

### San Jac celebrates NNO

The San Jacinto College Police Department will celebrate National Night Out at the school's South Campus, 13735 Beamer, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8. (Most other departments celebrated NNO the previous week.) See related ad on Page 2.

### Mistletoe Market planned

The Mistletoe Market will be held Saturday, Oct. 5, at BellaVita, 1548 N. Riviera Circle in Pearland, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The holiday shopping experience will feature 70+ vendors selling jewelry, home decor, women's clothing, children's clothing and much more. Food and drink will be available for purchase. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Military Moms and Wives of Brazoria County. For additional information, call 281-464-3150 or visit club-bellavita.org.

### Holiday markets set

The first of six holiday markets in South Belt will be Sunday, Oct. 6, at the Gardens Houston, 12001 Beamer Road from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The event features local vendor and yard sale booths and is open to the public.

Vendor space and yard sale spaces are available. Booths start at \$10 each. Future Market dates are Oct. 20, Nov. 3 and 7, and Dec. 1 and 15. For information, call or text Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

### Children's items needed

The Friends of the Parker William Branch Library needs donations of children's books, gently used softback novels, and CDs. These items can be dropped off at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., Suite 501, during normal library hours. Your donations will help the library to better serve the community.

### Hughes/Sabo closure set

At least one southbound lane on Hughes/Sabo will be closed continuously at Beltway 8 until further notice. The closure is associated with a city of Houston project to replace a force water main at the area intersection.

### Telephone closure planned

At least one northbound and one southbound lane on SH 35/Telephone Road will be closed from Airport Boulevard to Bellfort Avenue daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (excluding Sundays) until further notice.

### Beltway 8 closure planned

At least one northbound frontage road lane on Beltway 8 will be closed from Greenshadow to SH 225 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. until further notice. The closure is due to the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from two to four lanes in each direction.

### COVID cases reported

The number of COVID-19 cases reported in the South Belt community is roughly on par with the previous several weeks, according to Harris County health officials.

As of Tuesday, Oct. 1, there were 295 active cases in 77089, no change from the previous week. To date, 134 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

In ZIP code 77075, there were six active cases, no change from the previous week. To date, there have been 84 deaths in the ZIP code, no increase from the previous week.

In 77034, there were six active cases, no change from the previous week. To date, 92 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

Statistics are updated weekly and include numbers from within the Houston city limits and throughout Harris County. To view an interactive map, visit covid-harriscounty.hub.arcgis.com/pages/cumulativedata.

### Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lanes and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from SH 96/Calder/Brittany Bay to FM-519/Main Street daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Sunday, Dec. 31. The U-turn lane on the northbound Gulf Freeway frontage road (north to south) at FM-519/Main Street in La Marque will be closed until further notice. The U-turn lane on the southbound Gulf Freeway frontage road (south to north) at FM-519/Main Street in La Marque will be closed until further notice.

The northbound Gulf Freeway exit ramp to SH-6/SH-146 in La Marque will close permanently at 9 a.m. Wednesday, July 5. Traffic must exit FM-519 and U-turn. Traffic will merge onto the Gulf Freeway southbound main lanes at next available entrance ramp.

### New food distribution times

New Covenant Christian Church, 10603 Blackhawk at Kirkfair, will have new food distribution dates.

The church will have a food distribution event on the first and third Wednesday from 1 to 2 p.m. and the second and fourth Saturday of the month from noon to 1 p.m. or until supplies last. The purpose of the distribution is to provide food to people in need in the surrounding community. For additional information, contact the church at 281-484-4230.

## Voters to decide on new county flood tax

### County to hold series of public meetings to educate community on Proposition A

Harris County will hold a series of public meetings aimed at educating voters on Proposition A, a measure on the Nov. 5 ballot that would generate funds for flood control through a small tax increase.

In a rare display of bipartisanship, County

Commissioners Court unanimously approved the proposition in August but it must first be approved by voters before it can take effect.

According to Harris County officials, there have been more than a dozen major flooding events in the Greater Houston area over the

past 25 years. Hurricane Harvey alone flooded more than 120,000 structures and caused around \$125 billion in damage to the region, officials said.

During this time period, the Harris County Flood Control District has made significant strides in reducing flood risk for thousands of residents. Its progress includes a \$5.2 billion investment in new projects and doubling the amount of infrastructure acreage it maintains.

Those projects have yielded real benefits with more to come, officials said. During Hurricane Beryl, hundreds of homes were spared from flooding because of projects completed in the past few years.

#### Maintenance challenges

While the massive investments in infrastructure are helping flood prevention, these improvements must be maintained in order to remain effective.

Flood control infrastructure, much like one's vehicle, requires regular maintenance, officials said.

The Flood Control District operates a large amount of drainage infrastructure requiring maintenance, and much of the infrastructure is nearing the end of its useful life, when maintenance costs can be higher. Every year, with completion of 2018 Bond projects, more infrastructure is added.

In the past 25 years, maintenance investments have remained flat, while the size of flood control infrastructure portfolio has more than doubled. Lack of investments into maintenance funding has led to decades of deferred maintenance and aging systems across Harris County. Further, maintenance investments have lagged behind capital spending by as much as 9 to 1.

Additional maintenance funding provides resources for continued investments of reliable and stable flood infrastructure, according to county officials.

If approved by voters, additional maintenance funding would provide for infrastructure repairs to the county's channel network, including sediment removal, erosion repairs and concrete replacements. Investments would also support a maintenance program focused on responding to residents' concerns and staying ahead of potential future issues.

#### Tax rate increase

The county's proposal would increase the Flood Control tax rate to 4.9 cents per \$100 of

assessed value, costing the average homeowner approximately \$60 per year. This is approximately a 60-percent increase from FY 2024.

If approved, Proposition A would create an additional \$100 million for the Harris County Flood Control District's maintenance budget. This would bring HCFCD's total maintenance budget to \$241 million.

#### Infrastructure longevity

The purpose of Proposition A is to increase investment in the operation and maintenance of flood control infrastructure in Harris County. The county's mission is to plan, build and maintain flood risk reduction projects, helping our infrastructure remain effective and reliable for the future. Maintenance investments will be spent on creating more frequent and responsive maintenance practices and relevant operational needs.

A series of public meetings will be held by the county in coming weeks to help educate voters on Proposition A. The meeting closest to the immediate South Belt area will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 14, at El Franco Lee Park Community Center, 9500 Hall Road.

To see a complete list of upcoming public meetings, visit [www.hcfd.org/Activity/Maintenance-Programs/Flood-Control-District-Proposition-A](http://www.hcfd.org/Activity/Maintenance-Programs/Flood-Control-District-Proposition-A).

## Man dies in crash

Houston police are investigating a fatal crash that killed a pedestrian around 12:15 a.m. Friday, Sept. 27, in the 11130 block of the Gulf Freeway between Almeda Genoa/Shaver and Edgebrook.

The dead male was identified as Felipe Gonzales, 30.

According to Houston Police department officials, the driver of a white Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck was traveling south on the freeway at the above address when he attempted to avoid but struck a man lying down in the main lanes of the freeway.

The pedestrian, later identified as Gonzales, was transported to an area hospital where he was pronounced dead Saturday, Sept. 28.

The 29-year-old driver remained at the scene, was determined to not be intoxicated and was questioned and released.

The investigation was ongoing at press time.

## City concludes 2nd storm debris pass

This past weekend, the City of Houston's Solid Waste Management Department (SWMD) completed its second pass collection of storm debris, marking a crucial milestone in the city's recovery following Hurricane Beryl.

The storm that swept through Houston July 8 left more than 3 million cubic yards of debris. The second pass, which concluded Saturday, Sept. 21, ensured that the remaining debris is cleared, leaving no areas overlooked, SWMD officials said.

Beryl occurred shortly after the May 16 derecho windstorm and caused widespread damage throughout the city; compounding the volume of storm debris left behind in neighborhoods throughout the city.

More than 1.7 million cubic yards of debris were removed during the initial recovery phase. The second pass, which began Sept. 2, focused on collecting any remaining storm debris left from the first pass.

Beryl came with debris cleanup already underway. Despite these challenges, SWMD crews and contractors have worked to quickly recover

from both storms, collecting over 4.7 million cubic yards.

"Houston has faced many challenges in recent months, from the Kingwood flood, derecho windstorm to Hurricane Beryl, but time and again, our community has proven its resilience," said Mark Wilfalk, director of the Solid Waste Management Department. "Our teams have worked efficiently and safely to ensure every affected neighborhood received adequate debris removal services. We are proud of the progress we've made, and we deeply appreciate the community's patience and cooperation as we bring this process to a close."

With the conclusion of storm debris collection, SWMD will transition back to its routine heavy trash collection schedule. Storm debris is also accepted at neighborhood drop-off centers, which will return to regular operating hours, open Tuesday - Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

City residents are encouraged to download the department's mobile app, HTX Collects, for a list of drop-off locations, timely updates and reminders.

## Dobie crowns king, queen



J. Frank Dobie High School named its 2024 homecoming king and queen at the varsity football game Friday, Sept. 27, at Pasadena Memorial Stadium. Joel Reyes was crowned king, and Kettia Sanchez was crowned queen. The Longhorns defeated the Mavericks 44-35.

## 3rd arrest made in 2018 murder

### Suspect charged in killing of That Huu Le outside H-E-B

Charges have been filed against a third suspect in the fatal 2018 shooting of an elderly man outside the H-E-B in the 9800 block of Blackhawk at Beltway 8.

The suspect, Darius Limar Sonnier, 25, was charged with capital murder in the 180th State District Court.

Two other suspects, Reginald Hawkins, 22, and Johtitz Robertson, 23, were already charged in the 263rd and 174th State District Courts, respectively.

All three suspects are charged for their roles in the death of That Huu Le, 75.

According to Houston Police Department officials, Le, had reportedly been followed by four male suspects to the store from a nearby Wells Fargo Bank, where he had made a large cash withdrawal.

As Le was exiting, his vehicle, one of the suspects approached him, and an altercation ensued. During the dispute, the suspect fired multiple



Darius Sonnier

shots at Le.

The suspects then fled the scene in an older model gold Infiniti, four-door sedan. The vehicle was later recovered by investigators.

Le was transported to Clear Lake Regional Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

The cash withdrawal was reportedly still in Le's pocket when he was discovered. He left behind a wife of more than 50 years, five children and five grandchildren.

Further investigation identified Hawkins and Robertson as suspects in this case. Hawkins, who was already in custody on an unrelated charge and case, was subsequently charged June 1, 2018. Officers arrested Robertson June 17, 2022, and he was also charged for his role in the crime.

On Wednesday, Sept. 25, Sonnier was identified as a third suspect involved and was subsequently charged for his role. Sonnier was also already in custody on an unrelated charge.

One additional, unidentified suspect remains at-large. Anyone with information on the identity of the suspects or this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

## Online HPD survey open to public

### Survey to study, improve department's performance

Houston District E City Council Member Fred Flickinger's office is asking the public to take an online survey to evaluate the Houston Police Department's performance.

Conducted by the Office of Policing Reform and Accountability, the survey will gather feedback on residents' experiences and opinions about the Houston Police Department.

Public input is essential to making Houston a safer place for everyone. By sharing their thoughts, residents can help shape future policing strategies and improve the relationship between law enforcement and the community.

## County releases annual health report

### Assessment addresses county's health inequities

Harris County Public Health this past week announced the publication of its 2024 Community Health Assessment (CHA) report, a comprehensive examination of the current health status of county community members, with a particular focus on identifying and addressing health disparities among different populations.

The CHA is a requirement for reaccreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB), which sets national standards and measures of excellence for local health departments. PHAB accreditation is integral to building the community's trust in public health and supporting evidence-based innovation to improve community health.

The CHA communicates Harris County's current health status and uncovers unfair health dif-

ferences in certain groups of people. It enables stakeholders to create plans to improve community health, reduce health differences, and advance health equity.

"The 2024 CHA report helps us understand the health needs of our diverse community," said Brandon Maddox, director of the Office of Planning and Innovation for HCPH. "By identifying areas of concern and uncovering unfair health differences, this report guides our efforts to invest in programs and initiatives that promote health equity and ensure everyone in Harris County has the opportunity to live a healthy life."

The CHA serves as the foundation for improving overall community health, reducing health disparities and achieving health equity for all

## Fox family accepts alum's honor



The family of former South Houston High School coach and science teacher Patrick Fox accepted a recognition on his behalf Friday, Sept. 21, when he was posthumously inducted into the school's Hall of Honor. Shown above at the recent induction ceremony are, left to right, (front row) Kelli Fox Logan; Liam Logan; Dr. Mary Campbell-Fox; Colin Fox; Tara Fox; Hannah Wilson; (back row) Wayne Adams, SHHS alumni association; Elton Dwyer, SHHS teacher; Dylan Motley; Emmie Wilson; Corey Fox; and Andrea Wenke, SHHS principal.

## City completes 2nd collection



The city of Houston recently completed its second pass of storm debris collection from July's Hurricane Beryl, picking up approximately 1.5 million cubic yards of waste associated with the storm. Altogether, city crews collected around 5 million cubic yards of storm debris when including the first pass and collections associated with the May 16 derecho windstorm. (See related story on Page 1.)

### Local library events set

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

#### Bracewell Branch Library

Bracewell is at 9002 Kingspoint. Customers are encouraged to visit the building to browse, check out and return materials, use the computers and Wi-Fi, and check out holds. For information, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/>. For online learning, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/online-learning-7556> or call 832-393-2580. Hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, noon – 8 p.m.; Fridays, 1 – 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Bracewell is closed Sundays. Thursday, Oct. 3, 3 – 4 p.m. Family storytime. Thursday, Oct. 3, 3 – 4 p.m. Open lab computer help. Thursday, Oct. 3, 5 – 6 p.m. English language learning. Monday, Oct. 7, 11 a.m. – noon Open lab computer help. Visit <https://houstonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events> for more library events.

#### Book drop

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

#### Parker Williams Library

Parker Williams Library is open. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/reopening> for reopening information or the main website at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library>. The library will follow state and county guidelines for mask and social distancing.

The book drop is open. Social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

The following events are scheduled for Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.:

- Thursday, Oct. 3, 2 – 4 p.m. Tech help.
- Friday, Oct. 4, 1 – 2 p.m. Genealogy.
- Monday, Oct. 7, 1 – 2:30 p.m. Conversation club.
- Monday, Oct. 7, 2 – 4 p.m. Pathway to citizenship.
- Wednesday, Oct. 9, 10 – 11:30 a.m. Conversation club with Ed.
- Monday, Oct. 9, 2 – 4 p.m. Pathway to citizenship.

#### Parker Williams "No-Contact Curbside Holds Pick-Up"

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

Hours are Monday, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 – 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for details.

#### Online services

- Use HCPL Wi-Fi service with HCPL's drive-up Wi-Fi.
  - Download e-books and audiobooks, stream movies, research and learn at [www.hcpl.net](http://www.hcpl.net).
  - Attend an HCPL program or story time online through Facebook or YouTube.
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  - Stream classic films, indie cinema and award-winning documentaries on Kanopy.
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## Elected officials share their words

### U.S. Congressman Brian Babin (TX-36) on NASA Reauthorization Act

U.S. Congressman Brian Babin (TX-36) issued the following statement on the House passage of the NASA Reauthorization Act of 2024 (H.R. 8958). This bipartisan legislation reaffirms commitment to leading global space and science endeavors and emphasizes the importance of commercial partnerships and international collaboration in advancing space exploration and scientific research.

"Today's bipartisan bill will keep NASA on track to return to the Moon, strengthen our leadership role in low-Earth orbit, enable further exploration of our solar system and universe, and push the boundaries of flight," said Space and Aeronautics Subcommittee Chairman Babin. "By cementing our goals and providing much-needed guidance, we ensure NASA's continued success amongst changing administrations while enabling it to meet the rising challenge that the Chinese Communist Party poses in space. I thank Chairman Lucas for his support and will continue working to get this critical legislation across the finish line."

"NASA plays a pivotal role in driving our nation's science and technology competitiveness," said Science, Space, and Technology Chairman Frank Lucas. "Therefore, we must ensure the agency has the framework needed to navigate the increasingly competitive global space sector. H.R. 8958 is a comprehensive bill that provides NASA with the necessary direction to maintain our U.S. leadership in space and steer with our democratic values. This includes firm commitments to advancing human space exploration, direction for ongoing and future missions,

and support for bold scientific research. Today's passage of this critical Science Committee legislation is a much-needed step to ensure we advance as the world's premier space agency while breaking barriers and pushing the limits of our achievements. Many thanks to Ranking Member Lofgren, Chairman Babin, and Ranking Member Sorensen for their leadership on this bill and all our members, staff, and stakeholders for their support and valuable input. I am eager for this bill to progress through the Senate and be signed into law. It's been over seven years since we comprehensively reauthorized NASA. We must act swiftly to guarantee success now and for the future."

Highlights of the NASA Reauthorization Act of 2024:

Continues providing overarching support and direction for human space exploration, including the Artemis and Moon to Mars Programs.

Directs the maximum possible utilization and productivity of the International Space Station while transitioning to a future supported by commercial services. Promotes space technology development, ensuring we have the appropriate tools and infrastructure as our deep space presence grows.

Supports transformative aeronautics research and development by advancing the next generation of aviation technology.

Fosters scientific discovery and expands our collective knowledge, encouraging NASA to maintain a balanced scientific portfolio with a steady cadence of missions.

### Commissioner Ellis joins others asking for election to be monitored

Commissioner Rodney Ellis has joined Commissioners Court members, members of Congress and legislators across the state in asking the U.S. Justice Department to monitor November elections.

In a letter, the group cites State Leaders' accelerated attacks on voting rights. Harris County Commissioner Ellis joined 48 county officials, members of Congress and state legislators, including those in the other four most populous counties, to request the U.S. Justice Department "monitor the State of Texas' actions affecting Constitutional voting rights" in the upcoming election.

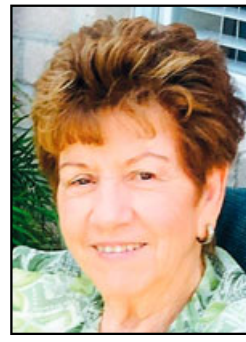
"Recent actions by Texas Governor Greg Abbott and Attorney General Ken Paxton have increased the urgency for federal election monitors in our state," the officials write in a letter to the Justice Department. "While the Texas Legislature has increased the barriers to vote since the 2013 Shelby County v. Holder decision, in recent months, state leaders in Austin have accelerated the attacks on our right to vote."

The letter is signed by Commissioners Court members from Harris, Bexar, Dallas, Tarrant and Travis counties as well as members of Congress and the Texas Legislature.

The letter states that election monitors are necessary due to ongoing and past actions by the state to suppress, intimidate and disenfranchise Texas voters. Recently, voting rights advocates urged the Secretary of State to refrain from purging individuals from Texas' voter rolls within the 90-day period preceding a federal election in compliance with the National Voter Registration Act.

"We speak for those who have been silenced by these extremist measures and call on the United States Department of Justice and Civil Rights Division's Voting Section to intervene to protect all Texans' right to cast their ballot for the candidate of their choice," the letter says. "We stand by to assist your efforts and look forward to your response."

### Julia Garza



Julia Garza, 87, passed peacefully surrounded by her daughters on Sept. 26, 2024.

Garza was born on July 31, 1937, in Harlingen, and later moved to Houston. She was a dedicated and loving wife to her late husband, Antonio (Tony) Garza, and a devoted mother to her three daughters, Diana, Yvette and Clarissa.

She lived a fulfilling life and was a woman of faith. She had a passion for cooking and her homemade dishes were always the highlight of family gatherings. Garza graduated from Texas Woman's University with a Bachelor of Science in education and was a teacher for 40 years in Pasadena Independent School District before retiring. During her career she received numerous awards and recognition for her contributions to the first bilingual program. After retirement Julia was able to dedicate her time to serve and volunteer at St. Luke's Catholic Church. Julia fulfilled her dream of visiting the birthplace of Jesus, the Holy Land in Jerusalem as well as the Vatican in Rome.

In her later years, Julia battled dementia, and she lived with her daughters, filling their homes with memories of laughter and love. As her dementia advanced, she required more specialized care and lived in a memory care home that continued to provide her love and support.

She is survived by her daughters Diana (Abe) Garcia, Yvette (Michael) Cheatwood and Clarissa (Jason) Andrus; and cherished grandchildren Derek (Madison) Cheatwood, Brooke Cheatwood Fadal (Tyler), Meghan Cheatwood, Alejandro Garcia, Emma Andrus, Catalina Garcia and Hayden Andrus. Julia also leaves behind great-granddaughter, Harper Cheatwood.

Julia will be remembered for her spirit of compassion, generosity, kindness, and willingness to help others in need and will be deeply missed.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated staff at The Cottages for their unwavering support and care for Julia.

Visitation was Oct. 1, with a rosary at Peevey Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer. The funeral Mass was Oct. 2, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road.

## Deaths

The burial will be conducted by Rudy Garza Funeral Home, 1702 E. Harrison Ave., Harlingen on Friday, Oct. 4.

Visitation will begin at 11 a.m. and a graveside service will follow at Mont Meta Memorial Park, 26170 TX-345, San Benito at 2 p.m.

### John Louis Boeger



Longtime Sageglen resident, John Louis Boeger passed away on Sept. 23, 2024, at the age of 85.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon who was the love of his life; having recently celebrated 51 years of marriage. Also surviving him are son Reed Boeger (Catherine), daughter Gretchen Smith (Mike); grandchildren Austin and Mackenzie Smith and Emma and Ryan Boeger; siblings Bob Boeger (Lettie), Sandra Harper, Linda Brown, Gary Boeger, Debbie Boeger; sister-in-law Donna Jacoby; nieces and nephews Glen Harper, Julie Ruffino (Derek), Lisa Grant (Ray), Michael Brown (Gale), Stacy Farley (Lee), John Kaldor (Carlot); and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Russell and Bernice Boeger, in-laws Marlin and Tex Reed, brother Tommy Boeger, and brothers-in-law Bobby Harper and Ronald and Arthur Reed. Waiting to high-five John in heaven will be his best buddy – Tony Tucker.

John was a member of the Class of 1957 of Pasadena High School. He was a proud graduate of The University of Houston, where he was a member of Theta Tau Eng-

nering fraternity, a group that grew to be like family over the last 60+ years. John was a chemical engineer, spending his entire career at the same refinery on the Houston Ship Channel, starting with Eastern States Petroleum Refinery, then Charter Oil. The company went through five name changes before becoming Valero from which he retired just before his 40th work anniversary (because he didn't want to say he worked for 40 years).

He loved watching the Astros, his Cougars, and almost all other sports on TV. During Gretchen and Reed's youth, he was on the board of the South Belt Sharks swim team for many years, even after his children stopped swimming. He was always on the sideline coaching or cheering on his kids as they participated in the South Belt sports leagues. Despite his once-disdain for the University of Texas, he would go watch his son in the Longhorn marching band as a season ticket holder for four years. Once his own kids were grown he loved cheering on his great-nephew and great-niece, Christopher and Mia Ruffino, in their sporting events. Until his health prevented him, he enjoyed working out at the Y and talking with other older members about how to solve the world's problems. At the same time he put in the work to become a member of the "100 club." Each day after leaving the Y he would usually take his daily walk around the perimeter where he would find lots of coins and occasionally \$100 bills. He was also a big fan of metal detecting and would spend hours searching all the local elementary school playgrounds and parks for treasures. He kept a spreadsheet and could and would tell anyone exactly how many coins, dollars bills, jewelry and junk he had found in his metal-detecting daily walks around Kroger.

He was a proud father who raised a family who loved him dearly.

The funeral was held on Wednesday, Oct. 2, at South Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, Pearland

### New Covenant Christian Church Day Care Christian Based Child Care



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## Varsity, JV cheerleaders perform at Dobie's 44 to 35 victory



Dobie and Pasadena Memorial high schools competed in the Battle of the Beltway football game at Pasadena Memorial Stadium on Friday, Sept. 27. Members of the Dobie varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders squads performed at Dobie's 44-35 victory. Pictured are members, left to right, (front row varsity) Arianna Bermudez, Isabella Avila, Lexie Martinez, Adrianna Avila, Brissa Marroquin, Julissa Irvin, Aubree Rodriguez, Linnea Fonseca, Amirah Carraway, (back row, junior varsity) Zadi Battarbee, Pretty McCoy, Natalie Elkins, Yazlyn Brown, Vida Sosa, Bella Sherwood, Saniyah Young, Kiahna Davis and Cullen Ponder. Not pictured are (varsity members) Janeyia Piper, Maylene Rodriguez (junior varsity members) Karla Gibson and Aysia Robinson.

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## Harris County health report released

Continued from Page 1 residents. This report provides valuable insights into the county's most pressing health concerns and facilitates stakeholder collaboration to address them effectively.

The report identifies 10 key issue statements, based on public health data, community health surveys, and input from residents and partner organizations. These statements highlight the most significant factors impacting health in Harris County, including:

- Affordable housing.
- Access to green spaces.
- Environmental concerns.
- Food insecurity.
- Health insurance and care access.
- Maternal, fetal and infant health.
- Mental health.
- Preventative care.
- Safety and violence prevention.
- Systemic racism and discrimination.

Next, HCPH will use the findings from the CHA to

create a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), which will be aligned with the Harris County Strategic Framework, approved by the Commissioners Court earlier this year.

To lead this effort, HCPH has established a CHIP steering committee comprised of nine diverse local organizations.

In addition to HCPH, the steering committee includes representatives from the African American Health Coalition, Episcopal Health Foundation, the Harris Center for Mental Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Harris Health System, Houston Food Bank, Houston Health Department, Houston Recovery Initiative, Living Hope Wheelchair Association, Rice University Kinder Institute of Urban Research and the Montrose Center. This committee will lead the CHIP's development, implementation, and evaluation.

Following a thorough review of the data, the steering

committee selected three priority issues to be addressed through the CHIP over the next five years:

- Health insurance and care access.
- Mental health.
- Preventative care.

A detailed CHIP document outlining specific goals, objectives, and activities for each priority area is expected to be published by the end of the year.

"On behalf of HCPH, we wish to express our deepest thanks to all community partners and residents who participated in the data collection process for the CHA report," Maddox said.

"Their contributions were essential in creating a report that accurately reflects the community's needs. We also look forward to ongoing collaboration with stakeholders and the community to improve health outcomes for all of Harris County."

The full CHA report is available on HCPH's website at [hcph.org/CHA-CHIP](http://hcph.org/CHA-CHIP).

For more information, contact CHA-CHIP@phs.hctx.net or visit HCPH's Office of Planning and Innovation website at [hcph.org/OPI](http://hcph.org/OPI).

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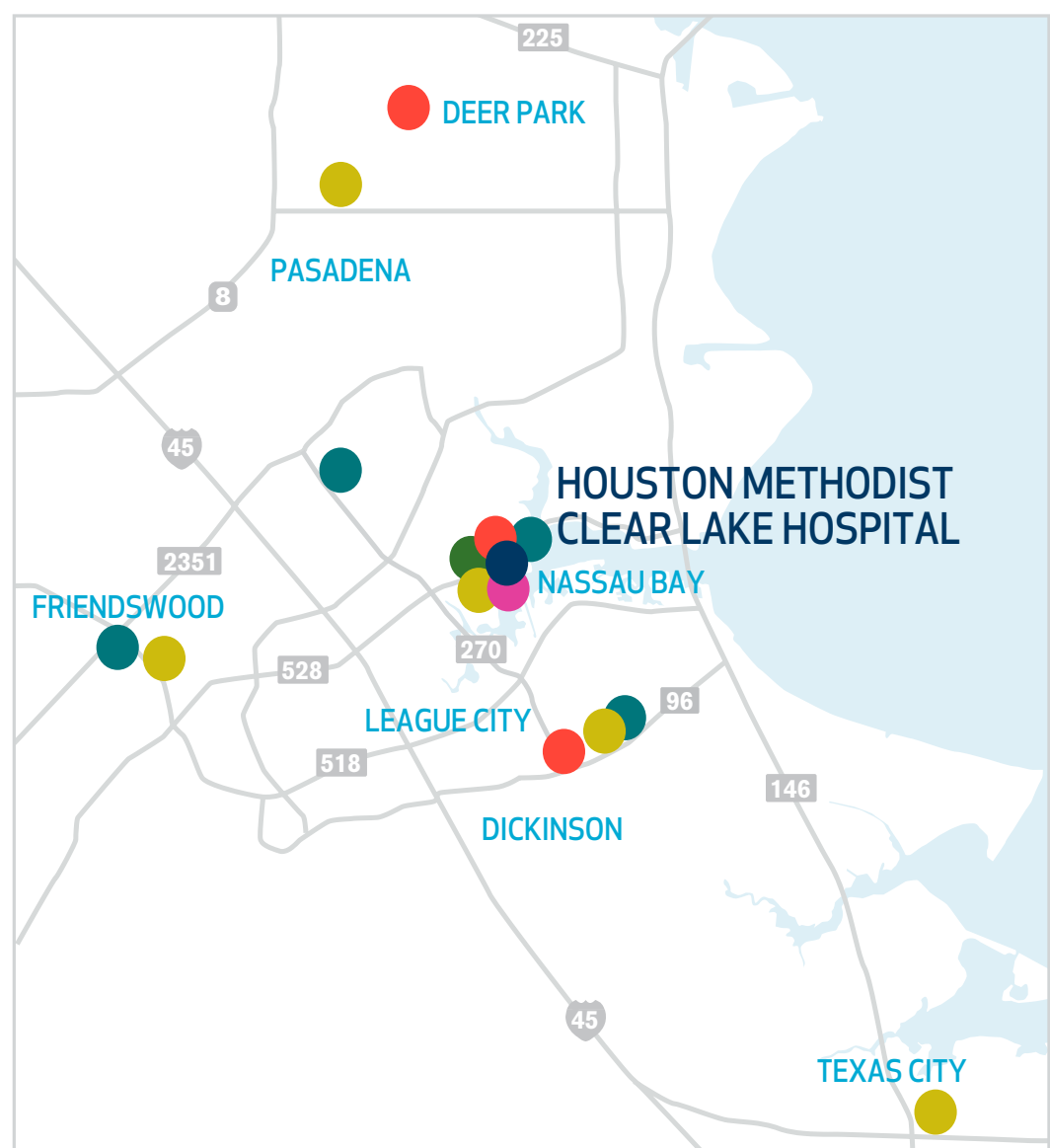
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## CBHS Speech and Debate compete



The Wolverine Speech and Debate team was at Elkins High School after which the team returned with more wins and state points under their collective belt. On Friday, Sept. 20, team vice president Emily Joseph finished third in the domestic division of Extemporaneous Speaking, earning her three state points. She was followed by team president Greg Stuart who placed fourth overall in the domestic division, picking up two state points, in addition to placing first overall in Impromptu Speaking. In the foreign division, team social coordinator Elaina Joseph also placed fourth overall, earning her two state points as well. Meanwhile, Brook speaker and team sophomore Eman Ahmed fought her way to finals in Original Oratory where she finished sixth, allowing her to pick up her first state point of the year. On Saturday, Sept. 21, Stuart also competed in Student Congress and walked away with a sixth place finish, earning him an additional two state points in that event. Pictured, left to right, are Eman Ahmed, Sophia Merchant, Elaina Joseph and Emily Joseph.

## Teacher of the Month named



Third-grade teacher Anissa Ramirez (right) was named Teacher of the Month for September by Principal Jennifer Chavez. According to Chavez, Ramirez has been an example of inclusiveness in her classroom. She understands the needs of each individual student by going above and beyond to provide the resources according to personal interests and learning styles to set them up for success. Her hands-on approach to teaching keeps all students engaged and excited to learn. On some afternoons she can be found volunteering her time with the Girls on the Run program after school. Ramirez exudes positivity and the passion she has for teaching her students shines every day.

# Remember When

**45 years ago (1979)**  
Students at San Jacinto College South campus selected blue and silver as the school's official colors.  
The Strawberry Community Health Center celebrated its second anniversary of service to Pasadena and the surrounding area.  
**40 years ago (1984)**  
A Thompson Intermediate School student was serving a 60-day detention at the Guidance Center for setting fire to a small quilt on a display table in a classroom.  
Dobie cheerleader Jennifer Pyle was crowned 1984 homecoming queen at Dobie High School's football halftime ceremonies.  
**35 years ago (1989)**  
Senior Courtney Crouch

Dobie High School senior Piper Heinrich was crowned homecoming queen.  
Members of the South Belt area Pony/Colt League's environmental committee after exhaustive research recommended not playing at the United Sports Association fields on Dixie Farm Road.  
**30 years ago (1994)**  
Thompson Intermediate School was to receive \$13,441 from the Texas Education Agency as a reward for improvement on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills tests.  
Dobie High School varsity volleyball coach Donna Branch collected her 300th career win.  
**25 years ago (1999)**  
Senior Courtney Crouch

was crowned the 1999 Clear Brook High School homecoming queen.  
Harris County Sheriff's officers made an arrest in the killing of 83-year-old South Belt resident Sidney Irby.  
**20 years ago (2004)**  
A 21-year-old mother living in the Highland Meadow Village apartments was arrested on two felony counts of child abandonment. A maintenance worker heard children crying inside the apartment. Upon entry, a 2-year-old and a 6-month-old were found unattended. The mother was arrested by Precinct 2 Constable deputies when she returned two hours later.  
Testing for TB continued at Dobie High School after 25

persons came back positive for the disease. The testing was the result of a student who tested positive being in contact with those tested.  
The Catholic Community of St. Luke the Evangelist was the recipient of the 2004 Stewardship Parish of the Year award. Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza presented the award to the Rev. Stephen R. Horn during a celebration of the Eucharistic Liturgy.  
PISD received recognized status for the seventh consecutive year. CCISD also received the recognized designation for the ninth straight year.  
**15 years ago (2009)**  
Gabriela "Gabby" Romero died after a 15-month battle with renal cancer. A lifelong Kirkwood South resident, Romero played volleyball and softball at Dobie. A group of supporters, referred to as "Team Gabby," formed during her illness to help Romero with her struggle.  
The Bracewell Library branch at Alameda Mall officially closed its doors after being open for nearly 40 years.  
William Sattler died following a bizarre accident that took place at his home the previous day. Sattler, 11, was decorating for Halloween with his family at their house in the 11300 block of Sageland when the child used a bungee cord to swing from a hook in the home's ceiling. According to family members, the cord slid from around his body and caught his neck, strangling him. Sattler was a sixth-grade student at Melillo Middle School.  
**10 years ago (2014)**  
A new novel loosely based on the Brio Superfund site sparked a renewed interest in the subject and garnered national attention. As its title suggests, René Steinke's "Friendswood" is a novel set in Friendswood, rather than the immediate South Belt. A New York resident, Steinke grew up in Friendswood. While she was not directly affected by the Brio crisis, she reportedly had friends who were.  
Mike Perry, the son of Bobby Perry of Perry & Sons Market & Grille, died from injuries incurred during a traffic accident in the 10400 block of White Clover. Perry initially walked home after the accident but died from his injuries the following day.  
**5 years ago (2019)**  
The Pasadena ISD board of trustees was recognized as the Region 4 Outstanding School Board of the Year and as a top-five school board in the state of Texas. Board members include Jack Bailey, vice president; Marshall Kendrick, board president; Kenny Fernandez, secretary; Vickie Morgan, assistant secretary; Mariselle Quijano, board member; Nelda Sullivan, board member; and Fred Roberts, board member.  
Javier Martinez and Charlyze Tamayo were crowned Dobie High School's 2019 homecoming king and queen.  
**1 year ago (2023)**  
Dobie High School named its homecoming king and queen at its varsity football game against Pasadena High School Thursday, Sept. 28. Santos Magana was crowned king, and Shaira Balanta was crowned queen. The Longhorns routed the Eagles 59-13.  
Charges were filed against a suspect wanted in the fatal stabbing of a man that took place about 4:10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, in the 8200 block of Garden Parks Drive near Fuqua and Blackhawk. The suspect, Cory Madison Kellett, 29, was charged with murder and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. The victim, 23, suffered multiple stab wounds. According to Houston Police Department officials, patrol officers responded to a stabbing at the above address and found the victim had been transported to HCA Houston Healthcare Clear Lake where he was pronounced dead. A preliminary investigation and witness statements determined the victim got into a verbal altercation with a male suspect in the driveway of the residence at the above address. The suspect then produced a knife and stabbed the victim.

## Over The Back Fence by Natalie

**KARMEN CELEBRATED 15TH BIRTHDAY!**  
Karmen Jasso celebrated her 15th birthday Sept. 25. Wishes for a wonderful day were sent from her family and friends.  
**STACEY CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY!**  
Stacey (Hayes) Flowers enjoys a birthday Oct. 6. Wishes for a wonderful day are sent from husband Stephen, daughters Kennedy and Evie and son Owen; parents and former longtime South Belt residents Jannie and Robert Scarberry; sister Jenny (Hayes) and husband Josh Laney and children Brayden, Baylee and Olivia; brother Joey Hayes; brother Austin Scarberry and daughters Jade and Lily; and brother Tyler Scarberry. Stacey and her siblings are all Dobie High School graduates.  
**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Oct. 3 through Oct. 9.  
**Atkinson Elementary**  
The day for cake and ice cream for Elizabeth Eckols is Oct. 9.  
**Burnett Elementary**  
Anna Cantu celebrates a birthday Oct. 6.  
**Bush Elementary**  
Marcela Salinas marks a birthday Oct. 5. Light the candles on a birthday cake for Yesenia Rivera Oct. 9.  
**Frazier Elementary**  
Send a special birthday greeting Oct. 3 to

**Chris Baldauf and Maranda Strong.**  
**Genoa Elementary**  
Break out the balloons and party favors Oct. 3 for Lidia Lucero and Amanda Callaway. Share a slice of a triple-layer birthday cake Oct. 8 with Norma Sierra. Send special birthday greetings Oct. 9 to Marcy Salinas and Kristi Peterson.  
**Meador Elementary**  
Send warm wishes for a nice birthday to Nora Gonzalez Oct. 4. Break out the balloons and party favors Oct. 5 for Kevin Fox. Send a birthday greeting Oct. 8 to John Holder. The day for a birthday celebration for Amanda Johns is Oct. 6. Christina Le-Tran celebrates a birthday March 14.  
**Moore Elementary**  
Remember to wish Ara Shafqat a happy birthday Oct. 4.  
**Stuchbery Elementary**  
Oct. 7 is a day of celebration for Scarlett Walker for her birthday.  
**Melillo Middle School**  
Send a birthday greeting to Travis Rianne-Destiny Oct. 3. Light the candles Oct. 4 for Tyler Oakes. Send a humorous birthday card Oct. 7 to Chrystine Nichols.  
**Roberts Middle School**  
Send a special birthday greeting Oct. 5 to Erin McBride.  
**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
Remember to wish Dulce Ramos a happy birthday Oct. 3. Light the birthday candles Oct. 7 for Brian Thompson.  
**Thompson Intermediate**  
Give a birthday shoutout Oct. 3 to Mikel (Jacob) Arnold.  
**Dobie High**  
Oct. 4 is a day of celebration for Kelsey Mullins for her birthday. Oct. 5 is the day for a party for Denise Sanders. Oct. 6 is the day to break out the balloons and party favors for Greg Reyes.  
**FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**  
Thursday, Oct. 3: Amanda Gonzales, Thomas Chapa, Roberto Trevino and Yvonne Moorer; Friday, Oct. 4: Malcomb Chambers, Audry Williamson and Michelle Almaguer-Saenz; Saturday, Oct. 5: Deborah Helm, Nicole Nalepa and Robin McDaniel; Sunday, Oct. 6: Jennifer Garcia, Stacey Flowers, Theresa Theroux, Rick Wright and Marta Nelson; Monday, Oct. 7: Jeanette Allen, Paul Grizzle and Marcus Lerma; Tuesday, Oct. 8: Courtney George, Lisa Stephens, Charles Young and Sandy Twyman; and Wednesday, Oct. 9: Robert Caballero, Vicki Talton, Denny Wrnich Jr., Mary Guerrero and Dolores Bordovsky.  
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## WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The HARRIS COUNTY R.I.D. #1 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2024 on October 22, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at 1550 Lamar Street, Suite 2000, Houston, Texas 77010. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

**FOR** the proposal: David Flickinger, Mike Daugherty and John Bechtle, Jr.  
**AGAINST** the proposal: None  
**PRESENT** and not voting: None  
**ABSENT:** None

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

	Last Year Adopted	This Year Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$ .24000/\$100	\$ .22000/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$ -.02000/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-8.33%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 300,021	\$ 314,316
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 300,021	\$ 314,316
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 720.05	\$ 691.49
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$ -28.56
and percentage of increase (+/-)		-3.96%

## NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 3.5 percent, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23602, Water Code. An election is not required if the adopted tax rate is less than or equal to the voter-approval tax rate.

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

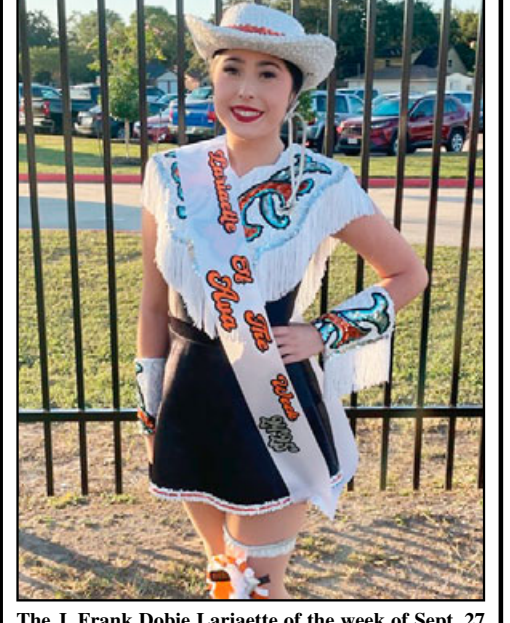
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## Roberts names Aviators of the month



Above, left to right, are Karen Peña (assistant principal); students Josiah Culliver, Jacob Arreola, Ariabelle Esmeralda; and Crissy Higham (counselor). The students were chosen as Fred Roberts Middle School September Aviators for exhibiting a positive attitude, optimism, hopefulness and a cheerful demeanor.  
At left, Aaliyah Luna accepted her Roberts MS Aviator of the Month award with a smile. Luna was recognized for the month of September.

## Lariaette of the Week, Sept. 27



The J. Frank Dobie Lariaette of the week of Sept. 27 is junior Ava Hernandez, a second-year line member.

## New Covenant feeds needy

New Covenant Christian Church, 10603 Blackhawk, distributes food the second and fourth Saturday monthly from noon to 1 p.m. or until supplies run out.  
The purpose is to provide food for community people in need.  
The next event is Oct. 12. For additional information, call 281-484-4230.

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# SPORTS NEWS & NOTES



**JFD retains Beltway trophy with big win**

At left, Dobie varsity football head coach Danny Fitzmorris hoists the Battle of the Beltway trophy amid a postgame celebration with his team after the Longhorns defeated Pasadena 44-35 for their seventh straight victory in the series Sept. 27 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

At right, Dobie's Cedric Gillespie (44) pressured Memorial quarterback Logan Johnson into a desperation toss to get rid of the football and avoid a potential safety. Instead, Dobie linebacker Desmond Talib (10) snagged the ball for a 1-yard interception and touchdown.

Photos by David Flickinger



**Dobie at Shadow Creek**  
Oct. 4, 7 p.m.  
Freedom Field

**JFD baseball hosts golf**

The Dobie Diamond Club, the official booster club of the Dobie baseball program, has finalized plans for the Longhorns' annual fundraising golf tournament. The 2024 event is set to be held at the Pasadena Municipal Golf Course on Saturday, Nov. 16. Foursome teams are encouraged to enter at \$500 per team, while individual player registration will also be accepted at \$125 per player.

Tent sponsorships are available for \$250 each, and hole sponsors are \$125 each. Registration includes a light breakfast as well as lunch. Check-in is at 7 a.m., and the tournament will begin with an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

Proceeds from the event will be utilized to cover a variety of costs associated within the baseball program throughout the school year. For more information, direct email to [jfdobiediamondclub@gmail.com](mailto:jfdobiediamondclub@gmail.com).

**Dobie baseball plans bingo**

The Dobie baseball program's Dobie Diamond Club will present a Bingo Night Saturday, Oct. 5, as the evening will feature plenty of games, fun, food and prizes. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the bingo will begin at 7 p.m. Players within the Longhorn baseball program are selling tickets, so those interested in attending are encouraged to make contact with a player.

The event will be held in the cafeteria at the Dobie main campus. For additional information, or to secure tickets at \$25 each for the evening's 10 games of bingo, direct email to [obie.jfdobiediamondclub@gmail.com](mailto:obie.jfdobiediamondclub@gmail.com).

## Battle of the Beltway retained as Dobie topples Memorial

By John Bechtle Sports Editor

Dobie will meet Shadow Creek on the varsity football field for the first time ever as the District 22-6A race to the playoffs continues with a key matchup Oct. 4 at Alvin ISD's Freedom Field.

The Longhorns, who last week retained possession of the Battle of the Beltway Trophy courtesy of a 44-35 victory over Pasadena Memorial, head into the tussle with the Sharks at 2-2 overall, including 1-1 in league play.

Shadow Creek joins Pearl and at the top of the League standings at 3-0, part of a 4-1 overall start to the season.

Currently fifth in the district standings, the Longhorns will no doubt be looking to take care of business on the road against the Sharks prior to returning home Oct. 11 to host Pearl and at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

Dobie celebrated the conclusion of a successful homecoming week by defeating Pasadena Memorial Sept. 27 at Veterans Stadium, holding the Mavericks scoreless until the final minute of the second half to win its seventh straight game in the battle of the Beltway series.

The two teams traded scoring drives for much of the first half as the Longhorns emerged at the intermission with a 28-27 lead. But with linebacker Desmond Talib coming up with two of his three quarterback sacks in the second half and the rest of the defense making key stops

when needed, Dobie was able to emerge victorious. Junior running back De'Marcus Hodges had a pair of scoring runs after halftime, including one from 16 yards out and another from four yards out to extend the Longhorns' lead.

Kicker Martin Munoz capped the Longhorns' scoring with a 21-yard field goal with just over two minutes to play.

Ahead 44-27 and the game comfortably in hand, the Longhorns aided Memorial with a pair of personal foul penalties down the stretch as the final score appeared closer than it was.

## LSA's winning streak runs out at four

Its four-game winning streak to open the season now ended, the Lutheran South Academy varsity football team will now enjoy a bye week before opening district play Oct. 11 at high powered Second Baptist.

Following a pair of last minute victories to improve to 4-0, the Pioneers surrendered plenty of points in a 62-35 loss to St John's, which also improved to 4-1 overall with the easy win.

## CCISD Hall of Honor ceremony Oct. 19

The Clear Creek ISD Athletics Hall of Honor will celebrate its 2024 induction class as Clear Brook girls' basketball great Chameka Scott and the school's 1998 state championship girls' track and field team will be among those recognized Oct. 19 at the Challenger Stadium Field House in Webster.

As for that legendary Clear Brook track and field squad, the 4x400 relay squad set what was a state record at the time, earning the state championship team trophy in the school's final year within the Class 4A ranks.

Scott was also named a Texas Scholar, was a Texas Girls Coaches Association Academic All-State honoree and a National Scholar Athlete. Collegiately, Scott attended Baylor University and was a member of the Bears' 2005 NCAA National Championship team.

During that season, Scott started 35 games, averaging eight points and four rebounds per game. Scott also had a brief stay in the WNBA, including the 2006 season with the Sacramento Monarchs.

The Wolverines' 1998 state girls' track champions set the tone at state that year as they picked up 20 team points in the 4x100 relay, winning the gold medal in a time of 46.89 seconds as the group included Adeza Uga, Alicia Emanuel, Natasha Davis and Gladys Harvey.

Emanuel was in at 56.28 for second place and a silver medal in the 400 and Brandy Walker was a bronze medalist in the 800 with a time of 2:14.25.

In the 200, Harvey's time of 25.01 was fourth-best. A 4A state record time and gold-medal win in the 4x400 relay cemented the team title for Clear Brook as Harvey, Walker, Davis and Emanuel combined for a time of 3:47.02.

## Dobie runners test Nike South course

Dobie competed at the prestigious Nike South Invitational cross-country meet at Bear Branch Park in The Woodlands, with varsity girls' standout Lauren Garza posting a season best of 19 minutes, 11.70 seconds to grab 30th Place overall at the 5,000-meter distance.

Johan Villavicencio (18:38.60), Jordan Roman (18:44.00), Carlos Salazar (19:07.80), Angel Montiel (19:07.90) and Orlando De Paz (19:55.20) also ran for the Longhorns.

## JFD volleyball starts final stretch



Julie Aguirre (12), Dobie's kills leader this season, guided her varsity volleyball teammates into the second half of district play Oct. 1 at home against Dawson. Dobie, 3-5 in the first half of league play, will go against Pasadena Memorial Oct. 8 on the road.

This was the second year of eligibility for Clear Brook athletes and the school's programs, with Terri Hunter Bolden and Jennifer Gordon Womack honored as the Wolverines' first-ever inductees in 2023.

The CCISD Athletics Hall of Honor will also welcome the 1984 Class 5A state volleyball championship team from Clear Lake High School.

The induction ceremony will be held Oct. 19 at the Challenger Columbia Stadium Field House.

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# BAFL Weekly Standings

## Peewee Division

Team	W	L	T
Manvel Texans	6	0	0
Cowboys	5	0	0
Pear. Patriots	5	0	0
49ers	4	1	0
Pear. Texans	4	2	0
Red Raiders	3	2	0
S.E. Wildcats	3	2	0
Stingrays	3	2	0
Ang. Wildcats	3	3	0
S.E. Wildcats	3	2	0
Stingrays	3	2	0
Gators	2	2	0
Panthers	2	4	0
Eagles	2	4	0
La Porte Texans	1	4	0
Longhorns	1	5	0
Raiders	0	5	0
Sharks	0	6	0

## Freshman Division

Team	W	L	T
49ers	5	0	0
Panthers	5	0	0
Pear. Patriots	5	0	0
Manvel Texans	5	1	0
Cowboys	4	1	0
Buccaneers	4	1	0
Red Raiders	3	2	0
S.E. Wildcats	2	3	0
Gators	2	3	0
Eagles	2	4	0
Sharks	2	4	0
Pear. Texans	2	4	0
Stingrays	1	4	0
Raiders	1	4	0
Longhorns	1	5	0
Ang. Wildcats	1	5	0
La Porte Texans	0	5	0

## Sophomore Division

Team	W	L	T
Buccaneers	5	0	0
La Porte Texans	5	0	0
Angleton	5	1	0
Cowboys	4	1	0
S.E. Wildcats	4	1	0
Pear. Patriots	4	1	0
49ers	3	2	0
Red Raiders	3	2	0
Gators	1	2	0
Longhorns	2	4	0
Pear. Texans	2	4	0
Panthers	2	4	0
Raiders	1	4	0
Stingrays	1	4	0
Eagles	0	6	0
Sharks	0	6	0

## Junior Division

Team	W	L	T
Pear. Texans	5	1	0
Angleton	5	1	0
Buccaneers	4	1	0
S.E. Wildcats	4	1	0
Red Raiders	4	1	0
Pear. Patriots	4	1	0
Eagles	4	2	0
La Porte Texans	2	3	0
Gators	2	3	0
Manvel Texans	2	3	0
49ers	4	1	0
Raiders	2	3	0
Cowboys	1	4	0
Sharks	1	5	0
Stingrays	0	4	0
Panthers	0	5	0
Longhorns	0	6	0

## Senior Division

Team	W	L	T
Red Raiders	5	0	0
Stingrays	4	0	0
Sharks	5	1	0
Cowboys	4	1	0
Manvel Texans	4	1	0
49ers	4	1	0
Pear. Texans	4	2	0
Longhorns	3	3	0
Gators	2	2	0
Eagles	2	4	0
La Porte Texans	1	4	0
Panthers	3	2	0
Buccaneers	1	4	0
Pear. Patriots	0	5	0
S.E. Wildcats	0	5	0
Raiders	0	5	0

**BAFL Week 8**  
Sat., Oct. 5  
Cowboys' Peewee 32  
Red Raiders 13

**Red Raiders 14**  
Cowboys' Freshmen 12

**Red Raiders 44**  
Cowboys' Sophomores 8

**Red Raiders 53**  
Cowboys' Juniors

**Red Raiders 31**  
Cowboys' Seniors 0

**Week 7 Results**  
Sat., Sept. 28  
Cowboys' Peewee  
host Dickinson, 8 a.m.






**Cowboys' Freshmen**  
host Dickinson 9 a.m.

**Cowboys' Sophomores**  
host Dickinson, 11 a.m.

**Cowboys' Juniors**  
host Dickinson, 1 p.m.

**Cowboys' Seniors**  
host Dickinson, 3 p.m.

# South Belt football predictions

 John Bechtle	 Emory Gadd	 Troy Leland	 Stephen Sutton	 Debbie Vaughn	
Dobie at Shadow Creek	Dobie	Dobie	Shadow Creek	Dobie	Shadow Creek
Pearland vs. Dawson	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland
Deer Park at Clear Brook	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park
Alvin at Sam Rayburn	Alvin	Alvin	Sam Rayburn	Alvin	Alvin
Atascocita at Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Atascocita	Atascocita	Summer Creek	Summer Creek
Channelview at Humble	Humble	Humble	Humble	Humble	Humble
Kingwood Park at La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte
Friendswood at Crosby	Crosby	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood
Galveston Ball at Port Arthur Memorial	Ball	Ball	Ball	Ball	Ball
Clear Creek vs. Clear Falls	Falls	Falls	Falls	Falls	Falls
Last Week's Results	8-2	10-0	8-2	8-2	9-1
Season record	35-15	37-13	38-12	37-13	41-9

# District 24-6A football trio sit atop standings

Preseason frontrunners Dickinson, Deer Park and Clear Springs jumped to the top of the District 24-6A varsity football standings through two rounds of play, while the Brazoswood, Clear Brook and Clear Creek programs have fallen behind the pack.

Five weeks remain in the schedule, but defending league champion Dickinson has positioned itself well early on as a sure-fire top contender for a repeat run.

The Gators, who will host Clear Lake Oct. 4 at Sam Vitanza Stadium, have now scored 119 points over a pair of district wins against Clear Creek and Clear Brook.

Dickinson made quick work of Clear Brook in Week 2 play, dashing past the Wolverines 63-0 to improve to 3-2 overall, including 2-0 in 24-6A play.

Junior running back Malachi Gamble gave the Gators a huge lift, rushing for 194 yards and four touchdowns on just 14 carries.

The Dickinson defense also contributed with a pair of interception returns for touchdowns.

It was the third win in a row for a Dickinson program that certainly seems to be rounding in the form at the right time.

Clear Brook, 1-4 overall and 0-2 in league play, was led by junior quarterback Jayden Dansby's 89 yards on 30 carries, but he also threw the two touchdown returns. The Wolverines are now winless in their last 12 games against the Gators.

Like Dickinson, Deer Park is out of the gates in District 24-6A play at 2-0 after defeating Clear Creek 28-14 Sept. 27 at Abshier Stadium in Deer Park.

Clear Creek, now 1-4 overall and 0-2 within the district, took a 7-0 lead a minute into the second quarter on a 7-yard run by J'Shon Parks.

But four turnovers by the Wildcats, including two interceptions and a poor punt snap, all led to touchdowns for the Deer as the home team improved to 4-1 overall.

Deer Park quarterback Landon Kieselhorst had a pair of one-yard scoring plunges as the Deer led 14-7 at halftime.

Clear Creek then made a pair of mistakes early in the third quarter that helped the home team get out to a 28-7 lead.

Deer Park, which held the Wildcats to 189 total yards of offense in the game, will look to stay perfect and league play as it travels to take on Clear Brook Oct. 4 at Challenger Stadium in Webster.

The Clear Springs Chargers have joined Dickinson and Deer Park at the top of the standings through two weeks after a pair of impressive wins of their own.

After defeating Clear Brook 43-13 in the opening week, the Chargers responded this time around with an equally impres-

sive 43-13 win over Clear Lake, which slipped to 1-1 in 24-6A play.

Running back Corey Hosea had three short touchdown runs in the first half, and quarterback Julian Salazar tossed a 7-yard scoring pass to Freddie Fincher as the Chargers led 30-7 at the intermission on their way to the easy win.

Clear Springs won for the fourth time in five overall games.

Despite the loss to Clear Springs, Clear Lake is tied with Clear Falls for fourth place in the district through two weeks at 1-1.

Bouncing back from an opening week-loss to Deer Park, the Knights had little trouble evening their league mark as they crushed Brazoswood 56-3.

Clear Falls' quarterback Jacob Champagne, who entered play as the league's top passer, stayed hot through the first half of the season as he burned the Bucs for 226 yards and four touchdowns in the easy win.

The Knights will look to further distance themselves from the bottom four teams as they will be the road team in a matchup against Clear Creek Oct. 4 at Veterans Memorial Stadium in League City.

Granted, there are still five games remaining for each of the teams within the 24-6A ranks, but there is little doubt as to who the top four playoff contenders are at this point.

Equally as telling will

be whether the three programs that have fallen off the pace early on will be able to make a difference along the way.

Dickinson, Deer Park, Clear Springs and Clear Falls entered the season as the postseason favorites. So far, each of the favorites has taken care of business.

<b>Clear Springs at Brazoswood</b> Oct. 4, 7 p.m. Hopper Field	<b>Deer Park at Clear Brook</b> Oct. 4, 7 p.m. Challenger Stadium
<b>Clear Lake at Dickinson</b> Oct. 4, 7 p.m. Sam Vitanza Stadium	<b>Clear Falls at Clear Creek</b> Oct. 4, 7 p.m. Veterans Memorial Stadium

# Longhorn defense leads way over Mavs

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The two teams went toe-to-toe in the first half as the Longhorns went to the locker room with a 28-27 lead.

Dobie scored on its opening drive of the game, getting big runs from Cameron Mathews, De' Marcus Hodges and Bryce Evans on the drive. Quarterback Will Joiner III also connected with James Spivey for a big pickup through the air.

It was Evans who paid the drive off with a 10-yard touchdown run at the 9:24 mark of the first quarter as the Longhorns quickly led 7-0.

It would take the Mavericks just four plays to tie

the game at 7-7.

Mavs' quarterback Logan Johnson first completed a first-down throw on a third-and-4 play, then broke free down the left side 476 yards and a touchdown as the pace of the game was quick.

Hodges opened Dobie's next drive with an 18-yard run on first down before Mathews gashed the Mavericks for 43 yards and a trip into the red zone.

Hodges barreled down to the Memorial 1-yard line, then bounded into the end zone for the touchdown at 5:51 as the Longhorns led 14-7.

Mavs' running back Lorenzo Delgado did the heavy lifting for his team

inside the red zone on the ensuing drive, then followed his offensive line into the end one from 3 yards out with :59 remaining in the first quarter as the two teams were again tied at 14-14.

It was more of the same in the second quarter. Joiner rolled to his right and found Spivey deep down the sideline, and the senior delivered a brilliant catch-and-run for 80 yards and a touchdown as the Longhorns went up 21-14 with 11:28 to go before halftime.

Delgado scored on a 12-yard run for Memorial as the game was tied at 21-21 with 5:55 to go in the half.

Dobie's Cedric Gillespie made the defensive play of the first half as he broke through and pressured Johnson near the Mavericks' goal line.

Desperate to get rid of the football, Johnson attempted to fling the football forward, with the Longhorns' Desmond Talib instead snatching the ball out of the air and stepping into the end zone for a 1-yard interception return for a touchdown.

Johnson atoned for his miscue as he burst down the right sideline cut inside at the 15 and scored from 51 yards out. The conversion kick was missed as Dobie maintained the lead at 28-27.



Pearland running back Tate Chisolm (with ball) has helped lead a balanced offensive attack that has the Oilers at the top of the league standings in 22-6A. Pearlland is 4-1 overall, including 3-0 in district play. At left is Pearlland offensive lineman Bryce Anderson (56). The Oilers will take on Dobie Oct. 11 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.



Senior receiver James Spivey (4) delivered a brilliant 80-yard catch and run in the first half and wound up with 114 yards receiving as he helped Dobie retain the Battle of the Beltway trophy for a seventh straight season and capped the 2024 homecoming celebration courtesy of a 44-35 win over Pasadena Memorial. Dobie returns to action Oct. 4 at Shadow Creek. Photo by David Flickinger

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# CALENDAR

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3**  
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill," Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Hope Community United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit https://aahouston.org/meetings/.  
7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Check website for time and location https://pearlandrotary.com/events/calendar or call 832-293-9860.  
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Open Tues. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call Karen Hollon at 713-472-0565 for appointment. Tours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4**  
7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** See Thursday's notice.  
Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300 for more information. Meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday.  
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hasona.com or https://nastuff.com/. Meets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.  
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, OCTOBER 5**  
7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.  
9:30 a.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - All services are live and Zoom online. For details on the 7 p.m. Friday night or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service, Judaism classes, film series, and lunch with the Rabbi, visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.  
1 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - offers a knitting class, Saturdays 1 p.m. Call 281-479-7285 prior to coming.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6**  
8 a.m./ 10:15 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - has worship Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday at 7 p.m. (Bible study, Book of Revelation, at 6 p.m.) and Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., 11456 Space Center Blvd. (in back of a medical/retail community). For details, call 281-479-7285 and leave a message, or stop by.  
5:30 p.m. **Celebrate Recovery** - A faith-based 12-Step program, in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 5125 Preston Ave. Pasadena, TX 77505. Call 713-419-2635 for details.  
8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** See Friday's notice.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 7**  
5 p.m. **New Directions** - Age 55 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at 600 Hobbs Road, League City, TX 77573, (community room). For further information, call Jill at 646-489-4367.  
6 p.m. **Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Join in the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Email huff\_reunion@juno.com for details.  
7 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - St. Luke's Group, 12-Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7 p.m. in the Education Bldg. in room 6, at 11011 Hall Road, 77089. For details, call Rita at 281-309-2801.  
**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - #0683 Friendswood chapter meets at the Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. For information, call Lynette Ringrose at 832-858-4617 or Dorothy Pourteau at 713-875-8820.  
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - See Friday's notice.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8**  
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
10 a.m. **CCART** - The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets the second Tuesday, monthly, Sept.-May, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook near Landolt Pavilion. Texas-retired school employees from surrounding school districts welcome. Annual dues are \$50.  
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.  
10:30 a.m. **Tri County Republican Women** - General meetings are held the second Tuesday, except June and July, Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch available for \$20. Exact cash or a check requested. To RSVP, visit www.tricountyrw.club/.  
11:30 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Southeast Houston Toastmasters** - The Southeast Houston Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets virtually with the exception of the second and

fourth Tuesdays (hybrid meeting) at sehouston.toastmastersclubs.org. In-person address 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. (SB Chamber of Commerce). Visit the website or call Karen Nunn, at 832-722-9061 for information.  
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - See Friday's notice.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9**  
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.  
**Carmelites** - a nondenominational senior citizen social group meeting at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real, in Clear Lake on the first and third Wednesdays for a time filled with fun, fellowship, lending library with books and puzzles, coffee and bingo. The meetings are open to those ages 55 and older, with no dues. Day trips and extended trips available. Deposits are now being taken for Poland For details, call Marilyn at 713-444-6744.  
Noon **Ballroom Dancing** - A ballroom dance group welcomes visitors every Wednesday to enjoy free dancing from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. at Hometown Heroes Park Ballroom, 1001 East League City Parkway, League City. Everyone is welcome to enjoy dancing to a selection of CD music provided by DJ Neva Schroder and guest DJs. This weekly dance does not include lessons. Free lessons are taught by Jerry Sanford at the same location on Mondays from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. While these opportunities are free and provided by volunteers, the park system requires participants to register and get an activity card for all park activities. For more information about the activity card, one may ask at the front desk or call 281-554-1180.  
7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - See Friday's notice.  
8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** - See Friday's notice.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10**  
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill," Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Hope Community United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit https://aahouston.org/meetings/.  
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At left, Dobie offensive lineman Camron Robertson (64) and his teammates did a fantastic job up front as the Longhorns' running backs had plenty of openings through which to run as Dobie went on to defeat Pasadena Memorial for a seventh consecutive time, this time by a 44-25 tally.



At right, Dobie linebacker Desmond Talib (10) had three quarterback sacks in the game and scored on a 1-yard interception return as he keyed the Longhorns' defensive effort that largely held Memorial in check during the second half Sept. 27 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.



At left, Dobie receiver Marcus Jones (3) reeled in a deep pass during the second half to help the Longhorns position themselves for a late score as they went on to hand the Pasadena Memorial Mavericks a 44-35 defeat Sept. 27 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. The win provided a perfect caper to the school's annual homecoming week.



At right, JFD linebacker Tyree Drumgo (8) made the stop on Memorial's Jonathan Hernandez (2) after a short pickup during the second half of the Battle of the Beltway game.



At left, JFD kicker Martin Ramos (89) booted a 21-yard field goal to help the Longhorns extend their lead over Memorial in the second half during the Battle of the Beltway contest Sept. 27 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

At right, Dobie co-captains Hunter Stacey (99) and Will Joiner III (17) celebrated while hoisting the Battle of the Beltway trophy after the Longhorns used a big second half to defeat Memorial 44-35.

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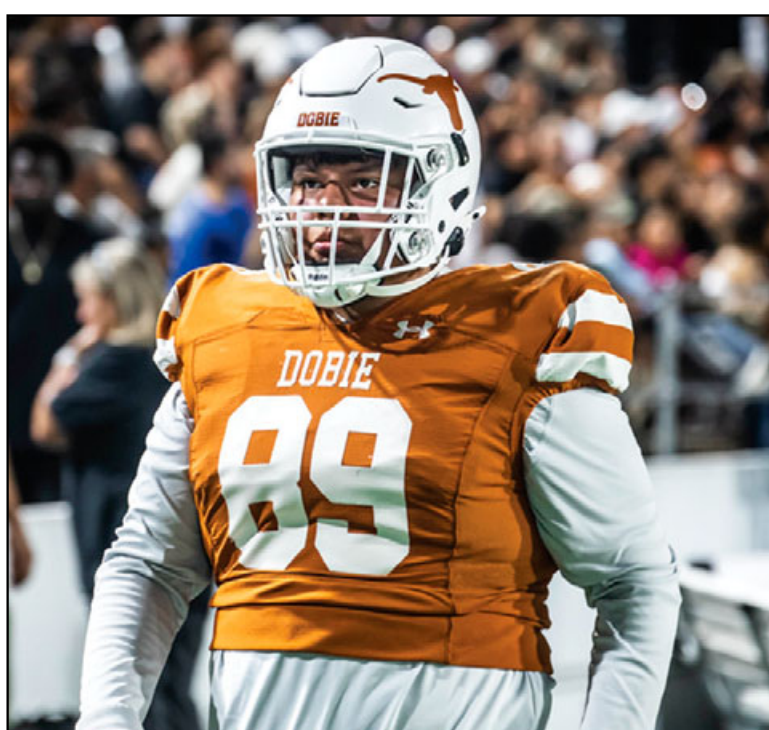
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