

Mistletoe Market approaches

The 22nd annual Mistletoe Market will be held Saturday, Oct. 3, at BellaVita, 1548 N. Riviera Circle in Pearland, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by the BellaVita Belles, the holiday market will feature more than 70 local vendors selling jewelry, home decor, women's clothing, children's clothing and much more. Food and drink will be available for purchase. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Military Moms and Wives of Brazoria County.

For additional information, call 281-464-3150 or visit club-bellavita.org.

MUD trash times may vary

Due to a major county construction project, trash collection times may vary in the coming weeks. Residents should have trash curbside no later than 6 a.m. Monday and Thursday, as collection crews will be working in coordination with construction crews and may arrive earlier than before. All Texas Pride Disposal trucks have cameras for verification. This will continue until the project's completion.

A project of Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia, the massive undertaking will make street and traffic repairs to the majority of major roads in the Clear Brook City MUD. Work has already begun in the Sagemeadow, Highland Meadow and Wood Meadow subdivisions. Work will soon begin in the Sagelegen subdivision.

Sagemont done for 2026

There will be no more Sagemont Civic Club meetings for the remainder of the year due to scheduling conflicts.

Typically held the first Tuesday of the month, the October civic club meeting coincides with the 2026 National Night Out event (see related story on this page). Civic club officials encourage residents to visit the annual Precinct 2 NNO event being held at the Scarsdale County Annex at 10851 Scarsdale at Beamer. The November civic club meeting date falls on Election Day. Civic club leaders encourage residents to exercise their right to vote. December's meeting has been canceled due to the Christmas holidays. Meetings will resume in 2027, with the first function taking place Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Freeway Manor to meet

Freeway Manor Civic Club will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at One Movement Bible Church (aka Bible Way Church), 10120 Hartsook. Meetings typically take place the fourth Thursday of the month. For additional information, contact Freeway Manor Civic Club President Brenda Frewellen at 281-851-9567 or FreewayManorCivc@gmail.com.

2026 Lariaettes set clinic

Join the Dobie Lariaettes at Dobie High School for their annual Lariaette dance clinic on Wednesday, Oct. 7. This fall clinic is open to students in kindergarten through eighth grades. For more information or registration for this event, visit <https://www.successfund.com/lariaettedanceclinic>.

Clear Brook Meadows meets

Clear Brook Meadows Owners Association will host a virtual board meeting Monday, Sept. 28, beginning at 6:30 p.m. To join the meeting, visit <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/248406117390095?p=ZLZc5q6p10ipk2mrhh>.

Beltway closures planned

At least one northbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Spencer Highway to Greenshadow Drive continuously through 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31.

At least one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Pasadena Boulevard to Fairmont Parkway continuously through 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31.

Kirkwood to meet Sept. 28

The Kirkwood Civic Club's monthly meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28, at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road near Beltway 8. Meetings are typically held for the last Monday of the month. For additional information, call Kirkwood Civic Club President Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.

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.

PISD withdraws controversial insurance change

Proposed change to state-run plan would have tripled premiums for many

Pasadena ISD has withdrawn a proposed insurance change after facing backlash from employees who said it would dramatically raise family healthcare costs.

The district had considered moving to TRS-ActiveCare, a state-run plan, beginning Jan. 1. District figures showed family premiums under the current self-funded plans ranging from \$628 to \$1,753 per month, while TRS-ActiveCare would have pushed those costs to \$2,292 to \$2,647 per month – more than triple for some families.

The steep increases prompted widespread concern among teachers and staff and led employees to file for a Temporary Restraining Order to block the transition.

Employees also began discussing a possible "sick out" protest, in which large numbers

of staff would call in sick on the same day to demonstrate opposition.

Hours before the board of trustees was set to meet Tuesday, Sept. 22, Pasadena ISD Superintendent Dr. Toni Lopez announced the item had been withdrawn.

In her message to employees, Lopez acknowledged the anxiety the proposal caused:

"I want to personally acknowledge the stress that the proposed move to TRS-ActiveCare has caused many of you," said Lopez. "I am sorry for the anxiety this situation has created for you and your families."

The superintendent said Pasadena ISD will not move forward with the transition and she will instead recommend keeping the district's current self-funded plan. Premium rate options are expected early next week.

Lopez also addressed frustration over how the proposal was communicated:

"I understand that many of you are frustrated not only by the proposal itself, but also by how information was communicated throughout this process," said Lopez. "As your superintendent, I take responsibility for that."

Lopez committed to providing monthly updates on the district's financial challenges, including the health insurance plan.

PISD Board President Casey Phelan issued a separate message emphasizing that trustees had not approved the switch and were prepared to scrutinize the proposal before any vote:

"The board had not made a decision to accept the proposed insurance plan," said Phelan. "A decision this important should never be treated

as a foregone conclusion."

Phelan said trustees heard employees' concerns and agreed that removing the item was the right step:

"Healthcare is more than numbers on a spreadsheet," said Phelan. "It affects our employees' families, their financial security, their peace of mind and our ability to recruit and retain the outstanding people who serve our students every day."

Phelan added that the board remains devoted to providing the best benefits the district can reasonably sustain while protecting long-term financial stability.

Lopez's recommendation to maintain the current plan will be presented at an upcoming special board meeting.

EOC celebrates 25 years



The 25th annual Evening of Cuisine, held Thursday, Sept. 17, at University of Houston-Clear Lake, was a huge success, raising thousands of dollars for the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce. The chamber's signature annual fundraiser allows attendees to partake in food and drink from dozens of local vendors, who themselves compete for various prizes. Taking home the prestigious People's Choice award at this year's event was PISD's Lewis Career & Technical High School. Shown above receiving the honor are, left to right (first row) Yolotzin Gustavo Sanchez; (second row) David Garcia; Anthony Ramirez; Abigail Garcia; Jacob Garcia; Harley Tillery; Lisa Holbrook, chamber president; Tiana Washington, event chair; (third row) Jessica McCoy, CTHS principal; Luis Lupian; Ramiro Torres; Angelica Elizalde; Suzanne Ledezma; Julian Banda; Josue Iracheta; (fourth row) Rebekah Daniel, CTHS chef; Malachi Martinez; Richard Crandall, CTHS Chef. Additional students not pictured also participated in the event to help CTHS receive this award. See additional photos on Page 4.

Photo by David Flickinger

Sheriff's Office promotes National Night Out

Annual event aimed at bettering relations between law enforcement and the communities they serve

By Katy Fulshear, HCSO

For many Harris County neighborhoods, National Night Out 2026 will look less like a formal public safety event and more like an evening among neighbors – children playing outside, families gathering around picnic tables, deputies stopping by and residents finally meeting some of the people they may normally only wave to

from the driveway.

Those simple moments of connection are exactly what National Night Out is designed to create.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office is inviting neighborhoods, civic associations, apartment communities, churches, schools and other local groups to participate in National Night Out on

Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2026, continuing a nationwide tradition centered on police-community partnerships and stronger connections between neighbors.

In some communities, residents may not need to organize anything themselves. HOAs, civic associations and neighborhood groups may already be planning subdivision-wide National Night Out events, so residents interested in participating may want to check community emails, HOA websites, social media pages or neighborhood announcements before making separate

plans.

What is National Night Out?

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign intended to strengthen relationships between residents and law enforcement while encouraging neighbors to get to know one another.

The National Association of Town Watch introduced National Night Out in 1984, when approximately 2.5 million neighbors in 400 communities across 23 states participated in the first

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Surveillance footage of robbery suspects

Houston police seek robbery suspects

Good Samaritan robbed at gunpoint near Beltway 8

The Houston Police Department's Robbery Division is seeking the public's assistance identifying a pair of suspects responsible for an aggravated robbery that took place this past June.

According to HPD officials, the incident began around 3 a.m. Sunday, June 21, at a general store located in the 7800 block of Beltway 8 near SH 35/Telephone Road when the victim was approached by a male and female who asked for a ride to a nearby residence. After being asked several times for a ride, the victim agreed to take the pair to a residence in the 8100 block of Springtime Lane.

Upon arriving at the residence, the female suspect invited the victim inside for a drink.

Once inside, the male suspect confronted the victim with a shotgun. The suspect then took the

victim's property and vehicle keys.

The victim then fled the residence on foot. The suspects then followed the victim in his stolen truck.

The victim was finally able to get away from the suspects by hiding in some bushes.

The female suspect is described as being Hispanic with blonde hair, wearing a gray-hooded long-sleeve shirt, blue jeans, black socks and black and white slide sandals.

The male is described as a Hispanic, wearing a black-hooded jacket, black pants, black socks and black slide sandals.

Anyone with information on this incident or the identity of these suspects is urged to contact HPD's Robbery Division at 713-308-0700 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).



SoHo names HoCo court

South Houston High School recently announced its 2026 homecoming court. SoHo HoCo court members shown above are (top photo) Isaac Martinez and Leia Rodriguez; (bottom photo) Leonardo Garza and Azul Alfonso. This year's homecoming king and queen will be announced at the South Houston Varsity football game Friday, Sept. 25, when the Trojans take on the Friendswood High School Mustangs.



Pct. 8's Richard sworn in



Constable Phil Sandlin (right) is shown above swearing in Deputy Percy Richard, the newest member of the Precinct 8 force at a recent ceremony.

County desilts area channel



A FAST Team from the Harris County Flood Control District recently completed desilting a channel near the hike-and-bike trail on Blackhawk. Improved conveyance along the channel will help prevent local flooding.

Pasadena Convention Center hosts Repticon

Repticon is coming to Pasadena with a family-friendly expo featuring reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates, arachnids and other small exotic animals. Visitors can shop for pets, cages, supplies and feeders while getting expert advice from breeders and vendors.

The event will be held Saturday, Oct. 3, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pasadena Convention Center and Fairgrounds, Campbell Hall, 7601 Red Bluff, Pasadena.

Admission is \$15 for a Super Ticket valid both days, \$12 for a single-day ticket, \$10 for Saturday admission after 1 p.m., and \$6 for children ages 5-12. Children 4 and younger are admitted free.

Tickets are sold online only. For tickets and more information, visit repticon.com/texas/houston/.

Friendsgiving returns to South Belt/Ellington

The community is invited to gather for Friendsgiving on Tuesday, Nov. 24, at The Gardens Houston, 12001 Beamer Road. The Friendsgiving potluck luncheon will be held from noon to 2 p.m., with guests bringing a favorite dish to share. Luncheon attendees receive VIP access to the pre-Black Friday market from 9 a.m. to noon, before the market opens to the public from 2 to 5 p.m. Registration is now open for vendors and local businesses interested in participating in the pre-Black Friday market. Proceeds benefit the South Belt-Ellington Toy and Food Drive. For information, call or text Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

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/> 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.

The following events are scheduled for Bracewell Library:

Thursday, Sept. 24, 4 – 5 p.m. Lego club. Registration required.

Saturday, Sept. 26, 2 – 4 p.m. Saturdays at HPL. Registration required.

Monday, Sept. 28, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Bring family to storytime. Registration required.

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 4 – 5 p.m. Family craft adventure. 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 at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Customers are encouraged to visit the building to browse, check out and return materials, use the computers and Wi-Fi, and check out holds. Hours are Monday, 10 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 more information. One can also visit social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

The following events are scheduled for Parker Williams Library:

Thursday, Sept. 24, 10 – 11 a.m. For the plot book club.

Thursday, Sept. 24, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Toddler time.

Friday, Sept. 25, 1 – 3 p.m. Diamond painting club (18+). Registration required for new members.

Saturday, Sept. 26, 10 a.m. – noon. Tai Chi.

Saturday, Sept. 26, 11 a.m. – noon. Mexican otomí embroidery. Registration required.

Saturday, Sept. 26, 1 – 2:30 p.m. Korean language music class. Registration required.

Monday, Sept. 28, 1 – 2 p.m. ESL classes (various levels).

Monday, Sept. 28, 1 – 2:30 p.m. Basic computer classes with Harris County universal services. Registration required.

Monday, Sept. 28, 6 – 7:30 p.m. Tai Chi.

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Babies and books.

Wednesday, Sept. 30, 4 – 5 p.m. Cricut-sublimation orientation. Registration required.

Wednesday, Sept. 30, 6 – 7:30 p.m. Pathway to citizenship. Registration required.

Wednesday, Sept. 30, 6 – 7 p.m. Teen volunteer orientation. Registration required.

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 an account to renew loans or request books, e-books, comics or graphic novels.

– 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.

Don't 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 a HCPL card.

For additional information, visit www.hcpl.net.

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Riverstone signal coming



A county crew is shown above working on the future traffic signal on Blackhawk at Riverstone Ranch Drive. In the works for roughly a decade, the signal is aimed at reducing traffic at the intersection.

PMHS's Arredondo honored



Pasadena Memorial teacher Doug Arredondo is humbled after recently receiving a \$1,000 check from the Houston Loves Teachers organization on behalf of efforts at the area high school. Additional PID teachers recognized were Kathy Cole (Fisher Elementary) and Fernanda Lara (Queens Intermediate).

County approves another tax rate hike

Harris County property taxes increase in 3-2 vote

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– A Countywide pay equity study

– Inflation across contracts and operations

– Expiration of federal American Rescue Plan Act funds

To offset costs, commissioners approved measures such as selling underutilized

county properties and raising certain fees, including higher costs for landlords filing eviction claims. Some programs will be reduced or eliminated, including a low-cost spay and neuter initiative.

Pay raises

Despite the financial challenges, commissioners ap-

proved raises for most elected officials, bringing salaries up to \$305,000 in 2027. Ellis insisted that constables' raises be tied to increases for other elected officials.

Two officials will not receive raises: Judge Hidalgo, who is not seeking re-election, and Treasurer Carla Wyatt, whose salary will

remain \$139,000 despite a grievance committee's recommendation for a \$40,000 increase. She will become the lowest-paid elected county official next year as the court continues its legislative push to dissolve the treasurer's office, mirroring moves in counties such as Galveston.

2026 National Night Out is October 6

Community engagement helps to improve local safety and security

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event. What began with relatively simple activities, including neighbors turning on their porch lights, eventually grew into neighborhood block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts, youth activities, safety demonstrations and visits from first responders.

Today, millions of residents participate in communities across all 50 states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide. Most of the country observes National Night Out on the first Tuesday in August, while Texas and select other areas celebrate on the first Tuesday in October, when evening temperatures can be a little more cooperative for an outdoor neighborhood gathering.

For 2026, that Texas date falls on Oct. 6.

Why NNO matters in Harris County

The evening is built around a straightforward idea: communities can become safer when neighbors know one another and residents have opportunities to interact with law enforcement outside of emergencies.

That can mean putting a name to the family living three houses down, meeting the deputy who patrols the area or giving children an opportunity to see first responders in a relaxed neighborhood setting.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office describes National Night Out as a way to strengthen neighborhood relationships while creating opportunities for residents and law enforcement to connect. Its broader Community Engagement Division similarly focuses on building relationships with residents, crime-prevention education and helping communities become better prepared for challenges.

Those relationships can be particularly meaningful across a county as large and varied as Harris County, where subdivisions, apartment communities, older established neighborhoods and rapidly growing areas can have very different needs.

National Night Out creates one evening when the

focus shifts closer to home.

HOA events

Unlike a single county-wide festival, National Night Out takes place neighborhood by neighborhood.

Some Harris County HOAs and civic associations may already be working on community-wide celebrations for Oct. 6. Depending on the neighborhood, those plans could include food trucks, games, children's activities, local vendors, information booths or scheduled visits from law enforcement and other emergency personnel.

Other communities may choose something much simpler – a few tables, a grill and an invitation for everyone on the block to come outside.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office lists several possibilities for neighborhood National Night Out events, including block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts, youth activities and public-information events.

There is no requirement that a gathering be elaborate. For residents who have lived near one another for years without having much opportunity to interact with one another, even a casual driveway or cul-de-sac gathering can accomplish much of what National Night Out was created to do.

Registration open

Community organizers who want their event included in the Harris County Sheriff's Office's National Night Out efforts can register their gathering with HCISO.

The registration form asks organizers to identify the community or organization hosting the event, such as an apartment complex, block, church, community center, school or subdivision. Organizers are also asked to provide the event description and location, expected attendance, event hours and contact information.

According to the Sheriff's Office Community Engagement page, registration is open for the Oct. 6 event.

Residents interested in organizing a National Night Out event can find registration information through the Harris

County Sheriff's Office National Night Out page at harriscountyso.org/ContactUs/NationalNightOut.

One night, but a longer-term goal

National Night Out may only occupy a few evening hours, but its larger purpose is meant to carry beyond Oct. 6.

A neighbor who knows which family has a new baby may notice something unusual around their home. Residents who recognize one another are more likely to communicate about concerns on their street. Families who have met local deputies in a casual setting may also feel more comfortable asking questions about crime prevention or community safety later.

That is why an event that can look remarkably simple from the outside – folding chairs, hamburgers, children playing and neighbors talking – has remained a national tradition for more than four decades.

And for Harris County residents whose HOA or civic association already has National Night Out on the calendar, Oct. 6 may simply be an invitation to walk down the street, introduce themselves and spend an evening getting to know the community immediately around them.

Residents should keep an eye on HOA, civic association and neighborhood communications for details about National Night Out events already being planned in their community. If nothing has been announced, residents can also reach out to their HOA, community management company or neighborhood leaders to ask about plans – or encourage them to help organize a gathering for their community.

And for residents who would like to see a National Night Out celebration happen close to home, offering even a little time to help coordinate activities, spread the word or assist on the day of the event can make a real difference. Neighborhood gatherings often come together because a handful of neighbors are willing to pitch in, and National Night Out is an especially fitting

Deaths

Darlene Scheuers



Darlene Scheuers, age 70 of Alvin, passed away Saturday, Aug. 22, 2026. She was born March 12, 1956, in Rockford, Ill. Darlene enjoyed quilting, birdwatching, and spending time with her granddaughters. Darlene is preceded in death by her parents John and Laura Donahue.

Darlene is survived by her husband of 51 years, Edward Scheuers; daughter, Lisa Hoffman; son, Carl Scheuers and wife, Joselyn; brother, John Donahue; sisters Violet Mora and Evelin Towels; three grandchildren; and numerous other family and friends.

A memorial visitation will be held Sunday, Sept. 27, 2026, at Scott Funeral Home, 1421 East Hwy 6, Alvin, from 2 – 4 p.m.

Mary Ellen McNeill Morgan

Mary Ellen McNeill Morgan, a longtime resident of the Houston South Belt area, was born on Aug. 23, 1940, in Gonzales, to Martin Luther McNeill and Merle Greer McNeill. She



passed away on Sept. 16, 2026, at the age of 86.

Mary attended Nazareth Academy in Victoria. A devoted Catholic, she was a founding member of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, where her faith remained an important part of her life.

On May 2, 1958, Mary married her beloved husband, Larry Morgan, in Victoria. Together, they shared 68 wonderful years of marriage. Mary worked many years for Statewide Signal while also working as a self-employed bookkeeper for many faithful clients.

Mary found great joy in life's simple blessings. She loved cooking, attending church each week, and gathering with family for backyard barbecues. She also had a lifelong love for her dogs. Above all, Mary treasured her family, including her grandson, Justin Eckols, who was the light of her life.

Mary is survived by her devoted husband; her daughter, Elizabeth Eckols (Tim); her son, Tommy Morgan; her grandson; her brother-in-law, Ronnie Painter; her nephews Dr. John Lee McNeill and Mark McNeill; her nieces Connie Stoneburner and Ronna Gross; and many extended family members and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her son, Larry

Morgan Jr.; her brother, John McNeill; and her sisters-in-law, Francis McNeill and Bette Painter.

Mary will be remembered for her deep Catholic faith, her devotion to her family, her warm hospitality, and the countless cherished memories she created. Her love, kindness, and gentle presence touched the lives of all who knew her. Though she will be deeply missed, the joy she brought to her family and friends will continue to live on in their hearts and in the memories they hold dear.

Family and friends are invited to gather in remembrance of Mary on Thursday, Sept. 24, 2026, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a funeral Mass at 11 a.m.

Mary will be laid to rest on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2026, at Resurrection Catholic Cemetery, 1009 East Mockingbird Lane, Victoria, Texas. Graveside services will begin at 11 a.m.

Leader obituary policy

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



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Rev. Antonio Cisneros, Parochial Vicar
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(between Beamer & Blackhawk)
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Saturday Vigil	5:30 p.m.
Sunday	8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Sunday	12:30 p.m. Misa en Español
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
10:30 AM – Lunch following service



Keynote Speaker:
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Houston, TX

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Blue Bee Project joins Pasadena Livestock & Rodeo parade



The Blue Bee Project joined Pasadena Livestock and Rodeo parade on Saturday, Sept. 5. Blue Bee Project volunteers shown are, left to right, (front) Tiffany Mercado, Ivette Oviedo, Jacob Montez, Alma Montez, Elias Montez, Sandra Peralez and Rudy Peralez (standing).



Pictured assorting beads is Nathan Montez.



Riding in Valued Renovations sponsor float truck are Janae Fernandez, Kailey Cortina, Eliud Cortina, Misty Garcia and Wes Garcia.



Shown above participating in the PLS&R parade with Blue Bee are brothers Joseph Oviedo and Steven Oviedo. Joseph is a senior at Dobie High School and Steven attends SJC.

Dobie students take part in PLS&R parade



Dobie High School students participated in the annual Pasadena Livestock Show & Rodeo parade on Saturday, Sept. 5. Dobie students shown are, left to right, Cullen Ponder, Alexis Martinez, Alayna Rodriguez and Mikayla Rodriguez.

Photos by David Flickinger

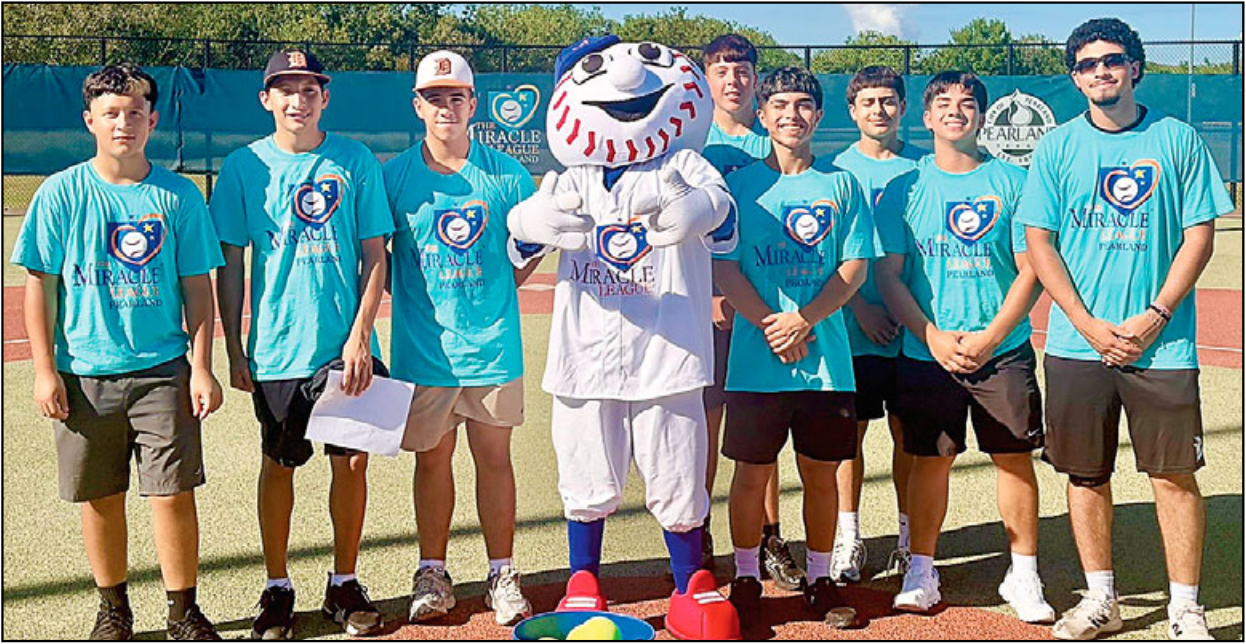


Dobie baseball teams up with Miracle League

Members of the Dobie baseball program recently paired up with players from the Miracle League of Pearland for their Fall Series #2 game. The game was held at Miracle League Field, an inclusive and adaptive baseball field designed to serve athletes with special needs. Miracle League is part of the City of Pearland Parks & Recreation Department. Shown at left are player Noah St. Ange (left) and Miracle League mascot Homer.

Pictured below, left to right Miracle League mascot Homer, are players Christopher Martinez, Zachary Ramirez, Emilio Delagarza, Andrew Alvarado, Diego Garza, Michael Baughman, Jael Arredondo and Thomas Turrubiarres.

Photos by Stacy Davis



WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The HARRIS COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2026 on October 13, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at 1550 Lamar Street, Suite 2000, Houston, Texas 77010 and via teleconference at 1-346-248-7799, Meeting ID: 929 8876 7247. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

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

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

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

	Last Year Adopted	This Year Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$ 0.19000/\$100	\$ 0.18000/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$ 0.01000/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-5.26%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 323,191	\$ 317,772
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 323,191	\$ 317,772
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 614.06	\$ 571.98
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$ -42.08
and percentage of increase (+/-)		-6.85%

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

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

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Chamber's Evening of Cuisine celebrates 25th anniversary



Remton Vietnamese Cuisine won Best Decorated Booth at the 25th annual Evening of Cuisine. Owner Tracy Tran (left) is shown above with Ashlyn McDonald.

AARP Webster sets October meeting

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 is welcoming one to join them at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8 at the House of Prayer Lutheran Church, 14045 Space Center Blvd., Houston, TX 77062. One is invited to come to meetings and to enjoy coffee, cookies and fellowship. 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 October program will be a presentation on brain health by Dr. Agenor Limon from the University of Texas Medical Branch who is an associate professor and vice chair for research in neurology and director of the Mitchell Center for Neurodegenerative Diseases. He will discuss Alzheimer's disease in honor of Brain Awareness Month. After the talk there will be an Alzheimer's walk at the church building.

Saturday, Oct. 17, Chapter 199 will participate in the 2026 Walk to End Alzheimer's at Stewart Beach (201 Seawall Blvd.) in Galveston. The event will start at 8 a.m., with an opening ceremony at 8:45 a.m. and the 3-mile walk beginning at 9 a.m. Registration is free. Contact Veronica Stanford, at 409-256-1195, regarding transportation to Galveston.

AARP Chapter 199 is hosting a bus trip on Tuesday, Oct. 20 to tour River Rendezview Paddle Boat in Brazoria. Lunch will be held off the boat. One may register for this trip at the Oct. 8 Chapter meeting. One must be a member of our local chapter to participate in our 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.



Whiskey Cake took home the Best Dessert prize at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's Evening of Cuisine. Shown above accepting the honor are Brittain Davis, Megan O'Rear and Erik Esch.



Taking home the prize for Best Appetizer at this year's Evening of Cuisine was Crazy Alan's Swamp Shack. Shown above at the event are, left to right, Christine Jorgensen, Cody Graves and Melissa Galeana.

Photos by Bruce Summers



The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's Evening of Cuisine celebrated its 25th anniversary Thursday, Sept. 17. The annual fundraiser allows attendees to sample a wide variety of food and drink from local vendors who are competing for prizes. This year, event newcomer Noon

Mirch won both the Best Entrée and Best Adult Beverage awards. Shown above at the event are, left to right, Tiana Washington, event chair; Hema Fagnani; Benji Martinez; Jenny Thapa and Rashad Darius, Noon Mirch; and Lisa Holbrook, chamber president. See related photo on Page 1.

Lariaette of the Week, Sept. 18



The J. Frank Dobie Lariaette of the week of Sept. 18 is sophomore Emma Gurrusquieta, a first-year member.

Remember When

50 years ago (1976)

Barbara Taylor was crowned homecoming queen at Dobie's homecoming football game against Forest Park.

The Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees called for input from the community on the matter of AstroTurfing the football playing surface of the Memorial stadium.

As a result of action taken at a Scarsdale MUD meeting, attorneys were hired to file suits and foreclose on homeowners who had not paid district taxes.

45 years ago (1981)

Vandals gained entrance to Dobie High School at approximately 3 a.m. and left a trail of broken glass and damaged Longhorn paraphernalia and equipment throughout the school.

Trustees of the Pasadena Independent School District voted 4-2 at a regular meeting to award Holley Bros. Construction the contract for a new classroom wing at Gardens Elementary School.

40 years ago (1986)

Construction began on the unnamed Clear Creek school district's high school.

Stephen Dabek and Nina Gunther joined 15,000 seniors across the U.S. as semifinalists for the National Merit Scholarship.

35 years ago (1991)

For the first time ever, a Dobie High School student raised the grand champion steer in the Pasadena Livestock Show. Senior Christa Groover raised the steer, and her brother, Michael, raised the grand champion single rooster.

A contract for \$2.8 million in additions to Clear Brook High School was awarded by Clear Creek school trustees to Gamma Construction. The bid included construction of a two-story addition to feature 15 classrooms, two art rooms, four science rooms, some multipurpose rooms, new boys' and girls' dressing rooms, a new bus loop and student parking lot.

Three men were slated to challenge longtime City Councilman Frank Mancuso in the upcoming election. Mancuso, who had held the seat continuously since 1963, was re-elected. Mancuso eventually lost the District E seat by an almost 3-1 margin during a runoff election in 1993 to attorney Joe Roach.

30 years ago (1996)

Donald Roventini Jr., 16, died following a workout for the Dobie sophomore football team. It was determined he suffered a heart attack as

a result of an underdeveloped right coronary artery.

PISD trustees approved a 3-cent tax increase. The previous year, trustees had lowered the tax rate by 2 cents.

Dobie varsity cheerleader Audi Resendez won the title Pre-Junior Miss of the Pasadena Rodeo pageant.

25 years ago (2001)

At the request of the city of Houston mayor's office, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers agreed to have a meeting with residents of the South Belt area regarding improvements to Clear Creek.

In an ongoing effort to ensure the safety and security of students and personnel, many Pasadena Independent School District employees underwent metal detector training, while many drills where the devices were used were being held at various schools.

20 years ago (2006)

The Sagemeadow Municipal Utility District which serves the subdivisions of Kirkwood South and Sagemeadow was negotiating to enter into a Strategic Partnership Agreement with Houston. Under that partnership, an agreement would be reached which would allow certain city ordinances, including prohibiting all firework stands, to be in effect in the Sagemeadow and Kirk-

wood South subdivisions.

The contract on the county community center to be built at El Franco Lee Park was given to the best bidder. The facility, which had been in the planning stages for the previous few years, was finally becoming a reality.

15 years ago (2011)

Dobie High School's enrollment topped 3,500 students, setting a new record for the Pasadena Independent School District. No other district high school had ever hit the 3,500 mark. Pasadena, South Houston and Sam Rayburn campuses inched over the 3,000 mark before the opening of the Memorial High campus in 2004 relieved crowded conditions on those campuses.

Dobie seniors Joe Cavazos and Alaina Burns were named homecoming king and queen respectively, during the school's halftime festivities. The Longhorns' varsity football team defeated the Humble Wildcats 20-17 in the game.

10 years ago (2016)

Houston firefighters responded to a fire at Frazier Elementary on Tuesday, Sept. 20. The blaze, which took place outside the campus near the school's playground, reportedly stemmed from a faulty electrical transformer that snapped at its

base, causing it to collapse and catch fire. No one was injured.

San Jacinto College was named as one of 10 finalists for the prestigious 2017 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's pre-eminent recognition of high achievement and performance in America's community colleges. San Jacinto will now enter the final stage of the competition for \$1 million, which will be awarded in March 2017 in Washington, D.C.

5 years ago (2021)

Three people were shot in the same night Saturday, Sept. 18, at an apartment complex in the 1400 block of Redford near Edgemoor and the Gulf Freeway. According to police, officers were dispatched to a shooting call at the above address around 10:30 p.m. and found two people had been shot inside an apartment. While on the scene, officers were advised of another person found with a gunshot wound in a separate area of the complex. No immediate arrests were made.

A woman was killed in a traffic accident Friday, Sept. 17, in the 14100 block of the Gulf Freeway near Beltway 8. The crash took place when a silver Nissan Altima traveling at a high rate of

speed left the roadway and struck a concrete pillar. Cindy Ybanez was pronounced dead at the scene.

The American Legion Post 490 building on SH 3 near Ellington Airport caught fire Tuesday, Sept. 21. A few members were outside on the patio when the fire began in the kitchen and tried to extinguish the blaze to no avail. No one was injured. While the building's structure was not destroyed, nearly everything inside was.

1 year ago (2025)

An early morning fire destroyed the Christ Church Apostolic on Fuqua east of the Gulf Freeway Saturday, Sept. 13, leaving two Houston firefighters injured and the church community grappling with extensive damage to their historic place of worship.

The blaze, which broke out around 6:15 a.m., quickly escalated to a two-alarm fire, prompting a large-scale response from the Houston Fire Department. Around 100 firefighters responded to the incident, according to Houston Fire Department officials.

Two firefighters sustained leg injuries while battling the flames and were transported to a nearby hospital. One firefighter suffered a broken ankle, while the other suffered a fractured femur. According

to HFD Deputy Chief Douglas Harrison, the injuries took place when a hose came loose from a hydrant and struck them both. The pair are expected to make a full recovery, officials said.

While the fire was largely tempered by 10:30 a.m., crews stayed at the site throughout the afternoon to prevent the structure from collapsing. Firefighting efforts caused the close of Fuqua, creating extensive traffic delays in the area.

The church, a fixture in the community for more than seven decades, suffered significant structural damage and was declared a total loss by fire officials.

The church had occupied the current building for the past 25 years, and the church had just completely renovated following a tornado that struck just two years earlier.

The cause of the fire remained under investigation. Officials had not yet determined whether it was accidental or the result of foul play. A spokesperson from the Houston Fire Department stated that their records department is actively reviewing the incident.

Because the structure was a place of worship, the incident was investigated by federal agencies as well as local entities, with the ATF joining

the investigation.

Despite the devastation, church leaders were already making plans to continue their ministry, which includes approximately 100 members. While services at the Fuqua location were suspended temporarily, members of the congregation explored alternative venues to hold worship and community gatherings. The church's website encouraged members to stay connected through small groups and ministry outreach programs.

Services were temporarily held at the FountainBlu Event Center in Pasadena Sunday, Sept. 14, following the incident.

No civilians were injured in the fire.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DON!

Don Graham of Sageglen is wished a happy birthday on Sept. 24 by his wife, Leader staffer **Rosa Graham**; his son **Esteban** and daughter-in-law, **Amy** and grandson **Lane Graham**; his daughter **Teresa** and son-in-law **Michael** and grandchildren **Gabriella** and **Daniel Blancas**; and his son **David** and daughter-in-law **Kali** and grandchildren **Braxton** and **Blakely Graham**.

HAVE A GREAT BIRTHDAY, CHRIS!

Birthday greetings are sent to **Dr. Chris Durham** Sept. 26, from his daughters **Abigail** and **Penelope** and son **Jackson Durham**.

JOHN CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday wishes are sent to **John Laurino** Sept. 27, from his friends and family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LAURA!

Birthday wishes are sent to former Leader staff member **Laura Benavides Scallan** Oct. 1 from the Leader staff.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Sept. 24 through Sept. 30.

Atkinson Elementary

Sept. 26 is the day for a party for **Aushunay Banala**. **Christopher Bui**, Atkinson principal, enjoys a birthday Sept. 27. Blow out the birthday candles for **Gabriela Rodriguez** Sept. 29.

Frazier Elementary

Light the candles on a cake Sept. 26 for **Dina Edwards**. **Valley Richardson** marks a day of celebration Sept. 30.

Genoa Elementary

Sept. 24 is the day for a party for **Elizabeth Tijerina** and **Diana Perales**. Send a happy birthday wish to **Charlie Crissman** on Sept. 28.

Moore Elementary

The day for a birthday cake and ice cream for **Celena Hudspeth** is Sept. 26.

Stuchbery Elementary

Send a birthday greeting Sept. 28 to **Angelica Plummer**. The day for **Jacqueline Sosa** to celebrate with ice cream and cake is Sept. 30.

Beverly Hills Intermediate

Light the birthday candles Sept. 25 for **Grant Pector**.

Thompson Intermediate

Sing a happy birthday song to **Carissa Cantu** Sept. 27.

Dobie High

Kimberly Walker celebrates a birthday Sept. 25. **Deronda Pitre-Preston** celebrates a birthday Sept. 27. Three cheers for a wonderful birthday Sept. 30 for **Tiffany Bowyer**, **Kevin Cross** and **Stephen Cross**.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

Thursday, Sept. 24: **Paola Medel**, **Harold Barron**, **Lissa Stephens-Bell**, **Lindy Hoggard**, **Brenda Flewellen**, **Karl Wilkerson**, **Obed Valdez**, **Jason Rendon**, **Debra Kendrick**, **Kim Martinez** and **Angela Shaulis**; Friday, Sept. 25: **Key Voh Patches**, **Jamie Olivares**, **Melanie Conaway**, **Ronell Ram** and **Kevin Sockwell**; Saturday, Sept. 26: **Dina Edwards**, **Tripp Harris** and **Mike Flinn**; Sunday, Sept. 27: **Nicole Garcia**, **Yvette Rodriguez** and **Ashley McGuinty**; Monday, Sept. 28: **Megan Medina**, **Esmerelda Rodriguez**, **Anna Benavidez**, **Tam Vo** and **Christina Guth**; Monday, Tuesday, 29: **Antonio Morua**, **Marian Adams**, **Adriana Sepulveda**, **Ken Rodrick** and **Gwen Lopez** and Wednesday, Sept. 30: **Jason Cook** and **Myra Janacek**.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Dobie cross-country hosts prestigious Longhorn Stampede

In what has become one of the most prestigious regular season cross-country meets across the Re-

gion 3 landscape, Dobie played host to the 2026 Longhorn Stampede Sept. 17 at Dobie main, hosting

77 high school programs in all in a variety of distance events as teams began gauging their level of

competitiveness with the postseason now roughly a month away. Dobie will also host the

District 19-6A Championships coming Oct. 14 on the main campus featuring many of the same race routes.

The Dobie varsity boys' team is considered one of the top contenders for a district championship in 18-6A next month, and the Longhorns were able to match their talents against those of many of the top programs in the region at the Stampede.

The highly anticipated varsity boys' Division 1 race featuring a 5,000-meter course did not disappoint, with Friendswood senior Alex Hillier coming away as the overall gold medalist in a time of 15 minutes, 40.80 seconds.

Dobie captured the next two spots with juniors Cruz Jasso and Jordan Roman coming through in a big way. Jasso was second in a time of 15:59.00, followed by Roman, third overall, with his time of 16:14.30.

Longhorn sophomore Robert Pheister returned to the lineup in a big way as he was 13th overall with a time of 16:54.60.

Senior Ruben Flores

clocked in at 17:43.00 for 52nd place, and junior Jorge Rodriguez was the team's fifth official qualifier as he was 57th at a time of 17:48.20.

In the varsity boys' Division 1 final team standings, it was Cinco Ranch finishing first with 82 points, followed by Deer Park's 87 points. Friendswood was third at 95, with Dobie fourth with 122.

Other programs from 19-6A competing at the event including Brazoswood, which was seventh and Pearland, which finished 10th.

In the girls' top race, the Cardenas sisters from Manvel were not in attendance. Instead, Clear Creek sophomore Kaylee Mendoza was the top overall medalist in the Division 1 5,000 meter event and she closed strong for a time of 18 minutes, 54.70 seconds. Kate Rogers of Cinco Ranch took second as she was in at 19:00.10

In the varsity girls' Division 1 team standings, Willis made the trip to Sagemont and came away with the championship

with a low of 84 points. Friendswood was second and narrowly held off Deer Park, the top 6A program in the field.

For those considered in the top rung of talent in the 19-6A district, Brazoswood was fourth at 145. Dobie wound up ninth overall with a 213 accumulation.

The host Longhorn girls were ninth in the team standings as senior Aracely Alvarado, as she has done in each race to this point this season, led the way for her team as she was 10th with a clocking of 19:54.91.

Freshman Sofia Charles was Dobie's second overall best finisher as her time of 20:16.80 placed her 14th.

Next up for the Longhorns was another freshman, Marley Manriquez, who crossed the finish line at 22:15.40 for 66th place. Another freshman, Cecilia Bogany, captured 78th place with her finish of 22:42.50.

The Longhorns' fifth official qualifier was Maria Arredondo, a senior, as

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JFD varsity volleyball needs second-half push



Dobie co-captain Alyssa Espinoza (1) has surpassed 500 career kills in her standout career with the Longhorns. Most importantly, she and her teammates are looking to make a second-half run in league play as the push to the postseason intensifies.

Photo by Donna Alsdorf

With the final stretch of the varsity volleyball season set to soon begin across the state, Dobie is in decent position but still on the outside looking in according to the 19-6A standings, while Lutheran South Academy is moving along just fine in its season to this point.

Leading into a road match at Alvin Sept. 22 after press time, the Longhorns were looking to defeat the Yellowjackets to finish at 4-4 in the first half of league play.

That 4-4 record is good for fifth place to this point. With Dawson, Pearland Manvel and Shadow Creek comfortably out in front in the playoff seeds, it just may come down to Manvel, currently tied for third, and Dobie for the final playoff spot. In the first meeting, Dobie and Manvel went the distance.

On Sept. 18 at Dobie, the Mavericks escaped

with a 25-21, 22-25, 28-26, 21-25, 15-9 victory in the end.

With the victory, Manvel is currently tied with Shadow Creek for third place at 5-2, with the Longhorns knotted with Alvin for fifth place at 3-4. The Longhorns went into the battle at Alvin with a 15-16 overall record as numerous players have contributed in all phases of the game to this point.

Alyssa Espinoza is averaging 2.7 kills per set to go along with 1.9 kills per set for Mahoganii Davis. Freshman Neriah LeBlanc is averaging 1.8 kills per set. Davis' 0.186 hitting percentage leads the way, and she is also the JFD leader in total blocks with 36. Aly Garza is averaging 4.6 digs per set, and Espinoza has 39 service aces to lead the team. In the setting department, Riese

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Friendswood's Alex Hillier (center) proved to be a cut above the rest as he was the gold medalist in the Division 1 varsity boys' 5,000-meter event at the Longhorn Stampede, clocking in at 15 min-

utes, 40.80 seconds. Cruz Jasso of Dobie (left) was the runner-up at 15:59.00, followed by teammate Jordan Roman (right), who was third with a time of 16:14.30.

JFD football crushes Rayburn; invites Sharks for homecoming

Following a 42-7 victory over Sam Rayburn Sept. 18 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena, the Dobie varsity

football team will now host homecoming on the same turf at Veterans Stadium Sept. 24, beginning at

6:30 p.m. as the undefeated Shadow Creek Sharks visit.

While the Longhorns improved to 2-2 overall and

1-1 within district competition with its win over the Texans, the Sharks easily took care of visiting Bra-

zoswood as they continue to excel in all phases of the game.

To this point in the sea-

son, the Sharks have proven to be one of the more individually talented programs in the region.

Senior Xavier Muhammad, a transfer from South Houston High School, is just one of the many standouts on the defensive side.

Offensively, Shadow Creek features senior quarterback Tavis Coleman, who through a pair of games had completed 37 of 60 throws for 532 yards and four touchdowns.

Receiver Jaylen Addai, a junior, was on the receiving end of 10 of Coleman's completions for a tremendous 190 yards. Sophomore receiver Brandon Lafell had 12 catches for 179 yards.

Clearly, the Sharks possess plenty of catch and run ability that the Longhorns will need to keep a handle on.

Pearland is the leader in the district race to this point, having produced relatively easy victories over both the Longhorns and Dawson. In an inter-school district battle against Dawson Sept. 18 at The Rig in Pearland, the Oilers completed a rather one-sided 48-14 victory to move to 4-0 overall.

Manvel, also unbeat-

en this season at 3-0, has allowed just seven points defensively while scoring a total of 142 points. Pasadena Memorial is now 2-2 overall and, like Dobie, is 1-1 in district action after winning an overtime thriller at Alvin by a 43-41 count.

To this point in the District 19-6A race, Shadow Creek is out to a 1-0 start following a bye in its schedule early on. The Sharks are 3-0 overall. Pearland is atop the district standings at 2-0 and is 4-0 overall. Manvel is also undefeated at 3-0 through the first month of the season.

Shadow Creek enjoyed its bye in the schedule to open league play Sept. 11, then blanked Brazoswood 61-0 Sept. 18.

The Longhorns have now rushed for 947 yards and thrown for just 221 through the air in their first four games of the season and figure to lean into the running game.

Junior Adrian Taylor trails only Royce Swan of Pearland in the rushing department within the league. Swan has carried 70 times for 634 yards and eight touchdowns while Taylor has accumulated 543 yards on 62 carries with six touchdowns.

The Longhorns' Tyler Owens has also rushed for 183 yards on 25 carries, and J'mier Gasaway has rushed for 113 yards on 31 totes.

Dobie senior receiver Nolen Thomas has 10 receptions

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Pass-rusher R.J. Robinson of Dobie (15) celebrates after making a big play against Sam Rayburn as he and his teammates limited the Texans during an easy 49-7 victory Sept. 18 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

Photo by Kendrick Ramos



Longhorn place-kicker Nathanael Campos was successful on a pair of 37-yard field goals in an eventual 49-7 victory over Sam Rayburn Sept. 18 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Campos has been a huge bright spot for the team early on this season.

Photo by Kendrick Ramos

Gonzalez reaches milestone at Lamar; Collins starts well at SFA



Class of 2024 Dobie graduate Lexie Gonzalez, now a junior standout within the Lamar University volleyball program, earlier this month eclipsed the 2,000 career-assist mark. The Cardinals are off to a bit of a slow start this season but are focused on ramping things up for a big run in Southland Conference action.

Lamar University photo



Stephen F. Austin University freshman Aniston Collins has made a solid early impression with the Lumberjacks early on in the NCAA women's volleyball season. The Class of 2026 Lutheran South Academy graduate has registered 194 assists through 47 total sets as of Sept. 24. At right is SFA head coach Debbie Humphreys.

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BAFL Weekly Standings

Peewee Division			
Team	W	L	T
Hurricanes	6	0	0
Wildcats	5	0	0
Pearland Texans	4	1	1
Red Raiders	4	1	0
Braves	4	2	0
Panthers	4	2	0
Manvel Texans	4	2	0
Buccaneers	3	2	0
Chargers	3	2	0
Cowboys	2	2	1
Patriots	2	3	0
49ers	2	4	0
Gators	2	4	0
Stingrays	2	4	0
Sharks	1	4	0
La Porte Texans	1	4	0
Eagles	0	6	0
Longhorns	0	6	0

Freshman Division			
Team	W	L	T
49ers	6	0	0
Stingrays	5	1	0
Manvel Texans	5	1	0
Red Raiders	4	1	0
Wildcats	4	1	0
Hurricanes	4	2	0
Pearland Texans	4	2	0
Patriots	3	2	0
Eagles	3	3	0
Panthers	3	3	0
Buccaneers	2	3	0
Cowboys	2	3	0
Chargers	2	3	0
Sharks	1	4	0
Gators	1	5	0
Longhorns	1	5	0
La Porte Texans	0	5	0
Braves	0	6	0

Sophomore Division			
Team	W	L	T
Red Raiders	5	0	0
49ers	5	1	0
Manvel Texans	5	1	0
Panthers	4	1	1
Stingrays	4	1	1
Wildcats	4	1	0
Chargers	4	2	0
Gators	4	2	0
Hurricanes	4	2	0
Sharks	3	2	0
Pearland Texans	3	3	0
Eagles	2	4	0
Buccaneers	1	4	0
Patriots	1	4	0
Braves	1	5	0
Cowboys	0	5	0
La Porte Texans	0	5	0
Longhorns	0	6	0

Junior Division			
Team	W	L	T
Manvel Texans	6	0	0
Buccaneers	5	0	0
Cowboys	5	0	0
Stingrays	5	1	0
49ers	4	2	0
Panthers	4	2	0
Chargers	3	2	0
Red Raiders	3	2	0
Gators	3	3	0
Sharks	2	3	0
Wildcats	2	3	0
Braves	2	4	0
Hurricanes	2	4	0
Pearland Texans	2	4	0
Patriots	1	4	0
Eagles	1	5	0
La Porte Texans	0	5	0
Longhorns	0	6	0

Senior Division			
Team	W	L	T
Pearland Texans	6	0	0
La Porte Texans	5	0	0
49ers	5	1	0
Gators	5	1	0
Sharks	4	1	0
Wildcats	4	1	0
Manvel Texans	4	2	0
Buccaneers	3	2	0
Chargers	3	2	0
Hurricanes	3	3	0
Stingrays	3	3	0
Patriots	2	3	0
Eagles	2	4	0
Longhorns	1	4	0
Cowboys	0	5	0
Red Raiders	0	5	0
Braves	0	6	0
Panthers	0	6	0

BAFL Week 7
Sept. 26

Cowboys’
Peewee
at Red Raiders,
8 a.m.

Cowboys’
Freshmen
at Red Raiders,
9:30 a.m.

Cowboys’
Sophomores
at Red Raiders,
11:30 a.m.

Cowboys’
Juniors
at Red Raiders,
1:30 p.m.

Cowboys’
Seniors
at Red Raiders,
3:30 p.m.

South Belt
football
predictions

Dobie hosts Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Dobie	Dobie	Shadow Creek
Clear Springs at Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson
Clear Brook versus Clear Falls	Clear Falls	Clear Falls	Clear Falls	Clear Falls
Atascocita at North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore
Katy Jordan versus Katy Taylor	Katy Jordan	Katy Jordan	Katy Taylor	Katy Jordan
Goose Creek Memorial hosts Port Arthur Memorial	Port Arthur Memorial	Port Arthur Memorial	Port Arthur Memorial	Port Arthur Memorial
La Porte at Beaumont West Brook	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte
Baytown Sterling at Galveston Ball	Baytown Sterling	Baytown Sterling	Baytown Sterling	Galveston Ball
Angleton at Iowa Colony	Angleton	Angleton	Angleton	Angleton
Katy Freeman at Pasadena	Katy Freeman	Katy Freeman	Katy Freeman	Katy Freeman
Last Week’s Results	10-0	10-0	9-1	9-1
Season record	30-10	32-8	28-12	28-12

Lions’ 7B football playing well



Thompson Intermediate seventh-grade B football standout Keiden Torres (21) sheds a Park View defender on his way to a big gain during the Lions’ victory over the Cowboys Sept. 14. The Lions have gotten out to a strong start this season.

Photos by David Flickinger



Thompson seventh-grade B defender Nathan Rivera (80) made a big stop against the Park View Cowboys that resulted in a turnover as the Lions cruised to a big victory in the matchup at Thompson Sept. 14.



Thompson has excelled on the defensive side of things to this point in the season with Luke Stevens (15) and others making big plays for the Lions’ 7B squad during the Pasadena ISD regular season.

Barbers Hill, Deer Park highlight 18-6A openers

Undefeated Barbers Hill and Deer Park both scored convincing victories to highlight the opening week of the District 18-6A varsity football season as the race to the playoffs is underway.

There appears to be a clear division between the haves and have-nots in the league, with essentially five solid and improving programs battling for four spots.

Barbers Hill, new to the Class 6A ranks but showing no issues in making the jump, improved to 4-0 overall following a easy 44-17 home victory over the Clear Falls night Sept. 18 at Eagle Stadium.

Barbers Hill quarterback Luke Babin tossed a pair of long touchdown passes to Keagan Norton, one for 71 yards and a second score for 82 yards as the Eagles rolled to the victory.

Clear Falls, a perennial playoff-qualifier but out to a slow start to this point in the season, fell to 1-3 overall while dropping a crucial opening week game within league play.

Falls victimized itself by committing six turnovers, hampering efforts to score points despite the offense moving into Eagle territory on numerous occasions throughout the night. Barbers Hill also got a 42-yard touchdown run from receiver Braylon Fisher.

Clear Falls quarterback Reid Jeffrey, a transfer from Lutheran South Academy, threw four 280 yards in the game but also tossed three interceptions.

Babin, who has elevated himself as one of the top quarterbacks in the area, accumulated 328 yards passing while both Morton (164 yards) and Fisher (102 yards) eclipsed the 100-yard mark in reception yardage.

Clear Falls will have a chance to get back on track while taking on Clear Brook Sept. 25 at Challenger Columbia stadium in Webster. On the same night, Barbers Hill will take on a 1-3 Clear Creek team at Veterans Memorial Stadium in League City.

Deer Park also stayed undefeated at 4-0 following a 54-7 victory over Clear Brook Sept. 17 at Challenger Columbia Stadium in Webster.

The Deer, who will host Clear Lake Sept. 25 at Abshier Stadium in Deer Park, have now scored at least 35 points in each of its four victories to start the season.

Overall, Deer Park has produced 175 points while allowing just 31 as head coach Austin Flynn’s group has excelled with second-year quarterback Haden LaFrenz excelling as a dual threat.

Dickinson came into the start of district play winless at 0-3 but quickly changed its fortunes with a 72-0 route of Clear Lake. In that one, the Gators went to Veterans Memorial Stadium in League City and absolutely crushed the Falcons to get back on track after losses to area powers Ridge Point, Katy and Atascocita to open the season.

The Gators scored four touchdowns in the first quarter and never looked back while cruising to the victory. Dickinson will now host Clear Springs Sept. 25 at Vitanza Stadium in Dickinson.

In another key matchup to open district play, Clear Springs was able to squeeze past Clear Creek 23-21 at Challenger Columbia Stadium in Webster.

In what ended up being the most competitive game between the two programs in recent years, the Chargers were able to even their overall record at 2-2.

Each of the Chargers’ four games to this point this season have been decided by a field goal or less. Charger running back Darrien Moore led the way as he rushed for 88 yards in the game as the visitors took a 13-0 lead after one quarter of action.

But with quarterback Rafe Trevino passing for 85 yards and running for 94 more, Clear Creek stayed in the game.

Clear Springs receiver Parker Trampusch caught a 35-yard touchdown pass to give the Chargers a 23-14 lead only to see the Wildcats pull within 23-21 with just over a minute to play. Clear Springs recovered the onside kick to hold on to the victory.

It is very much looking like a five-team race to the final postseason stretch, and both Barbers Hill and Deer Park have announced their presence in the race. Dickinson could very well be on the upswing after getting its first victory while Clear Springs and Clear Falls appear in need of showing a bit more as the district 18-6A race continues.

District 18-6A Week 2 Action

Dickinson hosts
Clear Springs
Sept. 25, 7 p.m. at
Vitanza Stadium

Deer Park hosts
Clear Lake
Sept. 25, 7 p.m.
Abshier Stadium

Clear Falls hosts
Clear Brook
Sept. 25, 7 p.m.
Challenger Columbia

Clear Creek hosts
Barbers Hill
Sept. 25, 7 p.m.
CCISD Veterans

Volleyball programs in final push

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Rackley is the team leader with 318 assists to go with 251 for Alyssa Goree. Senior Leah Hernandez also has 127 assists.

At Lutheran South, the Pioneers have delivered an 18-10 overall record to this point, including 3-1 in district action. Lutheran South has been to the state tournament three times in the past four years but has undergone a bit of a roster revamp this season.

Still, head coach Geoff Stresman’s team has played well. Megan Schwanbeck, a junior outside hitter, leads the team with 3.5 kills per set, followed by sophomore Carissa Honore with 3.2 kills per set.

Junior Addy Musgrove leads the team in hitting percentage at 0.301. Charlie Marsico is the team leader in digs at 4.3 per set, and junior Lucy Gatrall has 39 total blocks. Musgrove has 74 service aces, and Marsico leads the way with 282 digs. Musgrove is far and away the team leader with 628 assists as the team’s primary setter.



Dobie varsity volleyball players, from left, Brianna Huesca (8.) Alyssa Espinoza (1) and Mahoganii Davis (10) pose for the camera during the Longhorns’ straight-set win over Pasadena Memorial. Following a tough five-set loss to Manvel, Dobie is 3-4 in district action heading into a road match at Alvin after press time.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill," Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Hope Community United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/>.

7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Check website for time and location <https://pearlandrotary.com/events/calendar> or call 832-293-9860.

9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Open Tues. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call Karen Hollon at 713-472-0565 for appointment. Tours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.

Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at <https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners>. Call 713-686-6300 for more information. Meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. FM 518, Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or <https://nas-tuff.com/>. Meets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

7 p.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>.

8 p.m. **Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 - 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share and discover choices available. Call 281-484-9243.

8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call

281-484-9243.

8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
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** - See Friday's notice.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
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, at the Life Recovery Church, 5215 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** - See Friday's notice.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group. See Friday's notice.

6 p.m. **Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Monday at Denny's, 19212 Gulf Freeway. Join the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Email huff_reunion@juno.com for info.

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. For details, call Rita at 281-309-2801.

7 p.m. **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - Chapter #0683 Friendswood 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, SEPTEMBER 29
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.

9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.

11:30 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.

7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)**. See Friday's notice.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.

9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.

Noon **Ballroom Dancing** - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway, League City, 77573, is open. Neva and Bill Schroder coordinate Wednesday sessions for casual ballroom dancing (not dance lessons). Park activity cardholders attend free. Call 281-554-1180 for details.

Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group. See Friday's notice.

7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.

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Stampede features top area runners

Continued from Page 5 she was 87th with her time of 22:14.30. Sophomore Esmeralda Martinez was 89th with her timing of 22:17.40. Junior softball standout Destiny Sidiropoulos-made the top 100 as she was 98 overall in a time of 22:38.10. Ivane Morales, a sophomore who has shown improvement throughout the season, placed 105th with a time of 24: 17.70. **CB girls succeed** The Clear Brook varsity girls' program was also in attendance at Dobie. The Wolverines' top finisher was sophomore Xiomara Vasquez, who came to the finish line at 20:51.70. Sophomore Emily Harrell delivered a clocking of 23:32.30 for 95th place in the event. In the junior varsity 2-mile event, sophomore Mia Chavez of Dobie was her team's top finisher with a time of 15:00.10. Ava Flores, also a sophomore, placed 74th with a clocking of 15:39.00.

Bears earn Athlete of the Week honors



The Beverly Hills Intermediate eighth-grade girls' athletics Athlete of the Week for the week ending Sept. 18 was Yanelly Hurtado.



The Beverly Hills Intermediate seventh-grade girls' athletics Athlete of the Week for the week ending Sept. 18 was Olivia Tran.



The Beverly Hills Intermediate eighth-grade boys' athletics Athlete of the Week for the week ending Sept. 18 was Brian Martinez.



The Beverly Hills Intermediate seventh-grade boys' athletics Athlete of the Week for the week ending Sept. 18 was Yamariyen Manuel.

WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The SAGEMEADOW UTILITY DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2026 on October 14, 2026, at 7:30 P.M. at Clear Brook City M.U.D. Building, 11911 Blackhawk Boulevard, Houston, TX 77089. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

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AGAINST the proposal:	None	
PRESENT and not voting:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

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	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$ 0.52000/\$100 Adopted	\$ 0.52000/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ 0.00000/\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)	.00%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 257,377	\$ 258,657
General homestead exemptions available <i>(excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)</i>	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 257,377	\$ 258,657
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,338.36	\$ 1,345.01
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	\$ 6.65	
and percentage of increase (+/-)	0.49%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

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



At left, Longhorn junior Aracely Alvarado was once again her team's top overall finisher in the varsity girls' Division 1 5,000-meter event. Alvarado turned in another terrific performance at the Longhorn Stampede as she was 10th overall in the 5,000-meter event, coming up with a time of 19 minutes, 54.91 seconds in the event.



At right, Sofia Charles of Dobie again came through in a big way for the varsity girls' squad as she was 13th overall in the 5,000-meter Division 1 event. Charles produced a time of 19 minutes, 54.91 seconds on her home course at Dobie and should be in position for a fantastic finish to her debut season at the varsity level.



At left, Jordan Roman of Dobie continued to better his times during the season as he was the bronze medalist individually in the varsity boys' Division 1 5,000-meter event, placing third overall. Roman came through with a time of 16 minutes, 14.30 seconds as the district champion from a season ago continues improve his performances down the stretch.



At right, Dobie junior Cruz Jasso (left), who finished as the silver medalist in the varsity boys' Division 1 race, was congratulated by Pasadena ISD superintendent Dr. Toni Lopez as she made an appearance at the event Sept. 17 at Dobie main. A time of 15 minutes, 59.00 seconds was enough to get Jasso to the finish line as the overall runner-up in the event.

Horns dash past SR after building big lead

Continued from Page 5 for 116 yards and a pair of touchdowns after reeling in another scoring pass against Sam Rayburn. The Longhorns wasted little time getting on the board midway through the opening quarter. Taking over at the Rayburn 45-yard line following a nice punt return from Jordan Ramirez, Dobie got 19 yards and a first down on their first offensive snap from Taylor, and he went another 14 yards two plays later for a another first down. Oscar Hernandez hit Markeith Smith for a short game down to the 6-yard line before hitting Thomas down the middle with a short toss for the remaining six yards and a 7-0 lead. After forcing a turnover on downs in their own territory, the Longhorns made it 15-0 as Taylor dashed into the end zone down the right side from 28 yards out and holder Marco Rincon took the direct snap on the conversion and raced into the end zone for two points. The Longhorns extended the lead to 18-0 with 8 minutes, 33 seconds to go before halftime as Nathanael Campos was good from the 37 yards out on a field goal. Taylor broke a tackle and raced down the middle for 39 yards and a touchdown with just over 3 minutes to go in the opening half as the Longhorns were up 25-0 and well on their way to squaring their overall record at 2-2. A holding call took away a touchdown from Taylor early in the third quarter, but Campos was good again from 37 yards away as the Longhorns took a commanding 28-0 edge midway through the third quarter.



Dobie offensive lineman Cesar Garcia (66) looks ahead to check the accuracy of a field goal attempt for the Longhorns in the first half of the team's victory over Sam Rayburn. Kicker Nathanael Campos made a pair of field goals in the first half as the Longhorns built a big lead. Photo by Kendrick Ramos



Dobie defensive back Zaire Kendrick (4) goes against a Sam Rayburn player during a punt coverage play early on during the Longhorns' eventual 42-7 victory over the Texans Sept. 18 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Photo by Kendrick Ramos

19-6A Varsity Football

	Overall	District
Pearland	4-0	2-0
Manvel	3-0	1-0
Shadow Creek	2-1	1-0
Dawson	1-3	1-1
Dobie	2-2	1-1
Brazoswood	2-2	1-1
Memorial	2-2	1-1
Alvin	0-4	0-2
Rayburn	0-4	0-2

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