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Chamber accepting funds

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber is raising funds to aid local flood victims. The drive is through the Education Committee which has traditionally collected new clothes and supplies for children. The scope will now provide other help deemed necessary. The effort will be directed by former Beverly Hills Intermediate Principal and current Pasadena Independent School District Associate Superintendent of Campus Development Alyta Harrell.

School officials, chamber and community members will identify where the most need is. Assistance will not be limited to students. The group opted to circumvent sites such as GoFundMe to avoid paying fees, so all funds provide help. Financial donations may be sent to 10500 Scarsdale, Houston, TX 77089. For information, call 281-481-5516 or visit info@southbeltchamber.com.

SJC offers free haircuts

In support of hurricane Harvey relief efforts, San Jac College South's Cosmetology will offer free haircuts at its Kutz4Kidz event Saturday, Sept. 16, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free haircuts will not be limited to only children and will be offered to adults as well. Free hair-care products from JOICO will also be available. For more information, call cosmetology instructor Jeanette Wright at 281-922-3406.

CBMUD trash info

Household trash service has resumed in the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District on its regularly scheduled days. Residents should be aware, however, that storm debris must be placed separately from household debris. If collection crews cannot determine what is household trash versus storm debris, they will not pick up either. Trash must be curbside no later than 7 a.m.

Clear Brook City MUD began Hurricane Harvey storm removal debris on Tuesday, Sept. 5. In all, there will be three passes for storm debris. The pickup of storm debris will not coincide with normal garbage days, as it is a completely different service.

All debris must be placed within the first 10 feet of the street. When piling debris, adhere to the following guidelines:

- Do not place debris on top or close to fire hydrants, mailboxes or on driveways.
- Do not place debris over water meter boxes. The trash must be accessible for service.
- Do not place debris on driveways.
- Do not place debris in drainage ditches or channels.

For more information, call the district at 281-484-1562, check Clear Brook City MUD on Facebook or visit www.cbcmud.com.

JFD 20-Year reunion set

Calling all 1997 Longhorns. The 20-year reunion is Saturday, Sept. 16, from 6 to 10 p.m. at St. Arnold Brewery. Tickets are \$70 and include food, open taps, a commemorative pint glass, '90s music and entrance to the private Friday night mixer at the Cottonwood, 3422 N. Shepherd. Buy tickets at paypal.me/97reuniontickets or email Stephen Landin at stevlandin@hotmail.com.

New Life holds bazaar

New Life Lutheran Church, 3521 E. Orange St. in Pearland, will hold its annual bazaar Friday, Oct. 6, and Saturday, Oct. 7. The event will feature barbecue, crafts, fair and fun for kids. For information, call 281-485-1818.

Free self defense offered

The American Society of Karate will offer free one-hour self-defense and martial arts courses for teens and adults (ages 13-80) at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road.

The new session will begin Friday, Sept. 15, and subsequent sessions are on Fridays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, email Michael.Alonzo@ASKKarate.com or call 281-788-5930.

Dolphins host movie night

The Southbelt Dolphins will host a movie night fundraiser Friday, Sept. 15, at the team's field at 9400 Fuqua starting at 7 p.m. There will be a \$2 entrance fee for the showing of *Rudy*. The team will be selling popcorn, hot dogs and drinks. All of the community is invited.

Dobie Theater to perform

The J. Frank Dobie Theater Department will open its 2017-18 season with an adaptation of John Gay's comedic romp, *The Beggar's Opera*. A company of actors tell the bitter tale of the predatory outlaw known as Macheath. He secretly marries the daughter of an underworld boss but is soon betrayed by his sinister in-laws and sent to prison. After being freed by the police chief's daughter, he is again betrayed – this time by a prostitute – and sentenced to death. In a witty epilogue, the actors protest this unhappy ending, and as an alternative finale, the players set Macheath free and into the hands of his many angry wives. A cast and crew of more than 50 students will present the play Thursday, Sept. 28, and Friday, Sept. 29, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 30, at 2 p.m. All performances are in the Dobie Auditorium. All seats are \$10.

Area students return to school, again

South Belt students returned to school Monday, Sept. 11. Students had originally gone back Monday, Aug. 21, but their stay was short-lived after classes were canceled due to Hurricane Harvey, which made landfall Friday, Aug. 25.

The second time around was met with new challenges for several students because their schools had been damaged by the historic storm.

Students most affected by Harvey were those from Thompson Intermediate and Lutheran South Academy, as their home campuses suffered the

most extensive damage, causing them to each be closed indefinitely.

Thompson's roof, gymnasium, library and orchestra room were severely damaged by the storm. Thompson students are currently being housed at Beverly Hills Intermediate, while Pasadena Independent School District officials assess damage.

In all, 12 double-wide temporary buildings, 24 classrooms, were added to the Beverly Hills campus to accommodate the Thompson students. City of Houston officials expedited the necessary per-

mitting process to allow for a quick move.

On Monday, 878 Thompson students were counted as being present, while only 58 were reported as absent.

Multiple buildings at Lutheran South Academy also suffered extensive flood damage. LSA students resumed classes the previous Friday on Sept. 8 at Sagemont Church, which has generously offered free educational space to the school, while damages can be assessed.

While Frazier Elementary remains open, the school also experienced significant water damage.

"There is no carpet, but it is a safe environment," said PISD Associate Superintendent of Campus Development Alyta Harrell. "We're going to give Frazier a makeover. It will be done pod by pod, and hopefully after the next month or so, we'll have a Frazier face-lift."

To help affected students and families recov-

er from the storm, the school has opened the Frazier Family Store, which is providing food, clothes, toys and other items at no cost. Donations of paper plates and bowls, sheet sets, towel sets, new pillows and new or very gently used shoes are currently being sought. School officials have set up an Amazon wish list (www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/3IX-UHUG6U5A4H/ref=cm_sw_r_fa) for specific needs. H-E-B and Walmart gift cards are also being accepted. The store is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A similar "store" has been set up at Moore Elementary. Hours are 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

While at least 75 students from Burnett Elementary have been displaced by the storm (see related story on this page), the campus itself was spared any serious damage.

"Burnett was blessed," said Harrell. "While the community around it was devastated, it was like an island and had very limited damage."

Thompson students changing classes



Students from Thompson Intermediate are shown above starting school Monday, Sept. 11, at their new home at Beverly Hills Intermediate, where they will attend while Pasadena Independent School District officials assess damage at their original campus. Twelve temporary buildings – 24 total classrooms – have been added to the Beverly Hills grounds to accommodate the incoming students. Photo submitted

Federal officials deem Brio site safe

National media reports on the possible release of toxins from the Brio Superfund site following Hurricane Harvey have been highly misleading, according to officials familiar with the property.

Stories published by the Associated Press and the New York Times stating the site had essentially been abandoned during the storm were widely distributed after being picked by multiple other news outlets. The reporting, however, was largely hyperbolic and was contradicted by both federal officials and independent sources.

"(We) tested for site constituents, including known contaminants from the site. Twenty-one various volatile organic compounds were tested and did not show up in the water or the sediments," said John Danna, site manager of the Brio Site Task Force. "Officials from EPA Region 6, EPA headquarters in Washington D.C., U.S. Office of Management and Budget and the U.S. Coast Guard visited the Brio Site Monday,

Sept. 11. They were briefed on the history of the Brio and DOP sites. They were pleased with the remedy and ongoing efforts to protect the public and environment. They were also briefed on preparations at the sites prior to Tropical Storm Harvey and the outcome following the storm. I let them know that the sites were not negatively impacted, there were no environmental releases from the sites, the groundwater recovery and treatment systems were back online and the groundwater and sediment samples collected at the sites on Friday, Sept. 8, were clean."

This sentiment was shared by *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger, who heads the EPA's Community Advisory Group.

"There was never a real worry because the containment remedy is working," Flickinger said. "And testing done at the site confirmed the containment remedy is continuing to work properly."

City vacates flooded apartment units

Much of an apartment complex in the 11800 block of Algonquin near Scarsdale Boulevard has been vacated so flood repairs can be made, after it was extensively damaged during Hurricane Harvey.

Fountains at the Bayou Apartments took on heavy water during the storm, essentially destroying the first floor.

On Wednesday, Sept. 6, city officials posted a sign on the leasing office stating that all first floor apartments are uninhabitable due to flooding. Tenants were given the option to either move to a sister apartment complex on El Camino Real in Clear Lake or one in Baytown. Apartments were already full by Thursday afternoon.

Tenants who did not wish to move were given the option to be allowed to break their lease, without penalty, and find elsewhere to live.

In all, 75 students from Burnett Elementary were displaced due to this order to vacate the first-floor units.

School officials, however, worry the remaining apartment units may also be contaminated.

"My concern is that the repairing issue may not only be on the first floor but spread to the second floor since it was over 10 days before the gutting of walls even occurred, which would impact another 75 students or the rest of the families, whether they attend Burnett or not," said Burnett Principal Jae Lee.

Pasadena ISD meets state standards

The Pasadena Independent School District recently earned a "Met Standard" designation from the Texas Education Agency (TEA), according to the organization's annual accountability report.

Three Pasadena ISD campuses earned all possible TEA distinction designations.

Campuses that fall under a "Met Standard" school district are eligible to earn distinction designations, awarded for achievement and progress in the following areas:

- Academic achievement in English language arts/reading
- Academic achievement in mathematics
- Academic achievement in science
- Academic achievement in social studies
- Top 25 percent: student progress
- Top 25 percent: closing performance gaps
- Postsecondary readiness.

A campus earns a distinction designation for being in the top quartile of its comparison group for at least 33 percent (for high schools) or 50 percent (for all other campuses) of the indicators used to award the distinction.

Of 62 rated campuses in the school district, 42 earned at least one distinction designation for a total of 124 distinctions.

Meador was one of three elementary schools to earn all possible distinction designations. Bailey and Golden Acres elementary schools also earned all possible distinction designations.

Frazier Elementary earned four out of five possible distinction designations, excelling in mathematics, student progress, closing performance gaps and postsecondary readiness.

Miller and Southmore intermediate schools

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Chamber holds storm meetings

The South Belt Ellington Chamber of Commerce hosted a pair of meetings Tuesday, Sept. 12, to discuss local storm recovery efforts.

Representatives from various branches of government, including FEMA and the Small Business Administration, were in attendance to provide information to residents who were affected by Hurricane Harvey. Also there to provide assistance were representatives from local businesses, such as banks, insurance companies and plumbers.

While many in the South Belt community have already received FEMA payments, a common complaint from several in attendance, many of whom were from Friendswood, was that they had not even been contacted by the organization yet, despite filing claims more than two weeks ago. Affected residents were instructed to stay after the meeting to talk directly with a FEMA representative.

Officials on hand said the most federal recov-

ery money residents with no insurance coverage could expect to receive is \$33,300. Residents needing additional help were told by an executive from Texan Bank – a co-sponsor of the event – that low-interest loans of up to \$10,000 will be offered to those who suffered damage from the storm.

City and county officials both stated that efforts were being made to erect FEMA centers in the area. Such a city location would be located at the Sagemont Park Community Center on Hughes Road near Beltway 8, while a potential county site would likely be located at El Franco Lee Park on Hall Road near Beltway 8.

Officials also noted that new construction projects in the city will have a more stringent permitting process than their county counterparts.

Residents were also urged to take photos of storm damage but not to delay crucial cleanup efforts.

Flight museum set to open Sept. 16

The grand opening of the Lone Star Flight Museum at Ellington Field, originally scheduled for Sept. 2, has been rescheduled for Saturday, Sept. 16. A dedication ceremony with dignitaries and local officials is slated for Saturday, Sept. 30.

"The irony of opening our building in the midst of Hurricane Harvey is not lost on any of us. We are the reality of surviving a hurricane and rebuilding and we know that our community will overcome this trial," said retired Lt. Gen. Douglas H. Owens, CEO, Lone Star Flight Museum. "As we support the region's recovery, I am moved by the sense of strength and common purpose that rises above and is on full display. We look forward to visitors arriving at our doors and we are proud of the experience they will have in our new facility."

In addition to a collection of award-winning historic aircraft, the 130,000-square-foot muse-

um will feature interactive, educational exhibits focusing on the science, technology, engineering and math concepts essential to flight, while allowing visitors to explore Texas' rich aviation heritage. The \$38 million facility will also offer a number of amenities for visitors to enjoy, including a restaurant, gift shop and a 400-seat auditorium, in which programs, conferences, public meetings and other events can be held.

In support of those impacted by Hurricane Harvey, the museum will offer a "pay what you can" admission through Sunday, Oct. 1.

Normal pricing is \$20 for adults (12 years and over); \$16 for seniors (65 years and over); \$16 for youths (4-11 yrs); and free for children under 4 years.

The museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For additional information, visit www.lonestarflight.org.

Delgado to give legislative updates

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis, will host a legislative update on Friday, Sept. 15, at the Activity Center at El Franco Lee Park, 9900 Hall Road, from 1 to 4 p.m.

The purpose of the function is to provide information to the community on bills that were passed during the 85th Legislative and special sessions of the Texas Legislature.

Harris County Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado, having attended the 2017 legislative update, *The Road Ahead*, will discuss bills

that went into effect Sept. 1 that will have a direct impact on the South Belt community.

All local legislators have been invited to participate in the event. At press time, District 6 Sen. Sylvia Garcia and District 129 Rep. Dennis Paul had both been confirmed.

Representatives from multiple Harris County departments and local businesses will also be available to provide information on disaster recovery and other topics.

The event is open to the public.

For more information, contact the chamber at 281-481-5516 or info@southbeltchamber.com.

Cleaning up slowly, but surely



Cleanup crews from Harris County are shown above picking up storm debris from the Kirkwood South subdivision. The neighborhood was one of the last in the area to be serviced, and with less manpower than in areas serviced by the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District, cleanup efforts are taking significantly longer to complete. According to officials, it is taking approximately 1.5 days to service just one block. Photo by Marie Flickinger

In My Opinion

Maricle thankful to Sagemont Church

My family gives our heartfelt thanks to Sagemont Church for their generous use of their facilities for Lutheran South Academy. We are residents of the South Belt area (Kirkwood South) and our son attends LSA, currently in the 9th grade. Disasters and troubling times come and go and what makes it all survivable is the outreach of organizations such as Sagemont who, during every tough time for our community, embrace their Christian faith and are their brothers' keeper.

Getting ready to operate as a school for over 850 students plus faculty I am sure is a daunting task, one which, as my son noted, has been positive for he and his classmates. These past weeks have been tough on our community. I'm really beginning to believe that big cross on the Beltway does protect our neighborhood.

Chuck Maricle

A letter to the South Belt Community

The stars aligned for students of Thompson Intermediate as they were able to return to school with the rest of the students in PISD on Sept. 11, 2017.

In conjunction with Marie Flickinger, the City of Houston, KBR Engineering Company, and the leadership of Dr. DeeAnn Powell, Superintendent of Schools, we were able to pull off a miracle. We cannot thank these individuals, and many others,

enough for their support.

In 10 days, a new, temporary home was created for our Thompson Intermediate students. The Beverly Hills work family and approximately 100 district employees housed in a section of Beverly Hills Intermediate graciously gave up their space so we could create 24 inside classrooms and 12 portable buildings (24 classrooms) AKA "Thompson Town" was built almost overnight.

It has been an awesome "second start" of school. Having our students back, seeing their smiling faces, made all the hard work and recovery efforts even more special. Parents and community members have been so supportive and positive. Because of the collaborative leadership of both principals, Stacey Barber and Melissa Allen, the sister schools were able to unite. Although the Bears and Lions share the same building, it was important to us to keep the strong traditions that define Thompson and Beverly Hills alive; therefore, students are kept in separate parts of the building throughout the day. We are still working out the kinks with arrival and dismissal; however, it gets better every day. We appreciate your patience as we solidify procedures for about 2000 students.

The countless hours spent building back our community has made such an impact on our students and families. From volunteering at the Dobie shelter, serving students and families door to door, cleaning up Frazier Elementary, and moving Thompson, the story of South Belt Strong is one we are proud to tell. **Alyta Harrell Associate Superintendent**

Leader checks out social media

By Mary Doan

A member of the *South Belt/Sagemont Crime Alert* Facebook page has posted a link to a YouTube video uploaded by Melissa Allen, principal of Thompson Intermediate School. The video shows the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey and its impact on Thompson Intermediate. For more information and to watch the video, visit the *South Belt/Sagemont Crime Alert* Facebook page.

The Thompson Intermediate school faculty and staff have created an Amazon wish list of school supplies for those who are willing to donate. The Amazon wish list includes school supplies such as binders, pens, pencils, notebook paper, mesh backpacks, dividers and pencil pouches. The wish list

provides a set quantity of items Thompson Intermediate hopes to receive and a number showing how much of each item has already been donated. Donations can either be shipped to or brought directly to the school, 11111 Beamer Road. For additional information, visit the *Thompson Intermediate School* Facebook page.

A member of the *South Belt & Sagemont Area Crime Alert* Facebook page warns residents to request for a temporary change of address for those who are not staying in their home because of storm damage. Neighbors mail boxes have been reported open, presuming looters are looking for mail with checks. Members also warn residents of online scamming when changing their mailing

address. Valid changes can be made online through the USPS website for a dollar. For more information, visit *South Belt & Sagemont Area Crime Alert* Facebook page.

The *Pasadena Independent School District* Facebook page has uploaded a link to a post in regards to making donations to the Thompson Intermediate band and orchestra because of the loss of over 270 instruments from the Hurricane Harvey flood waters.

Those who are interested in donating an instrument may send them to or drop them off at the PISD Fine Arts Department, 1515 Cherry Brook Lane, to Linda Fletcher. For information to donate, visit the Facebook page or visit *pasadenaisd.org/keepthemusicplaying*.

Exhibition showcases all UH Clear Lake art classes

For fifth-year graphic design major Tiffany Ferris, trying to envision what kind of art she'd be creating when she transferred to University of Houston-Clear Lake two years ago was nearly impossible because she couldn't find any examples of student-created art on campus. That's why she and senior art education major Jason Case decided to change things for incoming freshman and transfer art students. Together, they organized an exhibition to display art created by students in every art course.

The exhibition, titled "UHCL Art Course Exhibition," will run through Sept. 22 in the Arbor North Building, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

"When I transferred into UHCL from San Jac Community College three years ago, I went looking around campus to see what kind of art students created here," Ferris said. "When you see the art that's displayed, you can tell it isn't student-made art. I wanted to see examples of things I might be making in my classes, and I didn't really see anything. So I decided that this year, new art students should be able to see what they're going to be creating in their courses while

they're here." Ferris and Case are kicking off the fall semester with "UHCL Art Course Exhibition," spotlighting visual representations of the art generated in every one of the 32 courses offered at the university.

"The exhibition is very specific," Ferris said. "As a transferee myself, I want to show new students everything they can do — for example, art from beginning ceramics as well as advanced ceramics. It's a great way for new students to see what each class entails."

Case hopes to graduate in spring 2018 with a bachelor's degree in art and design with a certification to teach early childhood to 12th grade. He said he co-curated this exhibition with Ferris to highlight a wide variety of artists along with their work, and to give others a peek at what UHCL had to offer. "I hope in some way this pushes students to analyze on a more critical level, even if it's just one piece that catches their eye and captivates their mind for just a few moments," he said. "I really hope it helps students find an interest in visual art and allow curiosity to lead them on the journey of creating art themselves."

The exhibition features about 80 samples of work of all kinds submitted by more than 30 art students, both current and alumni. "The only stipulation we had for submissions to this show is that the artist had to have created their piece in a UHCL art class," Ferris said. This exhibition, she added, is a great way for new artists to show their work in a public forum. Ferris said it's important for incoming art students to see all the variety in the courses because it's important to becoming a well-rounded artist.

Ferris, who also hopes to graduate next spring with a bachelor's degree in art and design with a graphic-design concentration, said that art is her life.

"I'm going to be a graphic designer, but I'm still interested in printmaking and ceramics and photography. When you take those classes, you understand the processes for so much more than just graphic design," she said. "Art isn't just drawing or painting. It's so many different kinds of media." For more information, visit *www.uhcl.edu/human-sciences/humanities/departments/communication-studio-arts/art-design*.

Local library events set

Parker Williams Library

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

Thursday, Sept. 14, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Community craft features *Duct Tape Pencil Case*, for ages 7 and older. Meet in the library community room to construct pencil pouches and help alleviate the problem of missing pencils in the school year.

Friday, Sept. 15, 4 p.m. Teen DIY and a movie features *Power Rangers* (rated PG-13). Meet in the library community room watching the movie while making Mighty Non-Morphing Power Pockets, a portable pocket that will hold a phone it charges (for ages 13 and older).

Saturday, Sept. 16, 10 a.m. Representatives of the Memorial Hermann Community Benefit Corporation present *Eating Healthy on a Budget* giving information about foods that taste good, promote health and save money when compared to fast foods or eating out.

Below are the programs that occur every week. Wednesday, Sept. 20, 5 p.m. Science, technology, engineering and math time features Brickfilms for ages 8 and older. Just in time for the new *Lego Ninjago Movie*, STEM time is going Hollywood. Meet in the library community room for a lesson in film, technology and fun and utilize the iPads available to create Lego movie-esque Brickfilms.

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

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

Saturdays, Vietnamese Learning Time. Level 2 begins at 10 a.m., Level 1 begins at 11:15 a.m. and Level 3 begins at 2:30 p.m. For more information on these programs, speak with Loc Bui. For more information on library events, phone the library at 281-484-2036. Library hours this week are: Monday, 1-9 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Sunday, closed.

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint: Saturday, Sept. 16, 10:30 a.m. Spanish computer class Saturday, Sept. 16, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. English as a Second Language class Saturday, Sept. 16, 2:30 p.m. Manga/Anime club Tuesday, Sept. 19, 10:30 a.m. Preschool storytime; 11:15 a.m. Preschool playtime Wednesday, Sept. 20, 10:30 a.m. Toddler storytime; 11:15 a.m. Toddler playtime Wednesday, Sept. 20, Computer courses: 2 p.m. Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. Basic Powerpoint

For more information on these programs, call the library at 832-393-2580. All events are free and open to the public.

Bracewell hours are: Sunday, closed; Monday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Thursday, noon - 8 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Chieko Webb

Chieko Webb, 86, beloved longtime resident and business owner in the South Belt area died peacefully on Sept. 11, 2017, due to diabetes complications.

She was born on Aug. 24, 1931, in Tokyo, Japan. She met a young Air Force man named Kenneth Webb and married him in 1957. Her husband claims it was love at first sight and this love

remained for more than 60 years. Chieko then moved to the United States and proudly became a citizen in 1962. After traveling many years throughout her husband's military service, they finally settled in Houston. Making her mark in the community, Chieko owned a successful flower shop.

Longterm residents affectionately remember her beautiful prom corsages and homecoming mums. She also was very active in the South Belt Ellington Chamber of Commerce and volunteered

a large part of her time to making baby blankets at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. Some of her best moments were spent with her friends Bonnie McFarland, Bobby Griffin, Sally Mitchell, Marie Flickinger, Anna Groff, Parker Williams, Rebecca Lilley and many other chamber members and South Belt residents.

Due to the flooding caused by hurricane Harvey, the funeral arrangements have not been confirmed at this time. See next week's *Leader* for further details.

Carl Ray Jones



Carl Ray Jones died on Aug. 25, 2017, in Houston.

Carl was born in Kosse, Texas, on March 23, 1930, to Lovelace Carlton Jones and Letha Vada Parish. After graduation from Thornton High School in 1947, he moved to Houston, where he married Bettye Jean Whatley on January 14, 1950.

During his working career, Carl sold large truck parts for various suppliers, and for his own business, which he owned and operated for twenty-five years.

Carl was an avid collector, restorer, and exhibitor of antique cars. He loved putting in his garage and spending time with friends and family. He was a devoted husband to Bettye and was her faithful caretaker in the last years of her life.

He was a loving father who taught his children by his fine example, and a cherished "pappaw" to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Carl was an honest and kind man, a good friend, and will be missed by many.

Carl is survived by his daughter Peggy Jones Pfister; grandchildren Jeff Jones, Heather Whitney, and Drew Pfister; four great-grandchildren; brother Gene Jones; nieces Carol Spaulding and Marcy Miller; nephew David Jones; and many friends.

He is predeceased by his wife of sixty-three years; his son Ronnie Jones; sister Margie Jones; niece Jackie Jones and his parents.

Services were held at South Belt Church on Sept. 8 with visitation prior to the service. Carl was a regular attendee at South Belt Church. Interment followed at South Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a memorial donation to the American Heart Association or a charity of choice.

Ronald Lee Zaring



Ronald Lee Zaring died Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2017. He was greeted at heavens gate by his daughter Kelli Jo McDuff and his parents Joseph Albert Zaring and Anna Eileen Zaring. Ronald lived in the South Belt area for more than 30 years.

He is survived by his wife Judy Zaring; daughter Michelle Briley and husband Darryl Briley; son Devin and wife Ronda Zaring; and sister Roberta Wagner.

Ron was born April 17, 1935. He grew up a country boy in Nevada, Missouri, and was very spoiled by his older sister Roberta (Bert). His nickname by his mother was DRB (Darling Ronnie Boy).

He spent his high school years tearing up gravel roads in homemade hot rods and skinny dippin' in swimming holes. He loved playing swing music on his trumpet, dancing and anything big band.

An army brat, he loved his country and enlisted in the U.S. Navy on July 22, 1953, where he made some of his colorful memories. He joined the U.S. Navy Submarine Service and served actively until July 19, 1957, when he was transferred to the Navy Reserves until 1962.

He loved life on the road, had a magnetic personality and a passion for golf and, having never met a stranger, he naturally ended up in sales. His career brought him to Phoenix where he met the love of his life Judy Zaring and her daughter Kelli. They were married on July 11, 1963, and eventually made their way to Houston.

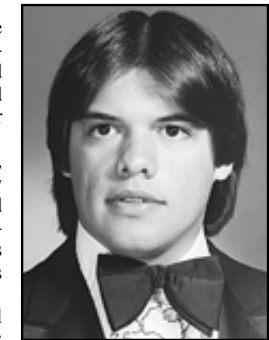
Ron became a leader in the medical supply industry and emergency technical training. He joined Laerdal Medical in January 1985 where he excelled and forged many lifelong friendships until starting his own Laerdal service and distribution com-

pany in Manikin Repair Center of Texas in 1996.

Ron loved his daughters Kelli and Michelle and his son Devin immensely. They returned his love by providing him with eight grandchildren: Justin Briley, Meagan Briley, Daisha and husband David Martinez, Shanna and husband Jason Chaka, Landon and wife Jaclyn McDuff, Angelina McDuff, Nichole Zaring and Joseph Zaring and seven great-grandchildren. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him and remembered by all who met him!

The funeral service celebrating his life will be held Saturday, Sept. 16, at 10 a.m. at Faith Assembly of God Church in Pasadena.

Gilberto Flores



Gilberto S. Flores, 60, of Houston, died on Sept. 10, 2017. He was born on July 17, 1957, in Fort Chaffee, Arkansas.

He was preceded in death by his parents Gilberto A. and Ofelia S. Flores. He is survived by his wife Sherri Renee Flores; his daughters Ariel Marie Flores, Marissa Renee Flores and Miranda Sue Flores; grandson Luca James Flores; siblings Ofelia F. Phillips (Keith), Felix S. Flores (Velma) and Carlos S. Flores; nieces Monica M. Comeaux and Ciara Christine F. Phillips; and nephew Felix M. Flores.

He grew up in a military family, and traveled the world over. He was a 1976 graduate of J. Frank Dobie High School, and became a mechanic as he loved to take things apart and put them back together. Gilberto also loved playing the guitar and playing pranks on his daughters. He loved his three girls fiercely and was immensely proud and happy to have a grandson.

Memorial services at Niday Funeral Home on Beamer are currently pending.

Elected officials share their words

Olson acts on down payment to Texas for Harvey relief

On Wednesday, Sept. 6, Rep. Pete Olson acted on a down payment to make the communities in Texas devastated by Hurricane Harvey whole by voting for H. Res. 502, a disaster supplemental appropriations bill.

The legislation provides \$7.85 billion in emergency funding, as requested by the Administration, for the Federal Emergency Management Administration and the Small Business Administration to fund the initial response and recovery efforts following Hurricane Harvey. The bill passed the House by a vote of 419-3.

"Texas has been hit hard, but we are strong," Olson said.

"We will get through this. I thank our fellow Americans from across the country who have come in droves to lend a hand to strangers with boats, blankets and bottled water. We still have a long way to go. This aid is the first step in this process of making our state and our communities whole again. Harvey was an epic storm that will require epic resources. I want to thank my colleagues for their support on behalf of Texas and thank you to our friends across America."

Summary of H Res. 502
The \$7.4 billion for the Disaster Relief Fund within FEMA will provide critical funding to assist the ongoing

federal response to Hurricane Harvey and continue life-saving response and recovery efforts.

The DRF provides assistance to states and localities for emergency protection, debris removal, repair and restoration of public infrastructure, and financial assistance to eligible disaster survivors.

The \$450 million for SBA's Disaster Loan Program is allocated to assist small businesses and homeowners. The SBA program provides low-interest loans which in a declared disaster can be used to repair or replace real estate, personal property, machinery and equipment, and inventory and business assets.

Lariatettes announce Hand and Stand Clinic

The J. Frank Dobie Lariatettes are proud to announce their annual Hand and Stand Clinic, on Tuesday, Oct. 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Dobie High School Dance Room.

The Hand and Stand Clinic is open to students in pre-K through eighth grades. Students can wear pajamas Tuesday night, as there will be a pajama party while routines are being learned. Participants will learn hand and stand routines and be invited to sit with the Lariatettes and perform in the stands at the Dobie vs. Pasadena Memorial game on Friday, Oct. 6, at 6:30 p.m. The preregistration fee is \$25 and registration fee at the door is \$35. Preregistration ends Friday, Sept. 22 and shirt is only guaranteed with preregistration. Registration fee includes the clinic, a T-shirt, and student entry to game with T-shirt. For more information, contact Victoria Armenta at *varmenta@pasadenaisd.org* or Myrna Alanis at *myrnaalanis@yahoo.com*.

PISD meets state standards

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both earned six out of seven distinction designations. Bondy and Park View intermediate schools both captured five of seven distinction designations.

At the middle school level, Melillo and Lomax each received five of six possible distinctions.

Of the five rated high school campuses in the school district, Pasadena High School landed the most distinction designations (five of seven), earning them in reading, math, science, student progress and closing performance gaps. An impressive performance from the campus, as it was an increase of four distinctions since

2015. School officials held a celebration in honor of the results.

"To say that I'm proud of our Eagle Nation would be an understatement," said Pasadena High School principal Joe Saavedra. "I am beyond proud of our students, faculty and staff. This recognition is a reflection of the hard work and dedication of our faculty, staff, the supportive PHS parents and community and the amazing students we get to serve each and every day."

Dobie High School earned only one distinction designation (mathematics), and Thompson Intermediate and Morris Middle School each earned zero.

The chart below shows campuses that earned one or more distinction designations:

Campus	Reading/ELA	Math	Science	Social Studies	Student Progress	Gap	Post Secondary	Total Number Met
HIGH SCHOOLS (up to 7 possible distinctions)								
DOBIE								1
MEMORIAL								1
PASADENA								5
RAYBURN								1
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS (up to 7 possible distinctions)								
BEVERLY HILLS								2
BONDY								5
JACKSON								4
MILLER								6
PARK VIEW								5
SAN JACINTO								4
SOUTH HOUSTON								4
SOUTHMORE								6
MIDDLE SCHOOLS (up to 6 possible distinctions)								
KELLER								2
LOMAX								5
MELILLO								5
MILSTEAD								3
ROBERTS								4
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (up to 5 possible distinctions)								
ATKINSON								3
*BAILEY								5 out of 5
BUSH								1
FISHER								3
FRAZIER								4
GENOA								3
*GOLDEN ACRES								5 out of 5
JENSEN								2
KRUSE								2
L.F SMITH								2
MATTHYS								1
MCMASTERS								2
*MEADOR								5 out of 5
MORALES								2
PARKS								2
PEARL HALL								4
RED BLUFF								2
RICHEY								1
SOUTH BELT								3
SOUTH SHAVER								3
SPARKS								1
STUCHBERY								2
TEAGUE								1
TURNER								1
YOUNG								1

New Open Books courses reduce costs

Today's college students often face the decision of buying a textbook or paying their light bill. As textbook prices continue to rise, college retention rates decrease. Textbook costs remain one of the largest barriers to student success and degree completion.

Since 1978, the U.S. Census Bureau estimates that college textbook prices have risen more than 800 percent. Within the last decade alone, textbook costs increased by 73 percent, more than four times the rate of inflation.

Beginning this fall semester, San Jacinto College's Open Books courses will meet the growing need for quality, affordable course materials for which students and faculty have been waiting.

"Open Books is a chance for San Jacinto College to help reduce the cost of going to college for thousands of students," said Mark Johnson, San Jacinto College dean of business and technology and Open Books project director.

"Textbooks can be up to half of a student's cost of attending college. A typical full-time student taking 12 or more credits could easily spend \$1,400 a year on textbooks. The high cost of textbooks can make it impossible for students to attend or stay enrolled in college. We didn't want students having to choose between paying their electricity bill or buying their chemistry textbook."

Funded by a grant from Achieving the Dream, participating San Jacinto College faculty will be provided with an array of open educational resources that feature peer-reviewed, open-licensed digital textbooks and course materials from Lumen Learning.

Open Educational Resources includes full courses, course materials, modules, textbooks, streaming videos, tests, software, and any other digital course materials that faculty can use as is, re-purpose or adapt to fit their specific course needs.

OER materials also provide more flexibility for faculty as they set the student learning outcomes for their courses. Students also have access to their course materials on day one, eliminating delays that students experience working on assignments due to the ability to purchase the textbook.

"As a faculty member, Open Books has allowed me to use the continuous academic freedom that our college has always promoted," said Tonja Conerly, San Jacinto College sociology professor and Open Books project coordinator. "I am working with an endless number of peers literally throughout the world, sharing knowledge and different teaching techniques. Open Books really allows our faculty to enhance their pedagogy because they can tailor these unique resources to their specific course's student learning outcomes."

"At the end of the day, we're providing them with the same quality, peer-reviewed educational resources, but with no cost or a very low cost to our students."

Alumni meet UHCL President Blake



New University of Houston-Clear Lake President Dr. Ira K. Blake welcomed the JSC Small Business Council to University of Houston-Clear Lake in August. Several attendees who are also university alumni had an opportunity to chat with the president during a networking social at the end of the conference. Pictured with Blake (second from right) are, left to right, Bobbie Jessie, president and CEO of JES Tech; Sandy Johnson, president and CEO of Barrios Technology Inc.; and Denise Navarro, president and CEO of Logical Innovations Inc. Photo submitted

CCISD schools opened Sept. 11

The Clear Creek Independent School District reopened its doors for students on Monday, Sept. 11, following a two-week closure due to Hurricane and Tropical Storm Harvey. Clear Creek ISD is the 28th largest school district in Texas, serving more than 42,000 students across 45 schools.

The storm damaged 44 schools ranging from minor roof leaks to significant flooding due to rising water. Of the 44 schools, Brookside Intermediate in Friendswood suffered the most significant damage and while the school will reopen, crews will continue to work there for several more weeks. Costs related to the storm are not available at this time.

Clear Brook High School: Minor roof leaks, wind-driven rain under doors and flooding to outdoor athletic areas.

Clear Creek High School: Minor roof leaks, wet carpet and casework in some areas need to be replaced and flooding to outdoor athletic areas.

Clear Falls High School: Baseball press box, softball press box, concessions/restrooms/storage batting cage—all flooded with eight inches of water and synthetic turf damage.

Clear Lake High School and Clear Lake 9th Grade Center: Minor roof leaks due to wind-driven rain and synthetic turf damage.

Clear Springs High School: Outdoor athletic buildings, such as baseball and softball press boxes, concession stands and restrooms flooded with two to four feet of rising water and minor roof leaks.

Clear View High School: Significant roof leaks throughout building.

Bayside Intermediate: All athletic buildings flooded with eight inches of rising water and minor roof leaks due to wind-driven rain.

Brookside Intermediate: Significant damage to entire building due to four to five inches of rising water, library damage, all casework and carpet throughout school need to be replaced and gym floor needs replacement.

Clear Creek Intermediate: Various minor roof leaks.

Clear Lake Intermediate: Various minor roof leaks.

Creekside Intermediate: Roof leaks and wind-driven rain around school.

League City Intermediate: Orchestra and choir area flooded with rising water and various roof leaks throughout campus.

Seabrook Intermediate: Roof leaks and wind-driven rain around campus.

Space Center Intermediate: Wind-driven rain in classrooms facing Saturn Lane.

Westbrook Intermediate: Administration area flooded and various roof leaks.

Armand Bayou Elementary: Various roof leaks and wind-driven rain.

Bauerschlag Elementary: Various roof leaks and wind-driven rain.

Brookwood Elementary: Various roof leaks and wind-driven rain.

Clear Lake City Elementary: Various roof leaks and wind-driven rain.

Falcon Pass Elementary: Various roof leaks and wind-driven rain.

Ferguson Elementary: Various roof leaks and wind-driven rain.

Hall Elementary: Rising water in rooms adjacent to atriums and various roof leaks.

Hyde Elementary: No damage.

Landolt Elementary: Rising water in rooms adjacent to atriums and various roof leaks.

League City Elementary: Various roof leaks and wind-driven rain.

North Pointe Elementary: Various roof leaks and wind-driven rain.

Parr Elementary: Various roof leaks and wind-driven rain.

Robinson Elementary: Various roof leaks and wind-driven rain.

Ross Elementary: Various roof leaks and wind-driven rain.

Stewart Elementary: Cafeteria and kitchen flooded with 3" of rising water and various roof leaks.

Ward Elementary: Various roof leaks and wind-driven rain.

Weber Elementary: Various roof leaks and wind-driven rain.

Wedgewood Elementary: Various roof leaks and wind-driven rain.

Whitcomb Elementary: Various roof leaks and wind-driven rain.

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With Contractors and Home Repairs, etc.

Rebuild Houston Together
Apply for Rebuild Houston Together at <http://www.rebuildinghouston.org/homeowners.htm>, a group that helps senior citizens rebuild their homes.

Tool Bank
See if you belong to a group that is a member of the Tool Bank by visiting <http://www.houstontoolbank.org/borrow/first-time-borrowers/>, a group that brings much needed tools to a disaster area.

Note you must be a part of one of their member organizations, such as a church or other charity, including neighborhood associations.

Team Rubicon
Apply for assistance with Team Rubicon at <https://teamrubiconusa.org/response/capabilities-services/>, a group that specializes in helping gut homes damaged by disaster so that trade professionals can come in and get the job done faster and cheaper.

Disaster Assistance.gov
Work through the options at DisasterAssistance.gov by visiting <https://www.disasterassistance.gov/get-assistance>. Links found on this site will streamline some of the other steps, e.g., FEMA application.

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Helpful flood links shared; where to get started

For those affected by Hurricane and Tropical storm Harvey, listed are helpful links that can help one get started on the road to recovery.

FEMA
Register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Get in line now and register as soon as possible. Visit <https://www.fema.gov/hurricane-harvey>.

Disaster Assistance and Emergency Relief Program
File for the Disaster Assistance and Emergency Relief program by visiting <https://www.benefits.gov/benefits/benefit-details/4418>, and file Publication 547 form at <https://www.irs.gov/publications/p547> with the IRS.

Both of these programs allow for residents to write off losses via taxes, and even refile the most recent taxes, thus potentially getting an unexpected refund, something that could go a long way in recovery.

Disaster Legal Services Program
Apply for the Disaster Legal Services Program by visiting <https://www.benefits.gov/benefits/benefit-details/431>. Through this program, the government provides legal services to lower-income individuals.

This can help when seeking insurance claims, dealing with contractors and home repairs, etc.

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Memorial Hermann Southeast employees, physicians braved Harvey to care for patients

As Tropical Storm Harvey unleashed unprecedented flooding across the Greater Houston area, thousands of Memorial Hermann Health System employees and affiliated physicians bid their own families farewell and braved the worst natural disaster in Houston's history to continue delivering compassionate and healing care to patients in need.

Some waded through raging floodwaters or hitched rides on kayaks and canoes to get to their hospitals in the middle of the storm. Others coordinated lifesaving rescues of their neighbors. All worked long hours — going above and beyond their regular duties to help their patients — even as some of their own homes were being flooded with water and their families were forced to evacuate. Here are a few of the inspiring stories from Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital.

Chef Steven Cantu at Memorial Hermann Southeast kayaked in with another chef to prepare food for staff and patients.

"When the storm hit, it was like the skies fell open. I spoke to my wife and told her I needed to go to the hospital," said Cantu.

"Knowing I had a kayak, I knew that was my best method to get there. I grabbed my stuff and wrapped it in Saran Wrap, in case it fell into the water. I had no clue what to expect. I drove down I-45 and at the Scarsdale exit, I had to leave my truck on the highway.

"I didn't care. I called my Sous Chef, Lorenzo, who lived in that area and told him I was picking him up and we were going to kayak in. I unloaded the kayak from the truck, loaded it over the side rail, climbed over and hit the water (near the Shell station by the feeder). We kayaked and walked on the path to the

hospital, on Dixie Farm Road and Beamer.

"When we arrived, we realized the staff had cooked some breakfast but it was minimal. My primary concern was feeding the patients. I immediately began to organize the staff, cooked patient food, and sprang into action. "Lorenzo didn't hesitate.

We were there from Sunday through Wednesday night. We wore the same chef coat and pants two days in a row. When I was checking out on Wednesday, my wife arrived to begin her relief shift as a nurse.

"Thankfully, during the whole experience, God knew my heart and watched over me and my family. In fact, my truck was still there on I-45 after the storm! I was able to drive it home."

Intensive Care Unit Nurse Josh Mascorro traveled to Memorial Hermann Southeast on Sunday afternoon. He was unable to reach campus by car due to high water levels surrounding the hospital.

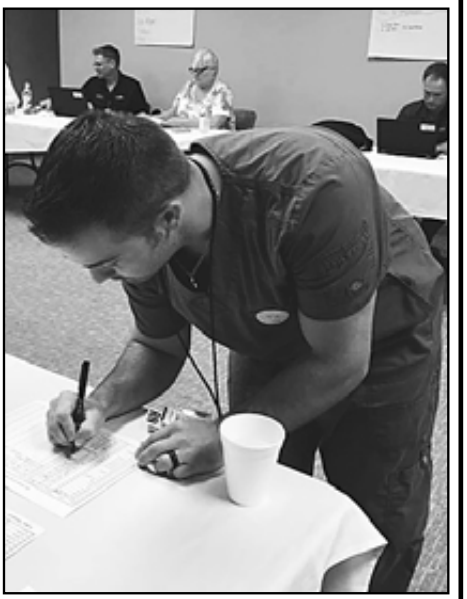
Thanks to some quick thinking, he decided to walk through more than seven miles of water while carrying his suitcase, to get to the hospital.

As soon as he arrived he took over as charge nurse for the ICU to relieve some of this co-workers. Once his shift was over, he got a list of colleagues that had damage to their homes and went out to begin helping those employees clean up their homes, after Harvey's wrath on the city.

Sylvia Gallegos, Patient Flow Coordinator at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, worked with local resources to coordinate the big military rescue trucks to pick up leaders and nurses to bring to Southeast hospital. In addition, these efforts led to the transport of 96 evacuees to local shelters.

Heroes of Hurricane Harvey

Shown right, Josh Mascorro, Intensive Care Unit nurse is seen on the job at Memorial Hermann Southeast. He walked more than seven miles in water to get to the hospital. Shown below, Chef Steven Cantu kayaked to Memorial Hermann Southeast with another chef to prepare food for staff and patients. He is seen below wading through water off Beamer Road by San Jacinto College. To Cantu's right, a San Jacinto College sign can be seen that identifies campus buildings. Photos submitted



Left to right, Kelly Ochoa, chief nursing officer at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital and Memorial Hermann Pearland Hospital; Kyle Price, CEO of Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital and Memorial Hermann Pearland Hospital; and Russel Ivy Sr., boat captain, worked diligently through the storm to transport staff from a local Walmart parking lot to the hospital, which was surrounded by water. Photo submitted



Dr. Nishith Majmundar and Dr. Sandeep Gupta went from physicians to helping to deliver patient food during the storm. Photo submitted

PISD students selected for Lone Star Leadership Academy

Four Pasadena Independent School District students were selected to participate in Education in Action's 2017 summer Lone Star Leadership Academy.

Selected were Bondy eighth-grader Emma French; Beverly Hills seventh-grader Jordan Peralez (formerly of Morris); Park View eighth-grader Elizabeth Dyall; and former Thompson seventh-grader Zachary Reimer.

The program provided 1,200 middle school students across Texas with a unique opportunity to explore a variety of careers while touring historical sites at their respective camp locations in the Austin/San Antonio, Dallas/Fort Worth and Houston/Galveston regions.

Students at each location developed leadership skills by participating in various activities including group discussions, de-

cision-making simulations and group presentations.

The students were selected based on their academic achievements, leadership skills, a recommendation from an educator and participation in school and community activities.

"We are Pasadena ISD proud of the students and their parents for pursuing this type of enrichment program," said Pat Sermas, PISD director of advanced academics and AVID.

"This is another example of how our district prepares the future leaders of tomorrow," Sermas added.

Emma French participated in the Houston/Galveston academy, where she visited NASA, the San Jacinto Battleground Monument and Moody Gardens.

Jordan Peralez, Elizabeth Dyall and Zachary Reimer participated in the Austin/San Antonio academy, where they toured the Texas State Capitol, the

Bullock Texas State History Museum and the Alamo.

Students take part in leadership activities throughout the day, each time focusing on a new challenge.

"For one presentation, we were asked to talk about what would have happened if (General Antonio Lopez de) Santa Ana was never captured," French said.

This is the second time she has participated in the academy, this time earning the title of alumnus, which allows returning students to assist newcomers as youth facilitators.

As a future freshman, she will no longer be able to attend the Lone Star Leadership Academy, but encourages others to take advantage of the educational program.

"I was shy the first day, but we came out of our shells," French said. "You get to change each other for the better."

UHCL announces events calendar

The University of Houston-Clear Lake has announced its calendar of events.

Financial aid, information for UHCL students affected by Harvey

UHCL has financial assistance available for students affected by Hurricane Harvey. If currently enrolled for the fall 2017 semester and facing hardship due to the storm, one may be eligible to receive assistance either through a short-term tuition loan or loan for school supplies.

This will allow one to stay enrolled and give one time to arrange repayment with Student Business Services.

The request form for this and other disaster-related information affecting your enrollment may be found at www.uhcl.edu/harvey-resources-faq and any questions may be directed to deanofstudents@uhcl.edu.

Art school for children and young adults

The Art of Scotland art school runs from Sept. 16 to Nov. 14, at various times and locations on the University of Houston-Clear Lake campus, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Students in this class can express their creativity while learning about the rich history and culture of Scotland. Students will learn to create original artwork using clay, paints, pastels, markers and crayons. Spots are available

for students, ages 3½ to high school. Costs for the class range from \$100 to \$130. Visit www.uhcl.edu/childrens-art-school to register or call 281-283-3344 for more information.

Career Days – On-the-spot Résumé Reviews

Get useful tips on improving your résumé with a one-on-one review by UHCL career services staff on Sept. 18 from 1 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. at the Bayou Building, Atrium I. This event is open to UHCL students and alumni. For more information, call UHCL career services, 281-283-2590.

Career Days – 'Resumania'

Get ahead of a job search and target a résumé to help land the ideal job with a review by outside employers on Sept. 19, from 1 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. at the Bayou Building, Forest Room.

This event is open to UHCL students and alumni. For more information, call UHCL career services, 281-283-2590.

Career Days – Practice Interviews

Get hands-on practice on interviewing skills and gain insight on how to improve from real employers with mock interviews on Sept. 20, from 1 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. at the Student Services Building and Classroom Building, room 3109.

This event is open to UHCL students and alumni, but registration is required. For more information, call UHCL Career Services, 281-283-2590.

Cybersecurity Institute – 'Cybersecurity and Cryptography'

In the second installment of UH-Clear Lake's Network Management and Security program, students will gain hands-on experience learning core routing and switching concepts and technology such as WAN and firewall technologies as well as configuration commands to manage network device security.

Students should possess basic computer literacy skills with knowledge of the PC operating system and IP addressing.

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It's rare for a national artist organization that was formed during the Great Depression to still be in existence today.

The American Abstract Artists is one thriving exception, and the University of Houston-Clear Lake Art Gallery is pleased to host an exhibition of prints by 48 of its members. The exhibition, titled *75th Anniversary American Abstract Artists Print Portfolio*, is now open.

The community is also invited to an artist's talk with Daniel G. Hill, president of Associated American Artists and assistant professor of fine arts at Parsons, The New

School, on Monday, Oct. 2 at 6 p.m.

Organized by The Ewing Gallery of Art and Architecture at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tenn., the nationally touring exhibition has extensively toured up and down the Eastern Seaboard over the last few years. "I am delighted to bring the *75th Anniversary American Abstract Artists Print Portfolio* to Houston," said UH-Clear Lake Art Gallery director Jeffrey Bowen. "I'm proud to say its presentation here marks the first time the portfolio is being showcased in a university setting west

of the Mississippi River," he added.

Founded in 1936, American Abstract Artists has published four print portfolios since its inception. Breaking away from traditional printmaking techniques for its 75th anniversary portfolio in 2012, member artists created digital files with processes such as abstract and documentary photography, scanning of two-dimensional work, digital compositing and image manipulation, and using vector-based software. The resulting 48 prints on view are as varied as they are fresh, conveying each artist's

attentiveness to the possibilities of new technology.

Admission to the Oct. 2 lecture by Hill is free. Refreshments, including libations provided by Saint Arnold Brewing Company, will be served. Complimentary parking is available in the

visitor Lot R or student Lot D for the duration of the events. The exhibition closes Oct. 20.

For more information about this exhibition and upcoming events at the UHCL Art Gallery, visit www.uhcl.edu/art-gallery.

Let's Dance hosts dances

Let's Dance is sponsoring nine evening dances on all first Saturdays beginning October 2017 through June 2018. The dances are from 7 to 10 p.m. at Hometown Heroes Park Ballroom, 1001 E. League City Parkway.

Let's Dance will not sponsor an evening dance on Labor Day weekend. The dress code is as you wish (casual to after-five attire). The door fee remains at \$8 per person. Dancers without partners, youth, seniors and all levels of ability are welcome.

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SJC announces events calendar

San Jacinto College has announced its calendar of upcoming events.

Pathway to recovery: clean-up, repairs, insurance

The San Jacinto College Community Education Center will host a free workshop, presented by State Farm, on tips for clean-up, what to restore, what to gut, and proper documentation needed post-Hurricane Harvey. This workshop will take place from 1 to 2 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 14, in the Interactive Learning Center on the Central campus, C-1.108.

Below are additional events coming up this month at the center.

Healthy Joints and Bones: Stretching and Relaxation, Friday, Sept. 15, from noon to 1 p.m.

ESL Information Session, Monday, Sept. 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Information Session: How to Apply for Free Job Training, Monday, Sept. 18, from 2 to 3 p.m.

Disaster Assistance Resources by Baker Ripley, Tuesday, Sept. 19, from noon to 1 p.m.

Trauma and Recovery: After the Storm Substance Abuse Prevention, Wednesday, Sept. 20, from 1 to 2 p.m.

Beginner Spanish for Social Services and Recovery, Thursday, Sept. 21, from 1 to 2 p.m.

Healthy Joints and Bones: Stretching and Relaxation, Friday, Sept. 22, from noon to 1 p.m.

Volleyball
The 2017 San Jacinto College volleyball schedule is now online at www.sanjacsports.com.

Upcoming home game vs. Blinn College, Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 6 p.m., Central campus, Anders Gymnasium, C.18.

UHCL at SJC University Center
The new University Center at San Jacinto College will

host representatives from the University of Houston-Clear Lake for transfer advising on Wednesday, Sept. 20, starting at 8 a.m. Student visitors may bring their unofficial college transcripts to check if they're on track, receiving advisement on courses to take and learn of degree opportunities at the university level. The University Center is located in the Interactive Learning Center on the Central campus, C-1.129.

Hispanic Heritage Month loteria
The San Jacinto College North campus will host Hispanic Heritage Month loteria from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 20, in the lobby of the Student Center, N-12. For more information, email Karen.sandoval@sjcd.edu.

STEM Speaker Series
The San Jacinto College STEM Speaker Series will feature guest speaker Shirla Ford, MSN, RNC, nursing department chair with the South campus nursing department. Ford is a member of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. This event takes place at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 20, in the Academic Wing of the South campus, S-7.152.

Soccer
The 2017 San Jacinto College soccer schedule is now online at www.sanjacsports.com.

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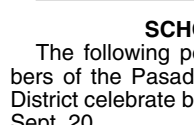
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Over The Back Fence by Alexis



SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Sept. 14 through Sept. 20.

Atkinson Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song to **Angi Fox** Sept. 20.

Bush Elementary
Blow out the candles on a birthday cake for **Jeannene Gazaw** Sept. 14. The day for a gift for **Enrique Macias** is Sept. 18.

Frazier Elementary
Wendy Wiseburn, Frazier principal, celebrates a birthday Sept. 14. Send a birthday greeting Sept. 15 to **Mary Tran**. Marking a birthday Sept. 16 is **Laura Longoria**. Light the birthday candles for **Chelsey Riemer** Sept. 17. **Quynh Nguyen** celebrates a happy birthday Sept. 20.

Meador Elementary
Maria Rutherford and **Angelica Flores** are sent birthday greetings Sept. 14. **Aracely Jasso** celebrates a birthday Sept. 16. Blow out the birthday candles Sept. 17 for **Amy Clowers**.

Moore Elementary
Light the birthday candles for **Adela Moreno** Sept. 15. The day for a birthday gift for **Randi Howard** is Sept. 16.

Melillo Middle School
Send a birthday greeting Sept. 19 to **Brittney Forbes**.

Roberts Middle School

The day for a double-layer birthday cake is Sept. 17 for **Rebecca Dietz** and **Jose Robleto**.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Blow out the birthday candles for **Evelyn Aponte** Sept. 17. **Blanca Delgado** is sent birthday greetings Sept. 20.

Thompson Intermediate
Celebrating a birthday Sept. 14 is **Dora Hawkins**. **Rosa Nunez** enjoys a birthday Sept. 15. Light the birthday candles Sept. 17 for **Pamela Crawford**. Send birthday wishes Sept. 20 to **Steven Vromant**.

Dobie High
Blow out the candles on a layered cake Sept. 14 for **Ginger Emshoff**, **Susan Locklear**, **Rodney Pannell**, **Warren Parker** and **Dana Stockton**. The day for a party for **Ryan Peel** is Sept. 15. Light the birthday candles Sept. 17 for **Alfred Valdez**. Celebrating a birthday Sept. 19 is **Erica Ba**. Happy birthday greetings are sent Sept. 20 to **Jacqueline Dickerson**.

FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
The *Leader* sends happy birthday wishes to its Facebook friends who celebrate a birthday this week:

Thursday, Sept. 14: **Michele Guirrerro**, **Eric Brown**, **Elaine Baker**, **Jacob Lacadou**, **Julie Lakota**, **Tom Golightly**, **Michael York**, **Dolph Larson**, **Kristi Okwuonu** and **Mark Husband**; Friday, Sept. 15: **Dawnella Woods**, **Jackie Williams**, **Patricia Jones**,

Jesse Salas, **Corey Salyer**, **Crystal McGoldrich**, **Kristi Ortiz**, **David Young**, **Shawn Black** and **Michelle Poole**; Saturday, Sept. 16: **Peter Hoth**, **Kairy Barkley**, **Jorge Sanchez**, **Mark Wilson**, **Darren Landwehr**, **Bobbi Furguson**, **Brandy Rogers**, **Claude Van Court**, **Angela Starr**, **Anna Aranova** and **Melissa Norman**; Sunday, Sept. 17: **Michael Nevills**, **Fauna Santos**, **Alice Mireles**, **Xavier Sustaita**, **Jose Ochoa**, **Kourtney Russell**, **Reggie Godbolt**, **Sandy Muse**, **Dean Konrad**, **Letty Lopez**, **Tracy Dukes**, **Sandra Sankey** and **Tara Johnston**; Monday, Sept. 18: **Carey Holder**, **Cathy Cox**, **Anthony Virgadamo**, **Leslie Cockerham**; Tuesday, Sept. 19: **Tasha Ford**, **Diane Martinez**, **Carlos Melcher**, **Stacy Mayberry**, **Elyse Totten**, **Jo Ann Minchew**, **Porsche Lancelin**, **Roe Moreno**, **Rita Hernandez**, **David Bergeron**, **Gracie Bires**, **Michelle Griffin**, **Marisa Hartley**, **LaToya Oliver** and **Brittany Swanson**; and Wednesday, Sept. 20: **Bren Duh**, **Freddy Silva**, **Rebeca Sanchez**, **Doris Zacks**, **Nancy Naquin**, **Peggy Bennett**, **Keith Mercado**, **Sandra Buchman**, **Manuel Guerrero**, **Ricky Aquino**, **Dawn Sharpe** and **Catherine Windsor**.

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Remember When

40 years ago (1977)
Hail and winds up to 75 miles per hour brought much destruction to the South Belt area. Numerous fences, a large 40- to 50-foot tree and a portable building were blown down.

35 years ago (1982)
Edwin Kent Risinger Sr. was named new tax assessor-collector for the Pasadena Independent School District by the district trustees. He replaced Elroy Saterlee, who retired after 11 years with the district.

30 years ago (1987)
Moore Elementary learned that the school ranked fourth statewide in

South enrollment increased by approximately 300 students. The enrollment for the Fall semester was more than 3,200 students.

Three traffic accidents within a six-hour period at the intersection of Fuqua and the Gulf Freeway prompted Houston City Councilman Frank Mancuso to request the police department to post an officer there to direct traffic.

25 years ago (1992)
The new 33,500-square-foot Clear Creek administration building and education center was opened. The building cost just under \$3 million to construct.

20 years ago (1997)
Houston Police were investigating a drive-by shooting, which occurred in the 9700 block of Grenadier.

Soccer practice was disrupted for preschoolers when a jogging, off-duty policeman shot and killed a man who was verbally abusive to the victim's six-year-old nephew at Beverly Hills Park.

15 years ago (2002)
The Pasadena Independent School District's enrollment total continued an anticipated upward turn as 44,748 students were attending classes, an increase of more than 1,300 students over the previous school year.

Voters in the Harris County portion of the Clear Creek Independent School District overwhelmingly voted not to become part of the San Jacinto College District. In the election, 8,921 voters opposed the annexation while 420 voted in favor of the annexation.

10 years ago (2007)
Stuchbery Elementary received a bomb threat on the evening of Friday, Sept. 7. During the weekend, the Pasadena Independent School District Police Department, along with a bomb-sniffing dog, conducted a thorough search of the building. The dog, new to the department, targeted an area of possible concern, so the Houston Police Department and the Pasadena Police Department were notified and brought in for a more thorough investigation.

As a precautionary measure, all of Stuchbery and part of nearby Thompson Intermediate were evacuated to Sagemont Church on Monday morning. By 9 a.m., the police departments said no threats had been detected, and all students and staff returned to their respective schools.

Houston City Council Member Addie Wiseman hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Blackhawk Park, located at 9401 Fuqua, near the Blackhawk intersection. Joining Wiseman and the Houston Parks and Recreation Department in the celebration were Marie Flickinger, editor/publisher of the *South Belt-Ellington Leader*; Tony Riojas, president of the Southbelt Dolphins; and Jeremy Ward, athletic director of the Southbelt Dolphins. Ward had worked closely with the city for several years to get the park, which included two new football fields, one soccer field, concession facilities, restrooms and a children's playground, developed.

Lifetime South Belt resident Christine Valdez organized a team to participate in a walk for a cure for the little-known polycystic kidney disease. Having lost both her grandfather and her mother to the inherited disease, Valdez, 21, was the top earner at the previous year's event.

Bridgegate resident Awilda "Awi" Santiago found-

ed the Bridgegate Community Group when she could not get her neighborhood developer or the City of Houston to maintain the areas surrounding the entrances to her community. Santiago distributed fliers to her neighbors, urging them to pitch in and help clean up. She noticed that for every 50 fliers distributed, two people would respond (12 in all). The group's first task was to clean up the main entrance to the community at Cayman Mist and Fuqua.

Reps. Nick Lampson, Chet Edwards, chairman of the House Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee and Gene Green visited the Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base. The purpose of the visit was for Lampson to show his colleagues the site of future renovations he requested for the Ellington Field fire station.

5 years ago (2012)
Representatives from several City of Houston departments addressed community concerns at a town hall meeting hosted by Council Member Wanda Adams. The meeting was the first of its kind since Adams' District D incorporated much of the South Belt following redistricting.

City of Houston work crews began repairing the weathered and damaged stretch of Dixie Farm Road between Beamer Road and the Gulf Freeway. In all, 61 panels were to be replaced on the damaged street. The city planned to make similar concrete repairs on Scarsdale, Sabo and Beamer in the next year.

1 year ago (2016)
Easthaven Church celebrated its 75th anniversary. Begun as a mission of First Baptist Church of South Houston, (formerly) Easthaven Baptist Church had its first gathering Easter 1941 in the home of Herman Head, who would later also donate property on Edgebrook to house the new church. Pastors over the years include Fred Sanderlin; R.H. McCroskey; J.P. Graham; W.C. Koonce; Buford E. Cain; Michael Collins; Dr. Bruce Prescott; and current Pastor Kevin J. Rizer.

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Three disaster recovery centers open in Houston area

Three State of Texas/FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers opened Monday, Sept. 11, in the cities of Katy, Baytown and Houston.

Disaster recovery centers offer in-person support to individuals and businesses in 39 counties included in the Texas federal disaster declaration for Hurricane Harvey and the subsequent floods.

Recovery specialists from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Small Business Administration, the State and other agencies will be at the centers to talk about assistance and to help anyone who needs guid-

ance in filing an application. The new centers are at the following locations:

- Katy Mills Mall (Fort Bend County), 5000 Katy Mills Circle, Katy, hours: daily, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Baytown Community Center (Harris County), 2407 Market Street, Baytown, hours: daily, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Greenspoint Mall (Harris County), 263 Greenspoint Mall, Houston, hours: daily, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

METRO offers students free rides

METRO is offering free rides to all area students through Sept. 30. Many families are left with limited transportation options and disrupted schedules since the storm. Parents accompanying students to school may also ride for free.

Harvey Recovery Free Ride Facts
Free rides for all students kindergarten through college. Free rides for parents escorting students. High school and college students must present student ID before boarding. Offer through Sept. 30. "The road to recovery is a long one for so many people in our community. We hope the free riders will remove some stress for parents and students as they return to school," said METRO Chair Carrin Patman.

METRO staff worked around the clock to get nearly all of the routes running again. A handful are detoured, abbreviated or combined due to high water. More buses are being used to meet higher ridership demands. "We're going to be very flexible and adapt services to meet the needs of our community," said METRO President and CEO Tom Lambert. Information about METRO's routes and schedules can be found at RIDEMETRO.org.

Bacteria found in Clear Lake

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Texas A&M University and associate professor Michael Allen at the University of North Texas Health Science Center to conduct metagenomic analysis of the cultures taken from the floodwaters. Metagenomics is the genetic analyses of genomes contained within an environmental sample - important for detecting which species contributed which pathogens and ultimately, their effect on public health.

LaMontagne worked with other scientists to develop the techniques after hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005. "This research will help scientists, water resource managers, and public health authorities identify and quantify the potential risk from exposure to these sources of contaminants using new technology and methods of characterizing microbiological community composition. Hopefully this information will help develop better response and management efforts for future storms," Guillen said.

"Human waste presents a particular health threat, and the perception that floodwater is contaminated with sewage could further alarm and mentally traumatize the public and limit recovery efforts," LaMontagne said. "These floodwaters may trigger the release of petroleum and hazardous materials that could stress receiving waters. It is important to quantify this ecological damage, as several models predict that the intensity of tropical cyclones and hurricanes, and rainfall associated with extreme weather events, will increase in the next few decades."

At the height of the storm Aug. 29, Harris County reported that Horsepen Bayou was three feet over its banks. The bayou winds through several neighborhoods and the campus of UHCL before it joins Armand Bayou, which spills into Clear Lake just west of Johnson Space Center.

Homeowners, renters and businesses in Aransas, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, Dewitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Karnes, Kleberg, Lavaca, Lee, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Polk, Sabine, San Jacinto, Refugio, San Patricio, Tyler, Victoria, Waller, Walker and Wharton may be eligible for help.

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Bay Area Genealogical meeting set

Have French ancestry? Come hear Irene Walters, a popular speaker from Clayton Genealogical Library, present *Long Live Your French Ancestors* at the Sept. 29 meeting of the Bay Area Genealogical Society. Visitors are welcome.

The meet-and-greet starts at 6:30 p.m. and the program begins at 7 p.m. in the Chapel at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Drive. For more information, go to www.TxBayAreaGen.org or call Kim Zrubek at 281-992-2636.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom celebrates High Holy Days

"In the beginning..." At sundown Wednesday, Sept. 20, the Jewish year 5777 will end and 5778 will commence with the High Holy Days. Why sundown? The Jewish day begins at sunset of the previous day, based on the recording of the First Days, Genesis Chapter 1: "And there was evening, and there was morning one day..." etc., for each of the days.

Yom Kippur in prayer and fasting. The next holiday, Sukkot, celebrated only five days after Yom Kippur, is tied to both a historical event, and the land and the season. It marks the 40 years journey of the Israelites through the Sinai Desert on their way from Egypt to Israel, and the Fall Harvest.

Sukkot will commence on the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 4, and will be celebrated by dining and spending time in temporary structures, made of wood, cloth and the like and topped with palm branches, called Sukkot and with special services. Sukkot will conclude eight days later with Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah. Shemini Atzeret is an "additional day" to Sukkot and Simchat Torah is the holiday of the Torah, the five books of Moses.

Simchat Torah, which concludes the holiday season, marks both the end and the beginning of reading the Torah Scroll (it takes one full year to read the scroll from beginning to end). The Torah scrolls are carried around the synagogue, in a parade, accompanied by singing and dancing, and symbolizing the continuous cycle of life and celebration. Congregation Shaar Hashalom, 16020 El Camino Real, is the conservative synagogue in Clear Lake. The congregation will celebrate

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Theater resets opener post Harvey

Hurricane Harvey washed out Mercury; The Orchestra Redefined's "Bach and Piazzola," the first scheduled performance of the 2017-2018 season at University of Houston-Clear Lake's Bayou Theater. But concertgoers can take heart—Harvey did not damage the theater, and the show will go on.

"We have been looking forward to Mercury's concert series so much, and I'm glad we've been able to reschedule this show, titled *Baroque Masterworks* for Thursday, Sept. 14 at 8 p.m.," said Bayou Theater Executive Director Alex Malone. "All tickets for the *Bach and Piazzola* concert scheduled for Aug. 31 will be honored, so there's no need to exchange tickets."

Malone said that he's asking patrons unable to come to the Sept. 14 performance to donate their tickets to a student or the value of the ticket to the Hawk Emergency Fund, created to offer financial assistance to UH-Clear Lake students facing hardships after Harvey. Since so many UHCL students are coping with serious difficulties post-Harvey, Malone said the Bayou Theater will donate the proceeds from the concert and the pre-concert reception to the Hawk Emergency Fund.

"As was the plan previously, we are still celebrating the opening of the theater season along with the opening of Friday Morning Continuing Education with a wine and light hors d'oeuvres reception and then we'll proceed to the concert," Malone said. "We're inviting our ticket holders to enjoy the reception from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Forest Room of the Bayou Building and enjoy some time to mingle as well as hear a short report on UHCL's post-Harvey status from President Ira K. Blake."

Malone said that in light of the challenges many UHCL students are now facing due to Harvey, patrons are encouraged to support the Hawk Emergency Fund. "We are happy to contribute by donating the proceeds from the reception and the concert to the fund, and our patrons are invited to make their donations in person or online," he said. "We can't let Harvey sink our students' goal to remain in college and pursue their education." To donate to the Hawk Emergency Fund, visit <https://giving.uh.edu/clake/>.

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Dittrichs celebrate 60th anniversary



Milton and Joyce Dittrich were married at Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Sweet Home, Texas on Sept. 14, 1957. Milton is from St. John, Texas and Joyce is from Sweet Home, where they met at a church picnic. Joyce worked for Continental Airlines for 25 years and retired in 1992. Milton worked for Foley's for 20 years and retired in 1995.



They had two sons, Anthony and Kenneth. They have been residents of Kirkwood since 1971. Joyce is also a member of Catholic Daughters of the Americas and Milton is a member of the Knights of Columbus. They both assist at funeral lunch receptions and with money counting for the church at St. Luke's Catholic Church. Photo submitted

Heroes of Harvey to be honored at CCISD football games

The board of trustees, leadership and staff of the Clear Creek Independent School District are overwhelmed by the acts of heroism and outpouring of support experienced before, during and after Hurricane Harvey came to town. Countless first responders from all CCISD cities answered the call, risking their safety and suspend-

ing their own personal loss to rescue and aid members of the CCISD family. Their selflessness was mirrored by next door neighbors, student groups, the faith-based community, and businesses large and small. And it's time to say thank you. As the 2017 football season home games kick off Friday, Sept. 15, CCISD wishes to shine the Friday

night lights on the Heroes of Harvey, the first responders, as well as a community that stepped up in awe-inspiring ways. As many were impacted by the storm and may be experiencing financial difficulty, the district is offering free admission to all fans, heroes and helpers. Donations to the CCISD Cares fund will be accepted at the gates.

The CCISD Cares fund is directly benefiting CCISD families impacted by the storm by providing help with basic needs from clothing and food to toiletries and cleaning supplies. Donations of new school shoes and/or socks for boys and girls, ages 3 to 18, will also be collected at the gates. The community is invited to A Salute to the Heroes of

Harvey on Friday, Sept. 15, Clear Falls High School vs. Sam Rayburn High School, at CCISD Challenger Columbia Stadium, at 7 p.m.; and on Friday, Sept. 15, Clear Springs High School vs. La Porte High School, at Veterans Memorial Stadium, at 7 p.m. For more information, visit www.ccisd.net/ccisdcares.

SBA tops \$100 million in disaster assistance loans

Acting Regional Administrator Dorothy Overal of the U.S. Small Business Administration has announced that SBA has approved \$103,866,200 in federal disaster loans for Texas businesses and residents impacted by Hurricane Harvey. According to Overal, SBA has approved 95 business loans for \$8,539,700 and 1,046 loans for \$95,326,500 for residents to help rebuild and recover from this disaster.

"SBA's disaster assistance employees are committed to helping businesses and residents rebuild as quickly as possible," said Overal. Businesses and residents who sustained damages are encouraged to register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency by visiting www.disasterassistance.gov. This is the fastest way to get help. "Don't miss out on any assistance you may be entitled to by not registering. You don't need to wait for your insurance to settle or obtain a contractor's estimate," added Overal.

SBA representatives continue to meet with business owners and residents to answer questions about SBA's disaster loan program, explain the application process, help them complete their application and close their approved loans at disaster recovery centers located throughout the impacted area. For a list of locations, visit SBA's website at www.sbagov/harvey. No appointment is necessary. Businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets.

The SBA can also lend additional funds to help businesses and residents with the cost of making improvements that protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future. For small businesses and most private nonprofit organizations of all sizes, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. Economic injury assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage. Disaster loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace their damaged or destroyed primary residence. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property.

Applicants may apply online using SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. Applicants may receive additional disaster assistance information by visiting www.sba.gov/harvey. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 or email sbaastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may call 800-877-8339. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX, 76155.

Boykins announces Job Fair

City Council Member Dwight Boykins announced his upcoming annual 2nd Chance Job Fair on Thursday, Sept. 21.

It will take place at the George R. Brown Convention Center, located at 1001 Avenida De Las Americas, Houston, Hall B-3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The 2nd Chance Job Fair will provide opportunities for individuals who are seeking to reenter the workforce, underemployed, those who have obtained a GED, and those who have made mistakes in the past, including non-violent ex-felons. The initiative will assist those who are in need of a second chance by addressing the City of Houston workforce shortage and will empower members of our community by improving their quality of life and providing financial stability.

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Dobie 40th high school reunion set

The J. Frank Dobie High School class of 1977 will have its 40th high school reunion Sept. 15 and 16. The Oasis Room has been reserved at South Shore Harbor in League City for Friday, Sept. 15. This will be a casual start to the reunion with light hors d'oeuvres from 7 to 11 p.m.

Reunion will continue on Saturday, Sept. 16, at The Green Event Center with food, music and celebration. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. and the evening will end at midnight. Tickets are \$100 per person online and at the door. Ticket price includes Friday and Saturday night events. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.jfrankdobie1977.com

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UHCL aids waterlogged Hawks chart a new course

After Hurricane Harvey left Houston, representatives from numerous University of Houston-Clear Lake organizations and campus offices met to discuss ways to help students immersed in stress and coping with losses incurred by floodwaters. The "Hawks Helping Hawks" Sept. 6 event was quickly organized to collect canned goods, clothing, and school supplies to help students including Alexia Flores, a junior from South Houston who, like many other students, faculty and staff, was flooded out of her home. "The house flooded over five feet," Flores said. "We lost everything. My grandfather had just finished redoing the entire house the day before this happened, so it's just heartbreaking."

Members of UHCL's Student Government Association, Orientation and New Student Programs, Student Life and University Advancement set up tables in Atrium I of the Bayou Building and took donations to target the needs of flooded-out Hawks. "It's really comforting to see the university and all these student services come together," Flores said. "It doesn't solve every-

thing, but it helps to see that people are so willing to help and especially that the dean of students, David Rachita, has been so willing to take a personal interest in each student who is going through this," Flores said. "We have created a fund called #UHCLStrong and we are taking donations to help students experiencing a financial hardship due to the flood," Rachita said. "Students can fill out the Financial Aid Disaster Consideration form and other appropriate needed forms and both the Financial Aid and Dean of Students offices will

consider the request, but funds are limited and decisions will be made in the order received and based on the severity of the need." Rachita said students can receive up to \$500 of the Hawk Emergency Fund and can use those funds as they see fit. Senior Makayla Ellis, a student associate for Student Organizations and Activities in the Student Life Office, said that it was important to collect these items for UHCL students in need. "Students should know that their school is thinking of them and wants to help them find ways to stay here. There

are some people who are wondering if they can even come back to school, and if not having these things is what's stopping them, then we are here to help," Ellis said. Rachita said the need was so great, it was overwhelming. "But I am stunned at how simple and humble most of the requests have been. These students have lost everything and many are only asking for school supplies; pens, notebooks, backpack or even a cheap laptop." He added that students need so much more, but many are only asking for those things that can help them to con-

tinue being a student. "What they really need is a car, a new place to live, and funds to support their families," he said. One student, said Rachita, simply asked for plastic bins to store her clean clothes in her flooded house. "The needs are great, but what is being asked for is so simple. If a plastic bin or a handful of pens is going to give a person hope, then goodness, let's fill a bunch of bins with a bunch of pens," he said. For information to donate or to get information about the #UHCLStrong fund, visit www.uhcl.edu/harvey-resources-faqs.

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The little helpers of South Belt to the rescue

Serving coffee to Dobie evacuees



Kenzie Fernandez, helped make coffee for evacuees who were sheltered at the Dobie evacuee center during the first few days of rescue after Hurricane Harvey hit the area.

"Maybe my baby doll is out here"



One can imagine these are the thoughts going through this child's mind as she surveys the huge pile of discarded belongings of Hurricane Harvey's victims in the South Belt area. The resulting floods damaged much property that had to be hauled away.

Community helpers gear up



Left to right, Dylan Bass, Straton Bass and Layton Bass put on their fire gear and were ready just in case someone needed their help. Their father John Bass is a Houston Fire Fighter and works at station 70. Even though John was off duty, he still waded through water going house to house in waders checking on neighbors. Big or small, community members worked together to help one another.

Photo by Carmen Bass

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Young Dale helps grandparents



Dale Brister knew he needed to spring into action when his grandparents' house was damaged during the storm. He is shown here helping his grandparents John and Kelly Brister. The Bristers are residents of the Sagemont area. Photo submitted

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BAFL back in action

Hurricane Harvey sidelined the Bay Area Football League season for two weeks, but things are about to begin Saturday, Sept. 16 as the third week of what is now an eight-game season commences. The Sagemont Cowboys and Southbelt Dolphins will have a bye Sept. 16 before returning to the field Sept. 22. See more on Page 2B.

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Longhorns host Morton Ranch for starters



A challenging scrimmage against Summer Creek in the books, took the field in live scrimmage action against Summer Creek the Dobie Longhorns, including quarterback Jacob Sulak (left) Sept. 8. Now the score counts for real as the Longhorns look to are set to take on Morton Ranch in the official 2017 regular repeat their performance from 2016 against Morton Ranch, a season opener. Following Hurricane Ike, the Longhorns finally 24-12 victory.

Locals scored 24-12 victory in 2016

By John Bechtle Sports Editor
It's time for the fun to begin, or at least that's the plan as the Dobie Longhorns prepare to kick off the 2017 varsity football season. The Longhorns are looking to turn the page after a tough scrimmage outing Sept. 8 against Summer Creek. Bulldogs' starting quarterback John Holcombe directed a number of scoring drives during the 90-minute session, while the Longhorns

were not as fortunate. All of that will be forgotten, though, if the Longhorns take care of business against Morton Ranch. The Longhorns scored a 24-12 victory last season, but that result matters little now. There's been big-time personnel changes on both varsity squads, and Morton Ranch has a first-year head coach - Ron Counter. "We weren't able to see them scrimmage, but we've seen tape and really believe we have a great chance to get a big win for

us," Dobie varsity football head coach Mike Norman said. "They have a new head coach (Counter), so obviously they are working through some new schemes and so forth. It takes time to make those types of adjustments. We just need to go out there and take care of business." Specifically, the Longhorns will be looking to run the football a great deal, although a successful passing game will have to develop quickly. Dobie used starting tail-

back Kris Morris sparingly in the Summer Creek scrimmage, yet that isn't likely to be the case in the opener. "You want to get Kris some work in the scrim-

mage but you also want him to maintain health, as you do with all of your players," Norman said. "But the situation Continued on Page 6B

Dobie hosts Morton Ranch
Thursday, Sept. 14
Veterans Stadium, 6 p.m.

Leinweber leads San Jacinto soccer's 1-1 start

Heiko Leinweber had two goals and an assist as San Jacinto College finally opened its 2017 season with a split of two road games Sept. 8-9. Leinweber and Ryan Medilah had goals in the season opener against Northeast Texas, but Northeast held on for a 3-2 victory as the Coyotes returned to the playing field for the first time in more than three weeks. Medilah's goal, San Jacinto College's first of the season, came on an assist

from former Dobie High School standout Carlos Ibarra. Not to be held down long, San Jacinto bounced back for a 5-1 victory over the Paris Dragons. Leinweber netted his second goal of the season on an assist from Reyes Vargas, and Leinweber then collected an assist on a goal by Jordaine Fletcher. Ivan Rosales had a pair of goals for the winners, with Luis Bencomo dishing an assist on one

of them. San Jacinto also got a goal from Ivan Cruz in the win, with the assist coming from Oscar Hernandez. San Jacinto College began the season ranked 14th in the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I Preseason Poll but fell off the list primarily to inactivity due to Hurricane Harvey. The Coyotes return to the road for back-to-back games against Coastal Bend (Sept. 15) and Laredo (Sept. 16).

SJC Soccer Plays On
Sept. 15 at Coastal Bend, 5:00
Sept. 16 at Laredo, 6:00
Sept. 22 Tyler, 8:00

Quick-strike Brook gets past Bulldogs

By John Bechtle Sports Editor
Sticking to the script, Clear Brook first stunned host La Porte with a pair of electrifying plays, then used a couple more late to eventually defeat the Bulldogs 38-21 Sept. 8 in the 2017 varsity football opener for both teams at Bulldog Stadium. The Wolverines entered

the game boasting one of the best big-play offenses in the Houston area. While La Porte actually outgained Clear Brook in total yardage in the game, the Bulldogs couldn't keep the Wolverines from the quick strike scores often enough. Receiver Caleb Chapman, who has verbally committed to play at Tex-

as A&M University after a huge junior season, got his senior campaign rolling in a big way. He took a pass from quarterback Jaizac Garcia in the game's first minute and turned it in to a 61-yard scoring play as the Wolverines led 7-0. La Porte took possession deep in their own end of the field and was forced to punt. Again, the

Wolverines delivered a big blow as M.J. Milton returned a blocked punt nine yards for a 14-0 lead. On the play, Milton actually blocked the punt, hung onto the ball in mid-air and scored the touchdown as the lead went to 14-0 in a hurry. But the Bulldogs, reloading after winning the

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Lady Longhorn VB sweeps past Trojans

Dobie, looking to get back into the postseason on the varsity volleyball court, got just what it needed in its District 22-6A opener Sept. 12, at South Houston. Taylor Pleasants served eight aces to go with six kills as the Lady Longhorns cruised past South Houston in a short, tidy 25-13, 25-15, 25-17 victory. Head coach Dawn Sexton was able to substitute freely and get playing time for much of the team as the Lady Longhorns won easily. The team's 22-6A opener against Beaumont West Brook, originally scheduled for Sept. 15, will be played at a later date.

Following Hurricane Ike, the Lady Longhorns had returned to the court on Sept. 8 at home in a tri-match against Conroe and Summer Creek. Dobie won the first game against Summer Creek by a 27-25 score, but then lost the match 25-22, 25-15, 25-17. In its match against Conroe, Dobie lost in four games. That score was 25-18, 24-26, 25-23, 25-22 in favor of the Tigers. District 24-6A varsity volleyball action was also delayed by Hurricane Harvey. Clear Brook's varsity traveled to Clear Creek High School to take on the Lady Wildcats Sept. 13, after press time.

Dobie varsity tennis hosts Ike team play

Yes, the vast majority of the Houston area is still recovering from the effects of Hurricane Harvey, but there are still those who remember another devastating weather event just as well. Sixteen team tennis squads have committed to play in the 7th annual re-membering Ike Invitation-

al, coming to Dobie High School as well as several other southeast Houston and Galveston locations Sept. 15-16. Dobie head coach Manuel Moreno, a longtime Galveston resident whose family home was heavily damaged during Ike, formed the tournament as Continued on Page 3B

Remembering Ike
Participating Teams
Clear Falls
Clear Springs
Copperas Cove
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PISD offers TicketRoar option; football fans can score tix early

This fall, Pasadena ISD will be teaming up with Home Team Marketing's digital ticketing platform, TicketRoar, powered by Eventbrite, to provide on-line ticketing and marketing for all five Pasadena ISD high schools' home football games.

The TicketRoar platform will allow PISD to offer digital ticketing for all varsity home football games at Veterans Memorial Stadium and help increase ticket sales by providing online ticket purchase options, greater financial accountability and improving the overall audience experience.

SJC women's volleyball underway

Despite a three-set loss to No. 3 nationally-ranked Panola, the San Jacinto College women's volleyball team got its season started with two wins in three matches after the Hurricane Harvey mess.

Savannah Sheridan led San Jacinto College with

seven kills in the season opener at Panola, but the Ponies came away with a 25-18, 25-11, 25-18 victory as the Ravens worked through various combinations on the court.

San Jacinto College then came up with a four-set 25-27, 25-13, 25-17,

There are plans to ex-

pand the service to include all athletic events hosted by Pasadena ISD in the future.

Football tickets can still be purchased in person at the gate and at the Pasadena ISD ticket office, which is adjacent to Phillips Field House, located next to Veterans Memorial Stadium, during regular business hours and up until two hours before kickoff on game day.

Another feature the service will bring is the ability for PISD to accept credit card transactions at the gate, improving financial reporting and convenience to fans and PISD personnel alike.

25-12 victory over Laredo as Maddie Rhoder delivered 13 kills to go with 12 more from Raven Oates.







In yet a third match from opening weekend, the Ravens defeated Coastal Bend 30-28, 25-14, 25-13 as Rhoder led the way in kills with 12.

Oates added 10 to go with nine more from Sheridan.

SJC began the season ranked No. 19 in the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I Preseason Poll but slipped out without playing a match.

Miami-Dade is currently No. 1, with Panola still at No. 3.

Now that San Jacinto College has returned to the playing court, it shouldn't be long before the Ravens are back among the nation's top-ranked programs in the NJCAA Division I.

South Belt football predictions	 Troy Leland	 John Bechtle	 Eli Tanksley	 Toni Muse	 Emory Gadd	 Debbie Vaughn
Dobie hosts Morton Ranch	Morton Ranch	Dobie	Dobie	Morton Ranch	Dobie	Morton Ranch
Clear Brook at South Houston	Clear Brook	Clear Brook	Clear Brook	Clear Brook	Clear Brook	Clear Brook
Pearland at Manvel	Manvel	Manvel	Manvel	Manvel	Manvel	Manvel
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La Porte at Clear Springs	Clear Springs	La Porte	Clear Springs	La Porte	Clear Springs	Clear Springs
Clear Lake at Clements	Clear Lake	Clear Lake	Clear Lake	Clear Lake	Clear Lake	Clear Lake
North Shore at Westfield	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore
Kingwood at Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood
Lutheran South at Hitchcock	Hitchcock	Hitchcock	LSA	LSA	LSA	LSA
Summer Creek at Dawson	Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson
This week's record	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Season record	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

Sports Calendar

FOOTBALL

Thursday, Sept. 14
 Dobie varsity hosts Morton Ranch, Veterans, 6:00
 Brook JV Red hosts South Houston, 6:00
 Brook JV Black hosts South Houston, 4:30
 Brook freshman Black at South Houston, 4:30
 Brook freshman Red at South Houston, 4:30

Friday, Sept. 15
 Brook varsity at South Houston, Veterans, 7:00

Wednesday, Sept. 20
 Dobie JV Orange at Morton Ranch, 6:00
 Dobie JV White at Morton Ranch, 4:30
 Dobie freshman Orange hosts M. Ranch, Veterans, 4:30
 Dobie freshman White hosts Morton Ranch, 4:30

Thursday, Sept. 21
 Dobie varsity hosts Dawson, Veterans, 7:00

VOLLEYBALL
Friday, Sept. 15
 Brook varsity at Friendswood, 4:30
 Dobie varsity hosts Sam Rayburn, 6:30
 Dobie JV hosts Sam Rayburn, 5:30
 Brook JV at Friendswood, 5:30
 Dobie freshman A hosts Sam Rayburn, 4:30
 Brook freshman A at Friendswood, 6:30
 Dobie freshman B hosts Sam Rayburn, 4:30

Tuesday, Sept. 19
 Brook varsity hosts Clear Lake, 6:00
 Dobie varsity at Pasadena, 6:30
 Dobie JV hosts at Pasadena, 5:30
 Brook JV hosts Clear Lake, 5:00
 Dobie freshman A at Pasadena, 4:30
 Brook freshman A hosts Clear Lake, 4:15
 Dobie freshman B hosts Clear Lake, 5:15

Friday, Sept. 22
 Brook varsity at Clear Springs, 6:00
 Dobie varsity hosts Deer Park, 6:30
 Dobie JV hosts Deer Park, 5:30
 Brook JV at Clear Springs, 5:00
 Dobie freshman A hosts Deer Park, 4:30
 Brook freshman A at Clear Springs, 4:15
 Dobie freshman B at Clear Springs, 5:15

SOCCER
Friday, Sept. 15
 San Jacinto College at Coastal Bend, 4:00

Saturday, Sept. 16
 San Jacinto College at Laredo, 5:00

TENNIS
Friday, Sept. 15
 Dobie varsity hosts Copperas Cove, 8:30 a.m.
 Dobie varsity hosts Remembering Ike tourn., TBA

Saturday, Sept. 16
 Dobie varsity hosts Remembering Ike tourn., TBA

Friday, Sept. 22
 Dobie varsity at South Houston, Pasadena, 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 26
 Dobie varsity hosts Sam Rayburn, 3:00

Friday, Sept. 29
 Dobie varsity at Pasadena, Strawberry, 3:00

Tuesday, Oct. 3
 Dobie varsity hosts Deer Park, 3:00

Bay Area Football League resumes Sept. 16

Alas, the Bay Area Football League is open for business again. After carefully considering the safety and well-being of everyone involved during and after Hurricane Harvey ravaged the Houston area, BAFL officials have resumed the 2017 season.

The schedule has now been condensed to include eight games, with teams having already played two.

The new schedule shows a 7-week alignment, with each squad receiving a bye week.

For Sept. 16, the Sagemont Cowboys and Southbelt Dolphins will enjoy a bye, while the Ellington Rams will play the East End Eagles, at Gragg Park, 6200 Wheeler St. in Houston.

The Cowboys will return to action Sept. 23, hosting the Pearland Patriots at El Franco Lee Park.

The Southbelt Dolphins, will play the Pasadena Panthers, at Park View Intermediate in Pasadena.

Southbelt Dolphins

2017 Revised Football Schedule

Date	Opponent
Sept. 23	at Pasadena Panthers
Sept. 30	Ellington Rams
Oct. 7	Pearland Hurricanes
Oct. 14	at Pearland Patriots
Oct. 21	Sagemont Cowboys
Oct. 28	Gulf Coast Bulldogs
Game times: Seniors – 9 a.m./Juniors – 10:45 a.m.	
Sophomores – 12:30 p.m./Freshmen – 2:15 p.m.	

Sagemont Cowboys

2017 Revised Football Schedule

Date	Opponent
Sept. 23	Pearland Patriots
Sept. 30	at Gulf Coast Bulldogs
Oct. 7	Magnolia Park Sharks
Oct. 14	Pasadena Panthers
Oct. 21	at Southbelt Dolphins
Oct. 28	at East End Eagles
Game times: Seniors – 9 a.m./Juniors – 10:45 a.m.	
Sophomores – 12:30 p.m./Freshmen – 2:15 p.m.	

Ellington Rams

2017 Revised Football Schedule

Date	Opponent
Sept. 16	at East End Eagles
Sept. 30	at Dolphins
Oct. 7	Gulf Coast Bulldogs
Oct. 14	Alvin Raiders
Oct. 21	at Pasadena Panthers
Oct. 28	Pearland Texans
Game times: Seniors – 9 a.m./Juniors – 10:45 a.m.	
Sophomores – 12:30 p.m./Freshmen – 2:15 p.m.	

Week 3 BAFL games

Saturday, Sept. 16

Sagemont Cowboys – Bye week – Southbelt Dolphins – Bye week

Ellington Rams at East End Eagles
Gragg Park, 6200 Wheeler St., 8 a.m.

For more details, visit [baflyouthsports](#) on Facebook

East Beach challenges Dobie X-country

First-year Dobie girls' cross-country coach Mo Hickman knew she had a close-knit, hard-training group of runners entering the 2017 season.

And while Hurricane Harvey delayed the start of the season, the Lady Longhorns are obviously not letting much slow them down.

The Dobie girls' and boys' programs opened the regular season Sept. 8 in Galveston at the XC-Beach Run, which included a 4K varsity run along the shore of East Beach.

Make no mistake, the Lady Longhorns aren't quite ready to claim many team titles, but the young group is competing well out of the gate.

There was supposed to be separate Division I and Division II divisions. But because some teams had to skip the meet, all of the teams were condensed into one division. The Friendswood girls' cruised to the crown with a low

score of 29, followed by Concordia Lutheran at 70. Dobie, meanwhile, was ninth among the 19 teams at 214.

Alvin's Kaytlynn Welsch came away with the overall medalist honor, crossing the finish line in a time of 16 minutes, 3.5 seconds. Friendswood then came up with the second, third, fourth and sixth overall finishers to win.

Leading the way for the Lady Longhorns was Atziri Galarza, one of the school's top distance runners in both cross-country and track and field.

Galarza came across at 17:54.3 for the No. 23 spot. Next up was Dani Colunga, who was 29th at 18:08.7. Ashley Tsikis was the team's third overall finisher as she was 47th at 18:43.5.

Alexis Oses of Dobie was 52nd at 19:14.7, and Alondra Rios rounded out the scoring for the Lady Longhorns, taking 63rd with a time of 19:47.5.

Singleton rolls

Looking ahead to the future of the Dobie girls' program, which could come sooner than later for one particular runner, Amari Singleton made her debut in the junior varsity division.

The freshman and younger sister of Class of 2017 graduate Camille Singleton, pushed for the overall medalist title in the JV division before placing second.

The JV and freshman boys' divisions competed on a two-mile course.

Deer Park's Alyson Pembroke, who very well could compete against Singleton at the Deer Park Invitational Sept. 15, was the winner at 15:50.9, with Singleton second in a time of 16:31.7.

Others who competed for the Lady Longhorns in the JV division included Tony Montgomery (45th at 18:57.1), Michaela Munoz (53rd at 19:10.6), Allyson Diaz (19:12.1),

Annette Eonne (70th at 19:41.7), Zoe Hernandez (76th at 19:51.8), Monique Durham (84th at 20:08.0), Miranda Serrano (20:37.1), Elizabeth Jasso (23:56.6) and Kiandra Porter (25:28.9).

Overall, Hickman said it was a terrific opening-week effort for the Lady Longhorns as they were finally able to compete in a live meet.

"It's a shame that the season was delayed and we also missed so many training days because these kids have been so ready to compete," Hickman said.

"They were tired of hearing my inspirational speeches and were ready to compete. It's just a great group of young ladies. They work hard, stay connected with one another on social media and want success for each other."

As for Singleton, Hickman isn't ready to commit to just when Singleton might make her varsity debut, but it's likely to come sooner than later.

In the freshman girls' division, Grace Castaneda (18:42.9), Melissa Cavazos (19:57.4) and Isabella Delgado (20:28.7) ran for the Lady Longhorns.

JFD boys 14th
 Jordy Reyes paved the way as Dobie's varsity boys' team took 14th place among 18 teams at Galveston.

Friendswood, which won the team title, produced the event's top three finishers, including overall champion Brandon Lantau (13:09.7).

Reyes was 49th with a time of 15:13.4, with teammate Javier Martinez 58th in a time of 15:19.5.

Others who competed for Dobie included Jonathan Neira (74th at 15:49.9), Jon Acosta (76th at 15:56.2) and Justin Lavinier (106th at 17:25.3).

Bay Area Football League

As of Sept. 14

Senior Division

Teams	W	L	T
Eagles	2	0	0
Hurricanes	2	0	0
Raiders	2	0	0
49ers	2	0	0
Rams	1	0	1
Bulls	1	1	0
Panthers	1	1	0
Sharks	1	1	0
Texans	1	1	0
Patriots	0	1	1
Cowboys	0	2	0
Bulldogs	0	2	0
Dolphins	0	2	0

Junior Division

Teams	W	L	T
Cowboys	2	0	0
Eagles	2	0	0
Hurricanes	2	0	0
Patriots	2	0	0
Texans	2	0	0
Panthers	1	1	0
Sharks	1	1	0
49ers	1	1	0
Bulls	0	2	0
Dolphins	0	2	0
Raiders	0	2	0
Rams	0	2	0
Bulldogs	0	2	0

Sophomore Division

Teams	W	L	T
Hurricanes	2	0	0
Bulldogs	2	0	0
49ers	2	0	0
Cowboys	2	0	0
Patriots	1	0	1
Eagles	1	1	0
Panthers	1	1	0
Texans	1	1	0
Raiders	0	1	1
Sharks	1	1	0
Rams	0	2	0
Bulls	0	2	0
Dolphins	0	2	0

Freshman Division

Teams	W	L	T
Eagles	2	0	0
Hurricanes	2	0	0
Rams	2	0	0
Bulldogs	1	1	0
Cowboys	1	1	0
Texans	1	1	0
Panthers	1	1	0
Raiders	1	1	0
Sharks	1	1	0
Bulls	1	1	0
49ers	1	1	0
Patriots	0	2	0
Dolphins	0	2	0

Former Lady Bear, Dobie hoops standout gives back at Beverly Hills/Thompson intermediates



A Big Shootout champion at Beverly Hills Intermediate before enjoying a standout basketball career first at Dobie High School, Duke University and now the WNBA, 2007 Dobie graduate Karima Christmas-Kelly organized an effort to help the students at Beverly Hills and Thompson Intermediate. Christmas (fourth from left), currently a standout player with the WNBA's Dallas Wings, donated athletic shoes, Gatorade and Dallas Stars apparel during a stop at Beverly Hills Intermediate Sept. 10. Those helping organize the donations included, left to right, Jennita Christmas (Karima Christmas-Kelly's mother), Donna Branch (Pasadena ISD Assistant Director of Athletics), Keely King (Beverly Hills student), Karima Christmas-Kelly, Tiffany Nelson (Thompson girls'

athletics head coach), Rachel Trader (Beverly Hills Intermediate girls' athletic coordinator), Kevin Schulba (Dobie graduate and volunteer coach at Thompson), Kevin McDonald (Frazier Elementary physical education instructor and longtime South Belt resident), Daniel Sawyer (Thompson Intermediate staff member), Mo Mitchell, Neil Ashford, Doug Sawyer (Thompson Intermediate boys' athletic director) and Alyta Harrell (Pasadena ISD Associate Superintendent/Campus Development and former Beverly Hills Intermediate principal). Christmas-Kelly this month finished her sixth season in the WNBA. She has also played professional basketball overseas for several seasons. She and her husband, Austin, reside in Georgia.

Photo submitted



Karima Christmas-Kelly (left), the first Pasadena ISD alumna to compete in the WNBA, began her school playing career at Beverly Hills Intermediate, and then helped the Dobie varsity girls' team to its first-ever state tournament berth in 2004. She is shown with Beverly Hills Intermediate student Keely King after donating athletic shoes, Gatorade and Dallas Wings' team apparel.

Photo submitted

Brook FB bests LP

Continued from Page 1B District 22-6A championship in 2016, wouldn't give in easily. La Porte quarterback Brett Bihm had a pair of long touchdown pass plays, and the Bulldogs actually led 21-20 entering the fourth quarter of action.

But Garcia found Chapman for three yards and a touchdown on the opening play of the quarter, putting Brook ahead for good.

Midway through the quarter, Wolverine defensive back Isaac Gunn came up huge, picking off Bihm just as it appeared the Bulldogs were about to reclaim the lead.

Moments later, Garcia got free for a 74-yard run as the Bulldogs pursued and eventually brought him down at the 1-yard line. Garcia scored on a plunge to give the Wolverines the lead for good.

Jarrett Smith led the Wolverines in rushing with 134 yards on just 17 carries.

Garcia, meanwhile, used the 74-yard gain on one play to finish with 102 yards on the ground.

So as advertised, the Wolverines began the season making the type of big plays it takes to win games against quality opponents.

Next up, the Wolverines will face the South Houston Trojans, Friday, Sept. 15, in Pasadena.

Remembering Ike Invitational to include host Dobie location

Continued from Page 1B a way for players and programs to both be able to embrace and celebrate the recovery process then. Fast forward to now, Moreno and his family were spared damage in Galveston, but at least one Dobie tennis player is dealing with the loss of a home/family possessions.

Although Moreno has been there and done that, he's certainly sympathetic to the pounding the South Belt area took, with the majority of the damage inflicted by torrential rains. "You just feel for all of the young people and families affected by this," said Moreno, who admitted that his mind was far away from the game of tennis before the students returned to school Sept. 11.

"I've said before that there are more important things in life than tennis," he said. "Sometimes you have to take a step back and look at the big picture."

Having done so, Moreno also told the Leader the Longhorns and, conversely, many of the city's other high school programs, are

eager to return to action.

Dobie was a bit unlucky to draw state No. 1 ranked Cypress Ranch, including defending mixed doubles champion Melissa LaMette, in the opening quarterfinal round.

But the important thing is a return to the courts. Moreno expects Cy-Ranch, Dawson and Friendswood to compete for the title in the Burnt Orange Division, while Clear Springs and Copperas Cove could be the frontrunners in the White Division.

Dobie will actually play a nondistrict match against Copperas Cove Friday, Sept. 15, at 8:30 a.m., at Dobie. That afternoon, the Longhorns will take on Cypress Ranch at 2:30 p.m. as the Remembering Ike event gets going.

In addition to Dobie, Remembering Ike competition sites will include Galveston's Ball High School, The University of Texas Medical Branch, Scoggins-Stiglich Courts in Galveston, Texas City High School, the Lowry Center in Texas City, Clear Falls High School, Clear Springs High School

and Friendswood High School.

Of the original 16 programs that were invited, only Dickinson was forced to decline after Hurricane Harvey caused significant damages in that area.

Moreno also said the team's District 22-6A match against Beaumont West Brook has been pushed back to Oct. 13. Following damage to West Brook High School, students only returned to classes Sept. 13.

"It's always best to get back on the court and give these kids a chance to be around their friends and to get back to a game they love," Moreno said.

"This one was a tough one for this community, and some folks have been more adversely affected than others. It basically put a stop to a lot of athletic seasons, but what's important is making sure these families and so forth are being cared for and that they are able to return to some form of normal."

The memory of Remembering Ike lives on after its strike in September of 2008. Now, it's time to deal with Harvey.

Wolverine team tennis opens District 24-6A competition

It's not the start the Wolverines were looking for as the Friendswood Mustangs began the District 24-6A team tennis race with a 12-7 victory over Clear Brook Sept. 12, at Friendswood.

The Mustangs, who are projected as one of

the team favorites at the Remembering Ike Invitational Sept. 14-15, came up with a big win in league play as the Wolverines fell to 1-3 overall this season.

Clear Brook lost several key players to graduation following a 2016 that saw the group come within one

team win of reaching the Region III tournament.

With the loss to Friendswood, Clear Brook might face an uphill battle in the 24-6A mix.

But the season is just getting started, and the Wolverines certainly have time to make up ground.

Clear Brook 12, Deer Park 7

Note: Brook improved to 1-2 heading into District 24-6A play.

Boys' doubles

- 1) Pearson and Norfolk (Clear Brook) won 7-5, 6-2
- 2) Masington and Nguyen (Clear Brook) won 6-3, 6-0
- 3) Vinson and Snell (Clear Brook) lost 6-3, 6-2

Girls' doubles

- 1) Garcia and Doan (Clear Brook) lost 6-0, 6-2
- 2) Teixeira and Mai (Clear Brook) lost 6-1, 6-0
- 3) Skeen and Ascuncion (Clear Brook) won 7-5, 7-6 (7-1)

Mixed doubles

- 1) Herrera and Gonzalez (Clear Brook) won 6-3, 6-0

Boys' singles

- 1) Jackson Norfolk (Clear Brook) won 6-4, 6-2
- 2) Cole Masington (Clear Brook) won 6-3, 3-6, 12-10
- 3) Mark Vinson (Clear Brook) won 6-4, 4-6, 8-6
- 4) Kevin Nguyen (Clear Brook) won 6-0, 6-2
- 5) Tony Gonzalez (Clear Brook) won 6-1, 6-2
- 6) Greg Snell (Clear Brook) lost 6-4, 6-3

Girls' singles

- 1) Maria Herrera (Clear Brook) won 6-1, 6-4
- 2) Maia Ascuncion (Clear Brook) lost 6-2, 6-4
- 3) Doan Bahn (Clear Brook) lost 6-1, 6-2
- 4) Bianca Garcia (Clear Brook) won 6-3, 7-5 (10-8)
- 5) Katelyn Mai (Clear Brook) won 6-3, 6-4
- 6) Cayla Brooks (Clear Brook) won 6-1, 6-2



Clear Brook sophomore Maria Herrera, a state finalist in mixed doubles last spring as a freshman, is off to a solid start this season, scoring a pair of big wins over Deer Park as the Wolverines' team tennis squad scored its first win.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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 more information, or drop in.

9:30 a.m.

NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse - Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Hwy. 3 in Webster. The public is welcome and encouraged to bring others. For details, call 281-910-1971.

10 a.m.

Fun Bunch - for senior citizens, ages 55 and older, meets the second 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.

10 a.m.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

11:30 a.m.

ABWA - Southeast Express Network - American Business Women's Association-South meets the second Thursday, Spring Creek Barbeque, 9005 Broadway (FM-518), Pearland. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (\$20). Includes networking with professional business women and guest speaker. Women of all ages/occupations invited. Bring business cards. Reservations appreciated. For more information, visit www.seen-abwa.org.

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Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

7 p.m.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom's - Rabbi Stuart Federow hosts free discussions on Judaism and religion in general, open to the public, second Thurs-

days, at Victor's, 1425 NASA Pkwy., (next to "space" McDonald's). This is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. For details, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.

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 713-856-1611.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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.

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Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - West End Group, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Rd. 39, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

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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 more information, call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Alcoholics Anonymous - "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. For more information, call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

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Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.

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.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

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.

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.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Al-Anon Deer Park - Mondays, 10 - 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, or drop in.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details. 10:30 a.m.

Seniors and Law Enforcement Together - SALT meetings are 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Madison Jobe Senior Center, 1700 East Thomas St., Pasadena on the third Monday. No December meeting. January meeting is on the second Monday. Meetings start timely and teach seniors how to avoid identity theft, scams, fraud, etc. Police officers and sheriffs may be in attendance. Free. Refreshments served. For details, call 713-477-0175. 11:30 a.m.

Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in. Noon

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611. 2 p.m.

Genealogy Group - The Parker Williams Genealogy Group meets from 2 - 4 p.m. on the first and third Mondays at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. The public is invited to attend. For details, email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net. 3:15 p.m.

Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy for adults with Parkinson's, 3:15 - 4:45 p.m., Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for details. 6 p.m.

New Directions Singles - Age 50 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Pkwy. For details, call Margarita at 832-715-9658.

Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details.

Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. Enter door next to recycling bins. For details, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org. 7 p.m.

Survivors of Suicide Support Group - gives coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adults who have lost a loved one to suicide. For details email LynneAnnH@yahoo.com or visit www.crisishotline.org.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611. 7:30 p.m.

The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society - Meets the third Monday at Clear Lake Park Bldg., 5001 NASA Pkwy., Seabrook. Presenters explore topics such as fossils, planetary geology, mineralogy, lapidary, jewelry making, fossil and mineral collecting. Field trips to Texas collecting sites and surrounding states. Interested persons welcome. Door prizes. Free parking. For details, visit www.clgms.org. 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 details, contact 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Russell at 832-483-6715.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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. 9:30 a.m.

Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For details, call 713-472-0565. 10 a.m.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details. Noon

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For details, call 281-900-7257. Email nalix@texascitizensbank.com. 1:30 p.m.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #1530 meets at the Sagamore Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713. 2 p.m.

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees - NARFE Chapter 941 meets the third Tuesday, 2 p.m., El Franco Lee Park Community Center, 9500 Hall Rd. Visitors welcome. For details, call Roy at 713-734-1461. No meeting in Aug.

Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details/classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. 6:30 p.m.

Breast Cancer Support Group - Meets monthly on the third Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the lobby of the Clear Lake Regional Breast Diagnostic Center, 200 Medical Center Blvd., Suite 106, Webster. For details call 281-526-6840.

Pearland Area Republican's Club - meets monthly on the third Tuesday (except December, June and July) at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland. For details, call Gary at 281-993-8335. 7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.

Positive Interaction Program - meets the third Tuesday, 7 p.m., at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, first floor staff meeting room. PIP is police and citizens working together making neighborhoods safer. Bring a friend. For information, call Officer Richard Buitron at 281-218-3900.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166. 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. 9:30 a.m.

The Community Club - meets the third Wednesday, monthly, at Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., in Pasadena. Social time is 9:30 a.m.; meeting is at 10 a.m. The club is a charitable organization of women helping the Salvation Army feed and care for homebound elderly/disabled people, children and the homeless, providing scholarships for Bridge Over Troubled Water clients. Day trips may be scheduled, followed by a guest speaker/program with fellowship and lunch. New members and guests are invited. For information, email Jmopry@yahoo.com. 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 for details. 11:30 a.m.

Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets monthly, first and third Wednesdays, noon, Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. December may be an exception. For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611. 1 p.m.

Hometown Heroes Park - has free Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dance, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card. Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For details, call Neva Schroder at 417-838-2204. 7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.

Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention - Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support for women. Visit www.bayareaturningpoint.org for information. 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. 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 - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details. Noon

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter - A social group focused on the culture, music, heritage and language of Texas German immigrants. Meets the third Thursday, monthly, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for details. 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 713-856-1611.

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Longhorns eye opening win

Continued from Page 1B is different now. You don't want injuries in a scrimmage, but this is under the lights now. It's time to strap it up and go."

The Longhorns will also have to strap it up and go at the various other positions after an uneven outing against Summer Creek.

Granted, the scrimmage marked the Longhorns' first live action against an opponent this season. In addition, like much of the rest of the programs in the city, the Longhorns were trying to quickly return to action after several missed practices.

"I'm not one to make excuses, particularly with almost everybody else having to deal with the same issues," Norman said. "We have to do a

better job of reading our keys on defense, being in the right spots and making plays when they are there to be made."

"We came back with a great day of practice following the scrimmage. The effort, the intensity and spirit has been there all along."

"Now that the season is about to start, we have to step it up a notch and be ready to go in all phases. Execution is a big key in every level of football, and that's what we are looking forward to having Thursday night."

After taking on Morton Ranch, the Longhorns will prepare to host a very talented Dawson squad the following week. After a bye, the Longhorns will travel to Deer Park to take on the Deer in the District

22-6A opener for both teams.

"It's nice to have some extra time to get some things ironed out, but we also have to have some urgency about being ready to go from here on out," Norman said.

"Morton Ranch is looking to get off to a solid start, and we want to prevent that. We got the win last season, but I think both teams have changed quite a bit in terms of personnel."

Another key for the Longhorns will be how quickly the revamped passing game comes along.

Senior Jacob Sulak will make his first varsity start as the full-timer against Morton Ranch. Ryan Pair and Jeremiah Hernandez, both out much of 2016

with injuries, figure to be Sulak's top targets through the air.

Defensively, Norman was pleased with the physical nature shown by the linebacking crew against Summer Creek, but the defensive line and secondary had some missteps. Norman is confident all of that is in the past.

"We're excited and ready to go," Norman said. "You're always excited about the season opener. The kids have been ready to go for quite a while now. Like I always say, it's about going out there, being in the right spots and executing properly in all phases."

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