaller municipalities, and these positions can be hard to fill by qualified judges. Voting YES for this constitutional amendment in November would make it easier for small cities and towns to find and retain qualified judges, ensuring that misdemeanor offenses are prosecuted and search warrants are obtained in a timely fashion, having a positive impact on public safety.

PROPOSITION 2: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$200 million to provide financial assistance for the development of certain projects in economically distressed areas."

Created in 1989, the Economically Distressed Areas Program (EDAP) operated by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) provides financial assistance to projects where water and wastewater services do not meet minimum state standards. Since its creation, EDAP has provided over \$1 billion in loans to political subdivisions estimated to serve 400,000. In House District 62, the City of White-wright has received \$6.3 million from this program.

The TWDB currently has constitutional authority to issue \$500 million in bonds; however, the program has reached its bond capacity and can no longer issue bonds for additional projects. Voting YES for Prop 2 would amend the Texas Constitution to allow the TWDB to issue bonds on an ongoing basis, as long as the total outstanding debt does not exceed \$200 million.

Voting YES for this constitutional amendment DOES NOT grant the TWDB an additional \$200 million, but allows the agency to issue additional bonds. The legislature has already appropriated \$3.5 million over the next two years to TWDB for debt service payments on existing bonds. Capping the total outstanding debt at \$200 million will ensure that Texas does not take on an excessive amount of debt, while at the same time allowing for the state to assist local governments in providing one of the basic functions of government, water service.

PROPOSITION 3: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the appraised value of certain property damaged by a disaster."

This amendment would allow the legislature to grant a temporary property tax exemption following a disaster declared by the Governor. Voting YES for this proposition would allow for property owners of damaged property to receive a temporary tax exemption if the legislature passed a law, without requiring a statewide election to amend the Texas Constitution. This proposition passed the Texas House and Senate unanimously.

Property owners struggling to rebuild damaged property should not have to pay taxes based on the value of the property before the damage. The owner of a \$300,000 home that is 50% damaged should not have to pay taxes as if their home is still worth \$300,000, as happened to some Texans after Hurricane Harvey. Voting YES would protect property owners from unfair taxes after any future disaster.

PROPOSITION 4: "The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of an individual income tax, including a tax on an individual's share of partnership and unincorporated association income."

I am proud to be a coauthor of this legislation that allows for voters to constitutionally ban a future income tax in Texas. Currently, Texas does not have an income tax, but a future legislature could pass a general law with a majority vote to impose one. This law would then go to the Texas voters for approval.

Voting YES for this proposition would place a ban on an income tax in the Texas Constitution. If a future legislature chose to impose an income tax, they would have to pass another constitutional amendment to undo it, which would require a 2/3 vote of both the House and Senate, instead of a majority vote. Voting YES would further protect future Texans from the possibility of an income tax.

PROPOSITION 5: "The constitutional amendment dedicating the revenue received from the existing state sales and use taxes that are imposed on sporting goods to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Historical Commission to protect Texas' natural areas, water quality, and history by acquiring, managing, and improving state and local parks and historic sites while not increasing the rate of the state sales and use taxes."

Currently, the sales taxes collected on sporting goods are collected and deposited in the state's General Revenue funds, along with sales tax collections on all other goods. Each session, the legislature then appropriates this money during the budget-writing process to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and Historical Commission (THC).

This proposition would constitutionally dedicate the sporting good sales tax revenue to TPWD and THC in perpetuity, ensuring that future legislators do not spend the funds elsewhere (as has been done in the past.)

Voting YES on Prop 5 will dedicate the existing sales tax revenue to our state's emergency response efforts and game warden operations, wildlife management programs, recreational opportunities, and state parks.

If this amendment passes, any time you purchase bicycles, hunting and fishing equipment, or exercise equipment, you can be assured the sales tax collections, estimated to be at least \$170 million per year, are going toward these state programs.

PROPOSITION 6: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to increase by \$3 billion the maximum bond amount authorized for the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas."

In 2007 Texas voters approved the establishment of the Cancer Prevention Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) to support institutions of learning and advanced medical research facilities in finding the cause of all types of human cancer and developing cures from lab research and clinical trials. Voters granted CPRIT the ability to issue bonds up to \$3 billion to fund cancer prevention research and trials. The current maximum bond authority will be reached by 2022, after which the Institute will no longer be able to issue bonds for additional research grants.

Voting YES for this constitutional amendment DOES NOT grant CPRIT an additional \$3 billion, but allows them to issue additional bonds up to \$6 billion. The legislature has already appropriated \$2.5 million over the next two years to CPRIT for debt service payments on existing bonds.

PROPOSITION 7: "The constitutional amendment allowing increased distribution to the available school fund."

In 1854 the Texas legislature created the Special School Fund (now called the Permanent School Fund or PSF), endowed with \$2 million from the federal government that Texas received in exchange for its claims on the territory of present-day New Mexico, Colorado and Oklahoma. The Constitution of 1876 permanently restricted the Fund's use to provide for public education.

Currently the PSF receives revenues from the sale and leasing of more than 13 million acres and other investments. The revenue from these investments is then deposited in the Available School Fund. Because greater investment returns have resulted in more revenue for the Permanent School Fund, this amendment would allow an increase from \$300 million to \$600 million the revenues that could be distributed to the Available School Fund each year.

Funds in the Available School Fund are then distributed to school districts annually through the school funding formulas. Voting YES for Prop 7 would increase the amount of Permanent School Fund revenues that would ultimately be distributed to our public schools.

PROPOSITION 8: "The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the flood infrastructure fund to assist in the financing of drainage, flood mitigation, and flood control projects."

In 2013 in response to the 2011 drought, Texas voters approved a constitutional amendment creating the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas to finance projects that would ensure the long-term water supply of Texas through low-interest loans backed by the state.

Now, in response to Hurricane Harvey, the legislature unanimously passed this constitutional amendment that would create the Flood Infrastructure Fund to assist in financing drainage, flood mitigation, and flood control projects that are as equally vital to the infrastructure of our state as the water-planning projects.

This amendment is part of a package of legislation passed this session to address the recovery and long-term resiliency of Texas. Voting YES for Prop 8 would establish a much-needed statewide, cooperative effort to "future-proof" the state against future flooding disasters. If approved, the Fund would receive \$50 million in state funds to provide loans at or below-market rates to local governments to assist with basic flood project planning and engineering of flood mitigation projects.

PROPOSITION 9: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation precious metal held in a precious metal depository located in this state."

The Texas Constitution requires that all real and tangible personal property in the state be taxed in proportion to its value unless otherwise exempt. Voting YES for this proposition would allow for the legislature to pass a law exempting precious metals held in a commercial depository in Texas from annual property taxation, just as the household goods, personal vehicle, and personal property (including precious metals) held in one's home is exempt from property taxation.

Without an exemption, local governments may attempt to impose annual property taxes on their residents' precious metals held in depositories, which could lead to confusion in the property tax system. A property tax exemption would also align with current Texas law that already exempts precious metals from the sales tax.

PROPOSITION 10: "The constitutional amendment to allow the transfer of a law enforcement animal to a qualified caretaker in certain circumstances."

Current state law prohibits its law enforcement agencies from transferring valuable property to a private person or organization without payment. Valuable property may include police dogs and other law enforcement animals whose ownership could not be transferred free of charge upon the animals' retirement from service.

Voting YES for Prop 10 would allow for these animals to live with their handler or other caretaker upon their retirement, as determined by the head of the law enforcement agency. This proposition passed both the House and Senate unanimously, and is widely supported by law enforcement agencies.

Deaths

Christian (Chris) Alan Shearrow



Christian (Chris) Alan Shearrow, 24, of Houston, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2019, surrounded by his family and friends after a long battle with cystic fibrosis.

Chris was born Oct. 14, 1994 in Houston, to Cliff and Sonia Shearrow. He was diagnosed with CF four months after birth and fought an arduous battle with the disease for the rest of his life.

He was an inspiration to every person who crossed his path and moved so many people with his fight to live. When he was 10 years old, he made the decision to receive his first double lung transplant. He beat all the odds and flourished for 12 years until needing a secondary double lung transplant.

He graciously received his retransplant April 29, 2017.

Growing up in a Christian home, he attended church most of his life and had a love for God and a passion to save people from suicide. In recent months, he spent his nights talking to people who were considering suicide and encouraged them to fight for their lives.

One thing Chris never did was let CF define him. Many of his friends had no idea he had Cystic Fibrosis because his condition wasn't something about which he spoke.

He had a love for gaming, whether it was on his ROG phone, his new VR set, Xbox or on his gaming laptop and made friends across the U.S.

Being adventurous and daring, Chris rode any theme park ride including the roller coaster and the bungee drop, and climbed rock walls. He was an avid traveler, going on many Carnival and Royal Caribbean cruises to Cozumel, Cancun, Cayman Islands, Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Belize, Barbados, Jamaica and more.

Chris was full of life and faced everything "head on" and with a smile. He had a love for music and could often be seen wearing his headphones listening to his newest musical obsession; or be seen watching anime, movies, superhero series, eating good food and hanging out and spending quality time with family and friends across the U.S.

Being very grateful for receiving his transplants that allowed him to enjoy and truly live his life, Chris knew that on two different occasions someone had to lose their life for him to live and he never took that lightly. He had in-depth conversations with his mother and father and made it known that his desire was to be an organ donor when his time came. On Friday, Sept. 6, 2019, at least four families received the call for which they had been praying. Christian's final act was to give of himself.

Chris is survived by his father and mother; brother and sister-in-law William and Ysavel Shearrow; sister and brother-in-law Sonia and Jonathan Parson; and nephew Johnny, niece Kadence (Kk), and nephew Alex Parson. He is also survived by his paternal grandma Mary Mathews; maternal abuelita Sara Reyna; many uncles, aunts, cousins; and many friends.

The funeral was held Tuesday, Sept. 10, at Crossroads United Methodist Church. Burial followed at Forest

Lawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to: https://www.facebook.com/donate/742041959573772/?fundraiser_source=external_url CashApp: \$SoniaParson.

Cheri Jaris



Cheri Jaris, 73, of Dickinson, Texas, died Sept. 5, 2019. She was born in Houston July 25, 1946, to A.C. Brown and Agnes Brown. She was married to Edward Jaris for 53 years.

Cheri worked for the South Belt Leader and had a career with Greyhound adoption for Gulf Greyhound Park.

She had a passion for reading, animal rescue and adoption, traveling and visiting casinos. She loved the Jersey Boys' movie and music.

Cheri was preceded in death by her mother and father.

She is survived by her loving husband; son Chris Jaris and wife Sherri and their sons Andrew and Daniel; daughter Melisa Jaris and partner Candi and their children Richard, Allen and Grace; daughter Carol Harris; and her sons Christopher and Nicholas Harris.

A visitation will be held Friday, Sept. 13, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Forest Park East Funeral Home, located at 21620 Gulf Fwy. in Webster.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Sept. 14, at 10 a.m. with a committal service and reception following.

Cheri had been a longtime South Belt resident.

Elected officials share their words

District E News

By Council Member Dave Martin

Tuesday, Oct. 1, is National Night Out. Since its founding in 1984, National Night Out has served as a national crime-prevention initiative aimed at furthering police-community partnerships, fostering neighborhood camaraderie and deterring criminal activity. Each year my staff and I enjoy visiting as many neighborhoods as possible and interacting with the community. I encourage you all to take the opportunity to participate in these events.

Additionally, as this year is an election year, and I encourage everyone to register to vote. If you are not already, you can register online by visiting VoteTexas.gov or by visiting the Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector's office, which has many branches across the city. I am proud to announce that I formally submitted my paperwork to run for another term for the District E City Council position.

Finally, I cordially invite you to mark your calendars for the following upcoming Town Hall Meetings that will be held in District E:

Southeast Houston/ Clear Lake

Thursday, Oct. 10, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Space Center Houston - Special Events Building 1601 NASA Parkway.

Kingwood

Thursday, Oct. 17, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Kingwood Community Center - Main Room 4102 Rustic Woods Drive.

As always, I have extended the invitation to several city departments including Houston Public Works as well as Houston Parks and Recreation, and a variety of community speakers. In addition to various information tables for residents to peruse before the meetings begin.

In Clear Lake, we have invited the folks from Commissioner Adrian Garcia's Office to provide an update on El Dorado Boulevard. Exploration Green has also been invited to participate in our town hall to discuss their progress towards completion. We look forward to hearing these updates and learning of the community's questions, comments and concerns. If you have never been before, it is the

perfect opportunity to be engaged in your community and have your questions answered. We hope you will join us. Please feel free to invite a neighbor, friend or colleague! Everyone is more than welcome to attend.

In Kingwood, we will have the opportunity to hear from Chip Place of the Houston Parks Board, which is currently finalizing design for a new trail system along the San Jacinto River as part of Bayou Greenways 2020. Additionally, Stan Sarman, the Chair of the TIRZ 10 board, will be discussing exciting news regarding the path forward for the expansion of Northpark Drive. Chuck Gilman, with the San Jacinto Water Authority, will also be in attendance to provide an update on the Governor's mandated Regional Watershed Study.

Thank you to all who have supported me thus far and for the privilege to serve. I feel honored and blessed to have had the opportunity and hope to be able to continue to represent the constituents of District E.

Dave Martin

Harris County Commissioner Ellis comments on Judge Rosenthal's opinion for bail reform

Last week's opinion from federal district court Judge Lee Rosenthal that provides preliminary approval of the bail reform settlement is a major victory for equal justice, moving Harris County one step closer to ending its unconstitutional misdemeanor bail practices.

The opinion made it clear that many of the misguided concerns raised by bail reform opponents have already been addressed during litigation. Rosenthal's opinion was notable for its rejection of many of the arguments made in amicus briefs filed with the court opposing the settlement, finding them to be unpersuasive.

Rosenthal wrote in her opinion, "Several objectors and amici argue that the decrease in security for increased procedural protections, but the record demonstrates that this is a false dichotomy."

"The court found no 'reasonable basis for [the] belief that for misdemeanor defendants, release on secured money bail provides incentives for, or produces, better pretrial behavior than release on unsecured or nonfinancial conditions.'"

"Many of the amicus briefs filed by bail reform opponents conjured the specter of Willie Horton and revived the

settlement became feasible because of the voters' decisions in the November 2018 election." Rosenthal concluded that "the fact that democratically elected officials approved the decree, while the officials defeated in the election had opposed similar relief, does not offend, but celebrates, popular sovereignty."

Rosenthal's opinion also countered arguments made by representatives of the for-profit bail bond industry asserting they had a general "property right in making a living" that would be undermined by the bail settlement, finding that "Bondsmen have no legal right to bail policies that... increase their wealth by violating the constitutional rights of tens of thousands of indigent arrestees." Ellis applauded Rosenthal's ruling and sees it as a testament to the careful consideration that went into months of negotiations between parties to reach a settlement to dismantle the harmful, unconstitutional cash bail system and replace it with something better. "Judge Rosenthal's opinion affirms that the consent decree is designed to not only end an unsafe, unconstitutional system but to replace it with a system that safeguards our communities and our Constitution," said Ellis.

Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca

A member of *The Official South Belt & Sagemont Area Crime Alert* Facebook page a member shared a post concerning two burglary suspects apprehended by Precinct 2 deputies in the newer subdivisions off Scarsdale between Beamer and Blackhawk, near the intersection of Susan Forest Drive and Park Meadow. The member stated that two teenagers were observed walking suspiciously around the neighborhood between the hours of 8:30 – 11 a.m. and passing by the member's street four different times. The member called the constable multiple times to let them know. At the third time the member called the constables, the two alleged suspects were caught in the

act jumping over a fence at a nearby house. The constables acted immediately and apprehend the suspects.

The member advises that if any person had a break-in, they should contact the constable's office.

A member of the *South Belt This & That* Facebook page reported that on Sept. 6, a 14-year-old boy was attacked on his morning walk to catch the bus to Dobie. The attacker was a white male, appearing to be in his 30s, with a tattoo on his neck. The suspect was wearing a black hoodie and khaki pants. The incident happened around 7 a.m. near Sagebluff area. Before this incident the teenager was advised by his parents to carry a stick since there are a lot of loose dogs in the

area. The day of the incident the attacker started chasing the boy. As the man came charging he grabbed the boys backpack, trying to take him down. The boy turned around, started hitting him with the stick, resulting in a tussle. The member stated that the boy was able to run away. The member advises residents to be careful since it is still dark in the morning when kids are headed toward bus stops. The member does not know who this guy is or where he came from.

If anyone has seen or heard anything concerning this incident, contact the member through Facebook. The member is looking for any camera footage from the Sageorchard/Sagemeadow area.

Created in 1989, the Economically Distressed Areas Program (EDAP) operated by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) provides financial assistance to projects where water and wastewater services do not meet minimum state standards. Since its creation, EDAP has provided over \$1 billion in loans to political subdivisions estimated to serve 400,000. In House District 62, the City of White-wright has received \$6.3 million from this program.

The TWDB currently has constitutional authority to issue \$500 million in bonds; however, the program has reached its bond capacity and can no longer issue bonds for additional projects. Voting YES for Prop 2 would amend the Texas Constitution to allow the TWDB to issue bonds on an ongoing basis, as long as the total outstanding debt does not exceed \$200 million.

Voting YES for this constitutional amendment DOES NOT grant the TWDB an additional \$200 million, but allows the agency to issue additional bonds. The legislature has already appropriated \$3.5 million over the next two years to TWDB for debt service payments on existing bonds. Capping the total outstanding debt at \$200 million will ensure that Texas does not take on an excessive amount of debt, while at the same time allowing for the state to assist local governments in providing one of the basic functions of government, water service.

PROPOSITION 3: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the appraised value of certain property damaged by a disaster."

This amendment would allow the legislature to grant a temporary property tax exemption following a disaster declared by the Governor. Voting YES for this proposition would allow for property owners of damaged property to receive a temporary tax exemption if the legislature passed a law, without requiring a statewide election to amend the Texas Constitution. This proposition passed the Texas House and Senate unanimously.

PROPOSITION 4: "The constitutional amendment permitting a person to hold more than one office as a municipal judge at the same time."

Current law allows for an appointed municipal judge to serve as a judge in more than one municipality. In municipalities where the judge is elected, however, a judge may only serve in one municipality. Voting YES for this constitutional amendment would create parity between appointed and elected municipal judges, so that both may serve more than one municipality. This proposition passed both the Texas House and Senate unanimously.

PROPOSITION 5: "The constitutional amendment dedicating the revenue received from the existing state sales and use taxes that are imposed on sporting goods to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Historical Commission to protect Texas' natural areas, water quality, and history by acquiring, managing, and improving state and local parks and historic sites while not increasing the rate of the state sales and use taxes."

Local library events set

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint:

Thursday, Sept. 12, 5 – 6 p.m. Tween craft, for ages 9 – 12.
Thursday, Sept. 12, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Spanish computer class for adults and seniors
Monday, Sept. 16, 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, Sept. 17, 10:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. Citizenship class. Class participation is by appointment only. Call the library to sign up.

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 10:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. Citizenship class. Class participation is by appointment only.

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 10:30 a.m. Toddler storytime.; 11:15 a.m. Toddler playtime. Toodle 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, Sept. 18. 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. 12, 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.

Friday, Sept. 13, 4 p.m. Anime Club: Back to School Watch, for ages 13 and older. Students returning to school feel the crisp feeling of paper, the smell of graphite and the faint sound of music from a rouge earbud. It's time to get Anime Club started. Enjoy a collection of back-to-school-themed episodes on the community room big screen.

Saturday, Sept. 14, 11 a.m. "Estate Planning" with William D. Archer. Meet at the library to get answers in matters including estate planning, the requirements to probate a will, how to avoid probate, what to do when a loved one passes, how to utilize trusts, when to use transfer-on-death deeds and more.

Monday, Sept. 16, 2 – 4 p.m. Genealogy group: The Parker Williams Genealogy Group is an informal group that meets the first and third Monday to discuss family history research (beginner to advanced). Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

Monday, Sept. 16, 6 – 7:30 p.m. Magic: The Gathering Gameplay, a dueling card game from Wizards of the Coast, for ages 8 and older. For those wanting to learn, a staff member will be present for instruction. A special "thank you" is given to Strike Zone for the generous donation of Magic: The Gathering cards. For more information, visit <http://www.hcpl.net/sites/default/files/feb-MTG-1.jpg>.

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m. Book Buddies at Frazier Elementary School, for ages 3 – 8. Book Buddies is a 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

Genoa holds family assembly



Genoa Elementary had its first School Family Assembly Friday, Aug. 30. At the event, the staff taught students various breathing techniques and students danced to get their oxygen flowing. Student birthdays and Positive Office Referrals were also recognized. Shown above second-grade teachers who held the coveted spirit stick are, left to right, Meshia Horn, Alejandra Alcalá, Emily DeLano, Christie Bishop, Roxana Collazo and Diana Davis-Scheer.



Enjoying the Genoa Elementary family assembly are, left to right, students Nicole Santiago, Leslie Saucedo and second-grade teacher Alejandra Alcalá.



Genoa Elementary students practicing "Pretzel" breathing during the assembly are, left to right, Lenalee Alvarez, Cesar Avila and Karissa Castillo.

Stitchers to draw winner at Mistletoe Market

The Bellavita annual Mistletoe Market will be held Saturday, Oct. 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bellavita clubhouse, 1548 N. Rivera Circle, just off Scarsdale Boulevard. Bellavita's sewing group "Hands of Love Stitchers" will draw the winning ticket for a beautiful handmade quilt prior to the 4 p.m. closing. The winner does not have to be present to win. Raffle tickets will be available at the Mistletoe Market, 6 tickets for \$5 or \$1 each. Proceeds will be used to support the group's community service projects.



The quilt shown above was made by sewing group member Norma Barton (unavailable for photo), and is shown with group members, left to right, Ronnie Stimson, Joan Cummings, Barbara Pasciak and Gerry McDermott.

Electronic recycling Sept. 14

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Recycling electronics keeps potentially harmful materials, such as mercury, cadmium, lead and cathode ray tubes out of the waste stream and the environment. Items accepted are PCs, servers, keyboards, mice, laptops, game consoles, monitors, small kitchen appliances, memory chips, hubs and routers, printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines, projectors, rechargeable batteries, cable boxes, car batteries, telephones, cell phones, PDAs, tape drives, hard drives, cords, cables and cameras. The collection events take place the second Saturday of each month. For more information, visit www.houston.solidwaste.org or call 311.



The former Ellington Recycling asphalt parking and driveway has been replaced.

Frazier hosts "Say it with a Shirt" day

Wednesday, Sept. 5 was "Say it with a Shirt" day at Frazier. Shown at left is Raquel Rojas (left), resource aide displaying "Kindness is contagious"; and Dez Johnson, student has "Be cool. Be kind."



Photos by Susan Blue



Shown, left to right, accompanied by her students is fourth-grade teacher Kalpama Mobley who shows off, "It's okay to not know. It's not okay to not try"; Neveah Bumgarner with "Together we can do anything"; and Shaila Rivera displaying "Kindness rules."



Showing off creative T-shirts are students, left to right, Alondra Lopez with "Live your dreams"; Blake Galvan with "I only love my bed and my mama. I'm sorry"; Marie Sanchez with "Dream - Believe - Achieve"; and Gabriel Sanchez with "Writing my own story."

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The San Jacinto Community College District will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 7.44 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even 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.

The first public hearing will be held on September 24, 2019 at 5:00 PM at 4624 Fairmont Parkway, Room 104, Pasadena, TX 77504.

The second public hearing will be held on September 27, 2019 at 11:00 AM at 4624 Fairmont Parkway, Room 104, Pasadena, TX 77504.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Marie Flickinger John Moon Jr.
Keith Sinor Erica Davis Rouse
Dan Mims Larry Wilson
Dr. Ruede Wheeler

AGAINST:
PRESENT and not voting:
ABSENT:

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in San Jacinto Community College District last year was \$108,802. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.179329 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$195.11.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in San Jacinto Community College District this year is \$120,490. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.165837 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$199.82.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.178169 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$214.68.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

Commissioners OK Veterans Services

Harris County Commissioner Adrian Garcia recently successfully pushed Harris County Veterans Services plan to be approved by Commissioner's Court.

On Tuesday, Aug. 27, Harris County Commissioners Court voted unanimously to establish the Veterans Services Department as a standalone department that reports directly to the court, bringing the department into compliance with state law.

Back in April, Commissioner Garcia requested a Veterans Services Office committee be created to look into the status of the VSO.

He requested that the committee should define a plan of action to revitalize the office and services for veterans.

This request came after a veteran and constituent raised concerns the office was not in compliance with state law.

The committee's study found that Harris County spends less on its Veterans Services Department (VSD) than comparable large counties in Texas and nationwide.

VSD has the highest veteran-to-staff ratio of any county VSD in Texas.

With four full-time positions to serve more than 163,000 veterans, the veteran-to-staff ratio is above 32,000 veterans per staffer. Other large counties in Texas have a veteran-to-staff ratio below 20,000.

The committee is recommending increasing staff, improving community outreach, and building stronger bridges to the veterans' community and other agencies that serve veterans and their families.

The plan approved by Commissioners Court will gradually add new staff positions, to double VSD staff from five to nine and increase their budget to almost \$1 million from their current roughly \$440,000 budget.

"Our veterans deserve this investment. We need to show them and their families how grateful we are for their service and sacrifice. This is an opportunity for Harris County to improve services, access, and opportunities for all veterans who have done so much for our country," said Garcia.

The investment in improving the VSD will make it the largest operation in Texas and Harris County will be competitive with large counties in other states.

Most importantly, services would be improved, relationships with the veterans' community will be strengthened and the focus on the mission of helping veterans and their families will be sharpened.

The report was possible, thanks to the collaboration between commissioners representatives, judge's office, county departments, community groups and stakeholders.

Pearland Area Republican Club to meet Oct. 10

The public is invited to Pearland Area Republican Club's meeting Thursday Oct. 10, with special guest speaker Tonya Robertson.

Tonya is the representative on the Republican Party of Texas Executive Committee, Texas Senate District 11. She will be speaking on the impact of the 2019 Legislature on Texans' voting rights.

The public is invited to attend at the Pearland Church of Christ annex 2217 N. Grand Blvd. Pearland. Doors open at 6:30; meeting begins at 7 p.m.

Texas Tuition Promise Fund for college now available

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds families that open enrollment in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund, the state's prepaid college tuition program, runs through Feb. 29, 2020.

The Texas Tuition Promise Fund offers parents and loved ones the chance to prepay a child's future higher education at most Texas public colleges and universities at today's prices.

"September is National College Savings Month, so now is the perfect time to think about a Texas Tuition Promise Fund account, which gives families an additional tool to help plan for their children's future education," Hegar said.

"Planning today is a good way to put a child on a path to a college education. The sooner parents start saving, the more affordable it could be," Hegar said.

Participants in the plan purchase prepaid "tuition units" that can be used later toward undergraduate resident tuition and schoolwide required fees at most Texas public colleges and universities.

Prices are based on 2019-20 academic year costs for the state's public colleges and universities, excluding medical and dental institutions.

Type I units, priced for undergraduate resident tuition and schoolwide required fees at the most expensive Texas public four-year university

or college, cost \$147.80 per unit.

Type II units, based on the weighted average cost of undergraduate resident tuition and schoolwide required fees across all Texas public four-year universities and colleges, cost \$105.54 per unit.

Type III units, priced at the weighted average cost of undergraduate resident tuition and schoolwide required fees across all Texas public two-year community colleges, cost \$26.84 per unit.

Under the plan, 100 units equal roughly one academic year consisting of 30 semester hours of undergraduate resident tuition and schoolwide required fees at the Texas public school that most closely matches the unit's pricing base.

Participants can purchase up to 600 Type I units — approximately six academic years — or the dollar equivalent of Type II or III units.

The plan's flexible payment options include lump-sum payments, installment payments that include 8 percent interest or a pay-as-you-go option that allows participants to gradually add more units as the family budget allows.

Enrollment requires payment of a one-time application fee of \$25 and the purchase of at least one tuition unit of any type. Texas residency requirements apply. Future payments can be as low as \$15 if a pay-as-you-go

account is established.

For more information about this prepaid college tuition program, including how the plan can be used for Texas medical and dental institutions, Texas private colleges and universities, out-of-state colleges and universities, and career schools, visit TuitionPromise.org or call 800-445-GRAD (4723), option 5. An online calculator provides estimates on the type and number of units currently needed for any Texas public college or university.

Purchasers should carefully consider the risks, administrative fees, service and other charges and expenses associated with the contracts, including plan termination and decreased transfer or refund value.

The Plan Description and Master Agreement contains this and other information about the plan and may be obtained by visiting the website or calling 800-445-GRAD (4723), option #5. Purchasers should read these documents carefully before purchasing a contract.

Neither a contract nor any return paid with a refund is insured or guaranteed.

Only the purchaser may direct rollovers, contract changes, withdrawals and changes in the designated beneficiary.

Participation in the plan does not guarantee admission to or graduation from any college or university.

Lariaette of the week



The J. Frank Dobie High School Lariaette of the week for the first game this season is sophomore Haley Salinas. She is the daughter of Emmanuel and Eunice Salinas and was chosen for her hard work and positive attitude. Photo by Tanya Morales

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

DAVID ENJOYS A BIRTHDAY
Former South Belt resident **David Griffin**, is wished a happy birthday Sept. 13 from his wife **Angela**; sons **Robert** and **Kenney**; parents **Bobby** (Leader staffer) and husband **Kenneth Griffin**; sister **Tracy** and husband **Jim Giles**; son **Aaron** and wife **Ashley** and son **Jaxson Giles**; son **Cody Giles**; daughter **Kristen**; and friends in the South Belt area.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Sept. 12 through Sept. 18.
Atkinson Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song to **Kathie Teuscher** Sept. 12.
Burnett Elementary
Break out the balloons and birthday cake Sept. 14 for **Bich Do**.
Bush Elementary
Blow out the candles on a birthday cake for **Jeannene Gazaw** Sept. 14. The day for a special birthday gift for **Enrique Macias** is Sept. 18.

Frazier Elementary
Light the birthday candles for **Becky Shelton** Sept. 13. **Wendy Wiseburn**, Frazier principal, celebrates a birthday Sept. 14. Send a birthday greeting Sept. 15 to **Mary Tran**. Marking a birthday Sept. 16 is **Laura Longoria**. The day for a birthday cake for **Chelsey Riemer** is Sept. 17.

Genoa Elementary
Give a birthday shoutout Sept. 13 to **Denise Olson**.
Meador Elementary
The day for a party for **Sulma Batiz** is

Sept. 12. **Maria Rutherford** is sent a special birthday greeting Sept. 14. **Aracely Jasso** celebrates a birthday Sept. 16. Blow out the birthday candles Sept. 17 for **Amy Clowers**.

Moore Elementary
Send a birthday greeting Sept. 12 to **Patricia Martinez**. Light the birthday candles for **Adela Moreno** Sept. 15. The day for a birthday gift for **Randi Howard** is Sept. 16.
Stuchbery Elementary
The day for cake and ice cream for **Lauren Keith** is Sept. 12. Blow out the birthday candles Sept. 13 for **Jennifer Marshall**. Send a birthday greeting Sept. 16 to **Laura Longoria** and **Olga Uresti**.
Roberts Middle School
The day for a double-layer birthday cake is Sept. 17 for **Rebecca Dietz** and **Jose Robledo**.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Break out the balloons and birthday cake Sept. 17 for **Evelyn Aponte** and **Leticia Saucedo**.
Thompson Intermediate
Celebrating a birthday Sept. 15 is **Rosa Nunez**. Share a birthday cake with **Pamela Crawford** on Sept. 17.
Dobie High
Send birthday greetings Sept. 13 to **Jennifer Bland**, **Thomas Etienne** and **Erika Garcia**. Blow out the candles for a four-star celebration Sept. 14 for **Ginger Emshoff**, **Cedric Mack**, **Rodney Pannell** and **Dana Stockton**. The day for a party for **Domitila Canales** is Sept. 15. **Ryan Peel** deserves a day of celebration Sept. 15. Send happy birthday wishes Sept. 17 to **Alfred Valdez**.

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 "Friends Celebrate Birthdays" in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Thursday, Sept. 12: **Tracy Cavazos-Garcia**, **Rhoda Mohr**, **Christian Muñoz** and **Jessica Moore**; Friday, Sept. 13: **Matthew Koska**, **Michelle Perez**, **Holly Kopoulos**, **Lisa Clinton**, **Joe Sanchez** and **Kathryn Nguyen-Maldonado**; Saturday, Sept. 14: **Michele Guerrero**, **Eric Brown**, **Elaine Baker**, **Jacob Lacadou**, **Julie Lakota**, **Tom Goughly**, **Michael York**, **Dolph Larson**, **Kristi Okwuonu** and **Mark Husband**; Sunday, Sept. 15: **Dawnella Woods**, **Jackie Williams**, **Patricia Jones**, **Crystal McGoldrich**, **Kristi Ortiz**, **David Young**, **Shawn Black** and **Michelle Poole**; Monday, Sept. 16: **Peter Hoth**, **Kairy Barkley**, **Jorge Sanchez**, **Mark Wilson**, **Brandy Rogers**, **Claude Van Court**, **Angela Starr**, **Anna Aranova** and **Melissa Norman**; Tuesday, Sept. 17: **Michael Nevills**, **Fauna Santos**, **Alice Mireles**, **Xavier Sustaita**, **Jose Ochoa**, **Reggie Godbolt**, **Sandy Muse**, **Dean Konrad**, **Letty Lopez**, **Tracy Duke**, **Sandra Sankey** and **Tara Johnston**; and Wednesday, Sept. 18: **Carey Holder**, **Cathy Cox**, **Anthony Virgadamo**, **Leslie Cockerham**.

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 High School Lariaette of the week for Sept. 2 through Sept. 7 is Senior Ariel Hernandez. She is the daughter of Antonio and Loida Hernandez and was chosen for being an amazing model of a Lariaette and all her hard work. Photo by Tanya Morales

Brookside Intermediate named second CCISD Science Magnet

Brookside Intermediate, Clear Creek Independent School District's second science magnet school in the district, hosted the Community Collaboration STEM Expo on Sept. 4.

The first annual event aimed to launch the 2019 Science and Engineering Fair "season" with area Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) professionals lending their expertise to students exploring project topics, hypotheses and research.

The more than 20 professional experts ranged from aerospace engineers and a biomechanist, to a veterinarian and underwater robotics programmer.

"The future success of all technology industries will depend on the readiness of our next STEM generation which are currently students," said Stephanie Gill, Boeing associate technical fellow and Expo volunteer.

"The execution of science fair projects is a beneficial learning opportunity for students to start to understand how to think like a STEM professional when encountering problems that need to be solved every day."

Students throughout the district are currently fully engaged in developing their projects in several research areas including physics and astronomy, animal sciences, behavioral and social sciences, and environmental sciences, to name a few.

Although many students are currently in the brainstorming and idea-forming phase, the overall goal of the Expo was to be at least one step closer to completing their projects.

"Mr. Boit from Boeing and Ms. Na (Dr. Annalisa Na) from UTMB really helped me with planning my project," said Dominick "Dom" Maes, a sixth-grader at Brookside Intermediate. "They went in-depth with how they could test my project and analyze the data. I didn't think I was going to do well in science fair before the STEM Expo but now I feel like I can be successful."

"Our hope was that each student would walk away from the event with a clearer topic idea or a testable question to focus on," said Joey Segura, Brookside Intermediate science magnet liaison. "I believe we saw that vision come to fruition last night."

"I cannot express enough thanks to our experts and teacher and parent volunteers," said Segura. "Their help allowed this inaugural event to be the big success that it was. We can't wait until next year's Expo!"

Brookside Intermediate School is in its second year incorporating the Science Magnet Program. The expansion of Brookside to a science magnet school was made possible through the Bond 2017 Program which added four new science labs and support spaces to the campus.

Fifth-grade students who are zoned to Brookside, Clear Lake, Creekside, Victory Lakes and Westbrook intermediate schools are eligible to apply for the Science Magnet Program. Students who are zoned to Clear Creek, League City, Seabrook and Space Center intermediate schools attend the district's first Science Magnet Program at Seabrook Intermediate. Students who apply and are selected for this program take additional science electives, participate in field trips, hands-on learning and STEM-enriched extracurricular offerings.

For more information or to volunteer one's STEM professional expertise for the Science Magnet Program, email Joey Segura at jsegurajr@ccisd.net.

Meador Elementary welcomes new teachers



The Meador Elementary staff is excited to welcome new staff members to the Mustang School Family. Joining the personnel are, left to right, (front row) Rubi Rocha (bilingual aide); Kathryn Katus, third-grade teacher; Judith Kelly, special education teacher; (back row) Carli Blue, PPCD aide; Rachelle Lopez, kindergarten teacher; Ruth Osuna pre-K teacher; and Elizabeth Gonzales, special education teacher. Photo by Tara Merida

Dobie 1974 holds reunion

The J. Frank Dobie Class of 1974 will hold its 45th reunion Saturday, Sept. 28, at La Brisa on the Creek (Gala Banquet Room), 501 N. Wesley Drive in League City, from 6 to 11 p.m.

A mixer will be held Friday, Sept. 27, at T-Bone Tom's, 707 Highway 146 in Kemah, from 6 to 10 p.m.

Both the mixer and reunion are casual dress.

Tickets for the reunion are \$47 per person (includes fajita buffet and fixings).

A cash bar will be available. Make checks payable to Dobie Reunion.

Mail to: Dobie Reunion, c/o Janet Kolajajck Thompson, 10306 Grand Brook Drive, Houston, TX 77089.

Lariaettes hold clinic for pre-K - 8th-graders

The J. Frank Dobie Lariaettes will hold a Hand and Stand Clinic at Dobie High School Tuesday, Oct. 29 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The hand and stand clinic is open to students in pre-K through eighth grade.

Participants can wear a Halloween costume Tuesday night, as there will be a Halloween Dance Party while participants learn the stand routines.

Participants will learn hand and stand routines and be invited to sit with the Lariaettes and perform in the stands at the Dobie game on Friday, Nov. 1 at 6:30 p.m.

The preregistration fee is \$25 (\$35 at the door) which includes clinic, T-shirt, and student entry to game (with shirt).

Preregistration ends Friday, Oct. 10. The shirt is only guaranteed with preregistration.

For questions and the registration form email Victoria Armenta at varmenta@pasadenaisd.org.

\$1,000 scholarship applications sought

Applications are now available for the 2020 All American Scholar Award Program, sponsored by Catholic Life Insurance.

The deadline to submit an application is March 2, 2020. Send a completed application package to Catholic Life Insurance, Attn: All American Scholar Award, PO Box 659527, San Antonio, TX 78265.

The All American Scholar Award is granted to 35 graduating high school seniors. Each scholarship is worth \$1,000 and is designed to help offset tuition costs for young Catholic Life members.

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For more information, contact Megan Real in the communications department at 800-262-2548 or 210-828-9921 ext. 141 or email branch@cliu.com.

Hometown Heroes sets dance

The community is welcome to attend the free ballroom dances at Hometown Heroes Park every Wednesday, also known as Humpday Dance, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

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40 years ago (1979)
Klein's Jewelry store at the Alameda Square was robbed of as much as \$1 million in diamonds and gold as eight customers and six employees watched.

The Texas Education Agency denied Pasadena Independent School District's request for \$40,000 to initiate a program for the gifted and talented students, but the district planned to go ahead with a smaller, modified program with local funds.

35 years ago (1984)
Residents of the tiny subdivision of Sagemont Park purchased a secondhand car and hired an unarmed man, who is not a peace officer, to patrol the 10 blocks of the subdivision. This approach reduced the incidence of crime in the neighborhood by 33 percent.

A digital display sign was erected near the cafeteria at Dobie High School. The sign was a gift from the class of 1984.

30 years ago (1989)
An apparent South Belt resident and another suspect were arrested following a high-speed chase from League City to the South Belt area.

Someone killed one of Dobie High School Future Farmers of America's show chickens and then released several of the other animals.

25 years ago (1994)
Dobie High School student Kelli Bennett raised the grand champion lamb in the 1994 rodeo competition.

A robbery at the Bank of America at Alameda Mall resulted in a police-suspect shootout that sent one bank customer and one suspect to the hospital.

20 years ago (1999)
The Texas Education Agency reversed an earlier decision on appeal and declared Pasadena Independent School District a Texas Recognized District for the second consecutive year.

Thieves deposited a \$5,000 check, forged from the Harris County Hospital District, in a Kirkmont man's bank account.

15 years ago (2004)
A major decrease in the number of students projected to attend PISD schools caused administration officials to question why. Thompson Intermediate, which was predicted to increase by 100 students, saw student increase in only a single digit.

A resident on Chickwood Street in Highland Meadow was shot in the left hand after two men wearing ski masks reportedly entered his home through the garage.

Dobie grad Lance Botkin appeared as a contestant on The Price Is Right television show. He won a big screen television and played Plinko on stage with Bob Barker.

The South Belt Dolphins football team held a fundraiser to replace sports equipment that had been lost when a storage trailer was stolen.

10 years ago (2009)
Houston City Councilman Mike Sullivan hosted a hard-hat tour of the new Bracwell Library at 9002 Kingspoint near Blackhawk.

Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital CEO George Gaston was named one of 12 nationwide Up & Comers by Modern Healthcare magazine. The Up & Comers recognition program included individuals 40 years old or younger who had made their mark in health care and were likely to play a key role in shaping the industry's future.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry spoke at a luncheon jointly sponsored by the South Belt-Ellington, Pasadena and Deer Park chambers of commerce.

5 years ago (2014)
An office fire at Papagayos on Scarsdale at Beamer spread to the restaurant's kitchen, then to the adjacent Scotty's Pub. The cause of the suspicious fire was under investigation. During the blaze, an independent cameraman working for KHOU was briefly detained after pulling a handgun on a pair of bar regulars, who were later arrested for being intoxicated. The incident marked the second time in less than a month that a South Belt area bar was damaged by fire, as previous to this incident, Beamer's Place suffered extensive smoke damage after a nearby nail salon caught fire.

1 year ago (2018)
Dobie High School celebrated its 50th anniversary Thursday, Sept. 13, by holding a ceremony at the area campus on Blackhawk. Each of the high school's four surviving principals gave a speech at the event, commemorating the occasion. Dobie's first principal, Allen M. Sory (1968-1979), died the previous March at the age of 96.

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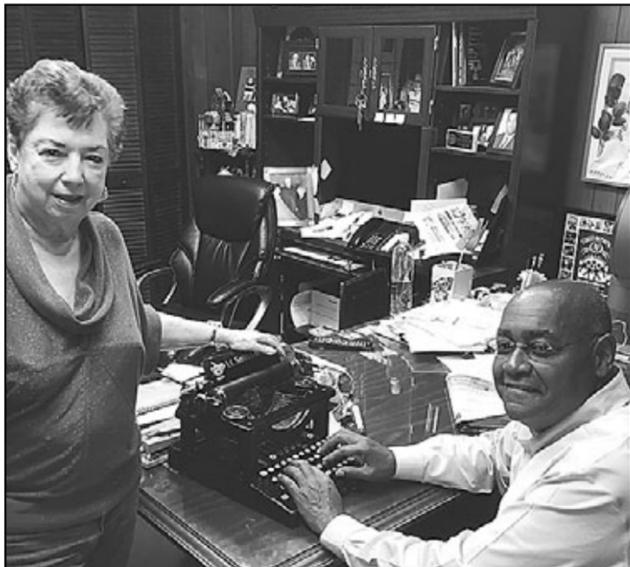
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Commissioner visits South Belt



Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis took time from his busy schedule over Labor Day weekend to visit the South Belt area. He is shown here with South Belter Jason and Rebecca Carter at a Sagemont Cowboys football game. Jason shared with the commissioner some concerns about El Franco Lee Park facilities. County officials have told the *Leader* they are addressing the issues. *Photo by Marie Flickinger*



Ellis also spent a little time in the *Leader* office talking about the area. He is shown here with *Leader* publisher, Marie Flickinger, admiring a typewriter bought in the 1930s by Alex Spence, father of Flickinger and her sister Alexis Lochner who also works for the *Leader*. *Photo by Matala Ili*

Toastmasters to hold open house Sept. 23

The community is invited to attend the Falling for Toastmasters Open House on Sept. 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, located at 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. Attendees will discover how members are supported on their journey to becoming confident communicators and leaders. Visit www.youngprofessionaltoastmasters.com for additional information.

Hopefest set for Oct. 5-6

Join the fun at the annual Hopefest Oct. 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church, 1804 S. Friendship Drive (FM 518). On Saturday, Oct. 5, there will be a craft fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will also be a silent auction 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., a Tea Room display from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and a Chara Christian Dance from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, the craft fair will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will also be a silent auction from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., bingo from noon to 2:30 p.m. and children's games from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A barbecue lunch is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Chamber hosts District E

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about how each will work for the community. As an organization whose mission is to advance the economic development, growth and success of the community, the chamber has a strong interest in knowing what is happening in government. The chamber is comprised of citizens who live and work in the area. This is home; the members and members of the community should know their elected officials and where they stand on issues that affect the area. "Providing forums is a public service, and the chamber's role is to be part of democratic process," said Kay Barbour, CEO of the chamber. A candidate forum allows candidates seeking public office to express their views openly so community members can understand their positions and make informed voting choices. Attendees are encouraged to submit questions in writing to the chamber. Due to time constraints and the number of candidates, not all questions will be asked. Questions should pertain to the issues and applicable to all candidates. No personal attacks or biased questions will be accepted. Candidate literature and campaign materials will be available at the event. The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce encourages everyone to register and vote. Registration must occur at least 30 days prior to the election. The election will take place Nov. 5 with early voting beginning Oct. 21. With more than 235 members and growing, the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce brings businesses together in southeast Harris County, northern Brazoria County, and northwest Galveston County, to advance the economic development, growth and success of the communities in and around the South Belt-Ellington area. To submit questions for candidates or for more information about the chamber, visit www.SouthBeltChamber.com, email info@southbeltchamber.com or call 281-481-5516. Membership inquiries may be directed to Kay Barbour at the Chamber. The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce and San Jacinto College District do not support or oppose political parties or candidates.



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Split along party lines

3-2 vote to increase county taxes

Facing a revenue cap passed by the Texas state legislature that goes into effect next year and significantly undermines Harris County's ability to fund essential services and ongoing operations for years to come, Commissioners Court, in a 3-2 vote with the democrat member victorious, approved a proposal for a modest property tax rate increase for Harris County. Following two public hearings, the Court will hold a third and final public hearing and officially vote on whether to adopt the proposed rates during its regular meeting Oct. 8. The vote was the three Democratic commissioners, including the judge against the two Republicans. The proposed combined rates are for the overall property tax rate for Harris County residents, which has been 62.998 cents per \$100 taxable valuation since 2007. The vote Wednesday approved a proposal that could take the overall county rate to 65.260 cents, with the average homeowner seeing a \$37.65 increase on their property tax bill. This increase will help fund health care, flood control, public safety, infrastructure, libraries, and other vital services essential to the operation of Harris County and help ensure the health, safety and well-being of all residents. Regarding the vote, Commissioner Rodney Ellis released this statement: "Sometimes the best policy decisions are the hardest to make. For years now, the State Legislature has steadily chipped away at local control and the revenue cap is just another example of the state undermining our ability to govern and fund county operations. Given our growing population and the major challenges we face, Harris County must be able to fund its operations. This proposal is a protective measure against the revenue cap that will impact our ability to govern for years to come. "We face many challenges in Harris County. We have the highest rate of uninsured people in the state with over 1 million people without health insurance, making the Harris County Hospital District one of the largest health care providers in the county. For years, the Hospital District has been underfunded and overburdened, and we all pay the price for that. Since 2011, the Hospital District has suffered two separate cuts to its tax rate. The decision today works to restore that rate to fund our health care facilities so it can provide the quality of care our growing county deserves. "It's been two weeks since the two-year anniversary of Harvey, and while we are taking on the challenge of flood control with our flood bond program, adequately and equitably protecting every community from flooding remains a major priority for Harris County. "The revenue cap will further limit our ability to bring in revenue to support ongoing operations for the Flood Control District that are urgently needed across the county. Finally, we have to make sure that the county is able to fund the essential services that our residents rely on even in times of disaster or other challenges. Public safety, libraries, and infrastructure are some of our primary responsibilities and we need an economic stability fund to aid the county in meeting those obligations no matter what type of storm we must weather," said Ellis.

City of Houston awarded grant

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has selected Houston as one of eight jurisdictions to be awarded Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP) funds. Eight local governments received a total of \$10 million in competitive awards for the FY 2019 RCPGP to assist in developing innovative regional solutions for issues related to catastrophic incidents. The 2019 grants focus on planning, organization, training, and exercises to build regional capabilities in FEMA's Food, Water and Sheltering Community Lifeline. The City, which was awarded \$1,230,748, will use these funds to support planning, training, and exercises to build capacity to respond to a range of catastrophic incidents. "Houston has committed to developing solutions that will benefit the whole community, especially the under served communities within the region that struggle to find food, water, and shelter support during, after, and even before an incident," Mayor Sylvester Turner said. "Regardless of the size or scope of the incident, regardless of the type of hazard, the products that these new funds will allow us to develop will be usable by any jurisdiction within our region," Turner said. Project implementation will begin September 2019 and be completed by August 2022. The new Houston RCPI Lifelines program team will be responsible for the development of a suite of products and events under this initiative including:

- Community Lifelines seminars.
- Baseline Community Lifelines assessment.
- Planning templates.
- Planning workshops.
- Lifelines assessment tool

"The Houston region commits to developing resources that are scalable, easily replicable, and largely beneficial to national preparedness," said George Buehler, director of the Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security. "Because of the diversity within the Houston region, resources developed through this program will be inherently scalable to accommodate large and small as well as urban and rural jurisdictions." RCPGP's objective is to close known capability gaps, encourage innovative regional solutions to issues related to catastrophic incidents, and build on existing regional efforts. Learn more about the FY 2019 RCPGP program: <https://www.fema.gov/regional-catastrophic-preparedness-grant-program>.

Matthews still around



David Matthews, former Harris County Precinct One Community aide who retired in July after 38 years of service, has decided he is not ready to stop serving the community. David has accepted an administrative position with Harris County Precinct Two Constable Chris Diaz's office which began Sept. 3. His office is at the Harris County annex on Richey in Pasadena with the Constable's command staff. Matthews will continue to work closely with the South Belt area community in his new position. Those wanting to reach out to Matthews for information or representation from the constable's office may call 713-477-2766.

Brown and Edwards wed



Reesha Brown, Pasadena Independent School District communication coordinator, and Desmond Edwards, an IT administrator, tied the knot at Alley Theater Downtown July 6, 2019. The couple met at Market Square Park during a jazz festival for Mardi Gras weekend. Desmond was at Market Square Park to watch his friend, a fellow trombone musician, play for the Bayou City Brass Band. After the performance ended, Reesha walked over to Desmond and asked him to guess her age. He flashed a smile and a conversation ensued. She asked him, "Are you married?" He responded, "No." Reesha followed it up by asking, "Do you have kids?" He said, "No, I have a dog." She said, "I have a cat." Then Reesha said, "How about we see where the night takes us because you don't have any kids anyway?" That evening, they talked for hours as they toured the downtown area. And the rest is history. They took the next step in their relationship three-and-a-half-years later, and made it official. Reesha has been in the Pasadena ISD family for more than six years. *Photo submitted*

Dobie crowns senior cheerleaders



Posed for a group photo are Dobie senior cheerleaders from the Class of 2020 who received their crowns. Shown, left to right, (front row) are Olga Cisneros, Amy Guzman, Michelle Kelley, (middle row) Emily Guzman, Maya Scott, Chloe Ray, Laila Hernandez, Alysia Loosa, and (back row) Andrew Salas. *Photo submitted*

Dynamic Women sets luncheon date

The quarterly luncheon for Dynamic Women will be held Thursday, Sept. 19, at Golfcrest Country Club in Green Tee subdivision on Country Club drive from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. All area women are invited to enjoy a fabulous lunch, make new friends, shop with local vendors, and enjoy an inspirational story from the guest speaker. This month's speaker will be Tracy Tidwell, of Crosby, who will speak about becoming an overcomer. Tidwell is the author of the book, "Souls in the Sand," the founder of Darling Daughters Academy, and founder of Escape with Us Ladies Retreats in Texas and New York. Tidwell is also a motivational speaker who travels nationally to speak at various events. Doors will open at 10 a.m. At that time guests can do some shopping and networking with the area vendors who feature home decor, fashion accessories, jewelry, health and beauty, and business and professional services plus more. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and the event ends at 1 p.m. Guests can register for free door prizes when they sign in. The cost of the luncheon is \$16 which includes the networking/shopping event and lunch. The Dynamic Women group seeks to connect women through networking and friendship, help women grow their businesses, and provide a service to the community. The invitation is extended for friends to attend. For reservations, email SandeeEllis@sandeeellis.com or call Dot at 713-477-6496.

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Pasadena rodeo visits South Belt students

Many residents and area drivers had quite a treat Thursday, Sept. 5, as a group of Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo members joined officials from Pasadena Independent School District and with some local community members including Constable Chris Diaz, Moore, Frazier, Stuchbery and Burnett elementary schools were visited by covered

wagons and horses. It was obvious that many of the children had never been up close to horses and all appeared delighted with the experience. Students were able to pet the horses and feed them carrots and apples. Some lucky students were able to sit in a saddle on a horse, as did some of the principals. Drivers along

the road waved and took pictures, as did some residents. One man on a rooftop in the Scarsdale subdivision took a video of the informal western paraders as they passed by. The event which started at Dobie High School lasted more than four hours, ending at San Jacinto College. The plan is for the riders to visit other schools next year.

Headed for Stuchbery from Frazier



Front and center leading the Pasadena ISD school trail ride was Troy McCarley, PISD associate superintendent. He is shown above riding from Frazier Elementary to Stuchbery Elementary. Behind him were other community, school and rodeo participants.

High in the saddle at Stuchbery



A stop at Stuchbery Elementary was enough to put smiles on the faces of many young students. Above, getting a few moments sitting on a horse, is Kalynn Ward, a kindergarten student in Moriah Borden's class.

Horses get healthy snack at Moore



Many excited Moore Elementary students and staff members were eager to feed the horses a healthy snack of carrot sticks and apples. This event gave Moore students a close-up experience with horses and taught them what horses like to eat.

Principal Wiseburn saddles up



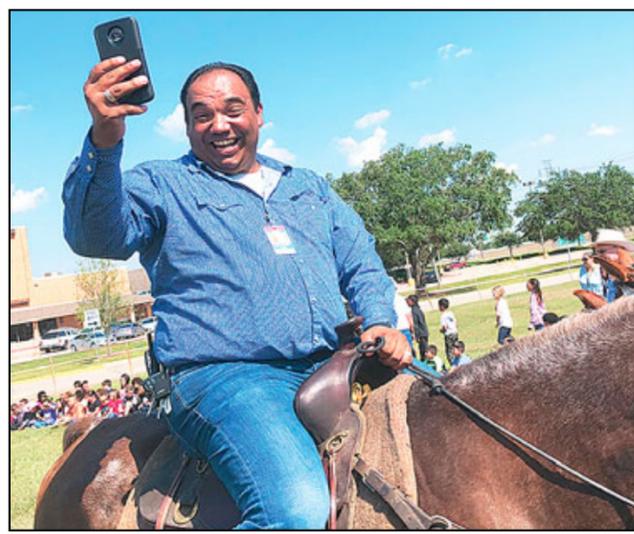
Frazier Elementary's principal Wendy Wiseburn had her turn on the horse as the group visited approximately 500 children at Frazier.

Burnett Beavers greet horses



Burnett Elementary school students were excited to be able to pet and feed the horses. Approximately 473 students greeted the rodeo riders and their horses. This was quite an experience since most of the students had never been so close to a horse.

Principal Hernandez enjoys ride



Stuchbery's principal, Jose Hernandez was quite comfortable in the saddle as he joined the trail ride and rode into the schoolyard where approximately 670 children were anxiously awaiting the visit.

Principal Lee rides his steed



Burnett principal Jae Lee (on horse) shows off his riding skills with Toni Lopez (left), Pasadena ISD associate superintendent for human resources; and Alyta Harrell, PISD associate superintendent of campus development.

Constable Diaz leads the way



Constable Chris Diaz clearly led the pack of community volunteers as the most professional rider. He is shown here crossing Beamer at Hughes Road, headed for Stuchbery Elementary.

Moore kids watch, wait for riders



The beginning of the school year was an exciting one for Moore Elementary students who made a huge banner saying, "Moore Kids Love Trail Riders." Shown above are the students, donned in western attire, watching and waiting for the Pasadena Livestock and Rodeo riders as they trot their way on horses to the school.

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Getting ready for the big ride

Getting ready for the ride to four Pasadena/South Belt elementary schools last Thursday in the J. Frank Dobie parking lot were Joe Saavedra, Alyta Harrell, Debbie Scheffer, Dobie executive secretary; Franklin Moses, Dobie principal; Harris County Constable Chris Diaz; Marie Flickinger, South Belt Leader owner; Rhonda Palmer and Sami Khaleeq, local resident and businessman. Saavedra, Harrell and Palmer are all Pasadena ISD associate superintendents. Moses and Scheffer did not ride but were there to give the group moral support.

Hernandez's kick gets Dobie football a second straight 2-0 start

By John Bechtle Sports Editor
Dobie is unbeaten at 2-0 heading into District 22-6A action for the second straight season after Joshua Hernandez's 22-yard field goal with just over a minute to play gave

the locals a thrilling 31-28 victory over the Bellaire Cardinals Sept. 7 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. The Longhorns will now head into a bye week Sept. 12-14 before heading to Turner Stadium in Humble to face the Sum-

mer Creek Bulldogs Friday, Sept. 20, at 7 p.m. Summer Creek is off to a surprising 0-2 start after nondistrict losses to 2018 Class 5A state finalist Shadow Creek and Dawson.

While the Longhorns have yet to display the type of explosiveness out of the running game that was a big part of last season's 2-0 start, the offense is doing its part. The Longhorns took leads of 14-0 and 28-7 in the game, only to see the

Cardinals respond each time. When it mattered most, the Longhorns got a 51-yard run from Jonathan Baldwin on a short snap in punt formation to set up a first-and-goal situation with just over two

minutes left. An illegal procedure penalty hindered Dobie's efforts for a touchdown, but Hernandez, also perfect on four point-after tries, was true from 22 yards to give the Longhorns the eventual game-winner. Javen San-

chez came up with a quarterback sack on the game's final play as Dobie head coach Kevin Berneathy's group improved to 2-0. Diversity was again a big part of the Longhorns in this one as for the second straight week seven

different running backs had touches. The Longhorns rushed for 246 yards in the game, but 115 if those came on just two plays. Darius Hale returned to the lineup after missing the first six quarters of the season and had six totes for 23 yards. Dontavion Crosby went for 39 yards against Bellaire a week af-

ter picking up 127 against Santa Fe. Quarterback Cameron Gray got the Longhorns rolling in the first quarter with a 22-yard touchdown burst, and Dobie got a blocked punt to help set up its second score. Cameron Guy took an end-around 64 yards for a score in the second quarter, and Gray's 4-yard touchdown pass to Trajan Davis led to a 28-7 lead. But Bellaire kept up the battle, scoring three straight times to tie the

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At left, Dobie's Cameron Guy (1) outraces Bellaire defensive back Aaron Wilson (7) on his way to a 64-yard touchdown run with 4 minutes, 55 seconds to go in the second quarter against the Cardinals. Bellaire tied the game late, but the Longhorns hit the game-winning field goal with just over a minute left for a 31-28 victory Sept. 7 at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium.
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LSA football loses on second overtime score

Despite a huge night for senior Beau Psenick, the Lutheran South Academy football team suffered a tough double overtime setback at Concordia Lutheran Sept. 6, with the Crusaders emerging with a 41-35 win.

Lutheran South, now 1-1 this season with its home opener coming Sept. 13, had leads of 21-7 at the half and later 28-14, but the Crusaders fought back each time to stay close.

Both teams produced touchdowns in the first overtime, and Concordia Lutheran then halted LSA on its drive to begin the second overtime before scoring a touchdown to

win the game. LSA's Psenick, a 1,000-yard rusher in 2018 as a junior, had 96 yards and two touchdowns in this game. He included a 94-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, giving him

Concordia Lutheran quarterback Cale Hellums passed for two scores and added the game-winner in overtime for the victory. Beau Domman had a 48-yard run for a touchdown and wound up with 147 yards on the ground for Concordia Lutheran.

SBHLL fall baseball sign up until Sept. 14

Local youths have mere days to register for the Sagement-Beverly Hills Little League's fall baseball season, with the league featuring T-Ball, coach pitch and minor division action.

Registration is \$75 per child, and includes a team hat as well as a jersey. The T-ball division is open to youths born from

Sept. 1, 2013 through Aug. 31, 2015, while coach pitch is open to those born from Sept. 1, 2011 through Aug. 31, 2013. The minor division will include youths born from Sept. 1, 2009 through Aug. 31, 2011.

To register online, visit sbhll.activesports.com. Registration will close as of Sept. 14.

From there, Psenick went back to work. His kickoff return for a score pushed the lead back to 28-14, and he added a 24-yard run in the overtime session as the Pioneers looked to be headed to their second win to begin the season.

Lady Horns grab second straight 22-6A win

Shaking off an opening district loss to Summer Creek, the Dobie varsity volleyball team has now won two straight as it looks to stick with the frontrunners in the District 22-6A title chase.

Dobie traveled to Humble Sept. 10, getting a 25-14, 25-19, 26-24 victory over the Lady Wildcats to improve to 2-1 in district

action. As it has been for much of the season, the Lady Longhorns' offensive attack was spread around, with Victoria Thomas leading the way with eight kills and Taiya Mitchell recording seven.

Sophomore Natalie Onozie had 16 assists in guiding the offense, while Cadie Masterson, a junior had 14 more.

On Sept. 7, the Lady Longhorns got past Pasadena 25-17, 25-20, 25-14 as Mitchell had eight kills and Alexys Vela and Alay-

Friendswood football holds off Brook 19-7

If all truly is well that ends well and the Clear Brook Wolverines reach the postseason for a second consecutive season, this early-season slumber will be forgotten.

For now, though, the Wolverines are seeking a few answers after a 19-7 loss at home to Friends-

wood Sept. 7 at Veterans Stadium in League City left the Wolverines sitting at 0-2 to start this season. Punting seven times in the game against the Mustangs, Clear Brook managed a 1-yard run from sophomore Trent Lacy for

reception from Porter. Friendswood, 2-0 this season and preparing for a run through perhaps the toughest Class 5A district in the state, got 132 yards rushing from Noah Palitz to help keep the Wolverines at bay.

recognizing the destruction caused in the Galveston and surrounding areas during the massive hurricane in September, 2008. Dobie head coach Manuel Moreno Jr., a lifelong Galveston resident, will lead his Longhorns into

Clear Brook hosts Angleton Wildcats
Friday, Sept. 13
Veterans Stadium, League City, 7 p.m.

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ISLAND BREEZE CAR WASH

JFD JV Orange FB shuts down Bellaire

Weather having wiped out the majority of the subvarsity football games in the first week of the season, Dobie went back to action against Bellaire and Grand Oaks Sept. 5.

Dobie JV Orange 38 Bellaire 0
Six different players found the end zone as Dobie's junior varsity Orange team combined a wide open offense with a stifling defense to blank the Bellaire Cardinals 38-0.

Fong Pum reeled in a pass from quarterback Santos Sanchez and raced 50 yards for the game's first touchdown, and Keith Evans later dashed 25 yards for a touchdown as the Longhorns pulled away.

Conroe Grand Oaks 37 Dobie JV White 0
The locals found the going tough at Conroe Grand Oaks during a 37-0 shutout loss.

Sanchez connected for his third touchdown pass, this one for 35 yards, to Brendon Williams. Rodney Freeman's 35-yard run capped the scoring.

Despite allowing big points, the Longhorns got a fumble recovery and a blocked punt from Christian Medina, and Jacob Luna picked off a pass.

Lee came up big later in the game as he raced 50 yards the other way with a fumble recovery, giving the Longhorns some breathing room. Kyle Wallace then added a conversion run.

Dobie Frosh Orange 16 Bellaire 0
Anfornee Lee keyed a big defensive effort as the Longhorns' freshman Orange team shut down Bellaire 16-0 at the Dobie9 campus.

Kaleb Mitchell added an interception for the Longhorns, who are now 1-0 this season with a bye week coming up.

The Dobie subvarsity programs will play Summer Creek Sept. 19 in the District 22-6A openers.

The junior varsity teams will host games, while the freshman games will be contested on the Summer Creek fields.

South Belt football predictions

Angleton at Clear Brook	Angleton	Angleton	Angleton	Angleton	Angleton	Angleton
Clear Creek at Channelview	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Channelview	Clear Creek	Clear Creek
Cinco Ranch at Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland
Beaumont West Brook at Houston Lamar	BWB	BWB	BWB	BWB	BWB	BWB
La Porte at Friendswood	Friendswood	La Porte	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	La Porte
Clear Lake at Texas City	Clear Lake	Clear Lake	Clear Lake	Clear Lake	Clear Lake	Clear Lake
Brazoswood at Santa Fe	Santa Fe	Santa Fe	Santa Fe	Santa Fe	Santa Fe	Santa Fe
George Ranch at Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Clear Springs	George Ranch	Clear Springs	George Ranch
Dawson at Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dawson	Dickinson	Dawson
Deer Park at Katy Taylor	Deer Park	Deer Park	Katy Taylor	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park
This week's record	9-1	8-2	6-4	6-4	10-0	7-3
Season record	16-4	15-5	13-7	12-8	18-2	13-7

Troy Leland	John Bechtle	Eli Tankesley	Toni Muse	Emory Gadd	Debbie Vaughn

Remembering Ike tourney features Dobie

Dobie has now squared its overall team tennis record at 9-9 after getting off to a 2-0 start in District 22-6A action with convincing victories over Summer Creek and Pasadena.

Dobie 18, Summer Creek 1 Boys' doubles

- 1) Sebastian Delgado/Quan Dinh (D) def. McDonald/Patton 6-3, 6-1.
- 2) Hayden Lazo/Tristan Pedraza (D) def. Autry/Sherwood 6-3, 6-0.
- 3) Lael Martinez/Brian Nguyen (D) def. Buscus/A. Nguyen 6-0, 6-0.

Girls' doubles

- 1) Ashy/Boll (SC) def. Julia Bui/Kristy Morales 4-6, 6-2, 10-8.
- 2) Erica Hay/Gisell Morales (D) def. Holmes/Leos 6-0, 6-3.
- 3) Jennifer Ho/Megan Rodriguez (D) def. Flores/Ly 6-0, 6-2.

Mixed doubles

- 1) Thailony Kam Trevino/Kyle Redmon (D) def. Boll/Cornwell 6-1, 6-1.

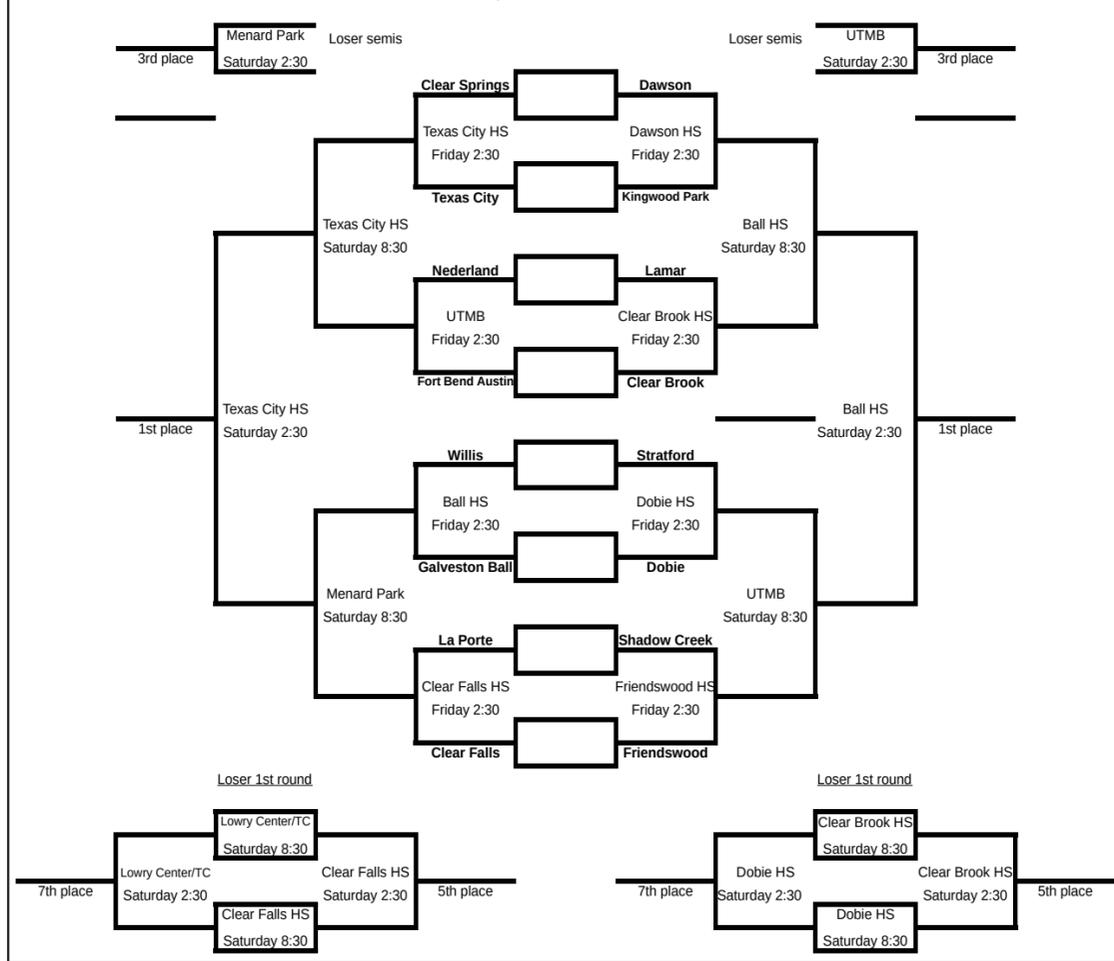
Boys' singles

- 1) Sebastian Delgado (D) def. Patton 6-2, 6-1.
- 2) Tristan Pedraza (D) def. McDonald 6-0, 6-2.
- 3) Quan Dinh (D) def. Sherwood 6-0, 6-2.
- 4) Hayden Lazo (D) def. Autry 6-0, 6-1.
- 5) Brian Nguyen (D) def. Buscus 6-0, 6-0.
- 6) Kyle Redmon (D) def. A. Nguyen 8-1.

Girls' singles

- 1) Julia Bui (D) def. Ellie Boll 8-1.
- 2) Kristy Morales (D) def. Emma Boll 8-4.
- 3) Gisell Morales (D) def. Ashy 8-5.
- 4) Erica Hay (D) def. Leos 6-3, 6-1.
- 5) Megan Rodriguez (D) def. Holmes 6-1, 6-2.
- 6) Jennifer Ho (D) def. Boll 6-1, 6-1.

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Lutheran South FB gets nipped in OT

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In the first overtime, Psencik had a 24-yard scoring run for the Pioneers, but Concordia Lutheran bounced right back to tie the game at 35-all.

Concordia Lutheran then held LSA out of the end zone to begin the second overtime, and Cale Hellums' 4-yard scoring run won the game for the hosts.

Lutheran South's Psencik had 12 carries for

Former Dobie teammates reunite



Former Dobie varsity soccer teammates Edwin Saldivar (left) and Josue Villalta reunited on differing sides of the pitch Sept. 8 as Saldivar's University of Texas-Tyler team went against Villalta's Delta State squad in the first match of the season for both teams. Villalta is a sophomore forward for the Statemen of Cleveland, Miss., having played in a handful of games with the program as a freshman. Saldivar, now a junior at UT-Tyler, played two seasons at the University of St. Thomas previously.

Harris Memorial Fund sets South Belt 5K run

Friends and former colleagues of longtime Dobie High School staffer Barry E. Harris have finalized plans for the first-ever South Belt 5K and Kids 1K Run/Walk, benefiting Harris' scholarship fund. Harris was a longtime Dobie instructor and Pasadena ISD athletics supporter prior to his death in 2018 from the affects of cancer. Proceeds from the South Belt 5K and Kids 1K events will go to aid the Harris scholarship fund in future years.

The event, complete with a certified course, is set for Saturday, Nov. 9, beginning and ending at Dobie High School while traveling through El Franco Lee Park. The 5K run will go off at 7 a.m., with the kids event to begin at 8 a.m. The entry fee for the 5K run is \$35 per participant, while the kids 1K is \$25 per participant. To register, visit www.RunSignup.com.

For additional information, direct email to southbelt5k@yahoo.com. Those who would like to donate to the Barry E. Harris Memorial Scholarship Fund year-round may do so by sending checks to Dobie High School, Attn: Barry E. Harris Scholarship, 10220 Blackhawk, Houston, Texas 77089. Include Barry E. Harris Scholarship in memo line.

Donations are also accepted online via Pasade.naisd.revrak.net. Click on high schools, select Dobie High School then click on the Barry E. Harris Scholarship link.

Bears 8A footballers open season with win

The Beverly Hills eighth-grade A football season got off to a great start with an easy 44-0 win Sept. 9 at Jackson.

On the second play of the game, the Bears' Chris Delarosa stripped the ball from the Wildcats running back and set up a quick one-play touchdown run for Roderick Drungo.

Three plays later, the Bears' defense recovered another fumble, and a play later Gabriel Smiley, to put the ball in the end zone for a touchdown.

After another short series on defense, the Bears added another touchdown this time from Jordan Reeves to put the Bears up 21-0 in the first quarter.

Two easy scores by Janarius Harris and Dylan Jackson led to a 36-0 half-time lead.

Harris added another score in the second half as the Bears coasted.

The Bears' offensive line was led by Jonathan Gridger, Dylan Dao, Ameer Hija and Oscar Espinoza. On defense, Delarosa, Jordan Reeves and Miguel Mendez all recovered fumbles while Darrion Lewis led in tackles. On special teams, Nehemiah Brown and Angel Limachi excelled.

San Jac baseball get nods

Three San Jacinto College baseball position players and six pitchers have been selected to take part in the National Junior College Athletic Association's Texas/New Mexico All-Star Games Sept. 27-28 at Abilene Christian University.

Left-handed pitcher Mitchell Parker, the Gators' top returning performer from a statistical standpoint in 2018 (6-0, two complete games, 1.54 earned run average), was a unanimous pick by the selection committee to play in the game.

Parker will be joined by lefties Luke Little, Evan Hiatt and Adam Houghtaling as well as right-handers Bryant Salgado and Chase Wilkerson.

Wilkerson, also nominated to play as a third baseman, will be joined by first baseman Braden Winger and Jose Aquino.

San Jacinto went 42-12 a season ago but was ineligible to participate in the postseason.

For 2019, the Gators promise to possess one of the nation's top pitching staffs, with Parker returning and Little sitting consistently at 94 to 96 miles per hour with his fastball.

Little has agreed to attend the University of South Carolina following the 2019 season but is also projected to be an early-round choice in the 2020 MLB First-Year Player Draft.

The Gators are currently involved in preseason workouts, and the regular season will arrive in the latter part of January.

Bay Area Football League Standings

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

Bay Area Football League Standings

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

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

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

Sports Calendar

TENNIS
Friday and Saturday, Sept. 13-14
Dobie varsity at Remembering Ike tourn., TBA

Tuesday, Sept. 17
Dobie varsity at Humble, 3:00

Friday, Sept. 20
Dobie varsity hosts Morton Ranch, 3:00

VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Sept. 12
Thompson 8B at Queens, 4:30
Thompson 8A at Queens, 5:30
Thompson 7B at Queens, 4:30
Thompson 7A at Queens, 5:30
Beverly Hills 7B hosts Miller, 4:30
Beverly Hills 7A hosts Miller, 4:30
Beverly Hills 8B hosts Miller, 4:30
Beverly Hills 8A hosts Miller, 4:30

Friday, Sept. 13
Brook varsity hosts Clear Creek, 6:00
Dobie varsity hosts Kingwood, 6:30
Dobie JV hosts Kingwood, 5:30
Brook JV hosts Clear Creek, 4:45
Brook freshman A hosts Clear Creek, 4:15
Dobie freshman A hosts Kingwood, 4:30
Brook freshman B hosts Clear Creek, 5:15

Tuesday, Sept. 17
Brook varsity at Clear Falls, 6:00
Dobie varsity at Atascocita, 6:30
Dobie JV at Atascocita, 5:30
Brook JV at Clear Falls, 4:45
Dobie freshman A at Atascocita, 4:30
Brook freshman A at Clear Falls, 4:15
Brook freshman B at Clear Falls, 5:15

CROSS-COUNTRY
Friday, Sept. 13
Dobie all teams at Deer Park Invit., Burke Park, 8:30A

FOOTBALL
Thursday, Sept. 12
Brook JV at Angleton, Wildcat Stadium, 5:00
Brook freshman Red hosts Angleton, 4:30
Brook freshman Black hosts Angleton, 6:00

Friday, Sept. 13
Brook varsity hosts Angleton, Veterans, 7:00

Monday, Sept. 16
Thompson 8A at South Houston, campus, 5:00
Thompson 8B hosts South Houston, campus, 5:00
Beverly Hills 8A at San Jacinto, campus, 5:00
Beverly Hills 8B hosts San Jacinto, 5:00

Tuesday, Sept. 17
Thompson 7A at South Houston, campus, 5:00
Thompson 7B hosts South Houston, campus, 5:00
Beverly Hills 7A at San Jacinto, campus, 5:00
Beverly Hills 7B hosts San Jacinto, 5:00

BAFL Week Four Scores

Divisions	Sr.	Jr.	Soph.	Fr.	PW
Cowboys	27	60	45	35	34
Wildcats	20	0	0	0	13
Texans	20	52	39	44	20
Rams	26	0	0	0	19
Dolphins	33	6	40	54	12
Mustangs	0	35	0	6	7

Week Five – Sat. Sept. 14
Cowboys are on a bye week
Rams at Trojans, South Houston High School
Dolphins host Sharks, Blackhawk Park

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
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.
9:30 a.m.
NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse – Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Hwy. 3 in Webster. The public is welcome and encouraged to bring others. For details, call 281-910-1971 or visit aglownet.org.
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 jpochnsner@aol.com for details.
11:30 a.m.
ABWA - Southeast Express Network – American Business Women's Association-South meets the second Thursday, Spring Creek Barbeque, 9005 Broadway (FM-518), Pearland. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (\$20). Includes networking with professional business women and guest speaker. Women of all ages/occupations invited. Bring business cards. Reservations appreciated. Visit www.seen-abwa.org.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.
7 p.m.
Pearland Area Republican's Club – meets monthly on the second Thursday (except June, July and December) at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd., Pearland. For details, email pearlandarearepublican

club@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/PARCTX.
7 p.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom's – Rabbi Stuart Federow hosts free discussions on Judaism and religion in general, open to the public, second Thursdays, at Sawa Restaurant and Grill, 16608 El Camino Real. This is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. For details, contact the office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarha shalom.org.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM-518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
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7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.
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 14
7:30 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – "Breakfast with Bill," club@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/PARCTX.
7 p.m.
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.
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 jpochnsner@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 15
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 jpochnsner@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 details, call 281-484-9243.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
10 a.m.
Al-Anon Deer Park – Mondays, 10 - 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.
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 jpochnsner@aol.com for details.
10:30 a.m.
Seniors and Law Enforcement Together – SALT meetings are 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Madison Jobe Senior Center, 1700 East Thomas St., in Pasadena on the third Monday. No December meeting. January meeting is on the second Monday. Meetings start timely and teach seniors how to avoid identity theft, scams, fraud, etc. Police officers and sheriffs may be in attendance. Free. Refreshments served. For details, call 713-477-0175.
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
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2 p.m.
Genealogy Group – The Parker Williams Genealogy group meets from 2 - 4 p.m. on the first and third Mondays at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. The public is invited to attend. For details, email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net.
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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.
9:30 a.m.
NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse – Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Hwy. 3 in Webster. The public is welcome and encouraged to bring others. For details, call 281-910-1971 or visit aglownet.org.
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 jpochnsner@aol.com for details.
11:30 a.m.
ABWA - Southeast Express Network – American Business Women's Association-South meets the second Thursday, Spring Creek Barbeque, 9005 Broadway (FM-518), Pearland. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (\$20). Includes networking with professional business women and guest speaker. Women of all ages/occupations invited. Bring business cards. Reservations appreciated. Visit www.seen-abwa.org.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.
7 p.m.
Pearland Area Republican's Club – meets monthly on the second Thursday (except June, July and December) at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd., Pearland. For details, email pearlandarearepublican



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CALENDAR

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
 6 p.m.
New Directions Singles - Age 50 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Pkwy. For details, call Margarita at 832-715-9658.
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details. 6:30 p.m.
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.
Survivors of Suicide Support Group - gives coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adults who have lost a loved one to suicide. For details email LynneAnnH@yahoo.com or visit www.crisishotline.org or call 832-416-1177.
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 p.m.
The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society - Meets the third Monday at Clear Lake Park Bldg., 5001 NASA Pkwy., Seabrook. Presenters explore topics such as fossils, planetary geology, mineralogy, lapidary, jewelry making, fossil and mineral collecting. Field trips to Texas collecting sites and surrounding states. Door prizes. Free parking. For details, visit www.clgms.org.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - Israeli Folk Dancing on Monday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., 16020 El Camino Real, 77062. \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 sessions for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For details, contact 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., For details, call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
 7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 or drop in. 9:30 a.m.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For details, call 713-472-0565. 10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 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. 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. 1:30 p.m.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., For details, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713. 2 p.m.
The National Active and Retired Federal Employees - NARFE Chapter 941 meets the third Tuesday, El Franco Lee Park Community Center, 9500 Hall Rd. Visitors welcome. For details, call Roy at 713-734-1461 or EFL Center at 281-464-9708. No meeting in Aug. 2 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details/classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at dr glandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. 7 p.m.
Houston Skyscraper Shadows Civic Club - meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 7900 Fuqua (inside Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church). There is no meeting in December. For details, contact Cathy at houston skyscrapershadows.org or call 713-332-6294.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 22930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com. 7 p.m.
Positive Interaction Program - meets the third Tuesday, 7 p.m., at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, first floor staff meeting room. PIP is police and citizens working together making neighborhoods safer. Bring a friend. For information, call Officer Richard Buitron at 281-218-3900.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
 7 a.m.
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Carmelites - a nondenominational senior citizen social group that meets at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real, in Clear Lake on the first and third Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. for a time filled with fun, fellowship, lending library, coffee and bingo. The meetings are open to those ages 50 and older, with no dues. Day trips and extended trips are available. Deposits are being taken for Black Hills, Badlands and Legends of the West in South Dakota, July 15-21, 2020; a Hawaiian Cruise on the Pride of America/Norwegian Cruise Line, Nov. 7-14 2020. For additional information, call Marilyn 713-444-6744. 9:30 a.m.
The Community Club - meets monthly on the third Wednesday at Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., in Pasadena. Social time is 9:30 a.m.; meeting is at 10 a.m. The club is a charitable organization of women helping the Salvation Army feed and care for homebound elderly/disabled people, children and the homeless, providing scholarships for Bridge Over Troubled Water clients. Day trips may be scheduled, followed by a guest speaker/program with fellowship and lunch. New members and guests are invited. For details, email jmopry@yahoo.com. 10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details. 11:30 a.m.
Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets monthly, first and third Wednesday, Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. December may be an exception. For information, email Teresa Dover at doverbookkeeper@aol.com.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300. 1 - 3:30 p.m.
Hometown Heroes Park - has Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dances (not lessons) in a casual environment. A variety of rhythms are played from entry to advanced dancing 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 information 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 for women. Visit www.bayareaturningpoint.org 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.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
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Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter - A social group focused on the culture, music, heritage and language of Texas German immigrants. Meets the third Thursday, monthly, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors welcome. Email OpaGivesHugs@gmail.com for details. 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.

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Dobie gets second straight victory, 31-28

Continued from Page 1B game. Dobie head coach Kevin Berneathy said the Longhorns knew what the Cardinals were capable of and just wanted to avoid big gains.

"Bellaire had more than 400 yards of offense in the first week against one of the best teams in the state in Beaumont West Brook.

"We just wanted to try to limit their big plays, and I felt like we did that pretty well. Looking at our stats, they had less than 250 yards of offense, so I thought we did a pretty good job. That's a good football team over there. They might be 0-2, but they have some explosive weapons."

In Dobie's 2018 matchup with the Cardinals,

Berneathy was left feeling as though special teams issues led to as many as 28 Bellaire points. Not this time.

Aside from Hernandez's game-winning boot, a special teams play, the Longhorns also got a punt block from Adam Robicheaux that led to a touchdown.

Robicheaux has certainly shown a knack for getting in the mix, having intercepted a pass for a touchdown in the first week win over Santa Fe.

"Defense is where we felt like we had the most experience coming back across the entire team, and I feel like they have played very well. The defensive line, the linebackers and defensive backs have all

met the challenge."

Looking ahead to Summer Creek in eight days, Berneathy warns that the Bulldogs 0-2 record should be ignored. Summer Creek quarterback Bryan Bush was the 2018 Offensive Player of the Year in the 22-6A ranks, and the Bulldogs will certainly be ready for Dobie Sept. 20.

"There is no bye week for us," Berneathy said. "We still have to work every day at correcting the little things. Defending the pass without grabbing, getting on and off blocks without complaining about holds or nonholds. Just controlling the things we can control and working to get better every day. Summer Creek is a very

good football program, and we'd like to get out of the gate in district play with a win.

"I do feel like we are getting closer to full strength. In that first week we had four sophomore offensive linemen playing because of injuries. It's a big time adjustment to get ready for a varsity football game in that situation, but we got through it and did a good job.

"We're happy to be 2-0, but it really all starts now with district play. As always, we are going to focus on ourselves and what we can do as a football team."

At 2-0, its been so far, so good for Dobie, and now the program seeks a bigger win.

At right, Dobie junior running back Don-tavion Crosby (28) is pursued by a host of Bellaire defenders including Walter Truitt (22), Luther Wilson (34) and Rodney Dansby (6) on a running play in the first half of the Longhorns' eventual 31-28 victory against the Cardinals Sept. 7 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Bellaire tied the game at 28-28 in the fourth quarter using a furious comeback, but a late field goal gave the Longhorns a win for the second straight 2-0 start to a season.

Photo by David Flickinger



JFD netters now 9-9, looking ahead

Continued from Page 1B action against Stratford in an opening-round match-up Sept. 13 at Dobie, with play set for 2:30 p.m. From there, bracket play will continue Sept. 14 at various locations across the area, including several stops in Galveston.

"The whole idea for the Remembering Ike tournament came about because we wanted people to come back to Galveston and see that we have rebuilt and bounced back from a terrible set of circumstances,"

Moreno said.

"I still remember that first day after Ike hit, seeing our home and all of the damage. It was tough for a lot of us on the island, but we bounced back."

Ironically, this year's tournament falls on the exact date from a calendar standpoint of when Ike hit Galveston Island in 2008. In another twist, Moreno acknowledges pulling the plug a bit early on last year's tournament while fearful of a different weather system hitting the

area.

"It's just great to have so many teams and so forth interested in coming to play, and we couldn't do it without the support of some of these other locations. That, and I know the Galveston Ball High School coach (Kim LeGate) really wants her players to use this weekend as a way to remember just how the area and its residents fought to get back to normal. It's a special weekend."

In addition to Dobie, Galveston and Stratford, the full list of teams scheduled to compete include Fort Bend Austin, Clear Brook, Clear Falls, Clear Springs, Dawson, Friendswood, Kingwood Park, Lamar, La Porte, Nederland, Shadow Creek, Texas City and Willis.

"I want all of the coaches and programs to know that we really appreciate their support over these years since we got the event going," Moreno said.

"We have had Clear Creek and Dickinson involved in the past, and we are trying to get them involved again maybe next

year and beyond.

"It'd be really nice to have as many programs as possible from these surrounding counties as possible. They were the ones affected by Ike at the time, and we want to remember their efforts to get back to normal."

Moreno is also hoping to use the weekend as a bit of a springboard for the rest of the team tennis season within District 22-6A.

Dobie is off to a 2-0 start with convincing wins over Summer Creek and Pasadena. The Longhorns will travel to Humble Sept. 17 and will eventually close the month with back-to-back matches against defending league champion Kingwood and Atascocita.

"We really feel like we are the better team in our matchup with Humble, so we should be 3-0 going into that one," Moreno said.

"I know I sound like a broken record, but the key for us is the doubles, and we really feel like we have seven pairs that are working well together and giving us a chance to win."



Dobie offensive lineman Joseph Hinojosa (74) gets a lead block against Bellaire leading tackler Rodney Dansby (6) and Longhorns' quarterback Cameron Gray (9) assists with a block on the Cardinals' Elijah Costa (26) as Razzmon Williams (5) plows in from a yard out, giving the Longhorns a 14-0 lead in

the opening quarter against Bellaire Sept. 7 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Bellaire rallied for 21 straight points late to force a 28-28 tie, but the Longhorns improved to 2-0 for the second straight season after getting a game-winning field goal from Joshua Hernandez.

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Dobie's Campa continues to roll at Beach Run

Junior Alberto Campa continued his outstanding cross-country season to this point, grabbing the No. 2 overall medalist honor at the Galveston Beach Invitational Sept. 6, along East Beach.

Campa, second at Huntsville a week prior, this time went head-to-head with Conroe's Eric Pineda in the varsity boys' 4,000-meter field.

Pineda's time of 13 minutes, 04.9 seconds produced the win, with Campa next at 13:17.6.

Clear Lake won the varsity boys' team title with a low of 75 points, with Dobie fifth as a group at 178.

After Campa, the Longhorns' Javier Martinez was 35th with his time of 14:41.2, and Gerardo Torres placed 50th with a clocking of 15:03.8.

Robert Montano of Dobie took 51st in a time of 15:06.3, and Michael Depaz took the 55th spot with his time of 15:15.2.

The junior varsity boys ran a two-mile course on the beach, with sophomore

Ezequiel Mejia leading the way for the Longhorns. At 12:21.2, Mejia placed 15th overall.

As they have done throughout much of the first half of the season, 2018 regional qualifiers Izzy Padilla and Amari Singleton continued to lead the Lady Longhorns.

Also challenging a 4,000-meter course, Padilla wound up sixth overall in a time of 17:18.6. Singleton, running with Padilla much of the way, closed at 17:23.6 for sev-

enth place.

Conroe was the varsity girls' champion with a low of 58 points, and the Lady Longhorns were third with 84 points.

Grace Castaneda was 19th for the Lady Longhorns in a time of 18:09.8, and McKenzie Rankins delivered a time of 18:55.4 for the 33rd position.

Abby Duron (36th place) had a time of 19:08.8, with teammate Danielle Colunga 37th in a time of 19:08.9 as each helped Dobie to third.

Brook volleyball takes out Fwood in thriller

Bella Lockwood had a match-high 26 kills, and Clear Brook scored the final three points of the match to take a thrilling four-set win over Friendswood Sept. 10, at Friendswood.

With both teams gear-

ing up for district play – Clear Brook hosts Clear Creek in the 24-6A opener Sept. 13 at 6 p.m. – the match proved to be as intense as it gets.

In the end, Clear Brook avoided a fifth set by taking a 25-21, 23-25, 25-23,

32-30 win as the locals improved to 15-8 overall this season.

Lockwood was the star on the outside for Clear Brook, but Kailin Newsome also had 17 kills to go with one of her top serving matches of the

season. Kayleigh Schultz also stood tall for the Lady Wolverines, coming up with the match-winner in the end.

Now it's on to league play, with the District 24-6A title chase looking to be a great one.

SBGSA's 8U Thunder bags second



The South Belt Girls Softball Association's 8-under Thunder squad came away with a second place showing at the one-day event at the Highlands facility. Members of the Thunder are, left to right, (front row) Myla Garcia, Aomori Short, Victoria

Rodriguez, Dani Cisneros, Victoria Arredondo, Sofia Charles, Brooklyn Coronado, Mariah Mendez, Melody Ramirez, Khayla Juarez, (back row) coaches Chris Ramirez, Carlos Garcia, Mike Mendez and Rob Juarez.