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Tollway to close Sept. 5-6

All westbound lanes of the Beltway 8 toll road from Beamer to Blackhawk will be closed nightly from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, and Friday, Sept. 6.

Dobie holds open house

Dobie High School will hold a pair of open house meetings in the coming weeks. The main Dobie campus will hold its open house Monday, Sept. 9, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Dobie9 will hold its open house Monday, Sept. 16, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Beltway closures planned

The eastbound and westbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Beamer will be closed continuously until 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 22. Both northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Crenshaw will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Thursday, Sept. 12.

At least one alternate lane on the northbound Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed at Crenshaw daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Thursday, Sept. 12.

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

At least two inside northbound Beltway 8 frontage road lanes will be closed at SH 225 nightly from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. through the morning of Monday, Sept. 30.

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one lane on the northbound frontage road of the Gulf Freeway from FM 517 to FM 518 in League City will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Monday, Sept. 30.

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96/League City Parkway will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Tuesday, Dec. 31.

Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed.

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

At least one alternate lane of both the northbound and southbound main lanes of the Gulf Freeway between IH-610 South Loop and Beltway 8 South will be closed nightly (excluding weekend) from 9 a.m. to 5 a.m. through the morning of Friday, Sept. 13.

Dobie 1974 holds reunion

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

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

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

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

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

Ellington e-recycling set

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

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

Items accepted are PCs, servers, keyboards, mice, laptops, game consoles, monitors, small kitchen appliances, memory chips, hubs and routers, printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines, projectors, rechargeable batteries, cable boxes, car batteries, telephones, cell phones, PDAs, tape drives, hard drives, cords, cables and cameras.

The collection events take place the second Saturday of each month. For additional information, visit www.houstonsolidwaste.org or call 3-1-1.

Heavy trash pickup set

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

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

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

Dobie crisis training set for Sept. 10

On Tuesday, Sept. 10, Dobie High School will perform a campuswide, student-involved crisis response training.

As part of a districtwide review of the Pasadena Independent School District safety plan, a new safety protocol called A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) has been adopted for use in the unlikely event of an armed intruder in a school building. A.L.I.C.E. training provides preparation and a plan for individuals and organizations on how to more proactively handle the threat of an aggressive intruder or active shooter event. A.L.I.C.E. Training offers option-based tactics, versus the traditional "lock-down only" approach.

District personnel and police began exploring A.L.I.C.E. as an option several years ago. After its adoption, training in the new protocol began

with Dobie campus leadership and progressed to the rest of the faculty and staff. The upcoming event will be the second time Dobie students are exposed to the A.L.I.C.E. method in a systematic way.

Dobie parents should have received a message from school officials notifying them of the training.

"Our priority is to keep students safe during their time at school," said Dobie Principal Franklin Moses in the notification. "As a result, Dobie High School will implement a new safety procedure. The campus staff has been trained to initiate A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate) if an intruder enters our building. The A.L.I.C.E. protocol is an option based strategy relying on situational awareness. Students will soon watch a short video at school

followed by a teacher-led discussion using frequently asked questions as a guide. Additional A.L.I.C.E. activities will follow throughout the year. Please visit the website at www.pasadenaisd.org and click on the Keeping Pasadena ISD Safe tab to access the introductory video and additional information. If you have any specific questions, please feel free to call Dobie High School at 713-740-0370. We are happy to answer any questions you have about the A.L.I.C.E. protocol."

Student Frequently Asked Questions about A.L.I.C.E.

1. How will the school officers respond in an A.L.I.C.E. situation?

The officers will follow police protocol when they are informed of an active intruder.

2. May I call my parents once I get to safety?

Yes, please call your parents once you get to a safe place. You can also call 911 to let them know where you are.

3. Can we throw things if there is an intruder in our classroom?

Your teacher might choose to throw things if an intruder enters the classroom. You should follow the directions of your teacher (or adult in the room) and be prepared to distract the intruder, evacuate the room, or move furniture around to create a barricade.

4. Can we break a window to get out?

Your teacher might choose to use the window as a way to evacuate if the door is not an option.

You should follow the directions of your teacher or adult in the room. They will know how to evacuate, but may ask for your help. Carefully clear away glass before going out the window, and then RUN to safety.

5. How will I reunite with my family?

The district will identify a place for you to be reunited with your family. The information about where to reunite with your family will be sent out in many ways, including a message from school, through social media posts and officer's police cars. The school will work together with law enforcement to decide where parents can pick up students.

6. Do substitutes know what to do?

Substitutes will receive training, but they may need reminders from students about the closest exit or available materials in the room.

7. Are we allowed to evacuate without a teacher?

If there is no teacher around you, and you can safely evacuate, you can do so. Remember to run to the closest exit and do not return to the building. Keep running until you reach a safe place or until you locate a safe adult.

8. What if someone has an injury or other reason which prevents them from evacuating?

If someone is unable to evacuate, lock the classroom and barricade the door if possible. If you can help the person evacuate, you can do that as well.

9. What if there is no PA Announcement of

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Adding insult to injury!



Considerable trash from an accident on Saturday was left in the middle of the esplanade at the intersection of Beamer and Beltway 8. Wrecker drivers removing vehicles from a scene have the responsibility to remove trash like this. The trash was still present at an accident the following Sunday morning and spotted by the Leader photographer following the three-car accident at that intersection which sent two people to the hospital. Charlie Thomason, owner of Thomason Wrecker from La Porte, saw the mess and volunteered, although it was not his responsibility, to clean it up. A special "thank you" to him, and "shame, shame" on the wrecker driver who left the mess. The Leader took pictures of the license plate left at the scene to track down who left the mess. Strangely, there is no record of the vehicle being towed, or of it having been in an accident. Maybe more information will be available in next week's issue. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Residents warned of tailgate thieves

Harris County Constable Pct. 2 Deputies investigated multiple tailgate thefts that occurred recently in the South Belt area subdivisions Highland Meadow and Wood Meadow.

During the course of the investigation by officers of the Harris County Pct 2 Criminal Investigation unit, the suspect was identified as Omar Herrera who resides in the Greater East End area.

The Harris County District Attorney's Office

accepted a charge of Felony Aggregated Theft on Herrera for the thefts of the tailgates.

Deputies were able to recover two of the stolen tailgates that were returned to their rightful owners within the South Belt area.



Omar Herrera

National Night Out set for Oct. 1

The 36th annual National Night Out is set to take place Tuesday, Oct. 1.

Begun in 1984, NNO is a nationwide program to foster better relationships between local police departments and the communities they serve.

"NNO is a chance to bring neighborhoods together with the men and women who protect them," said Officer Emilio Reyes of the Houston Police Department. "The safety of our communities depends on both law enforcement and the citizens they serve, and NNO events can enhance that cooperation. Preventing and solving crime is a community effort. NNO is an excellent program that helps the department build relationships with citizens and create safer neighborhoods."

More than 16,000 communities, representing all 50 states, took part in last year's campaign, attracting roughly 38 million participants.

The event formerly took place in August, but organizers have since changed the NNO's Texas date to give residents an opportunity to enjoy cooler weather.

Along with the traditional display of porch lights and front porch vigils, NNO will be celebrated by neighborhoods and communities with

a variety of events and activities such as block parties, cookouts, parades, flashlight walks, contests, youth programs and visits from local police.

Harris County officials will hold an event at the county annex, located at 10851 Scarsdale at Beamer, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Hosted by Constable Chris Diaz, Commissioner Rodney Ellis and Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado, the event will feature music, refreshments, face painting and hot dogs.

Local homeowner groups and civic clubs also traditionally hold NNO events. The Houston Police Department, Harris County Sheriff's Office and Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's Office will all be participating in various functions.

South Belt residents within the city limits who are planning a block party and wanting to have a police visit should contact HPD Officer Richard Buitron at 281-642-3484 or Buitron@Houstonpolice.org. Residents outside the city limits having parties should contact Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz's office at 713-477-2766. The sooner law enforcement agencies are aware of an NNO event, the better chance an officer can attend.

Boykins to host 2nd-chance job fair

Houston District D City Council Member Dwight Boykins will host his annual Second Chance Job Fair Thursday, Sept. 19, at the George R. Brown Convention Center, located at 1001 Avenida De Las Americas Exhibit Hall A, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Second Chance Job Fair will provide opportunities for individuals who are unemployed, underemployed, have dropped out of high school, and those who have made mistakes in the past, including nonviolent ex-felons. The initiative will assist those who are in need of a sec-

ond chance by addressing the City of Houston workforce shortage and will empower members of the community by improving their quality of life and providing financial stability.

"I believe that everyone in life deserves a second chance," Boykins said. "My goal is to remove barriers of a person's past and provide an opportunity through a second chance. So please be sure to join us at the Second Chance Job Fair."

Participants must register in advance. For additional information or to register, visit secondchancejobfair.com.

Human remains still unidentified

Houston police are still awaiting autopsy results on two sets of human remains recently found in the South Belt area.

The first set of remains was found at Blackhawk Park near the intersection of Blackhawk and Fuqua, on Thursday, July 4.

The identity, gender and race of the found individual are unknown. According to police, patrol officers were dispatched to a call stating that human remains were found in a wooded area at the above address.

Members of the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences were contacted to gather evidence and are attempting to learn the identity of the deceased person.

A second set of remains was found Monday, July 29, in the 900 block of Clear Lake City Boulevard near SH 3/Old Galveston Road.

The victim's gender, identity and cause of death are pending verification by the county medical examiner's office.

According to police, a bicyclist traveling at the above address found what appeared to be a human skull near the roadway and notified authorities. Officers responded and confirmed the remains were human.

The investigation is pending results of an examination by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

At press time, it remains unclear if the two incidents are related.

Anyone with information on either of these cases is urged to contact the Houston Police Department's Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

City recognizes Preparedness Month

Every September, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and City of Houston's Office of Emergency Management observe National Preparedness Month, to promote family and community disaster and emergency planning now and throughout the year.

The 2019 theme is "Prepared, Not Scared," and throughout the month, Houston OEM will be sharing preparedness tips via its websites and social media channels:

Week 1: Save early for disaster costs

Most homeowners and renters insurance do not cover flood damage. Learn more about flood insurance at www.FloodSmart.gov and review which important documents you should have for an emergency and how to be financially prepared for a disaster at <https://www.ready.gov/financial-preparedness>.

Week 2: Make a plan to prepare

Be Prepared: make an emergency plan today and practice it. The City of Houston Disaster

Preparedness Guide is updated annually and provides information about emergency planning to Houston residents. The Guide is available in six languages for download.

Week 3: Teach youth to prepare

Teach children what to do in an emergency if they are at or away from home. Help kids know how to communicate during an emergency, build their own preparedness kit, and become Disaster Masters with tips from www.ready.gov/kids.

Week 4: Get involved in community preparedness

Get to know neighbors, particularly those too elderly or too ill to independently plan or prepare themselves for a disaster. By knowing neighbors ahead of time, one's community will work better as a team when disasters strike.

For more information about helping one's neighborhood get ready for hurricane season, visit www.houstonoem.org/preparedness-are-you-ready.

Checking out South Belt



Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis, left, surprised the Leader publisher with a visit last Saturday. With him was Matala Idi, director of Community Engagement and Constituent Services. The trio toured areas in and around the South Belt area. Above, Ellis and Idi were checking out the new 100-acre holding pond which is undergoing its final phase of development. The Leader rep told the commissioner that community members are requesting checking into the possibility of adding more capacity to the retention pond. The visit included other areas of interest which will be reported in next week's Leader. Photo by Marie Flickinger

In My Opinion

Muecke says why he supports Dave Martin

Edgebrook was rebuilt in 2009 and new side walks installed. For some reason, city inspector not there or sleeping but on the south side of the 700 block of Edgebrook the contractor did not properly install the base ground work and rebar. Within two years the side walk where it connects to the drive ways sank as much as 6". Very unsafe walking and forget wheel chairs and bikes. Houston Public works was notified but never did come correct this safety issue. Councilman Martin was made aware of this and A. B. Freeman School being near by, dedicated \$34,575.00 from his office service funds to replace the damaged areas. This contractor has done a very good

job on the sidewalk and also replanting grass and other details. This is not the first time he has helped our area. He planted 23 trees on the Edgebrook esplanade, and when asked he installed a sliding board in each of our two parks. He was instrumental in working with the Parks Dept and had the dangerous/safety hazard of the moat at Wilson Park removed. Then with PWE he had the ditch on Frey road between Hartsook and S. Shaver upgraded/cleaned for better water flow. There have been other issues he has worked on. We really appreciate his efforts to support this community. He will receive my vote this November election. I ask that you also support his re-election.

James E. Muecke

Publisher's Opinion

Some problems are more difficult to fix

Last week we dealt with correcting problems in the community through the Leader, readers and good community partners. Unfortunately, some problems cannot be corrected as easily as the light poles of last week. This is one of those difficult cases. Eric Risley wrote: Attached is a picture of the current condition of the utility field easement that runs in between Kirkville Dr. and Kirkfair Dr. which has obviously fell off someone's list to maintain. It's frustrating to see the utility easement that runs along the eastbound Beltway 8 feeder road get maintained and

mowed regularly but somehow the strip within our Kirkwood South subdivision gets missed and neglected. This neglect has brought about many issues (mainly insects and critters) that affect my property that backs up to the field. Could someone help me track down who is responsible for this utility field (whether it's Kirkmont Municipal Utility District as indicated in the picture or HL&P/Centerpoint) so that it can be properly maintained on a regular schedule?

Thank you in advance!
Concern Citizen,
Eric Risley

Who dropped the ball (mower)?



Answer: This is a convoluted case. Unlike most areas where there are power lines, this area actually belongs to the Kirkmont homeowners whose homes back up to the easement. Although it belongs to them, it is also an easement, which means the owners (homeowners) of the property would probably have trouble building on it. If the homeowners using the easement need to dig, or have some other need to use that property, whatever is built on it could be removed without the homeowners being compensated for their loss. I am told that the individual Kirkmont homeowners are responsible for the mowing, up to the fenced areas of the Kirkwood South homeowners' fences between the two properties. Centerpoint representatives agreed at a Kirkmont meeting a couple of years ago, to mow every five years. They did mow it approximately a year ago. Since they are not owners of the property, they are not obliged to do any mowing.

—Marie Flickinger

Deaths

Robert Wayne "Bob" Halstead



Robert Wayne "Bob" Halstead, 88, of Friendswood, peacefully passed away Aug. 28, 2019, at his home surrounded by his family. He was born Feb. 6, 1931, in Marmet, W.Va., to Wayne and Elza Jo (Hodges) Halstead. He was a respected research chemist, home builder, family man, and longtime active member of Sagemont Church in Houston.

Bob grew up in Hernshaw, W.Va., near Charleston and would frequently mention his childhood adventures in the "holler" along Lens Creek. He started work in 1949 at age 18 as an operator at the Union Carbide Institute Plant and then served in the Army during the Korean Conflict from 1952-1954.

During this time he married the love of his life Dorothy (Dottie) Rudisill on Feb. 27, 1953. The couple's only child Robin Renee was born in 1956.

Bob continued shift work as an operator but also attended college and graduated from Morris Harvey College (now the University of Charleston) with degrees in chemistry and mathematics in 1962. He then transferred to the research and development division where he worked for the rest of his career.

In 1967 he was transferred to the UCC Texas City Plant where he worked until he retired in 1990. Bob was regarded as an expert in several chemical technologies and traveled the world to help start up and troubleshoot plants. Dottie accompanied him to Japan for his work and they traveled extensively overseas following their retirements, including two trips to Israel.

In 1994 he devoted his life to Jesus Christ and was baptized. He worked extensively at Sagemont Church as a deacon, an usher and a missionary; and worked in the church bookstore. He also visited nursing home residents and others who couldn't physically go to church. He took missionary trips to Siberia, western Russia and China to

spread the gospel. Bob is survived by his wife of 66 years; daughter Robin Canfield and husband Doug; his beloved granddaughter Jessica Otten and husband Jeff; and great-grandchildren Elinor and James Douglas. The funeral service was held Tuesday, Sept. 3, at Niday Funeral Home. He will be laid to rest in St. Albans, W.Va.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to either the N-Vision Project at Sagemont Church, 11300 Sam Houston Parkway, Houston, TX 77089, or the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60601.



Eugenia "Jeannie" Robinson

The family of Eugenia "Jeannie" Alice Robinson, 76, of Houston, announced her passing Sunday, Aug. 4, 2019, at Bayshore Medical Center, caused by an apparent heart failure.

She was born Feb. 15, 1943, to Jesse and Pauline Pope in Tyler, Texas. She was passionate about her family, friends and faith. She is survived by her children Laurinda and Cary Robinson; and

grandson Cooper Hatcher. Burial was at Grand View Cemetery in Deer Park Friday, Aug. 9, 2019, followed by a funeral service at South Main Baptist Church in Pasadena.

Some may remember Jeannie as a 1965 graduate of the University of Arkansas or as a teacher who taught in the Pasadena school district for more than 20 years. Some may remember her as the winner of Miss Tyler in 1961 or the winner of Ms. Pasadena in 2016. Some may remember her for the devotions she led in her Sunday school classes or singing in the choir and playing the piano. Her family just remembers her as being their loving mother and express their love in her passing. Jeannie was a longtime resident of Kirkwood.

Information sessions help homeowners understand taxes

The Harris County Appraisal District (HCAD) and the Harris County tax assessor-collector's office are hosting a series of Property Tax Information Sessions to help homeowners understand the property tax system.

These workshops are being done throughout the county in conjunction with Harris County Commissioners, the City of Houston's Department of Neighborhoods and several community-based organizations.

"We want to make it as easy as possible for homeowners to learn about the exemptions available to them and to understand the importance of exemptions in reducing their tax bill," said Roland Altinger, HCAD's chief appraiser. "We also want to let them know the qualifications for those exemptions so they can receive all the exemptions they are entitled to."

Ann Harris Bennett, Harris County tax assessor-collector said, "My office is collaborating with HCAD and the county attorney's office to present these Property Tax Information Sessions so taxpayers can understand the tax bill and payment op-

tions that may be available to them. Since tax bills will be coming out in November, helping homeowners understand the payment options, the deadlines and the interest and penalties added to their bill if they miss those deadlines could help them save money."

Experts from the Harris County Appraisal District will give a short presentation on exemptions and the Harris County tax assessor-collector's office will give a short presentation on understanding the tax bill and paying property taxes.

An attorney will then speak on property ownership changes such as passing along property to heirs or buying and selling a home.

The presentations should last about 10 minutes each, after which homeowners will be able to ask questions.

The Property Tax Information Sessions are scheduled during the day and early evening at various locations throughout the county. A complete workshop schedule is available on www.hcad.org under "About > Calendar" and www.tax.co.harris.tx.us under "Property Tax > Workshops."

Catholic Daughters Court begins new year of service

The Catholic Daughters Court, Mother of Unity #2292 will begin a new year of service on Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2019 in the social hall of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Community Church located at 11011 Hall Road. All Catholic ladies in the South Belt area (participants do not need to be a member of St. Luke's Church) who are 18 and older are cordially invited to join court members for a light "getting to know you" supper at 6:30 p.m.

The business meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and will end at approximately 9 p.m. Catholic women are urged to attend and get acquainted with the ladies of the court to join in service to each other, the community, the country and to reach out around the world. (There are courts beginning in other countries.)

For more information, call Carolyn at 281-484-4170 and leave a message for a callback.

EPA grants benefit Houston area, Galveston projects

Last week, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), with support from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), announced grants to projects in New Mexico and Texas as part of \$1.7 million in funding under NFWF's Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Program. The grants support public-private partnerships that help restore wildlife habitat and urban waters across the country.

"EPA is pleased to continue our support for this innovative public-private partnership that encourages community stewardship and incentivizes local solutions to today's environmental and public health challenges," said Andrew Wheeler, EPA administrator. "These projects will help local communities improve water quality, restore wetlands and protect wildlife while creating additional recreational opportunities for the surrounding areas."

"Communities are deeply connected to their rivers, lakes, and watersheds, and understand the importance of preserving and restoring them," said Ken McQueen, regional administrator. "EPA is proud to continue funding these grants that allow local groups to take the lead in restoring habitats and improving water quality."

"The Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Program supports community partnerships that restore and enhance our nation's fish and wildlife, while at the same time improving water quality and habitat for plants and animals," said Jeff Trandahl, executive director and CEO of NFWF. "The 46 grants announced today will help local communities thrive by increasing resilience, improving green infrastructure and supporting the people and wildlife that call these places home."

The funding will help support three projects in New Mexico and Texas:

• Harris and Galveston counties: The Galveston Bay Foundation received \$38,628 to increase organizational capacity through a partnership with the Get Hip to Habitat education program and their

citizen science Water Monitoring Team to more effectively serve students and residents around the Houston-Galveston region.

This project will directly engage 800 students and 15 teachers in environmental education activities, restore 1.3 acres of wetland habitat, oversee 70 volunteers in monthly water quality monitoring and inform over 4,000 residents of local water quality issues.

• Tijeras Creek Watershed, N.M.: Talking Talons Youth Leadership received \$49,156 to help restore and protect the Tijeras Creek Watershed by providing watershed protection education through classroom sessions, field trips, teacher workshops and stewardship sessions. The project will remove invasive species such as Siberian elm and toadflax on five acres, plant 75 trees and engage 955 youth, teachers and community members.

• Alice Branch Creek, Dallas, Texas: The Trust for Public Land received \$50,000 to increase organizational capacity through a partnership with the Get Hip to Habitat education program and their citizen science Water Monitoring Team to more effectively serve students and residents around the Houston-Galveston region. The project will directly engage 800 students and 15 teachers in environmental education activities, restore 1.3 acres of wetland habitat, oversee 70 volunteers in monthly water quality monitoring and inform over 4,000 residents of local water quality issues.

NFWF's Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Program supports projects that develop community stewardship of natural resources and address water quality issues in priority watersheds across the country. In total, the Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Program is awarding 46 grants this year. EPA's funding will go toward 24 of those projects in 16 states and the District of Columbia. Program wide, grantees have committed an additional \$4.4 million in local project support, generating a total conservation investment of more than \$6.1 million.

The Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration program supports community partnerships that conserve wildlife and restore river, wetland, riparian, forest and coastal ecosystems. Support for the 2019 grants are provided by the Wildlife Habitat Council, and major funding by EPA, the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, FedEx, Shell Oil Company, Southern Company and BNSF Railway.

The 2019 grant winners were selected from a highly competitive pool of more than 190 applications. A full list of 2019 projects are available here.

For more information about the Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant program, visit <https://www.epa.gov/urbanwaterspartners/five-star-and-urban-waters-restoration-grant-program-2019>.

Connect with EPA Region 6 on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/eparegion6> or on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/EPAregion6>.

TPPF releases impact on Texas with proposed New Green Deal

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn and the Texas Public Policy Foundation last week announced the results of a study on the Green New Deal's impact on Texas.

The study, called "The Cost of the Green New Deal to Texas," was conducted by Texas Public Policy Foundation's Life: Powered, and found that under the Green New Deal, the annual electricity cost for the average Texas household would rise to \$13,846.

"When someone proposes an idea like the Green New Deal that will reorder the world, it's important to ask the right questions, like is it feasible? How much would it cost? What would it do to the jobs of the men and women who work at places like this?" said Cornyn.

"What we've learned here at Sunbelt Steel is it would put them out of business, and for what? There are a lot better ways for us to deal with our concerns about the environment: through innovation, entrepreneurs, smart people coming up with smart solutions to problems.

"To me, those sorts of innovative solutions make a lot more sense for the environment than new taxes, more government regulation, more control over our lives. But I think the gentlemen we met who work at Sunbelt Steel and the families they represent are the ones that bring this story home to me the most," said Cornyn.

"Our research estimates the Green New Deal will increase the cost of electricity by more than 900 percent

and kill over a million jobs," said Jason Isaac of the Texas Public Policy Foundation's Life: Powered project. "Texas' families, businesses, and economy can't afford it — and it won't even affect the climate. The Green New Deal is neither green, nor new, nor a deal for the Lone Star State."

To ensure a reliable, affordable and environmentally sound energy supply, Cornyn has introduced the Launching Energy Advancement and Development through Innovations for Natural Gas (LEADING) Act to establish a program for the research and development of carbon capture technology for natural gas. Earlier this summer, it passed the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Local library events set

Bracewell Branch Library

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

Thursday, Sept. 5, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Spanish computer class for adults and seniors
Monday, Sept. 9, 10:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. Citizenship class. The classes cover the 100 civics questions and how to prepare for the citizenship interview. Other topics include the citizenship application and qualifications. Class participation is by appointment only. Call the library to sign up.

Tuesday, Sept. 10, 10:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. Citizenship class. Class participation is by appointment only. Call the library to sign up.

Wednesday, Sept. 11, 10:30 a.m. Para los niños
Wednesday, Sept. 11, Computer courses: 2 p.m. Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. Basic PowerPoint

For more information, call the library at 832-393-2580.
Bracewell hours are: Thursday noon – 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 1 – 5 p.m.; Sunday, closed; Monday, 2 – 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Parker Williams Library

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

Thursday, Sept. 5, 4 – 6 p.m. Color to the Classics, for all ages. September is National Classical Music month. Meet in the community room to combine a passion for classical music with the relaxing activity of coloring. Both adults and children are welcome to tune in and zone out to the sound of violins, markers and paper.

Saturday, Sept. 7, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. ESL Volunteer Tutor Training class. Learn about the ESL program for adults for everything one needs to know to get started as a volunteer tutor. It is not a requirement to know how to speak another language. Instruction is in English and the library provides books and lesson plans. Registration is requested.

Saturday, Sept. 7, 2 – 4 p.m. Magic: The Gathering Gameplay, for ages 8 and older. Magic: The Gathering is a dueling card game from Wizards of the Coast. It incorporates strategy, mythical lore, and competitive-community play. Meet on the library floor for a few hours of game play. For those who would like to learn how to play, a staff member will be present for instruction.

Monday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. VR Gaming, for ages 12 and older. Explore a new world of gaming with the Playstation VR rig. Meet for an evening of integrated play that will test all one's senses.

Tuesday, Sept. 10, 4:30 p.m. Book Buddies Teen Training class for ages 13 and older. For those who love reading and want to volunteer, the opportunity is available to do both and become a Big Buddy in the HCPL Book Buddies program. The training is at the library but Book Buddies activity will be held at the Frazier Elementary School Sept. 17 – Nov. 19 from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. Applications are due on or before Sept. 10.

Wednesday, Sept. 11, 6:30 p.m. Social Security 101. Andy Hardwick, public affairs specialist from the Social Security Administration, answers the following questions and more: When are people eligible to receive retirement benefits? How does early retirement affect one's benefits? Does one qualify for disability, survivors, and spouse benefits? How does one get the most from one's benefit? What is the future of Social Security? When should one file for Medicare? Registration is requested.

Below are the programs that occur every week, unless the library is closed:
Tuesday, Babytime lapsit, 10:30 a.m. For babies from birth to 18 months, featuring a mother-baby lapsit time with fingerplays, songs and playtime.

Wednesday, Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m. For children, ages 3 to 5 years, storytime features stories, songs, fingerplays and a craft.

Wednesday, 2 – 3 p.m.: Basic computer classes (Vietnamese). Learn mouse, keyboarding, basic internet skills and more at this weekly class in Vietnamese. Registration is requested.

Thursday, Toddler storytime, 10:30 a.m. For toddlers from birth to 3 years, storytime features stories, songs, fingerplays and bubbles.

Saturday, Vietnamese learning time, for adults and children ages 8 and older. Classes begin at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. It's a great time to take a class to help with a skill for work, gain understanding of a topic or learn a language. There are many free classes available online at the library website or on the internet, through universities or other sources. Practice navigating the internet to learn about these, or sign up for one. For more information on these programs, speak with Loc Bui.

For more information on all other programs, call the library at 832-927-7870.
Library hours are: Thursday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 – 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sunday, closed; Monday, 1 – 9 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

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Dobie crisis training set for Sept. 10

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the intruder?

There may not be an announcement, or you may not be able to hear an announcement. There may be other things that you hear that alert you or your teacher to begin to implement A.L.I.C.E. Your teacher has been trained in what to do in the event an A.L.I.C.E. procedure is called.

10. Will we be able to come back and get our belongings from school?

The police will notify the school district when it is safe to return to the building. It may not be immediate. Do not re-enter the school until you have been alerted that it is safe.

11. Does it matter if the intruder hears the announcement?

It does not matter if the intruder hears the announcement. The National A.L.I.C.E. Training organization tells us that it is distracting to the intruder to be hearing all of the announcements and that is a good thing.

12. Can we run to our house?

Yes, you can run to your house as long as it is in the direction you are evacuating. Remember to always run AWAY from the sound of the threat. Contact your parents and/or the police to let them know where you are once you have reached a safe place.

13. What if there is more than one intruder?

The same A.L.I.C.E. options apply.

14. What will the office staff do?

The office staff will also implement A.L.I.C.E. They will use any of their options which could include lockdown, barricading, or evacuating the office.

15. What if the intruder comes during a passing period or at the beginning or end of the day?

If the intruder comes into the school during a time when students are moving around the school, whether at arrival/dismissal or during a passing period, the same A.L.I.C.E. options apply. If you can, run into a classroom, lockdown, and barricade. If you can run out a nearby exit, you can do that, too.

16. What if the intruder is a student and knows about the A.L.I.C.E. Procedure?

Even if the intruder knows we follow A.L.I.C.E., they still will not know how everyone will react. The way the protocol is designed; staff (and students) will be making split-second decisions as to which option they feel is the best to implement based on the information provided.

17. If a student falls while running and gets hurt, should we help them or keep running?

Certainly see if you and maybe another student or the staff can quickly help them, then continue to run to a safe location. If the other student was unable to run with you, then once you reach safety, alert a first responder (911) of where the hurt student is so that they can go help the student.

18. What if we end up in the hallway and all the classroom doors are locked?

Evacuation is a very good option. Find the closest exit and run from the building as soon and as quickly as possible. Run until you can no longer see the building. When you reach safety, flag down a first responder, or call 911 or your parents to let them know where you are.

19. Some of the classroom doors open up – how will a barricade help?

Barricading puts things between you and the intruder. The barricade can also work on ways to hold the door shut or prevent it from opening.

20. Why can't we evacuate with our cars?

In a time of panic, it might seem like a good idea to leave in a car. It is not appropriate to leave in a vehicle as emergency personnel and other supporting agencies will quickly be arriving on the scene.

21. How do police officers know when I am running that I am not the intruder?

Students have been instructed to leave the building with hands in the air so that police know they are not the intruder.

22. What if I am outside with my class?

Do not go back into the building. Follow your teacher's directions, which will likely include running away from the threat until you get to safety.

Parent information and FAQs regarding A.L.I.C.E. and A.L.I.C.E. training?

A: As part of updating the district's safety plan, a new safety protocol called

A.L.I.C.E. will be implemented in the unlikely event of an armed intruder in one of our school buildings. This training encourages staff and students to respond based on their situation, rather than rely on centralized instructions in dynamic times of crisis.

A.L.I.C.E. is a federally endorsed safety protocol. The letters A.L.I.C.E. stand for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate:

- Alert – Inform people of the threat, giving as much information as possible.

- Lockdown – Students and staff can choose to lockdown and barricade the room that they are in if they determine that it is not safe to evacuate.

- Inform – Pass on as much information as possible to others and to First Responders, including calling 911.

- Counter – An effort of last resort, if an armed intruder is able to get into the space they are in, individuals can counter with distraction or other tactics. Staff are being trained to use every effort to stop the intruder, instead of relying on the traditional lockdown and hide response.

- Evacuate – If it is safe to do so, all are encouraged to evacuate the building, and remove themselves from the threat.

During A.L.I.C.E. training, staff, and students are trained in different options for responding to a school intruder who is intent on doing harm. In certain circumstances, the "lock the door and hide" strategy might be appropriate. In some cases, the teacher and students might take precautions to barricade the entrance(s) of the classroom. Under certain conditions, it might be the best decision for the teacher and students to flee the building. The goal of A.L.I.C.E. training is that the strategies learned will increase the chances that our staff and students might survive if a terrible circumstance of an armed intruder ever were to occur.

Q: Are teachers and staff expected to follow A.L.I.C.E. in order? Are you supposed to alert, then lockdown, then inform?

A: A.L.I.C.E. is not intended to be a checklist of things to do. It is a list of choices, with accompanying strategies that are options for our staff to help themselves and students stay safe in the highly unlikely event of an armed intruder. Some may choose to evacuate and some may choose to lockdown and barricade. Others may be forced to counter if an armed intruder is able to enter the space they are in. A.L.I.C.E. trains people to know they have choices in an emergency.

Q: Why change to these different protocols?

A: We believe that all PISD schools are the safest place for our students to be. Just like practicing what we should do in a fire with our monthly fire drills, we want to be sure that we will know what to do if an armed intruder is in a school. All our schools are equipped with a number of safeguards, some seen and others unseen, to keep our students safe. In addition, since we know that violence has become all too frequent in our world, the strategies, and mental preparation we use in A.L.I.C.E. preparation are transferable to any public venue our students may find themselves in where a crisis may occur.

We have to come to the realization that a violent intruder event can happen any time, any place and for any reason. There is a new standard-of-care which emphasizes the need for proactive, options-based, strategies, which means that we have a responsibility to those in our care and employment to do all we can to prepare them for this rare event, not only in our location but wherever they may find themselves. The federal government recommendations, as well as major law enforcement associations support these strategies. A.L.I.C.E. training is the model upon which these official recommendations were built.

Q: What does it mean to "counter?"

A: The main intent of "counter" is to distract the intruder, not try to physically take on the intruder. An example of counter would be to throw objects at an intruder for a distraction. Being passive or static has typically not shown to be an effective response in most active shooter events. There are examples within recent events of school violence where the difference of passive and active responses determined survival chances. A different approach is needed to help keep our students and staff safe. Con-

fronting a violent intruder should never be required in any non-law enforcement job description. How each staff member chooses to respond if directly confronted by a violent intruder is up to them.

Q: How will parents be notified if their child's school is experiencing a crisis?

A: Notification will be sent out using all methods of school district communication, including an email and phone call from School Messenger, website updates, media alerts, text messages, social media, and any other tactic that we have at our means. Families are encouraged to review their School Messenger email and phone number information to ensure that they are receiving school messages in the manner they desire by logging into Family Access.

Q: How will we know my child will be safe after the emergency?

A: In the event of a full evacuation, children would be transported to safe evacuation sites off school grounds where they will be reunited with parents. Parents will be informed about these locations through direct communication.

Q: Will the local police municipalities be in schools to help teachers practice scenarios and possibilities for an active shooter situation?

A: The Pasadena ISD Police Department have trained staff in the A.L.I.C.E. protocol. This training included different scenarios and drills that imitated an active shooter situation. Staff will share what they have learned with our students in an age appropriate way, and teach them the A.L.I.C.E. procedures through the course of the year.

In a crisis, law enforcement will rapidly respond, but we must learn to help ourselves before they arrive. Just as the fire department equips us with fire extinguishers and sprinkler systems, and EMS trains us in using AED for heart attacks, the law enforcement community is training us in our response options to be used before they

are able to arrive in an active intruder situation.

Q: Where can I go for more information about A.L.I.C.E.?

A: The following link gives information about A.L.I.C.E.: <https://www.alicetraining.com/> We will also be adding information to the district website. Contact your school principal with specific questions.

Q: Since parents do not participate in safety drills, they often find themselves curious about drill procedures. How do you recommend parents learn about how drills are conducted?

A: It is our recommendation that parents engage in age appropriate conversation with their child or children following all safety drills. Should a parent have a specific question please contact the building principal.

Q: Students readiness for this information varies based on age. How will this be communicated to students in age-appropriate ways?

A: We want our children to be prepared for everything, including if an unsafe person was to enter our school. Administrators, student services staff, and teachers will take the principles and tactics taught in the A.L.I.C.E. training and present the information in non-fearful, empowering ways. We will take into account children's developmental readiness to ensure that students feel safe and have opportunities to talk about their feelings and reactions.

Q: What resources exist to talk to my child at home about this?

A: You can contact your campus administrator or school counselor to access materials that might be helpful to share at home depending on your child's needs.

Over The Back Fence



by Alexis

ELLIE CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY

Best wishes are sent Thursday, Sept. 5, for a very special birthday to **Ellie (Garza) Flickinger** from her husband **David (Leader)** president; mother **Kina Reyes**; daughter **Natalie** and her husband **Jose Abarca**; Marie and **David Flickinger**, mother- and father-in-law; her family and friends; and staff at the *South Belt Leader*.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Sept. 5 through Sept. 11.

Burnett Elementary

Esmeralda Paredes is sent a birthday greeting Sept. 5. Break out the balloons and birthday cake Sept. 8 for **Kelly Douglas**. The day for a celebration for **Katrina Carr** is Sept. 9.

Frazier Elementary

Join in the fun as **Paula Oliva** celebrates a birthday Sept. 7. Send a birthday card Sept. 8 to **Paula Golden**.

Genoa Elementary

Give a birthday shoutout Sept. 5 to **Yolanda Aranda**. Send a birthday greeting Sept. 6 to **Lucero Gonzalez**.

Meador Elementary

The day for a party for **Lauren Riojas** is Sept. 8.

Stuchbery Elementary

Valeria Perez enjoys a birthday Sept. 9.

Melillo Middle School

Send a birthday greeting Sept. 6 to **Citlali Gonzalez**. Celebrate with party favors Sept. 11 for **Marlene Balderas** and **Carlene Spencer**.

Roberts Middle School

Sing a happy birthday song Sept. 8 to **Alondra Castilleja**.

Beverly Hills Intermediate

Light the birthday candles for **Tahira Briscoe** Sept. 8. Break out the balloons and cake Sept. 8 for **Michelle Thomas**. **America Mendoza** is sent birthday greetings Sept. 10.

Thompson Intermediate

Celebrating a birthday Sept. 6 is **Jessica Boland**. Share a birthday cake with **Ca-Lishea Woods** Sept. 7.

Dobie High

Sept. 6 is the day for a cake for **Yvette Betancourt** and **Alexander Garcia**. Light the candles on a cake Sept. 7 for **Angie Vazquez-Rodriguez**. The day for a party for **Dianne Berreth** and **Elizabeth Rojano** is Sept. 8. Break out the balloons and birthday cake Sept. 9 for **Luke Hales**, **Irma Iracheta** and **Corey Perry**. Celebrating a Sept. 10 birthday are **Kellymary Cooling-Davis** and **Glenn Tucker Smith**. Send a birthday greeting Sept. 11 to **Jeffrey McKnight**.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

The *Leader* sends birthday wishes to friends who have a birthday. For those

wanting a birthday mentioned in this section, send an email to mynews@southbelt-leader.com with "OTBF: Friends Celebrate Birthdays" in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Thursday, Sept. 5: **London Shelton**, **Stacy McNaughton** and **Cathy Tate**; Friday, Sept. 6: **Coleen Terrell**, **Jennifer Navarro**, **Titus Purdy**, **Robert Evans**, **Jill Lambert**, **Debbie Bennett**, **Christina Gordon**, **Candi Beasley** and **John Evans**; Saturday, Sept. 7: **Gerard Dougherty**, **Shaun Stevenson**, **Shelly Robinson**, **Perla Gonzales**, **Leann Stokes**, **Edna Salinas**, **Angie Hernandez** and **Yvette Rodriguez**; Sunday, Sept. 8: **Scott Carpenter**, **Donna Fress**, **Blades Barber**, **Joy Witt**, **Susan Jackson**, **Deondre Corbin**, **Rick Coates**, **Mike Kickirillo**, **Paula Golden** and **Carl Heinrich** Monday, Sept. 9: **Sonny Salazar**, **Carolyn Simon**, **Maria Aguilar**, **Jack Staudt**, **Martin Garcia** and **Sarah Joseph**; Tuesday, Sept. 10: **Shellie Ortiz**, **Veronica Adame**, **Robert Resendez**, **Emily Auffarber**, **Suzy Krienitz**, **Diane Hall**, **Christy Cobb** and **Charles Monty**; and Wednesday, Sept. 11: **Kyle Patterson**, **Amber Edwards**, **Sherrie Hosek-Vandament**, **Phillip Ford** and **Dan Sciba**.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS

Email birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Broussard nominated Texas teacher finalist

Schneider Middle School teacher **Juliette Broussard** was named the 2020 Region 4 Elementary Teacher of the Year during the organization's 30th annual Teacher of the Year ceremony.

Broussard advanced to the regional level after being named Pasadena ISD's Elementary Teacher of the Year during the district's annual luncheon celebration.

As a finalist for the state-level award, Broussard will participate in an interview process for the chance to be the Texas Teacher of the Year.

Awarded by the Texas Association of School Administrators, the Teacher of the Year program annually recognizes educators who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and excellence in teaching. The Teacher of the Year award designee will be announced during the TASA's annual banquet on Oct. 25, 2019.

She will represent elementary and middle school teachers from the Region 4 area.

"When I began working as a teacher, I knew that I'd found my calling," Broussard said. "This award means so much to me because I think the world of

my students and I desire to help them succeed and develop on their educational journey. As such, I dedicate this award to my phenomenal students who bring out the very best in me."

Broussard, who leads the fifth-grade science team at Schneider Middle, consistently has the highest benchmark, Mock STAAR and STAAR scores in Pasadena ISD.

She tutors students before and after school and voluntarily works with them during conference periods to help students achieve academic success.

Broussard goes above and beyond for her students. She is known to go to a student's residence to speak to the parents if the student is struggling in school.

Her dedication to students has not gone unnoticed. She has won numerous science teaching awards and fellowships, such as the Eugene Chiappetta Chemistry and Environment Teaching Award.

She attends summer training sessions at Rice University and spends countless hours implementing all she has learned to help students close performance gaps.

Juliette Broussard top finalist



Schneider Middle School teacher **Juliette Broussard** received the surprise of a beautiful bouquet of roses in her classroom at Schneider after Texas Association of School Administrators revealed that she was selected as one of the top six finalists for the 2020 Texas Teacher of the Year award, the highest honor a teacher can receive in the state of Texas. **Dr. DeeAnn Powell**, Pasadena Independent School District superintendent, personally delivered the good news as she paid a surprise visit to Broussard's classroom. "We're so proud of Mrs. Broussard and wish her luck with the next phase of the competition," Powell said. Broussard was selected as a top contender out of a pool of 40 regional teachers of the year – 20 elementary and 20 secondary – from each of the 20 education service centers in Texas.

Photo by Art Del Barrio

Harris County Appraisal Review board seeks applicants

Applications for Appraisal Review Board (ARB) members are being accepted through mid-October by District Judge Robert K. Schaffer, administrative judge for the state district courts in Harris County.

The ARB was created by the Texas Legislature to provide an independent judicial review of property owner protests of values established by the Harris County Appraisal District (HCAD).

Service on the ARB would begin January 2020. Applications from Harris County citizens interested in ARB service must be submitted by the applicant directly to Schaffer

through the HCAD human resources division and received no later than Oct. 15, 2019, in order to be considered. Applications from third parties will not be accepted.

The ARB is a citizen board that sits in panels of three to hear testimony and review evidence in order to determine property owner protests which cannot be resolved informally with HCAD.

Service on the review board does not constitute a full-time job, but members are compensated per diem when conducting hearings and attending ARB meetings. ARB members are required to attend ARB meetings in

addition to serving on panels for actual ARB hearings.

Review board service is generally a full-time commitment during the summer and fall months and requires members to be available to serve all day, every weekday and several Saturdays from May through September. Weekday hearings are also held throughout the year. ARB members are not always scheduled every day, but must be available to serve if needed.

Candidates for the ARB must be current residents of Harris County, having resided in the county for at least two years; must be up to date

on property tax payments for property in Texas or show the tax is being paid under an installment agreement; and must not have served all or part of three previous terms as an ARB member. Persons who fall into any of the following categories are not eligible to serve:

- An individual currently employed by the State Comptroller of Public Accounts, or who is a member of the governing body, an officer, or a full- or part-time employee of a county, city, school district, community college district, MUD, or any other entity supported by local property taxes. Former gov-

erning body members, or officers of a taxing unit served by HCAD, are ineligible for four full years from the date they ceased to serve in that capacity.

- Anyone who personally, or whose spouse personally, has a contract with local government or an appraisal district. The same restriction applies if the person, or his or her spouse, owns a 10 percent or greater interest in a business which contracts with a local government or appraisal district.

- Persons who have appeared before the ARB for compensation as a tax con-

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Remember When

40 years ago (1979)

South Belt residents and county officials who were investigating the reasons the area had been experiencing flooding set a town meeting to discuss the problem.

25 years ago (1994)
Chris Clark succeeded **Ralph Aulds Jr.** as president of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce. Clark preceded Aulds as chamber president as well.

20 years ago (1999)
Lisa T. Nguyen, a graduate of Clear Brook High School, won the title of Ms. Houston and would be competing in Orlando, Fla., for the national title.

15 years ago (2004)
A 16-year-old male **Dobie** student was diagnosed with tuberculosis. As a result, the Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services

screened approximately 230 students and 12 staff members at the campus.

A home on **Torrington** burned down after a citronella candle was left burning on the patio. The family had rushed their daughter to the hospital when she began choking on candy and forgot to blow out the candle.

Ben Meador, whose father was the namesake for Meador Elementary School, was chosen as San Jacinto College Regent to replace **Dr. Parker Williams** who had unexpectedly died.

10 years ago (2009)
Houston City Councilman **Mike Sullivan** held a town hall meeting. Issues discussed at the meeting included the new **Bracewell Library**, the new **Sagamont** community center, low-income housing, recycling, NASA funding and road construction on **South Shaver**, **Hughes Road** and **Monroe**.

1 year ago (2018)
Dobie High School kicked off its 2018 football season Friday, Aug. 31, by playing the **Santa Fe Indians** at their home field. The game was the first since the **May 18** tragedy at the **Santa Fe** school that left 10 dead and 13 injured. **Dobie** won the game 28-21 late in the fourth quarter, following a 39-yard touchdown from **Longhorn** running back **Chris Morris**.

and identified themselves as police officers. Dressed in all black tactical gear, the suspects tied up the home's residents as they rummaged the house. One of the victims managed to break free and call 911. The suspects fled as the police arrived. One of the suspects fired a single gunshot at police, but no one was struck. The suspects left behind an older model **Ford Crown Victoria** with police lights and a siren mounted on top.

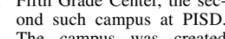
5 years ago (2014)
The state Supreme Court, composed entirely of nine Republican justices, said it would not hear the case of **Judge George Risner** against the Harris County Republican Party, despite a last-minute appeal from the defendants.

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Mayoral candidates respond to *Leader's* questionnaire

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 and drainage; jobs and economic development; public safety; street conditions and traffic; public transportation; infrastructure, neighborhoods and equitable distribution of projects; diversity, economic inequality and making the city work for all Houstonians; and the city budget. We have been addressing all these issues over the past four years.

If elected, what would be the main goal you'd like to accomplish? (100 words)

I want to leave our city a better place than when I found it. When I was sworn in, I said I did not want Houston to be a city of haves and have nots. That's why I've worked so hard to fix our main financial challenges — like the pension system that was costing the city \$1 million per day, and to make sure we recover from Hurricane Harvey stronger than before. Every Houstonian matters to me and I want this city to work for everyone.

Tony Buzbee



Have you served in public office before? Explain. (50 words)

I served as the Galveston Democratic Party Chair and spent six years on the Board of Regents, Texas A&M University System, managing 11 universities, and 7 state agencies.

What makes you the best

candidate to serve as mayor of Houston? (150 words)

I have been a leader for more than 20 years. Starting as Marine Captain and then eventually opening my own law firm that represents the powerless against the powerful. I am the only person in the race who is not taking campaign contributions, thus ensuring I will not be beholden to special interest groups or powerful individuals when I am Mayor. I have started and run ten times more businesses than all of the other candidates combined.

Do you have any direct ties to the South Belt community? Explain. (100 words)

I have represented hundreds of clients from the South Belt area. I employ people from the area as well.

A judge recently ruled that Prop. B was unconstitutional. If elected, what would you do to address the issue of firefighter pay? (200 words)

I would give the firefighters the pay parity that 298,000 Houstonians voted to approve. Simple. We have a budget of more than \$6 billion; I know about all the waste and abuse in the budget and know we can find 1% to give the firefighters the raise they deserve.

The issue of dumping recyclable waste has made headlines in recent weeks. If elected, what would you do to address this? (150 words)

If we aren't going to recycle, we shouldn't be spending \$40 million a year pretending we do. I have been a strong advocate of the one-bin concept for Ecohub. We can actually recycle 85% of our waste, with fewer trucks on the road and with one bin. The only reason we haven't done so is corruption.

The city is currently facing a massive budget shortfall. If elected, what main steps would you take to address this? (200 words)

I reject the premise of the question. We need a third-party, independent audit of the budget, to include the budgets of all TIRZ's, Enterprise and other dedicated funds, as well as the General Fund.

Next, we will conduct process audits to ensure that the city is functioning in the most efficient and productive way; this would include how we fix streets, perform drainage projects, do permitting, and every other city function.

Lastly, I will implement zero-based budgeting. We cannot, and will not, continue to spend money we don't have.

Nearly two years after Hurricane Harvey, the city still faces challenges with flooding. If elected, what would you do to address this? (100 words)

It's impossible to answer this question in 100 words or less.

Setting aside the specific issues that are unique to some parts of the city, we face three distinct threats from flooding — storm surge, river flooding, and sheet flow (the technical name for street flooding.) While we aren't going to be able to fix the problems overnight, the city can work together with the business community to achieve long term improvement in short order.

Please visit my website to read my full, extensive plan to address flooding.

What would you do to speed up federal dollars getting to the Hurricane Harvey flood victims? (100 words)

I would stop playing the partisan games that interfere with the process of helping hurricane flood victims receive compensation to begin rebuilding. I wouldn't give contracts to subpar contractors who give me money for my campaign — because I'm not taking donations — and give the contracts to those entities who can get the job done quickly.

Homelessness continues to be a problem in the city, with many encampments throughout the area. If elected, what would you do to address this issue? (100 words)

What makes you the best

I just released my plan to deal with the homelessness issue on my website. Again, this is not a question that can be answered in 100 words.

My plan involves a number of interlocking initiatives to deal with the problem in a firm, but compassionate way.

Additionally, we need to recognize that there is a difference between panhandlers and homeless people. I will put an end to panhandling in Houston, period.

What do you believe are Houston's three main challenges? How would you address these challenges? (150 words)

1. The city is broken. We have to stop the campaign money that is corrupting our government and cut the rampant waste, so we can use those funds to fix this city. That's my job. I will make this city work again for all residents.

2. We need a renewed sense of pride in this city; I will lead to put us back in the national and international conversation, where we belong. We all will have a seat at the table to pitch in, whether includes volunteerism or philanthropy, I know how to make that happen.

3. We have to do something to help HISD, and to make this city safe. I'm going to make that happen.

If elected, what would be the main goal you'd like to accomplish? (100 words)

This mayor is compromised. He isn't trusted. I will restore a sense of trust in our local government, and then get to work making the city work for its residents.

Dwight Boykins

Have you served in public office before? Explain. (50 words)

Currently serving as Houston City Council Member representing District D for the past six years. I have advocated for services to District D that resulted in \$45.6 million in infrastructure improvements (specifically reconstruction of MLK Blvd and improvements to Brays and Simms Bayou), while spearheading \$112 million in economic development.

What makes you the best candidate to serve as mayor of Houston? (150 words)

I believe the Mayor's Office is meant to serve all Houstonians. I will never overturn the will of the voters whom I am elected to serve. I have implemented various programs in District D (2nd Chance Job Fair, Senior Home Repair Program, tackling the food deserts, housing issues, etc.) I want to take them to the next level to enhance the quality of life for all Houstonians. As a member of the Rebuild Houston committee, I understand and support the need for a dedicated fund to improve drainage and streets. But this current administration has diverted funds intended solely for this program. This jeopardizes the safety of citizens and is unacceptable. I will stimulate economic development, tackle our homelessness challenges, and ensure the environment is always considered. A good leader listens and guides the community fairly, transparently and with integrity. That's what I promise to do as your next Mayor.

Do you have any direct ties to the South Belt community? Explain. (100 words)

As Council Member for District D, I have had the pleasure to represent the South Belt-Ellington community for the past six years. In that time, I have participated in numerous community activities such as the South Belt Spectacular Barbecue Cook-Off, attended numerous civic and social activities. I have personally responded to the residents' concerns about trash and debris. I make it my personal mission to hold "Coffee & Conversations" events in the homes of community members

that live in my District. I know the South Belt-Ellington community and as Mayor your concerns and issues go with me to City Hall.

A judge recently ruled that Prop. B was unconstitutional. If elected, what would you do to address the issue of firefighter pay? (200 words)

Every day the men and women of the Houston Fire Department are responding to calls of emergency, whether it is running into a burning building or stabilizing a stroke victims; they save lives. We ask them pr member of the committee that helped pass Rebuild Houston, I understand and support the need for a dedicated

The issue of dumping recyclable waste has made headlines in recent weeks. If elected, what would you do to address this? (150 words)

The city is currently facing a massive budget shortfall. If elected, what main steps would you take to address this? (200 words)

I strongly recommend and would immediately implement zero-based budgeting. The zero-based budgeting process aligns the City's needs with the funding resources available by requiring expenditures to be justified. Additionally, it supports identifying past unnecessary and overspending problems. Zero-based budgeting is the right budget process to maximize providing resources to Houstonians. We all deserve our tax dollars to be utilized appropriately and responsibly.

Nearly two years after Hurricane Harvey, the city still faces challenges with flooding. If elected, what would you do to address this? (100 words)

The challenges with flooding must be faced on all levels, such as improving and enhancing the City's infrastructure, continuous dredging and maintenance efforts for the City's inlets and drainage areas to ensure debris is not blocking water from subsiding quickly, enhancing existing building codes that reduces the chances of properties flooding, continuously updating flood maps, and utilizing and creating green spaces to absorb heavy rainfall. Improvements must be fairly and equally considered in all communities, including the underserved majority of Houston citizens. Affordable housing must be woven into this process to ensure success.

What would you do to speed up federal dollars getting to the Hurricane Harvey flood victims? (100 words)

Getting funding resources to Houstonians should be top priority, but the current administration hasn't taken this matter seriously. Harvey victims deserve for the City to provide promised relief. Leveraging my past banking experience, I would engage in alternative funding opportunities. I would investigate utilizing national and local banks to obtain sufficient capital to get funds to residents faster, for which the City can pay 2 or 3 bases point on the funds. The City secured billions of federal dollars; the money is guaranteed. We understand bottlenecks when dealing with federal funds but sitting idle and doing little only hurts Houstonians.

Homelessness continues to be a problem in the city, with many encampments throughout the area. If elected, what would you do to address this issue? (100 words)

As Mayor, I would strive to implement a "Haven for Hope" facility like San Antonio's currently in operation. This facility is a template of a successful transitional housing for the homeless. That partners with School Districts to lease vacant buildings to turn into transitional housing. Also, the City will engage in partnering with the various not-for-profits in Houston to address other matters like mental health, drug abuse, and veterans support. For those who do not want help, I would employ strict enforcement of the City's Homeless Ordinance. It's not about being inhumane to homeless individuals, but Houstonians deserve to be respected.

What do you believe are Houston's three main challenges? How would you address these challenges? (150 words)

For years now, the city has

faced a looming budget crisis and a solution often discussed but yet to be implemented is Zero-based Budgeting. I believe in running the city like we operate our home, we go through all our bills together finding where we are spending our money. Implementing Zero-Based budgeting will help us face our second issue that of Improving and Enhancing the City's aging infrastructure. Specifically, we need to respond immediately to Flood Control concerns in areas like mine in Sagemont. Additionally, Harvey Recovery is not moving fast enough, in the Boykins Administration we will work with our community and business partners to expedite real recovery. While every concern is valid Public Safety & Crime Reduction must stay as our primary issue. I will increase the number of Public Safety Officers and build stronger relationships in the community with them.

If elected, what would be the main goal you'd like to accomplish? (100 words)

Improving the quality of life for all Houstonians, by addressing the City's flooding and infrastructure challenges, create a public transportation system that works more efficiently, reducing crime through community policing and more emphasizes on Public Safety, supporting HISD and their outstanding teachers to educate and nurture our children, increase the number of affordable housing, stimulate more local and regional economic development, eliminating food deserts, providing sufficient opportunities for nonviolent ex-felons, and ensuring Houston's Seniors are not forgotten when they need minor home repairs. Mainly, as a public servant, I will listen to the needs of the Houstonians and serve.



Johnny Taylor

Have you served in public office before? Explain. (50 words)

No.

What makes you the best candidate to serve as mayor of Houston? (150 words)

What makes me the best candidate to serve as Mayor of Houston is my Innovation experience in the categories of family, personal & business lives. Moreover, I am a native Houstonian leading the fastest growing Technology firm in Houston, Texas called Mobile Encryption Technologies, LLC according to the Houston Business Journal Fastest Growing 100 Companies in Houston, TX 2018 where our firm came in @ # 3; we offering Houstonians Mars. Shot.2025. Finally, I am leading a campaign for ALL Houstonians into a brighter future 4 ALL and the other leading candidates are the collective past wanting to take you backwards. Catch the "Light & Wave of the ALL CAMPAIGN (Stronger Together)

Do you have any direct ties to the South Belt community? Explain. (100 words)

No, not at this time.

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er priority and drive. Finally, we would also work closer with the State of Texas to utilize the "sandwich approach" in a dual approach with the Federal gov't. Finally, we would work with larger local firms in tandem with our local city owned assets to monetize them to fill timeline gaps and needs.

Homelessness continues to be a problem in the city, with many encampments throughout the area. If elected, what would you do to address this issue? (100 words)

Once elected on Nov. 5, 2019 we will implement THE ALL CAMPAIGN (Stronger Together) agenda & platform line item to Monetize & Develop city owned real estate to funding & solve both the "Affordable Housing for All" issues in Houston for ALL Houstonians. Specifically, for the Homelessness we will use "Container Housing for the Homelessness as phase I and for the parties who meet or exceed Phase I requirements then they will move to Phase II housing in a more permanent environment also linked to work requirements. Finally, Phase III will be "independent living" with bi annual follow through / ups.

What do you believe are Houston's three main challenges? How would you address these challenges? (150 words)

Houston three main challenges are Corruption, two Harvey Relief Funds & three a lack of accountability, responsibility, truth, trust & transparency.

If elected, what would be the main goal you'd like to accomplish? (100 words)

Once elected on Nov. 5, 2019 the main goal I would like to accomplish is to make Houston, TX the number one 5G Innovation & Capital Investment City 4 ALL within the U.S. Moreover, to have every Houstonian, person, industry, school (Elementary, Middle, High & College / University) & vertical market (s) connected to & working toward the Mars.Shot.2025 mission & vision. In backdrop to the 50th anniversary of the Moon.Shot 50 yrs ago right here in Houston.

What makes you the best

Once elected on Nov. 5, 2019 we will implement zoning to began a true short & long term solution to the central issue of flooding in Houston one. Two, we will not rebuild in high-risk flooding areas but rather make them Green Friendly common areas. Three, we will implement the highest & best flooding solution in the market locally, nationally & internationally over both the short & long terms such as Flood Frame.

What would you do to speed up federal dollars getting to the Hurricane Harvey flood victims? (100 words)

In order to speed up Federal dollars releases we would work closer with the federal government in a more timely, effective, communicative procedure in shorter intervals with a high-

School prayer walk set for Sept. 28

School Prayer Walks USA will host a prayer walk 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at Meador Elementary, 10701 Seaford Drive. This is a nondenominational gathering to pray for the protection and peace of students and staff in these uncertain times. The community is invited and welcome to attend. The prayer occurs outside the school building and school officials are notified of the event. For more information, call 281-484-0901.

Rotary Club of Pearland convenes weekly

The Rotary Club of Pearland meets every Thursday at 7:30 a.m. at Allendale's Kitchen & Cocktails, located at 5010 Broadway St., in Pearland. Meetings include a variety of speakers. This month's meetings are scheduled for Sept. 5, 12, 19 and 26.

The restaurant will be exclusively open for club attendees with breakfast at one's own cost. For information, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@texascitizensbank.com.

NASA Aglow Lighthouse gathers Sept. 12

NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse meets on the second Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at Praise Chapel, located at 18516 Hwy. 3 in Webster. The public is welcome and encouraged to bring a friend. The next scheduled meeting is Sept. 12. For more information, visit <http://aglownet.org/> or call the chapel at 281-338-6633.

Grief support group meets Sundays

A grief support group meets weekly on Sundays, except on major holidays, from 2 to 3:15 p.m., at First United Methodist Church, located at 1062 Fairmont Parkway in Pasadena. This group is designed to help and give emotional support to adults who have lost a loved one. The community is welcome since the meetings are open to the public. For additional information, call the church at 281-487-8787.

Pearland Area Republican Club sets date

The Pearland Area Republican Club meets monthly the second Thursday at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland. The next scheduled meeting is Sept. 12. PARC strives to promote an informed electorate through political education. For more information, email pearlandarearepublicanclub@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/PARCTX.

ABWA Southeast Express Network lunch set

The American Business Women's Association-Southeast Express Network meets the second Thursday of the month in the private meeting room at Spring Creek Barbeque, 9005 Broadway (FM 518) in Pearland. Networking and lunch start at 11:15 a.m. The program and business meeting follow at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting is set for Sept. 12 with the presentation "How to Use Hashtags Effectively," presented by Sarah Beaton, founder of Business Impressions. The meeting fee is \$20. For more information, visit <http://www.seen-abwa.org/>.

Sept. 9 set for Young Professionals Toastmasters

The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club is open to everyone in the community who wants to practice communication skills in a friendly atmosphere. The group meets every Monday (except holidays) from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, located at 10500 Scarsdale Blvd., adjacent to the fire department. The next meeting is Sept. 9. For additional information, call Karen at 832-722-9061 or Carolyn at 832-372-3565 or visit <https://youngprofessionalstoastmasters.com/>.

Black belts teach self-defense in new session

The American Society of Karate is offering one-hour self-defense and martial arts courses for teens and adults (ages 13-80) at the Sagemont Park Community Center, located at 11507 Hughes, on Fridays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The courses are free and are taught by experienced martial arts instructors. The physical requirements to take the classes are minimal. No previous self-defense or martial arts experience is necessary. The next session is scheduled to begin mid-September. For more information, email Michael.Alonzo@ASKKarate.com or call 281-788-5930.

Methodist Hospital announces expansion

Houston Methodist Clear Lake Hospital will begin construction soon on a six-story, 150,000-square-foot medical office building on land adjacent to its campus — the first phase in a multi-year expansion plan to serve the surrounding Clear Lake, Pasadena and South Belt areas.

The \$40 million medical office building will be home to Houston Methodist Orthopedics and Sports Medicine at Clear Lake as well as the hospital's physical therapy facilities.

The building's upper floors will contain office and clinic space for physicians from a broad range of specialties.

"This is a significant milestone in our long-range expansion plans as we continue to grow to serve the Bay Area and surrounding communities," said Houston Methodist Clear Lake CEO Dan Newman. "Over the next five years, we plan to add 30 to 40 new physicians to our hospital campus — across multiple specialties — and the new medical office building gives us the physical footprint we need to accommodate that growth."

The building will be constructed on land that previously was part of the Nassau Bay Shopping Village in the 1800 block of Upper Bay Road. The hospital purchased that center in 2015. Construction is expected to begin in August and the building will open in 2021.

"This is the first major facility expansion we are undertaking since the hospital became part of the Houston Methodist system in 2014," Newman said.

"The strategic acquisition of the shopping center land in 2015 makes it possible for us to add facilities, bring in new physicians and expand our service offerings — today and in the future."

As part of its phase one effort, the hospital also plans to demolish the existing Fudrucker restaurant on NASA Parkway in Nassau Bay to make way for construction of a new, more visible entrance that will improve access. That project will also include enhanced signage to make it easier for patients and visitors to navigate the growing campus.

"We are already making plans for a second phase of construction that will include an expansion of the hospital itself," said Newman.

City continues Harvey recovery efforts

As the community marks the two-year anniversary of Hurricane Harvey, the City of Houston's federally funded housing recovery program is making progress.

"Harvey was a devastating storm, with far-reaching impacts on the city's housing stock, for both homeowners and renters," said Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner. "My promise at the start of this recovery is that we would not leave anyone behind. Our housing programs are delivering on that promise by serving the most vulnerable first."

Housing and Community Development Director Tom McCasland added, "We know that disasters like Harvey hit hardest for people who have few resources to recover on their own. That's why we've moved quickly to recover Houston's affordable rental homes and put vulnerable seniors at the front of the line for home repair."

Housing recovery updates — Six months after Harvey, Houston secured local control over more than \$1 billion in federal funds for housing through a large subgrant from the Texas General Land Office (GLO). This arrangement allowed Houston to develop its own local action plan for recovery that prioritizes the most vulnerable Houstonians.

— In November 2018, the city published a first-of-its-kind report on the impact of Harvey according to social vulnerability.

This report showed that Houston needs \$2 billion more in federal funding to meet the most serious unmet housing needs.

— Turner launched the Harvey Recovery Survey in January 2019 to identify Houstonians who still need recovery help. The launch was accompanied by a large outreach effort that includes door-to-door canvassing in socially vulnerable areas; paid advertising online, in print, and on the radio; and community events. Almost 20,000 households have responded to the survey. Of these, 16,400 identify themselves as homeowners who are interested in the Homeowner Assistance Program (HoAP). To date, 4,999 homeowners have been invited to apply to HoAP. The program also requires 10 percent of all project work hours to be done by workers registered in apprenticeship programs and another 10 percent to be completed by low-income residents through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Section 3 program.

— In June and July, HCDD announced \$91 million in awards for 11 multifamily developments. This investment will create 1,029 new or renovated apartments across Houston, more than half of which will be rented at guaranteed affordable rates.

— HCDD published its first Situation & Pipeline Report for HoAP Friday, Aug. 30. The report included data about program outreach, survey responses, invitations to apply to the program and demographic information about respondents. The report will be updated monthly and posted at <http://recovery.houstontx.gov>.

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Dobie presents "The Taming of the Shrew"

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

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

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

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

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



Dobie High School Theatre presents William Shakespeare's classic "The Taming of the Shrew." Shown above are, Stephanie Horton as Kate (front) and Christopher Scott as Petruchio. Shown below are, left to right, (front row) Nick Keel as Hortensio; Erin Maslonka as Bianca; Xavier Gutierrez as Lucentio; (back row) and Allie Lawson, Hanna Collazos and Sophia Perez as saloon girls. Photo submitted



Moore students give a hand in morning tasks



Fourth-graders at Moore Elementary School assume responsibilities to help the school run smoothly. In the top left photo are Gabriel Penalosa (left) and Dalila Chapa who greet students in the morning as they enter school. Shown, top right, helping with breakfast duty are, left to right, Yen Tran, Adrian Ortega, Jaylyne Hernandez and Kinoa Martinez. Shown in the middle photo are, left to right, Alexander Ballester (preparing to enjoy breakfast), standing with Matrida Massau, Jeremiah Martinez, Jani Izaguirre and Andrew Rojas. Shown in photo (left) Jill Lacamu, Moore principal, gives a high-five to Jose Moncada. Shown in photo at right are Kyeli Lara (left) and London Freeman at the start of the school day.



Morris names teacher of the month

Morris Middle School announced its teacher of the month for August 2019. Shown are Robin Cate (left), Morris assistant principal, with fifth-grade instructor Kayla Gibson. Gibson is a mentor for other teachers, a special education teacher and a co-ed reading teacher. She is always willing to help others when there is a need and goes above and beyond normal duties with a positive attitude.



HC review board seeks applicants

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sultant, accountant, appraiser, or representative of a property owner less than two years before the date the person is appointed.

Any individual who has been employed by HCAD or who has ever served as a member of the district's board of directors.

Persons who have served as a member of the governing body or officer of a taxing unit in Harris County until four years after resigning that position.

Applicants who are presently under indictment or have previously been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.

Applicants selected as finalists will be scheduled for interviews.

Here are some important contact numbers for those interested in applying to become an ARB member. Current application forms are available at www.hcad.org under the "Latest Updates" button.

Only current application forms from this site will be considered. Application forms may also be obtained by calling the ARB executive office at 713-957-5265.

If that number is busy, call the Taxpayer Liaison Officer at 713-957-7499.

Calls requesting information about ARB service re-

quirements should go to 713-957-5265.

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Stiff defense, Ballard TDs lead Dobie

**By John Bechtle
Sports Editor**
Aside from kicker Joshua Hernandez's six-for-six performance on conversion kicks, Dobie's 42-21 season-opening victory over Santa Fe Aug. 28 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena was far from perfect. But thanks in large part to a 21-point fourth quarter outburst, including linebacker Adam Robicheaux's short interception return, the Longhorns made it look easy in the end.

Dobie's defense was solid throughout the night when not dealing with a short field. The Indians rushed for just 43 yards in the game on 23 carries, and quarterback Trevor Trexler, while

connecting on touchdown throws of 27 and 49 yards, had just 80 yards through

the air on five of 11 passing attempts. Dobie's top return-

ing running back, Darinus Hale, did not play in the game. Neither did the

Longhorns' solid offensive lineman, Jason Brooks. With Hale out for the

opener, the Longhorns leaned heavily on senior Dontavion Crosby, who rushed 18 times for 127 yards.

Seven others in total carried the football, and quarterbacks Cameron Gray and Luke Giron both tossed touchdown passes to Jeremiah Ballard.

Entering the season with plenty of hype, Ballard lived up to his billing on this night, catching five balls for 111 yards and the two scores.

The Longhorns narrowly missed on another deep throw to Ballard, proving that the passing game will indeed be more of a factor in 2019.

The minuses? Santa Fe benefited both from a muffed punt and a separate Longhorn punt that traveled just 22 yards, allowing the Indians to set

up shop just 27 yards from the end zone.

Both scenarios led to Santa Fe scores, and 13 penalties for 98 yards frequently kept the Longhorns from getting into a flow offensively.

The bottom line is the Longhorns won the season opener for the second straight season and are preparing to host Bellaire Sept. 7 at Veterans.

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Dobie junior receiver Jeremiah Ballard (81) reeled in this 7-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Cameron Gray to kick off the Longhorns' scoring in the first quarter against Santa Fe Aug. 28 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Late in the first half, Ballard caught a 12-yard scoring pass from quarterback Luke Giron to give Dobie a 14-7 edge. Ballard wound up with five catches for 111 yards and two scores to pace his team's 42-21 opening-night win.
Photo by David Flickinger

Opportunistic La Porte rallies past Brook

Host La Porte handed first-year head coach Anthony Renfro a victory in his debut, outscoring Clear Brook 36-0 in the second half to come away with an easy 42-10 victory Aug. 29, at Bulldogs Stadium in La Porte. Cooper Upshaw pounded away at the Brook de-

fense to the tune of 157 yards and two touchdowns on just 16 carries, and quarterback River Thompson added a pair of short touchdown runs in the game.

Clear Brook sophomore running back Trent Lacy

debuted with 82 yards on 22 carries, and quarterback Shane Porter completed 17 of 30 passes for 134 yards. However, La Porte's Travis Greenawald victimized Porter with two interceptions, and the Bulldog defense made the

necessary halftime adjustments in shutting the Wolverines down over the final 24 minutes.

La Porte fell 28-6 to the Wolverines in 2018 and went on to post a 2-8 record.

Following the season, Renfro, then the

defensive coordinator at Clear Springs, was hired to take over the

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Dobie CC wows at Huntsville



At left, Dobie varsity girls cross-country runner Karisa Hernandez (265) was part of a big group effort as the Lady Longhorns took second place as a team at the Huntsville Cross-Country Invitational Aug. 28 at Huntsville's Kate Barr-Ross Park. Izzy Padilla was fifth overall for Dobie, covering the 5,000-meter course in a time of 22:22. Amari Singleton was seventh with a time of 22:51. Montgomery won the team title in the girls division, with Dobie second. Hernandez was 93rd with a time of 28:15. In the varsity boys' division, the Longhorns were sixth as a group. Alberto Campa led Dobie as he was the No. 2 overall medalist in a time of 17:52. See more on Page 6B.

LSA's Psencik, Hutchins pace opening night win

Beau Psencik delivered an opening night highlight to remember, and sophomore Joel Hutchins had 136 yards receiving and two scores as Lutheran South Academy routed Houston Christian 48-25 Aug. 29, to begin the Pioneers' varsity football season.

Psencik, a Touchdown Club of Houston All-Greater Houston Private High School Football Team selection along with teammate Jacob Justice, took the game's opening kickoff 94 yards for a

score to give the Pioneers a 7-0 lead just 23 seconds into the game.

From there, the LSA passing game was too much to handle for the Houston Christian defense with junior quarterback Luke Harrison throwing four touchdown passes, two to Hutchins and two more to Justice.

Hutchins reeled in an 81-yard scoring pass from Harrison, and Justice had 52- and 34-yard touchdown receptions, all in the first quarter, as the Pioneers won the game. **Continued on Page 2B**

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Dobie JV Orange FB cruises past Santa Fe

The Dobie JV Orange football team had a weather-abbreviated win over Santa Fe to open the season.

Dobie JV Orange 28 Santa Fe 0
Fong Pum had a long touchdown run to set the tone and quarterback San-

tos Sanchez spun a pair of touchdown passes as the Dobie junior varsity Orange squad opened the season with a 28-0 win over Santa Fe in a game shortened by lightning.

Pum went 85 yards for a scoring dash to give the Longhorns a quick 7-0 lead. Later in the quarter, Sanchez tossed a 20-yard touchdown pass to Brandon Williams as the Longhorns doubled their lead.

In the second quarter, Te'Andre Brinson was on the receiving end of a 35-yard touchdown pass from Sanchez as Dobie continued to roll.

Running back Rodney Freeman capped the scoring with a 35-yard touchdown run in the second quarter. Shortly thereafter, the game was called off due to lightning.

The team returns to action Thursday, Sept. 5, at Bellaire's Butler Junior Field. Game time is 5 p.m.

South Belt football predictions

						
Dobie hosts Bellaire	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie
Clear Brook hosts Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Clear Brook
Clear Falls hosts Texas City	Clear Falls	Clear Falls	Clear Falls	Clear Falls	Clear Falls	Clear Falls
Clear Creek hosts Deer Park	Clear Creek	Deer Park	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Deer Park	Deer Park
Clear Springs at Klein Collins	Klein Collins	Klein Collins	Clear Springs	Klein Collins	Klein Collins	Klein Collins
South Houston at Goose Creek Memorial	South Houston	GCM	GCM	GCM	South Houston	GCM
Dickinson at Allen	Allen	Allen	Allen	Dickinson	Allen	Dickinson
Dawson hosts Summer Creek	Dawson	Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson
Atascocita hosts Katy	Katy	Katy	Katy	Atascocita	Katy	Atascocita
Beaumont West Brook hosts Strake Jesuit	BWB	BWB	BWB	BWB	BWB	BWB
This week's record	7-3	7-3	7-3	6-4	8-2	6-4
Season record	7-3	7-3	7-3	6-4	8-2	6-4

Beverly Hills Bears Volleyball Schedule

Date	Opponent
Sept. 5	at San Jacinto
Sept. 12	Miller
Sept. 19	at Bondy
Sept. 26	at Park View
Oct. 3	Jackson
Oct. 10	Queens
Oct. 14	Thompson (at Dobie)
Oct. 16-17	7B tourn. at Miller 8B tourn. at Bondy
Oct. 21-22	7A tourn. at S. Houston 8A tourn. at Queens

7th & 8th Grade "B" games at 4:30 p.m.
7th & 8th Grade "A" games follow

Thompson Lions Volleyball Schedule

Date	Opponent
Sept. 5	Bondy
Sept. 12	at Queens
Sept. 19	at Miller
Sept. 26	at South Houston
Oct. 3	San Jacinto
Oct. 10	Southmore
Oct. 14	Beverly Hills (at Dobie)
Oct. 16-17	7B tourn. at Miller 8B tourn. at Bondy
Oct. 21-22	7A tourn. at S. Houston 8A tourn. at Queens

7th & 8th Grade "B" games at 4:30 p.m.
7th & 8th Grade "A" games follow

Lutheran South Academy passes its way past Houston Christian

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minutes. Later in the game, Hutchins and Harrison

connected for 34 yards and a score, and Psencik added a 7-yard run as the

Pioneers cruised to the victory in their opener. Psencik rushed for 67

yards in the game, but that total should rise as the season progresses as he is a

returning 1,000-yard rusher.

Justice and Hutchins seemed to have picked up where they left off last season after both had seven touchdown receptions each.

The Pioneers will play Concordia Lutheran on the road in Tomball Sept. 6.

Rutledge, SJC ex, earns strikeout high

At right, former San Jacinto College baseball staff ace and National Junior College Athletic Association Pitcher of the Year Jackson Rutledge has continued to perform well within the Washington Nationals organization after the Nats selected the hard-throwing right-hander in the first round of the MLB First-Year Player Draft in June. Pitching for the Nats Class A Hagerstown Suns affiliate, Rutledge allowed one hit and one earned run while striking out a career high nine batters over five frames Aug. 28. In 10 overall games to this point, Rutledge has an earned run average of 3.13 and a 2-0 record.



Harris Memorial Fund sets South Belt 5K run

Friends and former colleagues of longtime Dobie High School staffer Barry E. Harris have finalized plans for the first-ever South Belt 5K and Kids 1K Run/Walk, benefiting Harris' scholarship fund.

Harris was a longtime Dobie instructor and Pasadena ISD athletics supporter prior to his death in 2018 from the affects of cancer. Proceeds from the South Belt 5K and Kids 1K events will go to aid the Harris scholarship fund in future years.

The event, complete with a certified course, is set for Saturday, Nov. 9, beginning and ending at Dobie High School while traveling through El Franco Lee Park. The 5K run will go off at 7 a.m., with the kids event to begin at 8 a.m. The entry

fee for the 5K run is \$35 per participant, while the kids 1K is \$25 per participant. To register, visit www.RunSignup.com.

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

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

San Jac's Quinones honored



What a 2019 baseball season it was for Luis Quinones, who earlier this year was an all-conference pitcher for the San Jacinto College Gators before being chosen in the 34th round of the MLB First-Year Player Draft in June by the Toronto Blue Jays. Quinones signed with the Jays and went on to have a tremendous summer with the Jays' Class A Short Season affiliate, the Vancouver Canadians. At season's end, Quinones was named the Canadians' George Bamberger Pitcher of the Year Award winner after going 2-1 with a 1.29 earned run average, including 43 strikeouts over just 29 innings of work in the Northwest League. At 22 years old, Quinones appears on his way up the Jays' minor league ladder in 2020 as his dream of playing in the big leagues continues.

Vancouver Canadians photo

Brook VB takes third at Clear Creek invite

Clear Brook emerged as one of the top programs at the BSN Clear Creek ISD Varsity Volleyball Invitational, reaching the tournament semifinals before a loss to eventual champion Ridge Point Aug. 31.

The Lady Wolverines, led by All-Tournament selections Kailin Newsome and Bella Lockwood, went on to grab third place after edging Pearland.

In the tournament's championship match, also at Clear Falls High School, Ridge Point defeated Dawson for the crown.

Hosting its own pool play bracket Aug. 29, the Lady Wolverines put together a special day with three wins.

The locals bested Katy 25-14, 25-22 and handed Klein Oak a 26-24, 23-25, 25-16 loss. Against Cy-Creek, Brook came up with a 28-26, 25-20 win.

With the tournament taking a break Aug. 30, the Lady Wolverines had Deer Park down two sets to one before coming up on the losing end of a 25-14, 18-25, 22-25, 25-14, 15-9 marathon.

Rising early the next day to resume tournament action, Clear Brook got past 24-6A foe Clear Springs 25-11, 25-23, before going against Ridge Point.

Although Ridge Point won the match 25-17, 26-24, the Lady Wolverines swept past Pearland 25-23, 25-21 to grab the third-place trophy.

In a case of "that's just how the schedule plays out," the Lady Wolver-

ines got a quick chance to avenge their loss to Ridge Point as the two teams went head-to-head in a regularly scheduled non-district clash Sept. 3. In

that one, Clear Brook was in fact able to turn the tables in a five-set thriller.

In the end, the Lady Wolverines came away with a 25-27, 25-10, 25-

23, 21-25, 15-12 victory.

Brook knows it still has its work cut out for itself.

Brook, along with Clear Creek and Clear Springs, all made the final eight of

the 32-team tournament.

The race to the championship in the league also figures to include Clear Falls, so things should get interesting once play be-

gins Sept. 13. Brook finished fourth a season ago but is looking to improve that standing even as the league in 24-6A looks tougher than ever.

BSN Clear Creek ISD Volleyball Invitational

Gold Bracket Aug. 31 "Elite 8"

Quarterfinals

Ridge Point def. Houston Memorial
Clear Brook def. Clear Springs 25-11, 25-23
Dawson def. Clear Creek 13-25, 25-19, 25-10
Pearland def. Klein

Semifinals

Ridge Point def. Clear Brook 25-17, 26-24
Dawson def. Pearland 25-20, 25-15

Championship

Ridge Point def. Dawson 25-21, 25-23

Third Place

Clear Brook def. Pearland 25-23, 25-21

Sports Calendar

TENNIS

Thursday, Sept. 5

Dobie varsity hosts Dickinson, 3:00

Friday, Sept. 6

Dobie varsity at Summer Creek, 3:30

Tuesday, Sept. 10

Dobie varsity hosts Pasadena, 3:00

VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Sept. 5

Thompson 8B hosts Bondy, 4:30
Thompson 8A hosts Bondy, 5:30
Thompson 7B hosts Bondy, 4:30
Thompson 7A hosts Bondy, 5:30
Beverly Hills 7B at San Jacinto, 4:30
Beverly Hills 7A at San Jacinto, 4:30
Beverly Hills 8B at San Jacinto, 4:30
Beverly Hills 8A at San Jacinto, 4:30

Friday, Sept. 6

Brook varsity at Seven Lakes, 6:30
Dobie varsity hosts Pasadena, 6:30
Dobie JV hosts Pasadena, 5:30
Brook JV at Seven Lakes, 5:30
Brook freshman A at Seven Lakes, 4:30
Dobie freshman A hosts Pasadena, 4:30
Brook freshman B at Seven Lakes, 5:30

Saturday, Sept. 7

Brook JV at Manvel tourn., TBA
Brook freshman A at Alvin tourn., TBA
Brook freshman B at Shadow Creek tourn., TBA

Tuesday, Sept. 10

Brook varsity at Friendswood, 6:30
Dobie varsity at Humble, 6:30
Dobie JV at Humble, 5:30
Brook JV at Friendswood, 5:30
Brook freshman A at Friendswood, 4:30
Dobie freshman A at Humble, 4:30

Friday, Sept. 13

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

CROSS-COUNTRY

Friday, Sept. 6

Dobie all teams at Galveston East Beach Invit., 7:30A

Friday, Sept. 13

Dobie all teams at Deer Park Invit., Burke Park, 8:30A

FOOTBALL

Thursday, Sept. 5

Dobie JV Orange at Bellaire, 6:30
Dobie JV White at Conroe Grand Oaks, 6:30
Brook JV at Friendswood, Winston, 5:00
Dobie freshman Orange hosts Bellaire, Dobie9, 4:30
Dobie freshman White hosts Conroe G.O., Dobie, 4:30
Brook freshman Red hosts Friendswood, 4:30
Brook freshman Black hosts Friendswood, 6:00

Saturday, Sept. 7

Brook varsity hosts Friendswood, Challenger, 6:00
Dobie varsity hosts Bellaire, Veterans, 7:00

Monday, Sept. 9

Thompson 8A at Park View, campus, 5:00
Thompson 8B hosts Park View, campus, 5:00
Beverly Hills 8A at Jackson, campus, 5:00
Beverly Hills 8B hosts Jackson, 5:00

Tuesday, Sept. 10

Thompson 7A at Park View, campus, 5:00
Thompson 7B hosts Park View, campus, 5:00
Beverly Hills 7A at Jackson, campus, 5:00
Beverly Hills 7B hosts Jackson, 5:00

La Porte gets past Brook

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Quickly breathing life back into the Bulldogs program, Renfroe guided his squad to a big second half and a win over the Wolverines.

Lacy had a scoring run in the first half, and kicker Curtis Falkenburg had a field goal as the Wolverines were in good shape with a 10-6 halftime lead.

But what a second half it was for the Bulldogs, who hope to successfully navigate a District 21-6A alignment that includes defending Class 6A Division I state champion North Shore, Class 6A Division II state finalist Beaumont West Brook and others.

Upshaw and Thompson combined for the four rushing touchdowns, and Tyron Matthews had a 29-yard touchdown reception. Fellow receiver Elijah George had two grabs for 65 yards, and Greenawalt had 50 yards in return yardage after his interceptions.

Brook entered the season looking to get the football to standout receiver Loronzo Thompson often. He had five catches for 44 yards in his senior debut, but the Bulldogs were largely able to keep the Wolverines out of the end zone.

It won't get any easier for the Wolverines in week two. The locals will host Friendswood Saturday, Sept. 7, at Challenger Stadium in Webster.

Friendswood is 1-0 after crushing Dayton by a 42-0 count in its season opener.

Bay Area Football League Standings

Senior Division

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

Junior Division

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

Bay Area Football League Standings

Sophomore Division

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

Freshman Division

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

Pee Wee Division

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

BAFL Week Three Scores

Divisions	Sr.	Jr.	Soph.	Fr.	PW
Stingrays	54	61	20	27	12
Cowboys	0	0	7	6	6
Rams	0	0	0	0	19
Dolphins	56	25	48	39	6

Week Four – Sat. Sept. 7

Cowboys at Wildcats, Memorial Baptist Church
Rams host Pearland Texans, Dobie High School
Dolphins at Mustangs, Woodland Acres Middle School
New game times – Pee Wee (8 a.m.), Seniors (9 a.m.), Juniors (11 a.m.), Sophomores (1 p.m.), Seniors (3 p.m.)

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

7 a.m.
AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.
 7:30 a.m.
Rotary Club of Pearland – Meets Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. at Allendale's Kitchen & Cocktails, 5010 Broadway St., in Pearland. Variety of speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@texascitizensbank.com.
 10 a.m.
Fun Bunch – for senior citizens, ages 55 and older, meets the first Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call Ronn Canon at 281-610-8999 or the chamber at 281-481-5516.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.
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Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.
 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

7 a.m.
AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.
 10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark,

77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.
 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.
 8 p.m.
Serenity Now Al-Anon Group – meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

7:30 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – "Breakfast with Bill," Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
 11 a.m.
Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) – For women affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
 1 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.
 8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.
 11:30 a.m.
Al-Anon Deer Park – Mondays, 10 to 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email jpochsner@aol.com for details.
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Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.
 6 p.m.

Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.
 2 p.m.
Grief Support Group – For adults who have lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. For details, call 281-487-8787.
 5:30 p.m.
Celebrate Recovery – A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., in the Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for details or to RSVP for child care.
 8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.
 10 a.m.
Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) – For women affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
 11:30 a.m.
Al-Anon Deer Park – Mondays, 10 to 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email jpochsner@aol.com for details.
 11:30 a.m.
Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park – 11:30 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.
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Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.
 6 p.m.

Scrabble Club #511 – Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details.
Mended Hearts Cardiac Support Group – A national organization dedicated to inspiring hope in heart patients and families meets the second Monday at the Clear Lake Heart Towers auditorium, 495 Medical Center Blvd., Webster. A free meal begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a speaker. For information, call 281-538-4648.
 6:30 p.m.
Toastmasters – The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets Mondays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., at the South Belt Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd., next to the fire station. For details, call Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 or Carolyn Carmichael at 832-372-3565 or visit https://youngprofessionals.toastmasters.com/.
 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For additional information, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.
Sagamont Civic Club – Meetings are held the second Monday, Sagamont Park Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes Rd.
 7:30 p.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom – Israeli Folk Dancing on Monday, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m., 16020 El Camino Real, 77062. \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 sessions for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For information, contact 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org.
 7:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Saint Luke's 12 Step Recovery open meeting Mondays, 7:30 p.m. in the education bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801.
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Stellar defense, Ballard's touchdown grabs lead Longhorns' opening victory

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Things are far from set in the offensive backfield behind Hale and Crosby, but the coaching staff surely was pleased with Crosby's 127-yard output as the lead back with Hale out.

The Longhorns won't be able to replace the output that the now graduated Kris Morris gave them over four seasons, but with six running backs getting touches, there are options.

Head coach Kevin Berneathy wants his team to be more of a threat in the passing game. The aerial attack wasn't superb against Santa Fe, but both Gray (4 of 9, 98 yards and score) and Giron had scoring passes, and Gray just missed on a couple of throws that would have led to big gains.

The offensive front and the tight ends were solid up front even with Brooks out of action. There is added size up front, and the group as a whole could potentially be the program's best in several seasons.

The kicking game? There was a low snap on a punt, and while Ballard was very good overall, his 22-yard effort deep in Dobie territory led to a San-

ta Fe score. Ballard did, however, get off a 48-yard punt early in the game.

Kicker Joshua Hernandez hit each of his five extra-point tries. It was a very good start for the junior, who had a great sophomore season as well.

The defensive highlight came as Robicheaux snatched a deflected pass deep in Indian territory and returned it five yards for a touchdown midway through the fourth quarter as part of 21 straight points for the Longhorns.

Overall, Dobie was very good on defense with the exception of assignment issues on two Santa Fe scoring passes in which receivers were left wide open.

Dobie's defense swarmed to the ball all night, and the Indians never had a sustained offensive scoring drive that involved a field of any length.

Bellaire, what with its offensive weapons, will likely provide a stiffer test for the Longhorns on that side of the ball.

But the first week is done, and things should smooth out across the board for Dobie as time goes by.



Dobie's defense excelled in the opener against Santa Fe, with two big pass plays accounting for the majority of the Indians' offense all night. On this play, the Longhorns' Giambi Boyd (3) and A.J. Garcia combined to bottle up Santa Fe's Alex Trevino, who found yards tough to come by.



Cameron Gray (9) started the game under center for the Longhorns and threw an early touchdown pass to get the offense rolling against Santa Fe in the eventual 42-21 victory. Tight end Jaylin Griffin (86) and offensive lineman Jakary Ramsay (66) cleared the way early in the game as Gray picked up key yards on a scoring drive.

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With offensive lineman Richard Gary (64) toppling beside him, Dobie quarterback Luke Giron (11) looks for running room in the second quarter of the Longhorns' 42-21 victory over Santa Fe to open the regular season Aug. 28 at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium.

Dobie Longhorns (1-0) host Bellaire (0-1)

Bellaire: The Cardinals scored 35 points last week in their opener, but it wasn't nearly enough against one of the state's top programs as Beaumont West Brook came up with a 56-35 win. Bellaire quarterback Darius Reed, however, was exceptional with 125 yards rushing and two touchdowns to go with 124 yards through the air. He and receiver Willie McCoy hooked up on a 57-yard pass play, with McCoy finishing with 96 yards receiving. On the defensive side, Rodney Dansby was credited with 23 tackles.

Dobie: In its win over Santa Fe, Dobie's defense was the star of the show, allowing just 125 yards, including 66 on two plays. Offensively, Jeremiah Ballard had a pair of touchdown catches and looks to be a big-time threat this season. The offense should only get better with the return of 1,200-yard rusher Darius Hale as well as offensive tackle Jason Brooks. The Longhorns do, however, need to tighten things up on special teams.



Getting a good block from tight end Emanuel Franklin-Romar (88), Dobie senior running back Dontavion Crosby (28) bursts through an opening for a big gain in the first quarter of the Longhorns' 42-21 win over Santa Fe. Crosby led all rushers with 127 yards on 18 carries in the victory.

Dobie netters set to face 22-6A opponents

The fun is about to really begin as the Dobie varsity team tennis squad enters District 22-6A action with a match at Summer Creek Friday, Sept. 6.

The Longhorns will then return home Tuesday, Sept. 10 for a match against Pasadena as the league's respective teams eventually try to chase down defending champion Kingwood.

Dobie is 6-9 overall after a match ended Aug. 29 with the Longhorns leading La Porte 9-8. That duel will be completed Nov. 1, with the Longhorns needing just one individual win to gain the team win.

The Longhorns will host Dickinson Sept. 5 in a final nondistrict clash before starting district, and Dobie head coach Manuel

Moreno Jr. said the battle against the Gators should provide his team with a good barometer as far as what to expect as 22-6A action begins.

Moreno said an improved Dickinson squad defeated 22-6A foe Summer Creek 17-1, so Dobie's matchup with the Gators will be interesting.

As far as his team, Moreno simply wants the players to focus on consistency. "We seem to get really excited to play against the better teams, and our intensity and level of play seems to show in those matches."

"However, when we play some of the lesser teams, we have sometimes played down to the level of competition. We have had a hard time closing out some of the matches that we should win easily."

"In my mind, we need to go out there and take care of business. If we can do that, we should be fine."

JFD cross-country excels at Huntsville Invitational

Alberto Campa was the star of the show for Dobie as the school's boys and girls cross-country squads took part in their first individual meet after a couple of early-season relay meets.

The Dobie group traveled to Huntsville Aug. 28 for the Huntsville Cross-Country Invitational at Kate Barr-Ross Park, which doubles as the site for the Region III Championships each season.

The varsity boys and girls covered a 5,000-meter course, with Campa delivering big at 17 minutes, 52 seconds for that second-place medal.

Jordan Martinez was next for the Longhorns as his time of 20:11 placed him 30th overall, and Javier Martinez had a time of 20:30 for the 49th spot.

Michael Garcia placed 52nd following his time of 20:35, and Michael Depaz was 60th with his clocking of 20:50. At 20:59, Robert Montano placed 64th. The Dobie boys wound up sixth as a team, with Rayburn taking the top spot.

The Lady Longhorns excelled in the varsity division.

Montgomery was the top team overall, but Dobie was second after both sophomore Izzy Padilla (fifth at 22:43) and Amari Singleton (seventh at 22:51) grabbed top-10 medals.

Grace Castaneda was 23rd overall in a time of 24:42, and McKenzie Rankins ran well again as her time of 25:40 placed her 39th. Victoria Ramirez had a time of 28:06 for 72nd.

Zoe Hernandez claimed the 72nd position with her time of 28:15, and Karisa Hernandez was at 28:13 for 93rd place. Miranda Serrano placed 106th at 29:39.

In the junior varsity boys division, Dobie's Gerardo Torres medaled as he was fourth with a time of 20:33 as the Longhorns were eighth as a team.

Dobie's Ashlee Garcia placed eighth (15:35) for a medal as the junior varsity girls competed on a two-mile course.

Lady Longhorn VB drops 22-6A opener

Summer Creek struck the first blow in District 22-6A varsity volleyball action, handing visiting Dobie a 25-14, 25-19, 25-17 loss Sept. 3.

Dobie, fourth in the district a season ago, will re-

turn to league action Sept. 6 at home against Pasadena.

The Lady Longhorns are still sporting a winning record overall thanks to a strong run at the Santa Fe tournament in addition to

a nondistrict victory over Channelview.

In the Santa Fe event, Dobie opened with a 25-10, 25-10 win over La Marque as Victoria Thomas had seven kills.

Dobie lost a tough 25-

21, 25-27, 15-13 match to Dayton and then also fell 25-17, 25-14 to Huffman Hargrave. Another loss, this one by a 19-25, 25-15, 15-8 count to Alief Elsik followed, but the locals bounced back to beat

Fort Bend Marshall 25-20, 25-20 as Alayna Gonzalez had seven kills.

Dobie closed out play with a 25-15, 25-22 win over Pasadena as Thomas contributed eight kills in the match.



The Longhorns' Jackson Ruiz challenged the 5,000-meter course Aug. 28 at Huntsville's Kate Barr-Ross Park as he helped the Longhorns to a sixth-place finish as a team.



Dobie's Armando Alaniz was among the Longhorns cross-country contingent Aug. 28 at the Huntsville Invitational. Teammate Alberto Campa was terrific as the No. 2 overall medalist.