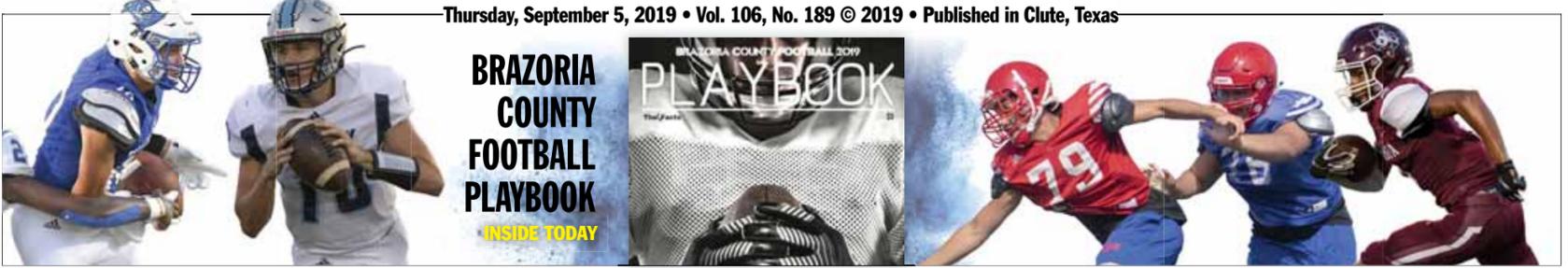


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Detective credited with saving life

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LAKE JACKSON — Detective Travis Pate was on his way to recover a stolen trailer when he saw a crash and had the presence of mind to save a life, his chief said.

On the afternoon of July 10, a man driving a truck passed another vehicle ille-

gally on Highway 288, then clipped the front of a Jeep and began rolling, The Facts previously reported. Pate applied a tourniquet to the man's arm and prevented blood loss that would have killed him before emergency medical services arrived, Lake Jackson Police Chief Paul Kibodeaux said.

"You were the right person at the right place at the right

time," Kibodeaux said at the City Council meeting Tuesday, where he presented the detective with a Police Life Saving Award.

"It caught me off guard, honestly," Pate said of the crash.

After the truck passed on the right shoulder and clipped the Jeep in the left lane of Highway 288 northbound, the 52-year-

old Angleton man driving operating the vehicle lost control, went sideways, hit two light poles and three signs and then flipped multiple times, police said.

As Pate waited for the vehicle to stop rolling, he tried to figure out what he would be running up to, he said. The actions of him and

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Lake Jackson Police Chief Paul Kibodeaux, left, presented Detective Travis Pate with a Police Life Saving Award at Lake Jackson City Hall on Tuesday.



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Brazoswood students speak with Navy representative Kaela Hyde on Wednesday during the school's Fall Fair where students could learn about furthering their education.

Yard sales could be limited in Freeport

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FREEPORT — Residents who have turned garage sales into regular shopping destinations could soon see their operating hours cut.

Freeport City Council is considering a new ordinance that would limit how often a resident can have a garage sale. The city's planning commission voted to recommend the proposed regulations during its meeting Aug. 27 and council is expected to take up the measure this month, Building Official Billywayne Shoemaker said.

If adopted, Freeport residents will need to receive a permit from the city to have any form of a garage or yard sale at their home, Shoemaker said. Sales

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KEEPING OPTIONS OPEN

Brazoswood college fair shows students future opportunities

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CLUTE Brazoswood High School Counselor Cindy Schwebel wants to make sure her students know they have options other than college after graduation.

"Everyone is not going to be going to college," Schwebel said. "We need to offer a variety so we meet the needs of everybody."

That's why representatives of trade schools, military branches and colleges gathered in the foyer of Brazoswood during

lunch periods Wednesday for the third annual Fall Fair, Schwebel said.

The fairs are much more successful at attracting students' attention rather than having one or two visitors at a time, she said.

U.S. Air Force Tech Sgt. James Johnstone finds a high school a great place to gather like-minded people, he said.

"This is where they're most open to different ideas," Johnstone said. "Their future is not set."

Serving goes hand in hand with education, he said.

The Air Force is the only military branch to offer its own community college, he said. Airmen are evaluated annually to make sure they have grown

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KATIE FREZZA/The Facts

ROTC Senior Alyssa Lopez discusses the U.S. Air Force with Tech Sgt. James Johnstone on Wednesday during Brazoswood High School's Fall Fair in Clute.

Ex-guard could get life in inmate's death

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ANGLETON — The muffled cries of David Witt's family members were the only noise after a surveillance video showing an altercation prosecutors say led to the 41-year-old inmate's death played Wednesday in the 239th District courtroom of the Brazoria County Courthouse.

The footage shows a handcuffed Witt being thrown to the ground Aug. 16, 2017, at

the Darrington Unit prison in Rosharon by Lou Joffrion III, 26, of Humble, who at the time was a sergeant for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. A Brazoria County grand jury indicted the former correctional officer in December 2017 on an aggravated assault charge.

Joffrion, who pleaded not guilty to the crime, could be sentenced to life in prison if convicted on the first-degree felony by the jury of 10 women and two men.

While the defense chose to defer its opening statement, the prosecution intends to prove the prison guard used excessive force in handling Witt, causing a lacerated liver that caused the inmate's death, they said during Wednesday's opening arguments.

"In the jury box, you may be tempted to figure out who's the good guy and who's the bad guy — and that concerns me, because you'll see one guy wearing a dingy white shirt and one in a correctional offi-

cer gray uniform," said Jack Choate of the Texas Special Prosecution Unit. "But you're not here to judge people, you're here to judge an act,"

Joffrion's actions came while he and several other officers attempted to restrain Witt shortly after the prisoners were fed breakfast, said Cindy Bridges, also of the Texas Special Prosecution Unit.

Witt was transitioning from a hallway to a day room,

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Bonnen asks for study of gun violence

Committee to evaluate enforcement of existing laws

By **CASSANDRA POLLOCK**
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AUSTIN — After two mass shootings happened in Texas just weeks apart, House Speaker Dennis Bonnen has asked a special committee to begin studying issues related to gun violence.

"Words alone will not deliver the bold solutions Texas needs in order to defeat the violence that has become far too commonplace in our state," Bonnen said in a statement Wednesday. "The Texas House is putting words into action by forming this committee."

Bonnen directed the House Select Committee on Mass Violence Prevention and Community Safety to "evaluate options for strengthening enforcement



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