

Leader seeks submissions

The *South Belt-Ellington Leader* encourages local schools, groups and individuals to continue sending story ideas and photos they'd like to see included in the newspaper. Submissions have declined following the death of *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger in November. Contributions may be submitted to mynews@southbeltleader.com.

Beverly Hills to meet Aug. 8

The Beverly Hills Civic Club will host a meeting Friday, Aug. 8, at the Beverly Hills Park community center, located at 10201 King'spoint, from 10 to 11 a.m. All Beverly Hills residents are welcome to attend.

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from SH 96/Calder/Brittany Bay in League City to FM 519/Main Street in La Marque daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. until further notice.

At least one northbound and one southbound frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from Deats Road in Dickinson to FM 2004/Camp Wallace Access in Texas City from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. until further notice.

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 519/Main Street in La Marque to Tiki Drive in Galveston daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. until further notice.

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.

New Covenant feeds needy

Each month, New Covenant Christian Church, 10603 Blackhawk at Kirkfair, will have food distribution events the first and third Wednesday from 1 to 2 p.m. and the second and fourth Saturday of the month from noon to 1 p.m. or until supplies last. The purpose of the events is to provide food to people in need. For additional information, contact the church at 281-484-4230.

Beltway closures planned

One outside lane of the eastbound Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed from Beamer to Hughes Road/Sabo from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays through Wednesday, Sept. 3.

One outside lane of the northbound Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed from Fairmont Parkway to Red Bluff in Pasadena continuously through Wednesday, Dec. 31.

One inside lane of the southbound Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed from Greenshadow to Red Bluff in Pasadena continuously through Wednesday, Dec. 31.

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

Hughes/Sabo closures set

At least one southbound lane on Hughes/Sabo will be closed continuously at Beltway 8 until further notice.

Westbound Beltway 8 frontage roads may also be intermittently closed at Hughes/Sabo until further notice.

Ellington eRecycling set

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

Recycling electronics keeps potentially harmful materials, such as mercury, cadmium, lead and cathode ray tubes out of the waste stream and the environment.

The collection events take place the second Saturday of each month. For more information, visit www.houstonsolidwaste.org or call 311.

Coffee with the Constable

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia will be at Donut Haven, 10802 Hughes Road at Beamer, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. each Thursday morning as part of the weekly Coffee with the Constable series. For additional information, call Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

HPD PIP changes day, venue

Houston Police Department officials remind residents that the Clear Lake Division has changed the day and location of its monthly Positive Interaction Program meetings.

Previously held the third Tuesday of each month at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, the meetings will now take place the third Monday of each month at Grace Church, 14505 Gulf Freeway Classroom No. 103. The meetings will also have a new start time, beginning at 6 p.m. instead of 6:30 p.m. The next event will take place Monday, Aug. 18.

Begun in 1983, HPD's PIP involves police and community members working together for safer neighborhoods. HPD also now lists a new local contact for the program. To learn more about the Clear Lake Division PIP meetings, contact HPD Officer C. Castillo at 832-395-1777.

South Belt students to return to school

2025-2026 school year to bring many changes; Lopez takes PISD helm

Summer break is winding down for many South Belt families, as students in both Pasadena ISD and Clear Creek ISD prepare to return to classrooms for the 2025-2026 school year.

Students in Pasadena ISD will return to class Thursday, Aug. 14, while Clear Creek ISD will return the previous day on Wednesday, Aug. 13. Incoming Pasadena ISD freshmen will return to class a day earlier on Wednesday, Aug. 13, as will Clear Creek ISD transition students (pre-K, kindergarten, sixth and ninth grades) who begin their school year Tuesday, Aug. 12.

What's new?

This will mark Pasadena ISD's first complete academic year under the leadership of new Superintendent Dr. Toni Lopez.

Lopez stepped into the role this spring, following the retirement of longtime Pasadena ISD Superintendent Dr. Dee Ann Powell.

The former principal of Thompson Intermediate, Lopez has three decades of service to Pasadena ISD, serving as a former teacher, principal

and deputy superintendent of the district.

The new superintendent is looking enthusiastic about the start of the new school year.

"We're excited to welcome students back with a renewed focus on academic achievement and community connection," said Lopez.

Both districts are rolling out updates aimed at improving student experience and operational efficiency.

Pasadena ISD has undergone a budget reorganization, saving over \$4.5 million through departmental restructuring in maintenance, technology and program support. These changes are expected to streamline services without impacting classroom instruction, according to school officials.

Clear Creek ISD has introduced a dedicated fall break from Oct. 10-14, now extended to include paraprofessional and hourly staff who previously worked during that time.

Cellphone policy changes

Both Pasadena ISD and Clear Creek ISD have

adopted stricter cellphone policies in response to House Bill 1481, which prohibits the use of personal communication devices during the school day across all Texas public schools.

Devices must be powered off and stored (in backpacks, purses or bags) from the first bell to dismissal.

The rule applies to cellphones, smartwatches and other personal communication devices.

Use during lunch and passing periods is no longer allowed.

Few exceptions are in place for necessary health or safety compliance.

Districts are expected to enforce the new rule.

For first-time offenders in Clear Creek ISD, this means the device will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day and having parents notified. For repeat offenders in Clear Creek ISD, this could mean in-school suspension or placement in the District Alternative Education Program (DAEP).

Pasadena ISD parents were to receive communication from the district about expectations and enforcement before school starts.

Both districts are currently updating their alert and emergency communication policies to adjust to the new regulations, which take effect Sept. 1, 2025.

Both districts have published updated supply lists and bell schedules. Parents should check individual campus websites for arrival times and breakfast programs.

Free/reduced meals

As of the 2024-2025 school year, all students in Pasadena ISD are eligible to receive free breakfast and lunch, thanks to the district's participation in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). This federal program allows schools in qualifying areas to serve meals at no cost to all enrolled students, without requiring individual applications.

According to proponents of the program, the provision helps reduce food insecurity and ensures students are fueled for learning.

Parents are not required to sign up for the program.

Clear Creek ISD families who need meal assistance must still apply through the district's online services.

Reminders for parents

Verify immunizations and health records before the first day.

Review transportation routes, especially for new students.

Stay informed via district apps and newsletters for updates on weather days, holidays and events.

Leader part of scavenger hunt



As part of a team-building exercise, returning staff members from Thompson Intermediate and Beverly Hills Intermediate competed against each other Tuesday, Aug. 5, in a scavenger hunt. The Thompson team made an unexpected stop by the *Leader* office to help in its search. As part of the hunt, teachers were tasked with taking a photo of a *Leader* newspaper and with locating a Thompson alumni. (There are four at the *Leader*.) Thompson staff members shown above at the *Leader* office are, left to right, Melissa Prestridge, Doug Sawyer, David Flickinger (Thompson alumni), Sara Hall and Shaurice Spellman. See related photo on Page 2.

Local pools close for summer season

While the heat index may suggest otherwise, summer is coming to an end, and several local swimming pools are closing for the season.

Once students return to class, all area pools will be closed on weekdays, operating only on weekends. Some will close following the Labor day holidays, while others will remain open for a limited time.

The Ashley Pointe and Highland Meadow pools will close after Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 1. Ashley Pointe's holiday pool hours are from noon to 8 p.m., while Highland Meadow's hours are from 3 to 8 p.m.

The Clear Brook Meadows and Riverstone Ranch pools will remain open two weekends past Labor Day, closing Sunday, Sept. 14. Pool hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Sageglen pool will remain open weekends through the month of September, closing for the season Sunday, Sept. 28. Pool hours are from noon to 9 p.m. on Saturdays and from 1 to 9 p.m. on Sundays.

Once school begins, City of Houston swimming pools will also only be open weekends, closing after the Labor Day holiday. (This will affect only the swimming pools at Sagemont Park and Wilson Memorial Park, as the pool at Beverly Hills Park never opened this summer due to a nationwide lifeguard shortage.)

Pair charged in January murder

Suspects accused of killing Tony Delao, 18, near Edgebrook

Charges were filed on two suspects this past week for their involvement in a fatal shooting that took place back in January at an apartment complex near the Gulf Freeway and Clearwood/Edgebrook.

The suspects, Rodesha Smith, 17, and Clint Gillespie, 19, were both charged with capital murder in the 497th State District Court.

They are accused of killing Tony Maximus Delao, 18.

According to Houston Police Department officials, officers were dispatched to a shooting call around 2:20 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20, at a complex in the 9600 block of Intervale Street to find a male unresponsive in the driver's side of a vehicle in the parking lot. He had suffered at least one gunshot wound and paramedics pronounced him

deceased at the scene.

According to homicide investigators, evidence indicated the shooting actually occurred at another nearby apartment complex located in the 9800 block of Hollock Street. Investigators said it appeared the victim managed to drive to the Intervale address, where someone called 911.

Further investigation identified Smith and Gillespie as suspects in this case.

Smith, who was already in custody on an unrelated charge and case, was subsequently charged with capital murder Tuesday, July 29.

The following day on Wednesday, July 30, officers with HPD Southeast Patrol Division's Crime Suppression Team arrested Gillespie and he was transported to the Harris County Jail without incident.

Sales tax holiday set for Aug. 8-10

Tax-free items include back-to-school clothes, supplies

Residents looking to save on back-to-school essentials will get a break from state sales tax during the upcoming Sales Tax Holiday, running Friday, Aug. 8, through Sunday, Aug. 10.

The annual event allows shoppers to purchase qualifying items tax-free, both in-store and online, as long as each item is priced under \$100.

"Back-to-school costs can add up fast," said acting Comptroller Kelly Hancock. (Former Comptroller Glenn Hegar resigned earlier this month to become chancellor of the Texas A&M University System.) "Whether you prefer to shop in person or online, this tax-free weekend helps families stretch their hard-earned dollars, saving about \$8 for every \$100 spent. Texans have saved more than \$2 billion since this tradition began in 1999, and we're glad to keep it operating."

The tax holiday is expected to save Texas shoppers approximately \$133 million, according to Hancock.

According to the Texas Comptroller's Office,

the tax exemption applies to the following items:

- **Clothing and footwear:** Everyday items like shirts, jeans, boots, socks and swimsuits.
- **Backpacks:** Student-use backpacks, including those with wheels and messenger-style bags.
- **School supplies:** Notebooks, pens, calculators, binders, art supplies and more.
- **Face masks:** Cloth and disposable masks qualify but industrial-grade PPE does not.
- **Diapers:** Both cloth and disposable diapers are exempt from sales tax, as are certain sanitizers and wipes.

There's no limit on the number of qualifying items shoppers can buy, and purchases made online, by mail or by phone also qualify if the transaction occurs during the holiday window.

Shoppers using layaway also can benefit. Items placed on layaway or final payments made on existing layaway purchases during the holiday are tax-free, provided the individual item price remains below \$100.

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Car crashes into local house



A driver crashed into a Sagemeadow home around 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 30, in the 11400 block of Blackhawk. While this stretch of the area thoroughfare is currently under major construction, investigators do not believe that played a role in the accident, saying the female driver suffered a medical episode, likely a seizure. No injuries were reported and no citations were issued, Precinct 2 officials said.

Photo by David Flickinger

Flickinger attends State of Precinct lunch



On Thursday, July 17, Council Member Fred Flickinger (left) and staff attended the annual State of the Precinct luncheon, where Harris County Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia reflected on the precinct's accomplishments since 2019 and shared his vision for the future, and focused on resilience, growth and public safety. Mayor John Whitmire (center) and Council Member District 1 Joaquin Martinez were also in attendance, underscoring the strong collaboration between the city of Houston and Harris County. The event brought together nearly 700 attendees and was co-hosted by the Clear Lake Area, Pasadena, South Belt-Ellington, La Porte-Bayshore and Deer Park chambers of commerce. It was an opportunity for community leaders, business owners and elected officials to connect and discuss shared priorities for the region.

Thompson alumni reunite



A team-building scavenger hunt between teachers at Thompson and Beverly Hills intermediates brought about an unplanned reunion between two former Thompson students Tuesday, Aug. 5. One of the items on the hunt was to locate a Thompson alumni, which led the Thompson team to the Leader office, where Thompson alum Daniel Sawyer (left) – now a teacher at the campus – reunited with Leader President David Flickinger, also a former Thompson student. See related photo on Page 1.

Master Gardeners set August meetings

The following meetings have been set for August by Master Gardeners: Plants of the Bible by Harris County Master Gardeners on Monday, Aug. 11, 10 - 11:30 a.m. The cultural significance and spiritual meaning of plants in the Bible and similar ones which can be grown. Free virtual lecture hosted by Houston Community College. Register in advance to receive link at hcc.idloom.events/gardening-series/register.

Genoa Friendship Gardens- Open Garden Day on Monday, Aug. 18, 8:30 to 11 a.m. Free tour of Genoa Friendship Gardens, 1210 Genoa Red Bluff Road. Tour a variety of planting exhibits and meet and talk with Harris County Master Gardeners. Visit txmg.org/hcmga.

Plants of the Bible by Harris County Master Gardeners on Tuesday, Aug. 19, 11 a.m. to noon. The cultural significance and spiritual meaning of plants in the Bible and similar ones which can be grown. Free virtual lecture hosted by Harris County Public Library via Facebook Live. No reservation required at facebook.com/harriscountypub/events.

Local library events set

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

Bracewell Branch Library

Bracewell Library is at 9002 Kingspoint. Customers are encouraged to visit the building to browse, check out and return materials, use the computers and Wi-Fi, and check out holds. For information, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/>. For online learning, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/online-learning-7556> or call 832-393-2580. Hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, noon – 8 p.m.; Fridays, 1 – 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Bracewell is closed Sundays.

Thursday, Aug. 7, 3 – 4 p.m. Open lab computer help. Registration required.
Thursday, Aug. 7, 4 – 5 p.m. Bring your family to storytime. Registration required.
Thursday, Aug. 7, 4 – 5:30 p.m. Weekly English language classes. Registration required.
Saturday, Aug. 9, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Back-to-school backpack giveaway.
Monday, Aug. 11, 11 a.m. – noon. Open lab computer help. Registration required.
Visit <https://houstonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events> for more library events.

Book drop

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

Parker Williams Library

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

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

The following events are scheduled for Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.:
Thursday, Aug. 7, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Toddler time.
Friday, Aug. 8, 1 – 2 p.m. Shadow box craft.
Saturday, Aug. 9, 10 a.m. – noon. Tai Chi.
Monday, Aug. 11, 1 – 2:30 p.m. ESL conversation club. Registration required.
Monday, Aug. 11, 4 – 5 p.m. 3D printer orientation. Registration required.
Tuesday, Aug. 12, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Babies 'n' books.
Wednesday, Aug. 13, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Tai Chi.
Wednesday, Aug. 13, 5:30 – 7 p.m. Fall gardening. Registration required.

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

– After receiving notification that holds are ready for pickup, call 832-927-7870.
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Hours are Monday, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 – 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for details.

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David Flickinger, owner

Harris County road repairs underway on Scarsdale



A construction project to replace damaged road panels on Scarsdale between Blackhawk and the Gulf Freeway is currently underway by Harris County crews and is expected to last several weeks, officials said. This endeavor is just one of many to be taking place simultaneously on local thoroughfares, as work is also currently underway

on Blackhawk Boulevard, Dixie Farm Road/FM 1959, Hughes Road/Sabo, Fuqua, Sageglen Drive, Riverstone Ranch Road and Beltway 8 frontage roads. As with the others, the Scarsdale repairs are expected to cause sporadic closures in the coming weeks. Drivers are urged to use caution.

Photos by James Bolen

SJC partners with state on cosmetology testing

By Andrew Alkire

San Jacinto College students aspiring for a career in cosmetology can get their state cosmetology license much faster now, thanks to a partnership between the college and the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

Previously, students would have to wait between three and five months to take the state licensing exam. Now, the state exam and the students' regular final exam are administered a week apart.

The pilot program, which began in May, gets students on track for a career in the field much quicker, as some students have been able to start working in the industry within weeks after graduating from the program and receiving their license.

"I'm super excited about this," said SJC cosmetology instructor Diana Perez, who has been teaching at the college for 20 years. Perez said under the old system, just getting the students to test

was a barrier, as they would have to travel to cities such as Dallas and San Antonio to take the exam. However, with the new partnership, students can take the state exam on campus.

College officials credit former San Jac cosmetology professor David Waters as being the impetus for the new partnership with the state. A cosmetology teacher at the area school from 1983 until 2021, Waters donated money to help fund the state exams.

"He had a passion to see students grow and for helping students in need," said Robert Cage, executive director of the San Jacinto College Foundation, which covers testing fees for SJC students. (The partnership had to first gain the approval of the foundation before being launched.)

Caitlyn Jimenez, a member of the first graduating class of cosmetology students to take part in the new program, praised the arrangement with the state.

"The partnership between

the TDLR and the college was an amazing opportunity," Jimenez said, noting that it's beneficial for students to be able to take the exam in a space they're familiar with. "I was so glad to be part of it. It's one of the greatest

things to come out of the program. We took the test in a place where we were comfortable."

Jimenez, 20, has already found a job at a salon and is eager to one day have her own space as a hairstylist.

Tax holiday Aug. 8-10

Back-to-school clothes, supplies tax-free

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The following items do not qualify for the tax exemption:

- Special-purpose athletic gear (football pads, golf cleats, etc.).
- Accessories like purses, wallets, watches and luggage.
- Items used to make or repair clothing (fabric, thread, buttons, etc.).
- Computers, software and textbooks.

Shoppers are advised to check total prices carefully, as delivery or shipping charges may push an item over the \$100 threshold,

making it ineligible for the exemption.

If a retailer mistakenly charges sales tax on a qualifying item, customers may request a refund directly from the seller or they can contact the comptroller's office for assistance. For more information about sales tax refunds, visit comp.troller.texas.gov/taxes/sales/refunds.

The Texas Legislature determines both the dates of the sales tax holiday and the list of qualifying items each year. A full list of tax-free items is available at TexasTaxHoliday.org.

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Dobie FFA takes on Pasadena Livestock Show & Rodeo Summer Prospect Show



FFA students recently represented Dobie High School at the Pasadena Livestock Show & Rodeo Summer Prospect Show. Pictured at left, left to right, are (first row) agriculture teacher Annabelle Sallee, (second row) An-nalisse Chavez, Tiffany Contreras, Marissa Martinez, Kiara Torres, former FFA student Cierra Hall (compet-ed and won a cash prize in the "old timers" category), Layla Davila, Thalia Oddo, (third row) Kevin Rubio, Re-bekah Hale, (fourth row) Xavier Martinez, Elijah Garza, Kaylee Robles and Jennifer Tran.



Shown above, left to right, are Dobie lamb and goat show contestants, Elijah Cisneros, Isaac Martinez, Cesar Garcia and Jeremi-ah Griffin.



Melanie Sanchez placed second in cattle show.



Julian Cano placed second in Ring B and third in Ring A.



Fernanda Flores placed second and third in cattle show.



Pictured are former Dobie FFA chapter president Hunter Stacy (left) and younger brother Luke Stacy who placed first in both rings A and B in the cattle show.



Abrianna Carbajal won first place in rings A and B in the cattle show.



Pictured is Natalie Clark (left) holding exhibitor Kaleb Jones' second-place ribbons he won in rings A and B.



Dobie FFA student Matthew Trevino placed second in the cattle show.



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Nayeli Huynh placed second in one ring and third in the other ring in the lamb/goat contest.



Vianka Alanis placed second in Ring A and first in Ring B for lamb/goat.



Jenna Molina placed second in Ring A and first in Ring B for lamb/goat.



Cesar Garcia placed third in both rings A and B for lamb/goat.

Dobie High School FFA participates in Crosby Showin’



Dobie FFA recently participated in Crosby Showin’ for the Hills Prospect Benefit Show to raise money for those impacted by the flooding in the Texas Hill Country. The show raised more than \$25,000. Pictured are the swine show contestants,

left to right, Julian Cano, Thalia Oddo (fourth place in ring A swine show), Jennifer Tran (first place in swine show), Vianka Alanis, Kevin Rubio (third place in swine show), Jeremiah Griffin and Elijah Garza (second place in ring A).



Pictured is former FFA member Vianey Alanis (left) and current Dobie FFA member Vianka Alanis who won second place in ring A and third place in ring B in the goat show.

Pct. 2 prostitution sting nabs 10 suspected “Johns”

A recent prostitution sting near Hobby Airport netted 10 arrests for deputies with Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia’s Special Operation Unit vice division.

According to Precinct 2 officials, the undercover operation was conducted Thursday, July 31, and Friday, Aug. 1, along the Gulf Freeway Corridor in areas known for their high concentration of prostitution and human trafficking.

During this operation, vice deputies made 10 arrests, focusing on individuals involved in the illegal solicitation and exploitation of vulnerable people. (Two are not pictured.)

All suspects arrested were charged with felony solicitation of prostitution, officials said.

Garcia took to social media to celebrate the arrests.

“These arrests serve as a reminder that the department is committed to combating this type of criminal activity and ensuring the safety of the residents,” the constable posted on his Facebook page Tuesday, Aug. 5. “The department reminds the public that it is focused on the pimps and Johns who often exploit and abuse vulnerable people. The public is urged to report any information about prostitution or human trafficking to the authorities. You can contact us anonymously through our 24-hour dispatch at 713-477-4070 or by email at Tips@cn2.hctx.net. Together, everyone can work to prevent and prosecute these crimes and protect those who are most vulnerable.”

Disclaimer: All subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



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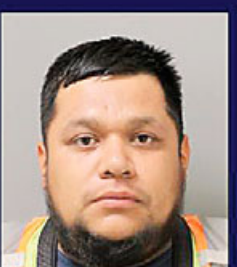
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****It should be noted that all information posted on this incident is public record, and all suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in court****

Remember When

45 years ago (1980)

Although South Belt area residents had prepared for the effects of Hurricane Allen, the storm did little to affect the weather in the South Belt area.

The Harris County Flood Control District approved plans submitted by Trammel and Crow for the 41.63-acre Southpoint complex proposed for the South Belt area. The complex met with resistance from area residents who feared the development might contribute to flooding in the locale.

Arson investigators were checking for the cause of a fire which demolished two Beamer townhome garages. The arson department was checking a report which implicated a boy, approximately 12 years old, in the garage fire as well as another fire in the same general area the previous week.

40 years ago (1985)

Because of requirements made by the previous year’s education reform legislation, Pasadena Independent School District adjusted school starting times and class schedules. The school day would be 20 minutes longer for elementary students and 30 minutes longer for teachers.

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League All-Star team won the state championship for the second time in three years by downing a team from Baytown 7-4 in the finals. It was the first time in history that any Little League all-star team had won the state’s Little League title twice.

The Dobie Lariaettes were set to kick for muscular dysphrophy at the AstroDome as part of the opening ceremonies for the Astros’ baseball game.

The on-again, off-again, \$14.3 million bond annexation vote for Harris County Municipal Utility District 13 had been called off – again. Board member Morris Fanelli made a motion to the board to cancel an upcoming vote of district members. Also canceled were two public hearings concerning the approaching election.

County Commissioner El Franco Lee told members of the South Belt Civic Coalition he could not give a date for the paving of Hall Road between Kingspoint and Telephone, but he could order the road-way cleaned and graded and could step up patrolling of the road. The area had become a dumping ground. It was recommended anyone witnessing dumping on Hall Road to re-

port it.

Harris County Flood Control awarded a \$1.07 million contract to Ramex Construction to continue concrete lining of the Beamer Road ditch from Scarsdale Boulevard north toward Hughes Road.

35 Years ago (1990)

Precinct 2 Constable deputies removed approximately seven pounds of cocaine from South Belt area streets over the previous three weeks in a major drug crackdown. The estimated street price of the drug was \$250,000.

South Belt’s Palomino baseball team advanced to the Palomino World Series in Greensboro, N.C.

Longtime Dobie High School secretary Jean Montgomery, 61, died. She had worked as a secretary to the assistant principals from 1975 until her retirement in December 1989.

Ashley Clay, 4-year-old daughter of Robert and Ruth Clay, auditioned and was selected to model for Dillard’s. In addition to modeling, Clay had been selected as the new lieutenant colonel for the Dolphin Dance/Drill Team.

30 years ago (1995)

A public meeting was scheduled for the Brio Task Force to explain three proposed methods to remediate the Brio Superfund site and to make its recommendation following a yearlong study.

Four Pasadena elementary – including Frazier and Moore – and 15 schools in the Clear Creek Independent School District received high accountability ratings from the Texas Education Agency for TAAS scores.

San Jacinto College libraries went online with a data service system to provide access to more than 500 million volumes in academic libraries across the nation.

Clear Creek ISD trustees adopted a \$126.4 million budget for the 1995-96 school year at a special meeting. The budget reflected an 8.2 percent increase over the previous year’s budget, which necessitated a 1-cent tax increase for every \$100 valuation.

25 years ago (2000)

Two new subdivisions in the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District exceeded original expectations on the number of houses to be constructed. Estimates were to build 75 houses, but that estimate changed to 140-150.

The taxable value of homes in the 77089 South Belt ZIP code rose an average of 22.06 percent in the last four years, according to a Harris County study.

20 years ago (2005)

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce was preparing for its ninth annual Evening of Cuisine fundraiser.

Representatives from the city of League City met with CCISD representatives and drafted an interlocal agreement concerning the building of CCISD’s fourth high school.

Members of the community participated in the City of Houston’s first-ever cleanup of the South Belt area. Councilmember Addie Wiseman and Houston Police Department Assistant Chief Brian Lumpkin coordinated the event.

Charges were filed on a Hobby Airport area man for allegedly sexually assaulting a 13-year-old boy while on duty at the Walmart on El Dorado Boulevard. The boy told his mother he went into the restroom and was grabbed by the suspect then assaulted. Store personnel reviewed

video tapes and identified the suspect as an employee.

Two six-classroom wings were completed at Weber Elementary in time for the new school year. The expansions created room for 300 additional students.

15 years ago (2010)

The University of Houston-Clear Lake held the grand opening and ribbon-cutting for its Pearlland campus located at 1200 Pearlland Parkway.

The Houston Police Department’s Internal Affairs Division launched an investigation into an incident that took place in the 500 block of Dixie Farm Road near Ellington Field, at roughly 4:15 a.m. The establishment was under police surveillance, as it had been robbed at least four times since February. An officer from HPD’s Crime Reduction Unit in an unmarked car reportedly saw two men, owner Paul Brown and an unidentified manager, going in and out after operating hours.

Suspecting the pair were burglars, the officer called for backup. When additional HPD officers arrived, they reportedly saw the two men exiting the bar and noticed

Brown was holding a pistol. According to police, the officers identified themselves and told Brown to drop his weapon. When he failed to comply, each officer fired a single shot, both missing Brown. Brown claimed he never heard the officers identify themselves as being police and was only carrying his gun because he thought they were burglars. No immediate charges were filed.

10 years ago (2015)

The City of Houston activated its Public Health Heat Emergency Plan, which calls for providing transportation to several designated cooling centers in the area. The National Weather Service declares a Heat Emergency when the heat index, a computation of the air temperature and humidity, reaches 108 degrees on two or more consecutive days.

Deputies from the Harris County Precinct 8 Constable’s office were able to prevent a possible suicide attempt Aug. 10 on Beltway 8 at the Hughes/Sabo overpass, where a 22-year-old man was threatening to jump. After talking to the man for roughly 40 minutes, a county negotiator

convinced him to surrender to police.

The man was taken into protective custody to undergo a mental evaluation. All but one lane on the beltway was closed for approximately two hours, causing extensive traffic delays.

5 years ago (2020)

SWAT officers responded to an incident on Astoria Boulevard Sunday, Aug. 9, in which an individual poured flammable liquid on himself and property, threatening to ignite. Some online reports suggested the individual may have also been nude and in possession of a machete. Officers were able to de-escalate the situation and take the individual into custody for a mental evaluation.

1 year ago (2024)

At the urging of Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, the state launched an investigation into CenterPoint Energy for potential violations of law regarding its response to Hurricane Beryl, which left thousands of Greater Houston residents without power for two weeks or more.

Golf cart drivers needed

Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital’s unique volunteer program offers one the opportunity to explore new directions, develop skills, make friends and have fun. The hospital is seeking men and women of all backgrounds who find satisfaction in helping others – students, professionals, retirees, service-minded individuals – to transport their patients, staff and visitors to and from the hospital parking lots.

They ask that volunteers commit to volunteering one shift per week, Monday through Friday, 7:30 to 11:45 a.m. or 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Those interested must complete an application and interview, as well as a background and driving record check, orientation and training. The volunteer application can be found at volunteer.memorialhermann.org.

For more information on volunteer opportunities at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, email SEVolunteer.Services@memorialhermann.org.

AARP Webster sets meeting

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 invites one to join them at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 14, at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway, Seabrook, TX 77586. They meet in the large building with the blue roof inside Clear Lake Park on the north side of NASA Parkway. One is invited to come to meetings and to enjoy coffee, cookies, and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting starts at 10 a.m. Each month there is entertainment or a speaker on various topics of interest to seniors, followed by a social activity.

The speaker for this event will be professor Sharon Mitchiner - Nutrition Education, Texas A&M AgriLife Galveston County Office. The social event theme will be senior shenanigans Plinko, a slot machine, bean bag toss and lots of other games will be played. There will be prizes for the winners.

AARP Chapter 199 is hosting a bus trip on Tuesday, Aug. 19. They will tour the Natural Museum of Funeral History. Lunch will be at Cracker Barrel. One may register for this trip at the Aug. 14 meeting. One must be a member of the chapter to participate in bus trips.

If one is interested in joining AARP Chapter 199, annual dues are \$8 per year per person. However, one must be a member of national AARP and show one’s current national membership card to join any local chapter. AARP chapters are separately incorporated affiliates of AARP. For more information, contact President Veronica Stanford at 409-256-1195 or at veronica_stfrd46@yahoo.com.

Big victories for NASA, Houston and District E

District E celebrates a major legislative victory as Congress approved nearly \$10 billion in NASA funding, safeguarding key programs led by Johnson Space Center and delivering transformative investments to local space economy, thanks to Sen. John Cornyn, Sen. Ted Cruz, Rep. Brian Babin, and Rep. Randy Weber.

– Gateway Lunar Station, a flagship Houston-led project orbiting the moon, has secured \$2.6 billion through 2032, with mandated annual outlays of at least \$750 million in 2026–2028.

– The International Space Station program, also managed from Johnson Space Center, receives \$1.25 billion, circumventing a planned \$3205 million cut and preserving vital Houston jobs and research efforts.

– District E also stands to gain from \$300 million in infrastructure improvements at Johnson Space Center, fueling upgrades that strengthen Houston’s role in future missions and support local economic development.

Added benefits include new legislation enabling the potential relocation of the space shuttle Discovery to Space Center Houston, a symbol of Houston’s legacy in space exploration and a boost for tourism and community pride. Although not yet finalized, the bill allocates \$85 million toward making the move possible.

Overall, this legislation ensures that Houston’s space infrastructure remains robust, protects hundreds of jobs tied to NASA’s presence, and reaffirms District E’s place at the heart of America’s human spaceflight future.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, REBECCA!

Birthday wishes are sent to **Rebecca Lilley**, director of physician resources at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, South Belt Chamber board member, Clear Creek ISD trustee, at-large and active community member, who celebrates a birthday Aug. 11, from friends and the *Leader* staff.

JANNIE CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday wishes are sent to former *Leader* staffer **Jannie Scarberry** who celebrates a birthday Aug. 13 from her family, friends and the *Leader* staff. She and her husband, **Robert**, are former longtime South Belt residents. The *Leader* staff is appreciative of the many years she devoted to the *Leader*.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays August 7 through August 13.

Atkinson Elementary

Sing a happy birthday song to **Dee Davis** Aug. 9. Send a birthday greeting to **Martha Reed** Aug. 12.

Burnett Elementary

Send a double happy birthday greeting Aug. 10 to **Cassandra Moon** and **Savannah Sanchez**.

Bush Elementary

Kimberly Rivas celebrates a birthday Aug. 7.

Hancock Elementary

Give a birthday shoutout Aug. 9 to **Valeria Saucedo**. Send a birthday greeting Aug. 10 to **Erica Amaya**. Send a humorous birthday card Aug. 11 to **Leslie Tamez**.

Moore Elementary

Sing a happy birthday song to **Letty Garcia** Aug. 11. **Jill Lacamu**, Moore principal, is wished a happy birthday Aug. 13.

South Belt Elementary

Blow out the candles Aug. 7 for **Marisol Yanez**. **Salma Mezozi** celebrates a happy birthday Aug. 10.

Stuchbery Elementary

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday Aug. 7 are sent to **Elida Delafuente**. Send birthday greetings to **Amy Pace** on Aug. 10.

Melillo Middle School

Aug. 7 is the day for a party for **Kayla Joos**. Enjoying a special birthday Aug. 13 is **Debra Vocum**.

Beverly Hills Intermediate

Melissa Bolgiano celebrates a birthday Aug. 11.

Thompson Intermediate

Sing a chorus of a birthday song Aug. 10 to **Jacoby Davis**. On Aug. 11, enjoy a slice of birthday cake with **Travis Teichelman**. Aug. 12 is the day to celebrate a birthday with **Cheryl Harvick**.

Dobie High

Aug. 8 is the day for a fun celebration for

La Nguyen. Send a happy birthday wish Aug. 9 to **Leslie Constant**. **Yvette Giron** and **Kim Rinehart** celebrate a birthday Aug. 10. Best wishes for a special birthday Aug. 11 are sent to **Cohen Landry**. Break out the balloons and party favors for **Jesus Munoz** on his birthday Aug. 13.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

Thursday, Aug. 7: **Curtis Bradley**, **Claudia Castillo**, **Eric Jackson**, **Doug Mills** and **Vu Tuong**; Friday, Aug. 8: **Kathy Jones**, **Brad Fuller**, **Jesse Lopez**, **Toshana Kitchen**, **Christopher Herrera**, **James Xavier Garcia**, **Shawn Arguello**, **David Elliot**, **Heather DeRousse**, **Jarod Hunt**, **Rebekah Peterson**, **Jami Cadena** and **Verda Carr**; Saturday, Aug. 9: **Sam Farias**, **Dennis Spencer**, **Robert Coy** and **Jill Kasselman**; Sunday, Aug. 10: **Alex Limon**, **Zerick Guinn** and **Keith Black**; Monday, Aug. 11: **Martin Zuber**, **Felicia Minjares**, **Jill Hansen**, **Shannon Burke** and **Sonja Terry**; Tuesday, Aug. 12: **Leslie Rojas**, **Maricela Lopez** and **Mike Millikin**; and Wednesday, Aug. 13: **Foster**, **Carlos Gomez**, **Shawna Merchant**, **Anthony Dittrich**, **Erica Sadler**, **Dinah Palmer** and **Bill Weatherford**.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES



Junior Alyssa Espinoza (1) and her Dobie varsity volleyball teammates begin the regular season Aug. 12 at Baytown Sterling after press time and will continue early season play Aug. 15 at Goose Creek Memorial before hosting Clear Creek Aug. 19 at Dobie main. The Longhorns will also compete in the Dickinson invitational Aug. 21 and Aug. 23 as part of a 32-team field.

JFD football discusses 2025 outlook in 22-6A



A select group of Dobie varsity football players joined head coach Danny Fitzmorris (far right) on a visit to Alvin for the district's annual Pigskin luncheon across the District 22-6A ranks discussed their goals for the upcoming 2025 season. Dobie wound up in fourth place a season ago and will be looking to make another strong push through the league. Dobie's freshman program began preseason workouts Aug. 4, and the sophomore, junior and senior groups will begin their preseason workouts Aug. 11. The Longhorns will begin the regular season Aug. 29 against Clear Brook on the road at Clear Creek ISD's Veterans Stadium in League City. Dobie went 6-4 overall a season ago and fell to Ridge Point in the first round of the playoffs. For 2025, the Longhorns are focused on pushing the envelope further and getting a playoff win for the first time since 2004. The players included, left to right, (front row) Marcus Jones, Titus Randle, Da'Marcus Hodges, (back row) Rashaud Howard and Desmond Talib.

BHI athletics staff sets parent night

The Beverly Hills Intermediate coaching staff has established Aug. 12 as its 2025-2026 Meet the Coaches evening at 6 p.m. in the big gymnasium on campus. At the meeting, parents will receive information detailing responsibilities in all sports, including football, volleyball, basketball, cross-country, tennis and soccer. The evening will also include discussions about upcoming fundraisers during the school year, and spirit wear and athletic clothing will also be available for sale. There will also be a question-and-answer session opportunity to help kick off the school year for both parents and athletes.

PISD to display a fan-friendly site

Pasadena ISD Athletics fans can visit the district website at www.pasadenaisd.org under the Athletics tab for a variety of informational pages to help make keeping up with their favorite teams easier than ever. The site includes a master schedule of all sports for upcoming games and matches for the current week, in addition to ticket purchase options as well as YouTube online viewer options for football action at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. It's all part of an increased effort by the district to help fans stay in touch with their favorite teams and show support throughout the 2025-2026 school year. Parents and students alike may also visit the district site on X at Pasadena ISD Athletics to stay in touch with all of the latest action.

Brook hosts Meet the Wolverines

The Clear Brook athletic department will host a Meet the Wolverines community pep rally Aug. 9 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Wolverine football field on campus. Parents and Wolverine fans will get a chance to meet members of the athletic teams, enjoy delicious fare from a variety of food trucks and concessions, shop for spirit items and enjoy activities aimed for younger children.

SBYSC registers through Aug. 15

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club still has registration days available for the fall 2025 season as the regular sign-up session runs until Aug. 15, with late registration thereafter only to fill a few existing age group spots. Registration fees include \$125 per player for the under 4- through under 8-age groups, \$145 per player for the under 9- and under 10-age groups, \$165 per player for the under 11- and under 12-age groups and \$185 per player for the under 13- through under 20- age groups. The league will provide uniform items such as shorts and socks, while parents are required to provide shin guards, soccer cleats and a soccer ball. Visit www.southbeltsoccer.org and click on the registration fall 2025 tab to get started on registration details.

Pearland, Shadow Creek debut in Campbell's 6A state rankings

It's of little surprise to see Class 6A state football powers listed near the top of the *Dave Campbell's Texas Football* magazine preseason rankings. Yet it must also be noted that Pearland and Shadow Creek, two of Dobie's top competitors from within District 22-6A, are also included among the state's elite programs.

Southlake Carroll, bouncing back from a 15-1 overall record in 2024, returns 19 overall starters and stands at the top of *Campbell's* 6A State football rankings heading into the 2025 season later this month.

North Crowley, a defending state champion from a season ago after going 16-0, brings back just eight overall starters from the championship squad but occupies the No. 2 spot in 6A.

At No. 3 is Duncanville, a 6A Division power which has made a habit of

going against North Shore in recent seasons for state supremacy. The Panthers return 11 overall starters across either line of scrimmage and should again be considered the team to beat out of Region II.

Austin Westlake is at No. 4 statewide according to *Campbell's* and boasts quarterback Rees Wise and a stout defense that returns six starters.

North Shore, ranked fifth in the state to open the season, won 14 of 15 overall games a season ago and will return just eight starters this season as they figure to again draw big competition from Atascocita and Summer Creek within their own district.

Austin Vandegrift, ranked sixth in the state to open the season, returns eight starters on offense in a bid to repeat as champions.

With seven starters returning on offense and another seven returnees

on the defensive side of things, the Allen Eagles, coming off 13-1 run in 2024, aim to finish the deal this season as they are at No. 7 in the 6A rankings, says *Campbell's*.

The mighty Katy Tigers should be exceptionally good defensively with eight returnees on that side of the football and will focus on improving upon last season's 11-2 run as the Tigers begin the season ranked eighth in the state.

The Lake Travis Cavaliers are ranked ninth in *Campbell's* preseason poll and welcome 11 overall starters back in an attempt to improve upon last season's 11-2 march.

Rounding out the top 10 in *Campbell's* preseason state rankings are the DeSoto Eagles as they won 11 overall games a season ago and now have five starters on both sides of the football back at their disposal in an attempt to make another deep run in 2025.

With seven starters back on defense, Atascocita, ranked at No. 13 in *Campbell's* preseason state poll, will aim to slow down op-

ponents on that side of the football while an offense that includes just three returnees takes shape.

Eulless Trinity is ranked 14th according to *Campbell's* in the preseason 6A poll and returns 14 overall starters after winning 11 games a season ago.

Denton Guyer, at No. 15, is another one of the state's elite programs that will need to find a quarterback to get the job done early and often.

But the Wildcats claimed 10 overall victories a season ago and have seven returnees on defense to help carry the load.

Dickinson, a tri-24-6A champion from last season, returns standout running back Malachi Gamble to lead the way and also profiles several collegiate-ready talents on defense. Coach John Snelson's team is ranked 16th in *Campbell's* preseason state poll.

The Longview Lobos collected 12 overall victories a season ago and came within one victory of playing for a state championship. At No. 17 in the state, the Lobos welcome just three starters on offense but expect to produce a big season, yet again.

Pearland, ranked 18th, has proven star performers on both sides of the football returning and has earned the distinction of being *Campbell's* preseason choice as champion of 22-6A.

At the very least, the Oilers will be looking to advance to the third round of the postseason, which has proven to be elusive for them in recent seasons.

The Woodlands, which begins the season ranked 19th in *Campbell's* preseason state poll, will take on Deer Park in an early season matchup and has eight starters back on defense.

Rounding out *Camp-*

bell's top 20 statewide is Cibolo Steele, which holds the distinction of being San Antonio's top program despite returning just seven overall starters.

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Longhorn football will flip the schedule against familiar foes in 2025

The Dobie varsity football program will enter preseason workouts Aug. 11 intent on doing what it takes to produce yet another playoff berth come season's end.

Winning a playoff game for the first time since the 2004 season would certainly be nice, but first things first.

The University Interscholastic League's two-year realignment cycle has long invited head coaches to schedule home and home nondistrict opponents prior to the start of district, which also includes "Hey, I played at your place last year, so it's your turn to come here."

So as the Longhorns embark on what they hope will be an even better finish than the 6-4 delivered in 2024, there is no mystery to the schedule but instead plenty of familiarity.

Week 1: Longhorns at Clear Brook, Clear Creek ISD Veterans Stadium, Aug. 29, 7 p.m.

Since resuming the neighborhood series to start the 2022 season, the Longhorns have gone 3-0, including a 53-28 win at home a season ago in which the locals struck early for a 12-0 lead just 32 seconds into the game.

Marcus Jones, who is certainly projected to have a much bigger role in the Longhorns' offense this season, returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown and Michael Williams returned a fumble on the Wolverines' first offensive play from scrimmage for another score as Dobie was out of the gate in a hurry in head coach Danny Fitzmorris' debut.

The Longhorns took a 40-7 lead to halftime and backed off the accelerator just a bit in the second half as the final score indicated a closer run of things than it truly was.

For this season, the Longhorns are ushering in a group of offensive skill players who will be getting their first big time run at the varsity level with the exception of standout running back Da'Marcus

Hodges.

It may take a series or two for the Longhorns to get things rolling, but the Wolverines are coming off a single win season in 2024 and have plenty of first year performers on both sides of the football in their own right.

It'll be a road game for the Longhorns, but it's hard to imagine Fitzmorris' group not coming away with a fourth consecutive win in the series over Clear Brook.

Week 2: Longhorns host Klein, Pasadena ISD Veterans Stadium, Sept. 6, 6 p.m.

Coming off the easy win against Clear Brook, Dobie got another big night from Cameron Mathews as he had six rushing touchdowns through two weeks, but the host Bearkats did not doubt give the Bearkats, picked fourth in their district, an edge early on.

At the very least, the Longhorns will be presented with a step up in talent from week one two week two and will have to come up with a big effort on a Saturday to defeat the Bearkats.

Week 3: Longhorns host Dawson, Pasadena ISD Veterans Stadium, Sept. 12, 7 p.m.

The District 22-6A schedule opens with a pair of bona fide postseason competitors going head-to-head in Pasadena.

The Eagles entered the 2024 matchup at 0-2 but used seven turnovers, including four interceptions, to come away with a 51-36 victory at The Nest in Pearland.

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ter the Bearkats wound up at 6-4 a season ago.

Dobie will no doubt have to figure out a way to slow Klein running back Edward Kelly Jr., who had more than 1,700 yards rushing and 21 touchdowns last season.

Receiver Torrey Paul is also a talented target on the outside as he will catch passes from quarterback Carter Lattelle, who starred as a sophomore in 2024.

While Klein has just five players back on offense, having key guys back at quarterback, running back and receiver should no doubt give the Bearkats, picked fourth in their district, an edge early on.

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then also scored a touchdown on a one yard fumble recovery.

Hodges also had a big game in the backfield with a pair of scoring runs and should be happy to see the Mavericks defense again this time around.

The Mavericks feature a very talented quarterback in Logan Johnson, but the Longhorns have no plans to surrender the Battle of the Beltway trophy this go-round.

Memorial will also host students from Bondy as part of Intermediate Night at Veterans Stadium, with the Patriots getting an early look at what has been a terrific neighboring matchup for decades now.

Week 5: Longhorns host Shadow Creek, Pasadena ISD Veterans Stadium, Oct. 2, 6:30 p.m.

Dobie will have a short week to prepare for the defending district champion Sharks in what would be a terrific victory for the Longhorns.

Shadow Creek is led by University of Texas signee Chris Stewart at receiver, who had more than 900 yards receiving a season ago to go with 15 touchdowns.

The Sharks have plenty of athletic ability on both sides of the football and will represent a tremendous challenge for the Longhorns in this one.

Week 6: Longhorns at Pearland, Oct. 10, 7 p.m., The Rig

Just as is the case with Dawson, the Longhorns do not own a program victory over Pearland.

For 2025, the Oilers



Dobie senior running back Da'Marcus Hodges has changed his jersey number to 1 for the 2025 season as he looks to lead the Longhorns in the offensive backfield during the 2025 season. Hodges has been preparing during the offseason to be one of the Longhorns' primary weapons on offense when the season begins Aug. 29 against Clear Brook.

Dobie netters learning on the go as season opens

The opening weekend of the team tennis season did not include a victory for the Dobie bunch, but head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. saw some encouraging signs of growth within his program on the trip and is looking forward to seeing how the process evolves during a very busy opening month of the season.

The Longhorns are aiming at the Aug. 26 district opener at Dawson as the official starting point of pulling it all together. In the meantime, Moreno and his group are looking forward to improved results on the court.

Dobie fell 10-9 to San Marcos in a team tennis duel in which the girls won all nine of their matches, despite the boys dropping each of theirs. While the series ultimately boiled down to the outcome of the No. 6 boys' singles match, Dobie had just six girls on the trip and, therefore, forfeited the mixed doubles match.

"We really had some opportunities to win key swing matches but struggled in super tiebreaker situations," Moreno said. "It's a little disappointing because it's something that we work on every day in practice. The bottom line is we have to grow up in a hurry to give ourselves a chance to win some of these matches."

The Longhorns also lost 14-5 to New Braunfels Canyon and 17-2 to Smithson Valley, a pair of very talented high school programs.

Dulce Mejia and Chloe Estes played exceptionally well over the weekend in girls' doubles, and Moreno was in awe of the fight and determination of sophomore Brayden Rojas.

"The kids are playing hard and giving it their all," Moreno said. "We just have to do a better job of winning some of the key points and turning some of these swing matches into victories."



Dobie varsity football head coach Danny Fitzmorris led the Longhorns to the playoffs last season as the team pulled off a final-minute victory over Manvel that led to a postseason berth. While some prognosticators, including *Dave Campbell's Texas Football*, have the Longhorns on the outside looking in as far as the playoffs are concerned, the locals certainly believe they have what it takes to get to the playoffs, yet again.

White Sox promote Brook's Julks



Clear Brook High School graduate and former Houston Astro Corey Julks has returned to Major League Baseball with the Chicago White Sox after being recalled Aug. 1. Julks played 93 big league games in Houston during the 2023 season and played another 66 with the White Sox in 2024. He has spent the majority of the 2025 season with the White Sox AAA affiliate in Charlotte prior to being called up.

Dobie Varsity Football Schedule

Aug. 29-at Clear Brook, CCISD Veterans, 7 p.m. Sat.,

Sept. 6-Klein, PISD Veterans, 6 p.m.

*Sept. 12-*Dawson, PISD Veterans, 7 p.m.*

*Sept. 26-*at Memorial, PISD Veterans, 7 p.m.*

*Oct. 2-*Shadow Creek, PISD Veterans, 6:30 p.m.*

*Oct. 10-*at Pearland, The Rig, 7 p.m.*

*Oct. 17-*S. Houston (HC), PISD Veterans, 7 p.m.*

*Oct. 24-*at Rayburn, PISD Veterans, 7 p.m.*

*Oct. 30-*Alvin, PISD Veterans, 6:30 p.m.*

*Nov. 7- *at Manvel, Freedom, 7 p.m.*

**22-6A games (HC) Homecoming*

Brook Varsity Football Schedule

Aug. 29-Dobie, CCISD Veterans, 7 p.m.

Sept. 5-Eisenhower, CCISD Veterans, 7 p.m.

Sept. 11-at G.C. Memorial, Stallworth, 7 p.m.

*Sept. 19-*at Clear Springs, Challenger, 7 p.m*

*Sept. 26-*Dickinson, Vitanza, 7 p.m.*

*Oct. 3-*at Deer Park, Abshier, 7 p.m.*

*Oct. 16-*Clear Creek, Challenger, 6 p.m.*

*Oct. 24-*at Clear Falls, Challenger, 7 p.m.*

*Thurs., Oct 31-*Clear Lake, CCISD Veterans, 7 p.m.*

*Nov. 7-*Brazoswood (HC), Challenger, 7 p.m.*

**24-6A games (HC) Homecoming*

Baldwin gives it a go with GB



Dobie 2021 graduate Johnathan Baldwin continues to work in camp with the Green Bay Packers this summer as he looks to find his footing within the National Football League. An All-Conference performer at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, Baldwin, a former multi-sport standout with the Longhorns, was signed as an undrafted free agent by the Packers following the conclusion of the 2025 draft and is getting his work in as a member of the defensive secondary group.

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7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Check website for time and location <https://pearlandrotary.com/events/calendar> or call 832-293-9860.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Open Tues. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call Karen Hollon at 713-472-0565 for appointment. Tours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8
7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** See Thursday's notice.
Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - **Imperfect Nooners Group**, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at <https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners>. Call 713-686-6300 for more information. Meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 9
7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
9:30 a.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - All services are live and Zoom online. For details on the 7 p.m. Friday night or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service, Judaism classes, film series, and lunch with the rabbi, visit <https://www.shaarhashalom.org>.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 10
8 a.m./10:15 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - has worship Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday at 7 p.m. (Bible study, Book of Revelation, at 6 p.m.) and Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., 11456 Space Center Blvd. (in back of a medical/retail community). For details, call 281-

479-7285 and leave a message, or stop by. 5:30 p.m. **Celebrate Recovery** - A faith-based 12-Step program, in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 5125 Preston Ave. Pasadena, TX 77505. Call 713-419-2635 for details.
8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** See Friday's notice.
8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** - meets at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.

MONDAY, AUGUST 11
5 p.m. **New Directions** - Age 55 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at 600 Hobbs Road, League City, TX 77573, (community room). For further information, call Jill at 646-489-4367.
6 p.m. **Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Join in the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Email huff_reunion@juno.com for details.
7 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - St. Luke's Group, 12-Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7 p.m. in the Education Bldg. in room 6, at 11011 Hall Road, 77089. For details, call Rita at 281-309-2801.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #0683 Friendswood chapter meets at the Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. For information, call Lynette Ringrose at 832-858-4617 or Dorothy Pourteau at 713-875-8820.
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - See Friday's notice.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12
Join Wise Owls on every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. For companionship and games at United Methodist Church, 12501 Palmsprings Drive. Call Shirley at 713-449-9959.
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
10 a.m. **CCART** - The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets the second Tuesday, monthly, Sept.-May, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook near Landolt Pavilion. Texas-retired school employees from surrounding school districts welcome. Annual dues are \$50.

9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
10:30 a.m. **Tri County Republican Women** - General meetings are held the second Tuesday, except June and July, Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch available for \$20. Exact cash or a check requested. To RSVP, visit www.tricountyrw.club/.
11:30 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
6:30-7:30 p.m. **Southeast Houston Toastmasters** - The Southeast Houston Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets virtually with the exception of the second and fourth Tuesdays (hybrid meeting) at seahouston.

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.

Carmelites - a nondenominational senior citizen social group meeting at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real, in Clear Lake on the first and third Wednesdays for a time filled with fun, fellowship, lending library with books and puzzles, coffee and bingo. The meetings are open to those ages 55 and older, with no dues. Day trips and extended trips available. Deposits are now being taken for Poland For details, call Marilyn at 713-444-6744.

Noon Ballroom Dancing - A ballroom dance group welcomes visitors every Wednesday to enjoy free dancing from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Hometown Heroes Park Ballroom, 1001 East League City Parkway, League City. Everyone is welcome to enjoy dancing to a selection of CD music provided by DJ Neva Schroder and guest DJs. This weekly dance does not include lessons. Free lessons are taught by Jerry Sanford at the same location on Mondays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. While these opportunities are free and provided by volunteers, the park system requires participants to register and get an activity card for all park activities. For more information about the activity card, one may ask at the front desk or call 281-554-1180.
7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - See Friday's notice.
8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** - See Friday's notice.
8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** - meets at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Hope Community United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/>.
7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Check website for time and location <https://pearlandrotary.com/events/calendar> or call 832-293-9860.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Open Tues. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call Karen Hollon at 713-472-0565 for appointment. Tours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Dobie graduate Yusuf to join A&M-Kingsville Hall of Fame



Dobie graduate Remi Yusuf will be inducted into the Texas A&M-Kingsville Javelina Hall of Fame as part of the prestigious Class of 2025. Yusuf was a star at Dobie under the guidance of former coaching legend Scott Talton before joining the Javelinas for what would be a star-studded collegiate career. A four-year letter-winner with the Javelinas from 2002-2007, Yusuf is one of the greatest Javelinas to ever don the blue and gold for the men's basketball program in Kingsville. During his time, Yusuf and the Javelinas piled up a whopping 48 wins with two conference tournament appearances and one NCAA tournament appearance. Individually, Yusuf had stellar performances during his stints with the Hogs. During the 2005-2006 season, Yusuf was named the Lone Star Conference Most Valuable Player, an All-South-Central Region first-team selection and a Division II All-American Honorable Mention. Yusuf followed up that season with a second-team all-conference



selection in the 2006-2007 season. A true iron man for the Javelinas, Yusuf today stands with the third-most games ever played for Texas A&M-Kingsville with 112 while also posting two 933-minute seasons, good for sixth place all time. His longevity allowed him to become one of five Javelinas to score 1,507 points for his career. After his playing career with the Javelinas was finished, Yusuf would have multiple stints in the international basketball scene, playing in Colombia, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, South Korea and Slovakia. In 2015, Yusuf would become a member of the NBA by signing a contract with the Houston Rockets. Off the court, Yusuf founded the 9th Wonder foundation, a program dedicated to mentoring youths by way of sports skills development while providing them life skills to prepare for future adulthood. Yusuf would be awarded the TAMUK Heritage Hero Award, the Autism Educator of the Year award and had Remi Yusuf day in Houston, Sept. 17, 2022.

CB's Barnes PRs in 800 at JO's



Clear Brook High School junior-to-be Patricia Barnes wrapped up an exceptionally successful summer track and field season while representing the Texas Cyclones as she delivered a personal record of 2 minutes, 24 seconds in the 800 at the Junior Olympic Games at Turner Stadium in Humble. A standout middle distance runner for the Wolverines at the varsity level over the previous two seasons, Barnes figures to be an athlete to watch during the 2026 high school track and field season.

Lutheran South Academy 2025 Varsity Volleyball Schedule

Aug. 12 at Concordia Lutheran 6 p.m.
Aug. 19 Woodlands Christian Academy 6:30 p.m.
Aug. 21 at Episcopal 6:30 p.m.
Aug. 22 at Pasadena Memorial 5:30 p.m.
Aug. 28 at St. Agnes 6:30 p.m.
Aug. 30 A&M Consolidated 10:30 a.m.
Aug. 30 at Richmond Foster noon
Sept. 3 St. John's 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 11 Fort Bend Christian 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 16 Incarnate Word 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 17 Emery/Weiner 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 18 St. John 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 25 Logos Prep 6:00 p.m.
Sept. 30 at Fort Bend Christian 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 2 at Second Baptist 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 7 Bay Area Christian 6 p.m.
Oct. 9 Emery/Weiner 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 14 at Logos Prep 6 p.m.
Oct. 16 Fort Bend Christian Academy 6 p.m.
Oct. 21 Second Baptist 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 22 at Bay Area Christian 4 p.m.

LSA VB ready for 2025 season

Aniston Collins and Addison Musgrove have drawn preseason first team All-Private School considerations courtesy of *Vype Magazine* ahead of the start of the 2025 season as the Lutheran South Academy varsity volleyball team looks to continue its exceptional run of play over the past several seasons.

The Pioneers reached the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools 5A state tournament two seasons ago and won 31 overall matches in 2024 prior to a second round playoff loss to Legacy Prep.

A Stephen F. Austin University commit, Collins has started the previous three seasons with Lutheran South and has been part of 102 total team victories during that

time. Collins level of season ago and figures to be a key go-to force offensively as a sophomore.

Musgrove put together solid statistics across the board as a freshman with the 2025 season on the road at Concordia

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