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Garbage collection changes

For residents living in Clear Brook City MUD, Kirkmont MUD and the Sagemeadow Utility Districts, due to the extreme heat wave Texas is experiencing, Texas Pride Disposal will start their trash collection time at 6 a.m. for all collection days in the South Belt area. Workers are suffering from heat exhaustion, heat cramps and heat stroke.

All trash should be placed curbside the night before or by 6 a.m. on collection day. This change will remain in effect until further notice.

The compliance of residents with this change is appreciated.

New security cameras coming

The Food Town at Scarsdale and Beamer, working in conjunction with the Clear Brook City MUD, has recently updated its security cameras to prevent crime at the area grocery store. The measure comes after at least two recent violent robberies at the establishment. Food Town officials have also asked the MUD to increase police patrols at the store. See related letter on Page 2.

K of C will host blood drive

Knights of Columbus Council 9201 is hosting a blood drive in the social hall at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road, Sunday, July 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Blood supplies are low, so donors are urged to give. Make an appointment online at CommitForLife.org (sponsor code 1185) or call Val Comeaux, 713-582-5358.

Sageglen meeting canceled

The Sageglen Community Association annual meeting has been canceled. Due to COVID restrictions the annual meeting and elections normally held every July cannot legally be held.

One major purpose of the meeting is the elections but logistics and expenses prevent a virtual meeting. There is a 90-day window in which to hold the meeting. The board is planning a meeting in September. Sageglen members will receive a notice in the mail that will include a new ballot when the new meeting date is set.

ZIP COVID numbers reported

The number of local COVID-19 cases continues to escalate, with ZIP codes 77089 and 77034 both now surpassing 500 known cases each.

As of Wednesday, July 15, ZIP code 77089 had 529 confirmed cases of COVID-19, according to Harris County Public Health officials. That figure is 138 higher than the 391 count reported on Wednesday, July 8.

In ZIP code 77075, county officials are now reporting 493 known cases. This number is 141 higher than the 352 cases reported the previous week. County officials are now reporting 508 cases in ZIP code 77034, up 131 cases from last week.

In all, there are currently 49,027 known cases in Harris County, an increase of 9,716 from last week. Of those, 32,330 remain active, up 5,926 from last week.

A total of 16,224 have recovered from the virus in the county, an increase of 3,724 from the previous week. To date, 473 have died from COVID-19, up 66 from last week.

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

Beltway closures planned

At least one eastbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Hiram Clarke to Alameda/FM 521 continuously through 8 p.m. Saturday, July 25.

At least one westbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Scott Street/Fellows Road to Furman Street daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Friday, July 24.

At least one northbound and one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Vista to SH 225 daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. through Thursday, Aug. 6.

At least one northbound and one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Vista to SH 225 nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Thursday, Aug. 6.

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

Gulf Freeway closures set

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

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

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

The southbound entrance ramp on the Gulf Freeway will be closed at FM 518 until further notice.

At least one southbound frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM 517 to Hughes in Texas City will be closed until further notice. The southbound entrance ramp at FM 517 in Texas City will also be closed until further notice.

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

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

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

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

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

PISD, CCISD plan opening of 2020-21 year

The 2020-2021 school year is fast approaching, and Pasadena ISD, Clear Creek ISD and San Jacinto College are preparing to reopen for in-person instruction, while also allowing concerned parents and students to opt out and have their children continue to learn distantly from home, out of COVID-19 fears.

Pasadena ISD
Pasadena ISD officials recently announced the school district's plan to offer both on-campus and at-home learning options for students.

"These are definitely challenging times, and we're going to continue to face challenges as we navigate the COVID pandemic," Pasadena ISD Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell said in a video message posted on the district's website July 7. "The Texas Education Agency has released guidance to our district to allow us to offer

two options for your child to participate in next school year. You will have the ability to choose either face-to-face instruction on campus or virtual learning that may be provided by a teacher from your child's campus or another Pasadena ISD teacher. All staff members will be at their campuses daily to teach your child face to face or to teach virtually."
All Pasadena ISD students will be issued elec-

tronic devices, as even in-person learners will have a blended program that also involves virtual work from home. On-campus studies will be closely aligned with the virtual program. This will allow the school district to switch to all distance-learning in the future, if necessary.

School officials highly encourage parents to select face-to-face learning if their students had difficulties during the spring semester. Expectations

will also be higher than in the spring, and students learning from home will still be required to complete all assignments during normal school hours.

All district campuses will undergo regular deep cleanings, and heightened sterilization practices will be followed. Additionally, visitation and deliveries to schools will be limited.

"I know we will get through this crisis, and I

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Garcia defeats Constable Diaz; Nehls defeats Wall

The results from the July 14 primary runoff elections have been tabulated.

In the race for the position of Harris County Precinct 2 constable, challenger Jerry Garcia squeaked out a victory over incumbent Chris

Diaz, receiving just 229 more votes, according to unofficial results from the county with 100 percent of precincts reporting.

In all, Garcia received 4,867 votes (51.2 percent) to Diaz's 4,638 votes (48.8 percent).

The race had been proven to be controversial, as Diaz is currently involved in multiple lawsuits and investigations (see related story on Page 7), and Garcia - along with other Democratic and Republican primary candidates - had accused

him of being corrupt and unethical.

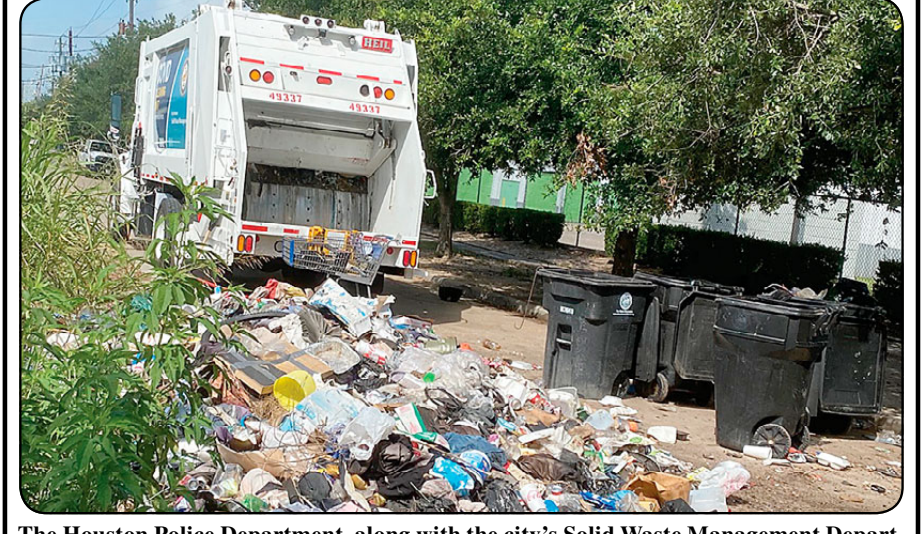
Garcia will now face Republican Daniel Vela in November's general election.

In the contest to fill the U.S. House District 22 representative seat being vacated by Rep. Pete Olson, Troy Nehls handily defeated Kathaleen Wall.

While Wall commanded a strong lead locally

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Homeless site cleaned up again



The Houston Police Department, along with the city's Solid Waste Management Department, recently cleared debris from a homeless encampment located near the intersection of Fuqua and Sabo behind the Walgreens. According to HPD Officer Richard Buitron, the clearing began Tuesday, July 14, and was completed Wednesday, July 15. The location has been an ongoing problem for local authorities for more than a year and has been the site of at least three separate fires. Buitron said, however, recent court rulings prohibit police from evicting the occupants. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Multiple felony arrests by Pct. 8

Gunshots fired on the Gulf Freeway near the Almeda Genoa/South Shaver exit recently led to multiple felony arrests.

According to Harris County Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin's office, Deputy M. Mitchell was patrolling the area near the above address around 11:45 p.m. Wednesday, July 8, when he heard numerous gunshots coming from the main lanes of the freeway. Mitchell observed a four-

door vehicle driving south at a high rate of speed on the main lanes and heard more gunshots as it passed.

Mitchell entered the freeway and was able to catch up to the vehicle, which was still traveling at a high rate of speed. When Mitchell got behind the vehicle, he was able to relay the license plate number being displayed to Precinct 8 dispatchers.

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2 killed in separate I-45 accidents

Houston police are investigating two separate fatal accidents that recently took place on the Gulf Freeway, one involving a pedestrian and one involving a motorcyclist.

A female pedestrian was killed around 9:40 p.m. on Monday, July 13, while attempting to cross the Gulf Freeway on foot in the 13700 block, just south of Beltway 8.

The identity of the victim was pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic

Sciences at press time.

According to police, the woman was attempting to run across the main lanes of the freeway at the above address when she was struck by a white Toyota Sienna and then a white Ford F-250 pickup truck. Both drivers immediately stopped.

Paramedics pronounced the female deceased at the scene. The drivers, who did not show signs of intoxication, were questioned and then re-

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HPD investigates airport area shooting

Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of a man found in the 8800 block of Airport Boulevard near the Gulf Freeway around 7 a.m. Wednesday, July 8.

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

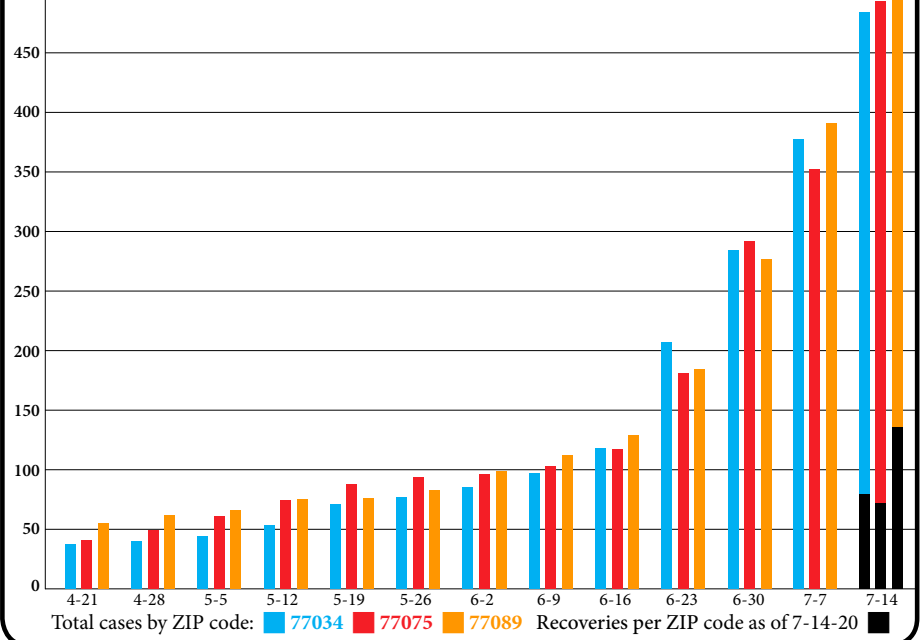
According to police, five unknown suspects made entry into the doorway of the victim's motel room at the above address around 6:30 a.m. and began firing shots into the room.

The occupants inside the room returned fire, and the suspects fled the scene. At some point,

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Area ZIPs see major COVID increase

See story on sidebar this page



PISD graduations set

The Pasadena Independent School District has been forced to reschedule its graduation ceremonies due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

While the events were originally set to take place at NRG Stadium, they have now been moved to Veterans Memorial Stadium, located at 2906 Dabney in Pasadena.

According to Pasadena ISD officials, NRG Stadium could not meet the school district's needs, as the facility would not have time to properly disinfect the establishment between planned ceremonies, given the number of expected guests.

Dobie will hold its graduation July 30; Me-

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COVID causes staffing strain

The ongoing coronavirus pandemic is creating a staffing strain on the Houston Fire Department as well as Southeast Volunteer Fire Department.

More than 300 firefighters are currently in quarantine due to exposure to COVID-19, a new record number for HFD. The number of firefighters unavailable to report for duty further reduces the availability of personnel and creates an extreme strain on the department.

HFD initially planned to keep every regular unit in the department staffed during the pandemic. Mayor Sylvester Turner has authorized increased overtime compensation to mitigate the staffing shortfall. But sidelining more than 300 firefighters to the coronavirus quarantine on top of a staffing shortage caused by the cancellation of FY19 recruit classes due to Proposition B and higher than normal attrition has strained the department's personnel availability.

"The safety and well-being of all Houstonians and the firefighters who serve them is my priority," HFD Chief Samuel Peña said in a statement. "We will use all available regular and overtime staffing to offset the number of firefighters in quarantine as we continue working to maintain

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HFD shares high heat recommendations

With the expected heat index reaching index values of 105 to 110 degrees, the Houston Fire Department reminds citizens about the importance of taking safety measures when outdoors to avoid heat-related medical emergencies. This also includes making sure caregivers of children and pets that could potentially be left in vehicles to "Look Before You Lock," as emphasized by HFD's new campaign.

Before conducting outdoors activities and feeling thirsty, residents should drink plenty of water and electrolyte-replacement beverages.

Citizens should avoid beverages or food sources with caffeine, alcohol or large amounts of sugar because these can actually result in the loss of body fluid. Most popular sodas contain high levels of sugar and should be avoided when conducting strenuous activity. Residents should avoid drinking alcohol the evening before conducting strenuous exercise.

Citizens should conduct outdoor work or exercise in the early morning or evening when it is cooler. Individuals unaccustomed to working or

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City jury duty suspension extended

Due to changing circumstances regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and to encourage the health and safety of the public and court staff members from the spread of the COVID-19, the City of Houston Municipal Courts has extended the suspension of all jury trials through Aug. 31 in conjunction with the Texas Supreme Court's order. The court remains open for all other proceedings.

Members of the public should contact a health care provider and not come to court if they are experiencing symptoms similar to

COVID-19. Once cleared by a physician, individuals may visit any City of Houston court location to speak with an annex judge to reset a case. Masks/facial coverings must be worn at all times within the courthouse facility. Temperatures will be taken before entry is granted. Residents should visit the Municipal Courts website at www.houstontx.gov/courts for continued updates on all court locations and hours of operation.

If one's jury trial was scheduled from June 1

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Diaz claims on lawsuit are false

A federal judge recently ruled on a motion to dismiss in a lawsuit filed against Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz by six former employees, who claim their old boss violated their First Amendment rights.

In the lawsuit, the former Precinct 2 employees allege that Diaz conditioned employment on the performance of essential campaign functions, including contributing monetarily and assisting in administrative functions of the campaign.

Diaz's motion to dismiss was granted in part and denied in part by Judge Gray Miller.

published last weekend:

"On July 9, 2020, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas granted in part Constable Diaz's motion to dismiss. The Court dismissed the claims of six different Plaintiffs, finding the Plaintiffs could not possibly allege sufficient facts to show they engaged in certain constitutionally-protected conduct related to another Constable's Office employee.

"Motions to dismiss are rarely granted at such an early stage of a lawsuit, so this is a significant victory. While some claims still remain, Constable Diaz will continue to fight these baseless accusations from disgruntled former employees, some of whom Constable

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In My Opinion

Food Town responds to CBC MUD letter

Dear Ms. Ganje,
I am writing this letter in response to your correspondence dated July 1, 2020 that recommended that we replace our outside cameras. It is my pleasure to convey that we have hired a contractor to upgrade all four outside cameras to the High Definition type. As a result of the referenced camera upgrade we also have to upgrade the DVR recording device. This project should be completed by 7/15/2020.

We can both agree that upgrading four cameras is not going to be the end to crime in our shopping center!! So I am asking that you reach out to the Constable's office and request that they patrol our shopping center more often.

This should not be a "big ask" since the Constable's office is located basically across the street from our facility. Additionally, we request that other businesses are held to the same standards as us and they too are asked to upgrade/add cameras.

Pursuant our "good will" effort, it is desired that CBC MUD communicate our immediate response thru your community newspaper, Facebook etc.

In closing, it should be noted that we take protecting our customers and employees very seriously!!

**Kind Regards,
James Howard Nesbit
VP of Store Development**
Publisher's note: The community is very appreciative. See related story Page 1.
—Marie Flickinger

Liz Soliz: think before you speak

In the last few months, we have all been exposed to so much in the media about racism. Yet, I never thought that my family would ever experience this in my own neighborhood. I moved to Sagemont in 1977.

I attended Frazier, Thompson, Dobie, University of Houston and St. Thomas University. I have been a life long resident of Sagemont for the last 43 years. I currently live in Sageglen and will be starting my 15th year as an educator in Pasadena

Local library events set

Bracewell Branch Library
Bracewell Branch Library is located at 9002 Kingspoint. The phones are open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, noon to 7 p.m., at 832-393-2580 for information.

Bracewell HPL To Go curbside service is in operation
Curbside services, known as HPL To Go, is now available Mondays, noon to 7 p.m.; Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To use HPL TO GO:
1. Place a hold through the online catalog or by phone.
2. Receive email or phone call of notification prior to scheduling a time for pickup.
3. Upon arrival, park and stay in the vehicle and call to notify staff of arrival.
4. Have MY Link card number and PIN ready. For questions, call circulation administration at 832-393-2222. Note that all overdue fines/fees will be waived through Jan. 1, 2021.

Bracewell Summer Reading Program
The Summer Reading Program runs through Aug. 15. Visit www.houstonlibrary.org/summer to register and log one's reading. Use the Beantack Tracker app on iOS and Android to make logging easy. See the HPL website for storytimes, crafts, STEM and special events. 2020 Environmental Education Summer Programs are being offered through Harris County Precinct 1. Fun and engaging virtual programs with live animals are scheduled every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Mondays, 1 p.m. Nature Detectives (grades 1 – 4)
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. Polliwog Club (ages 3 – 5)
Fridays, 1 p.m. Conservation Conversations (grades 5–8)

The programs will use WebEx, a free video conferencing program which works on a smartphone, tablet or computer. For those unfamiliar with the program, visit <https://www.google.com/search?client=firefox-b-1-d&q=WebEx+instructions> for a step-by-step tutorial and tips.

For questions or concerns or for a child care agency interested in having a personalized lesson outside of the above schedule, email Christina.hartman@cp1.hctx.net.

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

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

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

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

All due dates for existing borrowed materials will be extended through the closure period. Until further notice, no new late fees and fines will be assessed during the closure period, retroactive to March 14, 2020. While the Bracewell Branch Library remains closed, it's Wi-Fi service is still available for residents to utilize. If a customer has a device, such as a phone, laptop or tablet but no Wi-Fi, they can come to the library and gain access by standing/sitting within 6 feet of the building. There is no need for a password. All one needs to do is go to Settings, then Network and Internet, Wi-Fi, and then connect to HPL – Public.

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

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

Parker Williams Library
The Parker Williams Library is located at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 832-927-7870 for information

The information for Parker Williams reads:
"All Harris County Public Library locations remain closed to the public. We will provide service updates as they are developed. The book drop at Parker Williams Library is open. No late fees will be charged during the library closures. Borrowers may return library materials to the exterior book drops at most HCPL locations. Do not leave any items outside the library or drop box."

Parker Williams "No-Contact Curbside Holds Pick-Up" is up and running!
— After receiving notification that holds are ready for pick-up, call 832-927-7870.
— Have your library card number and PIN handy.
— A pick-up time and instructions will be given.
— Upon arriving at the library, follow the instructions given.
— Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.
Curbside hours are:

Monday – Thursday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Friday, 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for more information.

Online services
Harris County Public Library will continue to offer a wide array of online services:
— Use HCPL Wi-Fi service with HCPL's Drive-up Wi-Fi.
— Download e-books and audiobooks, stream movies, research and learn at www.hcpl.net.
— Attend an HCPL program or story time online through Facebook or YouTube.
— Check your account to renew loans or request books.
— e-Books, comics or graphic novels through OverDrive.
— Stream classic films, indie cinema, and award-winning documentaries on Kanopy.
— Listen to audiobooks through RBDigital or OverDrive.
— Read along and play with picture books on TumbleBooks.
For those who do not have an HCPL library card, instant access can be obtained to all HCPL's digital materials and research tools with an iKnow Digital Access Card. Apply at <https://www.hcpl.net/services/iknow-card> for an HCPL card.

For more information, visit <https://www.hcpl.net> or call 832-927-7870.

ISD serving my community teaching our elementary school children.

A week ago last Saturday, at Foodtown on Scarsdale, my youngest daughter went to this store to purchase some items to celebrate Independence Day at home. In the bakery department, one of the employees complimented her USA T-shirt that was adorned with sequence.

The Hispanic employee spoke to her in Spanish. My daughter is a third generation Mexican-American, but she does not speak a lot of Spanish. She was able to understand, and said thank you.

Unfortunately, speaking Spanish must have offended a random shopper who then yelled at my daughter and the employee saying, "We live in America, and you should not be speaking Spanish! You need to go back to your country!"

My daughter was totally shocked, but responded that she was born here, and this is her country. She also informed her that she is also a pre-law student at UHCL.

Thankfully, the employees at Foodtown reacted quickly and asked the lady to leave the store immediately. Other shoppers also came to my daughter's defense. Needless to say, I have prepared many lessons in math, reading, social studies, science and other subjects. Yet, this is a lesson in life that I just was not prepared to deal with.

My oldest daughter is also a teacher with Pasadena ISD, and she was recently nominated as new teacher of the year. We all love this community, and it saddens me that people feel that they can say whatever they want without thinking how it can hurt someone.

All lives matter, and what happened Saturday is probably just one incident among many. I am so thankful to the Foodtown employees and the other people who stood up for my daughter that day.

I wanted to write about her experience in hopes that you will think before you speak. We all need to get along in order to move forward in these trying times.

**Liz Soliz
Sageglen resident**

Alix: headline using "misunderstanding"

Good evening, Leader.
After reading the story in the July 2,

2020 publication of the *Leader* that described the confrontation and shooting involving the adult area resident and the teenaged boys I kept coming back to the headline characterization of this incident as a "misunderstanding".

The *Leader* has a long and distinguished track record of being sound in their reporting. That reputation is both earned and deserved. However, for the safety of our children, the cohesiveness of our community and the betterment of our country we all have a duty to view these harrowing incidents in the proper light. When life and death is on the line that duty is of heightened responsibility for our written publications.

The incident began as the teens, on a typical summer walk from the neighborhood corner store, were confronted by an adult because of the "shirt" that he believed one was wearing.

The adult, with prejudice, profiled the teens about a shirt and was prepared to kill them. This was not a reliable misunderstanding. He profiled them!

In some of the dark corners of American history the shirt, in the case of Emmett Till, was a perceived glance at the wrong woman. The perceived glance was used as a reason to brutally beat and lynch the 14 year old Till.

By God's grace, this incident is equivalent to the Evers case, but with a better outcome. The boys are still alive. But the lynching was attempted! The lynching over a T-shirt was attempted!

I hope I speak for all South Belt residents that we do not welcome this prejudice in our area. We have a duty as Americans to ensure freedom and protection for all.

The *Leader*, as the areas primary

Elected officials share their words

Sen. John Cornyn: How we can police our communities better

The killing of George Floyd by police in Minneapolis was a brutal, senseless and avoidable tragedy, and one our country has witnessed countless times before. In many ways, his death was the match that ignited nationwide conversations about the racial injustices that have existed in our country for generations. These systemic problems have led to inequalities in everything from education, to health care, to housing, and while each of these must be addressed, the most important place to start is with police reforms.

In a recent poll conducted by The Washington Post and George Mason University, nearly 70 percent of Americans agreed that Floyd's death was a sign of broader problems in the treatment of Black Americans by police. While there's widespread agreement that change is needed, there's no consensus on what that change should look like. In order to get there, it's important to listen and learn from a variety of voices.

Over the past few weeks, I've teamed up with the mayors of both Dallas and Houston to host roundtable discussions with law enforcement, faith and community leaders. During our conversation in Dallas, Sheriff Marian Brown said, "We have to reach a point where we are comfortable having uncomfortable conversations." Whether in Congress, workplaces or homes, these discussions aren't easy, and for too long the topic has been avoided altogether. But progress can only happen if we're having these important conversations and following up with action.

Reforms at the state and local levels will be the biggest drivers of change. This is where decisions are made about hiring, data sharing and day-to-day police activities. By and large, that's a good thing — a one-size-fits-all rulebook would create more problems than solutions. But there are basic practices that should be standard across the board, and Congress has a responsibility to ensure all police departments are transparent, accountable and well-trained.

In the Senate, I've worked closely with Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., in developing the Just and Unifying Solutions to Invigorate Communities Everywhere Act to reform, retrain and restore trust in America's police officers. This legislation helps end

printed voice, must accurately describe, and not downplay, these incidents.

This would give the reader a proper vantage point to make a decision about what we want the character of our community to be and, just as importantly, what we don't want it to be.

**Respectfully,
Noble J. Alix, Jr.**
Publisher's note: Noble, all I can say is you are right on. I personally did the headline, and certainly never meant to trivialize the situation. It was a poor choice of a word. This was a very serious incident and I believe will legally be treated as such. Thanks for your comments.
—Marie Flickinger

Clark recognizes Boots for service

Just wanted to let you know about a good community interest story happening today. Ivan Boots of Boots Catering is cooking and delivering BBQ dinners to the staff of Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital at 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. in thanks for their service to the community during this time of crisis.

He and many of us in the community have worked there over the years or still work there. They do a wonderful job of serving our community especially now during this stressful period in our lives. Just thought you might want to know.

Many of us have donated to the cause but most has probably come out of his own pocket. He would probably not want any recognition but feel he deserves a great round of applause.

**Thank you,
Terry Clark**

Diaz lawsuit claims false

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Diaz fired because they were unfit to represent his department.

"Each of the Plaintiffs alleged Constable Diaz violated their rights to free speech and association, but the personnel files of these employees, which are available to the public under the Texas Public Information Act, demonstrate the baseless nature of these accusations. Constable Diaz is confident that, once the Court sees the evidence, the Court will dismiss the remainder of the claims."

Scott Poerschke, who serves as attorney for the six plaintiffs, however, said the ruling isn't as cut and dry as

the Diaz camp makes it out to be, stressing that no parties have been dropped from the litigation.

According to Poerschke, Miller was acting to "clean up" the lawsuit to prevent double recovery.

"All Judge Miller did was prevent the plaintiffs who had already filed a case in state

court from recovering from the same set of facts," Poerschke said. "It was a good call on Judge Miller's part. Although Diaz claims that some claims were dismissed, they are actually still pending in the state court, and thus, the victory, as alleged by Diaz, is not as great as he makes it out to be and is not really a victory at all."

Garcia, Nehls win election

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in Harris County, Nehls dominated the polls in nearby Fort Bend County, which comprises most of the congressional district.

With all counties responding (also including a small

portion of Brazoria County), Nehls received 70 percent of the vote (36,065 total votes), while Wall received only 30 percent (15,432 votes).

Nehls will now face Democrat Sri Preston Kulkarni in November's general election

Death

Erna L. Hassell



Erna L. (McKenzie) Hassell, 103, died from natural causes, July 6, 2020, at Bahia Personal Care Home in Houston. Born at home in Lansing, Mich., to Robert and Erna McKenzie, Erna was a woman of many accomplishments.

After graduating from Eastern High School, Erna majored in art with a minor in apparel and textile design, earning a Bachelor of Arts at Michigan State College in 1938.

For twenty-eight years she taught mainly art but also some sewing, history and English at Saginaw, Lansing and Okemos school districts,

retiring in 1978.

Erna raised three children while working full time and participating in various church- and school-related activities. Erna was past president of the Okemos Women's Club, the Lansing Chapter of American Association of University Women, and the Episcopal Church Women of St. Paul's Church in Lansing, and she was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority, MSU Art Fraternity, Michigan Amateur Radio Women's Club, and Clark Lake Sailing Club. Erna also taught Sunday school at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

After retiring, she decided to take some art classes, joined a local artist's group and began painting again. In 2002, Erna moved with Ben, her husband of 61 years, to Houston to be closer to their beloved grandchildren.

Her sociable, friendly nature helped her make many new friends. Erna kept up with current affairs and loved Bible study discussions at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in League City. Always stylishly dressed, her loving smile, giving spirit, faith in God and love of family were some of Erna's best

qualities. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Erna was preceded in death by her husband; her son David Hassell; and her sister Virginia Stage.

She is survived by her loving daughters Erna C. Dykes and husband Richard of Jacksonville, Fla., and Patricia Ehman and husband Tom of Houston; grandchildren Carolyn Ehman, Jonathan Ehman and wife Morgan and Susan VanDusen and husband Will; and six great-grandchildren.

Friends are cordially invited to the visitation with the family Thursday, July 30, 2020, at 2 p.m. with the funeral service following at 3 p.m. at the Jeter Memorial Funeral Home, 311 N. Friendswood Dr., in Friendswood. Erna will be laid to rest in East Lawn Memory Gardens in Odem, Mich.

Should friends desire, flowers are welcome or memorial contributions may be sent to Share.America.cmbt.org or to a charity of one's choice.

Condolences may be sent to the Hassell family in care of Jeter Memorial Funeral Home at www.jeterfuneralhome.com.

Leader obituary policy

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

Time to enroll in UHCL classes

Take a step closer to making educational dreams a reality by enrolling for classes each semester of the academic year.

Open registration for classes for the fall 2020 semester at University of Houston-Clear Lake continues through Aug. 21. Late registration begins Aug. 22 and continues through Aug. 31.

Enrollment can be com-

pleted online, but for assistance with registration, visit the Student Assistance Center at the UHCL campus or Enrollment Services at the Pearland campus.

When it's time to enroll in classes for the upcoming semester, students will be contacted by the Office of the Registrar with specific times and instructions.

Students requiring assis-

tance and insight into choosing the right courses for an academic program should schedule time with an academic adviser.

Registration is not complete until tuition and fees are paid in full. If tuition and fees are not received by stated deadlines, payment will be considered late. Visit www.uhcl.edu/registrar/enroll for more information.

UHCL offers noncredit foreign language program classes

The Continuing Education Office in the College of Human Sciences and Humanities at the University of Houston-Clear Lake is offering new, noncredit foreign language program classes in French, German, Russian,

Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, Italian, Brazilian Portuguese and beginning and intermediate Arabic.

For those who are non-native English speakers, English enhancement programs are also available.

Classes are small and can be customized to fit individual's needs.

For more information, contact Christine Paul, director of Foreign Language and Continuing Education Programs at 281-283-3033.

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Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca
A member of *People of Sagemont* 2 Facebook group posted surveillance videos of a work van that was broken into Saturday, July 11, in the Sagewillow and Scarsdale area. The member states that her brothers said that the suspects broke the driver's window to get in the van and the suspects took work tools. A police report was made and the member is asking the community if anyone knows the suspects or any information to contact them through Facebook.

This post was shared on other Facebook groups. (See related story/photo Page 1.)
A member on the same Facebook group posted that their mother was robbed on Saturday, July 11, around 2:30 p.m., in front of Pho Thy on Fuqua. The member states that their mother was sitting in her vehicle and a guy opened the front passenger door and took her purse. The lady was OK, but shaken up. The suspect is described as a young skinny black male in a white vehicle.

On the same Facebook page another member shared a post that a lady was robbed on Saturday, July 11, at the

parking lot of H-E-B on Blackhawk and Beltway 8. The post states that, she had just gotten back in her car and her purse was stolen by force while she was in the car. The suspect is described as black male, black shirt, different color shorts and reportedly riding in a stolen vehicle. This post was shared on other Facebook groups.

On the same Facebook group another member posted pictures of a man and woman pushing a shopping cart and walking around the Gullwood and Olivewood area. The member states he caught them looking into his truck, but nothing was taken. The incident happened on Tuesday, July 14, around midnight. Other members commented that they have noticed the two suspects walking around the area and seemed suspicious for the past week.

A member of the Neighbors app posted that her tires were stolen off her vehicle Saturday, July 11, early morning. The member states that she woke up to her dog barking and when she looked out the window she saw a white van backed in on the driveway and two people dressed all in black.

The incident happened at Carrington Park Apartments and a police report was filed.

Church Directory

Attend the church of your choice

The Catholic Community of **ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST**
Rev. Douglas J. Guthrie, Pastor
Fr. Jhon Gallo-Florez, Parochial Vicar
11011 Hall Rd.
(between Beamer & Blackhawk)
www.stlukesatholic.com

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday	Vigil	5:30 p.m.
Sunday		7:30, 9:15, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday		1 p.m. Misa en Español
Monday, Wednesday, Friday		9 a.m.
Tuesday & Thursday		7 p.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation	is celebrated	
Thursday 7:45 to 8:30 p.m.		Saturday 4 to 5 p.m.

Parish Office 281-481-6816
Faith Formation 281-481-4251
Youth Ministry 281-481-4735

St. Luke's offers ministries for ALL-families, men, women, youth, children, young adults, single, divorced, separated, widowed.

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10603 Blackhawk
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Bill & Cheryl Hines, Pastors

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WEEKLY SERVICE TIMES

Sunday	Wednesday
Sunday School • 8:00 a.m.	Prayer Meeting • 7:00 p.m.
Worship Service • 9:00 a.m.	Mid-Week Service • 7:45 p.m.

Nursery Available at all Services

Pasadena Memorial awards Shining Stars, distinguished educators

As part of the Shining Stars awards to the top ten students from each high school in the district, each Shining Star was able to select a teacher to receive a distinguished educator award. The information and photos

were submitted by Pasadena Independent School District. The *Leader* is also running the Shining Stars and distinguished educators from South Houston, Lewis Career & Technical and Dobie high schools.



Elvia Jablinski

Shining Stars recipient Carlyle Benson said "As an orchestra director, Mrs. Jablinski sparked my love for the violin and transformed my understanding of music. More importantly, though, she has been an incredible role model, mentor, and second mom to me over the last five years. She has taught me how to set and work toward meaningful goals and find confidence within myself, and I admire her dedication to finding and bringing out the best in everyone around her. I will always be grateful for Mrs. Jablinski's constant belief in me and my abilities and her dedication to showing up for me, especially through difficult times."



Carlyle Benson



Elizabeth Soto

Elizabeth Soto, third-grade teacher was selected by Andy Torres Shining Stars recipient as a distinguished educator. Torres stated, "My mother would agree that Mrs. Soto was my third parent throughout my childhood. She is responsible for helping me develop my confident academic character. While I was her student, Mrs. Soto made sure



Andy Torres

to help me learn English both during and after school, introduce me to the G/T Program and went out of her way to guarantee I had a proper academic base for later years. She also advised my parents on how to help me obtain the best academic opportunities I could at a younger age. I hope I was able to make you proud, Mrs. Soto!"



Amber Deschamps

Amber Deschamps a ninth- and tenth-grade pre-AP and AP biology teacher was chosen by Shining Stars recipient Sarah Gullion as a distinguished educator. Gullion has stated "I chose Ms. Deschamps because she was a very reassuring presence during my freshman and sophomore years. I had never attended a public school before



Sarah Gullion

PMHS, so I was naturally very nervous. Ms. Deschamps seemed the most relatable of my teachers, and she was the first teacher I became more relaxed around, so I found being in her class to be calming. I also enjoyed being in her classes because I liked the way she taught and because it was clear she cared about her students.



Kathryn Williams

"From sharing the same birthday to loving the same color, Mrs. Williams and I connect on so many levels," said Shining Stars recipient Pearl Phan who selected Williams for the honor of distinguished educator. "She has many beautiful qualities that cannot be described in words. Mrs. Williams is a hard-working teacher who places a 500 percent effort in educating the future generation, and not many teachers are like that. Students can always count on her to help them with classwork/class materials before or after school in tutorials. She



Pearl Phan

is always available to listen to my problems and stories. My junior year, I struggled a lot with my classes, and Mrs. Williams swept me into her cozy arms. Not only does she comfort and motivate me in stressful times, she cultivated me into the person I am today. She goes out of her way to ensure success for each and every one of her students. Mrs. Williams is also my role model figure because she does everything in her power to educate and exercise environmentally friendly practices. Love yah so much. -From your school daughter."



Matthew Suarez

"For the past four years, Mr. Suarez has distinguished himself as an outstanding educator and mentor. Being one of my orchestra directors, he has secured my love for music as I now regard it as something precious to me. Above all, though, Mr. Suarez has taught me the true meaning of hard work and the importance of believing in myself. I commend his tenacious disposition, always challenging his students to do their best, and his ability to see potential in others, including myself. No amount of words could justly communicate my gratitude toward his impact," stated Alexa Rodriguez, Shining Stars recipient.



Alexa Rodriguez



Kevin Ackerman

Kevin Ackerman, an eleventh- and twelfth-grade AP calculus AB and BC instructor, was selected as a distinguished educator by Shining Stars recipient Suzannie Trevino, who said, "When I transferred to Memorial my junior year, I began doubting my academic ability, especially in math. I was afraid that my history of good performance in this subject was not truly due to my intelligence and love for it, but from other factors that my previous school provided. However, Mr. Ackerman's class was very welcoming from the moment I stepped in. His method of teaching isn't based on simply demonstrating the problems, but rather, he phrases all his sentences in a way that forces his students to think until they derive the solutions on their own. His enthusiastic persona always makes the class fun, and his attentive ear makes him a great mentor for all his students. I truly thank him for helping me regain my confidence in my own abilities and being such an amazingly well rounded teacher."



Victoria Ellis

Victoria Ellis, tenth-grade AP world history teacher was selected by Shining Stars recipient Ashley Flores, who stated "My first memory of Mrs. Ellis' class was walking in and sitting the furthest away from the front because learning about history didn't interest me at all. I was also timid, quiet, and apprehensive. However, none of that lasted long. As time went on, I realized the amazing woman she is. I have never met anyone more hardworking than Mrs. Ellis. She has a unique way of teaching in a manner to keep all her students engaged in the lesson. The way her eyes radiate when telling us stories from history is one of my favorite memories in her class. Most notably, the amount of work and long hours she puts into her job cannot be measured. Despite if she's going through a difficult time, she still manages to keep a smile on her face and gives us her 150 percent to make us successful students. From staying after school for tutorial sessions to creating a resourceful review binder for the district, she goes above and beyond her duties as a teacher. Not only has she helped me academically, but emotionally, too. Any time I felt stressed or concerned about another class, she would sit at her desk to listen to me when I needed it the most. Mrs. Ellis gave me everything I needed: encouragement, hope, confidence and optimism. Although she feels honored to be accompanying me, it's actually the other way around. I am the person who feels the most fortunate and blessed student to have had her as an educator. Thank you so much, Mrs. Ellis!"



Luz Esteban-Torres

Luz Esteban-Torres, an AP chemistry teacher, was chosen by Shining Stars recipient Steven Nguyen for a distinguished educator award. "Chemistry is a complex yet beautiful subject. The beauty and enjoyment of learning chemistry was discovered through Mrs. Esteban. Her didactic and energetic approach was crucial in discovering how chemistry is an intricate yet amazing subject. Mrs. Esteban's demeanor permeates throughout her classroom and transforms learning into an enjoyable and fulfilling experience. Her eccentric anecdotes are simply remarkable and memorable, and further adds on the comfortable environment. AP Chemistry is a challenging course but very enjoyable because of Mrs. Esteban's approach. She has made an impact on my academic career. All of these reasons contribute to why I chose Mrs. Esteban," said Nguyen.



Steven Nguyen

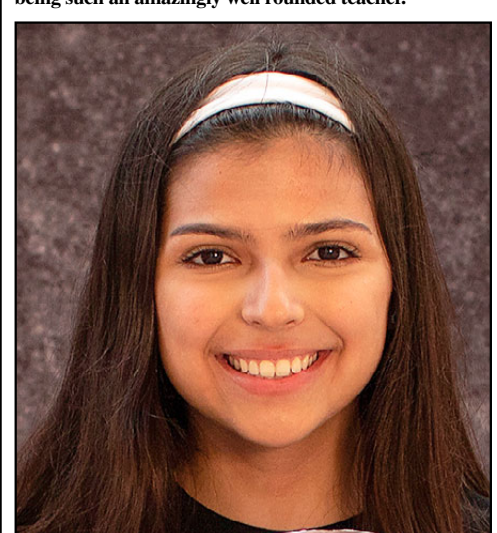


Christopher Hentz

Christopher Hentz, an AP U.S. history instructor, was selected by Shining Stars honoree Ailany Annelys Caceres, who stated, "Mr. Hentz is an exceptional teacher and person in many ways. He works incredibly hard to find a way to effectively teach all his students and genuinely cares for every single one. For this reason, his impact in both my life and education has been tremendous. Mr. Hentz is one of the most encouraging and understanding teachers I know. When I felt down, he would make sure to make me feel better and tried to understand my personal situations. I am forever grateful that he believed in me more than I did in myself. This allowed me to succeed in his class and prepared me to pass the AP exam."



Ailany Annelys Caceres



Suzannie Trevino



Ashley Flores

SJC, Pasadena ISD, Clear Creek ISD give options for 2020-2021 opening

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look forward to when we are all back to our regular routines," Powell said. "Regardless of the platform you choose for your child, rest assured, we will support your decision."
"We here in Pasadena ISD are committed to providing your child with an excellent education in either platform."
To view Powell's video or to see a complete 16-page description of the school district's reopening policy, visit www1.pasadenaisd.org.
Parents are asked to complete a survey when they select a learning option for their children, as the school district will be collecting input from the community as

it moves forward during this ongoing crisis.
Clear Creek ISD
Clear Creek ISD will hold in-school instruction with the appropriate safety and COVID-19 prevention measures in place, as well as offer families a high-quality, rigorous and engaging online experience through the newly developed Clear Connections Online Learning Program. "We are prepared to welcome children and staff back to school on Aug. 18, 2020. Our team has been working around the clock to provide a physically safe and emotionally secure learning environment," said Dr. Greg Smith, Clear Creek ISD superintendent. "I know this time is met with many emotions

from excitement to fear and everywhere in between."
"My message to our staff, students and families is that it will be OK. We will, as we have always done, rise up, lock arms and work together for all children."
The Safely Reopen Plan, released July 8, reflects the recommendations developed by the Safely Reopen CCISD Committee. The Committee of health professionals, educators, parents, students and community leaders met weekly, sought and received public input and relied on subject matter experts to make recommendations.
As part of what the district is calling "Brick and Mortar" education, Clear Creek ISD will extend the

school day by 10 minutes to allow students and staff time to implement safety protocols while protecting instructional time.
Students, staff and visitors will wear face masks/coverings as mandated by the Texas Education Agency on July 7 when physical distancing of six feet is not possible.
The Clear Creek ISD facilities department is working with campus leaders to maximize space in the classroom as much as possible. CCISD's traditional student-to-teacher ratio remains in place.
If at all possible, CCISD is encouraging parents to transport their children to school. If this option is not feasible, the parent needs

to elect for bus transportation on the CCISD Back-to-School forms. Face masks/coverings must be worn on all CCISD buses. Buses will be cleaned between each run and at the end of each day.
In the Safely Reopen Plan, the school district outlines an instructional model that provides for a continuation of instruction in the event a classroom or a school must move to an intermittent School-to-Home instruction model due to COVID-19. In this mode of instruction, students will receive real-time instruction from their teacher in a classroom.
The intermittent School-to-Home learning will mirror a typical school day with authentic instruction from a student's teacher, scheduled breaks, small group and self-paced instruction.
CCISD has also developed a COVID-19 Standard Response Protocol with five distinct stages of operations. CCISD's superintendent, coordinator of Health Services and newly appointed CCISD COVID-19 response coordinator will closely monitor health reports at each campus and support facility. If necessary, this team will move a school or support facility to the appropriate level and communicate those protocol measures to the public. Each day, parents and staff will receive a daily report to inform them of any changes to the school's operating stage.
While the protocols provide district leadership guidance on how to respond, the school district will always err on the side of caution and may take additional steps in any one stage.
"Transparent and timely communication is paramount to us maintaining public trust in our school operations," said Smith. "We will be diligent in our communication, educate parents and staff on the safety protocols in place and always remind people that if you do not feel well, stay home."
If parents do not feel comfortable sending their children physically to school, they have the option to enroll into a complete online learning program. Clear Connections Online Learning Program provides

students an engaging and rigorous curriculum delivered by CCISD teachers in real-time, as well as opportunities for self-paced instruction.
This program is offered to students in kindergarten through 12th grade.
Students must have reliable internet and access to a computer during the school day, Monday through Friday. This is not a self-paced platform; students will be required to attend online school every day and on a set schedule, like a course schedule. Students enrolled in Clear Connections will be eligible to participate in on-campus extracurricular activities at their home campus.
More information about Clear Connections Online Learning Program can be found at clearconnections.ccisd.net. "Parents and students need to know that this is not a vacation. It is not early release or late arrival either. Students will have a set schedule to be online with their teacher the majority of the day," said Smith. "GPA and class rank will be

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Allegiant now flies from Hobby

On cue with presummer heating up in Houston, Allegiant Air (Allegiant), a new airline option, began flying out of William P. Hobby Airport (HOU) June 1.
Drew Wells, Allegiant vice president of planning and revenue, recently said, "We know area travelers will enjoy our convenient, nonstop, ultra-low-cost flights just in time for summer travel and also know

Houston will be a popular destination in our system."
Allegiant recently began new seasonal routes to cities including Knoxville, Tenn., via McGhee Tyson Airport (TYS); Asheville, N.C., via Asheville Regional Airport (AVL); Savannah, Ga., via Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport (SAV); and Fort Walton Beach, Fla., via Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport (VPS). Allegiant's nonstop,

twice-weekly flights will depart HOU for these four destinations.
The four nonstop flights are currently seasonal offerings scheduled through mid-November.
Their performance in the coming months will determine Allegiant's winter schedule at HOU.
Houston Airports was thrilled to welcome Allegiant to the Houston market and to HOU.

Allegiant offers a unique option to Houston-area travelers with low base airfare and savings on rental cars and hotels.
Travelers can often book their entire vacation with Allegiant with a savings.
Allegiant offers more than 500 routes to 127 destinations across the United States.
Flight days, times and the lowest fares can be found at Allegiant.com.

Investigation requested into Guillen's case

On July 6, Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia (TX-29) led a letter with 87 members of Congress in support of Rep. Jackie Speier and Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand's request for Sean O'Donnell, the Department of Defense (DoD) Inspector General, to conduct an independent investigation into Fort Hood's

handling of Specialist (SPC) Vanessa Guillen's case. Speier serves as chair of the Military Personnel Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee and Gillibrand is a ranking member of the Subcommittee on Personnel of the Senate Armed Services Committee.
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City jury duty suspended

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to Aug. 31, resets will be given in person at all City of Houston court locations through Friday, Sept. 4, until 5 p.m. residents should visit the Municipal Courts' website at www.houstontx.gov/courts for information on all court locations and hours of operation. It is important to note that if an individual fails to reset their case(s) when Municipal

Courts resumes operations, an arrest warrant may be issued.
If one is a defendant scheduled for jury trial during this period, they do not have to appear. One must reschedule their setting in person no later than 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, to receive a new court date. All jury trials will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 1, unless further notification is provided. It is important to note that if

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Strain on HFD

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operations. I want to acknowledge our firefighters who are tirelessly working multiple shifts and alternate work positions to ensure Houstonians are protected.
"We will respond when called, but I also encourage citizens to help us by following health and safety protocols during the current public health crisis. Please wear a mask, physical distance and wash your hands."
Southeast Volunteer Fire Department
While the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department hasn't had any direct problems with the coronavirus, HFD's staffing shortfall is also impacting efforts locally, according to SVFD Chief Tylka.
"We feel the pain as well, as we rely on a lot of HFD guys for our daytime coverage," Tylka said. "We are having a difficult time staffing to our normal levels."

40 years ago (1980)
Sagemont residents were receiving checks from the liquidation of Sagemont Maintenance Committee assets which were payable to "homeowners." This was confusing renters and could have caused legal problems.
The nude body of an unidentified female murder victim was found floating in the sandpit directly behind Beverly Hills Park.
Vandalism was becoming a major problem in the Sage-meadow and Kirkwood South parks.
A South Belt area female was abducted from Alameda Mall and raped by a man wielding a gun.
35 years ago (1985)
A prekindergarten program for qualified 4-year-olds was to begin the following September at Atkinson Elementary.
The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Junior All-Stars won the Houston Metro Champion-

ship and advanced to the National Junior Olympic Tournament in Las Cruces, N.M.
The Pasadena Independent School District elementary gifted and talented program expanded to include Atkinson and Meador. This resulted in all six South Belt area schools having the program.
W.B. "Bill" Smith, Beverly Hills' first and at that time only principal, announced his upcoming retirement.
South Belt Security Alliance failed in its attempt to get a gag injunction against Southeast Security, but a Harris County judge issued a warning to both sides to stay clear of one another.
30 years ago (1990)
South Belt MUD customers were preparing to convert to surface water by the end of the year. The change would bring higher water bills since the city owned the water.
Dr. Richard Cook, who had worked with and written about incineration for the

U.S. government and other agencies, was the featured speaker at a South Belt area citizens' meeting.
Dr. Ron McLeod began his job as superintendent of the Clear Creek Independent School District.
Development of Ellington Field took another step with the addition of passenger service offered by Continental Express.
Pasadena ISD board members hoped to save \$500,000 in annual maintenance by hiring an outside firm to manage the department.
In order to meet rising demands for personnel, PISD board members agreed to hire approximately 250 new people, which would include 100 new teaching positions.
25 years ago (1995)
A leech was used to find an artery in the hand of 2 1/2 year old Joshua Makuaoale after he lost two fingers on one hand. The tot had stuck his hand into a running law-

mower and had to have reconstructive surgery.
The Clear Creek Independent School District board unanimously agreed to hire John E. Wilson to replace outgoing superintendent Ronald McLeod.
The Christopher Edward Williams Memorial Leadership Scholarship fund was set up at the Texas Commerce Bank on Beltway 8.
Local constable deputies arrested three teens for allegedly burglarizing vacant homes in Southbend.
20 years ago (2000)
Jacob Pearsall, 19, died of injuries from a motorcycle accident.
Justice Eric Andell of the 1st Court of Appeals visited the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon.
David and Cissy Chollett adopted two Ukrainian babies, Garrett and Sidnee.
15 years ago (2005)
CCISD trustees moved

to delay legal action against the city of League City in an attempt to resolve issues concerning the district's fourth high school.
The long-awaited connection between Scarsdale and Yost roads was a step closer with the letting for the Harris County portion. The \$6.19 million contract for the paved roadway and the bridge over Clear Creek dividing Harris County and Pearland was awarded to Infrastructure Services, Inc. It was expected to take 365 days to meet with the Pearland side.
PISD was studying options to replace Superintendent Dr. Rick Schneider after he announced his retirement effective December, 2005. The scope of applicants was limited to PISD employees. Kirk Lewis, assistant superintendent under Schneider, was eventually hired as superintendent.
Former Dobie student Gerald Green was drafted by the Boston Celtics basketball team. Green, a Wood Meadow resident, was the 18th pick in the draft.
10 years ago (2010)
Several businesses in the 12000 block of Beamer Road were vandalized. Houston police responded to at least five separate calls where property had been damaged. The vandals reportedly smashed a pair of glass doors to gain entry to the Sagemont Animal Hospital. A company truck at the Universal Lube and Oil had its windows smashed out. Police responded to an alarm call next door at Solutions Pest Pool, but did not file a report, as there was no visible damage. The vandals smashed the front window out of the Cajun Craven restaurant. The vandals also damaged the Ultimate Nail Spa. The Trinity Pentecostal Church and Allstate Insurance suffered damage. In all but one of the instances, nothing was taken from the businesses.
5 years ago (2015)
Kelly Buckman, wife of the late Steve Buckman, was sworn in to fill the remainder of her husband's term on the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District's board of directors. Steve Buckman died

June 20 after a long illness. Kelly Buckman will serve until the term expires in May 2016, at which time state law requires her to run for the position again.
1 year ago (2019)
Former South Belt resident Jessica Swenson was named the new principal of South Houston Intermediate. A 1997 Dobie graduate, Swenson most recently served as assistant principal at Pasadena Memorial High School, where she had been since 2013. Swenson started her educational career in 2001 as a teacher in Pearland ISD. In 2003, she joined the Pasadena ISD family as a journalism teacher at Dobie. In 2010, she was promoted to assistant principal at Miller Intermediate before being named assistant principal at Memorial. Swenson replaced former South Houston Intermediate Principal Laura Gomez who was promoted to the position as principal of Pasadena High School.

Remember When



Over The Back Fence by Alexis

CONGRATULATIONS, DARIUS
Congratulations are in order for the South Belt student Darius Gougis who graduated in May 2020 from McPherson College with a Bachelor of Science in physical education and health. McPherson College, a four-year private college located in central Kansas, honored the graduating class in the first-ever virtual commencement ceremony. For the graduate list and ceremony, visit <https://www.mcpherson.edu/experiences/graduation/>.
HEINRICH'S MARK 55 YEARS
Last week's Leader issue showed photos marking the 55th wedding anniversary July 10 of TED and LINDA HEINRICH. The outline stated the couple met Dec. 12, 1965, but the actual date of their meeting was in December 1964. The Leader apologizes for any confusion.
SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays July 16 through July 22, 2020.
Burnett Elementary
Break out the balloons and party favors for a birthday celebration for Sandra Trojan July 19.
Bush Elementary
Light the birthday candles July 18 for Carla Galvan. Celebrate with a double-layer birthday cake for Vanessa Gil and Erin Hubert on July 20.

Genoa Elementary
Join in the birthday celebration July 22 for Lisa Hernandez.
South Belt Elementary
Send a birthday greeting July 19 to Norma Castro.
Stuchbery Elementary
Tiffany Steele celebrates a special birthday July 19. Best wishes for a wonderful birthday July 20 are sent to Monica Torres. Break out the birthday cake, ice cream and balloons July 22 for Ella Escalona and Jose Hernandez.
Melillo Middle School
Loren Garcia celebrates a birthday July 16. Marking a special birthday July 18 is Jennifer Vann.
Roberts Middle School
Light the birthday candles July 13 for Aaron Donias.
Beverly Hills Intermediate
Send a birthday greeting July 18 to Krystal Smith. Enjoying a birthday July 20 is Rosalba Lopez Coronado. Light the birthday candles July 21 for Yara Quintanilla.
Thompson Intermediate
Sing a chorus of a birthday song July 21 for Rico Esmeralda.
Dobie High
Birthdays greetings are in order for Devyn Billiott on July 19. Eusebia Zabala celebrates a birthday July 21. Three cheers for a birthday

celebration July 22 for Saiyeda Blanco, Kevin Erickson and Norma Garces.
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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Campbell's gives Longhorns the edge in 22-6A title hunt

Realignment has reopened a door that had long been closed to some, and now both Dobie and Deer Park appear best positioned to run through said door as the race to the District 22-6A varsity football championship plays out this fall.

The Longhorns and Deer have been on and off again rivals since the 1970s. But it has now been eight seasons since the two programs were last matched in the same district.

In 2010, the Longhorns defeated the Deer in the reg-

ular season finale to secure the 22-5A title, and Dobie has been championship-less since that time. Similarly, the Deer won the 2011 championship using a victory over Dobie, and the Deer will be aiming for their first title in nine seasons come November.

For 2020, there is plenty of opportunity across the 22-6A ranks. For instance, two Pasadena ISD programs are assured of making the postseason.

Newcomer Channelview no doubt has plans of chal-

lenging for the championship in 22-6A as well, but for 2020 Dave Campbell's Texas Football has given the slight edge to Dobie, with Deer Park second and Channelview third.

Campbell's picks Memorial as the second Pasadena ISD program to advance, with South Houston, Pasadena and Sam Rayburn playing the role of spoiler.

As for Dobie, there are plenty of reasons to favor the locals in the revamped 22-6A mix. Head coach Kevin Berneathy and his

staff have changed the culture within the field house.

After seven wins in his debut campaign in 2018, Berneathy engineered the Longhorns to nine regular season wins in 2019, something that hadn't happened since 1999.

Dobie still hasn't won a playoff game since 2004, but that doesn't have anything to do with now.

The Longhorns are still ticketed to meet either two-time defending state champion North Shore or Atascocita in the bidistrict

playoffs, but that doesn't currently matter, either.

The bottom line is the Longhorns are talented in a lot of spots. Senior safety Johnathan Baldwin has been picked as the preseason defensive player of the year, and the Longhorns are likely to utilize his talents on the offensive side of things as well.

Rushad Ball and Darrius Pamplin join Baldwin as key returnees in the secondary, and A.J. Garcia is back for his third season at linebacker.

The Longhorns will look for quick development of newcomers up front on the defensive line, but Gerard Joseph counts as a solid returnee.

On offense, the Longhorns will undergo a restock along the line, but Dakarey Ramsey is a nice start.

Quarterback Cameron Gray was the Newcomer of the Year in 22-6A as a sophomore in 2019 and figures to be one of the most explosive players in this district. Receiver Jeremiah Ballard possessed a deep threat ability down the field.

The team will also likely need a primary No. 1 type running back to emerge, yet Berneathy likes to utilize several different options at the position.

From a scheduling standpoint, the Longhorns will face both Channelview and Deer Park on the road this season, but that could end.

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Dobie third-year varsity football head coach Kevin Berneathy has the Longhorns in a great position to vie for the program's first district championship since 2010.

Dickinson, Springs again pace 24-6A hierarchy

As much as some things seem to change, oftentimes they simply remain the same.

A new era in District 24-6A varsity football comes in 2020 as familiar foes Dickinson and the five Clear Creek ISD programs (Brook, Creek, Falls, Lake and Springs) are joined by newcomer Brazoswood.

It's supposed to be a new beginning of sorts for Clear Brook as first-year head coach John Towels III has come from Duncanville in an effort to rejuvenate the Wolverines' program.

Yet as new to the scene as Towels might be, he knows the road to the postseason, for 2020, 2021 or beyond, goes through Dickinson.

The Gators went a perfect 6-0 en route to the District 24-6A title in 2019 and return only six total starters across the board. Still, Dave Campbell's Texas Football magazine has the Gators in the top spot.

Head coach John Snelson and his staff will oversee somewhat of a reloading project in Dickinson this fall. Then again, do the Gators

ever truly have to reload?

Offensively, a trio of running backs combined to score 18 touchdowns a season ago, led by Ausaru Allah (420 rush yards, nine touchdowns), Reggie Sanders (560 rush yards, five touchdowns) and Donovan Bradley (415 rush yards, four touchdowns), and they all return to give the Gators one of the more diverse rushing attacks around.

Dickinson will employ a first-year starter at quarterback, either Marlon Allen or Graham Ledbetter, but the Gators, who after the 2018 season sent tight end Jalen Wydermyer to Texas A&M, again have a national-level recruit at the position in Donovan Green.

Defensive end Keith Cooper and safety Kyron Smith are the lone holdovers on that side of the football, so there is work to be done.

While Dickinson defeated Clear Springs a season ago to win the league title, the Chargers have beaten Dickinson in the past to claim the top spot and very well could do so in 2020.

Like Dickinson, Springs

will have a new starter at quarterback, but tailback Ky Woods (1,000 rushing yards, 16 touchdowns) should help ease the transition for the new guy, likely Luke Sampson.

Defensive lineman Christian Cardenas will lead a unit that returns nine starters in all and very well could lead the way to the top.

There has been a clear separation between Dickinson and Springs versus the rest of the district for several years, and that figures to hold true again.

For 2020, DCTF has Clear

Falls third and Clear Creek fourth, with Clear Lake, the Wolverines and newcomer Brazoswood chasing a spot in the Division II bracket.

Falls finally broke through a season ago, going 7-4 overall to land just the second playoff berth in school history.

Like Dickinson and Springs, the Knights will have a first-year starter at quarterback. But Quinn Brown returns as one of the city's most versatile running backs (more than 1,300 yards, 20 total touchdowns rushing/receiving).

Kannon Garza and Tristan Zarella lead a defense that returns six starters in all, and the Knights could welcome a slew of sophomores from a freshman team that was perfect at 10-0 in 2019.

Former South Houston head coach Dwayne Lane returns for his third season at Clear Creek, where he hopes to get the Wildcats back to the postseason after a fourth-place finish in 2019.

Senior Rayfield Conley (1,091 rushing yards, 14 touchdowns) is the league's

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SBGSA opens fall sign-up; coaching spots still available

The South Belt Girls Softball Association has opened online registration beginning for the upcoming fall league season, with easy-to-follow steps.

Girls ages 4 to 16 are eligible to play at \$60 per player, and there are sibling discounts available to multi-player families.

There are no residency requirements.

The online registration runs through Aug. 15 at www.southbeltsoftball.com.

For additional information, visit the SBGSA league sites via Twitter or Facebook at [southbeltgirlssoftball](https://www.facebook.com/southbeltgirlssoftball).

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Coaches sought

South Belt Girls Softball Association officials continue planning for the fall season, which includes recruiting prospective coaches for the various age group divisions.

The league needs additional coaching help in the 6-un-

der and 12-under divisions, with no experience required.

Those with previous coaching experience are also needed in the 14-under division.

For additional information on the openings, direct email to sbgsaplayersagent@gmail.com.

Dave Campbell's Texas Football 24-6A Projected Order of Finish

- Dickinson - Defending league champions simply possess most physicality, raw athletic ability.**
- Clear Springs - Running back Cy Woods, nine starters on defense lead Chargers' title chase.**
- Clear Falls - Bowen's touchdown-making ability, proven spread offense success key Knights' hopes.**
- Clear Creek - Conley is league's leading rushing returnee; staying injury-free is big.**
- Clear Lake - Falcons possess formidable secondary, but other areas may lag.**
- Clear Brook - First-year head coach Towels will have to quickly get Wolverines up to speed in new schemes.**
- Brazoswood - Winless in 2019, Bucs looking to upset some team's season.**

Dobie, Brook to host athletic physicals

Dobie High School student athletes will have an on-campus opportunity to obtain their mandatory up-to-date physical July 20, beginning at 2 p.m. at the main campus. The cost will be \$20 cash.

There is also a required physical form that must be completed prior to being eligible to get the physical. The form can be found at dobie.pasadenaisd.org/sports/SportsMedicine.

Click forms, print out the required form and complete before arriving for the physical. The date for Clear Brook High School or intermediate level students needing a physical for extracurricular activities is July 20, with athletes set to begin at 2 p.m.

The cost for Clear Creek ISD physicals is \$25 per student. For additional information, direct email to sports medicine contact Steve Tran at stevetrans@ccisd.net or call 281-382-5312.

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Lajaunie tennis now coming Oct. 9-11

The ninth annual Darren Lajaunie Memorial Tennis Tournament will be held Oct. 9-11 at the Harry Taylor Tennis Center in Pasadena following two delays because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Players who have already registered and have paid entry fees will remain set to play, and registration opportunities are still available at www.DLTennisScholarships.com.

Those previously registered but who are unable to play in October may direct email to tournament director John Thomas at jjohnjr@gmail.com for additional information.

Those registering are asked to include a cellphone number on the entry form so as to receive up-to-date tournament details including court playing times, etc.

The tournament provides for youth tennis camp and collegiate education scholarships for young players and honors

the memory of Dobie graduate Darren Lajaunie, a tennis enthusiast who died of complications of cancer in 2011.

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Campbell's has Pioneers second

Defending league champion Second Baptist, winner of 24 straight district games over the past several seasons, is the trendy pick by Dave Campbell's Texas Football magazine as the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Division II District 4 season plays out.

That news out, the Lutheran South Academy Pi-

oneers are sitting solidly in the district despite the loss of four college football bound players from 2019.

Lutheran South reached the second round of the postseason in 2019, winning nine overall games. Senior quarterback Luke Harrison verbally committed to the University of Texas baseball program, returns at quarter-

back after passing for 31 touchdowns as a junior.

Syr Bailey, who rushed for more than 800 yards and scored 10 touchdowns as a sophomore in 2019, figures to be leaned on a bit heavier.

Joel Hutchins and Easton Brenner figure to give Harrison pass-catching options on the outside, and Lane Whitney and Nikko Modica

return up front.

Brenner will anchor a defensive side of things that suffered big graduation losses following the 2019 campaign, with just two starters back.

There appears to be somewhat of a gap between Second Baptist and LSA and the rest of the league, but the games must be played.

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BAFL delivers eight-game plan

Bay Area Football League officials have set the 2020 regular season schedule, with each of the league's 16 teams to play an eight-game slate with no bye week due to delays caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

Professionally, the MLB and NBA ranks are on track to get moving with their respective seasons later this month, and the NFL's pre-season workouts currently remain on schedule.

From there, things get a little more dicey. The Ivy League has announced that it will not play football this fall, and the Big Ten and Pac 12-conferences have stated they will contest conference games only.

Surely, there will be similar reaction coming

from other conferences, but for now that is seemingly enough.

What about high schools? The University Interscholastic League cleared the way for the resumption of strength and conditioning and sport-specific workouts effective July 13. Some districts such as Pasadena ISD and Clear Creek ISD are moving forward. Still, others are not.

But conducting off-season workouts and assuming pre-season workouts for the purpose of preparing for the regular season are two different things entirely.

As of July 13, Fort Bend ISD officials said in-person learning will not come until September, and no extracurricular activities such as athletics will be allowed in the interim.

Tomorrow? Next week? Stay tuned. Things are changing on the fly.

Southbelt Dolphins playing out then.

Following two playoff rounds, BAFL still plans to contest its Super Bowl round at Rice Stadium in November.

See the full league schedule on Page 6.

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Bay Area Football League 2020 Regular Season Schedule

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Alvin Raiders host Hitchcock Red Raiders
 Pearland Texans host Angleton Wildcats
 East End Eagles host Galveston Hurricanes
 League City 49ers host Pearland Patriots
 Magnolia Park Sharks host North Shore Mustangs
 Pasadena Panthers host Pearland Oilers
 Santa Fe Braves host Sagemont Cowboys
 S.E. Wildcats host Southbelt Dolphins

Saturday, Sept. 12

Galveston Hurricanes host Alvin Raiders
 Angleton Wildcats host Magnolia Park Sharks
 North Shore Mustangs host East End Eagles
 Southbelt Dolphins host Santa Fe Braves
 Sagemont Cowboys host Pearland Texans
 Hitchcock Red Raiders host S.E. Wildcats
 Pearland Oilers host League City 49ers
 Pearland Patriots host Pasadena Panthers

Saturday, Sept. 19

North Shore Mustangs host Alvin Raiders
 S.E. Wildcats host East End Eagles
 Pasadena Panthers host Galveston Hurricanes
 Pearland Texans host Hitchcock Red Raiders
 Magnolia Park Sharks host League City 49ers
 Southbelt Dolphins host Pearland Oilers
 Pearland Patriots host Santa Fe Braves
 Angleton Wildcats host Sagemont Cowboys

Saturday, Sept. 26

Alvin Raiders host S.E. Wildcats
 Santa Fe Braves host Angleton Wildcats
 East End Eagles host Pearland Texans
 Galveston Hurricanes host North Shore Mustangs
 Hitchcock Red Raiders host Sagemont Cowboys
 League City 49ers host Pasadena Panthers
 Magnolia Park Sharks host Southbelt Dolphins
 Pearland Oilers host Pearland Patriots

Saturday, Oct. 3

Alvin Raiders host Pasadena Panthers
 Angleton Wildcats host Pearland Patriots
 Sagemont Cowboys host East End Eagles
 Santa Fe Braves host Galveston Hurricanes
 Hitchcock Red Raiders host Magnolia Park Sharks
 Pearland Texans host League City 49ers
 Southbelt Dolphins host North Shore Mustangs
 S.E. Wildcats host Pearland Oilers

Saturday, Oct. 10

Pearland Oilers host Alvin Raiders
 Pasadena Panthers host Angleton Wildcats
 East End Eagles host Hitchcock Red Raiders
 Galveston Hurricanes host Southbelt Dolphins
 Sagemont Cowboys host League City 49ers
 Magnolia Park Sharks host Pearland Patriots
 Pearland Texans host Santa Fe Braves
 North Shore Mustangs host S.E. Wildcats

Saturday, Oct. 17

Southbelt Dolphins host Alvin Raiders
 Angleton Wildcats host East End Eagles
 League City 49ers host Galveston Hurricanes
 Hitchcock Red Raiders host Pasadena Panthers
 S.E. Wildcats host Magnolia Park Sharks
 Pearland Patriots host Sagemont Cowboys
 North Shore Mustangs host Santa Fe Braves
 Pearland Oilers host Pearland Texans

Saturday, Oct. 24

Alvin Raiders host Angleton Wildcats
 East End Eagles host Magnolia Park Sharks
 Galveston Hurricanes host Pearland Oilers
 Sagemont Cowboys host Southbelt Dolphins
 Santa Fe Braves host S.E. Wildcats
 Pearland Patriots host Pearland Texans
 Pasadena Panthers host North Shore Mustangs
 League City 49ers host Hitchcock Red Raiders

Dobie likely to duel Deer Park for 22-6A supremacy

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up being a minor detail. Just like old times, it is likely Deer Park that poses the largest opposition to the Longhorns' championship aspirations. The Deer have been cast in the shadows of the likes of North Shore and Beaumont West Brook for several years, although, like Dobie, Deer Park did make the playoffs a season ago.

Now, the Deer are set to push the Longhorns, with Dave Campbell's preseason

offensive player of the year Matt Potts leading the way at quarterback after passing for 21 scores in 2019.

The Deer also figure to benefit greatly from the return of all five starters along the offensive front, led by Zach Frazee and Brendan Wiley, all-district performers from a season ago. With Potts, the offensive linemen and running back Dylan Madden in the fold, the Deer boast seven returnees on the offensive side of things.

But, also like Dobie, the

Deer will be hoping for quick answers along the defensive front. And they'll have other spots to fill on defense moving forward.

If not Deer Park, then Channelview will be looking to make a move.

The Falcons were 4-6 a season ago but also could be in a great position to better than in 2020.

Quarterback Demetrius Charles had 20 scoring passes in a very competitive 21-6A mix as a sophomore in 2019 and will no doubt be

aiming for more this time around.

Break Thomas is the Falcons' top returner at running back, and Charles Kirtsey and Josiah Prince are speedsters at receivers.

Arthur Boutte at defensive end and Cinque Marshall at linebacker are two of the Falcons' five overall returnees on that side of the football.

Aside from Dobie, which Pasadena ISD program appears best suited for a Division II breakthrough?

The Mavericks bring eight

starters on defense, including Adrian Tamez, a tackling machine at linebacker, who had 20 tackles in the 2019 season opener before an injury ended his season.

Kolbey Taylor gave the Mavs' secondary a big lift in 2019 with four interceptions, and the team has others in place.

Offensively, the Mavs will start with former Dobie player Luke Giron at quarterback after he transferred a season ago and threw for almost 1,000 yards and nine touch-

downs, including four in one game. Xavier Lerma returns as the team's top running back.

Elsewhere, South Houston has hopes but will have to replace a three-year starter at quarterback without the benefit of spring workouts or potentially a portion of the preseason.

Pasadena and Rayburn played each other in the 2019 finale, each in search of a win. Again for 2020, the respective teams may find wins hard to come by.

Dickinson, Springs lead 24-6A pack

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top returning rusher by a slim margin over Springs' Ky Woods, and Conley will be paired with Jeremiah Crum, who had more than 700 rushing yards.

Like seemingly every team except Clear Brook, the Wildcats will have a first-year, full-time starter at quarterback.

Daqari Tuckson leads the defense from his linebacking spot, and the unit returns seven starters in all. At 3-3 in league play a season ago, the Wildcats beat Brook, Lake and Alvin to reach the post-season, and that is all that may be required this time, too.

The most likely program among Lake, Brook and Bra-

zoswood to push for a playoff berth? Why not Clear Brook?

There's no doubt the pandemic has slowed development for everyone, yet especially teams with first-year head coaches like Towels.

That said, the Wolverines have quarterback Cameron McCalister and his 15 touchdown passes from 2019 back, and Trent Lacy is the top returning runner after battling injury a season ago.

Zyon Little, already a big-time contributor on varsity basketball court as a freshman, will factor in on offense as well.

On defense, end Kam'rin Devault is drawing collegiate interest, and there are others. It may take a year of development for the Wolverines to be-

come true playoff contenders. Then again, perhaps 2020 is their year.

Clear Lake could employ the most gifted secondary in the region with Mark Wilson committed to the University of Houston and mates Julian Humphrey and Eric Hunter also drawing collegiate interest.

But lineman Alex Williams, a three-year starter, is one of just three returnees on that side of the ball. At 3-7 a season ago, the Falcons will be looking to play upset specialists.

Winless a season ago, Brazoswood comes to 24-6A looking to make some noise. With 12 overall starters back, it could happen. However, the Bucs understand the challenge ahead.

Dave Campbell's Texas Football 22-6A Projected Order of Finish

- Dobie - Coming off nine regular season wins in 2019, the Longhorns are confident in winning first district crown since 2010.**
- Deer Park - A solid starter at quarterback and five returnees along offensive front lift Deer hopes.**
- Channelview - A wide open offensive attack could make Falcons hard to slow down.**
- Memorial - The Mavericks lead the way among Pasadena ISD hopefuls for a postseason breakthrough.**
- South Houston - A win over, say, Memorial, could vault the Trojans into the postseason.**
- Pasadena - Eagles looking to turn some heads with new opportunities in 22-6A ranks.**
- Sam Rayburn - Texans will seek first victory, then go from there.**

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 11 a.m.
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SATURDAY, JULY 18
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8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.

SUNDAY, JULY 19
 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.

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Toastmasters - The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 has gone virtual! Meeting is Mondays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., at the website, https://youngprofessionals.toastmasters.com/. Young Professionals SE Toastmasters Club is committed to its member's safety during this National Emergency and will conduct virtual meetings every Monday (except holidays), effective 3/16/2020, to ensure its members continue their journey to becoming confident communicators and leaders. To be a guest at the virtual meeting, select the "contact us" button on our home page menu (www.youngprofessionals.toastmasters.com) to obtain access to our virtual meeting platform. For information, call Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 or Carolyn Carmichael at 832-372-3565.
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Harris County announces \$30 million grant assisting small businesses impacted by COVID-19

County Judge Lina Hidalgo and each of the Harris County commissioners voted unanimously to approve the Small Business Recovery Fund (SBRF) program, a \$30 million grant program established to assist struggling small businesses who have been unable to obtain financial assistance from other COVID-19 relief programs. The program will provide eligible businesses a grant of up to \$25,000 to help cover payroll costs, rent, accounts payable and other operating expenses.

The SBRF targets businesses with 30 or fewer employees and is designed to assist the most vulnerable Harris County small- and micro-enterprises impacted by the pandemic with mounting financial burdens.

"The impact of this crisis on small businesses has been devastating. We can't afford to lose a source of jobs, innovation and the enterprising spirit

our region is known for," Hidalgo said.

"These grants will help business owners stay afloat as Harris County continues to fight the COVID-19 crisis."

The program launched July 13 and will remain open for 10 days through July 22. More information regarding eligibility requirements, how to access the application online and over the phone, and what residents will need to prepare for the application which will be released.

"As the overwhelming demand for the forgivable loan program that I championed shows far too many of our small businesses are struggling in a big way right now. Small businesses are the lifeblood of our economy and have historically lifted up our community," said Adrian Garcia, Harris County Precinct 2 commissioner.

"As we face some of the most difficult challenges in a generation, it's time for coun-

ty government to continue our support of local small businesses.

"I thank my fellow commissioners for voting in favor of the \$30 million fund, and I have confidence that HBDDI will do an excellent job with the expedient and efficient administration of these funds. Small businesses truly are the backbone of our economy, and this program shows that we have their backs!"

Earlier in March, Harris County provided \$10 million under a small business relief program (LEAP), which was able to provide assistance to approximately 400 small businesses.

With nearly 500,000 businesses in Harris County, the SBRF represents an effort to provide additional funding to a broader range of businesses suffering from the devastating impact of the novel coronavirus.

Priority will be given to applicants that have not received

prior assistance from the federally funded PPP Loan Program or other COVID-19 small business relief programs, including the Harris County LEAP program.

"The effects of COVID-19 on our friends and neighbors throughout Harris County are immense and widespread — on our health, our families, our medical community and our economy," said Jack Cagle, Harris County Precinct 4 commissioner.

"Harris County's response to this pandemic must recognize the need to address all these issues. With federal funding from the CARES Act, the Small Business Relief Fund is designed to help alleviate some of the stresses on small businesses throughout Harris County.

"I encourage those eligible to take advantage of this program."

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U.S. Army Lt. Avery Alan Dominguez, grandson of Joe and Yolanda Dominguez, long-time residents of Sagemont and son of Renn and Richard Dominguez (Dobie class of 1984), graduated from Officer Candidate School in Fort Benning, Ga. He is currently stationed in Okinawa, Japan, for a three-year assignment. His family and friends are very proud of Avery as he is proud of his country and its flag. His loved ones send their appreciation across the ocean to him and his wife Laura for their unselfish dedication in service.

Braxton celebrates with parade



Shown above are Rosa and Don Graham, residents of Sageglen who led the birthday car parade for their grandson Braxton Donald Graham (left) who turned two on June 30. Braxton's parents David and Kali Graham, both Clear Brook High School graduates, now reside in League City. Braxton enjoyed watching his Popo go, "Beep, beep!"

HFD shares high heat recommendations

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exercising in a hot environment need to start slowly and gradually increase heat exposure over several weeks. Residents should take frequent breaks in the shade or in an air-conditioned facility.

A wide-brimmed, loose-fitting hat that allows ventilation helps prevent sunburn and heat-related emergencies. A tight-fitting baseball cap is not the best choice when conducting strenuous outdoor activities.

Sunscreen also helps protect injury from the sun's rays and reduces the risk of sunburn. Residents should

wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing that permits the evaporation of perspiration.

Do not leave children, senior citizens or pets unattended in a vehicle.

Common heat-related medical emergencies include heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heatstroke.

Heat cramps are muscle pains or spasms that typically occur in the abdomen, arm and legs in association with strenuous activity.

If one has heart problems or is on a low-sodium diet, get medical attention for heat cramps. If medical attention is not necessary, one

should take these steps: stop all activity, and sit quietly in a cool place; drink clear juice or a sport drink; and do not return to strenuous activity for a few hours until after the cramps subside because further exertion may lead to heat exhaustion or stroke.

Heatstroke occurs when the body's temperature rises rapidly, the sweating system fails, and the body is unable to cool down. Body temperature may rise to 106 degrees or higher within 10 to 15 minutes.

Heatstroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not given. Heatstroke symptoms include an extremely high body temperature (above 103 degrees, orally),

red, hot and dry skin (no sweating), rapid and strong pulse, throbbing headache, dizziness, nausea, confusion and unconsciousness.

"Look Before You Lock"

If children are trapped inside cars, it can result in heat exhaustion or heatstroke, leading to permanent disability or death in a matter of minutes. Heatstroke, also known as hyperthermia, can cause shock, seizures, irregular heartbeat, heart attack, and damage to the brain, liver and kidneys.

National stats indicate that even on "mild" days or if the window is "cracked" the inside of a vehicle can reach nearly 120 degrees. Parents and caregivers should remember children are more sensitive to heat, causing heatstroke. HFD recommends that parents and caregivers place their purse, phone, computer or wallet in the back seat as a reminder that they have a child in the car.

Caregivers can also keep a stuffed animal in the car seat and when the child is put in the seat place the animal in the front with the driver and have a plan with the childcare provider to call you if the child does not show up for daycare.

If anyone sees an unattended child in a car, they should call 911 and stay until help arrives.

Pet owners are also reminded that pets that are left in hot cars, even for the briefest amount of time, can suffer from heat exhaustion, heatstroke, brain damage, and potentially die.

Pool and water safety is also important as one tries and stay cool during these hot temperatures.

Active, focused, adult supervision is the most important safety measure to prevent a water-related tragedy involving a child. The vast majority of children who drown in pools do so in the backyards of their own homes or of relatives.

HFD also recommends parents and guardians learn CPR. Seconds count if a person drowns and performing CPR quickly and correctly can save their life.

For more information on local CPR classes, contact the American Red Cross, local hospitals or medical schools.

UHCL researches Galveston dolphins

Researchers from the Environmental Institute of Houston at University of Houston-Clear Lake have published an article in the May edition of "Estuaries and Coasts" special issue, titled "Impact of 2017 Hurricanes." EIH research associate Kristi Fazioli co-authored "Short-Term Effects of Hurricane Harvey on Bottlenose Dolphins in Upper Galveston Bay, Texas" with Vanessa Mintzer of the Galveston Bay Foundation. The research was completed as part of the Galveston Bay Dolphin Research Program.

The GDRP, a partnership of the Galveston Bay Foundation and the EIH at UH-Clear Lake, has been studying and bringing awareness to the vulnerable bottlenose dolphin population in Galveston Bay through monthly boat-based surveys since 2014.

Fazioli, one of the GDRP's principal researchers, said that for the last six years, she has been studying a population of dolphins specifically in the upper Galveston Bay area. "We know about other areas of Galveston Bay thanks to prior research out of Texas A&M at Galveston, but so much about the upper bay, so our research's primary focus was to learn about this population of dolphins," she said.

"With our monthly surveys on the upper bay, we have created a long-term data set. This allowed us the opportunity to learn about the environmental effects of Hurricane Harvey on this population."

Fazioli explained that Harvey had flushed the bay with fresh water. "With that came

sediment, toxins, nutrients and runoff from Houston," she said. "So, we looked at two factors in our research—the distribution of dolphins after Harvey, specifically the 'encounter' rate. That indicated how many dolphins were using the upper bay, comparing the time just after the storm to the years prior to Harvey. A majority of dolphins left the area after the hurricane, when the salinity dropped very low."

The dolphins left the area, likely to the Gulf of Mexico or to the lower bay. "We'd like to find that out for sure," she said. "Some dolphins that remained shifted to the Houston Ship Channel. It's the deepest part of the bay, and has a saltwater wedge. Dolphins and their prey are attracted to that area," she said.

Secondly, Fazioli said nearly every dolphin they observed in the area was showing skin lesions. "Right after Harvey, when the water was still very fresh, we saw a high extent of freshwater skin lesions in the population," she said. "When the saltwater levels came back up, the lesions decreased with the higher salinity. Fresh water damages dolphins' skin, and it's a visual indicator that something is wrong."

"We take photos of their skin to document the lesions, which look like white, mottled areas that can have fungal growths."

In addition to visible skin lesions, she explained that dolphins maintain their electrolyte balance through their skin and being in fresh water can upset that balance, causing negative health consequen-

es. Higher levels of fresh water can also cause them to be unable to protect themselves from toxins, bacterial infections, or other secondary infections that could penetrate the skin.

Dr. George Guillen, EIH executive director said that Fazioli and her co-author have collected extremely high-impact data that would help manage marine resources. "Previously, this kind of data was not available," he said. "We're getting this because of efforts like Kristi's. Collecting long-term, monitoring data helps estimate the population size, and look at trends via statistical methods."

We can watch what the population is doing, find out what's causing the fluctuations, and we're collecting tissue samples that are archived."

Guillen added that Galveston Bay was a high-risk area, with high levels of pollutants, ship traffic, industrialization in the area and urban runoff.

"There are a lot of factors and a lot of biological stressors that build up and can have multiple effects on dolphins," Fazioli continued. "Some might come and go, but there are resident dolphins that could spend their entire lives in Galveston Bay and depend on the resources and the qual-

ity of the estuary to live and reproduce. Survivability in the long term could be affected, and we need to know how well they are thriving, and what they need to continue to thrive."

The Hurricane Harvey study was completed with grants from the Gulf of Mexico Alliance, the SeaWorld Busch Gardens Conservation Fund and Emergency Fund, Restore America's Estuaries, and the Trull Foundation.

A major portion of the funds to continue this research are raised through the Adopt-a-Dolphin program at the Galveston Bay Foundation.

Funds are used to offset survey expenses and support two graduate students conducting research on dolphin ecology within the Environmental Science Program in the College of Science and Engineering under Guillen's guidance. Environmental scientist Jenny Oakley, who manages EIH's research department and Guillen also co-authored an article for the June issue of "Estuaries and Coasts," titled "The Impact of Hurricane Harvey on Galveston Bay Saltmarsh Nekton Communities."

For more information about EIH, visit www.uhcl.edu/environmental-institute/.

Pct. 8 makes multiple felony arrests

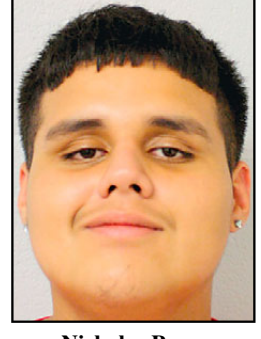
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who advised the plate did return as being valid. The driver, apparently noticing Mitchell behind him, made a quick lane change and got onto the westbound entrance ramp to the Sam Houston Parkway. At that time, Mitchell activated his emergency lights and conducted a traffic stop in the 11300 block of the South Sam Houston Parkway West.

Mitchell, along with other deputies on the scene, conducted a felony stop on the vehicle. When the driver, later identified as 21-year-old

Freddy Aragon, exited the vehicle, a spent shell casing fell out of his lap onto the ground. At that time, Aragon was detained and placed in the back of Mitchell's patrol car. Deputies then detained four other passengers and identified them as 18-year-old Nicholas Perez; 19-year-old Carlos Flores; 18-year-old Andrew Garza; and a 22-year-old unnamed female. All five suspects were detained and placed in the back seat of marked patrol cars.

After all the occupants were detained, deputies be-



Andrew Garza

Nicholas Perez



Freddy Aragon

Carlos Flores

Galaxy FBO begins operations at Hobby

On June 1, Galaxy FBO began operating at William P. Hobby Airport (HOU).

The facility is the newest Fixed Based Operation (FBO) at HOU and offers customers several amenities, including a two-story, 23,000-square-foot terminal flanked by a pair of 38,000-square-foot hangars which can handle corporate jets, air-medical and military aircrafts, helicopters and more.

Galaxy is located on 19 acres on the south side of the airport, adjacent to the U.S. Customs facility at the end of Runway 4. Other Galaxy amenities include centralized hotel booking and concierge, complimentary crew car and Go Rental cars on site, air

start cart service, a flight planning room and much more.

Galaxy established its first FBO at Conroe North Houston Regional Airport in 2006 and also operates a heliport in The Woodlands.

"The new facility will provide visitors with an impressive gateway to Houston, and a great experience for the flight crew," said general manager Tony Wright. "When it reaches its full capacity, Galaxy FBO is expected to add over 30 new hires to our workforce."

An FBO is the primary provider of support services to general aviation operators at a public-use airport and is located most often on airport leasehold property.

Freeway deaths . . .

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According to police, the victim was operating an orange Icebear PMZ motorcycle and swerving across the main lanes of the freeway at the above address when he struck a parked white, flatbed wrecker truck in front of a stalled vehicle.

Paramedics pronounced the motorcyclist deceased at the scene.

The wrecker driver, preparing to tow the disabled vehicle, was not injured. The investigation is continuing.

Houston police are also investigating a fatal motorcycle crash that took place around 9:30 p.m. Monday, July 13, in the 17000 block of the Gulf Freeway, just south of Dixie Farm Road.

The identity of the male victim, 49, was pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences at press time.

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HPD investigates shooting

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the occupants in the room also fled the scene.

Officers discovered the victim unresponsive in the room. Houston Fire Department paramedics pronounced the male deceased

from apparent gunshot wounds.

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