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JFD holds senior aid event

Senior students and their parents are invited to attend a Free Application for Federal Student Aid information meeting Tuesday, Oct. 3. The FAFSA meeting will begin at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria. Important information will be shared with an opportunity for questions and answers. Senior parents and students are urged to attend.

Bellavita market planned

Bellavita will hold its annual Mistletoe Market Saturday, Oct. 7, in the subdivision's clubhouse, located at 1548 N. Riviera Circle in Pearland, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shop from more than 70 vendors offering a variety of clothing, jewelry, home décor, specialty food products, candles, yard art and much more. Food concessions will be available from Hope Village (with all food proceeds going to the group). A portion of market proceeds will benefit Military Moms and Wives of Brazoria County. Admission is \$3. For more information, visit www.club-bellavita.org.

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. The courses are taught by experienced martial arts instructors who have earned black belt degrees. Sessions are on Fridays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, email Michael.Alonzo@ASKKarate.com or call 281-788-5930.

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.

Lariaettes hosts clinic

The J. Frank Dobie Lariaettes will host its 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 preregistration. For more information, email Victoria.Armenta@varmenta@pasadenaisd.org or Myrna Alanis at myrnaalanis@yahoo.com.

New Life holds bazaar

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

Legion blood drive set

The American Legion Hall Post No. 490 has scheduled a blood drive for Sunday, Oct. 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. inside the American Legion Hall, located at 11702 Galveston Road. Sign up online at www.giveblood.org or call Dave Witucki at 281-332-6233 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome. Free T-shirts are available while supplies last.

Gulflhaven now a distributor

A Hurricane Harvey distribution center is now open at Gulflhaven Adventist Community Church, 10716 Sabo Road. For more information, contact Jean Hagen at 713-562-4580.

South Belt hosts party

South Belt Church, 13100 Beamer, will host the Forget Harvey Block Party Sunday, Oct. 1, from 4 to 7 p.m. The event will include food, inflatables, music, games, door prizes and live entertainment provided by Hip-Hop-Houston. A shuttle service will run from San Jacinto College, where additional parking will be available. The family-friendly party is free and open to the public.

Highland Meadow to meet

The Highland Meadow Home Owners Association's monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the Parker Williams Library, located at 10851 Scarsdale. Homeowners are encouraged to attend. Questions prior to the meeting may be directed to Sherrida Williams with C.I.A. Services at 713-981-9000 or CustomerCare@ciaseservices.com.

A month after Harvey, area still recovering

By James Bolen

One month after Harvey, the South Belt community is slowly returning to a sense of normalcy.

Local students have returned to class, despite multiple campuses having received varying degrees of storm damage, with Thompson Intermediate being the most affected.

Thompson students are temporarily being housed at Beverly Hills Intermediate, while school officials assess damage at the original campus. While the combination of the two inter-

mediate schools has caused extensive traffic on Beamer during drop-off/pickup times, administrators said the interim arrangement is going well, given the circumstances.

Pasadena Independent School District officials are considering a complete rebuild of the area school, rather than repairing the existing campus. Such a campus would be constructed in the Riverstone Ranch area on property already owned by the district.

At a board meeting Tuesday, Sept. 26, PISD

Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell said it would be at least five weeks before insurance adjusters will have a final estimate on damages to the school. Further, Troy McCarley, who serves as PISD's associate superintendent for projects, planning and communications, said any final decision would be made after the district's November bond

election. (See related story on Page 2A.)

In observance of the destructive storm's one-month anniversary, the *Leader* would like to focus this edition on the positivity that resulted from Harvey, with multiple feature stories on some of the unsung heroes who went above and beyond the call of duty.

Chamber's Evening of Cuisine nears

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's 20th annual Evening of Cuisine will be held Thursday, Oct. 5, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at The Gardens Houston, 12001 Beamer. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

Servers taking part in this year's event include Abe's Cajun Market, Barceñas 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, Raising 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.

Door prizes will be awarded, and attendees can bid on live and silent auction items throughout the night. Auction items include Disneyland tickets, custom outdoor furniture, sports memorabilia and more.

Participants will be vying for nine different awards at this year's function. Local elected officials serving as judges will sample and score each booth on their dishes, as well as pick the booth that best represents this year's event theme, along with the Newcomer of the Year award. Attendees to the event will be selecting the People's Choice, Best Entrée and Best Dessert awards, Kids' Choice Best Entrée and Dessert awards, as well as the highly coveted Best of Show award.

"Our restaurants play a huge role in the success of this event," said Jason Carter. **Continued on Page 4A**

Local couple goes above, beyond

By James Bolen

While there were many heroes during Hurricane Harvey, few did more to help the South Belt community than local couple Jason and Rebecca Carter, who both tirelessly volunteered throughout the duration of the storm.

Jason Carter, who serves as a coach for the Sagemont Cowboys, was responsible for rescuing numerous residents – first by truck, then by kayak – before taking on a lead role at the temporary shelter erected at Dobie High School, while his wife assumed kitchen duties at the makeshift facility.

The parents of a Dobie FFA student, the Carters' recent volunteer work started somewhat accidentally when Jason encountered displaced residents walking toward the school to take shelter, as he was checking on livestock at the campus's adjacent agricultural facility.

"I didn't get it at first," Carter said. "I saw all these people walking down Blackhawk. There were droves. I was like 'what in the world? It's just raining.'"

Once he realized the severity of the storm, however, Carter, who owns an elevated truck – a Ford Excursion with 18 inches of lift and 37-inch tires – went into rescue mode.

"I called (Rebecca) and said 'I've got to help.'"

After picking up his trusted friend Charles Smith to help, Carter began going up and down area streets searching for others who needed assistance. Carter focused his attention on areas along Hall Road and Kirkfair because even his large truck was incapable of crossing Beamer. A kayak fisherman by hobby, Carter later used a boat to rescue victims in flood waters so high that even fire department vehicles couldn't maneuver through them.

For her part, Rebecca Carter collected dry clothes, blankets and food and headed to Dobie to volunteer.

"That first morning, it was all our comforters, all our clothes," Rebecca Carter said. "As soon as supplies walked through those doors, you were handing them to someone who was putting them on. So instantly, I was seeing children wearing my children's clothes and women wearing my clothes."

Additional donations, however, soon began to

flow in.

"There was an outpouring of support from the community," said Jason Carter.

The couple attributes social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter for helping spread the word.

"Social media played a big part in getting supplies," Rebecca Carter said. "It just grew. People who could send it in, sent it in, and if people couldn't get there, we'd pick it up."

A devout Christian and member of South Belt Church, Jason believes divine intervention provided for some of the necessary supplies.

He recalled a story of doing rescue work in the middle of the night when he came upon a woman walking on Hall Road near St. Luke's Church. When Carter asked if she needed assistance, she responded that she was going to work at the church's Gabriel Project – a program designed to help women during crisis pregnancies.

Knowing there was a huge need for diapers at Dobie – one of the few supplies lacking at the time – Carter asked the woman if she had any to donate. To Carter's amazement, not only did the woman have extra diapers, but she had enough to fill his entire SUV.

"At that time, Charles said 'you have to mark that one up for God,'" Jason said. "Because that's too much for coincidence, if all these other things hadn't have happened, there's no way I would have randomly ran into this lady walking down the side of Hall Road. It was definitely put in place before we ever got over there. That was the plan, to get diapers, whether we knew it or not."

As the population and amount of donations and supplies increased at Dobie, Jason Carter transitioned from his role as a rescuer to an organizer at the shelter.

"I was relegated to chief and threw my keys to someone else," Carter said. "My profession is, I'm a yardmaster at Union Pacific, so I keep a lot of stuff moving at one time. It was kind of natural for me to keep all the pieces moving inside the building and make sure everything was going where it was supposed to go. I went into work mode. My wheels were turning."

Carter made it a point to visit with each individual seeking shelter at the temporary refuge. **Continued on Page 2A**

"I didn't flood, I'm volunteering"



Reena Benitez, 16, can be seen above making her way toward Dobie High School through waist-high flood water in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. Benitez was not seeking shelter, however. Instead, she had walked more than 2 miles from her undamaged home to volunteer at the makeshift shelter. She was picked up by Dean Baier, who was doing rescue work for the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department. *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger referred to Benitez as her hero and the embodiment of the South Belt spirit. See related photo on Page 6A.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Dobie's Benitez selflessly volunteers

By Mary Doan

Dobie student Reena Benitez walked through waist-high flood waters to volunteer her time to the families in need at the shelter opened at Dobie High School during Hurricane Harvey. (See related editorial Page 2A.)

Many residents of the South Belt community have opened their arms in helping one another through the tragic flood waters of Hurricane Har-

vey. Dobie High School 16-year old senior, Reena Benitez, a South Belt resident for 12 years, walked 2.2 miles through waist-high flood waters from the Clearwood Crossing subdivision to Dobie High School to give her time to those in need.

"I wanted to help people and it was sad knowing my house was okay and other people were at Dobie because their home was flooded," Benitez said.

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National Night Out set for Oct. 3

The 34th annual National Night Out is set to take place Tuesday, Oct. 3.

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

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

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

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

Along with the traditional display of porch lights and front porch vigils, NNO will be celebrated by neighborhoods and communities with a variety of events and activities such as block parties, cookouts, parades, flashlight walks, con-

tests, youth programs and visits from local police.

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

Local homeowner groups and civic clubs also traditionally hold NNO events. According to HPD Officer Richard Buitron, however, there are fewer events planned this year, due to the effects of Hurricane Harvey.

The Houston Police Department, Harris County Sheriff's Office and Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's Office will all be participating in the program.

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

Pct. 2 deputies respond to shootings

Deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office responded to two separate area shootings in less than one week.

The first shooting, which took place Sept. 12 in the 11500 block of Bickwood around 2 p.m., reportedly stemmed from a road-rage incident.

The ordeal started on Scarsdale when one driver got upset with another for driving too slowly. Investigators said the rear driver then followed the other man to his parents' house at the aforementioned address. After going inside the home briefly, the lead driver then got back into his truck and attempted to leave the residence. As he began driving, however, the second driver sideswiped his vehicle, causing him to come to a stop.

The driver who caused the collision then reportedly jumped on the hood of his own car and began screaming at the other man. Claiming that he feared for his life, the driver of the truck then shot the other man with a small-caliber weapon, striking him in the abdomen.

The victim was transported to Clear Lake Regional Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Charges were still pending at press time.

The second incident took place around 10:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18, while a pizza was being delivered to a home in the 11600 block of Eaglewood.

As the pizza delivery man was approaching the customer's house, three to four men came up from behind and pulled a gun on the resident and asked where his money was. Two of the suspects then shot the resident in the leg, while a third suspect pulled a gun on the delivery driver and demanded a ride to the Jack in the Box on Scarsdale.

The crooks who stayed behind then reportedly ransacked the victim's house. Investigators believe drugs may have played a role in the crime. Again, the victim was transported to Clear Lake Regional Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The suspects were described as black males wearing dark shirts and dark pants.

Anyone with any information about this incident is urged to contact the constable's office at 281-481-9189 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

Carters to the rescue



Mere hours before Hurricane Harvey struck the South Belt area, spouses Rebecca and Jason Carter were on a date night enjoying rare time alone. In the aftermath of the hurricane's damage, both sprang into action, with Rebecca spending days at Dobie High School cooking meals for displaced residents in need. Meanwhile, Jason used his 4x4 truck on several water rescue efforts in the area. See related photo on Page 6A.

Photo by Rebecca Carter



Storm protection video released

At the podium, Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner addresses an audience gathered to view the roll-out of a dynamic new storm surge protection video during a media event held Sept. 12 at City Hall. Shown, left to right, are Houston city council members Mike Knox, Brenda Stardig, Dave Martin, Karla Cisneros, David Robinson, Jack Christie (standing behind Turner), Mayor Pro Tem Ellen R. Cohen, Sen. Sylvia Garcia, Rep. Dennis Paul and Stephen C. Costello, city of Houston chief resilience officer and "flood czar." (See related story Page 5A.) Photo submitted

Publisher's Opinion

Recovery frustrating, but there is much good community news

Maybe it is because it has been a month and there are so many homes that need massive rebuilding, but I found myself a little blue this week.

Up to now my spirits were high about the tremendous amount of good in the community that has been shown due to the damage done by Harvey.

Going through what this community has gone through has been tough.

I keep thinking maybe the next morning when I wake up, it will all have been a bad dream. I believe it is OK to get down a little. Just don't let it take you over.

I have never, in 50 years in this community, seen such caring for one's fellow man as we have witnessed in South Belt.

Some of the stories we have published, but I know there are many more we would like to share with our readers. We need to hear from those of you who were going through Harvey.

I am especially looking for Harvey "Heroes." For example the girl pictured on this week's Page 1A. Also Jason Carter and Charles Smith, who used a big vehicle and a kayak to rescue people from water too high for a big group of heroes, the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department to be able to reach.

Dean Baier, General Manager of Op-

erations for Clear Brook City MUD, was driving me to Dobie one morning in the only vehicle around that could make the trip. Pulling up to the Dobie long driveway we could see someone walking in the sea of water. After she got on the truck running board, I asked if she had flooded. Her answer was, "No, I'm here to volunteer." Her name is Reena Benitez. The impact of her volunteerism did not hit me till days later when I was looking at my photos. Through Facebook, I learned her name and then found out that was her second day of trekking to the Dobie shelter. I believe she is representative of the volunteer spirit here and throughout southeast Texas. Dean, who was driving that day spent day and night making sure the MUD had water, and aiding the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department in rescuing many of our neighbors. Kat Kiel did a tremendous job with the animals at the shelter; our churches, like Sagemont and Christian Temple, and there are many more too numerous to mention today.

But please, send us your stories and photos. We need to keep the emphasis on the good things, while working to fix the negative. Thanks to all who have done so much and please share your stories and pictures.

-Marie Flickinger

In My Opinion

David Weld's curious about discarded trash

Good info in 9/21 edition regarding trash left at curb. I'm sure I'm not the only one who was not aware of this. However, I wonder if property owners can order the folks wanting to go through their trash off

of their property. Trespassing? Just curious.

David R Weld

Guess I really don't mind except if they tear open bags and leave a mess.

Publisher's note: It has always been my understanding that once it is thrown out as trash, it's free property but will try and get you a more legal answer.

-Marie Flickinger

FEMA announces update

If one's home was inaccessible at the time of the FEMA inspection—but is now accessible—one must call the FEMA Helpline 800-621-3362 (voice, 711 or VRS) or (800) 462-7585 (TTY) or go to a Disaster Recovery Center. To find the nearest DRC go to: asf.fema.gov/inter/locator/home.htm, to update one's case. Until an update, FEMA cannot set an inspection. Lines may be busy due to high demand. Call volume may be lower in the morning or evening.

Clean up storm-damaged home as soon as it's safe to re-enter. Don't wait. After registering for disaster assistance, FEMA may send an inspector to one's home to view the damage or photographs of the damage. FEMA has deployed more than 2,000 inspectors to Texas. But due to the large number of damaged homes, it may take up to 30 days for a FEMA inspector to contact an applicant and schedule an inspection.

FEMA home inspectors' advice

FEMA advises homeowners:

- Ask to see an official photo to ID. As further proof, inspectors will know one's case number. Inspections are free.
- Take pictures of damage. Although FEMA does not require photos of the damaged home, one's insurance company may request photographic proof of losses. Consult one's insurance agent for more information. Make home secure and functional. Start repairs to make one's home safe and livable again or prevent further damage to the property.
- Save receipts to show the FEMA home inspector.
- Visit www.fema.gov/hurricane-harvey to find fact sheets and infographics: What to Expect After You Apply for FEMA Aid; Don't Wait. Clean up now; Separating Your Debris; and Home Inspections for Hurricane Harvey Survivors.
- Call 844-965-1386 if needing help cleaning up one's flood-damaged home. In support of Texas 2-1-1, the Clean-up Assistance Helpline will connect Texas survivors with volunteer groups who muck-and-gut damaged homes. This is not for yard debris cleanup.

As of COB Sept. 20

As of the close of business on Sept. 20, FEMA has reported its status which includes:

- Total registrations are 784,116; individuals and Households Program grants approved nearly \$544.6 million; housing assistance more than \$398 million;
- Other Needs Assistance nearly total \$146.6 million;
- 186,747 FEMA inspections were completed and 23,916 TSA applicants were checked in.

U.S. Small Business Administration

SBA offers low-interest, long-term disaster loans to businesses of all sizes (including landlords), private non-profit organizations (such as churches and charities), homeowners and renters to repair or replace uninsured/uncompensated disaster-damaged property. SBA disaster loans offer an affordable way for individuals and businesses to recover from disasters.

As of Sept. 20

Total SBA applications received 40,308; total SBA loans approved: more than \$337; for homeowners more than \$310.5 million; and for businesses more than \$26.5 million.

Apply online at disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/ or in person at a Disaster Recovery Center. A loan officer will determine your eligibility during processing after reviewing any insurance or other recoveries.

SBA has opened five Business Recovery Centers. SBA representatives can meet with business owners to answer questions about SBA's disaster loan program, explain the application process and help them complete their Electronic Loan Application. SBA staffs Business Recovery Centers with representatives from the Small Business Development Center, Women's Business Center and SCORE to offer free financial counseling advice to business owners. The hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekends unless noted. The property damage application deadline is Oct. 24, 2017. The deadline to apply for economic injury is May 25, 2018.

The Business Recover Center for Harris County is located at the University of Houston Small Business Development Center Region Office, 2302 Fannin St., Suite 200.

Disaster Recovery Centers

DRCs are one-stop shops for storm survivors seeking one-on-one help. Representatives from FEMA, SBA

and various state agencies are available to answer questions. To find the nearest DRC use: asf.fema.gov/inter/locator/home.htm. Unless otherwise noted, all DRCs are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

The DRCs for Harris County include Baytown Community Center, 2407 Market St.; Greenspoint Mall, 12300 North Fwy.; Webster Civic Center, 311 Pennsylvania Ave.; Neutrality Building, 1301 Fannin St.; Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet St.; Pasadena Convention Center, 7902 Fairmont Parkway; The Church Without Walls, 5725 Queenston Blvd.; Humble Senior Activity Center, 1401 S. Houston Ave.; and St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 625 Nottingham Oaks Trail.

National Flood Insurance Program

To help homeowners with flood insurance the NFIP has waived a few requirements to expedite the receipt of payments. As of COB Sept. 20, more than 87,000 flood-insured policyholders in Texas have received more than \$551 million in advance payments. Officials from NFIP estimate claims will eventually reach \$11 billion in total payouts to insured homeowners in Texas.

NFIP Policyholders with questions may call 800-621-3362 (Press 2) from 5 a.m. to midnight. For information on how to file a claim, visit fema.gov/hurricane-harvey.

Inspections
Due to the magnitude of Hurricane Harvey, it may take up to 30 days for a FEMA inspector to contact an applicant and schedule an inspection.

Don't wait to clean up. Take pictures of the damage. Start repairs to make the home safe and livable again or prevent further damage to your property. Save receipts to show the inspector.

Disaster Unemployment Assistance

The Texas Workforce Commission extended the deadline to Oct. 31, 2017, for individuals filing for DUA in all counties declared under Harvey. This extension allows affected individuals, who may be eligible but have not yet applied, more time to apply for disaster unemployment assistance.

The TWC reports it had processed 127,672 DUA claims as of Sept. 20.

BAHEP, city on coastal spine

Victor Hugo, a French writer famous for penning *Les Misérables* among many other works, wrote, "All the forces in the world are not so powerful as an idea whose time has come."

Following the massive destruction of Hurricane Harvey, roughly estimated to have caused \$150 billion in damages, it appears that the time has finally come to take storm surge protection for the upper Texas Gulf coast under serious consideration. (See related photo Page 2A.)

Unprepared - A nation at risk

On Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017, less than 24 hours shy of the ninth anniversary of Hurricane Ike, the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership and the City of Houston rolled out the second in a series of videos produced to promote the critical need for a coastal spine system, an "Ike Dike" if one will, to protect the people, homes, businesses, industries and economies of the region, state, and nation.

The film, *Unprepared - A Nation at Risk*, produced by Space City Films and funded by the Bay Area Coastal Protection Alliance, takes a hard look at the consequences of Houston suffering a direct hit from a major hurricane.

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, surrounded by members of city council and other stakeholders, led the media event by stating, "I don't think there is a better time to have this conversation than right now."

"As we work diligently to get back on track after the devastating effects of Hurricane Harvey, we are also keeping our eyes on the vital need for strong surge protection in our region."

He emphasized, "It is very difficult to have a conversation about rebuilding if we don't have a serious conversation about mitigation ... It needs to be a part of the rebuilding process."

The mayor continued, "I think that Hurricane Harvey was a warning sign that we need to start talking, and, quite frankly, we need to start designing and building. There is no reason that in the package before Congress that they are considering that the coastal spine should not be fully funded."

Turner then invited Bob Mitchell, BAHEP president, to address the media and others in the overflow crowd in the Legacy Room at Houston City Hall. BAHEP, in partnership with Texas A&M University at Galveston among many others, has been working since 2009 to gain support for a coastal spine system.

Forward momentum

Mitchell stated, "We've actually been able to accomplish more in the last 10 months than we have in the previous seven years."

He noted that the accomplishments would not have been possible without the assistance of many people, notably Dr. Bill Merrell of TAMUG, the "father" of the coastal spine concept. "Without his foresight and creativity, there is no way that we would be standing here today," Mitchell said.

He invited everyone to watch the video, which spoke of Texas storms and their consequences, fea-

tured interviews with hurricane experts and elected officials, and outlined the potential financial impact on the nation of such storms and the aftermath of a major storm surge barreling up the Houston Ship Channel. The dynamic video can be viewed on YouTube at https://youtu.be/v_Ez1Xvkjqo.

Video's message

The new video emphasized the importance of the Bay Area Houston region to the economy of the nation. Consider this: The Houston region supports one of the most important industrial bases in the world and is ranked among the top U.S. manufacturing cities. There are 132 plant sites along the Houston Ship Channel with a base of 127,000 direct employees and approximately 200,000 contractors who service the industry. The port systems produce more than three million direct and indirect jobs nationwide.

This area is responsible for 27 percent of the nation's gasoline, 60 percent of its aviation fuel, 80 percent of the military grade fuel, and approximately 35 percent of the nation's natural gas production.

Four to five feet of water inside those specialty chemical complexes would shut them down for 18-36 months.

Imagine how that would affect the economy of the United States. In closing, the video urged everyone to contact their elected officials at www.usa.gov/elect-ed-officials to voice support for a coastal barrier system to protect the upper Texas Gulf Coast.

PISD approves bond projects

The Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees unanimously approved a list of projects recommended by the Future Facilities and Planning Committee for Proposition A – the district's \$135 million bond election.

"The 2017 Future Facilities and Planning Committee reassessed and prioritized projects cut from the 2014 bond due to lack of funding," said PISD Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell.

Powell added that Proposition A would pose no tax increase to the current 28-cent Interest & Sinking (I&S) tax and is necessary for PISD to continue to improve facilities in the district and phase out older, less-efficient buildings. The bond proposal also includes maintenance upgrades, safety improvements, technology updates and new buses.

"Since Proposition A will not increase the I&S tax rate, PISD is essentially asking for our taxpayers' permission to purchase bonds for the recommended projects," said Powell.

The Future Facilities Committee identified \$135 million in needs across the district as they worked toward a goal of addressing as many items as possible with a no-tax increase bond election.

The board approved the following proposed projects:

- New Riverstone Ranch intermediate school
- Red Bluff Elementary replacement campus (on site)
- Transportation facility and site work
- Maintenance and operations - warehouse facility
- Facility - safety upgrades
- Technology equipment

Leader checks out social media

By Mary Doan

A member of the *South Belt and Sagemont Crime Alert* Facebook page has uploaded a photo of the contact information for the volunteer group called the Helping Hands operated by the Sagemont Church Annex, located at 11600 Hughes Road. The volunteers are willing to help with flooring and sheet rock removal for those affected by Hurricane Harvey. For additional information, visit the Facebook page, email helpinghands@sagemontchurch.org or call 281-922-6421.

The Parker Williams Branch Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., has received another shipment of pet supplies including dog and cat food, kitty litter, collars, treats and small crate mats. For more information, visit the *Pets of Southbelt* Facebook page or call 281-484-2036.

The Thompson Intermediate school faculty and staff have created a second Amazon wish list for those who are willing to donate school supplies such as boxes of facial tissue, pencil sharpeners,

staplers, dry erase markers and extension cords.

Donations can be shipped or brought directly to Beverly Hills Intermediate school, 11111 Beamer Road. Members of the *People of Sagemont* Facebook page suggest those who want to donate other supplies that are not on the Amazon wish list, to shop for supplies from Kroger because of their 75 percent off school supplies sale. For additional information, visit the *Thompson Intermediate School* Facebook Page.

Many pets and animals were displaced due to Hurricane Harvey. If in a situation of finding a lost pet, take the pet to a local shelter to check if he or she is micro-chipped as well as upload a photograph of the pet onto the *Pets of Southbelt* Facebook page stating where the pet was found. For additional information or to find a lost pet, visit the *Pets of Southbelt* Facebook page.

A member of the *Southbelt This & That* Facebook page has uploaded a flyer for an event hosted for the com-

munity called the Forget Harvey Block Party. The Forget Harvey Block Party event will be held at the South Belt Church, 13100 Beamer Road, on Sunday, Oct. 1 from 4-7 p.m. The event is created to help residents to enjoy a break from rebuilding the homes effected by Harvey. There will be free food, snow cones, games, prizes, inflatables and live music.

For more information visit the *Southbelt This & That* Facebook page.

The *Thompson Intermediate* Facebook page has posted that the Pasadena Independent School District has approved the extension for the free meal waiver making all breakfasts and lunches free for all students through Oct. 31. Students who have not completed a free and reduced meal application will be removed from the free and reduced program and will have to begin paying for lunch on Nov. 1.

For additional information visit the *Thompson Intermediate* Facebook page or call 713-740-0510.

Deaths

Larry Charles Stormer Sr.



Larry Charles Stormer Sr., 66, of Houston, died on Monday, Sept. 18, 2017, at his home.

Stormer was born to Charles Milton Stormer and Edna Mae Stormer on Aug. 3, 1951, in Houston. He married Candy Lynn Brannon on Oct. 25, 1974. He was a veteran and served in the Army.

As a member of Freeway Baptist Church he served in the music ministry, until becoming ill in 2016. He was a long-time wrecker driver in the southeast area, and had many friends and extended family.

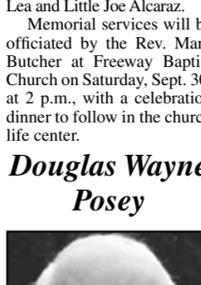
Larry Stormer is preceded in death by his father, mother, and grandmother. He is survived by his wife; sons Larry Stormer II and wife Tina and Terry Stormer; his brother Ray Milton Stormer; grandchildren Zayle Stormer, Tyler Stormer, Larry Stormer III, Tavin Stormer, Mya Stormer, Selena Muñoz Stormer and Jacob Allison; brothers-in-law Rick Campbell, Louie Campbell, Ben Brannon, Mike Morrison and David Bolton Sr.; sisters-in-law Donna Campbell, Dawn Morrison, Rhonda Bolton, Nanette Campbell and Danny Brannon.

He is also survived by nieces and nephews Latisa and Melody Campbell, Pat and Christy Campbell, Brittany Brannon, David Jr. Benji, Ashley Stonestreet, Ricky and Greg Coppens, Joshua, Phillip and Ashley Morrison and Michael, Chrystal, Grady and Sarah Bolton; great-nieces and great-nephews Kaylee, Kaideen

and Kinlee Campbell, Mayven, Gianni and Famie Coppens, Trinity, Lorali, Gauge and Preslie Bolton, and Hailey, Lea and Little Joe Alcaraz.

Memorial services will be officiated by the Rev. Mark Butcher at Freeway Baptist Church on Saturday, Sept. 30, at 2 p.m., with a celebration dinner to follow in the church life center.

Mary P. Drury



Mary P. Drury died on Sept. 20, 2017, of natural causes. She was born to Anita Guendry and Salvatore Perrero Aug. 14, 1921, in Painscourtville, Louisiana. She graduated from Port Allen High School in Port Allen, Louisiana, on May 31, 1939, and graduated from Spencer Business College in Baton Rouge on May 15, 1941. She was a recipient of the Parent Teacher Association Lifetime Achievement Award on April 18, 1963, in Houston.

Mary married Robert C. Drury on April 1, 1946. He preceded her in death after more than thirty years of marriage. She retired from Foley's/Macy's after twenty years of service as executive assistant to the warehouse store manager. Surviving her are her daughter and son-in-law Donna and Carl Haga; son and daughter-in-law Robert C. Drury Jr. and Marcela Romero; granddaughters Rachelle VanMeter and Holly and husband Mike Kressley; great-granddaughters Hannah Crumley and Kaylee Kressley; great-grandson Michael G. Barnard; dear friend and sister Alice Harkness; nieces and nephews; and other family members. Mary was preceded in death by her mother and father and brother Felix Perrero.

A funeral mass will be celebrated Thursday, Sept. 28, at noon at St. Luke Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road. The family will host family and friends in the church foyer at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Longtime South Belt resident Douglas Wayne Posey, 77, died Sept. 12, 2017. His five children and his devoted wife of 49 years, Peggy, were by his side.

Doug spent his younger years as an enthusiastic pipefitter with Pipefitters Local Union 211 while completing his education at the University of Houston, obtaining his engineering degree.

He then ran his company Cinco Engineering for nearly 25 years and, afterward, spent time as the director of apprenticeship programs of Houston Community College. He strove to support skilled labor and strongly advocated its recognition.

He is survived by his loving wife; his children JD, Ginger, Brett, Brian and Kristi Posey; daughter-in-law Marsha Posey; son-in-law Chris Smith; and his best friend Steve Dement. His grandchildren Cooper and Addison Posey miss their time with him.

The funeral service was held Sept. 18 at Fellowship Bible Church in Pearland. Interment followed at San Jacinto Memorial Park.

Carters volunteer during storm

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"I personally made an attempt to talk to everybody who came through those doors, to see if they needed help, to see what they needed, if they wanted to pray, and just let them know we were going to make it through this together as a community," he said.

A former day care employee and mother of six, Rebecca also felt at home while volunteering at the high school. "I know how to cook for a lot of people," she said. "This is what I do already. It was just for more people."

On the first morning Dobie served as a shelter, it is estimated that Carter cooked around 600 pancakes, initially using only products she had brought from her own home.

The Carters, who also took flood victims into their own home, were touched by how upbeat the evacuees were, given their bleak circumstances.

"There was nothing but love in that building," said Jason Carter. "Everyone there was happy. These are people who just lost their whole house in a flood, and they were still happy, or at least content. We were brothers and sisters of Sagemont taking care of brothers and sis-

ters of Sagemont. It was one, big happy family."

Carter further extended his appreciation to the others who helped pitch in at the shelter.

"Every single person there – every single volunteer, to the powers that be like Marie (Flickinger), the PISD police, the teachers – everyone showed how much they cared and how much they love our community," he said. "We were all there together to take care of the community."

While members of the American Red Cross and National Guard eventually arrived at Dobie to provide assistance, the Carters stressed the importance of local community members taking a proactive approach.

"A lot of times in a situation like this, people sit back and think 'oh, there's people who do this, they'll take care of us,'" said Rebecca Carter. "If people in Sagemont had done that, it would have been a disaster. Everybody who could do something, they did something. And that, for me, was the important part. And for anything else that comes up, if you can do something, do it. There's no going to be people coming in at 6 a.m. with food."

Jason Carter contends the outside help wasn't even necessary. "We had such an outpouring from the community, we didn't really need anybody else," he said.

Carter also feels area residents should make advance rescue plans, should the need arise again in the future.

"We need to organize community members before the next time," Jason Carter said. "Because the fire department, the city officials, they have their plans, but what's left is guys like me who have a boat and have a truck and want to help, but for lack of better words, we're running around off a chicken with its head cut like. We need to start planning ahead because there's always going to be a next time. We need to say 'have all the jacked-up trucks meet at St. Luke's, all the boats meet here.' That way we're a go before it ever begins. We need to organize ahead of time."

Despite the unprecedented damage caused by the storm, Rebecca Carter feels the positive energy it spurred throughout the community has a lingering effect.

"It brought out the best in people," she said. "People are still helping. It started a spark."

Local library events set

Parker Williams Library

Book Buddies is a new program of literary initiative to get Little Buddies from kindergarten to third grade interested in the joys of reading while being guided by a Big Buddy, a teen volunteer who reads to a Little Buddy on a one-to-one basis. The program requires eight weekly commitments on Tuesdays from 5 to 5:45 p.m. and continues through Nov. 14. Applications are accepted at the reference desk through Monday, Oct. 2.

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

- Saturday, Sept. 30, 11:30 a.m. Meet in the library community room for the community celebration of the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival for ages 5 and older. Friends of the Parker Williams Branch Library are sponsoring the festivities of a craft, refreshments and the reading of the Moon King story.
- Tuesday, Oct. 3, 5 - 5:45 p.m. Book Buddies. A teen volunteer reads to a Little Buddy.
- Tuesday, Oct. 3, 5 - 8 p.m. National Night Out in the Courthouse Annex hosted by Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz and Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado. Meet at the annex for food, refreshments, and games. NNO is an opportunity to build community partnerships. There will be law enforcement and community safety vehicles providing tours. Community agencies, like Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services, WIC, and the Parker Williams Branch Library, will provide information about their services.
- Below are the programs that occur every week.
- Wednesdays, Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m. For children, ages 3 years to 5 years, storytime features stories, songs, fingerplays and a craft.
- Thursdays, Toddler storytime, 10:30 a.m. - For toddlers from birth to 3 years, storytime features stories, songs, fingerplays and bubbles.
- Saturdays, Vietnamese Learning Time. Level 2 begins at 10 a.m., Level 1 begins at 11:15 a.m. and Level 3 begins at 2:30 p.m. For more information on these programs, speak with Loc Bui.

Bracewell Branch Library

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

- Thursday, Sept. 28, 4 p.m. Teen craft
- Saturday, Sept. 30, 10:30 a.m. Spanish computer class
- Saturday, Sept. 30, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. English as a Second Language class
- Monday, Oct. 2, 10:30 a.m. Polliwog
- Tuesday, Oct. 3, 10:30 a.m. Preschool storytime; 11:15 a.m. Preschool playtime
- Wednesday, Oct. 4, 10:30 a.m. Toddler storytime; 11:15 a.m. Toddler playtime
- Wednesday, Oct. 4, Computer courses: 2 p.m. Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. Basic Powerpoint
- 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.

AFRC's 910th Airlift Wing aids mosquito control

The Air Force Reserve Command's 910th Airlift Wing sprayed over one million acres since arriving here Sept. 8 to start the mosquito control application in areas of eastern Texas assisting with Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts.

The 910th operates the Department of Defense's only large area, fixed-wing aerial spray capability to control pest insect populations, eliminate undesired, invasive vegetation and disperse oil spills in large bodies of water.

More than 90 Reserve Citizen Airmen based at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station in Ohio are working from Kelly Field Annex in San Antonio.

The team consists of citizen airmen from the 910th's Aerial Spray Flight, Aerial Spray Maintenance Flight, Operations Support Squadron, Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Maintenance Squadron, Force Support Squadron, and Logistics Readiness Squadron. The 502nd Operations Support Squadron based at the Kelly Field Annex and

the Air Force Reserve's 433rd Maintenance Group based at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio are also providing invaluable support to the aerial spray mission.

Due to large amounts of standing, polluted water, the number of pest insects have increased significantly. This situation is impacting first responders and recovery workers with nearly 100 mosquito bites per minute as cleanup and repair efforts continue.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Texas Department of State

Health Services have requested the support of the 910th to treat potentially millions of affected acres. Authorities requested DoD support because the scope of the disaster is beyond the capacity of available civilian mosquito control resources.

Since the 910th started mosquito control aerial spray operations on Sept. 9, 2017, they have significantly reduced the number of bites to less than five per minute.

The 910th conducts aerial spray missions at dusk and nighttime hours using night

vision technology when pest insects are most active.

Residents should not be alarmed to see large, low flying military aircraft over areas being treated during overnight hours.

AFRC's 910th Airlift Wing aerial spray mission uses only Environmental Protection Agency-registered materials. Aerial spray is a highly controlled application of the required material using a specially designed Modular Aerial Spray System; applying no more than one ounce per acre. That's about 1 1/2 ounces of material for an area the size of a football field.

For this mosquito control mission, the DSHS has selected a material called naled. According to the EPA, this material is effective in amounts not large enough to cause any concern for the health of humans, including children and pregnant women, or pets.

The 910th's aerial spray capability was used for pest insect control during disaster recovery efforts by treating more than 2.8 million acres in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005 as well as after Hurricane Gustav in 2008. The 910th's aerial spray oil dispersant capability was used in the aftermath of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Hurricane Harvey aerial spray operations are expected to significantly surpass previous missions in the scope of areas treated by the Air Force Reserve.

The Air Force Reserve is comprised of nearly 70,000 Reserve Citizen Airmen and will continue to innovate new ways in vital areas of defense to protect the United States.

On any given day, nearly 6,000 Reserve Citizen Airmen are serving on active duty worldwide in support of combatant commanders and other agencies and major commands.

Counseling important freshman issue



Freshman Daisy Diaz (left) consults with Dobbie Ninth-Grade Campus counselor Chad Kearbey about her four-year plan at Dobbie. Developing an early path of education is important. Photo by Kaitlyn Tran

The problem of solving math anxiety

There's a reason why University of Houston-Clear Lake's Allen Cox, Math Center director, decided to kick off the Math Center's speaker series, *STEMester*, with a presentation about math anxiety. The series will cover a multitude of topics related to science, technology, engineering and math, but as any student can attest, it can all become a bit overwhelming.

Anxiety is an issue faced by nearly all students at every age, Cox said, and added that anxiety in general is a significant element of a larger, critical discussion about mental health issues in schools.

"I think this issue of anxiety, whether it's about math or something else, warrants much more attention," Cox said. "I've seen many great students go from 100 percent homework grades to complete blanks on tests. Anxiety can really shut down the brain."

Cox said that he could see that the anxiety was a very real struggle for students, and decided to get an expert to help students address this problem.

"It can be very difficult to get into a positive mindset after having had bad experiences with math, but we can begin to deal with this

by using an 'acceptance and mindfulness' approach," said Jonathan Schmalz-Benson, assistant director/training director in counseling services who was the first *STEMester* speaker in the series.

"It's an underlying long-term practice to help cope with these kinds of stressful situations. Anxiety can be debilitating, especially if it's not addressed," he said. "It's not about trying to convince yourself out of a bad situation. It's about a shift in the way you think about stressful emotions."

Begin by going to the test location early, getting settled, and start breathing first into the abdomen and then into the lungs, Schmalz-Benson said. "This stimulates the vagus nerve, which has a physiologically calming result. Even young kids can practice breathing by putting a stuffed animal on their belly and watching it go up and down."

He said one strategy that can help with taking exams is to visualize yourself in a bubble and create a mindset of being in the here and now, not acting based on previous experiences. Mindfulness practice can facilitate the ability to stay present with unpleasant memories about math, without getting

absorbed in them or having them negatively impact your present-day performance.

"This can 'inoculate' an anxious student against external things that amplify the stress — like seeing other students finish a test quicker than they do," he said.

Acceptance simply means that you remember past mistakes you made without judging yourself, he explains. "You can say, 'Yes, I did this or that wrong before, and I shouldn't have. But it's OK, I learned from that. It's over, and I'm here doing something else now.'"

Children can learn a lot of messages in childhood, when they might have had struggles in school. "Parents can inadvertently reinforce those attitudes and carry it on. Acceptance and mindfulness does away with that; you don't judge yourself for the past, you stay in the present, and you connect to the resources to help you learn," said Schmalz-Benson.

"So, sometimes, even when you've studied, you get to the test and you're too anxious to show your knowledge. If you practice slow breathing and bring yourself to the here and now, you decrease the anxiety and disruptive thoughts and you'll be in

a better position to access the knowledge that you have. This practice has a great impact on dealing with anxiety in general," he said.

Cox said that he's had some students with obvious symptoms of anxiety — shortness of breath and even panic attacks — as they approach important exams or assignments in their math classes.

"I noticed that there seems to be a lot of acceptance for students on the autism spectrum, and people seem to be able to talk about it openly," he said. "But anxiety, depression and other mental health problems are still very hard to discuss, even if they are short-term issues," Cox said. "The beginning of the school year is a good time to start talking about changing the culture of mental health on our campus. We need to deal more openly with students who have these issues, and validate the fear they feel," he added.

For additional tutoring for math, visit www.uhcl.edu/math-center. If experiencing anxiety or would like guidance with any personal or emotional challenges, visit Counseling Services at www.uhcl.edu/counseling-services.

Fresh start for freshmen at Dobbie

By Kaitlyn Tran

Recently, many students in this area returned to school but it was a different scenario for the incoming freshmen. For thousands of teenagers across the South Belt area, becoming a "high schooler" has finally turned into a reality. Many ninth-grade students experienced a new environment and began a new chapter in their lives.

With a new school year at J. Frank Dobbie High School, there will be 965 incoming freshmen. Dobbie High School welcomed many fresh and familiar faces during this past week.

Freshmen Day was Friday, Aug. 18, when new students had a chance to visit the campus before anyone else to see what it's like at a new school. The students visited their classes to see what a typical day at Dobbie High School would be like.

On the following Monday, Aug. 21, all grade levels at Dobbie High School returned.

The staff and students came prepared and eager for the fresh start.

When asked how the official first day back at Dobbie was like, Huy Hoang, a ninth-grade student currently attending Dobbie High School replied, "I was very excited, high school is much more relaxing and easy going and I can't wait to see what the year has in store for me." "I was also super nervous that I would get lost and be late to class since there are so many people compared to my middle school, it's a different place to be in."

Despite the challenges that a freshman will face entering high school, it should be completely refreshing and an enjoyable experience. At the very least, students now have a clean slate to their academic careers.

Jakecia Shepard, an incoming freshman, commented that the biggest change between intermediate and high school is her "confidence level," she

had to gain a lot entering high school since the upper classroom can be "intimidating." She later continued to say, "It was nerve-racking the first day, but I am thrilled for my freshman year."

Students are now presented with many opportunities and resources that Dobbie has to offer.

There are many extracurricular activities that give the new students a chance to have the Longhorn experience. Whether playing football or being a PAL, the options are endless.

Sydney Smith, another freshman at Dobbie stated, "I am very excited to get involved and join dance and track this year." "High school will be different, and I am ready for it."

This school year, Dobbie expects to open their new ninth grade campus after winter break in January 2018. The faculty and staff are all working very carefully to prepare for the new campus

and have the students exceed all expectations.

The campus will have "everything and more" said ninth-grade guidance counselor Chad Kearbey. "With a complete, brand-new building, everything will be advanced."

The Dobbie Ninth-Grade Campus will have the exact same schedule as the main campus. Participating in extracurricular activities won't be all that complicated, a bus will transport the students to Dobbie's main campus to be able to participate in baseball, softball and band during seventh period and after school practices.

The transition to the new campus at the second semester is expected to run as smoothly as possible.

"The only real change will be the room numbers," said Lisa Louper. There will be a significant difference after the first semester since 965 fewer students will be at the Dobbie's main campus which

UHCL alumni celebration honors pillars of industry, community

University of Houston-Clear Lake's 2017 Alumni Celebration will honor four graduates and a professor for their extraordinary accomplishments and ongoing contributions to their professions, the university and the communities they serve.

The event is Saturday, Oct. 7, at South Shore Harbour Resort & Conference Center, 2500 South Shore Blvd., League City.

The program will honor recipients of awards for Distinguished Alumni, Early Achievement and Outstanding Professor. Distinguished Alumni honorees include:

Denise S. Navarro, founder and CEO of Logical Innovations Inc., which provides software, information-technology security and management services to NASA and other agencies.

Estélla Hernández Gillette, who joined Logical Innovations as a consultant after a long career at Johnson Space Center.

Michael Squyres, founder and president of Flow-Cal Inc., which provides software systems for the global energy industry.

The Early Achievement Award honoree is Michael D. Larrañaga, principal consultant for Ramboll Environ Inc., a global company that provides environmental, sustainability and public health strategies.

This year's Outstanding Professor is Daniel Silver-smith, associate professor of humanities who joined the UHCL faculty in 2004.

A cocktail reception begins at 6 p.m. The dinner and program begin at 7 p.m. Tickets

are \$125 each or \$50 for UHCL students. Table sponsorships are available. For tickets, call 281-283-2040 or email alumni@uhcl.edu.

For more information, visit www.uhcl.edu/alumni/events/celebration.

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Neumeyers sew pillows



Friendswood second-grader, Dalton Neumeyer (left), learned to sew over the summer and wanted to sew pillows for children whose homes flooded during Hurricane Harvey. Dalton donated 30 pillows to Moore Elementary students, which he sewed with his mom, Paige Neumeyer (right), using fabric donated by his grandmother Moore staff, parents and students are thankful for his generosity. Photo submitted

Precinct one staffers canvass flood-damaged neighborhoods

Harris County Precinct One's community aides started a door-to-door campaign this week to assess the needs of residents in areas severely impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

The aides, working in conjunction with Harris County Community Services Department and the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, started Wednesday in the Airline area.

Other areas in Precinct One will be canvassed in the coming days.

The aides are contacting residents who have not received information about recovery resources, including how to apply for

Federal Emergency Management Agency assistance. Also, they are conducting street assessments to determine areas where flood debris has not been picked up.

"Many residents are elderly or they don't have transportation, especially since thousands of vehicles flooded," Precinct One Commissioner Rodney Ellis said. "It's absolutely essential that we make an extra effort to reach out to them to see if their needs are met."

Christy Lambright, Community Services department's director of planning and development, said workers in her

department also have gone to Precinct One areas to check on the well-being of residents.

They also are checking to see if residents need immediate medical attention, she said, and if they have adequate oxygen supplies and prescription medications.

Lambright said her department workers have canvassed in the Aldine area, Sheldon, Pine Trails and Normandy Crossing.

Fliers in English and Spanish are distributed with information about county resources as well as nonprofit groups doing Harvey relief work.

"It's kind of that person-

al touch," Lambright said. "Most people just want to talk about their problems."

Shar Hashalom holds discussions

Congregation Shaar Hashalom's own Rabbi Stuart Federow is hosting free, open to the public, weekly discussions. The sessions are held every second Thursday of the month at Al Basha Mediterranean Grill, 300 Bay Area Blvd. in Webster, from 7 to 9 p.m. Anyone may join the discussion and bring questions, thoughts and opinions to share. Congregation Shaar Hashalom is located at 16020 El Camino Real and is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. The entire community is invited to attend. For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org. Visit <http://shaarhashalom.org/calendar> for details.

Bridge Club offers classes

Fall classes are beginning at Clear Lake Bridge Club, 16614 Sealark. The club will offer classes in a lab format on Tuesdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. A series of classes on mini bridge for beginners will also be offered at the club. For more information on this series, contact Patricia Harley at 281-326-2972 or at mjpatrickharley@yahoo.com. Regular games are held daily at the club. Open games are on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 a.m.; Tuesday at 7 p.m.; Saturday at 1 p.m.; and a team game open to all levels on Sunday at 1 p.m. Games styled for beginners are on Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. and on Monday and Wednesday at 2 p.m. For information, call Dr. Dave Glandorf at 281-488-6318, email drglandorf@sbcglobal.net, or call the club at 281-480-1911.

Let's Dance hosts dances

All are welcome to attend a ballroom dance Saturday, Oct. 7, at Hometown Heroes Park. Hal Gercek will provide danceable music selections. Let's Dance is sponsoring nine evening dances on all first Saturdays beginning October 2017 through June 2018. Each dance is from 7 to 10 p.m. at Hometown Heroes Park Ballroom, 1001 E League City Parkway. The dress code is as you wish (casual to after-five attire). The door fee remains at \$8 per person. Dancers without partners, youth, seniors and all levels of ability are welcome.

Students help during Harvey



Two Dobbie High School seniors, Emily Nguyen (left) and Son Tran, discuss their efforts in helping the South Belt community after Hurricane Harvey hit Houston the last weekend of August. Photo by Kaitlyn Tran

Lariaette of the week



The Dobie High School Lariaette of the Week for Sept. 18 through Sept. 22 is Junior Bianca Perez. She is a two-year line member and is the daughter of Arturo and Carmen Perez.

Brook debate team kicks off season

The Clear Brook High School debate team kicked off the season with their first tournament at Elsie High School on Sept. 14 and 15. In extemporaneous speaking, Sarvesh Subramanian reached semifinals in Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking category. In Novice Student Congress, Rishi Bengani reached finals and received fourth place. In Lincoln Douglas debate, Joel Thompson advanced to quarterfinals, establishing himself as one of the top eight LD debaters at the tournament. This brings him closer to his state qualification with 2 points. Also in LD Debate, team secretary Benjamin Eappen received second speaker. In Public Forum debate, the team of Christa Westheimer and Fizza Dhanani advanced to the elimination rounds, earning one point toward their state qualification in the quarterfinal round. The Clear Brook debate team will continue their quest for state points at Clear Falls High School next week.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LAURA
Happy birthday wishes are sent to **Laura Benavides Scallan**, a new *Leader* staff member, from her husband **Kyle** and the *Leader* staff. Laura celebrates a birthday Sunday, Oct. 1.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Sept. 28 through Oct. 4.

Atkinson Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song to **Gabriela Rodriguez** Sept. 29.

Burnett Elementary
Join in a happy birthday chorus Sept. 28 to **Bernice Barraza**. Blow out the birthday candles for **Van Caroselli** Oct. 2.

Frazier Elementary
Light the candles on a triple-layer cake Sept. 30 for **Sarah Dudley**, **Katrina Mitchell** and **Valley Richardson**. **Liz Taylor** celebrates a birthday Oct. 2. Send a special birthday greeting Oct. 3 to **Chris Baldauf**.

Meador Elementary
Share a slice of birthday cake Sept. 29 with **Lucia Solis**. Oct. 4 is the day for a party for **Nora Gonzalez**.

South Belt Elementary
Share a slice of birthday cake Sept. 29 with **Janet Messinger**.

Stuchbery Elementary
The day for a celebration for **Graciela Garza** is Sept. 29. Blow out the candles Oct. 2 for **Jennifer Dowell**. Send a special birthday card Oct. 4 to **Loures Guenard**.

Melillo Middle School
Send a humorous birthday card to **Megan Medina** Sept. 28. Light birthday candles Sept. 30 for **Traci Stephens**. On Oct. 1, blow out the birthday candles for **Kellie Bishop** and **Heather Kaboutari**. **Shannon Martinez** is sent a birthday greeting Oct. 2. **Tyler Oakes** celebrates a birthday Oct. 4.

Roberts Middle School
Join in the birthday fun Sept. 29 with **Crystal Lilly**. The day for a birthday party for **Kryssia Hernandez** is Oct. 3.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Sept. 29 is the day for a birthday celebration for **Diana Banda**. **Krystal Garcia** enjoys a birthday Oct. 1.

Thompson Intermediate
The day for a cake for **Brianne Morse** is Sept. 29. Send a birthday greeting Oct. 1 to **Karissa Guerrero**. **Cathy Broussard** enjoys a birthday Oct. 2. Oct. 3 is the day for a party for **Mikel (Jacob) Arnold**.

Dobie High
Gilda Gatica and **Aaron Mathews** celebrate a birthday Sept. 28. Three cheers for a wonderful birthday Sept. 30 for **Tiffany Bowyer**, **Kevin Cross** and **Stephen Cross**. Blow out the candles on a birthday cake Oct. 1 for **Miguel Torres**. Happy birthday wishes are sent to **Rayanne Sinski** Oct. 2.

FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
The *Leader* sends birthday wishes to Facebook friends who celebrate a birthday this week: Thursday, Sept. 28: **Megan Medina**, **Esmerelda Rodriguez**, **Thomas Quinones**, **Jennjr Fonseca**, **Valerie Adams**, **Bobby Allison Sr.**, **Linda Howard**, **Anna Benavidez**, **Paul Carrizales**, **Jeremy Evans**, **Shari Garza**, **Tam Vo** and **Christina Guth**; Friday, Sept. 29: **Antonio Morua**, **Marian Adams**, **Adriana Sepulveda**, **Cindy Resendez**, **James Denby**, **Ken Rodrick** and **Gwen Lopez**; Saturday, Sept. 30: **Leslie Hales**, **Roxanne Hinojosa**, **Jason Cook** and **Myra Janacek**; Sunday, Oct. 1: **Amy Malone**, **Jeffrey Restrepo**, **Wendy Sattiewhite**, **Linda Garies**, **Cindy Que**, **Cyndee Davila**, **Dena Roessler**, **Yvonne Mintz** and **Rebekka Barker**; Monday Oct. 2: **Racquel Rojas**, **Amanda Kirkpatrick**, **Brian Seiffert**, **Phillip Lock**, **Stephanie Crouch**, **Jessie Horton**, **Tomeka Anderson**, **Susan Pruet**, **Tino Chapa**, **Jennifer Dowell**, **Rhonda Frachiseur**, **Diana Holbrook**, **Paula Smith** and **Lori Pytka**; Tuesday, Oct. 3: **Amanda Gonzales**, **Thomas Chapa**, **Lindsay Holloway**, **Zachary Cripps**, **Emerson Wilks**, **Daren Henry**, **Laura Corman**, **Cynthia Vela**, **Tricia Gill**, **Roberto Trevino** and **Yvonne Moore**; and Wednesday, Oct. 4: **Malcolm Chambers**, **Karen Crouch**, **Tanisha McKinley**, **Audry Williamson** and **Michelle Almaguer-Saenz**.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS
Email birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line. Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

J. Frank Dobie's Megalunch gives students mega options

Continued from Page 3A seniors will remain the same at the end of May.

Another 12th grade student at Dobie High School, Katia Soto implied she was very lucky and blessed that she and her family were safe during the hurricane. "We only lost power," she said. "I am very happy to be back at school, I can't wait to graduate."

The normalcy of Dobie High School slowly returns. Megalunch, lunch at Dobie which lasts about an hour gives students time for extra-curricular activities such as clubs, tutoring and anything else the students need to do on campus. Megalunch is separated into two portions, A lunch and B lunch. So, for example, a student can go to a club meeting for A lunch and still have time to eat during B lunch. However, students cannot leave campus during lunch. They must remain on school grounds.

Clubs and other activities have started filling up the lunch week. On Mondays during A lunch, there will be the Lariaettes Social Office Meeting, Gamers Unplugged, Ensemble Project, Chess Club, Water Polo, Comic Book Movie, Anime Club and the Redesign, Repurpose, Recycle Club. Monday B lunch will consist of Book Nook, Latin Club, Science Club, History Movies, DHS Cinema Grill, Student Council Officers, UIL Social Studies, Superhero Movies and the Brain Game Club.

On Tuesdays during A lunch, activities include the NBA fan club, Bible Study, AP Calculus BC PREP, Coloring Book Club, DECA, New Movie Club, Fun Club and Kids Movie Club. Tuesday B lunch will meet for Yearbook, FCCLA Officers, Nerd Games, Prom Committee, Crafts for Charity, Beekeeping Club, Digital Art Club and the Harry Potter Club.

Wednesdays during A lunch, the National Honor Society, Creators Club, Skills USA, Surround Sound Theater, Drama Officers, Academic Decathlon, Dominoes, Chemistry Club, Movie Club, National French Contest and Cosplay Club will meet. Wednesday B lunch allows time for Speech and Debate, NSE Prep, Organization Club, German Club, Drama Club, Student Council, Special Topics in AP BIO, Multi Club, Sports Center Study Hall and Salsa and Merengue Dance Club.

During A lunch on Thursdays the Triple S Club, Shark Week, AP Chemistry Lab, Movie Club, HOSA, AP STATS Prep, College and Career Exploration, FFA, AP Calculus AB PREP, Model United Nations and College Prep/SAT/ACT Science will meet. Thursday B lunch meetings include Scholarship and Essay Club, Bible Study, Science Club-Green League, AP Studio Art, Coloring Club, Key Club Officers, FCCLA, Yearbook and UIL Accounting.

On Fridays during A lunch, there will be Art in the Community, Meditation Club, Programming Club, Mega Mic, Movie Appreciation, AP Physics 1 PREP, Contemporary Issues, AP Spanish Literature, Muslim Student Association, and Chess and Checkers. Last but not least, Friday B lunch will consist of Humor Club, Spanish Vocabulary, National Art Honor Society, UIL Accounting, Unsolved Mysteries, The Walking Dead Club, Key Club, Orienteering Club, Math Club, Chess Club, Crochet Club and Outrageous Acts of Science Club.

At Dobie High, breakfast will be free for the rest of the school year and lunch will be free until Sept. 30. All activities, sports and clubs are set to resume.

Football season has already begun, leaving homecoming week just around the corner. Important senior dates include all school vote for homecoming queen and king on Oct. 10, homecoming football game against South Houston High School at 7 p.m. on Oct. 27, homecoming dance on Oct. 28, SAT deadline for registration on Oct. 5 and the SAT on Nov. 4, senior assembly for graduation on Nov. 7, gown and invitation on Nov. 13-17, and makeup hours due for the first semester on Dec. 16.

The school is getting prepared to issue student IDs and parking permits for those who have a driver's license and a car. The basic parking permit fee is \$30 and an upgraded parking permit to VIP is \$50 which allows students to have their own parking space with an assigned number.

The IDs will be handed out to every Dobie student and must be worn on a lanyard at all times. All staff members must wear an ID to ensure the safety at Dobie High School as well.

There will be much rebuilding and much time being consumed doing the rebuilding. Through the challenges faced, the school can only come back stronger.

This devastation caused by the recent disaster has really shown the true colors of neighbors and friends in the community. At the end of the day, families are willing to lend a helping hand and will always be there for each other during these difficult times.

Remember When

40 years ago (1977)
Texas Commerce Bankshares planned the construction of a bank at the corner of South Belt and the Gulf Freeway.

35 years ago (1982)
The Kirkwood Civic Club's monthly meeting featured the candidates for Houston's mayoral race. Candidates attending the meeting were James McConn, Frank Briscoe and Dick Gottlieb.

35 years ago (1982)
Sara Whitehead was crowned homecoming queen for Dobie High School.

25 years ago (1992)
San Jacinto College re-negotiated setting the district tax rate at 10 cents per \$100 valuation, a 48 percent increase over the 6.75 cents per \$100 in 1981.

A traffic survey was being conducted at the corner of Fuqua and the Gulf Freeway as a result of a request from Houston Councilman Frank Mancuso.

30 years ago (1987)
Dobie's new mascot, Louie the Longhorn, made his debut at a football game against Sam Rayburn.

A Harris County jury awarded a company owned by Republican state Rep. Randy Pennington \$503,000 in damages after finding that a former political opponent of Pennington's was involved in the publication of libelous letters against him and his company.

25 years ago (1992)
For the first time ever, Dobie agriculture students took the grand championship steer and grand reserve champion at the Pasadena Livestock Show. Dobie senior Cerita Townley's steer, Shiloh, was grand champion, and junior Matthew Moore's steer, Outlaw, was reserve champion.

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League 12 year-old all-stars received accolades from dignitaries such as Councilman Frank Mancuso, state Sen. Chet Brooks and Judge George Risner at a reception held at St. Luke's Catholic Church. The team also received letters from President George H. W. Bush, Gov. Ann Richards, and Mayor Bob Lanier.

20 years ago (1997)
Traffic mobility in the South Belt area got a positive boost by being able to exit the Gulf Freeway on the South Belt (Beltway 8) connector and exit at Beamer Road. The second connector that opened was the Gulf Freeway north of Scarsdale Boulevard and connecting with South Belt heading west.

Kirkwood South Christian Church celebrated its 19th anniversary.

15 years ago (2002)
The rented home of the Meyer family, 20-year residents of the South Belt area at 12006 Alameda Road, burned to the ground. According to Luke Mauro, a senior investigator for the Houston Fire Department, the fire was arson.

Local Farmers Insurance agents, as well as their counterparts throughout the state, were trying to recover from what they said was bad information from the media and state politicians. According to local agent Rick Tinker, Farmers Insurance was not leaving the state as had been commonly reported.

10 years ago (2007)
The family of Rikki Danielle Sanchez filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the city of Houston, once again raising the issue of the Houston Police Department's pursuit policy. Sanchez was killed in April when her truck was struck by a suspected car thief fleeing from police on Astoria near Teaneck. She left behind a husband and two small children.

Despite pleas from local politicians and military brass, personnel from the 147th Fighter Wing of the Texas Air National Guard officially announced that their fleet of F-16 jet aircraft would be phased out of Ellington Field by Feb. 1.

Its air sovereignty alert duties would be replaced by a squadron of F-16s from the Oklahoma Air National Guard's 138th Fighter Wing, located in Tulsa.

The Texas Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association honored former Pasadena Independent School District Aquatic Coordinator Dennis Shippey with the Theron Pickle Lifetime Achievement Award for 2007. Shippey, who was the PISD Aquatic Coordinator from 1988 to 2004, along with being the head swimming coach at Dobie from 1976 to 2004, was recog-

Owls' donations from all over U.S.



Frazier Elementary Owls have been blessed with generous donations from schools all over the United States. The school has received boxes of school supplies and gift cards to help replenish materials that were lost or damaged in the storm. Many of the supplies and gift cards were actually donated to South Belt Elementary who in turn gave them to Frazier since Frazier was one of the hardest hit schools in the district. Left to right, (front row) Levyn Walker, Jaedyn Perez, Arianna Chapa, (back row) Sophia Herrera Talamantez, Blake Turnipseed and Jasmine Brown. Photo by Susan Blue

TEXSHEP awards homeless funding

Students who are homeless and struggling to attend school can continue to rely on the Texas Support for Homeless Education McKinney-Vento Sub grant as it enters its third year at Pasadena Independent School District. The district's Special Programs department administers the grant, which helps to eliminate barriers many homeless students face in attending school.

Since 2015, the grant has awarded \$225,000 each year to help provide students with one-on-one tutors during the week, Saturday tutorials, summer camps, senior coaches and a homeless student case manager at every PISD campus.

McKinney-Vento focuses on meeting the basic needs of students to help them focus on their academics, said Neitzzy Retta, McKinney-Vento coordinator.

"How can you expect students to be academically successful if they don't have their basic needs being met?" Retta said.

Data has shown that the program has been successful over the years. In fact, in 2016-17, the graduation rate for seniors involved in McKinney-Vento reached 94.37 percent, according to McKinney-Vento counselor Ana Gonzalez.

EoC set for Oct. 5

Continued from Page 1A cess of Evening of Cuisine," said Kay Barbour, president and CEO of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce. "The South Belt-Ellington community's diverse culinary offerings attract community members, as well as visitors from outside of our area."

Proceeds from this event help the chamber create opportunities for business success, economic growth and prosperity, as well as programs for the South Belt community. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Barbour at 281-481-5516 or info@southbeltchamber.com.

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SJC announces event calendar

San Jacinto College has announced its calendar of upcoming 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.

Computer Workshop for Seniors, on Friday, Sept. 29, from 9 to 11 a.m.

Healthy Joints and Bones: Stretching and Relaxation, on Friday, Sept. 29, from noon to 1 p.m.

Volleyball

The 2017 SJC volleyball schedule is now online at www.sanjacsports.com. Upcoming home games include: San Jacinto vs. Temple Junior College, on Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 2 p.m., at Central campus, Anders Gymnasium, C.18.

San Jacinto vs. Panola Junior College, on Tuesday, Oct. 3, 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 Wednesday, Oct. 4, starting at 8 a.m. Student visitors may bring their unofficial college transcripts to check if they're on track, receive advisement on courses to take and learn of degree opportunities at the university level. The University Center is located in the

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San Jac positioned as training hub for energy capital of U.S.

What turned out to be the largest groundbreaking held at San Jacinto College also introduced construction of the largest petrochemical training facility in Texas. Elected officials and key petrochemical leaders gathered Sept. 20, to witness the groundbreaking and learn about the Center for Petrochemical, Energy, and Technology, set to open in 2019. The 145,000-square-foot Center will serve to demonstrate the college's national Top 5 ranking by delivering highly skilled graduates for the petrochemical manufacturing industry while inviting companies to utilize the facility for their workforce training.

The Texas Gulf Coast region boasts the largest petrochemical manufacturing complex in the United States, second largest in the world, and is home to 90 companies and 130 plants. The region is working to fill the pipeline with an increased number of certified workers due to \$40 billion in announced projects and more than 50 percent of the current employee base retiring over the next few years, according to the East Harris County Manufacturers Association (EHCMA).

"This groundbreaking has been many years in the making," said San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer, who formed the Chancellor's Petrochemical Advisory Council with members from the petrochemical industry to receive advisement on the development of the facility. "From the beginning, this Center for Petrochemical, Energy, and Technology has been a collaboration with our industry partners. There are many companies and individuals who have helped to make this happen by providing their time and input on everything from

how the building should look, to the equipment that should be in the building, and the curriculum that we should be teaching. We appreciate their collaboration and participation into making this the premiere training facility along the Texas Gulf Coast."

The Center for Petrochemical, Energy, and Technology is a \$60 million investment that will house the college's associate degree and certificate programs for process technology, instrumentation and analyzer technology, non-destructive testing, and electrical technology, complete with program-specific training labs. San Jacinto College currently trains more than 3,600 students annually within the mentioned areas.

An exterior glycol distillation unit and a control room will be constructed to teach process operations and develop troubleshooting skills for entry, advanced credit students and incumbent workers. The center will also feature a multifunctional glass pilot lab for training process systems. Companies will be invited to work with the college's Continuing and Professional Development division to create customized and confidential training for employees within an area of the center dedicated to corporate training and professional development.

"EHCMA values its relationship with the colleges in the area, and we were extremely pleased to be involved in the planning of this tremendous facility with San Jacinto College," said Bob Bradshaw, plant manager at INEOS and chairman of the EHCMA Board of Directors. Bradshaw added that rapid growth in the U.S. oil and gas industry is leading to expansion in manufacturing and refining and

increased employment opportunities for skilled positions in operations and maintenance.

"Through the creation of the Petrochemical Advisory Council, industry leaders and the faculty and staff of San Jacinto College could develop collaborative solutions to meet the future needs of students and industry."

EHCMA supported the 2015 bond that is helping to fund the center, and its members have contributed equipment and monetary donations to help with student training. Dow and LyondellBasell have contributed subject matter experts to serve on the steering team. Tellepsen engineers are designing the glycol unit, and LyondellBasell is designing the glass lab. A team from Shell is leading the design of the analyzer lab and providing guidance on instrumentation labs. Hunter Buildings donated a blast resistant building that is now part of most plant sites, and Tracer Construction is providing an electrical heat tracing system for freeze protection. Eaton engineer Amber Wright has designed the electrical labs, and Eaton will be donating some training equipment. Puffer-Sweiven has committed to a significant donation to offset the cost of the Emerson equipment for process control.

Tellepsen, Rizzo & Associates, the IBI Group, Facility Programming, User-Centered-Design-Services, FMG Furniture Marketing Group, Salas O'Brien, Ulrich Diederich Design and PageThink are the building contractors for the Center for Petrochemical, Energy, and Technology.

For more information about the San Jacinto College Center for Petrochemical, Energy, and Technology, visit sanjac.edu/CPET.

Center for Petrochemical, Energy, Technology coming to San Jac



Gathering for the groundbreaking of the new San Jacinto Center for Petrochemical, Energy and Technology training facility are Eric Bass, plant manager, Kuraray America; Bob Bradshaw, plant manager, INEOS; Carla Thompson, workforce development manager, Turner Industries; David King, workforce development manager, INEOS; David Gosney, training manager, LyondellBasell; Troy Bearden, Infrastructure and ES&S leader, Dow Chemical; Randy Boeding, president, R. Boeding Group; Van Wigginton, provost, SJC Central; Dr. Allatia Harris, vice chancellor of Strategic Initiatives, SJC; Dr. Brenda

Hellyer, chancellor, SJC; Marie Flickinger, chair, SJC board; Dan Mims, vice chair, SJC board; Keith Sinor, secretary, SJC board; John Moon Jr., member, SJC board; Dr. Ruede Wheeler, member, SJC board; Erica Davis Rouse, assistant secretary, SJC board; Larry Wilson, member, SJC board; Jim Griffin, associate vice chancellor / senior vice president, SJC Petrochemical Training Division; Craig Beskid, executive director, East Harris County Manufacturers Association; and Roger Blackburn, executive account manager, Infinity/A Wood Group Company. Photo by: Jeannie Peng Mansyur

SHHS birthday bash proceeds to benefit Harvey victims

The South Houston High School Alumni Association is joining Harvey relief efforts and will be donating all proceeds from the 60th Anniversary Birthday Bash, scheduled for Friday, Oct. 6, to help families in the community impacted by flooding.

The celebration, scheduled to start at 7 p.m. at Marriott Houston South Hobby Airport Hotel, will welcome generations of graduates, faculty members and local residents, all of whom have become part of South Houston High's long-standing history.

"We have seen many homes in the area damaged by Harvey floods. We want to pull our resources and come together to not only celebrate

our alma mater, but show that we care about our neighbors, our friends, our community," said Diane Phelan, SHHS alumni association president. "We are Trojan Strong, and that means we will do our

best to be there to support one another."

To join in the effort to support families who have been impacted by Harvey flooding in the South Houston area, make plans to attend the 60th Anniversary Birthday Bash.

Tickets are on sale through PayPal at https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=4W86EB27PMG5Y#/checkout/openButton.

Advance tickets are \$45 and \$55 at the door. Attendees must be 18 years or older. For additional information, visit the South Houston High School Alumni webpage.

Garcia's office closed, unfit for occupancy

The district office of Sen. Sylvia Garcia at the Woodforest National Bank building, 13301 East Freeway is closed. The building suffered damage during Harvey flooding that was originally thought to be repairable and remediation work had begun. Unfortunately, structural damage was more severe than first assessed and all occupants of the building must vacate for safety concerns.

The office opened after Garcia was sworn into office

in 2013. "My office on Polk Street and in the Capitol remain open to serve the people of Senate District 6. We had hoped to reopen our office in North Channel, but now we must begin the search to locate a new space. Our situation is not unique for the area. Due to flooding, office space in Senate District 6 is in short supply. I'm committed to keeping as many district offices open as possible because our neighbors need our help now more than ever," stated Garcia.

Bettencourt reacts to tax rate increase

Sen. Paul Bettencourt reacted to Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner's revised property tax rate increase proposal by noting that average Houston homeowners will still see a 10.1 percent increase on city of Houston property tax bills if this plan moves forward. "Houston homeowners don't want to get kicked while they are down," said Bettencourt. "No matter what tax rate the mayor and city council pick, if the city will not officially trigger a disaster re-appraisal, homeowners who flooded and need the most help will be forced to pay this 10.1 percent property tax increase based upon the value of their home before the flood water came in!"

Section 23.02 of the Texas Tax Code allows for taxing units that are located in a declared disaster area to authorize re-appraisal of all property damaged in the disaster at its market value immediately after the disaster. While some surrounding tax entities, such as Montgomery County and Fort Bend County have triggered disaster re-appraisal, the city of Houston, Harris County, and other taxing jurisdictions have not done so.

The city of Houston has emergency reserves in place

that can pay short term costs while they wait on FEMA reimbursement. Council Member Dave Martin extensively questioned the mayor as he quoted city financial documents saying unencumbered balances are up by \$100 million. Thus he saw no need to ask hard-pressed taxpayers to pay additional property taxes whatsoever.

Bettencourt took testimony in the legislative session that there are more than \$400 million in TIRZ (tax increment re-investment zone) accounts, of which about half are unencumbered. The city could use those monies to offset these expenses as well. Bettencourt continues to speak up for hard pressed taxpayers to not have to pay 10 percent more, or \$101, in property taxes in 2017, some of whom are literally trying to rebuild their homes from scratch without insurance.

"Taxpayers do not want to pay double, or triple, what the cost for clean-up actually is," concluded Bettencourt. "After enduring a 25% property tax bill increase on the average Houston home in just three years, the last thing Houstonians need to pay is a 10.1 percent property tax increase for just one year, after Harvey's record flood!"

Sharing his birthday presents



Colton Aldridge, son of former Frazier Owl, Jennifer Walsh donated more than 30 toys to Frazier Elementary to help other kids whose homes flooded. For Colton's ninth birthday earlier this month, he asked his party guests to bring a toy for Frazier students who lost their toys in the flood instead of bringing a gift for him. He also used some of his own money to buy additional toys. According to Susan Blue of Frazier, "Colton is an awesome kid!" Colton is a third-grader at Turner Elementary. Photo by Susan Blue

UHCL announces calendar

UHCL Harvest Fair seeks vendors University of Houston-Clear Lake is looking for local vendors for the 2017 Harvest Fair, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 17-19 in Atrium II of the Bayou Building, 2700 Bay Area Blvd., Houston.

Vendors can rent space - 6 feet by 6 feet with two 6-foot tables and two chairs - for \$35 per day. Contact Administrative Secretary Lee Ann Wheeler, College of Business, at 281-283-3116 or wheeler@uhcl.edu.

The three-day event is open to the public and features jewelry, apparel, crafts and edible treats. Admission is free. Free parking is provided for vendors and shoppers.

Explore 19th century European culture of the femme fatale with a discussion of work by author Oscar Wilde and director Alia Nazimova.

Then, broaden your understanding of Islam with a discussion led by Maria Curtis, associate professor in anthropology and cross-cultural studies. The fee includes a one-time membership fee of \$26 and \$18 for each class. Benefits to membership include borrowing privileges at the UHCL Neumann Library, discounts at the UHCL Bookstore and Patio Café.

For more information and to register, visit www.uhcl.edu/academics/extended/fri-day-morning-ce. UH-Clear Lake concert an aural trip through time Concertgoers are in for a unique experience when Mercury: The Orchestra Redefined performs Brahms' 2nd and Mendelssohn's 5th in the Bayou Theater at University of Houston-Clear Lake on Friday, Oct. 6 at 8 p.m.

They'll hear these works the way the original audiences heard them: using instruments and played in the pitch the composers would have used in their day.

"The instruments we use look physically almost the same, but since the strings were made of sheep's gut at the time, the sound was about a half pitch lower," said Concertmaster Jonathan Godfrey. "And for wind instruments, a 'natural' trumpet had no valves. It was more like a bugle."

Oboes of the time period were made with fewer keys and more holes, like a recorder, he added. "The advancements in instruments since then have been great, but they changed the character of the sound," Godfrey said. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for students at the door. To purchase tickets call 281-283-2065 or visit www.uhcl.edu/bayou-theater/events-tickets.

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Recognizing some of the many heroes from Hurricane Harvey

Reunited after volunteering



Dean Baier, director of operations for the Clear Brook City MUD, is shown above with Reena Benitez, whom he picked up while doing rescue work during Hurricane Harvey. Benitez, however, was not an evacuee, as she was walking through the flooded streets to volunteer at Dobie High School. After the storm, *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger sought to identify the girl, whom she viewed as a hero. Through the use of social media, the girl was identified as a Dobie student and reconnected with Baier at the *Leader* office. During the storm, Baier wore two hats, monitoring water system operations for the MUD and doing rescue work for the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department. See related story and photo on Page 1A.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

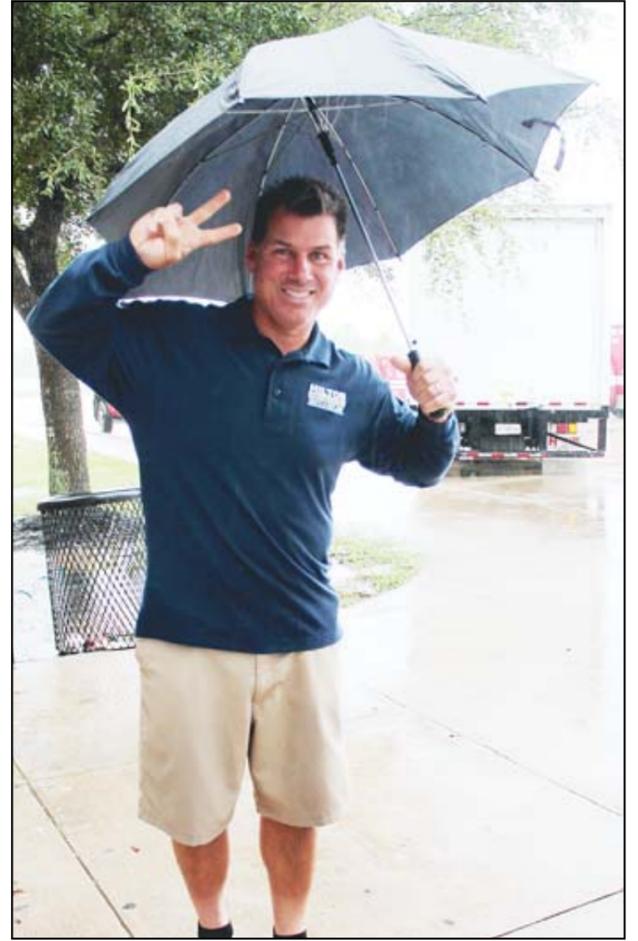
Pancakes for the masses



Longtime South Belt resident Rebecca Carter prepared hundreds of pancakes and eggs on a griddle at Dobie High School during the Hurricane Harvey relief efforts at the campus last month. Carter and her husband, Jason, were just two of the countless residents who selflessly volunteered their time as Harvey's heavy rains pounded the area. The Carters also regularly volunteer their time to a variety of local youth efforts. See related story on Page 1A.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

That's a fact, Jack!



While Jim "Mattress Mack" McIngvale deservedly received widespread recognition for his recovery efforts during Hurricane Harvey, local furniture store owner Hilton Koch did not receive the same amount of credit, despite working tirelessly throughout the storm. Koch, who owns Hilton Furniture & Mattress, selflessly volunteered dozens of hours and used his delivery trucks to rescue hundreds of displaced residents and get them safely to Dobie High School and other area shelters. After personally doing rescue work until 2 or 3 a.m. on multiple nights, Koch was right back at it the following morning. "He was fantastic," said *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger. "Anything you asked him to do, he was on it. He was 'Johnny on the spot.' He deserves a lot of credit, which he hasn't really gotten." Koch also donated supplies to different shelters.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Benitez volunteers despite flood waters

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The first night of the storm, Benitez awoke from her sleep worrying about whether or not the big willow tree in front of her window would fall down as the storm grew stronger.

Benitez had gotten up to help her roommate, Rafa Rojas, push his car from the street up to the driveway. Trucks passing by made waves in water that hit the middle of her front yard. For the rest of the night Benitez helped her mother, Ethel Castillo, 42, change towels soaked in water from their leaking backyard door.

The next day after the storm had hit, Benitez's mother and her mother's fiancé were able to drive through the high waters in their 1999 Ford Expedition to get to the shelter held at Dobie High School to volunteer.

"I helped carry water cases off trucks that were being donated, fold clothes, moved food from the back of the school to the front as they were being donated and asked people if they needed any assistance. I helped all around where help was needed," Benitez said.

Benitez was inspired to volunteer, as she knew two of her close friends had lost

all of their belongings to the storm were at the shelter.

"We're very blessed. Two of my friends lost their houses and one of them got rescued by the Coast Guard from her roof," Benitez said.

The second day of the storm, the flood waters rose higher, but it didn't stop Benitez from going back to the shelter to volunteer. Because the water on the roads on the second day had blocked off the routes to get to Dobie, Benitez's mother refused to let her go back to the shelter to volunteer.

Benitez felt useless at home while others were at the shelter. Benitez then told her mother that she wouldn't be walking through waters on her way to volunteer.

Benitez walked from her home in the Clearwood Crossing subdivision to the Beltway and caught a ride from one of the trucks passing by.

The truck took Benitez as far as they could and from there, she walked. As a result from walking through the waters for over an hour to volunteer, Benitez pulled a muscle in her leg.

"I was really worried that I wasn't going to be able to make it home because my mom couldn't find a path to

come pick me up because the water was so high," Benitez said.

When going back home from a long day of volunteering, Benitez finally told her mother the truth. She walked from the school to the Beltway and caught a ride from a truck once more before getting home.

"I was exhausted and wanted to go home because it was very bad outside. Just the thought of staying out there without my family made me imagine how those who lost everything must feel," Benitez said.

Benitez has been a member of Dobie's JFD TV for two years as an anchor and reporter. She has also been a member of the Dobie's varsity Chamber Orchestra with seven years' experience of playing the violin. She shares her talents by volunteering her time in the Sagemont Church All Star band playing the violin and banjo.

After high school, Benitez plans on joining the Marines and then continuing her education to become a veterinarian in hopes of building non-kill shelters around the world, especially in her family's native land, Guatemala.

New campus marks new era

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will surely lighten the load. Going to class will be much quicker for the rest of the students at Dobie High School.

As the freshmen move out, so will some of the freshmen class teachers. All the T-buildings will be rid of,

moving all the students and teachers outside, inside. This will make students and teachers more comfortable during the harsh weathers of Texas.

The new campus will create a smaller, easier environment bringing closer relations with the student and admin-

istrators. Obstacles and challenges will be easily faced.

The next four years will be a wonderful adventure and a memorable journey for these students. The class of 2022 will grow into the Longhorn family and will soon be a part of the Dobie Pride.

SJC calendar set

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Interactive Learning Center on the Central campus, C-1.129.

Depression Screening

San Jacinto College North campus will offer free depression screening from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 5, in the Student Center, N-12.

For more information, email morgan.tuck@sjcd.edu.

Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest will be hosted by the Office of Student Engagement and Activities from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 5, in the Student Center, N-12 on the North campus.

Men's Soccer

The 2017 SJC soccer schedule is now online at www.sanjacsports.com.

Upcoming home games include: Soccer Alumni Game, Saturday, Sept. 30, 7 p.m., South campus, soccer field.

San Jacinto vs. Paris Junior College, Thursday, Oct. 5, 6 p.m., 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 or call 281-998-6104 for more information.

TCRW holds annual fundraiser

The Silver Bells Fundraiser will be on Sunday, Nov. 5, at Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive, in Pearland.

This is the annual fundraiser for Tri-County Republican Women, representing Brazoria, Galveston and Harris counties. The vendor fair/shopping, cash bar and silent auction start at 10:30 a.m. The program, lunch, and live auction begin at noon.

Emcee is political analyst Jacquie Baly and keynote speaker is Texas Supreme Court Justice Eva Guzman.

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FOR the proposal: David Flickinger, John Bechtle Jr., Mike Daugherty and Bill Edwards

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	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$.30000/\$100	\$.30000/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$.00000/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		.00%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$180,112	\$189,808
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0	\$0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$180,112	\$189,808
Tax on average residence homestead	\$540.33	\$569.42
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$29.09
and percentage of increase (+/-)		5.38%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

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22-6A push begins: JFD at Deer Park

JFD team tennis nets strong start

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By John Bechtle
Sports Editor
Something will simply have to give as Dobie's varsity football team prepares to visit the Deer Park Deer in the District 22-6A opener for both teams Sept. 29, at Clyde Abshire Stadium.

**22-6A Opener
Dobie
at Deer Park
Fri., Sept. 29
Abshier Stadium
7 p.m. kickoff**

Both teams will be seeking their first win of the season, and what a win it would be.

Deer Park, which actually had the opportunity to play a third nondistrict game, is winless after suffering tight losses to Dawson, Kingwood Park and Oak Ridge in succession.

Dobie, meanwhile, is at 0-2 after a 38-0 loss at home against Dawson Sept. 21. Dawson, which improved to 2-1 with the win, built a 28-0 lead after one quarter of play en route to the win.

But for Deer Park or Dobie, these previous de-

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Dobie inside linebacker Dejaun Dixon (33) and defensive back Avery Ballard (31) close in on Dawson quarterback Patrick Kramer late in the first half of the Eagles' 38-0 shutout win over the Longhorns Sept. 21, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Now 0-2

this season, the Longhorns are looking for a fresh start as the District 22-6A campaign begins. The Longhorns will play at Abshier Stadium against a Deer Park team that is coming off a 13-3 loss to Oak Ridge.
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San Jacinto soccer rolls after Tyler loss

Playing at home for the first time this season, the San Jacinto College men's soccer team gave nationally ranked Tyler all it could handle before losing, then got back on track with a 5-1 win over Jacksonville College, all over a 26-hour span.

The Coyotes, bidding for a return to the national tournament in their final year of competition, have won four of six matches this season, all within Region XIV play.

Tyler, ranked fifth in the nation and coming into 2017 as the defending national champion, walked away with a 4-3 win Sept. 22, but San Jacinto bat-

tered all the way. Tyler had leads of 1-0, 3-1 and 4-2, but each time the Coyotes closed the gap.

"It was really an evenly-played match, with a 1-1 score at halftime," San Jacinto College head coach Ian Spooner said.

"We had some silly mistakes in the second half that allowed them to take the lead, but I liked how we fought back and gave ourselves a chance to at least get a tie in the end. It was a great futbol game to be honest."

Coming into the season, Spooner figured the offense would be able to produce goal-scoring from a number of sources. Conversely, with just one returner along the back line as well as a first-year goalkeeper, the team knew defensive development would take some time.

Offensively, the Coyotes have indeed received a lift from several players. Perhaps at the top of the list is a local product.

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Ibarra scores hat trick
Carlos Ibarra, a Dobie High School graduate, is having quite the start to his sophomore season at San Jacinto College. He had a goal in the team's tight 4-3 loss to nationally ranked Tyler Sept. 22, then came back with three goals for a hat trick in a 5-1 win over Jacksonville College Sept. 23.

Lady Longhorn VB scores big victory

Last season, Dobie's varsity volleyball team missed the postseason after three straight losses

This season, if the Lady

Homecoming festivities

as Wolverines face Falls

Can Clear Brook make it back to the playoffs for a second straight year? Is a team such as Clear Falls

to end the regular season, including a tough four-set loss at La Porte.

Perhaps the key for Clear Brook? Not looking past the Knights in anticipation of other opponents.

Longhorns eventually go on to reach the Region III playoffs, they may very well look back at their huge five-set thriller over La Porte Sept. 26.

Junior hitter Taylor Pleasants had a huge night, delivering 22 kills to go with five blocks and three service aces. Senior Victoria Onozie had 16 more kills, and Natasha Walters

blocked five potential La Porte scoring chances as Dobie outlasted the Lady Bulldogs 22-25, 25-12, 25-7, 25-27, 15-13.

With the win, Dobie has improved to 4-2 in District 22-6A play with one match remaining in the first half of play. Deer Park (6-0) and Beaumont West Brook (5-0) are out

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The real action begins Tuesday, Oct. 3, as Dobie's team tennis squad faces Deer Park in a duel that could very well decide the District 22-6A championship, but for now the Longhorns are rolling right along.

Easy wins over South Houston and Sam Rayburn have the Longhorns standing at 2-0 in league

play with five square offs to go. The Longhorns will play at Pasadena Sept. 29 prior to hosting Deer Park. The locals also have to make up their scheduled set of matches against Beaumont West Brook, but the race for the title went down to Dobie and Deer Park a season ago.

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Dobie's team tennis group will head into its Sept. 29 match at Pasadena after the locals, including "Big" Tommy Nguyen (above), scored an 18-1 win over Sam Rayburn Sept. 26, at Dobie.
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Clear Brook hosts Clear Falls
Friday, Sept. 29
Challenger Stadium, 7 p.m.

ready to take a big step forward after a miserable 2016 campaign?

Perhaps these questions, and more, will be addressed as Clear Brook celebrates its annual homecoming week by facing the Knights in the District 24-6A opener Sept. 29, at Challenger Stadium in Webster.

The Wolverines are 2-0 this season, averaging nearly 45 points per game in wins over La Porte and South Houston. Falls, in turn, is 1-1 but is trying to

After advancing to the third-round of the playoffs in 2016, the Wolverines are determined to push for the 24-6A crown this season after finishing fourth.

There's little doubt the Wolverines can compete with almost any opponent offensively, but will the defense do its part after allowing 24.5 points per game to this point against the combination of La Porte and South Houston? Clear Falls, meanwhile, Continued on Page 3B

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Ticket app features PISD football

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 director of athletics.

TicketRoar provides simplified ticketing solu-

tions 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.

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

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

For more information about the app or the district programs, visit www.pasadenaisd.org.

South Belt football predictions	Troy Leland	John Bechtle	Eli Tanksley	Toni Muse	Emory Gadd	Debbie Vaughn
Dobie at Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Dobie	Deer Park
Dickinson at Friendswood	Dickinson	Friendswood	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson
C.E. King at Channelview	Channelview	Channelview	Channelview	Channelview	Channelview	Channelview
Clear Brook vs. Clear Falls	Clear Brook	Clear Brook	Clear Brook	Clear Brook	Clear Brook	Clear Brook
Clear Creek vs. Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Clear Creek	Clear Springs	Clear Springs
South Houston vs. Pasadena	South Houston	South Houston	South Houston	South Houston	South Houston	South Houston
Texas City at Galveston Ball	Galveston Ball	Galveston Ball	Texas City	Texas City	Texas City	Galveston Ball
Alvin at Clear Lake	Clear Lake	Clear Lake	Clear Lake	Clear Lake	Clear Lake	Alvin
Strake Jesuit at Cinco Ranch	Cinco Ranch	Cinco Ranch	Cinco Ranch	Strake Jesuit	Cinco Ranch	Cinco Ranch
Summer Creek at Goose Creek Memorial	Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Summer Creek
This week's record	6-4	6-4	6-4	7-3	6-4	7-3
Season record	15-5	12-8	13-7	12-8	11-9	13-7

Sports Calendar

FOOTBALL

Thursday, Sept. 28

Brook JV Black at Clear Falls, 4:30
 Brook JV Red at Clear Falls, 6:30
 Dobie JV Orange hosts Deer Park, Veterans, 6:30
 Dobie White hosts Deer Park, Veterans, 4:30
 Brook freshman Black hosts Clear Falls, 4:30
 Brook freshman Red hosts Clear Falls, 6:30
 Dobie freshman Orange at Deer Park, Abshier, 6:30
 Dobie freshman White at Deer Park, Abshier, 4:30

Friday, Sept. 29

Dobie varsity at Deer Park, Abshier, 7:00
 Brook varsity vs. Clear Falls, Challenger, 7:00

Monday, Oct. 2

Beverly Hills 8A at South Houston, 5:00
 Beverly Hills 8B hosts South Houston, 5:00
 Thompson 8A at Jackson, 5:00
 Thompson 8B hosts Jackson, Dobie, 5:00

Tuesday, Oct. 3

Beverly Hills 7A at South Houston, 5:00
 Beverly Hills 7B hosts South Houston, 5:00
 Thompson 7A at Jackson, 5:00
 Thompson 7B hosts Jackson, Dobie, 5:00

VOLLEYBALL

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

Dobie varsity at Memorial, 6:30
 Dobie JV at Memorial, 5:30
 Dobie freshman A at Memorial, 4:30
 Dobie 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

Dobie varsity at Beaumont West Brook, 6:30
 Brook varsity at Clear Falls, 6:00
 Brook JV at Clear Falls, 5:00
 Dobie JV at Beaumont West Brook, 5:30
 Dobie 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

Saturday, Sept. 30

San Jacinto College hosts alumni game, 7:00

TENNIS

Friday, Sept. 29

Dobie varsity at Pasadena, Pasadena H.S., 3:00

Tuesday, Oct. 3

Dobie varsity hosts Deer Park, Dobie, 3:00

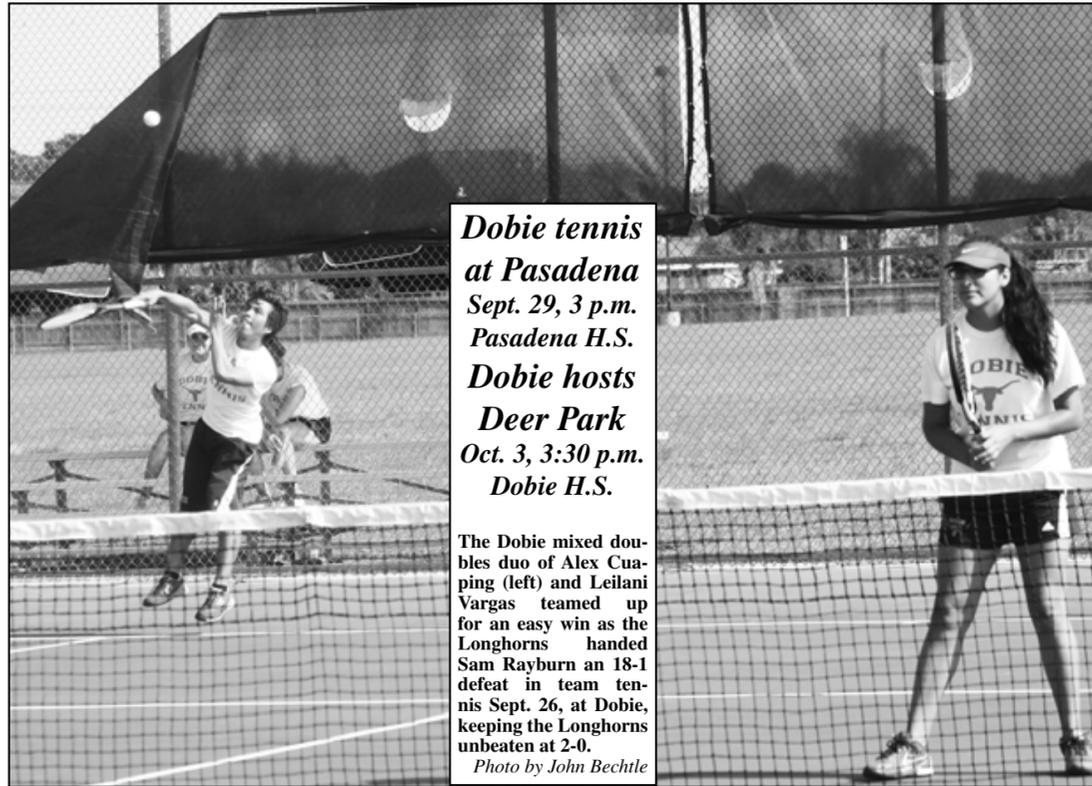
BAFL Sept. 30 games

Sagemont Cowboys
at Bayou City Bulldogs

Clear Falls High School, 8 a.m.

Southbelt Dolphins
host Ellington Rams

Blackhawk Park, 8 a.m.



Dobie tennis at Pasadena Sept. 29, 3 p.m. Pasadena H.S. Dobie hosts Deer Park Oct. 3, 3:30 p.m. Dobie H.S.

The Dobie mixed doubles duo of Alex Cuaping (left) and Leilani Vargas teamed up for an easy win as the Longhorns handed Sam Rayburn an 18-1 defeat in team tennis Sept. 26, at Dobie, keeping the Longhorns unbeaten at 2-0.
 Photo by John Bechtle

Dobie tennis off to 2-0 start in 22-6A

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 The fact is Deer Park handled Dobie fairly easily a season ago and has had a fairly easy time of holding serve in going undefeated through 11 matches dating back to 2016.

While it appears the 22-6A will again come down to the winner of the Deer Park/Dobie matchup, Longhorns' head coach Manuel Moreno isn't ready to anoint any team as the champion.

Since Hurricane Harvey came, left its destruction in its wake and left, most athletic programs at Dobie have returned to a sense of normalcy. Programs at other schools in Pasadena ISD and other school districts have not.

Moreno pointed out that Pasadena and Sam

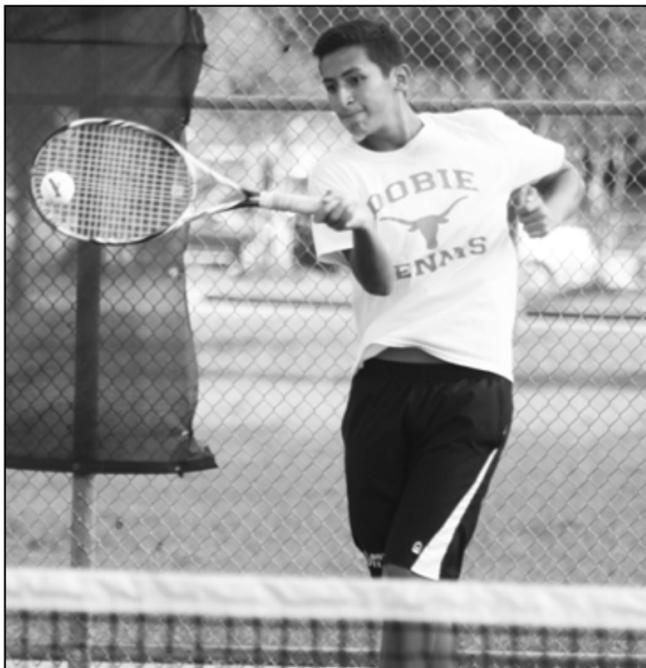
Rayburn, for instance, have had trouble filling out their competitive rosters completely. Beaumont West Brook, in addition, could not begin its season on time.

"Our kids have done a real good job of getting back out on the court and working hard to get back to the game after a lengthy layoff for everybody," Moreno said.

"My concern is that we have not been heavily challenged yet in district play, and it is sometimes hard to just turn it on and off, so to speak.

"La Porte beat Memorial 12-7, so we have that to go by, but that really doesn't tell you anything. Deer Park is 4-0, and I think we all figured they would come out strong.

"My focus is getting our doubles combinations right heading into these last five matches. We have played well, but knowing that the key to our success is getting ahead in the doubles, we need to be able to set the tone early."



Luis Neira, a junior on Dobie's team tennis squad, sends a return back at his Sam Rayburn opponent during the Longhorns' victory Sept. 26 at Dobie. The Longhorns are now set to face Pasadena and Deer Park.

BAFL Sept. 23 Scores

	Sr.	Jr.	Soph.	Fr.
Dolphins	32	27	21	13
Panthers	7	0	7	6
Cowboys	26	2	25	32
Patriots	6	20	0	6

Bay Area Football League As of Sept. 28 Senior Division

Teams	W	L	T
49ers	4	0	0
Hurricanes	4	0	0
Eagles	3	1	0
Texans	3	1	0
Raiders	2	1	0
Sharks	2	2	0
Rams	1	1	1
Cowboys	1	2	0
Dolphins	1	2	0
Panthers	1	2	1
Bulls	1	3	0
Patriots	0	3	1
Bulldogs	0	3	1

Junior Division

Teams	W	L	T
Hurricanes	4	0	0
Patriots	4	0	0
Eagles	3	1	0
Texans	3	1	0
Cowboys	2	1	0
Sharks	2	2	0
Bulldogs	2	2	0
Dolphins	1	2	0
Panthers	1	3	0
49ers	1	3	0
Bulls	1	3	0
Raiders	0	3	0
Rams	0	3	0

Sophomore Division

Teams	W	L	T
Bulldogs	4	0	0
49ers	4	0	0
Cowboys	3	0	0
Hurricanes	3	1	0
Eagles	3	1	0
Texans	2	2	0
Sharks	2	2	0
Patriots	1	2	1
Panthers	1	2	0
Dolphins	1	2	0
Raiders	0	2	1
Rams	0	3	0
Bulls	0	4	0

Freshman Division

Teams	W	L	T
Hurricanes	4	0	0
Texans	4	0	0
Rams	3	0	0
49ers	3	1	0
Cowboys	2	1	0
Bulldogs	2	1	0
Raiders	1	1	1
Sharks	1	2	1
Dolphins	1	2	0
Panthers	1	3	0
Bulls	1	3	0
Eagles	1	3	0
Patriots	0	4	0

Brook homecoming is Sept. 29



Clear Brook quarterback Jaizac Garcia (14) will be part of his final homecoming weekend as the high school celebrates the annual event Sept. 29-30, which includes the varsity football team's homecoming game against the Clear Falls Knights. The big game, which is also the District 24-6A opener for both teams, will be played Friday, Sept. 29, at Challenger Columbia Stadium in Webster. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. The Wolverines, who were on a bye week Sept. 21-23, will enter their 24-6A opener at 2-0, while Clear Falls is 1-1 after a 27-7 loss to Spring Sept. 22.

Photo by David Flickinger

Wolverine to tackle Knights

Continued from Page 1B began what it hopes is a comeback season of sorts with a 49-0 rout of Sam Rayburn, but then came a 27-7 loss to Spring.

Clear Brook knows that tough games against the likes of Clear Springs, Friendswood and Dickinson lie ahead, but at this point in the season teams must approach opponents

one week at a time.

Clear Brook quarterback Jaizac Garcia, tailback Jarrett Smith and receiver Caleb Chapman are all among the leaders in the Houston area in their respective areas of skill, but it's time for the Wolverines to step up as a team and prove that 2016 was no fluke.

So far, the Wolver-

ines have been one of the most impressive offensive groups in the Houston area, but La Porte burned the Wolverine defense with big plays, and South Houston produced a pair of 100 plus yard rushers despite losing 52-25.

However, the Wolverines have come up with four interceptions this season in their two games.

Coyote soccer on track after hurricane delays

Continued from Page 1B graduate, scored against Tyler, as did Savio Adams and Jordaine Fletcher.

It was Fletcher's goal in the 87th minute that got San Jac within 4-3, but the Apaches held on for the win.

Ibarra led the way for the Coyotes against Jacksonville, earning a hat trick with three of the team's five goals.

Granted, Ibarra is older than most of the players he's facing at the JUCO level, having graduated high school in 2013.

But the bottom line is

he has become the similar type of offensive threat he was as a Longhorn.

"Carlos has really matured as a player and understands what it takes to compete at this level," Spooner said.

"He has certainly been one of those guys that we have been able to count on to give us the offensive production."

Aside from Ibarra against Jacksonville, there were others who contributed scoring in the bounce-back win.

Carlos Valdez and Jordaine Fletcher also

scored goals as the Coyotes quickly bounced back from the loss to Tyler.

Spoooner said the Coyotes are simply looking ahead at this point.

A strong start to the preseason and scrimmage play had the team excited about the kickoff of 2017 before Hurricane Harvey hit the area.

Subsequently, the Coyotes missed a chance to face JUCO Division III power Richland, and a tournament appearance at Tyler Junior College was also missed.

Spoooner also cited the team's conference loss to Northeast Texas as a combination of factors that may not have occurred had the season kept running smoothly.

Now, though, it's all about putting everything together over the second half of league play, perhaps hosting regional tournament play and eventually reaching nationals in the program's last try at a crown.

"We have conditioned the guys to understand that we need to win out and probably beat Tyler by two goals at their place in order to host the regional," Spooner said.

"Otherwise, we will be

playing at their place. Either way, we know what we have to do to put ourselves back in position to keep advancing."

San Jacinto College knows it will have to play some defense to be

able to win at the national level when and if the time comes, but the team is showing the ability to score goals at a high rate with regularity. With continued defensive improvement, SJC can be tough.



At left, San Jacinto College freshman forward Reda Chokaf (at right in photo) goes airborne on a 50-50 ball against a Jacksonville College defender during the first half of the Coyotes' 5-1 victory Sept. 22, at the South campus. San Jacinto led 3-1 at halftime and netted two more goals in the second half to win for their fourth time in six matches this season. At right, Coyote sophomore forward Diego Vasquez (11) turns upfield after a takeaway against Jacksonville. To Vasquez's right is teammate Francois Haba.

Photos by John Bechtle



Brook netters hand Springs an 11-8 loss

Clear Lake and Clear Creek appear to be the top-of-the-rung teams in the District 24-6A team tennis race, but Clear Brook is giving it everything it has down the stretch.

After hard-fought losses to Friendswood and Clear Falls in 24-6A action, Clear Brook did score an 11-8 victory over Clear Springs Sept. 21, at Clear Springs.

The Wolverines jumped out in front 6-1 after the doubles, winning each of the three boys' and girls' doubles matches.

In boys' singles, the Wolverines saw victories come from No. 1 Max Pearson, No. 3 Cole Masington, No. 4 Mark Vinson and No. 5 Kevin Nguyen. No. 1 girls' player Maria Herrera and Kayla Brooks, at No. 5, also won.

San Jacinto College trustee Davis Rouse, pals lead donation effort

Like many local residents, Dobie High School graduate and San Jacinto College board member Erica Davis Rouse and her husband, Bobby, were left frustrated at their inability to do more as Hurricane Harvey ravaged their community.

At the very least, Davis Rouse felt the need to be at Dobie High School, where more than 1,000 displaced residents were receiving care and shelter for several days.

The Rouses reside in the area, but could not leave the subdivision due to the high water. "I would have walked to Dobie if I could have, but Bobby wouldn't let me," Erica Rouse said. "It just wasn't a good idea."

Instead, the Rouses

got busy on their block, collecting toiletries, paper products, cleaning supplies and more - items that were in high demand and in well of need at the time. Once the weather cleared a bit, the Rouses continued their efforts.

Bobby coordinated a pickup of items including shoes, clothing, etc., that had been donated by collegiate programs from across the nation to staff within the University of Houston men's basketball program.

The Rouses rented a trailer large enough to get the items back to the South Belt area and took them to Life Fit Gym on Fuqua.

There, the Rouses and several more volunteers, including Life Fit Gym owner Marcellus Wright, began to separate and package the items for distribution.

Families in need were able to visit the gym, pick up some things in need and begin to rebuild what had been lost or damaged.

"Even though it is not a lot, every little bit helps," Erica Davis Rouse said. "It was really Bobby's effort as far as getting the donations from UH. We just wanted to be able to do as much as we could for our community."

"When something like (Hurricane Harvey) happens, it's about coming together as one community and helping one another when in need."

"You always wish you could do more, but we did what we could. Hopefully, we can continue to help."

Bobby Rouse has also created a GoFundMe account to help local residents in need. For those who would like to assist locally, call Bobby Rouse

At right, after Hurricane Harvey heavily damaged homes and possessions in the South Belt area, local residents, business owners and many others stepped up to help out in any way needed. San Jacinto College board member and Dobie High School graduate Erica Davis Rouse, her husband Bobby Rouse and some of their pals chipped in to assist. Those who contributed at Life Fit Gym on Fuqua included, left to right, Erica Davis Rouse, Fabian Villarreal, Omar Smith, Kiley Davis, Marcellus Wright, Bobby Rouse and Landon Salvani.

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CALENDAR

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.

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.

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

Kirkwood Civic Association meets at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd. For details, call Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.

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 or 713-724-2360, or visit <http://www.wellspouse.org>.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-856-1611.

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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.

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

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

Bay Area Genealogical Society - Meets monthly, the last Friday, at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Dr., Clear Lake. Coffee and socializing prior to 7 p.m. meeting. No meeting in November/December. For details, visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org.

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

Serenity Now AI-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 AI-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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.

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

AI-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) - For women affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

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

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, OCTOBER 1

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

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

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

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

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

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, OCTOBER 2

AI-Anon Deer Park - Mondays, 10 to 11 a.m. Literature

Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.

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

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

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

Genealogy Group - Parker Williams Genealogy Group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. on first and third Monday at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. Public is invited. For details, email Liz Hicks at eroottrot@usa.net.

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

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

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

Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - Monday at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway, Pearland. Use door near recycling bins. For details, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org.

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Survivors of Suicide Support Group - gives coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adults who have lost a loved one to suicide. For details email LynneAnnH@yahoo.com or visit www.crisishotline.org.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-856-1611.

7:30 p.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - Israeli Folk Dancing Mondays, 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 session for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For information, contact 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Russell at 832-483-6715.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3
 7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.
 9:30 a.m.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For details, call 713-472-0565.

10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
 11:30 a.m.
Local NARFE Meeting - National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1321, meets the first Tuesday at Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Pkwy. Lunch is \$6. For information, call Bob Mitchell at 281-333-2881.

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

1 p.m.
Trailmixers - Meets the first Tuesday at Luby's, 11595 Fuqua. Former and current employees of J. Frank Dobie High School are welcome.
 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 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 details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318.
 6:30 p.m.
Bay Area Quilt Guild - Meets the first Tuesday, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Fellowship is at 6:30 p.m.; meeting/program begins at 7 p.m. Visit www.Facebook.com/BayAreaQuiltGuild.

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4
 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 details.

11:30 a.m.
Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets monthly, first and third Wednesday, noon, Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. December may be an exception. For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.

American Business Women's Association Bay Area Vision Chapter - Meets at Bon Appetit Cafe, 18027 Point Lookout Dr., 77058, monthly, first Wednesday, noon to 1:30 p.m. Professional speaker often present. For details, contact Christie O'Rear at christieorear@gmail.com.

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

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

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

Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention - Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support group for women. Visit www.bayareaturningpoint.org for information.

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5
 7 a.m.

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

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

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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.

The Bay Area Writers League - Meets the first Thursday monthly, Barnes and Noble, 1029 W. Bay Area Blvd., 7 p.m. Newcomers welcome.

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An 0-2 start aside, Longhorns head to Deer Park as District 22-6A play opens

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cisions means little to nothing.

Yes, a couple of wins would have led to some momentum at this point, but no team in the District 22-6A ranks can be brimming with confidence. Through the first couple of weeks of the season, the league holds a combined 3-13 record.

Simply put, the 2017 regular season has been trimmed to six games. Four of the league's seven teams will advance to the postseason.

For Dobie or Deer Park, a win in the opener could go a long way toward reaching that postseason goal.

"The past is the past, and we are ready to move on to Deer Park and make some good things happen and get a win," Dobie var-

sity football head coach Mike Norman said.

"This hasn't been a typical football season (for any team), and we just want to learn from the first couple of weeks and go out there and compete against Deer Park."

In Dobie's two losses to open the season, the opposition got out of the gate quickly. Morton Ranch led 23-0 with roughly four minutes gone in the second quarter, while Dawson led 28-0 after a quarter of play. That simply cannot happen in district play.

"There's no doubt we have to start faster," Norman said.

"We have given up 51 points in two games early on, and we have to be better at that. We just can't give up the quick scores like we have, and we have done some things to im-

prove in that area.

"We've gone from a 3-4 defense to a 4-3, primarily because we have some pretty good depth along the defensive line. That should help us."

Dobie is also likely to see the return of senior quarterback Jacob Sulak, who missed all but one play of the first two games due to injury.

Now healthy, Sulak is more than likely to start against Deer Park. The Longhorns are also looking to get Kris Morris, the team's third-year starter at tailback, heavily involved.

"Our game plan is always going to include getting No. 20 (Morris) in the clear," Norman said.

"We feel like we can

create some opportunities for him in the running game and produce some points.

"The bottom line is everybody is going into district play at 0-0, and we feel like we have a great shot to go to Deer Park and get that first win.

"Execution in all phases is always a must, and there are some things we have to be better at, but we are getting there, and I think the improvement will show (Sept. 29)."

Dawson cruises
Dawson junior quarterback Patrick Kramer, starting for the first time this season, had touchdown passes of 40 and 37 yards in the first quarter, and Isaiah Chance went

65 yards the other way with an interception return as the Eagles turned a 28-0 first-quarter advantage into a 38-0 win over the Longhorns.

Dobie had actually moved the ball into Dawson territory on its first offensive series of the game before De'Abri-

on Taulton's pass in the middle of the field was deflected and ultimately returned for a touchdown by Chance.

With Dawson leading 14-0, a 7-yard punt by Dobie gave the ball to Dawson at midfield.

Tailback Darius Smith had a 31-yard run to set his

team up in the red zone, and he then scored on a 7-yard run for a 21-0 lead.

Kramer's 37-yard pass to Mason Pierce with 50 seconds left in the first quarter gave the Eagles a 28-0 lead and essentially made it tough for the Longhorns to recover. Kramer found Pierce late

in the first half for 8 yards and a touchdown as the Eagles led 31-0 at halftime.

Jacob Garcia and Isaac Fuentes had interceptions for Dobie, and Dreze McCoy had a sack as part of a solid game from his linebacking spot.

Offensively, Cameron

Guy made his first varsity catch for 37 yards in the first half, and Javier Castillo rushed six straight times for 27 yards to close out the game.

Now, it's on to Deer Park. Like Norman pointed out, the past is the past. There's no time like the present to get that first W.



The Longhorns' Jeremiah Hernandez (13) fights to break a tackle after a short gain against Dawson in the first half of a nondistrict clash at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium. Dawson went on to gain a 38-0 victory.



Dobie sophomore Cameron Guy's (83) first catch of the regular season went for 37 yards and a key first down in the first half of the Longhorns' nondistrict clash against Dawson Sept. 22, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. On the play, Guy got behind Dawson's Malcolm Kent Denton and made the catch.

Dawson led 31-0 at halftime and went on to defeat the Longhorns' 38-0. Next up, Guy and his Longhorn teammates will play at Deer Park Friday, Sept. 29, in the District 22-6A opener for both teams.

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Volleyballers nearing final playoff push

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in front of the standings, and Memorial is also right there with Dobie. In fact, Dobie will play at Memorial Friday, Sept. 29, with the third seed in focus.

Dobie's win over La Porte came at a perfect time, especially since the Lady Longhorns were swept 25-14, 25-4, 25-14 by first-place Deer Park Sept. 22 at Dobie.

Due to the effects of Hurricane Harvey, some of the league's matches, particularly involving Beaumont West Brook, still need to be completed in terms of the first half of league play.

After Deer Park and West Brook, Memorial is 4-1, followed by Dobie at 4-2. La Porte is 2-4, with Pasadena (1-5), Sam Rayburn (0-5) and South Houston rounding out the alignment.

Brook now 3-4
The District 24-6A race is liable to go down to the final set of matches to determine the four playoff seeds. Right now, Clear Brook is hanging tough with two wins in its last three matches.

On Sept. 20, the Lady Wolverines handed Clear Springs a 22-25, 17-25, 25-19, 25-20, 15-12 defeat.

Although Clear Brook was then defeated Sept. 22 by Clear Falls in three games, the Lady Wolverines stayed close to the leaders with a 25-20, 25-19, 25-23 victory at Alvin Sept. 26.

At 3-3, Clear Brook will close out the first half of district play with a Saturday, Sept. 30 match at Dickinson. The action is set to begin at 12:30 p.m. At present, Clear Creek, Clear Falls, Clear Springs and Friendswood are the frontrunners in the 24-6A standings.

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