

# South Belt-Ellington Leader

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### Federal officials visit area

Sen. John Cornyn, Sen. Ted Cruz, House Speaker Paul Ryan, House Appropriations Committee Chairman Rodney Frelinghuysen, House Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman John Carter and members of the Houston Congressional delegation will be in the South Belt area Thursday, Sept. 21, beginning at Ellington Field for a briefing on Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts, an aerial tour of storm devastation and flood mitigation infrastructure and to help local residents clean out damaged homes.

### CBCMUD trash info

Household trash service has resumed in the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District on its regularly scheduled days. Residents should be aware 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. CBCMUD began Hurricane Harvey storm removal debris Tuesday, Sept. 5. (See related story this page.) Debris must be placed within 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.

For more information, call the district at 281-484-1562, check Clear Brook City MUD on Facebook or visit [www.cbcmud.com](http://www.cbcmud.com).

### Free self defense offered

The American Society of Karate offers 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. Sessions are on Fridays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, email [Michael.Alonzo@ASKKarate.com](mailto:Michael.Alonzo@ASKKarate.com) or call 281-788-5930.

### Dobie Theater to perform

The 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 tale of the predatory outlaw known as Macheath. He secretly marries the daughter of an underworld boss but is 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 ending, and 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. (See related photos Page 5A.)

### Fiesta dinner postponed

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Mother of Unity No. 2292 will not host the Fiesta dinner set for Sept. 21 at 6:30 p.m. A new date has not been set. Those who purchased a ticket for the event are asked to hold it for the rescheduled dinner. For information, contact Carolyn Friend at 281-484-4170.

### Catholic daughters meet

Catholic Daughters Court Mother of Unity No. 2292 apologizes for any inconvenience to women who may have gone to St. Luke's Tuesday, Sept. 12, looking for a CDA meeting. The meeting was postponed due to Hurricane Harvey. It will be held Tuesday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m. There will not be a supper, but desserts and soft drinks will be available. Attend and assist the court in beginning the new event year on a high note. All Catholic ladies age 18 and up are invited. For additional information, call Regent Carolyn Friend at 281-484-4170.

### Lariaettes hold clinic

The J. Frank Dobie Lariaettes will host their annual Hand and Stand clinic Tuesday, Oct. 3, in the school's dance room from 6 to 8 p.m. Participants will learn hand and stand routines and be invited to sit with the Lariaettes and perform in the stands at the Dobie vs. Pasadena Memorial game on Friday Oct. 6. Attendees are encouraged to wear pajamas, as the event will also be a pajama party. Pre-registration is \$25 and includes clinic, T-Shirt and student entry to the game (with shirt). Registration will be \$35 at the door. T-Shirts are only guaranteed with pre-registration. For more information, email [Victoria.Armenta@pasadenaisd.org](mailto:Victoria.Armenta@pasadenaisd.org) or Myrna Alanis at [myrnaalanis@yahoo.com](mailto:myrnaalanis@yahoo.com).

### Dobie holds open house

Dobie High School will host its open house Monday, Sept. 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. The function had originally been scheduled to take place earlier but was postponed due to Hurricane Harvey. Parents and guardians are encouraged to come, meet and visit with each of their student's teachers during this time. It will be an open format for the two hours, so parents will be able to come and go as needed during the evening. For more information, contact the school at 713-740-0370.

## Local storm debris cleanup continues

Roughly three weeks after Hurricane Harvey first made landfall, ravishing the South Belt community, residents are still continuing to rid their properties of storm debris.

Some areas, however, have made far better strides than others.

The local entity making the most progress on cleanup efforts is the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District, which had plans in place to utilize 16 specialty trucks (there are only 300 available in the nation) shortly after the storm had passed.

"At Clear Brook City, we live by the credo of 'think ahead – plan ahead,'" said Jim Bishop, who chairs the Clear Brook City MUD board of directors. "Several years ago, taking what we learned from Allison and Ike, the board found

a professional disaster cleanup company (Ceres Environmental Services) and got them under contract to take immediate cleanup action for our citizens, should this kind of event hit us."

CBCMUD crews began picking up debris Sept. 5, and by Sept. 18, had collected more than 40,000 cubic yards of storm debris, peaking on Sept. 7, with nearly 5,500 cubic yards being collected.

Approximately 1,200 of the 5,700 homes in the Clear Brook City MUD were damaged by flooding, according to Dean Baier, director of operations for the MUD. At press time, Baier said all affected homes in the district had received at least two passes from the cleanups crews. A third pass is scheduled to begin Wednesday, Sept. 27, and take roughly two to three days to complete.

Baier said getting an early start on cleanup gives residents a sense of normalcy.

"It restores hope," Baier said. "It's a light at the end of the tunnel, that there's an end to this thing."

If the MUD can complete its cleanup efforts within 30 days, it will be reimbursed 90 percent of its costs by FEMA. See the sidebar of this page for debris pickup guidelines.

### Harris County

The subdivisions of Sagemeadow, Kirkmont and Kirkwood South are all being serviced by Harris County. These areas are reportedly taking

longer to clean up, due to limited equipment and manpower. While 34 trucks have been deployed county-wide, only six are reportedly patrolling the South Belt community.

County officials said a first pass is expected to be complete by the end of September, with a second pass slated to begin Oct. 1. A third and final pass of the area is expected to be done before the end of the year.

### City of Houston

While cleanup efforts are well underway in areas serviced by the City of Houston, no specific data was available at press time Wednesday.

## Council members offer assistance

Houston District E City Council Member Dave Martin will host a storm recovery meeting Tuesday, Sept. 26, in the Destiny Theater at Space Center Houston, 1601 NASA Parkway, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Informational tables will be available for those who arrive early to the meeting to assist with any questions.

Representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Administration, Solid Waste Department, Public Works and Engineering Department, Housing and Community Development Department, Department of Neighborhoods, Houston Police Department, Houston Health

Department, Harris County Flood Control District and Harris County Appraisal District will also be in attendance.

For more information, contact Martin's office at 832-393-3008 or [districte@houstontx.gov](mailto:districte@houstontx.gov).

### District D

Houston District D City Council Member Dwight Boykins told the *Leader* it is expected that a temporary FEMA center will be opened at the Sagemont Park Community Center at 11507 Hughes Road near Beltway 8. At press time Wednesday, however, no official plans had been finalized.

## SoHo celebrates 60th anniversary

All proceeds to benefit Harvey victims

The South Houston High School Alumni Association will host the area school's 60th Anniversary Birthday Bash Friday, Oct. 6, at the Marriott Houston South Hobby Airport Hotel beginning at 7 p.m.

All proceeds from the event will go toward local Hurricane Harvey relief efforts.

The celebration will welcome generations of graduates, faculty members and local residents,

all of whom have become part of South Houston High School's longstanding history.

"We have seen many homes in the area damaged by Harvey floods," said Diane Phelan, president of the South Houston High School Alumni Association. "We want to pull our resources and come together to not only celebrate our alma mater but show that we care about our neighbors."

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## Constable's office gives storm advice

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz's office is offering legal advice in the wake of Hurricane Harvey.

Precinct 2 Sgt. Robert Sanchez said the local contract patrol has received multiple calls from South Belt residents who complain of people digging through their curbside storm debris. Residents have complained that they wanted to keep the waste in place so they can show their insurance adjusters.

Sanchez said, however, that once the debris

is placed at the curb, it is free for others to sort through if they wish.

"That's trash," Sanchez said. "Once you place it outside by the curb, anyone can take whatever they want."

According to Sanchez, one resident called three times in one day to make the same complaint.

He said others had even put up signs saying "You loot, we shoot."

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## State, feds spray for mosquitoes

Many South Belt residents have undoubtedly noticed the large, low-flying planes hovering over the area in the past week. Several have reported to the *Leader* they believed the planes were crashing because their altitude was so low. Residents need not to worry, however, as the airplanes are merely spraying for mosquitoes in the wake of Hurricane Harvey.

The rain left behind by the storm has created large areas where mosquitoes can lay their eggs. To address increasing numbers of mosquitoes and the risk they pose to the recovery effort and public health, the Texas Department of State Health Services has activated its contract for aerial mosquito control and requested additional mosquito control assistance from the

Federal Emergency Management Agency. Aerial spraying targeting mosquitoes began around dusk Wednesday, Sept. 13.

Most mosquitoes that appear after floods are nuisance mosquitoes that don't spread disease but can have a serious effect on recovery operations by preventing responders and people affected by a disaster from being outside. Areas of standing water can also increase the number of mosquitoes capable of spreading diseases like West Nile virus and Zika.

Aerial application of insecticide, when applied according to label instructions by a licensed professional, is the most effective way to rapidly reduce the number of mosquitoes in a large area

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### Officials give legislative updates

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis, hosted a meeting Friday, Sept. 15, to provide updates from the recent legislative sessions. Presenters shown above at the function are, left to right, Harris County Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado, District 6 Sen. Sylvia Garcia and District 129 Rep. Dennis Paul. See related story in next week's *Leader*. Photo by Marie Flickinger

## Ambulance involved in fatal crash

An elderly man critically injured in a crash on the Gulf Freeway near Beltway 8 around 4:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14, has died.

The victim, Federico Ablog, 77, was pronounced dead at Memorial Hermann Hospital on Sunday, Sept. 17.

According to the Houston Police Department, an ambulance from Houston Fire Department Station 70 on Beamer was dispatched to the above location to treat persons involved in a crash. As the ambulance arrived at the scene, it was rear-ended by a silver Toyota Corolla driven

by Ablog. The force of the collision pushed the ambulance into two disabled vehicles involved in the previous crash.

The driver of one of the disabled vehicles was transported to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Ablog was flown by Life Flight helicopter to the hospital in critical condition. Two HFD paramedics were transported to Clear Lake Regional Medical Center and were later released.

The investigation was ongoing at press time Wednesday, Sept. 20.

## Multiple purses stolen from vehicles

Two local women reported having their purses stolen from their vehicles while they were shopping within a 24-hour time period.

The first incident took place Tuesday, Sept. 12, at the Valero station on Scarsdale at Sageglen around 11 p.m. A crook reportedly smashed out the car's passenger-side window as the woman was pumping gas and grabbed her purse, then fled the scene in a white Nissan. The suspect was described merely as a black male.

The second incident happened around the same time the following day at the Hong Kong Food Market on Scarsdale at Beamer. In that incident, the thief reportedly opened an unlocked car door and grabbed the woman's purse as she was loading groceries into her vehicle. The suspect then fled the scene in a black four-door vehicle.

The victim said she was unable to tell if the suspect was black or Hispanic.

According to Sgt. Robert Sanchez of the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office, the crimes have become somewhat commonplace. Sanchez referred to the incidents in which the vehicle glass is broken as "juggings," while the crooks who sneak into unlocked vehicles are known as "sliders."

The sergeant advises women to always take their purses inside with them and be aware of their surroundings. He further advised to be particularly careful when leaving the bank or ATM.

Investigators do not believe the two incidents were related.

Anyone who has any information about either of these vehicles is urged to contact the Constable's office at 281-481-9189.

## 20th annual Evening of Cuisine set

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's 20th annual Evening of Cuisine will take place Thursday, Oct. 5, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer, from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

The yearly event is by far the chamber's biggest fundraiser every year.

The all-you-can-eat function allows attendees to sample a wide variety of food and beverages from a myriad of local vendors. This year's event will feature cuisine ranging from Mexican food

to pizza, as well as multiple desserts.

Confirmed vendors include (in alphabetical order) Abe's Cajun Market, Barcenas Mexican Restaurant, Celeste's Cakes N More, Cadeau Confections, d'lish catering, Eximus Coffee, Fit 365 Nutrition, El Nopalito (Galveston), H-E-B (Blackhawk), Kroger (Sabo), Las Haciendas Mexican Bar & Grill, Lewis Career and Technical High School, Pena's Donuts and Diner, Rais-

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## Teaneck murder suspect still at large

Roughly one month after Preston Alan Blue was found shot to death in his vehicle in the Scarsdale subdivision, police have yet to apprehend his killer.

The incident took place around 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, in the 12100 block of Teaneck near Astoria.

According to the Houston Police Department, Blue had arranged a meeting to purchase an item, possibly a cell phone, from the suspected shooter. During the transaction, however, Blue, 27, was shot multiple times in the head, chest and upper extremities.

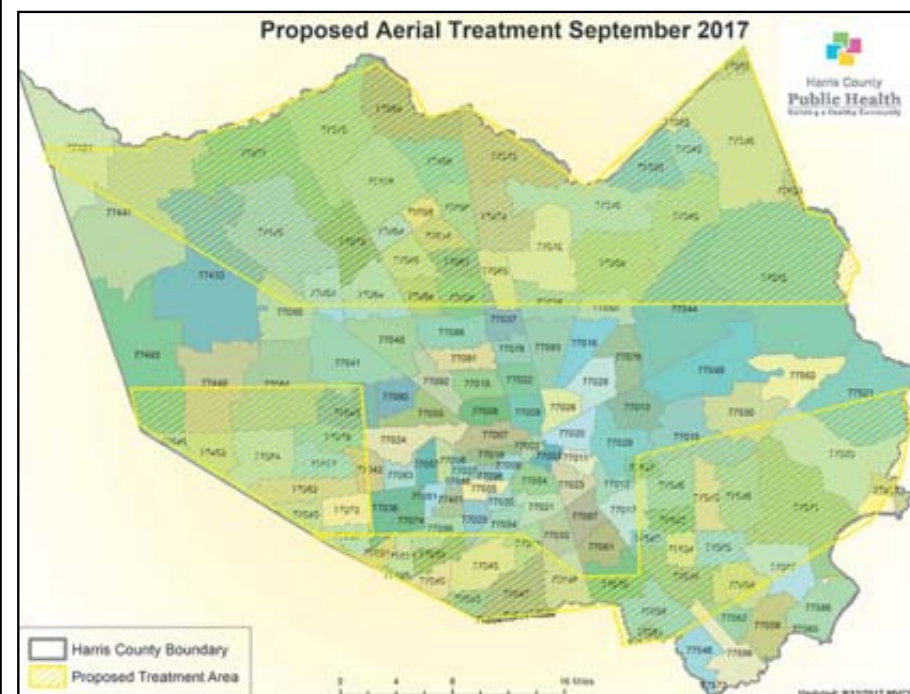
He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Surveillance footage of the incident from a nearby home was posted on Facebook, reportedly showing shots being fired from a passenger inside the vehicle, who then flees the scene on foot. The footage has since been turned over to HPD Homicide investigators.

Other Facebook posts suggested the shooter had already been apprehended, but the suspect remained at large at press time Wednesday, police said.

Anyone with any information on this case is urged to contact HPD's Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

## Areas to be treated for mosquitoes



To help control the the spread of mosquitoes following Hurricane Harvey, the Texas Department of State Health Services has activated its contract for aerial spraying and has requested assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The large military planes have caused quite a scare for many residents, who feared the vehicles were crashing, due to their low altitude. A map of the areas to be treated, including all of the South Belt community, is shown above.

# In My Opinion

## Publisher's note:

I love editions like this week's paper. So many letters. We love hearing from you. *Keep them coming!* —Marie Flickinger

## MHHS CEO Price on Harvey issues

On behalf of the administration and medical staff at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, I pray that you and your families are safe, and that your homes fared as well as possible during the unparalleled damage and flooding from Hurricane Harvey. Like many of you and your organizations, our hospital is rebuilding and recovering from the unprecedented experience. Many of our neighbors, friends, families and associates have been personally affected by this storm, experiencing damage and/or losing their homes and belongings. All of our thoughts and prayers are with all of those who have been impacted. Although I may not know your personal situation and all that you are going through, know that our Memorial Hermann family is here with you and will help in any way we can.

Amidst the hardships and tribulations from this disastrous storm, we have also seen the strength, resilience and compassion of our community. The accounts of kindness and heroism has been endless, and I wanted to share with you some of the experiences from our hospital's perspective.

As community partners, Memorial Hermann Southeast and Pearland has been proud to stand united with our neighbors throughout this difficult time. We personally witnessed volunteers braving flooded streets to rescue neighbors from the rising waters that engulfed their homes and vehicles, and saw complete strangers volunteering their time and resources to assist those affected by flooding.

Throughout the storm, we remained committed to serving patients and our community during its greatest time of need. The compassion and unwavering commitment exemplified by employees and physician partners was truly inspirational. Many braved rain and high waters, going above and beyond to ensure we continued to serve as a safe haven for those in need. Some employees and physician partners waded through miles of floodwater, kayaked down flooded streets and selflessly put the needs of their patients above their own. I invite you to read an excerpt from the Harvey Heroes post published on our Memorial Hermann Everyday Well Blog, which features two of our Memorial Hermann Southeast stories.

In addition to keeping both facilities staffed and operational, Memorial Hermann Southeast and Pearland were proud to work with community partners such as yourselves to coordinate efforts, such as temporarily housing individuals displaced by flooding as they awaited transportation to the J. Frank Dobie High School shelter. We also collaborated with local officials and churches who helped us coordinate the transportation to and from local outpatient dialysis centers for those in greatest need.

I would also like to express my deepest appreciation for the support we received from local law enforcement and first responders including the Harris County Constable's Office, the Houston Police Department, the Pearland Police Department, and the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department. Their partnership and support proved critical during this time of crisis and allowed us to continue to serve our community both within and beyond our hospital walls.

As we move forward in the recovery process, Memorial Hermann Southeast and Pearland remain committed to providing the best possible care for our patients and helping our community heal and recover from this extremely difficult time.

We each have our own ways of getting the strength we need. For me the words of Isaiah have been a source of strength; so in closing, I offer them to you: "No weapon formed against me shall prosper."

Thank you again for your remarkable partnership and support throughout this challenging time. May God bless each of you and our community.

**Kyle Price, Sr. VP & CEO, Memorial Hermann Southeast and Memorial Hermann Pearland**

## Roberts MS thankful for disaster giving

Roberts Middle School Family, As we re-opened the doors to our 600 students we weren't sure what to expect or what stories would be shared. What we know now is their recovery road will be lengthy. There is no overnight fix for their circumstances, but they are not alone and they are grateful Roberts will be with them through this journey.

What has shaken my own foundation is what I have seen in the last couple of days. Let me share what is happening in the Roberts Pantry (ISC room).

The Roberts Pantry is serving over 300 families in our building. We have passed out over 50 bags of clothing and food and more to come. Families have come to shop at the Pantry as they don't know where else to start. Parents have come to gather cleaning supplies and other hygiene items as well. Clothes line the walls from adult sizes to newborn sizes. Every student that enters the pantry is given a bag and it's filled with clothing, school supplies and snacks.

The gratitude and selflessness all the students show when they walk in the pantry is tear-jerking. Many have asked for things NOT for themselves, but for their loved ones.

"Can I take this pretty shirt for my mother?" "I have one sweater, can we find one for my sister?" "I'd rather take diapers for my baby brother, than take anything for me."

When they leave they all give a hug or multiple thank yous; some have even shed tears!

Please know that none of this would be possible without your efforts, ideas, donations, fundraisers and time you're putting into helping get our kids back on their feet. Our parents and children LOVE YOU

beyond measure. The phones have not stopped ringing!! Our enrollment is not down, it's actually increasing daily. Parents are commuting their children from Galveston, Clear Lake Area, Texas City, Galena Park and other areas because they want their baby in your classroom. You guys are INCREDIBLE & LOVED more than you know. Thank you, Thank you!

We will continue to keep you in the loop of our students' needs and share more stories from the Roberts Pantry. Love you,  
**Deronda Pitre & Emily Cruz**

## Friend expresses appreciation

I would like to express my appreciation to the *Leader* for posting a notice about the death of my son Russell Holub who was killed in his home in Schulenburg, Texas on July 23. The out pouring of love, cards and prayers has been overwhelming. Thank you everyone who has called or approached me at the church or at the stores.

My son who was not a resident here, visited often, but was not active in the community; so it fills my heart with joy that so many understand what a horror it is to lose a child no matter at what age.

Especially for mothers who have a special bond with their children that will last into eternity.

I am so fortunate that 31 years ago, my husband Charlie and I moved into this community after we were married. His loss in August of 1993 was devastating, but again this community was there to help ease the pain and offer opportunities for service.

God Bless this great South Belt Community and St. Luke the Evangelist.

**Carolyn Friend**

## FEMA facts from a FEMA representative

The following was sent to Staci Keys of City councilman Dwight Boykins' office but is to be shared for all seeking FEMA help.

Good Morning, Staci,

It was good talking to you.

Here's the information on Disaster Recovery Centers: <https://www.fema.gov/disaster-recovery-centers>.

As survivors return home, many may find their homes are uninhabitable or still inaccessible. Short-term housing assistance and other immediate funding is available to eligible survivors who register and may include short-term lodging at eligible hotels and up to two months of expedited rental assistance. When survivors register, they will also receive information on other resources in their area, including available services from other federal agencies.

To help provide accurate information to survivors, FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) are now open in many counties (see attached), to support disaster survivors with information and resources. DRCs will continue to open in other locations identified by the State of Texas. Survivors can visit the DRC Locator to find the closest location.

There are also Disaster Survivor Assistance Teams (DSATs) out in the field in key locations, such as shelters, helping survivors who may not be near a DRC. Disaster Survivor Assistance teams are able to register survivors for disaster assistance, update their information, make referrals to community partners, and help address both immediate and emerging needs.

Registering online is the quickest way to register for FEMA assistance since the event will last several days and the full scope of damages may not be evident until the storm has passed. If you do not have access to the internet you may register by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY). If you use 711 relay or Video Relay Service, call 800-621-3362 directly. The toll-free numbers will operate from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. (local time) seven days a week until further notice.

For survivors who have registered, short-term housing assistance and other immediate funding is available:

Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA) was approved in Texas for eligible disaster survivors who have a continuing need for shelter because they are unable to return to their homes for an extended period of time. This initiative is intended to provide short-term lodging for eligible disaster survivors whose communities are either uninhabitable or inaccessible due to disaster-related damage. FEMA will contact you if you are eligible for the program. A listing of available properties under this program can be found at [www.femaev.vachotels.com](http://www.femaev.vachotels.com).

Two Months of Expedited Rental Assistance was also approved in Texas for eligible disaster survivors. Due to the size of the disaster, FEMA is using coastal depth and riverine flooding data to identify damaged homes, so survivors can get funds quickly and begin making decisions regarding their temporary housing solutions.

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Advance Payments. If a survivor has NFIP flood insurance and suffered damage during the recent floods related to Hurricane Harvey, they may be eligible to receive up to \$5,000 for building and contents damages prior to the adjuster's inspection with a signed advance payment request agreement. If a policyholder has photos and receipts that validate out-of-pocket expense, they may receive an advance payment up to \$10,000.

If the flood insurance adjuster has inspected a loss, and the policyholder's property has significant damage, and a copy of a contractor's estimate, they may receive a larger advance payment of the estimated covered loss. Any advance payments are deducted from a final claims payment.

Critical Needs Assistance (CNA) may now be available to individuals and households who, as a result of the disaster, have immediate or critical needs because they are displaced from their primary home. Immediate or critical needs include, but aren't limited to, water, food, first aid, prescriptions, infant formula, diapers, consumable medical supplies, durable medical equipment, personal hygiene items, and fuel for transportation. CNA is a one-time, limited payment per household for eligible appli-

cants who register for FEMA assistance.

Disaster Unemployment Assistance is available for Texas residents whose jobs were affected by Tropical Storm Harvey in Texas, specifically those who live or work in the counties included in the major disaster declaration. This may include people not normally eligible for unemployment benefits, such as self-employed persons and farm-workers. They can apply for unemployment benefits online at <https://apps.twc.state.tx.us/UBS/security/logon.do>.

Immediate Foreclosure Relief from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) may be available for Texas residents. HUD is granting a 90-day moratorium on foreclosures and forbearance on foreclosures of Federal Housing Administration (FHA)-insured home mortgages. There are approximately 200,000 FHA-insured homeowners living in these impacted counties that may be eligible. HUD is also offering longer-term recovery assistance to survivors and impacted communities. For more information, visit HUD's website.

FEMA assistance could also include grants for temporary housing, home repairs and uninsured property losses. Loans from the Small Business Administration (SBA) may also be available to help repair flood-related damage to your home or business and replace personal property. The SBA provides low-interest disaster loans of up to \$200,000 to repair a primary residence, up to \$40,000 for homeowners and renters to replace personal property and up to \$2 million to businesses and most private non-profits for physical damage and economic injury needs as a result of the disaster. Survivors need to register with FEMA first to determine their eligibility for any federal assistance that may be available. For additional information about recovery resources in states affected by Tropical Storm Harvey, visit [www.fema.gov/hurricane-harvey](http://www.fema.gov/hurricane-harvey). I hope this helps. Best,

**Jason A. Nelson**  
Chief, Disaster Response

## Ride, Run benefit set for Homes for Troops

The Starrett and Davis families have partnered up to host two amazing benefits for Homes For Our Troops. The first of the two events is a Motorcycle Ride Run and Raffle. It will be held on Saturday September 30, 2017 at San Jacinto Harley-Davidson 3636 E. Sam Houston Pkwy Pasadena, TX 77505. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and Kick Stand Up at 10:15 a.m. Single Riders are \$15 and Double Riders are \$25.

Riders will stop at five local hot spots such as American Legion Post 490 and Scotty's Pub. The rider with the best hand will receive \$100 cash prize, second and third best hands will receive San Jacinto Harley-Davidson gift cards. They will also be holding a raffle and silent auction through out the duration of the day and will have a food truck and music. The second event will be a Family Fun Run 1K/5K on Saturday Oct. 14, 2017 at Clear Brook City Park 911 Blackhawk Blvd Houston, TX 77089. Registration is \$30 up until race day, race day registration will be \$35. With registration you will receive a FREE T-shirt (guaranteed size with registration by September 24, 2017).

If you would like your business logo displayed on the race day t-shirt they are offering several levels of sponsorship opportunities. All 1K participants (ages 10 and under) will receive a finishers medal. The 5K participants will be awarded for top male and females with 5 year age group categories. They are looking for local vendors and have vendor spots available for both events.

Also they have just confirmed that local hometown HERO and HFOT recipient Henry Escobedo will be attending both events. So they invite everyone out to enjoy our communities local business and help raise funds and awareness to a great cause. For all the up to date information and announcements please visit [www.facebook.com/hfot2017funrun](http://www.facebook.com/hfot2017funrun), to register for the race you can do so by going to <https://tinyurl.com/2017run> or email your questions to [ridenrunhof@gmail.com](mailto:ridenrunhof@gmail.com). Thank you for your support.

**Jessica Starrett**  
- HFOT Team Runner/  
Sponsorship Director  
**Christina Davis**  
Ride & Run Director

## Resident concerned about trash on Sabo

Everyone uses Sabo Road from the Beltway to Fuqua as a major artery for the South Belt area, with the mountain of debris along Sagemont Part Townhouses

between 14200 and 16400 Sabo Road, it's a hazard. Debris is now spilling out ...

I know other areas are suffering too, but please keep this major thoroughfare clear for traffic. The debris is blocking sight of drivers trying to enter the street from the townhouses. Please don't wait until AFTER the wreck!!

Not sure where we are on the COH debris pick up, but we need HELP!!!

Thanks in advance,

**Rosemary Carraway**

**Publisher's note:** Councilman Dwight Boykins has been made aware. Sent him photos yesterday. —Marie Flickinger

## Porcarello on trees in retention pond

I was looking at the large retention pond over on Blackhawk the other day after the Hurricane and was noticing a tremendous amount of trees in the bass and along the edge of the pond, Marie, do you realize the capacity of water that those trees take up?

And what is the point of having the trees in the pond? Surely it can't be for erosion, the base and the side are all grassed so that alone will stop any erosion.

For example a 15' tall tree just 1' in diameter will take up about 88 gallons of water, now you multiply that by well over 100 trees and that's a tremendous amount of space being taken up by the trunk of a tree we are talking about 1000's of gallons of water, that just might cause someone's home to flood, I think it's something that the Harris county flood control should look into, I'm not saying Eliminate all the trees but I do believe that a good number of them should be removed. Thanks

**Anthony Porcarello**

**Publisher's note:** Tony, I agree with you. In the early days of that holding pond, the tree vegetation was eliminated. Harris County Flood Control used to have their own major maintenance crews that also did regular maintenance on ditches. Not so much so today. We will do some research and let you know what the HCFC's thinking is today. **Marie Flickinger**

## Harles gives back to South Belt

This is Lori Harles, maiden name, Hornik, she spoke on Tuesday and it was such a pleasure talking to you. I am sending a check to you made out to South Belt Education Foundation, please use this for helping Hurricane Harvey victims in the South Belt area. I wanted to directly try to help in the South Belt area, it will always be in my heart. You said that you would like to hear more about me. My parents moved from Chicago to South Belt in 1979 we lived on Waxwood for 18 years and then moved to the condos behind Donut Heaven on Beamer.

I went to Burnett, Thompson, and Dobbie and graduated in 1993. My dad submitted my graduation picture to you all and then when I got engaged in 2001, he submitted my engagement photo too I moved to Ohio in 2001 after Allison and then me and my husband decided we wanted to be married in Houston and so we were married at the Gardens in 2002. I still have a brother that lives there off of Beamer by the Hospital and I try to visit every few years. My parents opened up Beamer's Place in the late 90's and they sold it and decided to move from the area as well.

I went to Burnett, Thompson, and Dobbie with Michael Simmons, who moved to California and is now a famous comedian and makes visits to The Talk and other shows. His dad used to own the TV repair place on the same side as Beamer's Place, I do not remember the name of his shop though.

I look forward to Thursday mornings too, I go to your website to be nosey and see what is going on in the area, so I sometimes still feel like I live there still. I miss the area sometimes, but I really like Ohio as well, I hope to one day make Texas as my home again.

I have a heavy heart seeing all of the pictures from the devastation in the area. I just can't believe what happened and know that South Belt is a great community and will rebuild and come back stronger.

I remember being able to drive in the flooded waters on Scarsdale at times, but Scarsdale was the worst I have ever seen this time and was shoulder high to everyone, that just broke my heart.

I will continue to pray for the community and hope for a speedy recovery.

Take care and feel free to reach out to me anytime! Many hugs,  
**Lori Harles (Hornik)**

# Leader checks out social media

**By Mary Doan**  
A member of the *Everything Sagemont* Facebook page has uploaded a post of 50 students at Melillo Middle School needing school supplies. The local H-E-B on Blackhawk has donated some supplies but students are still in need of map pencils, binders and dividers. For additional information to donate, visit the *Everything Sagemont* page.

Those who are interested in volunteering at Thompson Intermediate School should visit the *Thompson Intermediate School* Facebook page to fill out a volunteer interest survey.

A member of the *People of Sagemont* Facebook page has uploaded

a post from Nextdoor regarding an elderly woman getting her purse stolen at the H-E-B on Blackhawk as she was packing her groceries into her vehicle. For more information, visit the *People of Sagemont* Facebook page. Frazier Elementary, 10503 Hughes Road, has opened a Frazier Family Store to accept donations and provide families who were impacted by Hurricane Harvey with some assistance.

The store is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the school cafeteria. From 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., visitors must sign in through the front office.

After 3:30 p.m., visitors may enter through the front doors of the school.

For information on items that could be donated, visit the *Robert B. Frazier* Facebook page.

A member of the *People of Sagemont* Facebook page has shared a post regarding homeowners who were effected by Hurricane Harvey's flood waters.

The post informs homeowners to contact a professional to check moisture levels with a thermal camera before replacing Sheetrock or plasterboard.

The post provides photographs of the homeowners' walls still containing moisture 17 days after the hurricane.

For additional information, visit the *People of Sagemont* Facebook page.

## Chieko Webb



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

She was born on Aug. 24, 1931, in Tokyo, Japan. She met a young U.S. 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.

Chieko 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 Southeast Memorial 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.

Chieko was preceded in death by her parents Tomitaro Yamazaki and Nakagima Yamazaki (Miyu) in her childhood. She was also preceded in death by her daughter June Hodges in 2016.

Chieko is survived by her loving husband; daughter Teresa Webb; grandchildren Sara Sultan, John Hill, Krissa Norton, Jason Hodges, Kimberly Robbins, and Lisa Hudson; great-grandchildren Victoria Gauthier, Kelly Hudson, Ashley Ball, Serina Hill, Gregory Norton, Alexander Norton, Johnny Norton; and great-great-grandchildren Jonathan-Paul Delgado, Zayden Carder and Adalyan Ball.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23, at Niday Funeral Home on Beamer. The visitation is on Friday, Sept. 22, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Niday Funeral Home. Flowers may be sent to the Webb family at 12440 Beamer Road, Houston, TX, 77089.

## Carol Crum Terrell



Carol Terrell, 72, died peacefully with family by her side on Tuesday, Sept. 12, after a long struggle with Alzheimer's.

Retired from Deer Park ISD after more than 20 years of service, she had a passion for books, travel, music and the arts. She also served her church and the community through volunteerism. She had an endless fascination with people and their histories, oftentimes developing and maintaining friendships with people she met through her global travels.

She is survived by her husband of 51 years Jerry Terrell; son Steven Terrell and his wife Becky; son Jason Terrell and his partner Jason Cox; daughter Alanna (Terrell) Motzi and her husband Yukon Motzi; grandchildren Christopher, Bridget, Joshua, and Alessandra; her sister Jill (Crum) Austin; and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. Carol is preceded in death by her parents A.E. "Bill" and Maureen Crum; sisters Mary Jo (Crum) Mapped and Gail Crum; and her beloved cat, Sydney.

A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held Saturday, Sept. 23, at 11 a.m. at A Community of the Servant-Savior Presbyterian Church, 11303 Hughes

# Deaths

of St. Luke's Catholic Church where he served as a Eucharistic minister. He was also a member of the American Legion.

Albert is survived by his spouse; daughter Carolyn Garza and husband Joe Anthony Garza Sr.; son Steven Albert Meza and wife Beverly; grandchildren Ruben Albert Martinez, Joe Anthony Garza Jr., Ashley Danielle Garza, Nicholas Albert Meza and Jessica Elaine Meza; great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters; nieces and nephews; and other family and friends.

Albert is preceded in death by his parents, Francisco Meza Sr. and Pilar Avila Meza; brothers Ignacio (Nacho) Meza and Isidoro Meza Sr.

The funeral service will be held at St. Luke's Catholic Church, located at 11011 Hall Road, on Friday, Sept. 22.

Visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. with the celebration of Mass at 11 a.m.

Immediately following the Mass will be the procession and burial. Interment will be at Forest Park East Cemetery, located at 21620 Gulf Freeway in Webster.

## Odis R. Reed Sr.



Odus R. Reed Sr., a resident of the South Belt area for 42 years, died Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2017, after a lengthy illness. He died surrounded by his loving family, former wife Dora and her husband Jerl Jones.

He is survived by his children Leah Michelle McFall, Carolyn Yvonne Baier and Odus Ray Reed Jr., and wife Bobbett. He is also survived by his grandchildren Ryan Baier, Brian McFall, Ashley Reed, Shelby Reed, Brianna Reed, Nicole Cybert, Deven Cybert and Colby Reed. His four surviving siblings are Patricia LaGrand of Houston, Clyde E. Reed Jr. of Florida, Rodger D. Reed, Susan E. Bond of Missouri and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Clyde E. Reed Sr., Eva M. Bradshaw and Helena Reed (step-mother).

Odus was founder and owner of Tex-O-La Wire Rope and Cable, Inc., and years later founded Air Masters, Inc.

A memorial service is planned for Sept. 23, 2017, at 6 p.m. at Niday Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer Road. Chaplain Pat Savage of Resolutions Hospice will preside and Fr. Douglas Guthrie, of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church will give the closing prayer.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Resolutions Hospice, 12600 Featherwood Dr., Ste. 108, Houston, Texas 77034, in memory of Odus R. Reed Sr.

## Albert Avila Meza



Albert Avila Meza, 81, of Houston, died in his home surrounded by his family on Sept. 17, 2017, after a courageous 23-year long battle with Parkinson's.

He was born in Houston on March 11, 1936. He attended Jefferson Davis High School in Houston and served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He married Natalie (Garcia) on Aug. 23, 1959. The couple were married for 58 years.

Albert worked most recently in the Houston Independent School District. He enjoyed spending time with family and watching Astros baseball. He was a member

of St. Luke's Catholic Church where he served as a Eucharistic minister. He was also a member of the American Legion.

Albert is survived by his spouse; daughter Carolyn Garza and husband Joe Anthony Garza Sr.; son Steven Albert Meza and wife Beverly; grandchildren Ruben Albert Martinez, Joe Anthony Garza Jr., Ashley Danielle Garza, Nicholas Albert Meza and Jessica Elaine Meza; great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters; nieces and nephews; and other family and friends.

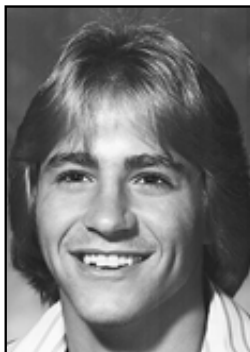
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## Ricky Van Coates



Ricky Van Coates, 55, died Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2017, in Wayne, Pennsylvania. He was born Sept. 8, 1961, in Pasadena.

He was predeceased by his mother Jacqueline Ann Coates.

He is survived by his four daughters, Nicole P. and husband Jeff Holt and granddaughter Sasha of Fairfax, Virginia; Courtney R. Coates of Wayne, Pennsylvania; Lindsay L. Coates of Port Neches; and Morgan A. Coates of Port Neches.

He is also survived by his father Ronald Coates of Houston; sister Regina K. and husband Jeffrey P. Sciba of Houston; Regina's children Jason W. and wife Andrea Greagrey and children Mallory, Hannah, and JJ of Friendswood; Leah S. and husband Jeff Victory of the Woodlands and daughter Taylor; Matthew V. Greagrey of Austin; Rick's grandmother Ruth Taylor, 96 years young, of Seabrook; many aunts, uncles, and cousins from both sides of the family.

Ricky graduated from Dobie High School, San Jacinto Jr. College, and Texas A&M with a degree in chemical engineering.

Later he obtained an International Auditing License and traveled around the world with his work. He loved the great outdoors and beautiful sunsets. His hobbies were many and included snow skiing, various music, guitar, surfing, fishing and golf. Ricky was also an avid reader.

Above all, he loved his family, especially his four daughters.

His friendships lasted a lifetime. There was no such thing as a stranger to him, and if he didn't know someone, he would get acquainted quickly. He always tried to find the good in people and the good in life's difficult situations.

Ricky accepted Christ as his savior at the age of 12 at East Haven Baptist Church which was the family church at that time. Later, the family moved their membership to Sagemont Church. During those early years at Sagemont, he recommitted his life to Jesus.

The memorial service will be Sept. 30, 2017, at 5 p.m. at the Niday Funeral Home on Beamer Road.

# PISD community volunteers distribute donated food



A crew of Dobie administrators, Pasadena High School alumni and their families distributed the remaining food from the temporary shelter at Dobie High School and took it to those in need in the community. Shown above, left to right, (front row) Judy Seale Dailey, Lauren Calderaro, Adriana Robinson, Laynie Robinson, Rex Robinson,

(back row) Trevor Robinson, Alex Williams, Jim Hinton, Jerry Robinson, Jeremy Robinson, Corey Robinson and Preston Hawks. Dailey and Jerry are Pasadena High School alumni; Calderaro and Adriana are Dobie assistant principals; and Trevor and Williams are Pasadena Memorial students and football players. Photos submitted



Trevor Robinson and Jeremy Robinson, left to right overlook and organize the food that was donated to the Dobie shelter and then distributed to those in need in the community.

# UHCL announces upcoming calendar

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

## Art Gallery – 75th Anniversary American Abstract Artists Print Portfolio

Learn about the history of abstract art in the United States through the work of American Abstract Artists, a New York organization dedicated to providing an outlet for abstract art, in the latest exhibition at the UHCL Art Gallery. The exhibit runs through Oct. 20, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon, at the Bayou Building, Art Gallery.

The exhibition features the 75th edition of the organization's portfolio, which showcases 75 numbered copies, one printer's proof and artist's proofs given to each of the organization's 48 members. Unlike its previous editions, the portfolio embraces digital work such as photos, scanned images, and vector-based art.

Free parking is available in the visitor lot or student Lot D. For more information, contact Jeff Bowen, coordinator of audience development, at 281-283-3376 or visit [www.uhcl.edu/art-gallery](http://www.uhcl.edu/art-gallery).

## Cybersecurity Institute – Cybersecurity and Cryptography

In the second installment of UHCL'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. Class will be on Sept. 22, from 1 to 6 p.m., at the Delta Building, room 201.

The cost of the course is \$1,300. An early bird discount is offered for registration one week before the class. Discounts are available for veterans, UHCL students, employees, and alumni who register one week before the class. For more information, contact the Cyber Security Institute at 281-283-3808.

## Foreign language course registration

Learn a new language with the Foreign Language and English Enhancement program at UHCL. Group classes are kept small, with a focus on conversational skills, and can be taken in Spanish, Chinese, German, Japanese, French, Russian and other languages upon request. Registration is open Sept. 22 through Oct. 16. Class starts Oct. 16.

Courses are taught by instructors fluent and with advanced degrees in the language they teach. The course costs \$156 for new students and \$136 for returning students. All classes are offered noncredit, but Continuing Education Units can be earned for successfully completing the course. For more information or to register, call 281-283-3033.

## Movie – Despicable Me 3

Gru and the minions are back in another hilarious adventure in *Despicable Me 3*. When Gru meets his long-lost, charming twin brother Gru, he is convinced to team up to defeat a new enemy. Catch the film at UHCL as part of the Film and Speaker series.

The film will be shown on Sept. 23, at 3 and 6 p.m., at Student Services and Classroom Building lecture hall.

The film, rated PG, stars Steve Carell, Miranda Cosgrove and Kristen Wiig. Free with a UHCL ID, or \$4 with no UHCL ID. Call the student life office at 281-283-2560 for more information.

## All Majors Career Fair

Network with employers from a variety of fields at the UHCL All Majors Career Fair on Sept. 28, from 1:30 to 4 p.m., at the Bayou Building, Atrium I, Atrium II and the Garden Room.

The career fair is open to the public. Job seekers are encouraged to wear professional attire and bring copies of their résumé. Temporary parking permits can be purchased at the visitor lot. To learn more, call UHCL Career Services at 281-283-2590.

## Friday Morning Continuing Education

The Friday Morning Continuing Education series continues this fall with courses in yoga, biology, literature, art and more at UHCL on Sept. 29, from 9 to 11 a.m.

First, learn about the more than 1,500 species of birds in the Amazon. Then, learn the history and culture surrounding the idea of *femme fatales* throughout the 19th century in literature, art and theater. The cost includes a one-time membership fee of \$26 and \$18 for each class.

## Movie – Beatrix at Dinner

In this powerful social commentary starring Salma Hayek and John Lithgow, a holistic medicine practitioner ends up at the dinner party hosted by a wealthy businessman. What follows is a unique and funny collision of two opposite worlds.

The film will be shown on Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. at Student Services and Classroom Building lecture hall. The film is rated R. Free with a UHCL ID, or \$4. For more information, contact the UHCL Student Life Office at 281-283-2560.

# Harris County Flood Control District focused on flood recovery

Since Hurricane Harvey smashed nearly all existing national rainfall records and dropped a year's worth of rain on portions of Harris County over a few days in late August, the Flood Control District has been focused on recovery by the following:

- Clearing debris, assessing and repairing the drainage infrastructure, and reducing the risks of flooding in preparation for the next storm.
- Authorizing emergency repairs at priority sites while conducting a county-wide assessment of all the baysous, creeks, channels and stormwater detention basins.

Before the rain stopped after the hurricane, the district:

- Authorized more than \$1.5 million for emergency repair construction to date.
- Completed emergency repairs at the Inverness Forest levee in the Cypress Creek watershed of north Harris County.
- Launched construction or design on priority emergency repairs in the Greens Bayou, Brays Bayou, White Oak Bayou, Cypress Creek, Sims Bayou and Horseshoe Creek watersheds.
- Hired additional contractors to survey drainage infrastructure damage countywide,

and to assist in prioritizing, designing and constructing repairs.

- Began allocating \$10 million in other available funding to perform Harvey repairs.
- Began preparing requests for additional storm-related funding from federal partners such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.
- Started clearing storm debris from baysous and creeks.
- Assessed 21 of 22 watersheds for stormwater blockages.
- Began estimating approximately 135,000 cubic yards

of downed trees and other channel debris at hundreds of locations across Harris County that needs to be cleared.

- Began removing 3,000 cubic yards of that total from 117 channel locations using in-house crews.
- Mobilized a debris removal contractor as of September 4th to ramp up debris removal.
- Began completing final assessments on forested channels such as in the Cypress Creek and Willow Creek watersheds where the largest quantities of channel storm debris are expected; inspectors have walked more than 30

miles of these forested channels so far.

- Started collecting crucial hydrologic data and aerial documentation of Hurricane Harvey impacts, and repairing the countywide flood warning system to be ready for the next storm.
- Documented high water marks at more than 500 locations, a boots-on-the-ground task that must be accomplished immediately after a storm. High water marks are used for flood modeling and to verify and supplement data from the 154 Flood Warning System rainfall and stream elevation gauges.

- Visited 444 bridges, 61 regional basins and other key locations across Harris County, in the largest high water mark effort since Hurricane Ike.
- Scheduled to complete repairs or replacements soon on the remaining 6 of 18 Flood Warning System gauges damaged during the storm.
- Conducted reconnaissance flights in the immediate post-storm period to gather high-resolution and other photos for documentation and analysis of county-wide flooding, to be used for debris management and other recovery purposes.
- Began preparing a home

buyout program for the increased requests for voluntary buyouts due to Hurricane Harvey. For more details, visit: <https://www.hcfd.org/hurricane-harvey/home-buyout-program/>.

- Started working with local, state and federal officials to obtain additional funding to help homeowners in flood-prone areas move to higher ground and to permanently remove structures from flood-prone areas.
- Opened a new phone bank, 713-684-4020, open during business hours, to take calls and register homeowners who wish to be considered for home buyout.
- Collected hundreds of new preliminary "notice of interest" forms from homeowners across Harris County who want to be considered for the buyout program, should funding become available.

# E. coli levels fall in new test of Clear Lake waters

E. coli bacteria levels in Clear Lake have fallen to levels well below federal safety thresholds, says a University of Houston-Clear Lake microbiologist who has been testing the waters since Tropical Storm Harvey flooding.

The Environmental Protection Agency sets standards of acceptable levels of fecal indicator bacteria in fresh waterways. *Escherichia coli* – E. coli for short – and other coliform bacteria are produced from the feces of warm-blooded animals, including humans.

Under the direction of Assistant Professor of Microbiology Michael LaMontagne, students in his research-intensive Environmental Microbiology class collected samples from six locations around Clear Lake.

In those samples, E. coli bacteria ranged from 488 to 1,733 most probable number of colony-forming units per 100 milliliters. Colony-forming units, or CFUs, estimate the number of viable bacteria cells that have the ability to multiply. EPA's statistical threshold value for recreational freshwater is 320 cfu/100 mL.

LaMontagne's students collected new samples from the same sites on Sept. 8. The number of E. coli cells fell to levels that are considered safe for recreational use, ranging from a low of 4 to 69 cfu/100 mL.

"Things are looking better," LaMontagne said. However, he emphasized the value of continued research.

"Rising sea levels and warming tropical waters may double the frequency of coastal flooding in the next few decades. We need to develop protocols to both assess the health risks associated with these events and implement long-term monitoring and rapid-response protocols."

LaMontagne is collaborating on the project with George Guillen, associate professor of biology and environmental science at UHCL and executive director of the Environmental Institute of Houston. Other collaborators include Associate Professor Terry Gentry at Texas A&M University and Associate Professor Michael Allen at the University of North Texas Health Science Center.

# Artist to preview abstract show at UHCL Art Gallery

Despite the numerous delays and cancellations caused by Harvey's visit to Houston, some highly anticipated events are still going forward as planned. The public

preview of 75th Anniversary American Abstract Artists Print Portfolio at University of Houston-Clear Lake's Art Gallery was canceled due to inclement weather.

However, the artist's talk, presented by Daniel G. Hill, president of the artists' association, will proceed as scheduled on Monday, Oct. 2 at 6 p.m. Hill is also assistant

professor of fine arts at Parsons School of Design, The New School, in New York.

This portfolio, which focuses on the use of digital technology, represents a significant departure from the artists' customary methods of creating their work.

Hill said that the artists had to take the time to consider ways to recreate their art using digital media, a medium with which most of the artists were completely unfamiliar, before they could proceed.

"American Abstract Artists has published four print portfolios since it began in 1936," Hill said. "All three prior portfolios had been printed using various forms of lithography. Since this portfolio is very much about working with digital media to create imagery, it shows a completely unique way to express each artist's specific vision. It represents an entirely new perspective."

# CCISD names new elementary



The 27th elementary school in Clear Creek ISD that is being built to relieve overcrowding in the western part of League City will be named Florence Campbell Elementary School. Florence McMahan Campbell, a longtime educator, is the mother of Travis Campbell whose family donated the land on which the campus will be built. The new school, which will cost about \$43 million from the \$487 million bond, will be located along League City Parkway and will accommodate a capacity of 1,000 students. The campus is scheduled to open in the fall of 2019. Photo submitted

The idea to recreate the artist's work using software such as Adobe Photoshop or Illustrator was an adjustment for artists accustomed to working in their own principal medium. "For example, a sculptor might be used to working with certain materials, but the work would be translated into a digital image that is consistent with that artist's vision," Hill explained.

"That artist's challenge was to figure out how to convey his way of thinking and working in the outcome of a digitally printed image. Channeling one's sensibility through a different medium is a real challenge for many artists, and that process is what we're seeing in this portfolio."

The nationally touring digital print exhibition has traveled extensively throughout the Eastern Seaboard over the last three years.

"I'm delighted to bring the 75th Anniversary American Abstract Artists Print Portfolio to Houston," said UHCL 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."

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# CCISD to honor Heroes of Harvey

Clear Creek Independent School District 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 of new school shoes and/or socks for boys and girls, ages 3 to 18, will also be collected at the gates.

For more information, visit [www.ccisd.net/ccisdcares](http://www.ccisd.net/ccisdcares).

# Disaster recovery center opens

A State of Texas/FEMA Disaster Recovery Center opened Thursday, Sept. 14, in Harris County in the city of Webster.

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 center to talk about assistance and to help anyone who needs guidance in filing an application. The new center is at the following location:

Webster Civic Center, 311 Pennsylvania Ave. Hours are daily, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The U.S. Small Business Administration's disaster assistance employees are committed to helping businesses and residents rebuild as quickly as possible. SBA representatives are available to answer questions about SBA's disaster loan program and help business owners and residents apply to SBA.

Disaster recovery centers are accessible to people with disabilities. Centers have assistive technology equipment allowing disaster survivors to use amplified telephones, phones that display text, amplified listening devices for people with hearing loss and magnifiers for people with vision loss. Video Remote

Interpreting is available and in-person sign language is available by request. The centers also have accessible parking, ramps and restrooms.

If possible, homeowners, renters and businesses should register with FEMA before visiting a recovery center. Eligible residents may register for assistance the following ways:

- Visit DisasterAssistance.gov on the website.
- Go to the Disaster Recovery Center, open in Harris County (see P. 2A)
- Call 800-621-3362 (voice), 711/VRS-video relay service (TTY: 800-462-7585). Multilingual operators are available (press 2 for Spanish).

# Meador gets books from Wyoming



Meador Elementary was excited to receive a donation of brand new books and gift cards from Baggs Elementary in Cheyenne, Wyoming. This was through an online collaboration "Principals Helping Principals" in which schools across the nation were able to adopt a school

affected by Hurricane Harvey. Shown, left to right, second-grader Donovan Mandani; second-grader A'nyiah Brownlee; Beverly Bolton, principal; second-grader Scotland Rideaux; and Tara Merida, counselor.

Photo by Johanna James

## Lariaette of the Week



The Dobie High School Lariaette of the Week for Sept. 11 through Sept. 15 is sophomore Brianna Gomez. She is a first year line member and is the daughter of Yajaira and Luis Gomez.

## Recovery center open in Webster

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caused damage and losses.  
Disaster survivors may visit any of the centers for assistance.

Locations of other recovery centers are online at [www.fema.gov/DRC](http://www.fema.gov/DRC).  
Homeowners, renters and businesses in Aransas, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado,

Dewitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzalez, 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 counties may be eligible for help.

## Thunderbirds return to air show

Plan ahead and get tickets now to see the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, returning to Houston for the 33rd Annual Commemorative Air Force Wings Over Houston Airshow on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 21 and 22, at Ellington Airport. Advance discounted ticket packages are still available at [www.wingsoverhouston.com](http://www.wingsoverhouston.com) or by calling 888-4-FLYSHOW until Oct. 22.

Produced by the Commemorative Air Force, the nonprofit air show features a special Vietnam War Tribute demonstration by a F-4 Phantom II, F-100 Super Sabre, MiG-17 and other aircraft.

The U.S. Navy will demonstrate the amazing capabilities of the F-18 Super Hornet VFA-122. A very special tribute will recognize the 75th anniversary of the Doolittle Raid in World War II and honor the last living Raider, Lt. Col Dick Cole.

The U.S. Air Force Heritage Flight, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Air Force, will feature a World War II-era P-47 Thunderbolt and the modern A-10 Thunderbolt.

Aerobatic pilots Elias Corey with Suzuki Airshows and Michael Wiskus of Lu-

cas Oil Airshows will make Wings Over Houston debut. Fan favorite Tora! Tora! Tora! returns with its explosive reenactment of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

These are only a few of the performances scheduled. Fans also will be able to see up close a large number of vintage and modern military aircraft, meet distinguished ace pilots and other veterans, and enjoy numerous exhibits and activities. Check the show website for more updates on performers, special guests, activities and more.

"The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, along with a lineup of fan favorites and new performers, exhibits and activities is shaping up to be the exciting show fans from all over the United States and the world appreciate," said Airshow Director Bill Roach. "Now is the time to buy tickets, especially if you want to be in prime reserved seating."

There are several ticket packages available through the show's website, [www.wingsoverhouston.com](http://www.wingsoverhouston.com). Tickets will be on sale through the weekend show, if not sold out. Fans can purchase tickets at the gate on show days, but premium reserved seats will sell out early.

## Constable officers offer flood info

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"You can't be doing that," Sanchez said. "It's not looting if it's trash."

Residents are advised to instead just take photos of the damaged items and keep small samples of carpet and wood that have been destroyed.

Sanchez also warned of individuals posing as FEMA inspectors. He said the department had received multiple complaints of individuals going door to door, pretending to be federal inspectors, then asking for a \$100 service fee.

According to the organization's website, "federal and state workers do not ask for, or accept, money. FEMA staff will never charge applicants for disaster assistance, home inspections, or help filling out applications. Stay alert for false promises to speed up the insurance, disaster assistance or building permit process."

In person, always ask to see any FEMA employee ID badges. FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance teams may be in impacted communities providing information and as-

sisting survivors with the registration process or their applicant files.

A FEMA shirt or jacket is not proof of identity. All FEMA representatives, including contracted inspectors, will have a laminated photo ID. All National Flood Insurance Program adjusters will have a NFIP Authorized Adjuster Card with their name and the types of claims they may adjust.

For those who are unsure or uncomfortable with an individual claiming to be an emergency management official, do not give out personal information and contact local law enforcement.

If a resident suspects fraud, contact the FEMA Disaster Fraud Hotline at 866-720-5721 or report it to the Federal Trade Commission at [www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov](http://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov). More information on disaster-related fraud is available at the Texas Attorney General's Office website at [www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/cpd/disas-ter-scams](http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/cpd/disas-ter-scams) or call 1-800-252-8011.

## Bellavita Mistletoe Market set

More than 70 vendors will display their wares at the Mistletoe Market in Bellavita offering a variety of clothing, jewelry, home décor, specialty food products, candles, yard art and more. Food concessions will be available by Hope Village (with all food proceeds going to Hope Village).

A portion of market proceeds will benefit Military Moms and Wives of Brazoria County. For more information, visit [www.club-bella.org](http://www.club-bella.org).

# Over The Back Fence by Alexis

**HAVE A GREAT BIRTHDAY, CHRIS!**  
Birthday greetings are sent to **Chris Durham** on Tuesday, Sept. 26, from his wife **Courtney**, daughter **Abigail** and son **Jackson**; mother-in-law **Leslie** and husband **Fred Flickinger**; sister-in-law **Kimberly Flickinger**; and grandparents **Marie** and **David Flickinger**, **Olive Falkowski** and **John Fairchild**.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO LORETTA**  
Belated happy birthday wishes are sent to **Loretta Williams-Gurnell** who celebrated a birthday Saturday, Sept. 16, from her husband **Severen Gurnell** and sons **Swazi** and **Menelik**.

**MENELIK TURNS 10!**  
Happy birthday wishes are sent Sept. 27 to **Menelik Gurnell** from mom and dad **Loretta** and **Severen Gurnell** and brother **Swazi** who say there is never a dull moment when he is around, he is the life of their family and note 10 great things about him: 1. He loves hard! 2. His first love is his mommy's arm and pillow. He finds comfort still in both. 3. His daddy is his first hero. 4. When it's time to pray, everyone must stop and give reverence. 5. He's a typical brother, he fights with you and then will fight others for you! 6. He knows and respects a nice looking lady! 7. He's a gentle little guy and will run to open the door for the ladies. 8. He's a natural athlete in soccer, track and basketball and excels in all. 9. Math is his favorite subject and it shows! 10. As a tri-lingual (English, Chinese and Spanish), major doors are open for him. The #STGCrew says, "We love you, Mene."

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following personnel and staff members

of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Sept. 21 through Sept. 27.

**Bush Elementary**  
Blow out the candles on a birthday cake for **Kassandra Aguilar** Sept. 24. Special birthday wishes are sent to **Beatrice Payne** Sept. 25.

**Frazier Elementary**  
Light the candles on a double-layer cake for **Dina Edwards** on Sept. 26.

**Meador Elementary**  
Marking a birthday Sept. 23 is **Celeste Skipper**. The day for a party for **Daumas** is Sept. 26.

**Moore Elementary**  
**Esmeralda Longoria** celebrates a happy birthday Sept. 25. The day for a birthday cake for **Celena Hudspeth** is Sept. 26.

**South Belt Elementary**  
Blow out the birthday candles for **Kassandra Lunez Hernandez** Sept. 26.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
The day for a birthday gift for **Mary Browning** is Sept. 26.

**Melillo Middle School**  
Sept. 26 is the day for a layered cake for **Lois Evans**. **Christopher Bui** enjoys a birthday Sept. 27.

**Roberts Middle School**  
Marking a special birthday Sept. 26 is **Luz Faz. DeRonda Pitre** celebrates a birthday Sept. 27.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
**Stacey Barber** is sent birthday greetings Sept. 22. Light the birthday candles Sept. 25 for **Grant Pector**. Sept. 27 is the day for a cake for

**Amy Dugat**.  
**Thompson Intermediate**  
**Rosa Garcia** enjoys a birthday Sept. 21. Send birthday greetings Sept. 24 to **Jane Gordon**. Light the birthday candles for **Dalia Castillo** and **Kimberly McCalla** Sept. 25.

**Dobie High**  
Share a slice of a double-layer cake Sept. 21 with **Jermaine Gasaway** and **Manuel Moreno**. Blow out the candles on a cake Sept. 22 for **Monika Rivera**. The day for a party for **Denice Smajstria** is Sept. 23. Send a birthday greeting Sept. 24 to **Franklin Moses**, **Dobie** principal, and **Martha Varela**. Light the candles on a double-layer cake Sept. 25 for **Iris Lai Zayas** and **Maureen Nweke**.

**FACEBOOK FRIENDS ENJOY BIRTHDAYS**  
The *Leader* sends birthday wishes to its Facebook friends this week:

Thursday, Sept. 21: **John Neal**, **Susan Silva** and **April Carson**; Friday, Sept. 22: **Shawnie Moses** and **Gwen Ohman**; Saturday, Sept. 23: **Marcus Anthony**, **Cynthia Rodriguez** and **Lauren Allen**; Sunday, Sept. 24: **Paola Medel**, **Debra Kendrick**, **Kim Martinez** and **Angela Shaulis**; Monday, Sept. 25: **Jamie Olivares**, **Ronell Ram** and **Kevin Sockwell**; Tuesday, Sept. 26: **Dina Edwards**, **Tripp Harris** and **Mike Flinn**; and Wednesday, Sept. 27: **Nicole Garcia**, **Brianna Hammond**, **Dawn Hayes** and **Ashley McGuinity**.

**LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS**  
Send an email to [mynews@southbeltleader.com](mailto:mynews@southbeltleader.com) with OTBF in the subject line for announcements by Friday noon.

## Grand opening new industrial education facility

San Jacinto College marked the grand opening of the new Center for Industrial Technology on the college's North campus, Tuesday, Aug. 15. More than 100 guests, including faculty and staff, elected officials, industry partners and community members, attended the event. The facility is located front and center on the college's North campus at 5801 Uvalde Road. This is a location that speaks to the increase in demand of skilled workers in all areas industrial technology.

"This state-of-the-art facility is a direct response to industry need," said Dr. Brenda Hellyer, San Jacinto College Chancellor. "We have a strong economy in the Gulf Coast region and we understand the importance of supporting our industry partners to fill the workforce pipeline. This facility will help incumbent workers get the credentials they need to keep our region's economy strong, while training new workers to meet industry demand."

The grand opening featured remarks from Hellyer; Dr. Bill Raffetto, provost; Mark Johnson, dean of business and technology; and Dr. Sallie Kay Janes, associate vice chancellor of continuing

professional development. The \$36 million, 114,000 square foot center features technologically advanced facilities for welding, pipefitting, electrical technology, air conditioning, diesel technology, engineering design graphics, construction management and sheet metal and advanced manufacturing.

Through support from industry, San Jacinto College is able to offer some of the "finest facilities in the state, if not the country," according to Johnson.

In collaboration with International Trucks of Houston, the diesel technology de-

partment recently purchased a 2012 Navistar Prostar 18-wheeler. This new truck allows students to learn how to troubleshoot advanced electrical issues that many diesel engine industry professionals encounter.

Both the commercial air conditioning and pipefitting technology programs have four-course occupational certificates that allow students to become employable in only one semester. Employment for graduates is projected to grow 12 percent through 2024. Median pay is currently \$50,823 per year in the Gulf Coast region according

to 2016 data from the Texas Workforce Commission. Many pipefitting students have been recipients of scholarships through a generous gift from PVF Roundtable that offers them \$500 upon enrollment and \$500 upon certificate completion. Electrical technology has three state-of-the-art labs that include a hands-on wiring lab, a motor control lab with 20 computers containing CAD software and a PLC skills lab with programmable logic controllers.

The San Jacinto College welding technology program is the largest technical program in the business and technology division. With four full-time and nine part-time instructors, the college enrolls more than 600 students in any given term. The CIT welding facility has 120 welding stations, most equipped with Lincoln Electric welding machines and a state-of-the-art Lincoln Real Weld diagnostic tool, that provides students with real-time data to make them more efficient welders.

Each of these programs are supported by industry partners and continue to grow in demand. "When you step back and look at our CIT building and the programs within it, it stands at the front of our campus as a symbol of our commitment to our business and industry partners and perhaps more importantly to our students," said Johnson.

"It's our promise to our students that when they come to San Jacinto College and enroll in our industrial technology education programs, they are going to obtain in-demand high-level skills needed to become productive members of this dynamic and modern workforce," Johnson said.

## San Jac's CIT considered state-of-the-art



Present at the ribbon-cutting for the San Jacinto College Center for Industrial Technology are, left to right (front row) **Mark Johnson**, dean of Business and Technology, North campus; **Allatia Harris**, vice chancellor, Strategic Initiatives, Workforce Development, Community Relations and Diversity; **Jordan McGinty**, with Council Member **Dave Martin's** office; **Corina Rubio**, with Congressman **Gene Green's** office; **Marie Flickinger**, board president; **Erica Davis Rouse**, board assistant secretary;

**Dr. Ruede Wheeler**, board member; **Dr. Brenda Hellyer**, chancellor; (second row) **Chris Diaz**, Harris County Precinct 2 constable; **Kim Bellotte**, Harris County Precinct 2 chief clerk; **Dan Mims**, board vice chair and **Alex Guajardo** with Sen. **Sylvia Garcia's** office; (back row) **Dr. Bill Raffetto**, provost; **Keith Sinor**, board secretary; **Jeff Wolverton** with Rep. **Mary Ann Perez's** office and **John Moon Jr.**, board member.

Photo by Melissa Trevizo

# Remember When

**40 years ago (1977)**  
The Sagameadow Utility District Board decreased the District property tax by 14 percent.

The Houston Fire Department Station 70 received an ambulance due to concerns of protection for South Belt residents.

**35 years ago (1982)**  
Finalists for Homecoming Queen at Dobie High School were **Codyuse Voss**, **Sarah Whitehead** and **Kim Gates**.

Three Dobie students were announced as National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists. They were **Steve Bova**, **Michael Parker** and **Kevin Lewis**. There were no semifinalists at any other PISD high school.

The Cullen Savings on Hughes Road was robbed.

**30 years ago (1987)**  
At least five people in the South Belt area were among the 37 hot check writers arrested by Precinct 2 constable's deputies during a roundup.

Pasadena ISD trustees adopted a teacher career ladder philosophy and rejected an administrative recommendation for an early retirement incentive plan for administration.

**25 years ago (1992)**  
**Andrea Sneed**, **Amy Anderson**, **Huyen Huynh**, **Tray Smith** and **Shelly Webber** were announced as Clear Brook's homecoming court.

The Pasadena Independent School District was told that the Pasadena school district

was in need of an estimated \$50 million in new facilities. The \$50 million included a new high school, classroom additions to Thompson and Miller intermediates, a new music wing at Pasadena High School and additional repairs at many elementary schools.

**20 years ago (1997)**  
President **Bill Clinton** accepted an invitation to speak at San Jacinto College's central campus. Students from all three campuses were expected to attend.

Ten Dobie students attending the school's first football game of the year were cited for minor in possession charges. **Jerry Speer**, Dobie principal, initially assigned all 10 students in possession of beer to in-school center. However, after reviewing the incident, **Speer** assigned three students who were the drivers of the vehicles in which the alcohol was located to High-point.

**Daphne Barrica** was named Miss Pasadena Rodeo 1997 at the Pasadena Rodeo Queen Beauty Pageant. Three of five finalists for Clear Creek High School's homecoming queen, **Amanda Schneider**, **Dusti Hughes** and **Maerle Morales**, were South Belt residents.

**15 years ago (2002)**  
The PISD board of trustees unanimously voted to approve IBM as its strategic technology provider to maximize federal funding.

**Nhon Vinh Hua**, a Sagemont resident, was

killed in an automobile accident near Hobby Airport at the Major and Telephone Road intersection.

**10 years ago (2007)**  
The Wings Over Houston Airshow recognized the 147th Fighter Wing/111th Fighter Squadron of the Texas Air National Guard as the recipient of the 2007 Lloyd P. Nolen Lifetime Achievement in Aviation Award. The award honors individuals, organizations, companies and corporations dedicated to the promotion and advancement of aviation. **Col. Rodney Horn**, vice commander of the 147th Fighter Wing accepted the award.

Longtime Sagemont resident and accomplished trumpeter **Eddie Lewis** was appointed the new director of the Houston Civic Jazz Orchestra. The Houston Civic Jazz Orchestra is the resident jazz ensemble of the University of Houston Downtown and showcases a blend of student and professional talent. **Lewis**, 43, had served the Houston community as a professional musician for almost 20 years and was recognized not only as an excellent performer but also as a skilled trumpet and jazz improvisation teacher and an accomplished composer.

**Frazier Elementary** was one of only two Pasadena Independent School District elementary schools to be named to the Texas Business and Education Coalition's 2007 Elementary School

honor roll. To qualify for the award, schools must be rated exemplary or recognized by the Texas Education Agency, have consistent improvement over three years in reading and math and have shown steady or improved overall performance over the previous three years. Pearl Hall Elementary in South Houston was the other PISD elementary school to make the list.

**5 years ago (2012)**  
**Judge Jo Ann Delgado** was chosen to receive 2012's Community Service Award from the Tejano Center for Community Concerns. **Delgado**, who has served as justice of the peace, Precinct 2, Place 1 of Harris County since January 2001, was selected for the award for her contributions to her industry and her commitment to her community.

Two individuals with long-standing ties to the South Belt community died. Although the incidents were unrelated, both eerily had connections to the Sagemont Cowboys youth football organization. **Gage Alexander McDonald**, 19, died in a single-vehicle accident in the 1900 block of Clear Lake City Boulevard. Police say **McDonald** was speeding and not wearing a seat belt when his vehicle struck a median curb and then several trees. He was pronounced dead at the scene. **McDonald** was the son of **Denny Wranich Jr.**, who has a long history of working with the

Sagemont Cowboys and the Sagemont Beverly Hills Little League. **McDonald's** grandfather, **Denny Wranich Sr.**, is the former president of the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League and president of the Sagemont Cowboys. Following in his family's footsteps, **McDonald** also coached for the Cowboys for three years, and played for six years when he was younger. **Marlin Dean Lee III**, 26, died the following day after a battle with **Ewing's** sarcoma, a rare form of cancer.

Following in **McDonald's** footsteps, **Lee** and his father, **Marlin Lee II**, served as coaches for the Sagemont Cowboys. **1 year ago (2016)**  
**Houston** firefighters responded to a fire at **Frazier Elementary** on Tuesday, Sept. 20. The blaze, which took place outside the campus near the school's playground, reportedly stemmed from a faulty electrical transformer that snapped at its base, causing it to collapse and catch fire. No one was injured.

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

## Chamber accepting funds

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber is raising funds to aid local flood victims. The drive is through the Chamber 501c-3 foundation 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 **Alyta Harrell**, the former Beverly Hills Intermediate principal who is currently the Pasadena Independent School district associate superintendent of campus development.

School officials, chamber and community members will identify where the most needs 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](mailto:info@southbeltchamber.com).

## Mosquito spraying . . .

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they are not affected. Although this type of application will not cause a significant exposure for bees, beekeepers may choose to cover their colonies and prevent bees from exiting during treatment.

Flights will be conducted using three twin-engine Beechcraft King Air planes. Crews will be working from dusk to dawn in areas identified as priorities. Texas will receive additional support from the U.S. Air Force Reserve's 910th Airlift Wing flying two specially equipped C-130H cargo planes in areas over the upper Texas coast. DSHS will continue to work with local governments that have requested aerial mosquito spraying and will update information as flight plans are finalized.

People can help control mosquitoes during the recovery effort by dumping out standing water around their homes and businesses and applying a commercial-larvicide in water that can't be drained. People should also avoid mosquito bites by using an EPA-registered mosquito repellent every time they go outside and making sure their window and door screens are in good repair after the storm to keep mosquitoes out of homes.

The small amount of insecticide used does not pose a health risk to people, pets or the environment in the area. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, people may prefer to stay inside and close windows and doors when spraying takes place, but it is not necessary.

Spraying is done to minimize any effects on beneficial insects like bees. Applications will be done around dusk when mosquitoes are most active and after bees have returned to their hives for the night.

The insecticides dissipate and break down quickly in the environment, and when bees emerge in daylight,

## Judge Risner Golf Tournament moves

The Judge George Risner Golf Tournament has been moved to Friday, Nov. 3, at the River Terrace Golf Course, 16777 Wallisville Road.

Tea times will be 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. There will be a continental breakfast held at 7:30 a.m. and a lunch held at noon. The prize awards, along with a fajita dinner will be held at 6 p.m.

The cost is \$125 per player which includes golf, half cart, greens fee and drinks (two tickets per player). There are also different sponsorship opportunities available. To register for the golf tournament, visit <http://www.judgerisner.com/series.html>.

## Mayor urges to report price gouging, scams

Mayor **Sylvester Turner** urges Houston residents to report any price gouging and scams related to the Hurricane Harvey flood to the Texas attorney general's office.

The state agency's toll-free consumer fraud hotline is 1-800-621-0508. Go to <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/emergency/hurricane-harvey> for more information. "Any business or individual who tries to make flood victims into victims again, by jacking up prices on their products or services, or by failing to do work for which

they have been paid, needs to be quickly reported to the state of Texas," the mayor said. "Their shameful behavior should lead to them being publicly shamed."

In Texas, offenders who engage in price gouging can face fines of up to \$20,000 per offense, and up to \$250,000 if the victim is 65 or older. Reports of price gouging in Houston after the flood have been scattered. Across the state, hundreds of people have complained about the practice following Hurricane Harvey, according to the state.

The sessions are not built on one another, so missing a few sessions or just starting still affords catching up quickly. The dances are held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom on Mondays, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Session dates next month are Oct. 2, Oct. 9, Oct. 16, Oct. 23 and Oct. 30.

For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at [csh@shaarhashalom.org](mailto:csh@shaarhashalom.org).

### Durham Park Community Garage Sale

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## Dobie Theatre Department presents The Beggar's Opera

The J. Frank Dobie Theatre 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.

"So think of this maxim, and put off your sorrow: the wretch of today may be happy tomorrow!"

A cast and crew of over 50 students will present the play Sept. 28 and 29 at 7 p.m., and Sept. 30 at 2 p.m. All performances are in the Dobie auditorium. All seats are \$10.

Shown left, left to right, Macheath, played by CJ Scott teases Lucy, played by Ana Gracia, in Dobie Theatre's production of *The Beggar's Opera*. Shown below, left to right, Lucy, played by Ana Gracia; and Polly, played by Elyssa Armenta vie for the romantic attentions of Macheath. *The Beggar's Opera* will open on Sept. 28 and will run until Sept. 30.

Photos submitted



## PLSR announces schedule changes

A revised schedule for the 68th Annual Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo has been announced following the devastating effects of Hurricane Harvey last month. As the rebuilding process begins for many in Houston and the surrounding areas, the decision to move forward with minimal changes came swiftly as the importance of the goals set forth in the organization's mission to support local students were considered.

The rodeo, currently scheduled for Sept. 22 - Sept. 30, will go forward as planned, as will the Breakfast of Champions, Livestock Show, and Livestock Auction.

The executive board has elected to make the following changes:

The parade has been rescheduled to Sept. 23; and the BBQ cook-off has been rescheduled to Oct. 26 through 28.

"A dominant decision factor in leaving the dates

of our rodeo the same is our FFA Students," said Scott Atwood, Chairman of the Board. "They have worked hard for eight months or more to raise livestock projects for a specific show date that we mandated. Changes to these livestock show dates would be very detrimental to the livestock preparation and growth period.

This would not be fair to these FFA students, who have dedicated several hours of time and expenses associated with their livestock projects. The FFA students are a cornerstone of our organization and the Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo will always continue to support the kids.

"Pulling together to produce this revered community event with the compassion and integrity of years past, the sincere hope is that patrons and every member of PLSR family are minimally impacted by these changes, and that the community can rally together to 'make rodeo

great again.'" "On behalf of the board of directors of the Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo, we would like to express our profound sympathies to all who suffered damages from Hurricane Harvey," said Steve Valenti, president. "In an effort to return to normalcy, we would like to extend a heartfelt invitation to the community to visit our rodeo and cook-off for some much-needed relaxation and entertainment."

Adding more excitement to this year's traditional offerings, PLSR is also announcing the inclusion of a Wine Hut and an expanded Kids Zone that appeals to the youngest fans.

Housed in a welcoming palapa, the Wine Hut debuts by featuring Nine Iron Wines, a golf-centric wine label dedicated to raising funds for soldiers with PTSD and Houston's Camp Hope.

The Wine Hut is scheduled to be open nightly from 5 to 11 p.m. except Sunday and cheese and cracker plates will be available as wine connoisseurs are invited to sample the red and

white blends offered by this veteran-owned winery.

For family-friendly fun not to be missed, the Kids Zone has been expanded to feature pee wee rodeo, petting zoo, games, arts and crafts, and Western skits just to name a few. Hours are 5 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 3 to 7 p.m. on Saturday and open on Sunday for Little Wrangler Rodeo.

For more information, entertainment and event lineup for the 68th Annual Pasadena Livestock Show & Rodeo, visit [www.pasadenaarodeo.com](http://www.pasadenaarodeo.com).

### Local library events set

#### Parker Williams Library

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

Friday, Sept. 22, 5 p.m. Anime club starts the fall season with *Psycho Pass* (rated TV-14)

Saturday, Sept. 23, 10:30 a.m. SCORE (formerly known as Service Corps of Retired Executives) presents a program on discovering options for starting a business, including franchising. SCORE is a network of volunteers who offer practical advice at no charge to entrepreneurs throughout the life of the business, from conception to profitable growth.

Monday, Sept. 25, 6 p.m. During Banned Books Week, Teen Blackout Poetry will be the theme. In the spirit of Banned Books Week, censorship will be utilized to create art. Ages 13 and older will meet in the library teen area for Blackout poetry and create a poem by blacking out all the words not used in a poem.

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2 p.m. The book discussion of Ken Burns' new documentary *The Vietnam War* begins this month. There will also be a discussion of a related work, *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen, a fictional account of a spy during the war and his life in America as he reports on some compatriots afterwards. Pick up a copy and meet to discuss the books. Parker Williams Branch Library, along with other Harris County Public Library branches, will host more events related to the documentary and the author of *The Sympathizer* will be appearing in Houston in November.

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 5 p.m. A course in Basic Life Skills of *Homecoming Etiquette* will be presented by John Harbaugh for ages 12 and older. Meet in the library community room to learn the basics of etiquette to be and look the finest at homecoming.

Below are the programs that occur every week.

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

Thursday, Toddler storytime, 10:30 a.m. - For toddlers from birth to 3 years, featuring 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, call 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:

Thursday, Sept. 21, 6 p.m. Book club

Thursday, Sept. 21, 6:30 p.m. Knitting and crochet

Saturday, Sept. 23, 10:30 a.m. Spanish computer class

Saturday, Sept. 23, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. English as a Second Language class

Saturday, Sept. 23, 3 p.m. Citizenship class

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 10:30 a.m. Preschool storytime; 11:15 a.m. Preschool playtime

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 10:30 a.m. Toddler storytime; 11:15 a.m. Toddler playtime

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 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.

## SJC announces upcoming calendar

San Jacinto College has announced its calendar of events.

**Free workshops at Community Education Center**

The SJC Community Education Center will host the following free workshops on the Central campus, C-1.108.

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

After the Storm Workshop: Disaster Assistance Resources, presented by United Way THRIVE, Monday, Sept. 25, from 1 to 2 p.m.

Healthy Aging: Film and Discussion, Tuesday, Sept. 26, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Tai Chi for Healthy Aging, Wednesday, Sept. 27, from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m.

**Volleyball**

The 2017 SJC volleyball schedule is now online at [www.sanjacsports.com](http://www.sanjacsports.com). Upcoming home game vs. Wharton County Junior College is Tuesday, Sept. 26, at 6 p.m. at Central campus, Anders Gymnasium, C.18

**UHCL at SJC University Center**

The new University Center at SJC will host representatives from the University of Houston-Clear Lake for transfer advising on Tuesday, Sept. 26, 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. 27, in the lobby of the Student Center, N-12. For information, email [Karen.sandoval@sjcd.edu](mailto:Karen.sandoval@sjcd.edu).

**Soccer**

The 2017 SJC soccer

schedule is now online at [www.sanjacsports.com](http://www.sanjacsports.com). Upcoming home games:

vs. Tyler Junior College, Friday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. at South campus, soccer field.

vs. Jacksonville College, Saturday, Sept. 23, at 6 p.m. at South campus, soccer field.

**SJC Foundation Golf Tournament**

The 22nd Annual SJC Foundation Golf Tournament will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 10, at the Golf Club of Houston. Sponsorship opportunities are available and team registration is open. Visit [sanjac.edu/foundation](http://sanjac.edu/foundation) or call 281-998-6104 for more information.

## 2017 Property Tax Rates in San Jacinto Community College District

This notice concerns the 2017 property tax rates for San Jacinto Community College District. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual tax rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers start rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

| Last year's tax rate:   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Last year's operating taxes   | \$65,835,199     |
| Last year's debt taxes  | \$27,102,227     |
| Last year's total taxes   | \$92,937,426     |
| Last year's tax base  | \$50,958,403,106 |
| Last year's total tax rate  | \$0.182379/\$100 |
| This year's effective tax rate:   |                  |
| Last year's adjusted taxes<br>(after subtracting taxes on lost property)  | \$92,860,568     |
| ÷ This year's adjusted tax base<br>(after subtracting value of new property)  | \$50,650,633,123 |
| = This year's effective tax rate<br>(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)  | \$0.183335/\$100 |
| This year's rollback tax rate:  |                  |
| Last year's adjusted operating taxes<br>(after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures) | \$65,780,755     |
| ÷ This year's adjusted tax base   | \$50,650,633,123 |
| = This year's effective operating rate  | \$0.129872/\$100 |
| x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate   | \$0.140261/\$100 |
| + This year's debt rate   | \$0.054507/\$100 |
| = This year's total rollback rate   | \$0.194768/\$100 |

#### Statement of Increase/Decrease

If San Jacinto Community College District adopts a 2017 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.183335 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2016 taxes by \$3,200,051.

#### Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balance

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

| Type of Property Tax Fund | Balance |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Interest & Sinking Fund   | 573,870 |

#### Schedule B - 2017 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

| Description of Debt   | Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes | Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes | Other Amounts to be Paid | Total Payment |
|---|--|---|--------------------------|---------------|
| 2007 Tax Bonds GOB  | 1,260,000  | 487,644                                 | 825                      | 1,748,469     |
| 2008 Refunding Tax Bonds GOB  | 155,000  | 16,513                                  | 750                      | 172,263       |
| 2008A Tax Bonds GOB   | 1,020,000  | 63,030                                  | 500                      | 1,083,530     |
| 2009 Tax Bonds GOB  | 5,000,000  | 355,000                                 | 500                      | 5,355,500     |
| 2011 Refunding Tax Bonds GOB  | 1,413,172  | 1,628,653                               | 525                      | 3,042,350     |
| 2012 Refunding Tax Bonds GOB  | 1,075,000  | 470,994                                 | 550                      | 1,546,544     |
| 2015 Refunding Tax Bonds GOB  | 0  | 2,110,850                               | 750                      | 2,111,600     |
| 2016A GOB/2016B   | 2,295,000  | 8,285,419                               | 1,500                    | 10,581,919    |
| 2016C Refunding Tax GOB   | 0  | 2,940,025                               | 750                      | 2,940,775     |
| Total required for 2017 debt service  |  |   |                          | \$28,582,950  |
| - Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A  |  |   |                          | \$0           |
| - Amount (if any) paid from other resources   |  |   |                          | \$0           |
| - Excess collections last year  |  |   |                          | \$0           |
| = Total to be paid from taxes in 2017   |  |   |                          | \$28,582,950  |
| + Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2017 |  |   |                          | \$0           |
| = Total debt levy   |  |   |                          | \$28,582,950  |

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. Inspect a copy of the full calculations at 1001 Preston, Houston, TX 77002.

Name of person preparing this notice: Ann Harris Bennett Title: Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector

Date Prepared: 09/14/2017

## Evening of Cuisine to be held Oct. 5

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ing Cane's (Pearland), Randy's Smokehouse, San Jacinto College Culinary Arts, Savannah Café & Bakery, Silver Eagle Distributors, Stadia Sports Grill, The Gardens Houston, Time Out #1 Sports Bar and Tony's Pizza & Grinders.

Awards will be given to best entree, best dessert, best decorated, rookie of the year, people's choice and best of

show. The event will also feature live and silent auctions.

Dining tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door and are available at The Gardens and the *Leader* office, located at 11555 Beamer. Tickets may also be purchased online at [www.southbeltchamber.com](http://www.southbeltchamber.com).

For more information and more ticket outlets, call 281-481-5516 or email [info@southbeltchamber.com](mailto:info@southbeltchamber.com).

## SoHo event supports Harvey flood victims

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our friends and our community. We are Trojan strong, and that means we will do our best to be there to support one another."

Tickets are \$45 in advance and \$55 at the door. Attendees must be 18 years or older.

To purchase tickets, visit the group's Pay-

pal page at [www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=\\_s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=4W86EB27PMG5Y#checkout/openButton](http://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=4W86EB27PMG5Y#checkout/openButton).

For additional information, visit the South Houston High School Alumni webpage at [https://southhoustonhs.pasadenaisd.org/info/alumni\\_page](https://southhoustonhs.pasadenaisd.org/info/alumni_page).

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## Stuchbery staff serves food



Stuchbery Elementary Principal Jose Hernandez (third from left), along with other staff members, is shown above providing food for hungry residents who were displaced by Hurricane Harvey. A similar effort took place the previous day at Burnett Elementary, under the direction of Principal Jay Lee. While the adjacent campus of Thompson Intermediate suffered extensive damage during the storm, Stuchbery was spared significant damage, experiencing only minor roof leaks.

Photo by James Bolen

## Cookers volunteer at Stuchbery



Members of local cooking teams came together following the storm to help feed residents who were affected by Hurricane Harvey. Shown above smoking meat outside of Stuchbery Elementary, which was temporarily used as a feeding hub, are, left to right, Vu Vo of the Bayou Gatorz cooking team, Bobby Reyes of the Midnight Smokers cooking team and Vincent Vo of the Bayou Gatorz cooking team. The previous day the cooks served food at Burnett Elementary. The men estimated they served around 2,000 plates over the two-day period. Photo by James Bolen

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## More than \$1 billion in federal funds for survivors

Three weeks after the federal disaster declaration for Hurricane Harvey, \$1.09 billion in federal funds have been provided directly to Texans to aid in their personal recovery.

The funds include grants to households from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, claims payments from the National Flood Insurance Program and disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration. "This is a major milestone in our collective effort to support Texans in their recovery," said Federal Coordinating Officer Kevin Hannes. "A billion dollars is going directly to survivors of Hurricane Harvey three weeks after the President declared a major disaster. This will help people get started rebuilding their lives. The speed of this assistance is historic for Texas."

area to answer questions about SBA's disaster loan program, explain the application process, help them complete their application and close their approved loans. For a list of locations, visit SBA's website at sba.gov/disaster.

As of Sept. 17, 2017: FEMA approved more than \$333 million in grants for eligible individuals and families in 39 counties for housing assistance, including emergency home repairs, replacement and rental assistance.

FEMA approved more than \$146 million in grants for replacement of essential personal property and help with medical, dental, legal and other disaster-related expenses.

NFIP paid more than \$347 million to policyholders in advance payments to expedite the recovery process.

SBA approved more than \$265 million in low-interest disaster loans for homeowners, renters and businesses.

Ten counties with the

highest FEMA household assistance totals as of Sept. 17, 2017:

- Harris County, \$198.6 million;
- Galveston County, \$44.7 million;
- Fort Bend County, \$22.2 million;
- Aransas County, \$18.4 million;
- Brazoria County, \$15.8 million;
- Jefferson County, \$14.2 million;
- Orange County, \$13.3 million;
- Chambers County, \$12.7 million;
- San Patricio County, \$9.9 million; and
- Nueces County, \$9.6 million.

In addition, FEMA's Public Assistance Program approved \$181 million for local and state agencies to reimburse the costs of debris removal and emergency response.

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The SAGEMEADOW U.D. will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2017 on October 11, 2017 at 7:30 pm at Sagemeadow Utility District Building, 10755 Hall Road, Houston, TX 77089. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

**FOR** the proposal: Glenn Williams, Ted Heinrich, Timothy Beyer, John Elam and David C. Montgomery

**AGAINST** the proposal: None

**PRESENT** and not voting: None

**ABSENT:** None

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

|   | Last Year<br>Adopted | This Year<br>Proposed |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)   | \$.46000/\$100       | \$.45000/\$100        |
| Difference in rates per \$100 of value  |                      | \$.01000/\$100        |
| Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)  |                      | -2.17%                |
| Average appraised residence homestead value   | \$156,776            | \$171,089             |
| General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions) | \$0                  | \$0                   |
| Average residence homestead taxable value   | \$156,776            | \$171,089             |
| Tax on average residence homestead  | \$721.16             | \$769.90              |
| Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)                                     |                      | \$48.74               |
| and percentage of increase (+/-)  |                      | 6.75%                 |

### NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

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## Wolverines run past South Houston 52-25

**By John Bechtle Sports Editor**  
It must be fun for opposing defensive units and their coordinators to view videotape of Clear Brook's offense.

No matter what sequence you look at on tape, there seemingly is someone else making a big play at every turn. That was the case Sept. 15 as the high-octane Wolverines traveled to Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium for a nondistrict showdown with South Houston. The Trojans made their share of big plays en route to 342 rushing yards, but the Wolverines' attack was simply too much to overcome in Clear Brook's eventual 52-25 victory. Senior tailback Jarrett Smith had 219 yards rushing

and three touchdowns. Standout receiver Caleb Chapman had just three receptions, but each went for a touchdown, including a Houdini act catch for a 35-yard touchdown on the final play of the first half.

Mark Milton touched the ball offensively just once, but raced 52 yards down the left sideline to set up a Brook touchdown. The Wolverines led 28-13 at halftime and scored first in the second half to essentially take control. Quarterback Jaizac Garcia passed for just 170 yards, but that's primarily because the Trojans were having too much trouble trying to contain Smith and the running game of the Wolverines. Garcia ended a lengthy

Clear Brook scoring drive with a two-yard touchdown pass to Chapman at the 6-minute, 48-second mark of the first quarter.

At 8:05 of the second stanza, Garcia and Chapman hooked up on a second short scoring play, this one eight yards for a 14-0

Clear Brook lead.

The Trojans quickly answered as Davion Williams shot through the middle and went 79 yards on the first offensive play of the ensuing drive, but then Smith went 75 yards for a touchdown on the Wolverines' first play on

their next series.

South Houston got within 21-13 as Williams scored on a 10-yard run, but Chapman struck a big blow on the final play of the first half.

Chapman drifted up the left sideline as Garcia **Continued on Page 6B**

## PISD intermediates return to competition

The Pasadena ISD sports scene is one step closer to returning to normal with the upcoming start of the intermediate volleyball and football seasons.

Each of the 10 intermediate programs competed in volleyball scrimmage action Sept. 14, and the regular season is served up Sept. 21, with Beverly Hills and Thompson going against one another at Dobie High School, beginning at 5 p.m.

Following that special series of matches at Dobie, the Thompson volleyball program will play its home matches at their home campus, which is football now at Beverly Hills In-

termediate.

Football action begins Sept. 25-26, with Beverly Hills facing Park View and Thompson, which will play its home games this season at Dobie High School, taking on Bondy. On Sept. 25, Thompson's eighth-grade A team will host Bondy at Dobie, while the Lions' eighth-grade B team will play at Bondy against the Pats.

That same day, Beverly Hills will go against Park View. On Sept. 26, the seventh-grade teams from each of the schools will play.

For a look at the Pasadena ISD's revamped intermediate football schedule, see Page 3B.

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## Brook's battle is real in 24-6A

District 24-6A is once again living up to its reputation as, top to bottom, the most competitive amidst the entire Region III varsity volleyball scene.

In District 22-6A, meanwhile, things look to be getting a bit interesting at the top of the standings as the race is beginning to take shape.

**Brook now 1-2**  
Unfortunately for Clear Brook, which has played

this season without injured top player Jordan Russell, the struggle has been real early on in 24-6A play.

Following delays caused by Hurricane Harvey, the Lady Wolverines began 24-6A play with a road match against defending Region III champion Clear Creek, with the Lady Wildcats coming away with a 25-19, 18-25, 28-26, 25-18 victory.

Fast forward to Sept. 15, as the Lady Wolverines hosted Friendswood. **Continued on Page 3B**



Jarrett Smith's huge offensive night against South Houston consisted of 219 yards rushing and three touchdowns, including this 75-yard ramble that quickly answered a South Houston score in the third quarter. Clear Brook, now 2-0, went on to down the Trojans 52-25. Photo by David Flickinger

## JFD turnovers costly against MR

**By John Bechtle Sports Editor**  
Dobie's varsity football team will look to quickly

rebound from an opening night loss to Morton Ranch, taking on the Dawson Eagles (1-1) Thursday, Sept. 21 at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium.

The Longhorns appear to be healthier at quarter-

back after playing much of the second half of a 36-17 loss to Morton Ranch with a third-stringer in the game. Senior Jacob Sulak was the starter heading

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### Dobie hosts Dawson, Sept. 21, Veterans, 7 p.m.



Dobie quarterback De'Aubriion Taulton looks for a receiver in the right flat late in the second quarter against Morton Ranch. Taulton left the game early in the third quarter but should be good to go against Dawson Sept. 21. Photo by David Flickinger

## Deer Park invite features locals

The competition ramped up during the second week of the cross-country season for both Dobie and Clear Brook, which ran Sept. 15, at the Deer Park Invitational.

Dawson's Darby Gauntt was the varsity girls' overall champion after she finished the three-mile course in a time of 18 minutes, 57.45 seconds. Meanwhile, defending District 22-6A varsity boys' champion Ryan Schoppe was the winner at Deer Park, clocking in at 15:38.72.

For the second straight week, Atziri Galarza was the frontrunner for Dobie's varsity girls' cross-country

team. Galarza covered the course in 21:49.83 for 41st place, and Dani Colunga continued the strong start to her season as she was 49th overall at 22:24.79.

Freshman Amari Singleton, who placed second in the junior varsity division the previous week in Galveston, made her varsity debut in Deer Park. In the end, Singleton was 61st overall, clocking in at 22:54.35, while teammate Ashley Tsikis was 73rd in a time of 23:27.74.

Alondra Rios was the Lady Longhorns' fifth official scorer, placing 77th in a time of 23:41.60, and **Continued on Page 2B**

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Alexis Oses finished 80th at 23:52.09.

Among the Dobbie varsity boys, Jon Acosta was the top finisher, 80th in a time of 18:23.92.

Jordy Reyes was next in line for Dobbie, taking 95th in a time of 18:45.01. Dobbie's other scorers included Javier Martinez (99th at 18:51.44), Elijah Donaho (118th at 19:17.22) and Jordan Martinez (122nd at 19:23.49).

The Longhorns' other competitors included Jackson Ruit (19:50.61), Justin Laviniar (20:15.07) and John Mendez (20:18.34).

**JV girls excel**  
Dobbie had 18 competitors included in the junior varsity girls' division at Deer Park as the athletes went up against a two-

mile course. Dru Alvarez was 16th to lead the Lady Longhorns with a time of 13:58.95, and Isabella Delgado was next, 45th at 15:19.52. Grace Castaneda scored a 48th-place finish with her time of 15:20.94, and Michaela Munoz placed 60th in a time of 15:37.41. Tony Montgomery rounded out the official scoring for the Lady Longhorns, 67th in a time of 15:42.86.

Others taking part for the Lady Longhorns included Allyson Diaz (15:45.17), Zoe Hernandez (16:16.76), Monique Durham (16:21.22), Annette Eonne (16:43.23), Miranda Serrano (16:56.48), Elizabeth Jasso (17:40.21), Briasia Garza (18:40.74), Destiny Estes (18:45.81), Alexis

Ballare (19:04.68), Jordan Ridge (20:36.08), Kiandra Porter (21:49.28), Yafreisy Carballo (22:07.91) and Jeidy Martinez (23:04.23).

For the Dobbie boys in the junior varsity division, Chris Camancho was in at 22:51.94, with teammate Robert Flores in at 24:55.06.

Danny Hernandez finished at 25:06.65, with Giovanni Luna in at 25:31.25.

**Brook boys compete**  
The Clear Brook varsity boys' team also navigated the three-mile course at Deer Park.

Eric Kanjirathinga led the way for the Wolverines, placing 26th with a time of 17:12.29, and Jordan Greenshield was next up for the team, taking 33rd at 17:22.71.

Other competitors for the Wolverines included Austin Kanjirathinga (49th at 17:39.86), Sebastian Koran (57th at 17:49.60), Ryan Brasseaux (59th at 17:54.64), Cormae Cupples (69th at 18:05.18) and Xzavier Vasquez (162nd at 20:42.17).

| South Belt football predictions   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Dobbie hosts Dawson               | Dawson  | Dawson   | Dawson   | Dawson   | Dobbie   | Dawson   |
| Clear Falls hosts Spring          | Spring  | Spring   | Spring   | Clear Falls  | Spring   | Clear Falls  |
| Clear Springs at Westfield        | Westfield   | Westfield  | Westfield  | Westfield  | Westfield  | Westfield  |
| Clear Creek at Channelview        | Channelview   | Channelview  | Channelview  | Clear Creek  | Clear Creek  | Channelview  |
| Clear Lake hosts Baytown Sterling | Clear Lake  | Clear Lake   | Clear Lake   | Sterling   | Clear Lake   | Sterling   |
| George Ranch at The Woodlands     | The Woodlands   | The Woodlands  | The Woodlands  | The Woodlands  | The Woodlands  | The Woodlands  |
| Barbers Hill at Kingwood Park     | Barbers Hill  | Barbers Hill   | Barbers Hill   | Barbers Hill   | Barbers Hill   | Barbers Hill   |
| Oak Ridge at Deer Park            | Oak Ridge   | Oak Ridge  | Oak Ridge  | Oak Ridge  | Oak Ridge  | Oak Ridge  |
| Rosenberg Terry at South Houston  | Terry   | Terry  | Terry  | Terry  | Terry  | Terry  |
| Humble at Dayton                  | Dayton  | Dayton   | Dayton   | Dayton   | Dayton   | Dayton   |
| This week's record                | 9-1   | 6-4  | 7-3  | 5-5  | 5-5  | 6-4  |
| Season record                     | 9-1   | 6-4  | 7-3  | 5-5  | 5-5  | 6-4  |

## Sports Calendar

**FOOTBALL**  
Thursday, Sept. 21  
Dobbie varsity hosts Dawson, Veterans, 7:00

**VOLLEYBALL**  
Thursday, Sept. 21  
Beverly Hills 8 Dark vs. Thompson, Dobbie, 5:00  
Beverly Hills 8 Light vs. Thompson, Dobbie, 6:15  
Beverly Hills 7 Dark vs. Thompson, Dobbie, 5:00  
Beverly Hills 7 Light vs. Thompson, Dobbie, 6:15

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

**Tuesday, Sept. 26**  
Brook varsity hosts Alvin, 6:00  
Dobbie varsity hosts La Porte, 6:30  
Dobbie JV hosts La Porte, 5:30  
Brook JV hosts Alvin, 5:00  
Brook freshman A hosts Alvin, 4:15  
Dobbie freshman A hosts La Porte, 4:30  
Brook freshman B hosts Alvin, 5:15

**Thursday, Sept. 28**  
Beverly Hills 8 Dark at South Houston, 5:00  
Beverly Hills 8 Light at South Houston, 6:15  
Beverly Hills 7 Dark at South Houston, 5:00  
Beverly Hills 7 Light at South Houston, 6:15  
Thompson 8 Dark at Park View, 5:00  
Thompson 8 Light at Park View, 6:15  
Thompson 7 Dark at Park View, 5:00  
Thompson 7 Light at Park View, 6:15

**Friday, Sept. 29**  
Dobbie varsity at Memorial, 6:30  
Dobbie JV at Memorial, 5:30  
Dobbie freshman A at Memorial, 4:30  
Dobbie freshman B at Memorial, 4:30

**Saturday, Sept. 30**  
Brook varsity at Dickinson, noon  
Brook JV at Dickinson, 10:30 a.m.  
Brook freshman A at Dickinson, 10:30 a.m.  
Brook freshman B at Dickinson, noon

**Tuesday, Oct. 3**  
Dobbie varsity at Beaumont West Brook, 6:30  
Brook varsity at Clear Falls, 6:00  
Brook JV at Clear Falls, 5:00  
Dobbie JV at Beaumont West Brook, 5:30  
Dobbie freshman A at Beaumont West Brook, 4:30  
Brook freshman A at Clear Falls, 4:15  
Brook freshman B at Clear Falls, 5:15

**SOCCER**  
Friday, Sept. 22  
San Jacinto College hosts Tyler, 7:00

**Saturday, Sept. 23**  
San Jacinto College hosts Jacksonville, 6:00

**Tuesday, Sept. 26**  
San Jacinto College at Angelina, 7:00

**Saturday, Sept. 30**  
San Jacinto College hosts alumni game, 7:00

**TENNIS**  
Friday, Sept. 22  
Dobbie varsity at South Houston, Pasadena, 2:30 p.m.

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

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

## San Jacinto College soccer draws No. 1 Tyler

The San Jacinto College men's soccer team is about to find out just where it stands among the hierarchy in the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I landscape.

The Coyotes are now 3-1 this season after road wins at Coastal Bend and Laredo. Now comes the big test.

San Jacinto will host defending national champion and current No. 5 ranked Tyler Friday, Sept. 22, at the South campus. Match time is 7 p.m. It's not do-or-die for either team, but it sure would give the Coyotes a boost moving forward.

Those in attendance will get a chance to see some local talent on display. Carlos Ibarra, a Dobbie High School graduate,

has been playing well lately for San Jacinto College. The sophomore forward had an assist in a 2-1 win over Coastal Bend, then scored a goal in the Coyotes' 3-2 victory over Laredo.

In that 2-1 victory over Coastal Bend, Yousri Benothame took an assist from Ibarra for a score, and the



Carlos Ibarra

## Brook slips at Falls JFD varsity tennis to begin 22-6A run

Intent on taking down Deer Park as the District 22-6A varsity team tennis champions, the Dobbie squad will begin league play Sept. 22 against the South Houston Trojans.

Hurricane Harvey delayed the start of the district race, but all systems are now go as teams such as Deer Park, Dobbie and others aim at making the final four within the district.

The goal is to advance through the Area 21/22-6A Championships and therefore earn a berth to the Region III tournament.

A season ago, Dobbie finished second to Deer Park in the standings and ultimately claimed third place in the district.

**Brook off to 0-2 start**  
It's been a sluggish start for the Clear Brook Wol-

verines as they navigate the 24-6A team tennis scene.

The Wolverines lost at Friendswood Sept. 12, and then were defeated 13-6 at Clear Falls Sept. 19.

Max Pearson and Jackson Norfolk won a boys' doubles match for Brook, and Maria Herrera, Joely Skeen, Norfolk and Joseph Gonzalez were singles' winners.

locals also got a goal from Carlos Blasco.

A day later at Laredo, the Coyotes were again one-goal winners as Phillip Pilz, Ryan Medilah and Ibarra scored goals. Ibarra also assisted on Medilah's goal.

Tyler opened the season as the nation's top-ranked team but is now at No. 5 after a 3-1 loss to Coastal Bend Sept. 8.

The Apaches now have won three straight matches in convincing fashion since that loss. If nothing else, it would seem as

though the Apaches are prime for another upset bid as they take on Coyotes in what will be San Jacinto College's first home game of the regular season.

San Jacinto had two matches canceled due to Hurricane Harvey but now appears to be hitting its stride lately.

**Region XIV Men's Soccer**

*Tyler Apaches (4-1) at San Jacinto College (3-1)*

*Friday, Sept. 22, 7 p.m.*

*SJC South campus*

**Week 4 BAFL games**

**Saturday, Sept. 23**

**Sagemont Cowboys host Pearland Patriots**

*El Franco Lee Park, 8 a.m.*

**Southbelt Dolphins host Pasadena Panthers**

*Pasadena High School, 8 a.m.*

| <b>BAFL Sept. 16 Scores</b> |            |            |              |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|
|                             | <u>Sr.</u> | <u>Jr.</u> | <u>Soph.</u> | <u>Fr.</u> |
| <b>Rams</b>                 | 0          | 0          | 0            | 37         |
| <b>Hurricanes</b>           | 42         | 35         | 39           | 6          |

## Pasadena ISD delivers ticket buying app

This fall, Pasadena ISD will be teaming up with Home Team Marketing's digital ticketing platform, TicketRoar, powered by Eventbrite, to provide online 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.

"By using an online ticket service, the PISD community will have the convenience of purchasing tickets to games at Veterans Memorial Stadium from their computer or smart phone," said Rupert Jaso, Pasadena ISD di-

rector of athletics. TicketRoar provides simplified ticketing solutions to schools by offering convenient purchasing options for fans and gives patrons the option to print tickets at home or present tickets on their smart phone at the gate.

Pasadena ISD will use the online ticket service for the 2017-2018 football season.

There are plans to expand the service to include all athletic events hosted by Pasadena ISD in the future.

Another feature the ser-

vice will bring is the ability for PISD to accept credit card transactions at the

gate, improving financial reporting and convenience to fans and PISD person-

nel alike. For more information, visit [www.pasadenaisd.org](http://www.pasadenaisd.org).

## San Jac VB wins seven straight

Count the San Jacinto College women's volleyball programs as one of those which got off to a slow start due to Hurricane Harvey.

Now, the ladies are certainly making up for lost time. Since being swept in its first match of the season against preseason No. 3 ranked Panola, the locals have reeled off seven straight wins.

Three of those wins came at the Lee College Classic, and the Ravens also dispatched Lee College in a one-on-one match later in the schedule.

At Lee College, San Jacinto won its fourth straight match, sweeping past Victoria College 25-

6, 25-20, 25-19. In that one, Maddie Rhoder led the way with 13 kills and four block solos.

Savannah Sheridan chipped in with nine kills as the locals cruised to the win.

In the same match, the locals got the job done defensively as Mir Tillman and Mesi Buvinic tied for the team lead with 11 digs.

Moving ahead in the tournament to face Northlake, San Jacinto delivered another easy win, this one by a 25-9, 25-16, 25-19 count.

Rhoder and Sheridan each had 12 kills as San Jacinto ran its winning streak to five matches.

## Bay Area Football League As of Sept. 21 Senior Division

| Teams      | W | L | T |
|------------|---|---|---|
| 49ers      | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Eagles     | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Hurricanes | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Raiders    | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Texans     | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Rams       | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Panthers   | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Bulls      | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Sharks     | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Patriots   | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Bulldogs   | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Cowboys    | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Dolphins   | 0 | 2 | 0 |

| <b>Junior Division</b> |   |   |   |
|------------------------|---|---|---|
| Teams                  | W | L | T |
| Eagles                 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Hurricanes             | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Patriots               | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Texans                 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Cowboys                | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Panthers               | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Sharks                 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 49ers                  | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Bulldogs               | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Dolphins               | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Raiders                | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Bulls                  | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Rams                   | 0 | 3 | 0 |

| <b>Sophomore Division</b> |   |   |   |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|
| Teams                     | W | L | T |
| Hurricanes                | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Bulldogs                  | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 49ers                     | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Cowboys                   | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Eagles                    | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Texans                    | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Patriots                  | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Panthers                  | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Sharks                    | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Raiders                   | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Dolphins                  | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Rams                      | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Bulls                     | 0 | 3 | 0 |

| <b>Freshman Division</b> |   |   |   |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|
| Teams                    | W | L | T |
| Eagles                   | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Hurricanes               | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Rams                     | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Bulldogs                 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 49ers                    | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Cowboys                  | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Raiders                  | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Texans                   | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Panthers                 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Sharks                   | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Bulls                    | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Dolphins                 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Patriots                 | 0 | 3 | 0 |

## Beverly Hills Bears

### 8th Grade A Football

| Date     | Opponent           |
|----------|--------------------|
| Sept. 25 | at Park View       |
| Oct. 2   | at South Houston   |
| Oct. 9   | Bondy              |
| Oct. 16  | Thompson (V, 6:30) |
| Oct. 23  | Miller             |
| Oct. 31  | PISD playoffs      |

(V) Played at Veterans Stadium  
All games begin at 5 p.m.

## Beverly Hills Bears

### 8th Grade B Football

| Date     | Opponent           |
|----------|--------------------|
| Sept. 25 | Park View          |
| Oct. 2   | South Houston      |
| Oct. 9   | at Bondy           |
| Oct. 16  | Thompson (V, 5:00) |
| Oct. 23  | at Miller          |
| Oct. 31  | PISD playoffs      |

(V) Played at Veterans Stadium  
All games begin at 5 p.m.

## Beverly Hills Bears

### 7th Grade A Football

| Date     | Opponent         |
|----------|------------------|
| Sept. 26 | at Park View     |
| Oct. 3   | at South Houston |
| Oct. 10  | Bondy            |
| Oct. 17  | Thompson         |
| Oct. 24  | Miller           |
| Oct. 31  | PISD playoffs    |

All games begin at 5 p.m.

## Beverly Hills Bears

### 7th Grade B Football

| Date     | Opponent      |
|----------|---------------|
| Sept. 26 | Park View     |
| Oct. 3   | South Houston |
| Oct. 10  | at Bondy      |
| Oct. 17  | Thompson      |
| Oct. 24  | at Miller     |
| Oct. 31  | PISD playoffs |

All games begin at 5 p.m.

## Thompson Lions

### 8th Grade A Football

| Date     | Opponent         |
|----------|------------------|
| Sept. 25 | Bondy            |
| Oct. 2   | at Jackson       |
| Oct. 9   | at Miller        |
| Oct. 16  | Beverly Hills    |
| Oct. 23  | at South Houston |
| Oct. 31  | PISD playoffs    |

All games begin at 5 p.m.  
Thompson home games at Dobie

## Thompson Lions

### 8th Grade B Football

| Date     | Opponent      |
|----------|---------------|
| Sept. 25 | at Bondy      |
| Oct. 2   | Jackson       |
| Oct. 9   | Miller        |
| Oct. 16  | Beverly Hills |
| Oct. 23  | South Houston |
| Oct. 31  | PISD playoffs |

All games begin at 5 p.m.  
Thompson home games at Dobie

## Thompson Lions

### 7th Grade A Football

| Date     | Opponent         |
|----------|------------------|
| Sept. 6  | Southmore        |
| Sept. 12 | at San Jacinto   |
| Sept. 19 | Park View        |
| Sept. 26 | Bondy            |
| Oct. 3   | at Jackson       |
| Oct. 10  | at Miller        |
| Oct. 17  | Beverly Hills    |
| Oct. 24  | at South Houston |
| Oct. 31  | PISD playoffs    |

All games begin at 5 p.m.  
Thompson home games at Dobie

## Thompson Lions

### 7th Grade B Football

| Date     | Opponent         |
|----------|------------------|
| Sept. 6  | at Southmore     |
| Sept. 12 | San Jacinto      |
| Sept. 19 | at Park View     |
| Sept. 26 | at Bondy         |
| Oct. 3   | Jackson          |
| Oct. 10  | Miller           |
| Oct. 17  | at Beverly Hills |
| Oct. 24  | South Houston    |
| Oct. 31  | PISD playoffs    |

All games begin at 5 p.m.  
Thompson home games at Dobie



At 3-1 in District 22-6A varsity volleyball action after an easy 25-18, 25-13, 25-8 victory over Pasadena Sept. 19 at Pasadena High School, the Dobie varsity volleyball team, including, left to right, Jakara Henry, Camryn Wincher (12), head coach Dawn Sexton and Jacqueline Garcia and the rest of the squad,

faces its toughest stretch of games to close out the first half of league play. Up next, the Lady Longhorns will host first-place Deer Park Friday, Sept. 22, at Dobie. Varsity match time is 6:30 p.m. Dobie will then host La Porte Sept. 26. At 3-1, Dobie is currently fourth in the 22-6A standings.

### 24-6A play still behind

## District volleyball play gets serious

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The Lady Wolverines found themselves on the short end of a 25-21, 21-25, 26-24, 25-19 score.

Speaking of Friendswood, the Lady Mustangs scored a big four-set win over defending league champion Clear Creek and is 2-0. Clear Falls, which swept its way past Clear Springs, is also 2-0. After that, the standings are a jumble.

#### Brook stuns Lake

After a couple of four-set losses to open District 24-6A action, Clear Brook is hoping that one stunning come-from-behind victory will spark a rally in league play.

It's still early in 24-6A play, what with delays forced due to several wet gymnasiums following

Hurricane Harvey, but a special Sept. 20 evening of play evened things out.

Heading into that match, Clear Brook was feeling good about itself following a 25-27, 23-25, 25-22, 25-22, 17-15 victory Sept. 19 at home against Clear Lake.

A loss no doubt would have forced the Lady Wolverines to play catch up for the rest of the season, but the big win over Clear Lake could help turn things around. To be fair, Clear Brook has played the entire season without its top player, but the season must go on.

To open league play, Clear Brook traveled to Clear Creek and was defeated 25-19, 18-25, 28-26, 25-18 by the Lady Wildcats at Clear Creek.

#### Lady Horns are 3-1

Dobie's varsity volleyball team has jumped into the playoff picture quickly in District 22-6A following a 3-1 start, but the locals now face the defending league champions in a bid to keep its strong start alive.

The Lady Longhorns began 22-6A action with an easy sweep over South Houston, and then defeated Sam Rayburn 25-19, 25-12, 25-17 Sept. 15, as Taylor Pleasants had 10 kills to go with nine for teammate Victoria Onozie.

Making up a previously scheduled match against Beaumont West Brook, the Lady Longhorns fell to the Bruins 27-25, 25-23, 25-12 at Dobie Sept. 16. Pleasants had 12 kills in

the match, but West Brook won a tough first game and then went on to take the sweep.

Dobie then traveled to Pasadena Sept. 19, defeating the Lady Eagles 25-18, 25-13, 25-8 to move to 3-1 in league play.

Now comes the tough part for the Lady Longhorns. The locals will host Deer Park Sept. 22 at Dobie, and La Porte will visit Dobie Sept. 26. Both varsity matches start at 6:30 p.m.

The first half of league play ends Sept. 29, as the Lady Longhorns travel to Memorial, also at 6:30 p.m.

In 2016, Dobie finished fifth and missed the playoffs. The team is determined to change that.

### District 24-6A Standings Varsity Volleyball

(As of September 19)

| Teams         | W | L |
|---------------|---|---|
| Friendswood   | 2 | 0 |
| Clear Falls   | 2 | 0 |
| Clear Creek   | 2 | 1 |
| Clear Springs | 1 | 1 |
| Dickinson     | 1 | 1 |
| Clear Brook   | 1 | 2 |
| Clear Lake    | 0 | 2 |
| Alvin         | 0 | 2 |

### District 22-6A Standings Varsity Volleyball

(As of September 20)

| Teams         | W | L |
|---------------|---|---|
| Deer Park     | 4 | 0 |
| West Brook    | 3 | 0 |
| Memorial      | 3 | 0 |
| Dobie         | 3 | 1 |
| La Porte      | 1 | 3 |
| Pasadena      | 1 | 3 |
| South Houston | 0 | 4 |
| Sam Rayburn   | 0 | 4 |

# CALENDAR

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### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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.

Noon  
**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.

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

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday

through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.

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

Noon  
**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.

7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. Call 713-856-1611.

8 p.m.  
**Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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

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

11 a.m.  
**Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English)** - For

women affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

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

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

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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

2 p.m.  
**Grief Support Group** - For adults who have lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. For details, call 281-487-8787.

5:30 p.m.  
**Celebrate Recovery** - A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., in the Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for more information or to RSVP for child care.

7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For more information, call 713-856-1611.

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p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.

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

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

10 a.m.  
**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.

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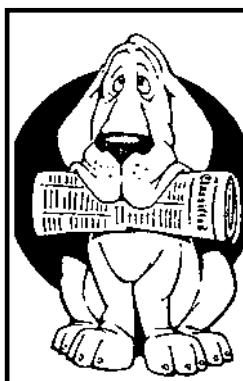
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**Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details. No meetings on holidays. 6 p.m.

**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](http://www.oahouston.org). 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. 7:30 p.m.

**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. 7:30 p.m.

**Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - Israeli Folk Dancing on Monday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., 16020 El Camino Real, 77062. \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 sessions for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For information, contact 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

**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 more information, call 713-472-0565. 10 a.m.

**American Begonia Society** - Houston Satellite meets on the fourth Tuesday, Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Pkwy. (on the lake side), Seabrook. For information, call Joe at 281-481-2458. 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

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**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 information, call 281-900-7257 or visit [nalix@texascitizensbank.com](mailto:nalix@texascitizensbank.com). 1:30 p.m.

**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., 1:30 p.m. For more information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713. 2 p.m.

**Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class** - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For more information or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at [drglandorf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:drglandorf@sbcglobal.net) or call 281-488-6318. 7 p.m.

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## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

**AAA 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.

**Young at Heart Club** - Meets the second and fourth week monthly (Nov./Dec. meet second week only) at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips,

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**StartSchoolLater.net (SSL) Houston Chapter** - informational meeting about the link of teen sleep deprivation to depression and low academic performance. Public is welcome, 5:30 p.m., on the fourth Wednesday, Parker Williams Library, Room F, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., 77089. For more information, call 281-229-1409. 7 p.m.

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**Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention** - Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support group for women. Visit [www.bayareaturnpoint.org](http://www.bayareaturnpoint.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 information, call 281-484-9243. **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

**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.

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**Kirkwood Civic Association** meets at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd. For details, call Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990. 6:30 p.m.

**Well Spouse Support Group** - meets the last Thursday at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale, with the spouse of a chronically ill/disabled person, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Childcare is free. No meetings in Nov. or Dec. For details, contact Jennifer Miller at [houstonwellspouse@gmail.com](mailto:houstonwellspouse@gmail.com) or 713-724-2360, or visit <http://www.wellspouse.org>. 7 p.m.

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Clear Brook receiver Mark Milton (10) scoots down the left sideline for a 52-yard gain in the first half of the Wolverines' easy win over South Houston Sept. 15, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Photo by David Flickinger

## Wolverines outlast SoHo 52-25

**Continued from Page 1B** prepared to launch a last ditch pass from his own 40-yard line. With Chapman battling a pair of South Houston defenders on the way to the end zone, Garcia's pass was thrown a bit short and looked to be safely defended by the Trojans.

Instead, the ball bounced off a Trojan defenders' shoulder pads and into the waiting hands of Chapman, who alertly snared the sinking football. Just like that, it was 35-13 at the half.

Smith had two touchdown runs in the second half, including distances of eight and 38 yards. Reserve tailback Michael Norris scored his second touchdown in as many weeks.

Kicker Curtis Falkenburg, who made good on each of his seven conversion tries, completed the scoring as he nailed a 26-yard field goal with 3.48 to play in the game.

So the Wolverines are cruising offensively through two games, but there has to be a little bit of concern in that the Trojans were able to rush for more than 340 yards in the game.

Williams, with his 79-yard scoring run helping out, had 176 yards rushing in the game. Quarterback Torrence Stevens, meanwhile, rushed for 101 yards while weaving his way through the Wolverines' defense. Ethan Ponce, the Trojans' between the tackles power back, went for 76 yards.

So now the Wolverines have another break in the schedule. The team's bye week precedes the District 24-6A opener, which comes Sept. 29 against Clear Falls, a 49-0 winner over Sam Rayburn Sept. 15.

The Clear Brook/Clear Falls matchup also represents the Wolverines' annual homecoming game. Of utmost importance to the Wolverines is getting off to a strong start in league play.

With Clear Lake also off to a strong start, there appears to be at least five programs in 24-6A seriously competing for the four available playoff spots. Clear Brook certainly plans to be one of those three when all the dust settles.

# Longhorns drop FB opener to Mavs

**Continued from Page 1B** into the game but was instead dealing with a shoulder issue and did not start.

Junior De'Aubriion Taulton drew the job and improved after a slow start, getting the Longhorns within 23-10 after an early 23-0 deficit.

But Taulton was sacked and suffered a stinger on the opening drive of the second half, forcing his exit.

Sulak entered the game and threw an interception on his lone play of the game before he, too, left with the shoulder issue. Senior Jacob Sims subsequently played much of the second half against Morton Ranch.

But as Dobie prepares for Dawson, both Taulton and Sulak should be able to play. As for the rest of the team, there just needs to be better execution.

"Dobie historically has not had a whole bunch of success in terms of wins, but I really believe the kids have competed very well," Dobie head coach Norman said.

"As we get closer to district play the week after, we need to start getting on a roll and putting all the pieces together.

"We saw some good things against Morton Ranch, and now we just need to continue to see progress."

### Morton Ranch rolls

A 23-0 deficit in the first half and the loss of starting quarterback De'Aubriion Taulton to injury in the third quarter was too much for the Longhorns to overcome in the team's 36-17 loss to Morton Ranch on opening night.

Effectively running the option, the Mavs' quarterback Dallas Ross scored on a pair of keepers in the first quarter as Morton Ranch led 13-0 after a quarter.

On the opening drive of the game, Morton Ranch made things look relatively easy.

Ross completed a 15-yard pass to Anthony Baker for a key third-down conversion, but otherwise Ross and tailback Josh Bennett kept the ball on the ground as Morton Ranch went 62 yards on eight plays for a quick 6-0 lead after Ross' one-yard keeper.

Later in the first quarter, Morton Ranch recovered a fumble after a poor snap from Dobie.

Setting up shop at the Dobie 19-yard line, the Mavs needed just three plays, including Ross' 8-yard keeper for the touchdown, to take a 13-0 lead.

With Dobie still struggling to get much going offensively, things got worse for the locals. Punter Joshua Hernandez juggled the snap and then was tackled for a 16-yard loss. Once again granted a short field to work with, the Mavs turned to Bennett, whose three-yard touchdown run early in the second quarter gave the visitors a 20-0 lead.

David Dominguez added a 33-yard field goal midway through the quarter as Morton Ranch led 23-0.

Dobie finally got into a better offensive flow midway through the second quarter. Taulton kept for a 13-yard gain to give the Longhorns their first first down of the game. Later in the drive, Taulton completed passes to Jeremiah Hernandez and Jordan Marcum for first downs.

The Longhorns eventually would go 75 yards on 14 plays.

Junior tailback Kris Morris had the longest play of the drive, a 17-yard run, and his two-yard burst into end zone put the Longhorns on the scoreboard with 38 seconds left in the half.

Things got better for Dobie from there. Morton Ranch fumbled the kickoff, and a Dobie recovery gave the locals another scoring chance. Eventually, Hernandez's 24-yard field goal on the final play of the half cut Dobie's deficit to 23-10.

Taulton jump-started the Longhorns' offense on the opening drive of the second half.

He threw to Noah Roman for eight yards on the first play and then ran for eight more yards. Taulton went back to Roman for 12 yards and then ran for another eight.

But on a second down play near midfield, Taulton was gang sacked by Morton Ranch and suffered a stinger.

After several minutes, the junior was helped off the field but has al-

ready been cleared to play against Dawson.

Senior Jacob Sulak, who was the presumed starter heading into the game, replaced Taulton and lasted one play. Trying to throw a screen pass out to his left, Sulak was hit as he began his throwing motion and instead threw the ball to Morton Ranch linebacker Derick Mourning, who raced 35 yards the other way for a touchdown.

Just like that, it was 29-10 with 8:29 left in the third quarter. Sulak exited

the game after that one play.

Senior Jacob Sims played the remainder of the game after quarterback, with mixed results.

Morris, who finished the game with 85 yards rushing on 18 carries, went 55 yards up the gut for a touchdown with less than a minute to go in the third quarter.

Jaylen Moorehead had a 34-yard touchdown run for the Mavs midway through the fourth quarter to cap the scoring.

Looking back at the

high snap to Taulton and the juggle and turnover on downs on the punt play coupled with the ill-timed interception, Norman conceded that the Longhorns didn't do themselves any favors.

Very few teams, after all, are explosive enough to overcome three turnovers in their end of the field.

"It's unfortunate that we had that happen with Taulton because I really feel like we had some momentum and could've put ourselves in position to

possibly win the game in the fourth quarter," Norman said.

"We made some in-game adjustments and had some things going. But we also just have to make plays.

You can talk all of the X's and O's during the week, but guys still have to go out there and make plays. We had a lot of guys out there playing under the lights for the first time. I expect things to smooth out. We will learn from this one and hopefully execute better."



Morton Ranch tailback Jaylen Moorhead (22) is bottled up after a short gain in the first half as linebackers Dejaun Dixon (33) and Cervantis Pounds (42) move in for the tackle. At left is Longhorns' Mirodello Ashford. The Mavs built an early 23-0 lead on their way to an eventual 36-17 victory in the season opener for both teams Sept. 14 at Veterans Stadium. Photo by David Flickinger

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