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Face-to-face in PISD

Pasadena ISD students who opted for face-to-face instruction will return to their respective campuses Tuesday, Sept. 8. Students who selected to distance-learn will continue studying from home.

Clear Creek ISD is staggering its in-person instruction, with some students having already returned Aug. 31. The remaining students who selected face-to-face instruction will be phased in through Sept. 14.

Both school districts will continue serving meals to students who are learning virtually.

Labor Day closings set

South Belt-Ellington Leader

The *South Belt-Ellington Leader* office will be closed Monday, Sept. 7, in observance of Labor Day. Normal business hours will resume Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 9 a.m.

Clear Brook City MUD

The Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District office will be closed Monday, Sept. 7, 2020, in observance of Labor Day.

The office will reopen Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 8 a.m. Payments may be left in the drop box located on the drive-thru window side of the building.

Clear Brook City MUD – Trash pickup

Clear Brook City MUD residents who have regular trash service pickup on Monday/Thursday will have service as usual Monday, Labor Day, Sept. 7. All trash should be at curbside no later than 7 a.m.

Residents missing this trash pickup date will be serviced Thursday, Sept. 10. Residents with Tuesday/Friday service will not be affected.

Church provides aid

Sagemont Church is providing assistance to victims of Hurricane Laura in East Texas and Louisiana.

The church is seeking both volunteers and donations.

For additional information, visit sagemontchurch.org/hurricane-laura.

Beltway closures planned

At least one westbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed at Scott Street/Fellows Road daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Thursday, Sept. 3.

At least one westbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed at Scott Street/Fellows Road nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, Sept. 4.

At least one northbound and one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Vista to SH 225 daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. through Thursday, Sept. 3.

At least one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from San Augustine to Red Bluff continuously through 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10.

The closures are associated with the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from two to four lanes in each direction.

Gulf Freeway closures set

The southbound connector ramp from the Gulf Freeway to IH-610 South Loop will be continuously closed through 5 a.m. Monday, Sept. 28.

The northbound exit ramp on the Gulf Freeway at NASA Bypass/ NASA Road 1 will be closed continuously through 5 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 31.

At least one lane of the northbound and southbound entrance ramp from NASA Bypass/ NASA Road 1 to SH 96 and exit ramp from NASA Bypass/ NASA Road 1 to SH 96 will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Thursday, Dec. 31.

Two alternate lanes on the Gulf Freeway frontage road will be closed from NASA Bypass/ NASA Road 1 to SH 96/League City Parkway daily from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Thursday, Dec. 31.

At least one alternate main lane and one frontage road lane on both the northbound and southbound sides of the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 518 to FM 517 daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Wednesday, Sept. 30.

There will be a total closure at the southbound IH 610 connector ramp at the Gulf Freeway through 5 a.m. Monday, Sept. 28.

The northbound connector ramp from the Gulf Freeway to the IH 610 South Loop, along with one inside lane, will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Thursday, Dec. 31.

At least two alternate main lanes and frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from IH 610 South Loop to Broad Street nightly from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. through Thursday, Dec. 31.

The northbound and southbound entrance ramp from IH 610 South Loop to Broad Street and the northbound and southbound exit ramp from IH 610 South Loop to Broad Street will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. through Thursday, Dec. 31.

The closures are associated with an ongoing construction project to widen the freeway from three to five lanes in each direction and the frontage roads from two to three lanes in each direction.

Graduation issues available

Extra copies of the *Leader's* high school graduation issue, published Aug. 6, are available at the newspaper office, 11555 Beamer.

The special edition includes graduation information for Dobie, South Houston, CTHS and Pasadena Memorial high schools.

South Belt spared Hurricane Laura damage

The South Belt community was spared the brunt of Hurricane Laura early Thursday, Aug. 27, as the storm took a turn east toward Louisiana.

The Category 4 storm made landfall near Cameron, La., just after midnight, bringing 150-mile-an-hour winds and a major storm surge.

The hurricane was one of the strongest on record in the state. One fatality, a 14-year-old girl, was reported in Leesville, La., a small city about 100 miles inland. The girl was killed when a tree fell on her family home.

Locally, however, things were relatively calm, with no major wind damage or flooding being reported.

According to the National Weather Service, wind gusts in Houston peaked around 30 mph. The rain gauge at the Beamer Road Ditch and Hughes Road reported zero rainfall.

"I saw a couple of broken twigs," Harris County Precinct 2 Sgt. Robert Sanchez joked to the *Leader*.

Despite the minimal damage, local officials prepared for the worst, taking extra safety mea-

asures.

Area schools and courts were canceled; all nonessential city workers were given the day off; and the city issued a shelter-in-place order Wednesday at 8 p.m. Mayor Sylvester Turner ordered voluntary evacuations in ZIP Codes 77058, 77059 and 77062 in the Clear Lake area.

The storm came roughly three years to the

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Homeless using donations to trash area

Deputies from Harris County Precinct 8 Phil Sandlin's office recently removed a homeless encampment along Beltway 8 near the Gulf Freeway. This marked the third time in roughly four months deputies have had to vacate the site. The homeless at the location routinely scavenge through local clothing donation bins for personal items, as pictured above. The *Leader* is starting a campaign to either remove or secure such drop-boxes from the community, as donations are not going to the intended destinations. Officers from the Texas Department of Transportation are expected to assist with cleaning up the spot. The site's primary occupant, who has previously been evicted from the location, within the last two months, was arrested for outstanding felony warrants not associated with the homeless encampment.



Photo by Marie Flickinger

2 shot, including 8-year-old, in road rage

Two people were shot Friday, Aug. 28, in a road incident on Fuqua near the Gulf Freeway – one of whom was an 8-year-old boy.

According to police, it began around 9:40 p.m. when a family was pulling out of the Taco Bell in the 11100 block of Fuqua and almost struck another vehicle that was reportedly driving with its lights off. After the two cars almost collided, the drivers had a verbal altercation, before speeding to the east on Fuqua. As the family approached North Featherwood Drive, the driver of the second vehicle opened fire, striking two of the passengers. A woman sitting in the passenger seat was

shot in the shoulder, while the child was shot in the shoulder and thumb. The two were transported to the hospital and are expected to be OK.

The male driver and a second child passenger, a 6-year-old female, were uninjured in the incident.

Police said both rifle and pistol rounds were found at the scene. The suspect's vehicle was described as a white or cream-colored Buick with chrome rims.

Anyone with any information about this case is urged to contact the Houston Police Department Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

28 South Belters died from COVID

While the rate of spread for COVID-19 has slightly dropped in recent weeks in the South Belt community, the number of fatalities has increased.

At press time, a total of 28 area residents had died from the disease, including 11 from ZIP code 77089; 10 from ZIP code 77075; and seven from ZIP code 77034.

Of the 1,225 confirmed cases in 77089, 226 remain active, while 988 have recovered from the virus.

In 77075, 245 of the 1,122 confirmed cases remain active, while 867 have recovered.

Of the 1,281 confirmed cases in 77034, 319 remain active, while 955 have recovered from the disease.

While the ages of the victims were unknown at

press time, the vast majority suffered from pre-existing health issues, according to Harris County Public Health Spokeswoman Martha Marquez.

This past week, Harris County passed the 100,000 mark for confirmed cases, and the State of Texas surpassed 600,000 cases. Countywide, there have been 1,343 deaths to date. Statewide, there have been 13,004 fatalities. Nationwide, approximately 185,000 have died from COVID-19.

Statistics are updated daily and include numbers from within both the Houston city limits and throughout Harris County.

To view an interactive map, visit publichealth.harriscountytx.gov/Resources/2019-Novel-Coronavirus.

(See related chart on Page 2.)

Sagemont celebrates back-to-school

For Sagemont Church, the month of August focused on a back-to-school initiative called Sagemont Loves Students and Educators. With this back-to-school season being unlike any other and full of anxiety for students, teachers and parents, the church wanted to make a special effort to reach out and support the families and teachers in the South Belt area.

The church held a free homeschool seminar on Aug. 8. With many parents choosing to homeschool for the first time this school year, this was a great opportunity for parents to gather some

tips and advice as they begin the home education journey. The church was also given hundreds of homeschool curriculum books by the HEP Bookstore when it closed, so these were available for the 200 parents in attendance at the seminar.

In the week following the seminar, the church surprised first-year teachers in local public schools with a basket full of practical supplies and gifts. New teachers typically find their first years to be challenging, but this unique beginning to the academic year promises a greater challenge.

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Male killed in Beltway 8 crash

A fatal crash took place early Wednesday, Aug. 26, in the 7000 block of Beltway 8 near Highway 3/Old Galveston Road.

Harris County Precinct 8 deputies were dispatched to a major traffic accident involving a silver Dodge Durango around 12:50 a.m.

Upon arriving, units discovered a 23-year-old Hispanic male lying in the roadway next to the vehicle.

It appeared he had been ejected from the vehicle during the crash. A second Hispanic male, 22 years of age, was found lying in the grassy median between the feeder road and the main lanes of the toll road. It is also believed he, too, had been ejected from the vehicle.

Both subjects, who were identified as Baytown residents, were transported to area hos-

pitals by the Houston Fire Department in poor condition. The second male was pronounced deceased shortly after arriving at the hospital.

During the accident reconstruction investigation, Precinct 8 CRASH team members were able to determine the accident started on the feeder level and ended on the main lanes of the toll road after the vehicle rolled over several times.

It is believed to be the only vehicle involved in the crash. There were indications that alcohol may have played a role in the crash based on initial evidence.

Members of the Harris County District Attorney's Vehicular Crimes Division were on scene as deputies collected evidence and processed the scene. The case remained under investigation at press time.

Drive-by shooting on Sageperry

Deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office have kept busy as of late, fighting crimes ranging from drive-by shootings to stolen cars.

On Aug. 31, deputies responded to a call in the 11500 block of Sageperry, where a drive-by shooting had taken place. According to deputies, multiple rounds had been fired into the residence. No injuries were reported.

Deputies canvassed the area for surveillance video, and the case is currently under investigation.

Later that day, deputies responded to a call

in the 10800 block of Scarsdale, where a car had been stolen.

The victim and a witness were able to provide a description of the suspect, along with his direction of travel.

The victim's cell phone was left inside the stolen vehicle, which helped deputies track down the car.

Deputies located the stolen vehicle unoccupied and were able to find the suspect a few blocks away, hiding in a drainage ditch. The suspect was taken into custody and booked into the Harris County Jail.

Police seek leads in fatal shooting

Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of a man that took place around 9:20 p.m. in the parking lot of the Studio Movie Grill on Beltway 8 near Pearland Parkway.

The identity of the 28-year-old victim was still pending verification by the county medical examiner's office at press time.

According to police, the victim was sent a text message shortly before the shooting, instructing him to meet someone at the movie theater. When he arrived, one or two suspects opened fire on him, firing at least 20 rounds. The victim died at

the scene.

The shooter(s) was reportedly driving a four-door white sedan. Investigators are studying surveillance footage for additional clues.

Several patrons were in the parking lot at the time of the shooting but did not personally witness the crime, instead only hearing gunshots.

Anyone with any information about this case is urged to contact the Houston Police Department Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

Cardenas named Senior VP, CEO

Memorial Hermann Health System has announced that Noel Cardenas will assume the role of Senior Vice President and CEO of Memorial Hermann Southeast and Memorial Hermann Pearland hospitals, effective Sept. 13.

Cardenas currently serves as Vice President of Operations of Memorial Hermann Northeast Hospital in Humble, an acute care hospital consisting of 242 beds and more than 1,200 employees.

"Alongside substantial growth in both campus size and patient volume, Noel has increased efficiency, building effectiveness and improving safety at Memorial Hermann Northeast," said Memorial Hermann president and CEO, Dr. David L. Callender. "Noel has been an outstanding leader in our health system for the past five years and I am pleased he has accepted the opportunity to further his career with Memorial Hermann."

Cardenas' promotion is part of a new organizational structure and service line operating model that aligns with Memorial Hermann's vision to create healthier communities now and for generations to come. He is replacing Kyle Price,

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Noel Cardenas, CEO

Memorial updates visitor policy

Memorial Hermann Hospital recognizes the importance of family support in the healing process and will begin allowing one visitor (18 and older) per patient per day at its acute care facilities. Children's Memorial will allow two visitors (18 and older) per day. Visitors should complete online prescreening form at memorialhermann.org/screening before arriving at the facility. Visitors will need to show they have cleared online prescreening and have temperature taken prior to entering the facility.

Memorial Hermann's outpatient facilities, including imaging centers, breast care centers, sports medicine and rehabilitation locations and medical group clinics will continue to enforce a no-visitor policy with limited exceptions until further notice. University Place, a skilled nursing facility, will continue to restrict all visitors in compliance with state guidelines for nursing centers.

All visitors are required to clear a health screening and will wear a mask upon entry and through the entire visit. Additional details include:

One visitor (18 and over) will be allowed per patient at acute care facilities, and TIRR inpatient and

outpatient medical clinics.

Age restrictions do not apply to visitors under 18 who present in the Emergency Center with a patient. Minors who accompany Emergency Center patients may remain with the patient.

Children's Memorial Hermann will allow two visitors (18 and older) per patient per day. Visiting hours for all Hermann hospitals, TIRR Memorial Hermann and Katy Rehab are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Visitors of Day Surgery patients will be allowed to remain on-site until the patient is discharged as long as social distancing is not compromised.

No overnight visitors are allowed.

No visitors for patients in isolation are allowed. Visitors may utilize hospital cafeterias and cafés.

Very limited compassionate exceptions to the modified visitor policy will be made for areas including Palliative Care, Supportive Care, Hospice, NICU, Pediatrics and Labor & Delivery, and will be managed by each facility.

Memorial Hermann continues to encourage the use of video chat programs on personal devices to visit with loved ones who cannot visit in person.

Fatality on Beltway 8 near Old Galveston



A Baytown man was killed in a one-car accident Wednesday, Aug. 26, on Beltway 8 near Old Galveston Road. The vehicle flipped over several times. Photo submitted by Pct. 8 constables

Deaths

Rose P. Delgado



Rose P. Delgado, 81, of Houston died peacefully on Aug. 28, 2020. She was born Jan. 13, 1939, in San Antonio to parents Pablo and Francisca Paredes.

Rose is survived by her husband Natividad Delgado; daughters Betty Moreno and Judge Jo Ann Delgado Puente and husband Daniel; sons Bobby Delgado and wife Annette and Felix Delgado and wife Lisa; brother Eudelio Paredes and wife Rachael; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father and

mother.

Her pride and joy were her grandchildren Jesse Salazar, Jennifer Salazar and husband Enrique, Jaime Salazar, Ryan Andrew Delgado, Zachary Delgado and Amanda Delgado; great-grandchildren Eric Mexicano, Hannah Salazar, Andrew Salazar and Evan Luke Mexicano.

She had many enduring qualities such as the love for her family, and friends. Rose was a very strong-willed person. Once she made her up mind, there was no possibility she was going to consider anything else. Her candor is certainly what most will remember. She always spoke what was on her mind and never held back. She always said what she meant, and meant what she said. She will be greatly missed.

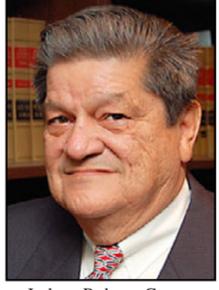
The family is grateful to the doctors, nurses and staff at Memorial Hermann, East and Houston Hospice for their loving care. Due to the current COVID-19, the service will be limited to the attendance of 50 people. Protective face masks need to be worn while attending services.

A Celebration of Life

will be held Sept. 3, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Forest Park East, 21620 Gulf Freeway, Webster in. A rosary will be recited Sept. 3 at 7 p.m. The burial service will be held Sept. 4 at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to be made in honor of Rosita Rose Delgado, in care of Memorial Hermann Foundation, 929 Gessner, Suite 2650, Houston, TX 77024.

Ruben Guerrero



Judge Ruben Guerrero, a San Antonio native who made Kirkwood his home for more than 40 years,

passed from this life Aug. 27, 2020, after a series of health problems.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Mary Guerrero, who died just nine months previously; parents Moses and Maria Guerrero; and brother Moses Jr.

He is survived by daughter Yvonne Mintz and husband Ryan of Rosharon; daughter Rebecca Pilkey and husband Lloyd of San Antonio; and three grandchildren he adored, Mia Mintz, Justin Mintz and Angela Pilkey. Also mourning his passing are sisters Lydia Munoz and Velma Perez and husband Pete of San Antonio; and many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Ruben was born April 13, 1946, in San Antonio. He served as a supply sergeant in the U.S. Air Force in the Vietnam War. First in his family to graduate college, he earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Houston and law degree from Texas Southern University.

He practiced criminal law, and in 1992, Gov. Ann Richards appointed him to serve as judge of the 263rd State District Court.

He later was appointed regional director of the Small Business Administration, leading 10 SBA offices in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas and New Mexico. In 2008, the citizens of Harris County elected him judge of the 174th State District Court. He retired in 2016.

He loved the law and his time on the bench was the highlight of his career in public service. He met many of his best friends through his work, the kind who remained faithful beyond the time he carried influence in the courthouse.

He presided over his court with toughness and compassion and took joy in mentoring young attorneys. He was a fair and kind man, quick with a joke, eager to pick up the lunch tab and never afraid to speak his mind. He loved people, musicals, westerns and talking politics. He never went anywhere his children were not invited and bragged about his family to anyone who would listen.

He served on the boards of the Harris County Facilities Corporation and the Youth Victim Witness Advisory Board, was past president of the League of United Latin American Citizens Council 60 and the American G.I. Forum of Greater Houston and past chairman of the State Bar Grievance Committee and the Harris County Criminal Lawyers Association.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 2 at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Angleton, and is available on the church's Facebook page. Interment of ashes will follow Sept. 3 at 10:45 a.m. at Houston National Cemetery, 10410 Veterans Memorial Drive.

Regretfully, due to COVID-19 concerns, no reception followed the celebration of the Mass.

The family hopes to have a celebration of his life next year.

The family is appreciative to the Country Village Care staff in Angleton for their loving care during the most trying of times.

In lieu of flowers, the request is made to consider donations to the University

of Houston Alumni Association for a scholarship in Judge Guerrero's name. Make checks payable to UHAA, with Hispanic Alumni Association in the memo line and mail to 3204 Cullen Blvd., Suite 201, Houston, TX 77204, or visit bit.ly/34T92lp for online donations.

Arrangements were made by Clayton Funeral Homes, Pearland.

Rosa Sanders



Rosa I. Sanders, a resident of Sagemont for 46 years, died peacefully at home Aug. 27, 2020. She was surrounded by her loved ones during the last week of her life. After years of ill health she is finally at peace.

She was the widow of James H. Sanders Jr., a retired Army veteran who predeceased her in 1992. He met her during his tour of duty in her hometown of Schweinfurt, Germany, in 1955. They married on Oct. 25, 1956.

When James retired from the Army in 1974, he decided to settle in Houston, and chose the Sagemont area. Rose lived here ever since. Rose worked at Frazier Elementary School in the cafeteria and was beloved by the children that came through the line for lunch. And she loved them. She retired in 2000.

Rose is survived by her eldest daughter Debbie Sanders, her caretaker who lived with her and her son Michael Sanders, who also lived with her. She is also survived by her middle daughter Christine Sanders-Martinez and husband Richard Martinez along with their two sons Eric and Christopher Martinez, Eric's son Damian Martinez, and Eric's wife Michelle and her daughter Alexis.

Since Christine worked and retired from Southwest Airlines, Rosa was able to visit so many places in America and Germany. With Michael, a retired long-haul truck driver, she was able to go on an odyssey through America and stayed at all the truck stops on the trips. She enjoyed her life and the traveling she was able to do before her physical limitations put a halt on all her adventures.

Her family is deeply indebted to the doctors, nurses, and respiratory therapists at Southeast Memorial Hospital who made it possible for her to come home one last time to spend one week and one day within the love of her family.

She will be interred at the Houston National Cemetery alongside her husband.

Due to the current world crisis, a Memorial Remembrance Mass will be celebrated at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church later this year.

Thomas William Johnson III



Thomas William Johnson III was a member of the South Belt Community for 46 years. He was born June 16, 1941, to Cleveland and Irene Johnson in Prairie Hill, Texas. They later moved to Coolidge, Texas. Thomas was the first-born son in the company of two girls, Jonell and Clevestia Johnson, who spoiled him. His loving parents would later have five additional brothers and one sister. They also raised a grandson, Thomas William (Squeaky) as their own.

Thomas was reared by godly parents in church, and at a young age, accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and savior. He was a member of the Allen Chapel AME Methodist Church. He completed his early education and graduated from Coolidge High School in 1960. Upon graduation, Thomas entered Prairie View A&M where he received his Bachelor of Arts in 1964. He was active in the ROTC and the BOI organizations. In his sophomore year he married his high school sweetheart

Ida Davis Flax who was also a student at Texas College, in Tyler, Texas. Thomas was a focused driven man that devoted himself to making a better life for his family. After graduating from Prairie View, he relocated his budding family, Thomas Johnson IV, Tonia Johnson, Timothy Johnson and Traci Johnson to Houston. He received his Master of Business Administration from Texas Southern University. He was a very independent person and loved learning.

He continued his education at San Jacinto College and the University of Houston where he obtained various degrees/certifications

and became a social scientist. Throughout his tenure he worked with Uncle Ben's Rice in research and development creating new products. He left the corporation as an accountant. He was employed with Sears, Roebuck and Co., until retirement in B2B sales and was consistently a top producer.

Despite having endured two debilitating strokes Thomas was a determined individual and was able by God's grace to continue a lucrative career as an entrepreneur. Upon retirement he continued to work as a consultant and mentored many young businessmen in education, finances and the stock market. He joined the Free Will Church and was a dedicated member until his death.

Throughout his life he devoted himself to the care of his wife, family and extended family.

He viewed education as the great equalizer and financed the tuition and educational expenses of his children, numerous nieces, nephews and grandchildren. He will forever be remembered as a trailblazer in his family and will be greatly missed.

He leaves to mourn his wife of 58 years Ida Johnson; and children Tonia Johnson, Traci Johnson-Davis and husband Donovan, Thomas Johnson IV and wife Stephanie and Timothy Johnson.

His surviving siblings are Joetta Major, Charlie Johnson and wife Jackie, Mary Talley-Taylor Ed.D Major Earl Johnson and wife Julie and Thomas W. Johnson.

He leaves 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends to live in his legacy. The viewing and wake will be held Sept. 5, 2020, at The Life Church - Chapel, 9901 Windmill Lakes Blvd. The viewing will be from 10 to 11 a.m. and funeral 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. As per state regulation, facial masks are required.

David West

William "David" West, 84, longtime State District Judge, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, died in his Clear Lake home Aug. 27.

Born in 1935 in Groveton,



Texas, to Clyde and Dema West, he and his family, including his three siblings QA, Betty Lou and Dean West, moved to the Golden Acres/Pasadena area. After graduating from Pasadena High School in 1954, West attended Texas A&M where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering. He remained a proud, fighting Texas Aggie throughout his life.

David began work as an electrical engineer for Douglas Aircraft in Newport Beach, Calif., where he met Irene Britt. They married in 1960 and together they had children Melissa, Michael and Glenn. They were married until 1969 when Irene tragically died of brain cancer.

David and his children returned to Pasadena in 1971. Still with Douglas, West became the head of the environmental system for Skylab, the first U.S. space station launched by NASA. He was blessed to meet Gayle Wimpee and had two children, Blake and Julie.

David made a significant career change when he decided to become a lawyer. After graduating from South Texas College of Law in 1974, he spent several successful years in private practice before being appointed by Gov. Bill Clements as state district judge in 1983. In 1984, as a Republican, he was elected a state district judge for the 269th court, and later his fellow judges selected him as the Harris County Chief Administrative Judge. During his tenure, several future leaders of Texas served under Judge West, including Gov. Greg Abbott, Texas Supreme Court Justice John Devine, and many more. Additionally, right before he retired from the bench, he worked tirelessly to pass legislation in the state legislature to secure an increase in pay for state district judges.

On the bench, Judge West was known for his intelligence and fairness, and he adjudicated several landmark cases, including Dallas Morning News v. Dallas Times Herald. He returned to private practice in 1997. David was a true renaissance man with a multitude of interests and areas of expertise. He was passionate about boat building, a hobby that he began at 16 years old. One of his greatest joys was building Opti sailboats with elementary school students. With the help of his sons, he even built a 48-foot wooden sailboat that he enjoyed sailing in Clear Lake.

David was also a world traveler. He and Gayle traveled often, and they particularly loved Ireland which they visited several times. David was well known for granting Irish blessings and studying the history of the Emerald Isle. He also enjoyed researching the Civil War and the role of his ancestors in the conflict. His weekend waffle breakfasts for family and friends were legendary.

A longtime member of First Baptist Church Pasadena, David was a devout Christian who put his love for Jesus Christ above all else. He served as deacon for years and performed many wedding ceremonies, including several of his own children and grandchildren.

Beyond his numerous accomplishments, David's greatest success was in his role as a father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was loved and admired by his five children, and his legacy lives on in their children and grandchildren.

David is survived by his wife Gayle along with his five children and their spouses Melissa Parker and her husband Jack, Michael and his wife Laura, Glenn and his wife Angela, Blake and his wife Gara and Julie Scott and her husband Justin.

David was blessed with 13 grandchildren, as well as nine great-grandchildren, with one on the way. And, his newest love was princess Gracie, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel.

Services were held at First Baptist Church Pasadena, 7500 Fairmont Parkway Monday, Aug. 31 at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to First Baptist Church Pasadena's Beyond These Walls or to Samaritan's Purse.

Local library events set

Bracewell Branch Library

Bracewell Branch Library is located at 9002 Kingspoint. The phones are open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, noon to 7 p.m., at 832-393-2580 for information.

Bracewell HPL To Go curbside service is in operation

Contactless Curbside services, known as HPL To Go, is available by appointment Mondays, noon to 7 p.m.; Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Customers walking or riding a bike may also pick up reserved materials. For questions, call circulation administration at 832-393-2222. All overdue fines/fees will be waived through Jan. 1, 2021.

To use HPL To Go:

1. Place a hold through the online catalog or by phone.
2. Receive email or phone call of notification prior to scheduling a time for pickup.
3. Upon arrival, park and stay in the vehicle and call to notify staff of arrival.
4. Have MY Link card number and PIN ready.

Book drop

The book drop is open. Library materials can be returned with no overdue fees. The library continues to provide online resources so the public can enjoy the library at home. Large items such as FLIP kits or laptops should not be placed in the book drop. Keep those items until further notice.

Additional resources

The Houston Public Library is focusing on providing electronic resources, books, audiobooks, databases for research, tutoring, language learning, education and parent information for any resident of Texas with a temporary library card. To get a library card, visit www.houstonlibrary.org, on the Home Page and find the heading Here's What's Happening. Under that heading, there will be three cards. The middle one is Free Resources for All. Click on the card which will go to the page that lists the digital resources available and a link to obtain a temporary card.

Also, under the heading Here's What's Happening, look for the first card on the left, click on the heading titled Online Resources for Kids. One of the programs listed is Virtual Storytime. This is provided every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11 a.m. The archived storytimes can be found on Facebook by searching Houston Public Library Virtual Storytimes. Another virtual program is Craft. Soon there will be STEM programs.

Houston Public Library's many free online resources and digital services remain available 24/7 with a MY Link Library Card at www.houstonlibrary.org, including e-books and e-audiobooks, streaming TV, movie and music services, online classes and tutoring and databases. Until further notice, only electronic items (i.e. e-books, e-audio books, etc.) are eligible for holds and check-out. HPL has a robust collection of free e-books and audio books. Visit the catalog to determine if a previously requested hold selection may be in a digital format. Instructions on downloading the e-book or audio book are also on the site.

All due dates for existing borrowed materials will be extended through the closure period. Until further notice, no new late fees and fines will be assessed during the closure period, retroactive to March 14, 2020. While the Bracewell Branch Library remains closed, Wi-Fi service is still available by coming to the library standing/sitting within 6 feet of the building. A password is not needed. Go to Settings, then Network and Internet, Wi-Fi and connect to HPL - Public.

HPL appreciates book donations, but is not accepting them at this time. The library staff requests that donations do not get placed outside library buildings, or at the book drops.

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Parker Williams Library

Parker Williams Library is located at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Although Harris County Public Library locations remain closed to the public, updates are found on the website.

The book drop is open. No late fees will be charged during the library closure. The library social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary. Call 832-927-7870 for additional information.

Parker Williams "No-Contact Curbside Holds Pick-Up" is up and running!

- After receiving notification that holds are ready for pickup, call 832-927-7870.
- Have a library card number and PIN handy.
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- Upon arriving at the library, follow the instructions given.
- Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.

Curbside hours are: Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Visit https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library for details.

Online services

- Harris County Public Library will continue to offer a wide array of online services:
- Use HCPL Wi-Fi service with HCPL's Drive-up Wi-Fi.
- Download e-books and audiobooks, stream movies, research and learn at www.hcpl.net.
- Attend an HCPL program or story time online through Facebook or YouTube.
- Check your account to renew loans or request books.
- e-Books, comics or graphic novels through OverDrive.
- Stream classic films, indie cinema and award-winning documentaries on Kanopy.
- Listen to audiobooks through RBDigital or OverDrive.
- Read along and play with picture books on TumbleBooks.

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Parker Williams schedule of events this week

All month long in September, Virtual Photo Club. This month's photo challenge is "The Signs of Fall," show us what the early signs of fall are to you, whether a leaf newly fallen or decorations being put up. Residents are encouraged to go close in with their photo shots and post them online with the tag post them online with the tag #HCPLphotoclub for a chance to be featured on our social media accounts: Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

All month long in September, Virtual Poetry Club. Residents may send poetry to the library to be featured on its social media accounts. Send an email to PW@HCPL.NET with the subject "Virtual Poetry Club." These posts will be featured on social media.

All month long in September, Book Club: "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek," by Kim Michele Richardson. Join the Parker Williams Book Club and read a different fiction book each month. Contact the branch to reserve a copy today. Meetings are the last Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. over Microsoft Teams. Contact Tanner Adams at tanner.adams@hcpl.net for more information and an invite.

Thursday, Sept. 3, 10:30 a.m. Virtual Toddler Time. Join virtually for family fun. Parents in attendance are encouraged to participate with their children to facilitate virtual interaction. While this program is designed for 18 months to 4-year-olds, all children and families are welcome to join us. Sign up once with a valid email address online at https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library to get a weekly invitation.

Friday Sept. 4, 1 p.m. Draw with Me. Join Ariel Perez as the library tries something a little more difficult, but still fun and easy to follow. Residents will be needing pens and markers for these videos which will be featured on Facebook and Instagram.

Tuesday, Sept. 8, noon. Drawing with Ariel Perez for virtual fun and easy cartoon drawings featuring various doodles, numbers and letters. This video will be featured on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Tuesday, Sept. 8, 4:45 p.m. Yoga Story Time, ages 4-12. A peaceful time for children to learn mindfulness through story, song, breathing and light movement virtually on Microsoft Teams with Celeste Plew. Parents in attendance are encouraged to participate with their children to facilitate virtual interaction. Wear comfortable clothes, but no mats are needed. All children and families are welcome to join virtually. Sign up once with a valid email address at https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library to get a weekly invitation.

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 1 p.m. Join Jason Cruz with a story in Spanish. A different story will be available on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. This video will be featured on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 3:30 p.m. Ages 16 and older. Dungeons & Dragons Online. Join Tanner Adams online. No prior experience is required. Contact tanner.adams@hcpl.net for more information.

Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca

A member of the *Neighbors* app posted a video surveillance of a suspect that went to the member's house twice, once on Tuesday, Aug. 25, at 11 p.m., and on Wednesday, Aug. 26, at 2 a.m. The member states that the suspect shown on video stole their Ring doorbell and attempted to set it up on the suspect's own home. The member was notified by the *Neighbors* app and will get a replacement since a police report was filed.

Another member of the same group shared a picture of two dogs that are loose near Clearwood Crossing Boulevard. The member states that their neighbor was attacked by two dogs and that the dogs knocked down the member's fence to get into her backyard. The incident happened Wednesday, Aug. 25.

Another member of the same group shared a video surveillance of two men in a maroon SUV who drove by and stole lawn equipment from a parked trailer that belonged to landscapers who were working when the incident happened. The incident happened Thursday, Aug. 27, and a police re-

port has been filed.

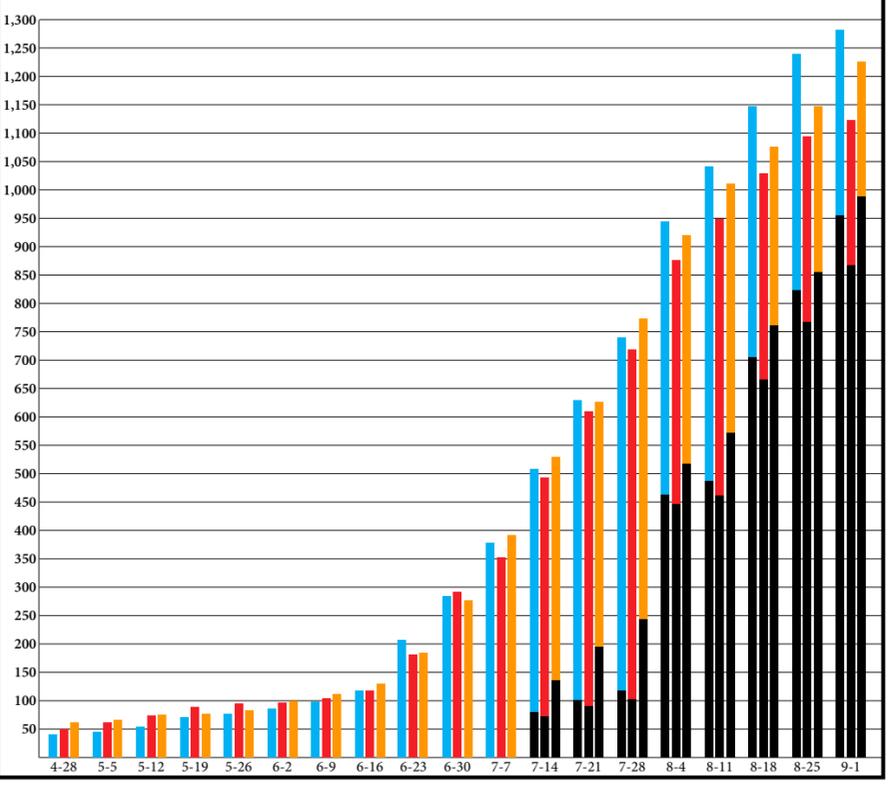
A member of *People of Sagemont* 2 Facebook group posted pictures of a car accident that happened on Monday, Aug. 31, on Hughes Ranch Road. Other members commented on the post and stated that the driver had a seizure and it is what caused the driver to crash into the tree.

Two members of *The Official South Belt & Sagemont Area Crime Alert* Facebook group posted pictures of a suspect that was getting into cars in Sycamore Valley neighborhood by Ellington. The incident happened on Tuesday, Sept. 1, around 5 a.m. One of the members stated that she thought that she had locked her doors, but she is guessing they were not locked. The other member advises the importance of locking vehicles.

Another member of the same Facebook page shared a post that the Houston Police officers responded after receiving reports of a shooting at the 8400 block of S. Sam Houston Parkway E. According to officials, an adult male was pronounced deceased at the scene. No other information is available at this time.

Area ZIPs see COVID improvement

Total cases by ZIP code: 77034 77075 77089 Recoveries by ZIP code as of 9-1-20



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www.stlukesatholic.com

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Nursery Available at all Services

SJCS's Okwonna heads SJC North; Knight heads South

Dr. Alexander Okwonna and Dr. Aaron Knight have been named provosts of the San Jacinto College North and South campuses, respectively. Their tenure in these positions began in July.

Okwonna assumed the provost position at the San Jacinto College North campus July 6. Dr. William Raffetto, who is currently provost, is retiring after more than 35 years of service to San Jacinto College. At this time, Okwonna serves as the dean of Health and Natural Science at the San Jacinto College South campus, a position he has held for the

last seven years. His primary responsibilities lie in curriculum and instruction strategy and execution, and he oversees the operation of five science and six allied health programs.

Okwonna has been in higher education for more than 15 years. During his tenure at San Jacinto College, he has served as pharmacy technology professor, program director and department chair. Okwonna is also a registered pharmacist and has served in the United States Army.

Okwonna has extensive experience in curriculum and program development, accreditation, budget management, grant development and community outreach. He developed and implemented three new educational programs at San Jacinto College including engineering, occupational therapy assistant, and the Associate of Applied Science in Health Sciences degree. He has also contributed to the development of the college's first bachelor's degree program, the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). Okwonna is active in a number of professional organizations and serves on several boards. In addition, he has received numerous awards including the League for Innovation in Community College's Excellence Award.

"I am excited about being selected for the position of provost and I look forward to serving and supporting the faculty, staff and students of the north campus," said Okwonna. "As a proud community college graduate, my educational journey mirrors that of many of our students. I understand many of their challenges both inside and outside of the classroom. As I interact with our students, I see a piece of my personal story in each one of them and this drives my commitment and passion for eliminating barriers to student success."

Okwonna holds an associate of science degree from Houston Community College as well as a doctorate in pharmacy from Texas Southern University.

Knight began as the south campus provost July 20. Dr. Brenda Jones retired from the college after nearly 20 years.

Knight has been in higher education for more than 25 years. He began his career as an assistant professor of political science at Texas A&M International University and

has spent the last 20 years at Houston Community College. During his tenure at HCC, he has served as government instructor, program coordinator, department chair and interim dean of academics at the Northeast College. For the past five years he held the systemwide position of dean, social and behavioral sciences.

Knight is a recipient of the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Award for teaching and has demonstrated commitment to building pathways to advance students success.

He has extensive experience in curriculum development, fostering partnerships between instructional leaders and advisers, dual credit and championing the use of Open Education Resources (OER). "San Jacinto College has an excellent reputation in higher education, and deservedly so," said Knight. "The One-College mindset has allowed the district to be innovative while providing a consistent standard of quality instruction across the board. San Jacinto College is a leader in the region and the nation when it comes to helping students work toward program

completion. That means a lot to me. When you help students obtain their educational goals, you strengthen our region's economy and, more importantly, you improve their quality of life. I want to be a part of that and help in any way I can."

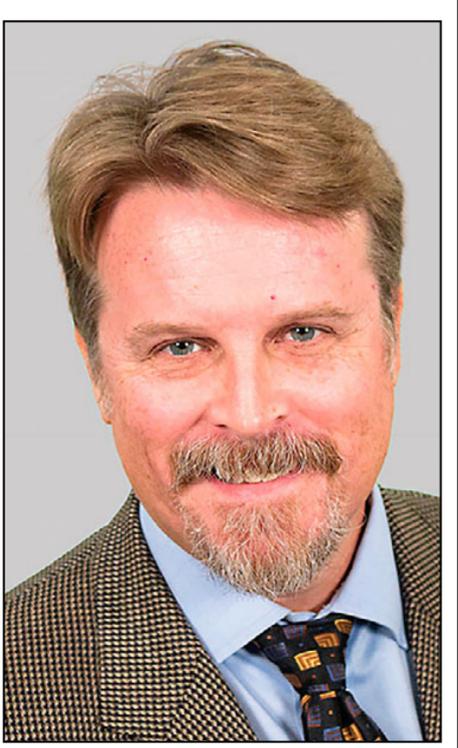
Knight holds master's and bachelor's degrees from Sam Houston State University as well as a doctorate degree in political science from Texas A&M University at College Station.

"We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Okwonna and Dr. Knight to San Jacinto College as provosts," said Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer. "Both leaders were selected after a national search that included months of interviews and several forums with San Jacinto College employees. Okwonna and Knight exemplify the core values at San Jacinto College and will be excellent leaders as we transition on the north and south campuses. I look forward to working with them as we continue to support our students along their higher education pathway."

About San Jacinto College
Surrounded by monuments of history, evolving industries, maritime enterprises of today and the space age of tomorrow, San Jac has served the citizens of East Harris County, since 1961. San Jacinto College is among the top 10 community colleges in the nation as designated by the Aspen Institute for Community College Excellence, and was named an Achieving the Dream Leader College of Distinction in 2020.



Dr. Alexander Okwonna



Dr. Aaron Knight

Thompson Intermediate's first virtual day of school



Showing Lion pride on the first day of virtual learning are Prudencio Reyna, Thompson counselor (left) and Tanis Griffin, Thompson principal.



Expressing confidence in a written message above is Melissa Zink, a Thompson reading teacher.



Food service staff members were ready for curbside lunch distribution on the first day of school. Shown are, left to right, Claudia Barrajas, Laura SanMiguel, Silvia Saucedo, Esmerelda Rico, Eliida Torres and Rosa Nunez.



Christine Veltman, Thompson assistant principal, is shown holding a virtual learning announcement sign.



Travis Teichelman, Thompson assistant principal, holds a sign commemorating the first day of virtual learning.



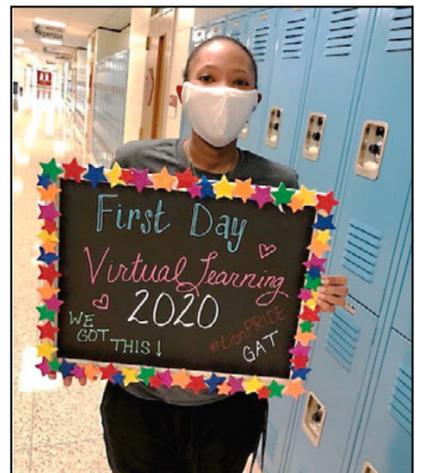
Ready for classes on the computer is Shay Arnold, Thompson special education teacher.



Above, intently teaching in a virtual class meeting is Lukus McCuiston, Thompson special education teacher.



Thompson math teacher Manuel Reyna is ready for the numbers game on the first day of virtual learning.



Kaylyn Harlan, a Thompson math teacher, is also prepared for day one of school.

Cardenas named Senior VP, CEO at MHHS

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employees to improve the health of our community by providing high quality and safe care," Cardenas said.

through one of the most challenging periods in health care."

Prior to joining Memorial Hermann, he served as CEO and hospital commander for the Reynolds Army Community Hospital in Fort Sill, Okla.

Cardenas received his bachelor's degree from University of Texas at Austin and his master's degree in Healthcare Administration from Baylor University.

He is a combat veteran with more than 30 years of service in the U.S. Army and Texas National Guard.

NASA Aglow names speaker

Charity Bradshaw is a wife, mother of four, author and entrepreneur and the daughter of Joan Hunter and granddaughter of the late Charles and Francis Hunter.

Bradshaw is a relevant, authentic and passionate master communicator and when she teaches, she conveys the message, "I can do this." Her passion is to activate and accelerate her audience to fulfill their purpose. Bradshaw compels her listeners to dig deep within themselves, tap into their potential and be all that God has divinely designed them to be.

Plan to attend and expect the Lord's presence at the event. Bring a friend and be blessed.

Social distancing will be honored. The event is open to the public and is set for Thursday, Sept. 10, from 10 a.m. until noon, at Praise Chapel, 18516 Highway 3 in Webster.

NASA Aglow is a part of Aglow International, an interdenominational organization of God-seeking women with more than 200,000 members meeting together each month through local Aglow groups in 177 countries.

For additional information, email Lorene Kelling at loreneieto@yahoo.com.

Renaissance sets annual Job Faire

The Texas Renaissance Festival will hold its annual Job Faire Sept. 5 - 6, at the Texas Renaissance Festival grounds starting at 9 a.m. each day.

The two-day Job Faire is an opportunity for vendors to fill their staffing needs for the 2020 season. Different vendors could be on hand each day of the Job Faire, so those interested in securing a spot are encouraged to attend both days.

Be prepared to fill out an application, bring a resume and a face mask as many vendors will hold interviews on-site at their shops. If hired, applicants will be directed to go to the TRF Pass Office for a parking pass and ID, and face masks are required in the pass office.

More than 4,000 jobs make up the Texas Renaissance Festival. Independent vendors will be interviewing for many positions such as hawkers, food and merchandise sales, food prep, games, rides and more. Applicants should be prepared to work nine consecutive weekends, dress in costume, wear a face mask and learn the King's English.

In season, all TRF staff and vendor employees will have a temperature screening prior to each shift that will be logged each festival day. Anyone with a fever will be sent home. Employees who are feeling symptomatic will be asked to stay home. Vendors will be required to follow protocol and policies as provided by Open Texas and the CDC. This season's safety guidelines are available at www.texasrenfest.com/safety-guidelines.

Laura spares South Belt

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spheric Administration, the statistical peak of Atlantic hurricane season is Sept. 10, and 85 percent of major hurricanes (Category 3 and above) occur after Aug. 20.

This year, however, storms have come earlier and more frequently. When Tropical Storm Laura was named Aug. 21, it set a record for the earliest "L" named storm. Tropical Storm Marco quickly followed suit that same day, becoming the earliest 13th named storm. For local up-to-date emergency information, visit www.houstonemergency.org.

Residents should remain alert, as this year has proven to be a particularly active hurricane season, with two named storms - Laura and Marco - simultaneously springing up in the Gulf of Mexico.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the

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Brook students issued laptops



Clear Creek ISD lab techs are shown preparing laptops to be handed out to new Clear Creek High School students ahead of the 2020-2021 school year. Shown are (front) Savannah Dominguez, (middle) Justin Lane and Stephen Curry who are very busy working to have all students ready for the first day of school.

Frazier begins virtually for 2020-2021 school year

The school year is off to a great start at Frazier Elementary. All students began virtual learning on Tuesday, Aug. 18. In spite of some issues with technology, teachers were excited to see the smiling faces of their new students.



Above, Elizabeth Taylor, fourth-grade teacher, is shown during an online meeting with her students during their first day of virtual learning.



The classroom is pretty quiet and Charity Boone, first-grade teacher, grins as she connects with students through virtual meetings.



Kalpana Mobley, fourth-grade teacher, enjoys a temporarily student-less classroom at school but connects with her students virtually.

Remember When

40 years ago (1980)

Two bodies were discovered at the Green Arbor Apartments on Sabo. The body of a 14-year-old was discovered by another family member in his apartment. The youth had apparently died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to his head. When the apartment personnel heard the ambulance for the boy, they decided to check on a 64-year-old man who lived in the complex and discovered that he had died in his apartment several days before of carcinoma of the lung.

Sagamont Civic Club sent out letters to deed restriction violators in a massive crackdown on violations in the 1,850-home subdivision.

A driver ran his vehicle off the road, spun around and landed in the HL&P ditch between I-45 and the feeder road after falling asleep at the wheel.

Electrical service in the area around South Belt and Hughes Road was interrupted for approximately one hour. According to HL&P officials, the substation breaker was thrown after children in the area repeatedly threw a football into the primary wires, knocking them together.

Three homes within a one-block area in the Wood Meadow subdivision were vandalized.

Rain-slick streets at South Belt and Sageoak were the scene of a five-car collision that began when a woman was signaling to turn left off South Belt and was struck from the rear. The four vehicles at the rear were issued tickets for violations by Houston Police officers.

35 years ago (1985)

A 17-year-old male was arrested after allegedly striking a teacher at Dobie High School. Pasadena ISD security investigators were notified after Peggy Walters, associate principal called officers to the scene of a disturbance in the school's Automot.

A "topping out" ceremony at the construction site of the new Memorial Hospital Southeast on Beamer Road was attended by Steve Sand-

ers, administrator. More than 200 construction workers, contractors, engineers, designers and hospital personnel attended the ceremony. The facility, set to open in November 1986, would replace the hospital on Bellfort.

Some 80 water main leaks had been repaired in area subdivisions during the previous month in response to a request by the South Belt Coalition. Crews had fixed leaks in the Sagemont, Beverly Hills, Scarsdale and Rainbow Valley subdivisions and would continue to work in the area until all known leaks were repaired.

The abandoned fire station on Sagearbor and Sagedowne underwent renovations in the form of boarding windows, cleaning up broken glass, mowing and removing concrete. The station was on the Houston's Department of Public Works Utility Operations maintenance list after residents complained that teenagers were frequenting the old building. It was abandoned the previous year when firefighters were moved into Station 70 on Beamer Road.

30 years ago (1990)

During registration at San Jacinto College South, the college reached a milestone by registering its 5,000th student to attend class.

Many South Belt area residents stopped by Fast Signs near Alameda Mall to sign a giant banner in support of American troops participating in Operation Desert Shield. Through a nationwide effort by the company, 100 banners were to be sent to the Middle East.

Oak Haven Apartments, a planned community for senior citizens and handicapped adults, was preparing for residents to move in beginning in October.

Two armed bandits hit the Texas Commerce Bank on South Belt Drive and stole an undisclosed amount of money.

25 years ago (1995)

Nine fields at the youth sports complex at El Franco Lee Park on Hall Road were being readied for play in the spring. Five Little League

fields, three girls' softball fields and one unfenced community-use baseball field neared completion under Phase 1 of the project.

Slight increases to supplemental salaries for coaches and intermediate school music teachers were approved by Pasadena school trustees; and high school band, choir and orchestra directors and assistants and major department chairmen would get more substantial raises to their stipends.

Vicki Thomas, former Thompson Intermediate principal replaced longtime Pasadena school administrator Lewis Anderson for the position of associate superintendent for campus development.

20 years ago (2000)

Lightning struck the home of Billy and Ada Burk. Southeast Volunteer Fire Department fought the fire.

Pasadena and Clear Creek school districts banned all outdoor activities due to heat.

15 years ago (2005)

South Belters rallied to help victims of Hurricane Katrina, which devastated parts of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. The Leader office became a drop-off point for emergency food, water, clothing and household items to aid victims who had been displaced to the Houston area from New Orleans.

The Ellington Field-MD Anderson Hospital land exchange was completed. This allowed more than 2,000 reserve personnel to move from the location on Old Spanish Trail to facilities at Ellington. MD Anderson Hospital took over the 43-acre site in order to expand medical facilities.

A gaming establishment at the former Kidney Center on Kingspoint was the victim of burglars who reportedly broke in and stole 30 eight-line machines. That same building had been raided six months earlier by Houston police. At that time, \$16,000 in cash was confiscated, and 90 machines were removed.

10 years ago (2010)

Gary Brian Pearson, 56, was killed on the Gulf Freeway near Fuqua. According to

police, Pearson was traveling south on the freeway on a motorcycle and made an unsafe lane change in front of a Lexus sport utility vehicle. The Lexus then struck the motorcycle from behind, and Pearson lost control. He died at the scene. The driver of the Lexus was not injured. No charges were filed.

Just two days later, Ricardo Plasencia, 52, died from injuries he incurred on the Gulf Freeway near Scarsdale. Police records indicate Plasencia was driving on the freeway when he failed to maintain a single lane of traffic and struck a street light and freeway pillar. Blood test results determined Plasencia was under the influence of alcohol.

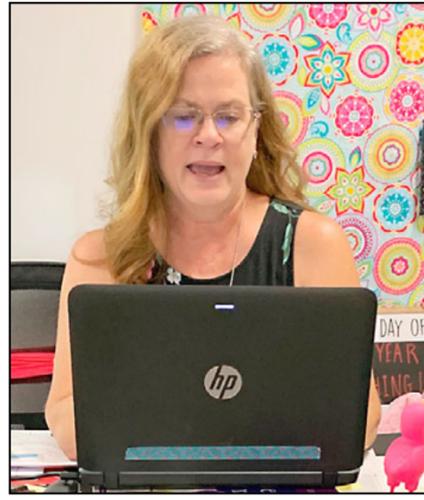
5 years ago (2015)

A man was arrested early Sept. 3, after allegedly setting two fires at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. David Williams, 33, initially checked into the hospital for an injury around 1 a.m., but became agitated and left the emergency room. He proceeded to the adjacent professional building and set two fires. Hospital security responded but Williams reportedly ignored commands to exit the building and proceeded to destroy contents of the building. When Houston police arrived at the scene, Williams exited the building and was detained without incident.

The hospital suffered extensive damage caused by fire, smoke, water and vandalism. Fire department officials said the damages exceeded \$1 million.

1 year ago (2019)

San Jacinto College opened its new Center for Petrochemical, Energy and Technology. Located on the college's central campus, the new facility will provide workforce training for the area's growing petrochemical industry. With 151,000 square feet of instructional space, the center is the largest petrochemical training facility in the Gulf Coast region. The \$60 million facility was funded by the college's \$425 million 2015 bond referendum.



Patricia Perez, fourth-grade teacher, is shown intently communicating with students online.

Sagamont Church hands out supplies to teachers, students

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beginning of school to pray for all educators present in the worship services, and this year was no different.

In the morning worship services of Aug. 16, Dr. Freeman Tomlin led the church attendees in prayer for the

many teachers, administrators and support staff in attendance on campus and online in the livestreamed services.

Then, on Aug. 17, the church held a School Supply Drive-Thru in which 1,600 bags of supplies for elementary and middle/intermediate

school students living in the 77089 ZIP code were given away.

Church staff and volunteers had a great time welcoming hundreds of cars to the church campus as they gave away the donated school supplies.

According to Sagamont Church officials, "Sagamont Church loves students and all of those involved in education! Church members will continue to pray and support those on both sides of the education process as this academic year gets underway."



Sagamont Church staff and volunteers converged on the church grounds to meet and give away 1,600 bags of needed school supplies for the 2020-2021 school year. Hundreds of cars arrived Monday, Aug. 17, forming a caravan for the School Supply Drive-Thru to receive the donations. In addition to school necessities, church members also pledged prayer support as the school year gets underway.

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KAREN ENJOYS A BIRTHDAY
Birthday greetings are sent to Karen Taylor Sept. 3 from friends and the staff at the Leader.

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

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Sept. 3 through Sept. 9, 2020.

Atkinson Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles Sept. 3 for Belva Alaniz. Diane Davis enjoys a special birthday Sept. 9.

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

Bush Elementary
Nadja Diaz celebrates a birthday Sept. 3.

Frazier Elementary
Birthday wishes are sent to Maria Arriaga. Join in the fun as Raquel Rojas and Jessica celebrate a birthday Sept. 6. Break out the birthday cake and ice cream Sept. 7 for Paula Mullen. Send a special birthday greeting Sept. 8 to Paula Golden.

Genoa Elementary
Give a birthday shoutout Sept. 4 to Malu

Garza. Join in the birthday fun Sept. 5 with Yolanda Aranda. Send a birthday greeting Sept. 6 to Lucero Gonzalez.

Meador Elementary
The day for a party for Lauren Riojas is Sept. 8.

Moore Elementary
Light the birthday candles Sept. 9 for Nancy Garcia.

South Belt Elementary
The day for a double-fun birthday for Lily Campos and Anh Ton is Sept. 5.

Stuchbery Elementary
Enjoying a birthday Sept. 4 is Shannon Garris.

Melillo Middle School
Send a birthday greeting Sept. 6 to Citali Gonzalez.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Break out the balloons and the birthday cake and ice cream Sept. 3 for Jose Sesento. Blow out the birthday candles for Tahira Briscoe Sept. 8.

Thompson Intermediate
Dena Cockerell enjoys a birthday Sept. 3. Celebrating a birthday Sept. 6 is Jessica Boland. Share a slice of birthday cake with Ca-Lishea Woods Sept. 7.

Dobie High
Sept. 6 is the day for a party for Yvette Betancourt and Alexander Garcia. Light the candles on a cake Sept. 7 for Angie Vazquez-Rodriguez. The day for a double-layer cake for Dianne Berreth and Elizabeth Rojano is Sept. 8. Break out the balloons and party favors Sept. 9 for Luke Hales, Irma Iracheta and Corey Perry.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
The Leader sends birthday wishes to friends. For those wanting a birthday mentioned in this section, email mynews@southbeltleader.com with "OTBF: Friends Celebrate Birthdays" in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Thursday, Sept. 3: Steve Boney, Josie Parker, Veronica Hernandez, Keith Nelson, Ruth Fuller, Donald Musquiz, Tomas Shorts Jr. and Leslie Montemayor; Friday, Sept. 4: Ashlie Files, Lashanda Scott, John Laird, Nikki Spriggs, Angie Reynolds, Jerry O'Brien, Betty Thomas, Darin Peltier, Tommy Walko, Joe Scanlin and Denise Turnage; Saturday, Sept. 5: London Shelton, Stacy McNaughton and Cathy Tate; Sunday, Sept. 6: Coleen Terrell, Jennifer Navarro, Titus Purdy, Robert Evans, Jill Lambert, Debbie Bennett, Christina Gordon, Candi Beasley and John Evans; Monday, Sept. 7: Gerard Dougherty, Shaun Stevenson, Shelly Robinson, Perla Gonzales, Leann Stokes, Edna Salinas, Angie Hernandez and Tuesday, Yvette Rodriguez; Tuesday, Sept. 8: Scott Carpenter, Donna Fress, Blades Barber, Joy Witt, Susan Jackson, Deondre Corbin, Rick Coates, Mike Kickirillo and Carl Heinrich; and Wednesday, Sept. 9: Sonny Salazar, Carolyn Simon, Maria Aguilar, Jack Staudt, Martin Garcia and Sarah Joseph.

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Amy Smith (left) and Kim Cavanaugh, staff members of Sagamont Church, are delighted to assist with the drive-thru on the Sagamont Church grounds.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Horns, Wolverines aim at Sept. 7 preseason start

At right, junior quarterback Cameron Gray (9) developed into one of the most dynamic offensive players in the area in 2019 for Dobie and returns to help lead a team that is focused on winning a district title for the first time since 2010. Dobie, which is set to open preseason workouts Sept. 7, will then kick off the 2020 season by hosting Jersey Village Sept. 25, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.



Photo by David Flickinger

Dobie has finalized game details for week 2 at Bellaire as Longhorns' head coach Kevin Bernethy hopes the program's 2020 schedule is at long last set. Meanwhile, Clear Brook's regular season schedule was reworked within the week as Clear Creek ISD officials made the decision to play at home games at its larger Challenger Columbia Stadium location in Webster to better handle social distancing guidelines.

Like much of the world, the last six months of high school athletics have been filled with much uncertainty and plenty of subject to change. Yet as unrealistic as it may have seemed perhaps a month ago, the Class 5A and 6A varsity football season is set to begin as student-athletes will honor the Labor Day holiday by taking part in the first day of preseason workouts Sept. 7.

Dobie, which aims to end its varsity season with the District 22-6A championship held over-head, can put the pads on as of Sept. 10 and will go against Clear Springs Friday, Sept. 18 at Challenger Stadium. The Longhorns will then join many of their 5A and 6A counterparts by opening the 2020 regular season Friday, Sept. 25 against Jersey Village.

With the University Interscholastic League extending the Class 6A regular season to Dec. 5, teams have the opportunity to complete a 10-game regular season. In addition to six games within District 22-6A play, the Longhorns have nondistrict games scheduled against Jersey Village, Bellaire, Fort Bend Bush and Willis.

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JFD team tennis knows 2020 beginning is close

Manuel Moreno Jr. has spent the opening few days of the 2020-2021 school year devising ways to effectively teach the game of tennis in a virtual learning setting.

Yet the Longhorns' longtime tennis coach, entering his 22nd year at Dobie, remains excited about the opportunity to see his students in person come Sept. 8, with the start of the regular season kicking into high gear Sept. 10-12.

Moreno has previously admitted there was a time he figured the fall team tennis season might not happen. And who could blame him?

High school athletics shut down completely in March, and the respective fields and playing courts have been largely silent since then.

When Moreno began semi-formal conditioning workouts days ago, social distancing requirements meant that he could only have 14 players at a time on the court at once.

So, the Longhorns trained in two sessions. Of course, face coverings are a must at this point and very well may be required throughout the season.

Moreno saw that a good number of his players were expectedly rusty upon returning. He could hear balls cracking off racquet frames on the first day, but sounds on the second

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day and so forth were much crisper. It is what it is, as is commonly said, and the Longhorns are merely excited to have the chance to compete.

"It's just been great to see the kids, and you can tell they have really missed being around one another and being out there on the court," Moreno said.

"For a lot of them, the spring season was cut short so they are excited to get back out there."

From a team standpoint, the Longhorns lost their No. 1 boys' singles player as well as three of the top six girls' players after an area round play-off loss to Dawson and then Class of 2020 graduation.

Unable to play challenge matches prior to Sept. 7, Moreno will finalize the opening day singles lineup later. For now, it's all about doubles.

Dobie will host Region III stalwart Kingwood Sept. 10 and then host another regional power, Clear Creek, in the opening round of the Remembering Ike Invitational Sept. 12.

District 22-6A play then begins Sept. 15. The Longhorns are supposed to host district newcomer Channelview, but Moreno said the possibility exists that the Falcons may skip the team tennis season due to coronavirus issues.

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When play does get going, the Longhorns will once again focus first on the strength of doubles matchups. On the boys' side of things, Dobie figures to go with Quan Dinh paired with Hayden Lazo. Kyle Red-

mon and Tristan Pedraza will likely team, as will Lael Martinez and Brian Nguyen.

A fourth doubles team, Dylan Ta and Prottoy Kabir, will also be in the mix.

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While Clear Brook won

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Preseason volleyball team workouts mere days away

Just over a month behind normal schedule, the high school volleyball season is now nearing opening day, which will come Tuesday, Sept. 15 for most public and private school Class 5A and 6A programs across the state.

Clear Brook and Dobie, like most of their counterparts, will begin preseason workouts Monday, Sept. 7 as subsvarsity tryouts and varsity workouts will coincide.

From there, the respective programs will have precious time to get ready, with scrimmages beginning Sept. 11 with Dobie at Barbers Hill and Clear Brook at Pearland.

The Lady Wolverines enter 2020 as the defending District 24-6A champions and will begin the regular season Sept. 15 against Pearland. Brook's home opener is Sept. 18 against Kingwood.

Dobie, focused on challenging District 22-6A frontrunner Deer Park for the District 22-6A title this season, will begin its season Sept. 15 at Baytown Sterling and also play at Summer Creek Sept. 18 to get things going.

Despite the delay to both the start of school in-person instruction and the volleyball regular season caused by coronavirus concerns, Dobie head coach Dawn Sexton has put together a 25-match schedule for the Lady Longhorns. Dobie opens 22-6A play Sept. 29 at Channelview.

Clear Brook's 18-match

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Pasadena ISD 2020 All Teams Varsity Football Schedule

Week 1

Thurs. Sept. 24 Memorial hosts Baytown Sterling, 7 p.m.
TBA Sam Rayburn at Spring Woods, TBA
TBA Pasadena at Clear Lake, Challenger, TBA
Fri., Sept. 25 Dobie hosts Jersey Village, 7 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 26 South Houston hosts Kingwood Park, 6 p.m.

Week 2

Thurs., Oct. 1 Dobie at Bellaire, Butler, 6 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 2 Pasadena at Spring Woods, Tully, 7 p.m.
TBA Memorial at Clear Falls, Challenger, TBA
Fri., Oct. 2 South Houston hosts G.C. Memorial, 7 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 3 Sam Rayburn hosts Milby, 6 p.m.

Week 3

Fri., Oct. 9 Dobie at Fort Bend Bush, Hall, 7 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 9 Pasadena Memorial at Dayton, Bronco, 7 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 9 Sam Rayburn hosts Fulshear, 7 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 9 South Houston at Santa Fe, Indian, 7 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 9 Pasadena at Fort Bend Clements, Mercer, 7 p.m.

Week 4

Thurs., Oct. 15 Pasadena Memorial at Brazoswood, Hopper, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 15 *Sam Rayburn hosts Deer Park, 7 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 16 *South Houston hosts Pasadena (HC), 7 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 16 *Dobie at Channelview, Maddry, 7 p.m.

Week 5

Thurs., Oct. 22 *Pasadena hosts Channelview, 7 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 23 Dobie at Willis, Willis ISD, 7 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 23 *Pasadena Memorial hosts Sam Rayburn (HC), 7 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 23 *South Houston at Deer Park, Abshier, 7 p.m.

Week 6

Thurs., Oct. 29 *South Houston hosts Memorial, 6 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 30 *Dobie hosts Pasadena, 7 p.m.

Week 7

Thurs., Nov. 5 *Pasadena Memorial hosts Channelview, 7 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 6 *Dobie at Deer Park, Abshier, 7 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 6 *Sam Rayburn hosts South Houston, 7 p.m.

Week 8

Thurs., Nov. 12 *Pasadena hosts Deer Park, 7 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 13 *Sam Rayburn at Channelview, Maddry, 7 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 13 *Dobie hosts Pasadena Memorial, 7 p.m.

Week 9

Thurs., Nov. 19 *Sam Rayburn hosts Dobie, 6 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 20 *South Houston hosts Channelview, 7 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 21 *Pasadena Memorial hosts Pasadena, 2 p.m.

Week 10

Wed., Nov. 25 *Dobie hosts South Houston, 2 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 27 *Pasadena Memorial at Deer Park, Abshier, 7 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 27 *Pasadena hosts Sam Rayburn, 7 p.m.
* District 22-6A games

SBHLL is hosting online fall registration options

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League is currently hosting online registration through Saturday, Sept. 5 for the upcoming fall ball season as league officials anticipate the opening of the SBHLL facility within El Franco Lee Park.

Families may visit sbhll.activesports.com/ Register or log on via the Sagemont Beverly Hills Facebook page to register in Jr. T-Ball, T-Ball,

Coach Pitch, Minor or Major divisions. In essence, those ages 4 to 12 are eligible to play in the fall.

The fee is \$65 per player for the Jr. T-Ball and T-Ball divisions and \$75 for the Coach Pitch, Minor and Major divisions. Currently, there is an online option to pay via debit or credit card at a later date while the park remains closed to team activities.

There are no residency boundary restrictions for fall ball, meaning those outside of the normal SBHLL zone may register to play.

Those registering will be required to submit a birth certificate, proof of residency and a medical form prior to being allowed to compete.

For additional information, direct emails to the league officials at sbhll@hotmail.com.

JFD team tennis to rely on doubles

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The Lady Longhorns' doubles duos could feature Violet Tran and Tracy Tran, with Julia Bui and Erica Hay also teaming. Megan Rodriguez and Jennifer Ho also figure to play together. The mixed doubles pair at this point is either William Ho or Kiet Nguyen

with Ashley Nguyen.

If all matches get played, masks and all, Dobie could have as many as 17 overall outings before a possible postseason run. It's not as many as in previous seasons, thank the pandemic, but it's better than many alternatives.

"It's just great to have the chance to be out there with the kids," Moreno said.

"There's been enough days of staring at empty courts and wishing you were out there. It's been fun to be out there."

"When the matches start it'll feel close to normal again as we get into a flow."

Clear Brook Wolverines 2020 Varsity Football Schedule

Fri., Sept. 25 at Texas City, Stingaree, 7 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 2 at Friendswood, Winston, 7 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 9 *at Clear Lake, Challenger, 7 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 15 *Clear Falls (HC), Challenger, 6 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 23 *at Clear Creek, Challenger, 7 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 29 *at Brazoswood, Hopper, 6 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 6 *at Dickinson, Vitanza, 7 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 20 *Clear Springs, Challenger, 7 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 27 Stratford, Challenger, 7 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 4 at Morton Ranch, Rhodes, 7 p.m.
*District 24-6A games (HC) Homecoming game
All Clear Creek ISD home games at Challenger

Volleyball teams ready to serve up play

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The 24-6A crown a season ago en route to a regional quarterfinal appearance, Dobie has been fourth in both 2018 and 2019 prior to bidistrict playoff losses to Deer Park.

Dobie, 20-20 overall in 2019, welcomes back a great deal of production from 2019 as now senior Victoria Thomas led the way with 229 kills while junior Victoria Onozie had 538 assists.

Senior outside hitter Alayna Gonzalez added 155 kills as a junior and Keasia Robinson, now a junior, added 140 kills and a team-high 120 blocks as a junior. Cadie Masterson contributed 241 assists.

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AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/>.

Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. online on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81372891968>. Meeting ID: 813 7289 1968. Details are on Pearland Chamber of Commerce website under the calendar.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or online at <https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners>. Call 713-686-6300.
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC (when the building is open) Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.

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Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7 p.m. in the Education Bldg. in room 4, at 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
7 a.m.

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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.

CCART - The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers will hold its first meeting of the 2020-2021 season virtually Tuesday, Sept. 8, via Zoom at 10 a.m. CCART is planning additional monthly virtual presentations and/or newsletters to keep its members up to date with the latest TRTA information as well as local happenings. Once CCART has the all clear from TRTA and local officials to convene again at the Bay Area Community Center, it will resume regular meetings. Remember to renew one's membership with CCART. Texas-retired school employees from surrounding school districts welcome. Annual dues are \$50. For membership renewal forms and instructions, visit the Facebook site at ClearCreekART or email 1986cart@gmail.com.

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noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or online at <https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners> or call 713-686-6300.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For additional information, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hasconaton.com or visit <https://nastuff.com/>.

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Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC (when the building is open) Wednesday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
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Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. online on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81372891968>. Meeting ID: 813 7289 1968. Details are on Pearland Chamber of Commerce website at <https://www.pearlandtexaschamber.us/> under the calendar.

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

ABWA - Southeast Express Network - American Business Women's Association-South will have a virtual meeting Thursday, July 9. All attendees must preregister. To RSVP for the meeting and to obtain additional information, visit the website at www.seen-abwa.org.

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Pearland Area Republican's Club - meets monthly on the second Thursday (except June, July and December) at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd., Pearland. For details, email pearlandarearepublicanclub@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/PARCTX.

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2020-21 Dobie Lariaette military, social officers



J. Frank Dobie has announced the 2020-2021 Lariaette military and social officers. The Lariaette officers were announced at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. The officers are, left to right, Alani Chapa, executive; Haley Salinas, executive; Sarrionna Hobbs, lieutenant; Mady Vela, lieutenant colonel; Hannah Woernley, Lariaette colonel; Analaura Elizarraras, major; Lauren Robinson, head executive; and Johana Jasso, executive.

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Beth Lewis named UHCL at Pearland chief operations officer

Beth Lewis will join University of Houston-Clear Lake's leadership team as the first-ever interim associate vice president and chief operations officer for UH-Clear Lake at Pearland. Lewis has worked in public higher education for more than 33 years, with the last 30 years in community colleges and universities in Texas. She assumed her new role Sept. 1.

"The most exciting part of being the first one in this role is that I love to start and build things, and it's a big part of why I wanted this job," Lewis said. "It's a groundbreaking opportunity to shape what the Pearland location can and should be, based on the desires of people, businesses and influencers in the area, combined with the mission, vision and values of UHCL."

Lewis will be responsible for the implementation of the strategic plan, administration and management of all academics, continuing education, strategic enrollment management and public service program development.

Lewis holds a doctorate in educational leadership and a master's degree in English from Sam Houston State University. She earned her bachelor's degree in English from the University of Texas at Austin.

A native Houstonian, Lewis is returning to her home city after four years in administration at Del Mar College in Corpus Christi.

While there, she spent three years as executive vice president and chief academic officer, and one year as vice president for Academic Affairs. In addition, Lewis was the direct supervisor of five deans, chaired the Emergency Management Team, and co-chaired the Strategic Planning Committee. She was also the administrative lead on building a new campus, as well as the renovation of one of the college's existing campuses.

"Dr. Lewis brings a passion for student success, community involvement and visibility through an open communication style that will advance the pres-

ence and impact of UHCL at Pearland throughout the community and region," said Ira K. Blake, UHCL president.

"I'm confident that with her leadership, UHCL at Pearland will demonstrate increased collaboration and intentional inclusion with the university and surrounding communities that will serve as a beacon of distinction across the University of Houston System." To learn more about UHCL at Pearland, visit www.uhcl.edu/pearland/.



Beth Lewis

Free, reduced meal guide announced

Clear Creek ISD and Pasadena ISD students who are unable to afford the full price of school meals will be able to participate in a free and reduced-price meal program. The districts will use guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to determine eligibility for participation in the National School Lunch/Breakfast Program. Reduced price meals will cost \$0.30 for breakfast and \$0.40 for lunch.

Qualification standards are based on the number of family members and income. Applicants must turn in the following information in order to be considered for the program:

- Eligibility Determination Group number for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families. Families who do not have the above information must list the following:
 - Names of all household members.
 - The last four digits of the Social Security number of primary wage earner or household member who signs the form.
 - Last month's income and how often it was received for each household member that receives an income.
 - Signature of an adult household member.

Information submitted on the application may be verified as required by law. For more information about the program within CCISD, call 281-284-0712.

For more information about the program within PISD, call Blanca Banda, secretary for Nutrition Services at 713-740-0146.

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make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Carla Merka, chief financial officer at 713-740-0146.

Foster children, who are the legal responsibility of the state agency or court, are eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside.

Applications will be available online at www.schoolcafe.com. To apply for free and reduced-price meals, households must fill out the online application. Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year.

Chamber holds meeting

On Tuesday, Sept. 15, the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce will have a members-only virtual event at 11 a.m. via Zoom.

The meeting presented will be "The Five Questions You Should Ask Your IT Guy," and will be presented by TexPC Solutions.

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Brook teachers return to campus

Clear Brook High School staff was back on campus recently for professional learning and instructions on gearing up for the start of the 2020-2021 school year. Shown, left to right, are Caleb Veloz, Sean Franklin, Tim Thomas and Gene Rowe.



Sleep expert gives tips on insomnia

When the fears of spreading the COVID-19 virus caused the nation to lock down, the resulting anxiety and disruption of routines sent the idea of getting a good night's sleep out the window for many people.

Chris Ward, professor of psychology at University of Houston-Clear Lake, says the loss of a structured daily schedule, combined with anxiety due to the pandemic itself, have interfered with the body's circadian rhythms and are causing people to spend their nights staring at the ceiling instead of sleeping.

"We really depend on a routine schedule," said Ward, whose area of research and expertise is sleep and sleep disorders. "When you get a regular 8-5 job, your body and your sleep schedule adapt to that.

"Just as babies thrive on a routine schedule, so do adults. When you remove that, and you don't need to report anywhere at 8 a.m. every weekday anymore, that takes away a major social cue.

"The same with no longer getting up and getting kids ready for school."

The body needs those cues, Ward said, in order to stay in rhythm.

"If you add anxiety, worry and the increase in depression, along with the decrease in levels of social contact, it all contributes to poor sleep," he said. "Being anxious or depressed is going to cause problems with sleep."

For those who work at home and don't quite understand why they are feeling depressed, it's possible that the culprit is the screen. "We are now on screens all the time," Ward said. "We don't go out to movies or restaurants. The screens on our devices have blue light, which also have an effect on our circadian rhythms.

"If you're on your device at night, looking at social media or watching movies on Netflix, it will negatively impact your ability to sleep."

Staying inside, continued Ward, has made everyone more sedentary. "We aren't walking up and down stairs in our buildings, we aren't walking from the parking lot to our office anymore," he said.

"And that means we're getting less sunlight. That's the biggest gatekeeper of our circadian rhythms.

"When you walk out in the sun, it resets your rhythms, but if you're staying indoors, your body doesn't reset and that causes sleep problems. It all adds up to a perfect storm," he said.

"All routines have been removed, the time cues the body relies on, overexposure to devices and general worry and anxiety—put it all together. And it's going to have a bad impact on sleep."

So, what's to be done about this? Ward says returning to as consistent a schedule as possible will help. "Even if you don't have to go in to work, set your alarm and get up at the same time anyway," he said.

"Try to maintain some routines. Even if you're not getting the kids up in the morning anymore, try to maintain a morning and nighttime schedule to help you wind down."

A good wind-down routine might include a walk around the block, a hot shower, a cup of tea, or a few chapters from a good book.

"The body knows these are cues to help it sleep," he said. "We have lost school and work as our body's gatekeepers, so we have to develop another routine.

"Get out and exercise. Morning sunlight is very important. Tend to your mental health, do your best to keep your social contacts, and seek assistance if you're feeling very worried or depressed."

A five-month hiatus from a regular routine is not the same as taking a week-long vacation.

"The loss of our daily norms has changed us in ways we don't always recognize," he said.

"A return to as much consistency as possible will help the most."

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HCCO, Pct. 8 K9 to get body armor donation

The Harris County Precinct 8 Constable's Office K9 Barney will receive a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from nonprofit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc.

K9 Barney's vest will be embroidered with the sentiment "In memory of K9 Gabo, Jonesboro, AR EOW 1/16/20." Delivery is expected within eight to 10 weeks.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., established in 2009, is a 501(c)(3) charity whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States.

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Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. accepts tax-deductible contributions in any amount, while a single donation of \$960 will sponsor one vest. Each vest has a value of \$1,744-\$2,283, weighs an average of 4-5 pounds, and comes with a five-year warranty.

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Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provides information, lists events, and accepts donations at www.vik9s.org, or one may mail a contribution to P.O. Box 9, East Taunton, MA 02718.

The Harris County Precinct 8 Constable's office is appreciative to Vested Interest in K9s for its donation of a protective vest to K9 Barney. This is the third such donation this organization has made to the precinct agency since the inception of the precinct's K9 program in 2012.



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