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Much more to come ...

The *Leader* has been overwhelmed with information and photos related to Hurricane Harvey and its subsequent cleanup effort. See future editions for additional information.

Chamber offers assistance

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce is currently raising funds to assist local flood victims. The drive will be spearheaded by the organization's Education Committee. While the committee has traditionally just collected school clothes and supplies for children in need, it will now broaden its scope to provide other items deemed necessary. The effort will be directed by former Beverly Hills Intermediate Principal and current Pasadena Independent School District Associate Superintendent of Campus Development Alyta Harrell. Under Harrell's direction, school officials, chamber members and community members will work together to identify where the most need is. Assistance will not be limited to just students. Organizers have opted to circumvent the use of such sites as GoFundMe to avoid paying fees, so that all funds go to providing help. Financial donations may be mailed to 10500 Scarsdale Blvd., Houston, TX 77089. For additional information, contact the chamber at 281-481-5516 or info@southbeltchamber.com.

Chamber holds meetings

The South Belt Ellington Chamber of Commerce will host two informative discussions relevant to recovery from Hurricane Harvey on Tuesday, Sept. 12, at San Jacinto College South. The events, open to the public, will be held at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Marie Flickinger Building. Gary Noble, senior vice president and commercial banker for Texan Bank will be discussing topics such as flood insurance, FEMA disaster assistance guidelines, SBA disaster assistance guidelines as well as products offered by Texan Bank to assist Houstonians. Representatives from other financial institutions, as well as other businesses that provide assistance to the community, will also be in attendance. For additional information, contact Kay Barbour at 281-481-5516.

CBCMUD trash info

Clear Brook City MUD residents household trash services have resumed. Only household trash will be picked up. Storm debris must be placed separately from household debris. If the collection crews cannot figure out what is household trash versus storm debris, they will not pick up either. Trash must be curbside no later than 7 a.m.

Clear Brook City MUD began Hurricane Harvey storm removal debris on Tuesday, Sept. 5. Unfortunately, the dump sites will not open until Thursday, Sept. 7. CBCMUD officials are working with Ceres Environmental Services to find a staging area for the debris so that pickup may begin earlier.

This will be the first opportunity for area residents affected by the storm to have storm debris removed from their property. The pick-up of debris will not coincide with normal garbage days. This is a completely different service.

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

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

This will be the first of three passes for storm debris. Should residents have any questions, call Clear Brook City MUD at 281-484-1562, check Facebook at Clear Brook City MUD or go to www.cbcmud.com.

Household garbage, regular food and trash, will be picked up on normal trash days and therefore, should be separate.

If household trash is mixed with storm debris trash, no trash will be picked up by Texas Pride Disposal.

JFD 20-Year reunion set

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

Martin meeting postponed

Houston Council Member Dave Martin has postponed his upcoming town hall meeting scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 14, until further notice. "Due to the recent weather events and catastrophic flooding in our areas, the District E office is and will continue to focus their efforts on the recovery of our Council district as well as the city of Houston," Martin said in a press release. Further, the District E office is currently working from remote locations, and the best way to reach it is by email at districte@houstonx.gov.

South Belt begins storm recovery effort

The South Belt community is beginning the recovery process following Hurricane Harvey, with several residents pitching in to help their fellow neighbors. President Donald J. Trump even visited the area to assess the flood damage firsthand.

People from all religious faiths have significantly contributed to the recovery effort, including Christians, Mormons, Buddhists and Muslims.

Several local churches, businesses and individuals have provided assistance to those affected by the storm. The *Leader* is asking residents to share their stories with the newspaper. Email information to mynews@southbeltleader.com.

Sagamont Church

Sagamont Church has been helping South Belt residents recover from Hurricane Harvey by providing meals and cleanup assistance.

Acting under the title Everyone Matters: Sagamont Serves, volunteers have set up a base camp at the Sagamont Church Annex, located across the street from the church at 11600 Hughes Road near Beltway 8.

From Thursday, Aug. 30, through noon Tuesday, Sept. 5, the annex served as a food bank for hungry residents who were affected by the storm. The base camp is now transitioning to be an area distribution center.

While the location is no longer serving as a food pantry, volunteers are still needed to receive and sort donated food and supplies.

No clothing donations are being accepted, as other area organizations are already focused on that.

The annex is also serving as a home base for cleanup crews, which the church refers to as Mudout teams. The teams, which consist of eight

to 10 volunteers, are going through the community and removing carpet, sheet rock and other items from damaged homes.

While assistance is offered to all, including members and nonmembers alike, church officials are prioritizing cleanup efforts based on need, with widows, the elderly and disabled people being helped first.

Mudout volunteers assemble each morning at the annex at 8 a.m. for their daily assignments.

Volunteers may also form their own Mudout teams. The minimum tools required include

hammers, crowbars, flat-end shovels, brooms, one to two wheelbarrows per group, N95 Dust masks, gloves, a sheet rock knife, first-aid supplies and water.

Mudout teams should contact the church's Helping Hands office at 281-922-6421 or helpinghands@sagamontchurch.org with the name of the team leader, contact phone number for the team and the preferred area in which to work (if there is one).

The annex will also serve as a base camp for

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Trump visits South Belt



President Donald J. Trump toured the South Belt community Saturday, Sept. 2, to assess area flood damage firsthand. In the top photo, South Belt resident Lee Gossett is shown greeting Texas Gov. Greg Abbott. Pictured with the pair are, left to right, Sen. Ted Cruz, Trump, First Lady Melania Trump and Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson. In the bottom photo, longtime Sageglen resident Patsy Hogg is shown hugging the first lady, while her husband David Hogg talks to the president. The pictured politicians have all pledged to work together to ensure that area residents receive the assistance they need following the storm. On Wednesday, Sept. 6, the U.S. House of Representatives approved nearly \$8 billion of relief funds.

Photos submitted

Pasadena ISD calls for bond election

By Art Del Barrio, Pasadena ISD

The Pasadena Independent School District will have two items on the ballot for the Nov. 7 special election: Proposition A, which is a bond election asking voters to approve \$135 million in construction at no tax increase for the Interest and Sinking (I&S) tax rate, and Proposition B which is a Tax Ratification Election asking voters to approve a 13-cent increase for the maintenance and operations (M&O) tax rate to keep the district in healthy financial status.

Wait, a no-tax bond, but you want a tax increase? I'm confused.

To avoid confusion, one must take a look at the entire Pasadena ISD tax rate. By state law the school tax rate is actually a total of two different tax rates, the Interest and Sinking (I&S) tax rate and the Maintenance and Operations Tax rate (M&O).

The current I&S tax rate is \$0.28 and the current M&O tax rate is \$1.07. Both rates combined equal \$1.35 per \$100 in home value. The two tax rates cannot be commingled, meaning there are strict laws set forth by the state ensuring they are kept as separate funds.

I&S tax rate

I&S funds generated by the I&S tax rate have the strict purpose to pay debt incurred by the district to build facilities, purchase land, renovate existing infrastructure, etc. That debt is incurred by selling bonds. Pasadena ISD may only pur-

chase bonds with the permission of the taxpayers, thus, Pasadena ISD will hold a bond election to ask taxpayers for permission to spend its available I&S funds.

When Pasadena ISD called a no-tax increase bond election, it means there are tax dollars available in I&S funds to spend without increasing the I&S tax rate.

"A good way to describe 'no-tax-increase' bond elections is to compare them to revolving credit, as you pay off credit, dollars are freed up and you can borrow again," said Pasadena ISD Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell. "That is the reason why we aren't requesting an I&S tax rate increase, we (Pasadena ISD) are great at managing our credit and we need the taxpayers' permission to re-encumber those available funds. This bond election is part of the checks and balances necessary to spend I&S funds, and the bond election is how the public gives its blessing."

Powell added that district officials are experts at maximizing I&S expenditures to keep a constant I&S tax rate and make infrastructure purchases on a three-to-five-year basis without having to raise the I&S tax rate like many other districts have already done.

M&O tax rate

M&O funds generated by the M&O tax rate are received by the district to conduct its everyday business, like paying for supplies, utilities,

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Students return to class Sept. 11

With recovery from Hurricane Harvey in full swing, local schools are preparing to resume classes.

PISD

All Pasadena Independent School District campuses will resume school according to regular schedule on Monday, Sept. 11.

Damaged campuses

Thompson Intermediate will be relocated to a section of the Beverly Hills Intermediate campus.

It is hoped Frazier Elementary and Williams Elementary will open in their current facilities. However, if repairs are not completed prior to Sept. 11, school officials will directly work with those parents to communicate alternate plans.

Bus transportation

All bus routes will run according to the normal schedule but might be delayed the first day. Thompson Intermediate students will all receive transportation to Beverly Hills. The new Thompson schedules will be sent as soon as possible.

Free meals

To offer additional support for students and their families, the school district will provide free breakfast and lunch for all Pasadena ISD students during the month of September.

This offer applies to regular cafeteria meals and does not include a la carte items. This will assist household budgets, since many parents have not been able to work.

Facility issues

Overall, the district endured Harvey well, although many of the district's campuses received minimal roof or rising-water issues. PISD maintenance and custodial staff are working diligent-

ly to ensure campuses are ready to welcome everyone back Monday, Sept. 11.

All wet carpet has been removed, and floors have been disinfected. Many campuses will have cosmetic issues. However, new tile is ordered and will be installed as soon as it is received.

The air quality is being tested to ensure all buildings are safe for students.

Counseling

All campus counselors will be on hand to help students during this troubling time.

Need assistance?

Pasadena ISD has compiled a list of resources to assist families. For information, visit www1.pasadenaisd.org/pisdstrong.

Makeup days

The Texas Education Agency has contacted school districts in counties affected by the storm regarding missed instructional days. PISD is submitting a waiver to the state for days missed from Aug. 25-Sept. 8. Once the district's waiver is approved, the district will not have to make up the missed days. Parents will be informed once we have heard from the state.

Instruction

Curriculum timelines are being adjusted to ensure that students are able to complete all grade-level material within the remaining days of instruction.

School activities

Principals are informing parents of rescheduled campus activities. Stay tuned for campus communication.

UIL/athletic events

Pasadena ISD coaches/fine arts teachers are in contact with players/students regarding whether

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City begins storm debris collection

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department is beginning its storm debris collection efforts.

Residents should place debris at the curb separated into the following piles:

- Vegetative debris – leaves, logs, plants, tree branches (do not bag)

- Construction and demolition debris – carpet, drywall, furniture, lumber, mattresses
- Appliances – dishwashers, freezers, refrigerators, stoves, washers, water heaters
- Electronics – computers, radios, stereos, televisions, other devices with a cord

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Thompson moves into BHI



Students at Thompson Intermediate will be temporarily housed at Beverly Hills Intermediate, after their home campus suffered extensive damage during Hurricane Harvey, causing it to be closed indefinitely. In an effort to make the students feel more at home at their new campus, former Thompson principals Toni Lopez and Angela Stallings contacted former Thompson art teacher Stephanie Albert, now a Dobie art teacher, Thompson alumni, paint a mural at the school. See related letter on Page 2A.

Photos by Marie Flickinger



In My Opinion

Thompson principal on new temporary site

Publisher's note: The following was sent to parents of Thompson Intermediate students.

Dear Parents,
As I have been in the different neighborhoods surrounding Thompson this last week, my heart has broken for our families and students who have been so affected by the storm. The Thompson family continues to send our thoughts and prayers to you during this incredibly difficult time.

You may have heard that Thompson is being relocated due to the significant damage that occurred during the storm. I wanted to share some more information with you regarding our new location. We have been able to find a space that allows for our Thompson campus to stay whole and together. We are not combining with Beverly Hills Intermediate. Many of you may not know that the building in which Beverly Hills is located used to be Dobbie High School and housed over 2,600 students. When renovated in the early 2000s, it was designed to house two separate campuses.

We will continue to operate as our own campus in this new location. Your students will continue to have their Thompson teachers, fine arts directors and athletic coaches. We will be providing bus transportation to all students within the Thompson zone to our new location.

During the next few days, I will be sharing more information regarding our new location, transportation, meals and some additional answers to a variety of questions I have received. Our campus continues to share information through our website, Facebook page and Twitter feed.

I recognize that any change is difficult and that this move in addition to what many of you are experiencing adds to this burden. As a Thompson team our goal is to provide your students with a safe, stable environment when they return to school next Monday, September 11, 2017.

#WeAreThompson #LionPride
Melissa Allen Principal

Ganje on CBCMUD trash collection

Attention Clear Brook City MUD residents: Clear Brook City Management is diligently working around the clock to insure that your water and sewer services are up and running, trash is collected and storm debris is removed. Due to the extreme amount of rain, local landfills were slow to open and are now closing at 5 p.m..

Normal trash collection resumed on regular collection days. Storm disposal crews started on Tuesday. Information on FEMA regulations was distributed on Labor Day. You do NOT have to re-sort your trash if it is already placed at the curb. Anything placed out from this point forward should be separated and NO black plastic bags are to be used. FEMA regulations state black bags must be ripped and searched for hazardous waste before they may be removed. Please just place all debris - loose within 10' of the street. Thank you

Cecelia Ganje
G.M. of Administration
Clear Brook City MUD

Jackson on caring South Belt community

Such a tragic and sad time for the people of Texas. This storm affected so many in so many ways. There were many, many people who, even when doing all they could for themselves found it wasn't

enough. Thankfully there were some who had little or no damage thus were free to help. And there were those who, in spite of their own problems, found time to help others; Instead of complaining about the thorns they were busy smelling the roses.

As soon as the water was low enough to get out, Linda Millikin made it to H-E-B and loaded her Flex with, water, milk, cereal, and other necessities and drove around asking everyone she saw if they needed anything. Many did. As soon as they could, the Gonzolas family, got out, found an open pizza shop, bought stacks of pizza and hand delivered them to neighbors and helpers alike. In the middle of the night at the peak of the storm the DeBees, took in two families who had infants, children, and a grandmother. And even though flooded themselves they newly installed generator provided some greatly appreciated light and emotional comfort from the dark. Later several truck loads of folks I didn't know drove by offering free water, sandwiches, tamales, etc to everyone they saw. And even today, Sunday, the caring continues; four teachers from Weber Elementary were walking around offering bags of sandwiches, fruit, and snacks.

My neighbors, David and Shelly Cino, both members of Southeastern Volunteer Fire Department, chose to put aside their own flooding problems to dedicate themselves 24/7 to helping others. These are just a few of the many who saw the need and stepped forward to help. A big thank you and well done to all those who didn't wait to be asked... instead they just did.

What selfless people. What a caring neighborhood and community. What a wonderful city and state. I am so honored and privileged to live here and be part of it.

Ed Jackson

Mullikin on lawn man's equipment

My lawn man evacuated for "Harvey." His equipment was stored off Rodeo road and the stall was broken in to. The equipment and trailer was his lively hood, now they are gone.

This story needs to be told and the thieves need to be caught. I heard they have a video of the thieves.

I have set up a fund for him to help him get back on his feet, the website is through youcaring.com.

All help given will be appreciated. <https://www.youcaring.com/valvillarreal-933442>. Thank you for your help.

Vicki Mullikin

Smith on scams, frauds, false rumors

Please help us minimize people taking advantage of survivors! This info may help. Also, fyi, Disaster Survivor Assistance Teams (DSA teams) usually travel in groups of at least 2 people and will have I pads because they can help people register on the spot.

We may not want to broadly advertise the 2-people/Ipads thing as we don't want scammers to know what else to try to duplicate to take advantage of people, but I wanted you to know because you may hear of this type of thing in your communities faster than we will.

If you can be sure and reiterate that FEMA will NEVER ask for a fee for anything, that is another thing we hear regularly. People will go to a survivor, claim they are FEMA and for a fee they will help do paperwork or cut trees down, remove debris, etc. Those are NOT FEMA staff. Again, we don't charge for anything!

Hope you don't get tired of hearing, "thank you for all you are doing!"

Robin Smith

Local library events set

Parker Williams Library

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

Thursday, Sept. 7, 4 p.m. Movie and markers presents *Sing* (rated PG, 108 minutes) for ages 10 and older. Meet in the library community room for a fun film and coloring during the movie. With such success during summer, the event will be continuing during the regular school year.

Saturday, Sept. 9, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. An English as a Second Language training session is scheduled for new volunteer teachers. After the session, trainees will be matched with a group of adults to meet at a convenient time. Interactive lessons and materials are provided.

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2 p.m. Poetry discussion group. Join others to discuss *Aimless Love: New and Selected Poems* by Billy Collins. Pick up the book ahead of time and prepare to discuss some of the poems. Since this is the first meeting, there will be a discussion about upcoming meetings.

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 5 p.m. Book Buddies for age 6 and older. Book Buddies is a Harris County Public Library literacy initiative to get Little Buddies from kindergarten to third grade interested in the joys of reading while being guided by a Big Buddy. The program requires a ten-week commitment Tuesdays, Sept. 12 to Nov. 14, from 5-5:45 p.m. Applications will be accepted for Little Buddies at the reference desk.

Below are the programs that occur every week.

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

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

Saturdays, Vietnamese Learning Time. Level 2 begins at 10 a.m., Level 1 begins at 11:15 a.m. and Level 3 begins at 2:30 p.m. For information on these programs, speak with Loc Bui.

For more information on library events, phone the library at 281-484-2036. Library hours this week are: Monday, 1-9 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Sunday, closed.

Bracewell Branch Library

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

Thursday, Sept. 7, 6:30 p.m. Knitting and crochet

Saturday, Sept. 9, 10:30 a.m. Spanish computer class

Saturday, Sept. 9, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. English as a Second Language class

Saturday, Sept. 9, 3 p.m. Citizenship class

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 10:30 a.m. Para los niños

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 10:30 a.m. Toddler storytime; 11:15 a.m. Toddler playtime

Wednesday, Sept. 13, Computer courses: 2 p.m. Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. Basic Powerpoint

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

Leader checks out social media

By Mary Doan

Dobbie High School alumni, Collyn Davis and Yesenia Ramos, have organized a kickball tournament to help benefit the people of South Belt who were victims of Hurricane Harvey.

The tournament will be held at South Houston Girl's Softball Field, 701 Avenue E, on Sunday, Sept. 17, at 9 a.m. Each team must have 10 players with at least four girls

on the team. Each team player is required to donate school supplies, clothes, toiletries non-perishables or any goods that will benefit the victims of Harvey as admittance into the kickball tournament. There will be concessions and barbecue plates sold at the kickball tournament. All donations raised from the kickball tournament will be given to a group created by the South

Belt Chamber of Commerce to distribute the donations to the schools and people affected by Hurricane Harvey.

The deadline to sign up for the tournament will be Saturday, Sept. 16, at noon.

For information or to sign up for the tournament, visit People of Sagemont Facebook or contact Collyn Davis at 832-331-9340 or collyndavis@yahoo.com, or Yesenia Ramos at 832-517-6449.

Publisher's Opinion

South Belt Community continues to do great

It is time for our paper to be sent to the printers, and I know I will not be able to address all the items I wanted to in this column. But some things must be said.

I cannot express often enough that this is the most fantastic community with which I have ever been associated.

So many fantastic examples, that they will have to be written about in the next few issues of the *Leader*. I must recognize a couple of additional residents for their efforts.

First would be all of Sagemont Church and their willingness to remove carpet and wall board from the homes of community members, no matter the church affiliation, etc. Additionally, people were fed and given food and cleaning supplies.

Then, and maybe even more interesting is the church's decision to house the students from Lutheran South Academy who suffered tremendous loss from the storm.

Sagemont Church also had considerable damage, but are extending their facilities for the use of the Lutheran South students.

I can assure you that we will be telling some of the many outstanding stories that

happened in our community.

The president coming here was a neat event, but overshadowed by so many good works in the community, including Beverly Hills and Thompson intermediates now sharing a home.

I really believe we have God's blessing on our community.

Believe it or not, the flooding could have been much worse. Just look at the pictures on last week's *Leader*. If you don't have it, we have extra copies.

The new holding pond, which has been of much concern due to the trucks on our streets, resulted in many fewer homes having been flooded.

Had the big trucks which crowded our streets not done so, we would have had many more gallons of water in our vehicles and home, so hats off also to Harris County and Harris County Flood Control. Also to the city of Houston for working with PID for getting permits in record time for the portables to house Thompson students at BHI.

Stay dry and keep up the good work.

Marie Flickinger

Thompson, BHI together, separate



Temporary buildings are being added to Beverly Hills Intermediate to accommodate incoming Thompson students, who have been displaced by Harvey. The school district is working with city officials to expedite the permitting process to ensure students can start class on time Monday, Sept. 11. Photo by Marie Flickinger

New Life Lutheran Church holds bazaar

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

South Belt recovers from storm

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church groups from all over the country, which will be assisting in the recovery effort over the next two months. Some of the church groups will be cooking food, while other groups will need food cooked for them. Those wishing to volunteer cooking services should email helpinghands@sagemontchurch.org.

The church is also accepting financial donations. All funds given will be used locally to help those in need. To donate, visit <https://sagemontchurch.org/onlinegiving.org/donate/form/128/#/>.

Sagemont Church will also be hosting students from Lutheran South Academy over the next few weeks, as its campus suffered extensive damage from Harvey. Classes will begin Friday, Sept. 8.

For more information on Sagemont's storm recovery efforts, visit the web-

site <https://www.sagemontchurch.org/everyone-matters-sagemont-serves/>.

CrossRoads UMC
CrossRoads United Methodist Church also played a large role in assisting local relief efforts.

Church volunteers helped clear and clean affected homes in the area, moving furniture and tearing out carpet, sheet-rock and flooring.

Members also provided food, both hot and cold, to those in need, preparing more than 500 sandwiches over the course of four days, which were then distributed throughout the community.

The church partnered with the Red Cross to form pickup truck convoys, filled with disaster kits, tarps, rakes, water, food and cleaning supplies. The convoys then drove throughout the South Belt community and distributed the items to those in need.

CrossRoads further adopted Burnett Elementary, providing it with clothing, books, hygiene products and cleaning supplies.

President Trump
Trump, along with First Lady Melania Trump, visited the Sageglenn subdivision Saturday, Sept. 2, while he was en route from NRG Center to the First Church of Pearland.

While in the neighborhood, the president visited the damaged home of long-time South Belt residents David and Patsy Hogg.

"He couldn't have been nicer," said Patsy Hogg. "He's not only our president, but he's one I voted for and love."

Trump was joined by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, Sen. Ted Cruz and Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson, all of whom have agreed to work together to provide relief to storm victims.

SJC sets emergency relief fund

The San Jacinto College Foundation has established an Emergency Relief Fund to assist college students and employees affected by Hurricane Harvey and the subsequent flooding.

"While college facilities sustained minor damage, we know that many San Jacinto College students and

employees are facing hardships from the devastating effects of this storm," said Dr. Brenda Hellyer, San Jacinto College chancellor.

"We appreciate the support of our community in helping our students and employees through this difficult time."

The amount to be distrib-

uted will be contingent upon donations received.

To contribute to the fund to provide emergency funding for San Jacinto College students and employees, visit the San Jacinto College Harvey Relief website at <http://www.sanjac.edu/harvey-relief>.

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or not practices, open gym or games will take place as scheduled.

Check campus social media sites for updates.

CCISD
The Clear Creek Independent School District will extend the closure of schools until Monday, Sept. 11. CCISD is requesting staff report to work on Thursday, Sept. 7.

"We know our schools are the heartbeat of our community, and the sign of normalcy is when we have our buses back on the road and our hallways bustling with children," said Dr. Greg Smith, superintendent of schools. "We are grateful for the army of employees, contractors and volunteers who are working to clean up our schools and get them ready for students."

Many of the district's schools suffered water damage. This extended time will allow for restoration, as well as more time for employees and families to work through their personal situations.

"The recovery efforts started immediately with more than 80 employees, contractors and architects leading a comprehensive assessment of each school and soon expanded to teams of hundreds," said Paul Miller, director of facilities.

Lutheran South Academy
Lutheran South Academy suffered extensive damage

involved roof leaks, and there were isolated areas in some schools that had rising waters.

The school district and its partners have successfully launched CCISD Cares, a resource center for families in the area. The center has clothing and shoes for youth and adults, hygiene products and school supplies. CCISD personnel are ready to help families who are temporarily displaced within or outside school boundaries.

"We do anticipate enrolling students who live in other parts of Texas but have found shelter in our district," said Smith.

The CCISD Cares center is located at McWhirter Elementary, 300 Pennsylvania Ave. in Webster. It is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 10 to 6 p.m. on Sunday. If people cannot get to the center, they can call 281-284-4831.

The school district will adjust curriculum pacing to ensure all educational material is covered throughout the remainder of the school year. The Texas Education Agency is offering waivers for affected school districts. The district will apply to waive the missed days, meaning the district will not have official makeup days.

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Deaths

Claire Diane Webb



Claire Diane Webb, 78, of South Belt, died Aug. 20, 2017. She was born in Houston, on May 11, 1939, to Joseph Clayton and Ruby Elizabeth Gilmore. A graduate of Stephen F. Austin High School and Sam Houston State University, Diane taught history at Hartman Junior High School in HISD for many years. Diane loved history, playing bridge, round dancing, painting and reading. She belonged to many clubs and groups including the South Belt Chamber of Commerce Fun Bunch, the Red Hat Society, the Friends of Parker Williams Library, Jane Long DAR Chapter, Pasadena Retired Teachers Association, the HUGS group from St. Luke's Catholic Church and the Sagemont Church Widows group. Raised at Eastwood Baptist Church, over the years, Diane attended Easthaven Baptist and Park Place Baptist churches.

Preceded in death by her loving husband, Samuel Webb, she is survived by her daughter Kim Plummer; sister Joanne Juren and husband Ronald Juren; nephews Matthew and wife Jessica, and Jason and wife Melissa; and four great-nephews and nieces.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Sept. 9, at 2 p.m. at Niday Funeral Home on Beamer Road.

As an expression of sympathy, friends are asked to make a donation to the charity of their choice.

David Charles Green



David Charles Green, 72, of Friendswood, born March 5, 1945, in Houston, died Aug. 30, 2017, at his home.

David married Sharon Woods Green in 1967. Together, since Sharon was 18 and he was 20, they lived their dream celebrating 50 years of marriage in May 2017. She was the love of his life and he cherished her until the day he died.

His children Cynthia Green Hieger and John David Green, his grandson David Conner Hieger and son-in-law Collin Hieger, were his heart.

David is preceded in death by his father, mother and brother. He is survived by his wife, Sharon Woods Green of Friendswood; daughter Cynthia Green Hieger and son-in-law Collin Hieger of Nassau Bay; son John David Green of Houston; grandson David Conner Hieger of Nassau Bay and nephew Jay Stevens of Houston.

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Storm debris collection

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Household hazardous waste - cleaning supplies, batteries, lawn chemical, oils, oil-based paints, stains and pesticide

Do not stack debris near trees, cars, fire hydrants, meters, poles or other structures. Do not place debris in the roadway.

City officials are asking residents to remove all parked vehicles from the streets when debris crews are

working in the neighborhood.

If debris crews are unable to pass safely along the streets, they will not be able to remove debris.

Residents wishing to dispose of debris themselves may visit city Neighborhood Depository/Recycling Centers, open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. until further notice.

For more information, call 3-1-1 or visit www.houston.solidwaste.org.

City of Houston reminds victims of debris pickup

Solid Waste Management reminds flood victims of the ongoing collection of storm debris. Place debris at the curb separated into the following piles:

Vegetative Debris - leaves, logs, plants, tree branches (do not bag).

Construction and Demolition Debris - carpet, drywall, furniture, lumber, mattresses.

Appliances - dishwashers, freezers, refrigerators, stoves, washers, water heaters.

Electronics - computers, radios, stereos, televisions, other devices with a cord.

Household Hazardous Waste - cleaning supplies, batteries, lawn chemical, oils, oil-based paints, stains and pesticide.

Do not stack debris near trees, cars, fire hydrants, meters, poles or other structures. If one would like to dispose of junk or tree waste oneself, visit the nearest Neighborhood Depository/Recycling Centers, open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. until further notice.

Visit www.houstonsolidwaste.org for more information.

Kiel aids in pet population rescue, sheltering in storm

By Alexis Lochner

Many heart-warming stories are being created in the wake of Hurricane Harvey which brought so much devastation to Texas and, specifically, to the South Belt area. Most of the recounts detail the effects of the storm on lives and property. One such story focuses on the lives of four-legged friends in the community and it began to unfold the weekend of Aug. 25 when Harvey hit landfall.

When a temporary shelter to house the evacuees who were rescued from flooding homes was set up late Saturday, Aug. 26, at Dobie High School, it quickly became apparent that the shelter was a refuge for many South Belters who were also bringing their pets.

The logistical challenges of having both people and pets together under one roof became clear almost immediately. Often, pets who are around unfamiliar people become stressed, agitated and even aggressive. So when the human and pet populations of the Dobie temporary shelter began to rise, the need to find solutions for everyone's safety took on an urgency of its own.

Persons displaced from their homes began to arrive at Dobie's temporary shelter late Friday night. *South Belt-Ellington Leader* owner Marie Flickinger insisted that pet owners needed to have their pets in a sheltered area on the outside of Dobie High School where there was shelter from the rain and the animals were able to move more freely with less agitation from the close proximity of strangers. However, a decision was made the next day to move the pets inside Dobie and put them in a designated area, since Harvey was still wreaking havoc and the rain had not stopped.

Problems also began to arise since many of the pets did not have kennels, and avoid potential crises, at the suggestion of Kenny Fernandez (Pasadena ISD board member), South Belt resident Rebecca Carter called Kat Kiel, a South Belter who is well-known in the community to

have a big heart for pets as well as strong organizational skills.

On Monday, Aug. 28, at the height of Hurricane Harvey, when Carter called Kiel to assist with the rescued animals in the Dobie shelter, Kiel was initially notified there was a problem situation with an aggressive pit bull. Knowing this could potentially be a dangerous situation at Dobie, Kiel agreed to come as soon as possible to the school-turned-shelter.

"I went to the command center room (that was set up in Dobie) and brought a kennel for the dog, Benadryl that would make the dog sleepy and some treats," Kiel said. The first urgent pet situation was resolved.

With the help of Sgt. Trae Morris of Pasadena ISD Police Department, a plan was implemented to care for the pets that came to Dobie. Approximately 100 kennels which were supplied by the Pearland Animal Shelter were picked up and taken to Dobie.

Since Morris, a licensed EMT, has served as a K-9 handler and is currently assigned to patrol as a member of the Emergency Response Team and Bike Patrol, he was instrumental in facilitating the set-up at the Dobie shelter needed for the provision of the rescued pets. Morris suggested the greenhouse would be a good venue to shelter the animals, so he asked Kiel to assess how many pets were small and how many were large. The Dobie greenhouse was designated as the area for pets, a place that was out of the elements, away from the rest of the evacuees, but accessible to the pet owners.

Teams of teens who were already working in various capacities in the shelter were recruited to assist in the cleaning of the kennels.

"The assistant principal of Dobie helped set up and organized a number system to know which pet belonged to which owner and recorded their phone number to be able to keep track of all of the pets in the greenhouse at Dobie. Pet owners were

responsible for feeding their pets and walking them so as to prevent any possibility of (others) getting bit," said Kiel.

Kiel did not return to her home on Monday evening since the storm was still raging. "I slept about 45 minutes on a cot at Dobie on Monday night," she said. On Tuesday morning, Kiel became very concerned. "There was rain Monday night and there was water in the parking lot near the greenhouse.

"My plan was to put the large dogs in kennels up on pallets so they would not be on the floor and get wet. Many volunteers helped including teens who were assembled to prevent a problem," she said.

Although water did not actually come into the Dobie greenhouse, Kiel had a plan in place in case there was a problem. In all, she said there were about 90 pets housed in the greenhouse. Many volunteers worked tirelessly at the Dobie shelter to make the pet rescue a successful one.

Kiel, along with many others, worked all day Tuesday, then finished cleaning and transferring the last of the pet owner-evacuees on Wednesday morning.

Since Dobie was only designated as a temporary shelter, a place had to be found by Tuesday, Aug. 29, for pet owners and their pets. Clean-up and repairs at the high school were needed prior to the scheduled start of school on Tuesday, Sept. 5. Memorial Baptist Church was found willing to take evacuees with their pets beginning Tuesday when they left Dobie.

Kiel became emotional in remembering the cooperation of those helping with the evacuees and their pets. "I'm telling you when I think about it, it brings me to tears. It was amazing," she said. "What I saw in that place, with the evacuees truly helping sort clothes, doing things, asking how they could help, whatever they could do to get the job done. I was just in awe. When I think about those young kids, the young

people not complaining, getting the job done, staying on task, I was just blown away; how this community came together without any professional training and made it run like a well-oiled machine. It was amazing!"

Before being asked to help at the Dobie shelter, Kiel said, "I was sitting here (at home during the storm), feeling so helpless because I couldn't go anywhere or do anything to help anyone. So I was just trying to provide information on social media pages, trying to ask if pets were left behind, trying to ascertain addresses, trying to get help to rescue my friend on Wessex in the attic with the 18 dogs. I was feeling so helpless and I am so glad that I could contribute in whatever manner and to be able to help our community members."

Kiel related another story of a friend of hers who was an independent rescue who was trapped in her attic with 18 dogs during the recent hurricane. Attempts were made for two days to get someone to her home to rescue her and the dogs. In total, 21 dogs were rescued at that time in a boat and taken to safety.

The earliest that Kiel remembers having a love for pets was very early in her childhood. "I developed a love for animals about when I first began to walk. I had a German Shepherd puppy who was always under my crib," said Kiel, who said that her parents named the puppy Shadow because the dog was always near her crib and always followed her around, like a shadow.

Throughout her young years, Kiel maintained a strong love and appreciation for animals, taking care of many animals in her life. Kiel is no stranger to wandering pets. During the Fourth of July weekend she cared for 10 dogs from the community. Currently she is fostering four dogs.

"I have a personal rescue, a husky, that was living on the Beltway at the Wayside toll that the employees were feeding and it would go over

and just run the fields during the day and come back to get food. But no one could get their hands on her, she was nipping, she kept her distance and I was alerted to her. I worked with her for four nights and 16 cheeseburgers later I was able to finally get a leash on her. Texas Lead Dog Rescue took her into the program, vetted her, did her heart worm treatment while I fostered her and I've had her a little over a year.

"She is still very human stranger-aggressive so I don't know that she'll ever go anywhere. She may be part of my permanent crew. We've done all kinds of things from socializing different tactics, taking her to the dog park, muzzle, for her to get experience around other humans." Kiel added that it will take quite awhile for this dog to be around other humans before she can trust them.

Kiel came to Houston in 1982 and had been active as a volunteer with the Houston Humane Society.

A few years ago local resident Joe Buchanan started a Facebook page called *Pets of Southbelt*. Kiel was active on the page, coordinating and giving advice, and, upon request of Buchanan, assumed some administrative responsibilities with the Facebook page. Kiel remembers originally that there were more than 700 members of the *Pets of Southbelt* page, whereas, now there are more than 4000 members.

Hurricane Harvey hit the Texas coast late Friday evening, Aug. 25, and continued to drench Houston through Tuesday.

By Wednesday morning, approximately 90 pets had been rescued from the storm in the South Belt area and taken to the temporary Dobie shelter, fed, kenneled, and sent to another more permanent shelter with their owners. For South Belt's four-legged furry loved ones, the teamwork of many volunteers such as Kiel, Morris, Carter, area teens and so many others helped make the hurricane story a story of survivors, not of victims.

Kiel comes through for pets caught in flood



South Belt pet advocate Kat Kiel (below) was instrumental in teaming up with volunteers to care for pets rescued during Hurricane Harvey. Shown left, Kiel organizes donated kennels in the greenhouse at the Dobie temporary shelter. The kennels were supplied by Pearland Animal Shelter. Photos submitted



PISD bond election set for community vote

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salaries, etc. These funds are only a portion of the amount of money used to fund a district. The state uses a formula based on several factors to determine how much a district will be matched in state funds for the M&O account.

As cost factors affecting public education continue to rise, the state's share of funding education continues to decline.

Over the last 10 years, the state has continued to reduce the amount of money school districts receive in matching funds. A school district will collect revenue from property taxes through the M&O tax, and the state will match those funds through a very complex formula. The state average match was close to 50 percent from local M&O tax and 50 percent from the state, but over the years, that state average has dropped to about 62 percent from local M&O tax and 38 percent from the state.

Factors leading to the rise in cost of education are vast. According to a recent publication by TASA/TASB titled *School Mandates on School*

Districts, the impact of inflation, especially on staff salaries is one of the largest cost factors in school districts. Further, unfunded and underfunded mandates from the state legislature dramatically impact the bottom line.

The publication stated that other factors impacting the budget include the growing student population, the growing population of economically disadvantaged students and the increased costs of utilities, fuel and insurance.

The Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees and administration waited patiently to see if the state Legislature was going to increase funding for M&O budgets. Since the Legislature failed to adequately address state funding, Pasadena ISD was forced to dip into its fund balance reserves to accommodate a \$22 million deficit budget for 2017-2018.

A 13 cent tax increase on the M&O tax rate would bring much needed relief to the district's M&O fund. The tax would bring in approximately \$16 million in local revenue and force the state to

match approximately \$20.7 million in addition totaling roughly \$36.7 million annually for Pasadena ISD.

Bond election

At an Aug. 16 special board meeting, the Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees unanimously called for a \$135 million no-tax-increase bond, which will be known as Proposition A.

Proposition A will utilize available I&S tax revenue for needed construction projects across the district.

The Pasadena ISD Future Facilities Planning Committee is developing a short list of projects to propose based on a master list of needs created by the committee in 2014. For the last 10 years, Pasadena ISD has held no tax increase bond elections and seeks taxpayer permission to utilize available I&S tax revenue for the projects, which means if Proposition A is approved by voters in November, there would not be an I&S tax rate increase; it will remain at \$0.28 per \$100 in property value.

Tax ratification election

In addition, at the same special board meeting, the Pasadena ISD Board of

Trustees unanimously called for a tax ratification election or TRE, which will be known as Proposition B.

Proposition B will ask voters for the additional 13 cents per 100 dollar valuation on their property taxes to support Pasadena ISD's M&O tax rate that would eliminate the deficit budget, help the Pasadena ISD maintain a healthy fund balance and allow the district to be prepared for future inflation, maintain student programs and recruit and retain quality staff.

If approved, the impact of Proposition B on an average \$130,000 home in Pasadena would be approximately \$9.97 a month or 33 cents a day. If residents are over 65 or disabled and their taxes are frozen by the over-65 or disabled exemption, their taxes will not be affected by Proposition B.

The special election is set for Tuesday, Nov. 7. Early voting will take place Monday, Oct. 23, through Friday, Nov. 3.

For more information on Proposition A and Proposition B, visit www1.pasadenaisd.org/2017bondre.

Houston opens 19 libraries; help Houstonians recover

In the aftermath of the unprecedented Hurricane Harvey, Houstonians are surveying damages and picking up the pieces to begin rebuilding their lives.

The Houston Public Library stands with our neighbors to help in the recovery efforts of our city.

The services and resources that are available at your library system include free access to WiFi and computers, one-on-one assistance with filling out applications and forms, and access to the expertise of library archivists who can assist you in preserving and saving precious family memorabilia such as books, letters and photographs that may have been damaged in the storm.

One can take advantage of quiet spaces at one's library to reflect or just to escape for a moment, enjoy a Yoga class, or select from a mountain of family friendly stories, movies, games, crafts and other activities - to help bring joy back in the eyes of children and adults alike, who have witnessed so much devastation and uncertainty.

"There is no question that libraries are essential to rebuilding our community. For so many people, libraries are a vital lifeline. We intend to leverage the vast resources of Houston Public Library to support recovery efforts

in every way possible. This is our community too," states Dr. Rhea Brown Lawson, director of libraries. "During catastrophic times libraries are even more essential as people need a familiar anchor and touchstone in the community to remind them that everything will be all right again."

Regarding library materials - HPL does not want one to be concerned about overdue or flood-damaged books. Due dates have been extended for currently borrowed books and other items to Friday, Sept. 29.

As a reminder, one can return borrowed items to the library most convenient to one

anywhere in the city. Nineteen library locations including Bracewell Neighborhood Library, 9002 Kingspoint, and Park Place Regional Library, 8145 Park Place, opened their doors on Tuesday, Sept. 5, through Saturday, Sept. 9, with open hours of 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

HPL will be working diligently to increase services and open additional libraries throughout the week. Check www.houstonlibrary.org for additional library locations with special opening hours. Updates will also be posted on Facebook/houstonlibrary, Twitter/houstonlibrary and Instagram/houstonpubliclibrary.

CenterPoint Energy urges customers to stay safe during Harvey clean-up

The safety of CenterPoint Energy's employees and customers is top priority for the company. CenterPoint Energy urges customers to follow the below safety tips as clean-up efforts continue following Hurricane Harvey.

Electric Safety Tips

Stay away from downed power lines. Be especially mindful of downed lines that could be hidden in flood waters and debris, and treat all downed lines as if they are energized or "live."

Boats being used in high water can expose one to danger from power lines at their normal height. Be aware and stay away. DO NOT attempt to remove a tree limb or other debris from a power line. Once away from the area, call 713-207-2222 and CenterPoint will respond as soon as it is safe.

Power restoration

If one finds that water has risen above the electrical outlets, one must call a licensed electrician before one can turn on the main circuit breaker or turn on the power for any connected appliances, such as televisions, computers and more.

The electrician will assess the damage and will then need to ensure that the home's electrical system is safe to receive power.

The electrician may need to either call CenterPoint Energy or direct one to call 713-207-2222 to ensure that it is safe to perform electrical work. CenterPoint Energy may temporarily disconnect service to the home to allow

work to be performed. Even if one or one's electrician calls and asks to remotely disconnect service, there still could be voltage present. Therefore, we will ask the electrician and you to confirm you want us to proceed before going forward, and will remind you to take precautions around your breakers.

CenterPoint Energy is responsible for and will make repairs to the electric delivery system up to where it connects to your home or business. However, individuals are responsible for repairs if there is damage to the meter box or weatherhead (where the line enters your home through a pipe).

If the meter box or weatherhead is damaged, our crews will not be able to re-establish service. If in doubt, contact a licensed electrician now to make an inspection and any necessary repairs.

Appliance and equipment safety

All electrical appliances and electronic equipment that have been submerged in water must be dried thoroughly for at least one week. Then, one should have them checked by a qualified repair professional before turning them on.

Do not try to repair a flood-damaged appliance as it could result in electrical shock or death. Attempting to restart it could result in further damage and costly repairs.

If the outside unit of one's air conditioning system has

been under water, the controls may have mud and water accumulated in them. Have the unit inspected by a qualified air conditioning technician before using it.

Never connect a portable electric generator or a motor home/RV generator directly to the electrical system during a power outage. Electricity could back feed into the power lines and endanger repair workers.

Call 811 before any digging is started - it's the law. Striking buried utility lines can cause serious injury or death. Alert participating utility companies, such as electric, gas, cable and phone about planned digging so they can mark the appropriate location of their underground lines. Be prepared for a longer than usual wait time during the next few weeks, and do not dig until the lines have been marked.

Natural gas safety tips

Do not turn off the natural gas service at the meter; doing so could allow water to enter the natural gas lines.

Be alert for the smell of natural gas which smells like rotten eggs. If one does smell natural gas, leave the area immediately on foot and tell others to leave, too.

Do not turn on your lights, smoke, strike a match, use a cell phone or operate anything that might cause a spark, including a flashlight or a generator.

Do not attempt to turn natural gas valves on or off. Once one is safely away from the area, call 911 and 888-

876-5786. Once it is safe, CenterPoint Energy will send a trained service technician.

If one's home was flooded, call a licensed plumber or gas appliance technician to inspect the appliances and gas piping to make sure they are in good operating condition before calling CenterPoint Energy to reconnect service. This includes outdoor gas appliances including pool heaters, gas grills and gas lights.

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Be aware of where one's natural gas meter is located. As debris is put out for heavy trash pickup, make sure it is placed away from the meter.

In many areas the meter may be located near the curb. If debris is near a gas meter, the mechanized equipment used by trash collectors could pull up the meter, damaging it and causing a potentially hazardous situation.

If this happens, leave the area immediately and call CenterPoint Energy at 888-876-5786.

Visit CenterPointEnergy.com/StormCenter for natural gas safety tips and other resources.

New Directions sets meetings

New Directions is a singles group for those age 50 and older. Meetings are the first and third Monday's at the Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway, at 6 p.m. There will be a potluck dinner and may include guest speakers and/or group activities. For more information, call Margarita at 832-715-9658.

Dobie 40th high school reunion set

The J. Frank Dobie High School class of 1977 will have its 40th high school reunion Sept. 15 and Sept. 16.

On Friday, Sept. 15, the Oasis Room has been reserved at South Shore Harbor in League City. This will be a casual start to the reunion with light hors d'oeuvres from 7 to 11 p.m.

The reunion will continue on Saturday, Sept. 16, at The Green Event Center with food, music and celebration. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., dinner will be at 7:30 p.m., and the evening will end at midnight.

Tickets are \$100 per person in September and at the door. Ticket price includes Friday night and Saturday night events.

For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.jfrankdobie1977.com.

Ballroom dances on Wednesdays

Everyone is welcome to attend a ballroom dance every Wednesday from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Hometown Heroes Park Ballroom, 1001 E. League City Parkway in League City.

All levels of ability and ages are welcome. Attendance ranges from ages 10 to 94 with an average of 40 to 70 people weekly.

Dancers without partners are welcome along with couples. This is a casual, friendly practice dance where fun is the primary function, and music plays continuously for 2 1/2 hours.

All dance rhythms are played giving everyone an opportunity to practice their favorite dances. This dance includes foxtrot, waltz, rumba, cha cha, tango, tumbia, mambo, salsa, merengue, samba, swing, West Coast swing, polka, hustle, two-step, Viennese waltz, night club two-step, quickstep and bolero.

This dance activity is provided free by volunteers, Neva and Bill Schroder, on behalf of League City.

An activity card is required by the city for all activities. Call the park desk at 281-554-1180 to determine if there might be a cost for your activity card.

Since this casual practice dance is on Wednesday, we call it the "Humpday Dance." Check to learn of dance lesson opportunities for children and adults that are becoming available on different days of the week at Hometown Heroes Park beginning in September.

Shar Hashalom holds monthly discussions

Congregation Shaar Hashalom's own Rabbi Stuart Federow is hosting free, open to the public, weekly discussions.

The sessions are held every second Thursday of the month at Al Basha Mediterranean Grill, 300 Bay Area Blvd. in Webster, from 7 to 9 p.m. The community is invited and anyone can join the discussion and bring questions, thoughts and opinions to share with everyone present.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom is located at 16020 El Camino Real, and is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area.

The entire community is invited to attend. For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.

Introduction of Judaism classes offered

Classes introducing participants to Judaism gives them an opportunity to ask any and all questions regarding Judaism or the Jewish Community. The classes will study and examine Judaism's beliefs regarding sin, sacrifice, atonement, heaven/hell/the afterlife, the devil/Satan, monotheism, the Messiah and other topics.

The class goes through a vocabulary of Jewish life, holidays and holy days, life cycle events and Judaism's view of the controversial issues of the day. The class is mandatory for anyone looking to convert to Judaism. The cost is \$72 for a semester or \$144 for the year and covers the cost of all handouts used in class.

This class meets on Wednesdays evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Congregation Shaar Hashalom, and conducted by Rabbi Stuart Federow.

The congregation, located at 16020 El Camino Real, is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area.

For more information, visit www.shaarhashalom.org or contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.

AARP Webster sets meeting

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 welcomes the public to join them at 10 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 15, at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway in Seabrook.

The group meets in the large building with the blue roof inside Clear Lake Park on the north side of NASA Parkway.

Everyone is invited to come to the meetings and enjoy coffee, cookies, and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting starts at 10 a.m. Each month there is entertainment or a speaker on various topics of interest to seniors. Every two months there is also a potluck lunch.

At September's meeting, Jerry Woodfill will present *Failure is Not an Option: Steps to Success*. Woodfill has been a NASA employee in Houston for the last 52 years.

Working at his console at the Manned Spacecraft Center, Woodfill was part of the historic Apollo 11 first moon landing and later the Apollo 13 rescue team. He will speak at 10:30 a.m. after the business meeting.

The meeting on Friday, Sept. 15, is also a potluck lunch. Members and visitors are encouraged to bring a dish to share after the meeting ends.

Pct. 1 resumes senior activity; opens parks

Harris County Precinct One has re-opened most of its 27 parks. Sheldon Sports Complex, Challenger Seven Memorial, Frankie Carter Randolph and Tom Bass III are parks that are not yet open.

About 70 percent of 309-acre Deussen Park on Lake Houston is open. But the open-air, No. 4 and No. 5 pavilions, and all boat ramps remain closed because of storm debris caused by Hurricane Harvey.

Challenger Seven Memorial Park is open, but the Learning Center received water damage and is closed to the public for repairs.

With the exception of the Tom Bass Community Cen-

ter, which is closed until further notice, the Precinct's six other community centers re-opened Tuesday to host seniors' programs

The after-school programs at Finnigan Youth Education Town (YET) and Lincoln Park Community Center have not yet resumed. However, youth ages 6 and older can enjoy free-play basketball and other activities from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Finnigan Park's gym and from 1 to 6 p.m. at Lincoln Park Community Center.

For information about Precinct One parks' locations, visit hcp1.net/parks.

For seniors' programs, visit hcp1.net/Programs/Seniors-Program.

Low-interest federal disaster loans available

Low-interest federal disaster loans are now available to certain private nonprofit organizations in Texas following President Donald Trump's federal disaster declaration for Public Assistance as a result of Hurricane Harvey that began Aug. 23, 2017, announced Administrator Linda McMahon of the U.S. Small Business Administration. Private nonprofits that provide essential services of a governmental nature are eligible for assistance.

SBA disaster assistance is now available in Aransas, Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller and Wharton counties.

"PNP organizations should contact Grant Administrator Kevin Goodlett, of Texas Department of Public Safety, at 512-375-2818 or kevin.goodlett@dps.texas.gov to obtain information about applicant briefings," said Director Tanya N. Garfield of SBA's Disaster Field Operations Center-West.

"At the briefings, private nonprofit representatives will need to provide information about their organization," continued Garfield. The Federal Emergency Management Agency will use that information to determine if the private nonprofit provides an "essential governmental service" and is a "critical facility" as defined by law. If so, FEMA may provide the private nonprofit with a Public Assistance grant for their eligible costs. If not, FEMA may refer the private nonprofit to SBA for disaster loan assis-

tance. SBA may lend private nonprofits up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets. SBA can also lend additional funds to help with the cost of improvements to protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future.

For certain private nonprofit organizations of any size, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans to help with meeting working capital needs caused by the disaster. Economic Injury Disaster Loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that cannot be paid because of the disaster's impact. Economic injury assistance is available regardless of whether the nonprofit suffered any property damage.

The interest rate is 2.5 percent with terms up to 30 years. The filing deadline to return applications for property damage is Nov. 3, 2017. The deadline to return economic injury applications is June 4, 2018.

Massive shelter effort underway

The American Red Cross is working hard to get help to where it is needed as Hurricane Harvey's catastrophic devastation is being called the worst flooding disaster in U.S. history. Access into many areas is still quite difficult, but with the help and partnership of the U. S. Coast Guard and the Texas National Guard, supplies and volunteers are moving to where they are needed most.

The Red Cross is working very closely with the entire response community - government agencies, other nonprofit groups, faith-based organizations, area businesses and others - to coordinate emergency relief efforts and get help to people as quickly as possible.

Red Cross response
Emergency responders brought rescued families to shelters, while more evacuees streamed in on their own. Estimates indicate at least 32,000 people sought refuge in more than 230 Red Cross and partner shelters across Texas on the night of Aug. 29. Emergency shelters are also open in Louisiana.

More than 1,500 disaster workers are on the ground, and hundreds more are on the way.

They are being joined by a group of highly-skilled volunteers from the Mexican Red Cross who will help support shelters, distribute aid and connect with Spanish speaking disaster survivors to keep them informed about support available to them.

With the help of partners, the Red Cross has served more than 180,000 meals and snacks since the storm began.

There are enough shelter supplies, such as cots and blankets, for more than 50,000 people in Texas. Trailers of kitchen supplies are on the ground to support six kitchens, each able to produce 10,000 meals a day, and six more trailers are on the way.

There are also about 116,000 ready-to-eat meals currently on the ground with an additional 39,000 en route.

More than half of the Red Cross emergency response fleet - 200 emergency response vehicles - have been activated for the operation.

With blood products pre-positioned in Houston and

Dallas ahead of the storm, the Red Cross continues to work closely with local, state and federal authorities to deliver blood and platelets to hospital partners in flood affected-areas.

More than 16 million hurricane and flood alerts have been issued through Red Cross mobile apps, surpassing the 6 million issued for Superstorm Sandy. The alerts provide shelter locations and real-time information.

Additional shelter information

One can find shelters by visiting redcross.org, downloading the free Red Cross Emergency App or calling 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767). The Emergency App is available in app stores by searching for the American Red Cross or going to redcross.org/apps. Shelters are standing by in other states, including Tennessee, Oklahoma and Arkansas, in case they are needed.

One can also check with local officials to find a shelter by downloading the FEMA app or texting SHELTER and one's zip code to 4FEMA (43362). Monitoring local media may also help.

Finding loved ones

The Red Cross Emergency App features an "I'm Safe" button that allows users to post a message to their social accounts, letting friends and family know they are out of harm's way.

The Emergency App is free and can be found in the app store for one's mobile device by searching for "American Red Cross" or by going to redcross.org/apps.

The Red Cross also offers the Safe and Well website which is a secure and more private option than the "I'm Safe" feature on the Emergency App. Safe and Well allows people to list one's own status and allows friends and family to search for messages from their loved ones.

Safe and Well is often used by institutions to register large numbers of people. Nursing homes, assisted living facilities, schools, workplaces and others frequently use Safe and Well to notify people. If looking for a person from one of these settings, Safe and Well might be a good option.

ASPCA deploys team to Houston for pets

In support of the Houston SPCA, the ASPCA is deploying its disaster response team to assist in the transport and relocation of animals displaced by severe flooding following Hurricane Harvey in Harris County, Texas. At the direction of the Houston SPCA, the ASPCA is providing critical sheltering supplies and helping to distribute provisions to serve animal victims of this unprecedented and life-threatening flooding.

The ASPCA's search-and-rescue, sheltering and relocation teams are also actively engaging several municipalities in both Texas and Louisiana to deploy much-needed responders to Harvey-impacted areas. The ASPCA is assisting the Galveston County Animal Resource Center with the transport and relocation of approximately 120 homeless animals from Galveston County to shelters in Austin and Dallas, as well as assisting with the transport of approximately 100 animals who were evacuated with their families from the Beaumont, Texas area to a shelter in Alexandria, Louisiana.

"Even in the wake of this enormous crisis, the city of Houston is well-served by the Houston SPCA, and we're proud to support their work by providing valuable resources and supplies to at-risk animals and pet owners devastated by the impact of Hurricane Harvey," said Matt Bershadker, president and CEO of the ASPCA. "This is a big part of the ASPCA's overall effort in the affected areas, including on-the-ground work in Galveston and parts of Louisiana to help ensure the safety of animals in need."

"As the unimaginable devastation brought on by Hurricane Harvey continues to unfold, the resilience and strength of our community will not be shaken as we come together, neighbors serving neighbors," said Patricia Mercer, president of the Houston SPCA. "We welcome the ASPCA's efforts here in Houston and along the Gulf coast as they help make an impact in our community."

The ASPCA Field Investigations and Response team deploys nationwide to assist in relocation, search-and-rescue, sheltering and placement of animals during disaster situations including wildfires, tornadoes and floods. In addition, they work closely with local agencies across the country to help enhance their animal response capabilities through grants and training opportunities. In 2016, the ASPCA rescued nearly 1,600 animals from disaster situations and responded to eight disasters - including Hurricane Matthew and the wildfire in Lake County, California.

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HAVE A GREAT BIRTHDAY, DAVID!
Former South Belt resident David Griffin, of Plain City, Utah, is wished a happy birthday Sept. 13 from his wife Angela; sons Robert and Kenney; parents Bobby (Leader staffer) and husband Kenneth Griffin; sister Tracy and husband Jim Giles and sons Aaron and Cody and daughter Kristen of Kirkwood South; and friends in the South Belt area.

CONGRATSTO BAYLOR STUDENT AN DAU!
Congratulations are in order for An Dau, a Baylor University student from the South Belt area who graduated and received a Bachelor of Science degree with a double major in biology and political science. The commencement exercises were held Aug. 12 in the Ferrell Center on the Baylor campus.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Sept. 7 through Sept. 13.

Atkinson Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song to Patricia Martinez and Kathie Teuscher Sept. 12.

Burnett Elementary
Send a birthday greeting Sept. 8 to Kelly Douglas. On Sept. 11, Glenda Moore is wished a happy birthday.

Frazier Elementary
Paula Oliva enjoys a birthday Sept. 7. Send a birthday card Sept. 8 to Paula Golden. Light the birthday candles for Becky Shelton Sept. 13.

Meador Elementary
The day for a party for Lauren Riojas is

Sept. 8.

Stuchbery Elementary
Maria Posadas is wished a happy birthday Sept. 7. Curtis Halvorson celebrates a happy birthday Sept. 10. The day for a cake for Lauren Keith is Sept. 12. Blow out the birthday candles Sept. 13 for Erika Irwin.

Roberts Middle School
Sing a happy birthday song Sept. 8 to Alondra Castilleja.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Blow out the birthday candles for Michelle Thomas Sept. 8. America Mendoza is sent birthday greetings Sept. 10. Light the birthday candles Sept. 13 for Phillip Rachuig.

Thompson Intermediate
Share a birthday cake with Ca-Lishea Woods on Sept. 7. Celebrating a birthday Sept. 13 is Ryan Peterson.

Dobie High
Light the birthday candles Sept. 7 to Angie Vazquez Rodriguez. The day for a party for Dianne Berreth is Sept. 8. Birthday greetings are sent to Luke Hales and Irma Iracheta Sept. 9. Celebrate on Sept. 10 with a triple-layer birthday cake for Jaime Bohon, Kellymary Cooling-Davis and Glenn Smith. On Sept. 11, Jeffrey McKnight is wished a happy birthday. Sept. 12 is the day for a cake for Donald Randle. Light the candles on a triple-layer cake Sept. 13 for Jennifer Bland, Thomas Etienne and Erika Garcia.

to its Facebook friends who celebrate a birthday this week:

Thursday, Sept. 7: Gerard Dougherty, Shaun Stevenson, Shelly Robinson, Perla Gonzales, Nicholas Chiapetta, Nora Rangel, George Mottu, Stacy Parker, Paula Oliva, Liliana Olivares, Leann Stokes, Edna Salinas, Angie Hernandez and Yvette Rodriguez; Friday, Sept. 8: Scott Carpenter, Donna Fress, Blades Barber, Joy Witt, Susan Jackson, Deondre Corbin, Rick Coates, Mike Kickirillo, Paula Golden and Carl Heinrich; Saturday, Sept. 9: Sonny Salazar, Carolyn Simon, Maria Aguilar, Jack Staudt, Martin Garcia, Richard Williamson, Amanda Silverthorn-Caldwell and Sarah Joseph; Sunday, Sept. 10: Shellie Ortiz, Veronica Adame, Robert Resendez, Emily Auffarber, Suzy Krienitz, Diane Hall, Christy Cobb and Charles Monty; Monday, Sept. 11: Kyle Patterson, Amber Edwards, Sherrie Hosek-Vandament, Phillip Ford and Dan Sciba; Tuesday, Sept. 12: Tracy Cavazos-Garcia, Rhoda Mohr, Christian Muñoz and Jessica Moore; and Wednesday, Sept. 13: Matthew Koska, Michelle Perez, Holly Kopoulos, Mari Rivera, Debbie Flores, David Griffin, Lisa Clinton, Joe Sanchez and Kathryn Nguyen-Maldonado.

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Flight Museum opening postponed

The Lone Star Flight Museum at Ellington Field postponed both its ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, Sept. 1, and grand-opening celebration on Saturday, Sept. 2.

"Due to weather impacts from Hurricane Harvey and current rescue and recovery efforts, we will postpone our ribbon cutting and grand opening until a more appropriate time," said Douglas H. Owens, retired Lt. Gen. and CEO, Lone Star Flight Museum. "Our thoughts and prayers are with our staff and community and all those affected by the storm and flooding. We will support recovery efforts as we are able and look forward to bringing our new museum to Houston when it is time."

Breaking ground almost a year and a half ago at Ellington Airport, the new \$38 million, 130,000 square-foot aviation history and STEM (science, technology engineering and math) facility will share the story of flight in the lone star state and feature the contributions Texas and Texans have made to aviation.

Highlights of the museum include interactive exhibits focused on STEM concepts essential to flight, a \$1 million Aviation Learning Center, the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame and a marvelous flying collection of historically significant aircraft.

For information on the rescheduled opening date, check the museum's website and social platforms at www.lonestarflight.org and @LoneStarflightmuseum on Facebook and Instagram.

Remember When

40 years ago (1977)
The maintenance committee for the Sageglen Association planned to file suit against four residents in the subdivision who had not complied with the deed restrictions of that area.

20 years ago (1997)
Construction was well underway for the new \$8.1 million Pearland-South Belt Homewood Residence Assisted Living Center, which was being constructed at the end of Scarsdale near the entrance of Green Tee Estates.

15 years ago (2002)
Clear Creek Independent School District residents living in the subdivisions of Sageglen and Blackhawk were to vote to determine if the Harris County portion of CCISD would be annexed into the San Jacinto College District.

more-laden varsity football team stunned Katy Taylor by scoring twice in the last 40 seconds to defeat Taylor 41-29.

5 years ago (2012)
Sagmont Church celebrated the opening of its new \$30 million worship center and adult Bible study building with a community open house and dedication service on Sunday, Sept. 9. The new 2,500-seat worship center features state-of-the-art media capabilities including in-house television and audio recording studios. An expanded bookstore and library are open to the community during the week as is the new Sagmont Café. The new 37,000 square feet of Bible study rooms are also

equipped with media capabilities. Construction was part of a six-year building project that also included erecting the 170-foot cross on the church grounds.

A group of Hispanic leaders has filed a lawsuit against the Pasadena Independent School District, claiming its lack of single-member voting districts violates federal laws that protect minority voters. Plaintiffs in the case argue that PISD's current at-large voting districts dilute the voting strength of Hispanic residents, violating the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the 14th and 15th Amendments. According to the suit, PISD's total enrollment is 52,919 students. Of these, 43,370 (82 percent) are Hispanic, with higher concentrations in the northern and western parts of the district. However, only one Hispanic, Mariselle Quijano-Lerma, currently serves on the school district's seven-member board of trustees. The school district's existing regulations only require board members to reside within the PISD boundaries. The suit alleges that this allows for the possibility that all seven board members could live on the same street, resulting in disproportionate representation of the PISD population. Critics of the lawsuit contend that Hispanics already have a fair say in the vote because they make up a large majority of the district, as a whole. PISD's total population is 242,630. Of this, 160,120 (66 percent) are Hispanic, still giving them an advantage even in at-large races.

Gov. Rick Perry visited with the medical staff leadership of Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital to discuss health care issues facing physicians and hospitals.

1 year ago (2016)
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Belt resident Howard Wayland died. Wayland served as Harris County Precinct 2 justice of the peace for 20 years. Prior to this position he served as the city judge for Jacinto City and as a trial lawyer.

Greg Smith was named the sole finalist for the position of superintendent for the Clear Creek Independent School District. He was replacing outgoing Sandra Mossman who was retiring after 24 years of service.

Some area residents complained that the city initiative to enforce residential parking regulations was doing more harm than good. Longtime South Belt community member Trina Kelly said that after she and several of her neighbors received warnings for blocking the sidewalk on Sageland while parked on their driveways, they were left with no other option than to park in the street, endangering their children and obstructing the flow of traffic - the exact opposite of the city's rationale for launching the initiative.

vehicle as he tried to cross the street in the 10400 block of Hartsook near Frey. Juan Fernandez was pronounced dead at the scene. According to police, Fernandez was attempting to cross the street when he was struck by a white Chevrolet pickup truck, traveling east on Hartsook. Further investigation determined the driver had the right of way when the accident occurred. No charges were filed.

Houston police arrested a mother who, allegedly, left her 3-month-old son unattended in a car Sept. 9 while she patronized a bar in the 11000 block of Fuqua. Amy Dawn Cooney, 31, was charged with felony endangering a child. According to police, Cooney was at Texas Joe's Pub at 11045 Fuqua at roughly 3:30 a.m. when she reportedly told another female customer that she was there with her 3-month-old son. When the patron asked where the baby was, Cooney told her that he was in her car. The patron then asked to see the child. When Cooney opened her car door to show the child to the woman, the other customer grabbed the infant and took him to an off-duty Harris County Sheriff's deputy who was working security at the bar. The deputy then called Houston police, who arrested the mom. Police say the baby was unharmed and released to his grandmother.

Clear Brook's sophomore

Longtime judge and South

A home on Corkwood near Grapewood was destroyed by fire Tuesday, Sept. 6. The fire was electrical in nature. No one was injured in the fire.

Judge Risner Golf Tournament set

The Judge George Risner Golf Tournament will be on Friday, Sept. 22, at the River Terrace Golf Course, 16777 Wallisville Road.

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

The cost of \$125 per player includes golf, half cart, greens fee, drinks (two tickets) per player. There are also different sponsorship opportunities available.

To register for the golf tournament, visit <http://www.judgerisner.com/services.html>.

Bridge Club offers classes

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

NASA Aglow sets meeting

Gladys Seahorn will speak at NASA Aglow on Thursday, Sept. 14 at 9:30 a.m. at Praise Chapel to worship God and to learn more about him. After the meeting everyone enjoys visiting with each other at a nearby restaurant.

Seahorn is the founder, president, and CEO of City of Refuge Global Outreach Ministry locally based in Sugar Land. It is a nonprofit innovative teaching and deliverance ministry that is dedicated to educating believers in the Hebraic roots of Christian faith. CORGM is a Sabbath worshipping congregation that meets each Saturday at Houston Baptist University--Mabee Theater in Houston.

Seahorn is the author of several books and study guides. The most recent releases are "Keys to the Kingdom—Genesis and Exodus" and "Ma'asei HaShlichim—Acts of the Apostles," which is a complete study of the book of Acts that will guide believers through a mind renewing outlook of the writings of the apostles. She conducts workshops, Hebraic roots conferences and revivals throughout the United States and abroad.

Seahorn is the wife of Ivan Seahorn Sr. They have four sons and three grandchildren. She is a graduate of Mississippi Valley State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology. She is also a graduate of the Institute of Hebraic-Christian Studies in Houston, and for six years was an instructor for the institute. Dr. Richard Booker, the founder of IHCS, mentors her in biblical Zionism and Jewish roots of Christianity.

As a student embracing Zionism, Seahorn has been a pilgrim in Jerusalem, Israel for the Feast of Tabernacles on several occasions since 2000. Gladys and Ivan have taken groups to Israel since 2012. CORGM is actively involved in Jewish community affairs in Houston and Israel.

NASA is part of Aglow International with groups in more than 170 countries around the world. NASA Aglow meets every second Thursday at Praise Chapel at 9:30 a.m. The church is located at 15817 Highway 3 in Webster. From 1-45 south, take NASA Road 1 east to Highway 3 and turn left. The church is on the left about one block. For more information, call Sheila at 281-910-1971.

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Dobie cheerleaders ready for school year



The J. Frank Dobie cheerleaders are excited to get the school year started. Shown above are, left to right, (front row) Laila Hernandez, (second row) UCA All American Victoria Ayala, Captain and UCA All American Reagan Razo, Alize Murillo, Genesis Juarez, Briana Loreda, (back row) Michelle Kelley, Maya Scott, Bianca Galindo, Andres Melchor, Captain and UCA Leadership Award

recipient Sara Otwell, Bailee Dang and UCA All American Mascot Shelby Couchman as Lucy. Shown below, the cheerleaders get some help as they put up the senior sign that marks the start of the 2017-2018 school year. Shown, left to right, are (front row) Genesis Juarez, Felicia Barton, Reagan Razo, (on top of ladders) Alize Murillo and Quin Gabino. Photos submitted



Former local duo launch new company

By Jay Do
Former South Belt residents Johnny Loftis and Gus Arbelaez have recently launched an ambitious endeavor into the beer-salt flavoring industry with SALTEEZ, a unique product designed to deliver fresh lime and salt flavor to beer.

Both longtime residents of the Sagemont community, Loftis and Arbelaez attended area schools, graduating from J. Frank Dobie High School in 1997, before attending the University of Houston in Clear Lake.

Once these best friends reached drinking age and began enjoying alcoholic beverages, they quickly developed a taste for adding lime and salt to their beers.

"One of the things that we enjoy is salt and lime on our beers," said Loftis. "There's actually a pretty good market for that, especially in this area. People will put a little lime and a little salt on their beers. That's how I've always enjoyed it, and that's how my partner has always enjoyed it."

Unfortunately, the preparation of the lime and salt flavored beers was not always convenient and always left a mess.

Years passed, and with no solution to address their predicament, both Loftis and Arbelaez remained inconveniently dressing their beers with lime and salt.

Finally, the two decided that it was time for a change, and thus, SALTEEZ was born in the summer of 2016.

Aimed at becoming a revolution in the beer-salt flavoring industry, SALTEEZ offers strips made with real

salt and lime that stick to beer bottles, cans, or cups, giving consumers the tangy and salty flavor to complement their beer.

"We came up with the concept when we were having drinks one night, and I immediately went home and started developing a prototype," said Loftis. "Two days later, I had the first version. The development was a combination figuring out what type of ingredients I can use to make the strip, what can I use to make the salt stick on it, what can I use to get it to stick on a beer. After I created that prototype, my partner, my wife and I realized that we might actually have something that we can market."

In the year that has passed since Loftis initially developed the SALTEEZ prototype, continuous improvements have been made to the product, perfecting it into a product that is fit for the beer-salt market.

"I've refined the shape, the color and the taste," said Loftis. "It's just developed over time, changing and adding things, substituting ingredients. To get it to where it is today has taken a lot of hours in the kitchen. One of the things that's helped me out a lot is the fact that my wife is a really good cook, so she has made a lot of suggestions and modifiers to the product."

Whereas other products offered by competitors tout the ease of dressing beers on-the-go, none can match the convenience of simply peeling off a strip and attaching it to the beer.

It is this aspect of SALTEEZ that was the most difficult for Loftis to overcome, and it is the one that he feels

truly differentiates his product from those of competitors.

"One of the biggest challenges that we encountered was making it stick," said Loftis. "This whole thing doesn't work if it doesn't stick to your beer. There are other products out there that sprinkle onto your beer and it gives you that flavor, but it doesn't stick and it's messy. We wanted three things out of our product. We wanted it to be convenient, we wanted it to be mess-free and we needed it to stick. Creating a product where you peel off the back and stick it to a beer has been the biggest challenge."

Loftis and Arbelaez have since offered SALTEEZ to their friends and family members, testing the product before offering it to consumers. The response they have received from these initial testers has been overwhelmingly positive.

"The response to our product has been twofold," said Loftis. "The people who traditionally like lime and salt in their beer are comparing it to what they're used to, and they think it's great."

"There's also people who don't really like the lime and salt on their beer, but they really like the concept of the product and are really impressed by the innovativeness of the product. That's what we're aiming for, because a product can be really innovative, but if it doesn't taste good, it doesn't matter. The same goes for if it tastes good, but is not innovative. Both of those things are what we are striving for. It has to work and it has to taste good, and so far, our product has been doing both."

Having developed the product, the next step for

Loftis and Arbelaez is taking SALTEEZ to the masses.

As with many new businesses, the largest obstacle facing the partners is overcoming the economies of scale. In order to get the packaging for SALTEEZ at a profitable rate, Loftis and Arbelaez must order a minimum of 3,000 tin cans and 50,000 sheets of parchment paper, 10 of which will go into each tin can.

Hoping to raise the funds required to acquire this capital, the partners have started a Kickstarter campaign, an online fundraising platform, and are asking the public for \$10,000 to help turn SALTEEZ from a vision into reality.

"The Kickstarter is going to allow us to buy all of the ingredients, all of the packaging products and all of the supplies that we need to be able to make the product and get it to our backers," said Loftis.

"We will then have a little bit of product left over to sell directly to consumers, either at trade shows or online. We estimate, if we reach our funding goal, that we are going to have to deliver between 2,000 and 2,500 units. The minimum purchase of the tins is 3,000, so we estimate having about 500 left over to sell on our own."

The campaign has seen a fair amount of success in the few weeks since its launch with more than \$4,000 donated from more than 100 donors.

"Our primary means of spreading awareness of this product is through social me-

dia outreach," said Loftis. "We have found through Google Analytics that the biggest driver to our Kickstarter page is through Facebook, by a margin of over 90 percent. Obviously, we want awareness of the product, but right now, we want to make sure that the customers who like the product ultimately go to the Kickstarter page to support it."

Loftis and Arbelaez will continue to grow and develop SALTEEZ, with plans to incorporate new flavors to the product line.

"We're going to be working on multiple flavors, starting with the common flavors like lemon, chili-lime, orange and things like that," said Loftis. "We're going to test the market to see what our consumers want. Once we get beyond flavors, we will go from there, but that should give us enough room for the next year or two."

More information can be found on the SALTEEZ Facebook page, by searching @OriginalSALTEEZ on Facebook, or by visiting the SALTEEZ website at www.originalsalteez.com.

Loftis and Arbelaez remain confident in their product and hopeful that others will believe in their vision.

"This is a product that we developed for our own personal use," said Loftis. "We would not be taking this to market if we did not get the response and feedback that we did. The positive feedback was what drove us to try to market this product."

Information on immunization, vaccinations available at San Jac

At the beginning of the school year, families scramble to book appointments to their doctors for last-minute immunizations to meet school requirements.

Families are reminded of the other types of vaccines and immunizations available to prevent serious, sometimes deadly, diseases. Dr. Alexander Okwonna, pharmacist and San Jacinto College dean of natural and health sciences, said some of the more common vaccines and immunizations include influenza; hepatitis A and hepatitis B; meningitis; tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (Tdap); and pneumococcal. He offered additional information on each of these vaccines.

Influenza (flu)
The flu vaccine is recommended for everyone age 6 months and older. While seasonal influenza (flu) viruses can be detected year-round in the United States, flu viruses are most common during the fall and winter.

The exact timing and duration of flu seasons can vary, but influenza activity often begins to increase in October. Most of the time flu activity peaks between December and February, although activity can last as late as May.

Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B
Hepatitis A and hepatitis B vaccines are recommended for college students, if not already received.

The hepatitis A and hepatitis B viruses are two members of a family of closely related diseases. Hepatitis causes inflammation of the liver, and it can be serious or even life threatening.

Meningitis
The meningitis vaccine

is recommended for all seventh-graders and first-time students entering college. Meningitis is an inflammation of the protective membranes covering the brain and spinal cord.

Bacterial meningitis is very serious and can be deadly. Death can occur in as little as a few hours. Most people recover from meningitis. However, permanent disabilities can result from the infection.

San Jacinto College has partnered with the Harris County Public Health Department and VaxNation to offer free and reduced cost meningitis vaccinations. For information about the shots to be offered on Tuesday, Sept. 12, visit <http://www.sanjac.edu/san-jacinto-college/meningitis-information>.

Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap)
It is recommended that everyone receive a Tdap booster vaccine every 10 years. Tetanus is an infection caused by bacteria, which can invade the body and produce a toxin that causes painful muscle contractions, commonly known as "lockjaw."

Pertussis, also known as whooping cough, is caused by bacteria that leads to a highly contagious respiratory disease. Pertussis can affect people of all ages, but can be very serious, even deadly, for babies less than a year old.

Diphtheria is an infection caused by bacteria that can lead to a thick covering in the back of the throat. This may lead to breathing problems, heart failure, paralysis, and even death.

Pneumococcal
The pneumococcal vac-

cine is recommended for all adults 65 years or older, for people ages 2 through 64 who may be at increased risk for disease due to certain medical conditions, and adults 19 through 64 years old who smoke cigarettes.

The pneumococcal disease is caused by bacteria and can result in infections of the ears and sinuses, and pneumonia and bloodstream infections.

Students who enter the San Jacinto College pharmacy technician program are required to have vaccines for Tdap; measles, mumps and rubella; hepatitis B; varicella; flu; and a TB skin test.

For more information about the San Jacinto College pharmacy technician program, visit <http://www.sanjac.edu/career/pharmacy-technician>.

FEMA raises awareness on rumors, scams, fraud

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is raising awareness that Hurricane Harvey disaster survivors, and their friends and family, must be alert for false rumors, scams, identity theft and fraud.

Although many Americans are working hard to help their neighbors now, during chaotic times, some will always try to take advantage of the most vulnerable.

To dispel some of the false rumors circulating on the internet and social media, FEMA created a dedicated website to address some of the most common themes. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Visit <https://www.fema.gov/hurricane-harvey-rumor-control> to get the most accurate information from trusted sources.

How to protect oneself, or

someone you care about, from disaster fraud
Federal and state workers do not ask for, or accept, money. FEMA staff will never charge applicants for disaster assistance, home inspections, or help filling out applications. Stay alert for false promises to speed up the insurance, disaster assistance or building permit process.

In person, always ask to see any FEMA employee ID badges. FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance teams may be in impacted communities providing information and assisting survivors with the registration process or their applicant files.

SEEN ABWA sets meeting
Join the South East Express Network of American Business Women's Association for its monthly luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 14, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Spring Creek Barbeque (private meeting room) in Pearland.

One will network and learn how scheduling saves time and money on social media from Lindsey Meadows of Meadows Resources.

The cost for the meal and meeting fee is \$20. RSVP by Sept. 12 at www.seen-abwa.org.

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

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If you suspect fraud, contact the FEMA Disaster Fraud Hotline at 866-720-5721 or

report it to the Federal Trade Commission at www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov.

More information on disaster-related fraud is available at the Texas Attorney General's Office website at <http://www.agjef.com> or contact the National Center for Disaster Fraud's hotline at 1-866-720-5721.

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Visit <http://www.agjef.com> or contact the National Center for Disaster Fraud's hotline at 1-866-720-5721.

Israeli Folk Dancing dates set

And the dancing continues. What was meant to last only four to five months is now in its eighth year, as the participants do not want to stop dancing.

The sessions are not built on one another, so missing a few sessions or just starting still affords catching up quickly.

The dances are held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

This month's session dates are Sept. 11, Sept. 18 and Sept. 25. There will be no session on Sept. 4 for Labor Day.

The cost for CSH members is \$4 per session or \$35 for 10 sessions. The cost for nonmembers is \$5 per session or \$45 for 10 sessions.

Dancing is an excellent cardiovascular exercise while having fun, and everyone is welcome to join the group.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom is located at 16020 El Camino Real in Houston and is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area.

The entire community is invited to attend.

For more information contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.

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For additional information, visit [roteohouston.com/Educational-Support/Commitment](http://www.roteohouston.com/Educational-Support/Commitment).

Tech colleges receive \$200K from HLSR

Forty-nine students from seven Houston-area technical colleges and institutions received \$200,000 in vocational scholarships from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo for the 2017-2018 academic year.

"The Vocational Scholarship Awards program was established in 2015 to assist students pursuing degrees in technical fields," said Joel Cowley, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo president and CEO.

"We are proud to support our local colleges as they prepare students of all ages and backgrounds to fill the need for skilled workers and contribute to our economy."

Each year, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo selects local colleges and institutions to receive funds based on the type and cost of technical programs offered.

For 2017, the Rodeo is supporting Houston Community College, Lamar Institute of Technology, Lee College, Lone Star College, San Jacinto College and Texas State Technical College.

In three years, the Rodeo has awarded \$600,000 in support of technical education. Each school that receives funding through the Vocational Scholarship Awards program is responsible for the selection of recipients and disbursement of scholarship

funds.

Since the program's inception, more than 150 students have received financial assistance from the rodeo, approximately 50 students have

graduated, and the remaining expect to complete their studies at the end of the spring 2018 semester.

The Vocational Scholarship Awards are a portion of the ro-

deco's overall commitment to education.

For additional information, visit [roteohouston.com/Educational-Support/Commitment](http://www.roteohouston.com/Educational-Support/Commitment).

Locals launch SALTEEZ



Johnny Loftis is shown above holding the new product he and Gus Arbelaez (not pictured) launched. Loftis and Arbelaez are both South Belt area residents and have created their own beer salt named SALTEEZ.

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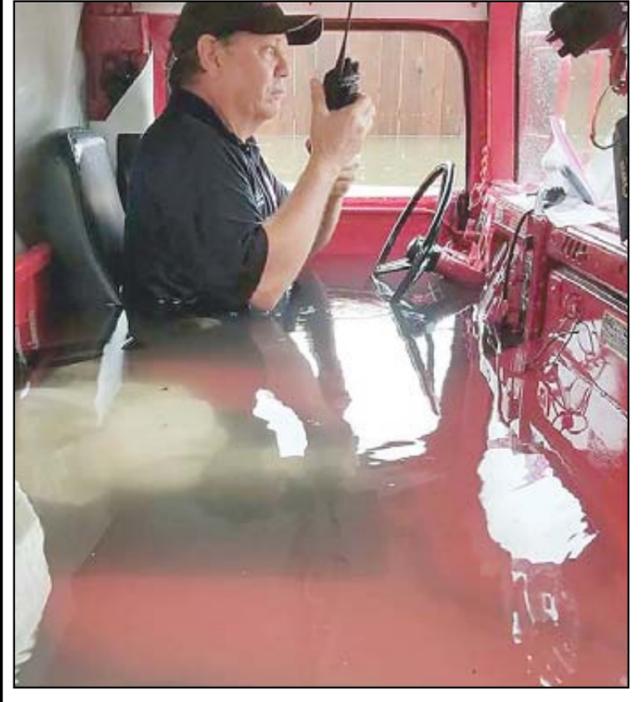
An example of many families who went above and beyond during a time of need is the Vela family who volunteered at the shelter at Dobie High School. Shown are, left to right, (front) Matthew Vela, (second row) Mady Vela, Zoe Vela, Monica Vela and (back) Robert Vela. Many other families and individuals in the South Belt community helped with the shelter, as well as made donations.

Mixed signals being sent



Area residents have been receiving mixed signals in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. Clear Brook City MUD Office Manager Cecilia Ganje is shown above with a sign with debris collection instructions written in Spanish. County officials said they had run out of signs in English. Ganje is also holding a black plastic garbage bag, which was distributed by the American Red Cross. Ironically, FEMA has instructed residents to not use black plastic garbage bags, as clear bags allow inspectors to search for hazardous waste. Ganje and Dean Baier, both of CBCMUD helped the district's residents throughout the tragedy. *Photo by Marie Flickinger.*

Cino answers calls



Southeast Volunteer Fire Department Asst. Chief David Cino listens in on the radio for the next call in the "Red Baron" bushtruck, which is full of water. Nothing would stop Cino from saving residents. Cino and his wife Shelly also flooded.

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Texas State Guard lends a hand



The Texas State Guard worked with the American Red Cross during the last days of the shelter at Dobie High School. Shown are, left to right, (front row) Cpl. Guajardo, Harris County Tax-Assessor Collector Ann Harris Bennett, Staff Sgt. Butler, Cpl. Maung, (back row) Sgt. John Turner, Cpl. Schmeder and Pfc. Kerby. Bennett was rescued by members of the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department and additional community volunteers. *Photo by Marie Flickinger*

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Hilton helps out

Hilton Koch, founder of Hilton Furniture and Mattress, sent moving trucks from his company to the rescue during Harvey. Shown, right, the moving trucks were used to transport items, such as food, out of the shelter to other shelters that needed supplies. The trucks were also used to transport clothing donations to other donation sites. Koch also used the moving trucks to rescue people from flooded waters and transported several people to safety.

Schreck, Baier gear up



Ross Shreck (left) and Dean Baier get ready to help with flood evacuations. At the time of this photo, little did they know how many residents would need to be rescued. Baier and the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department spent countless hours rescuing residents from high water. *Photo by Marie Flickinger*

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22-6A officials eye return to normalcy ASAP

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

Sooner rather than later, things will return to as normal as possible in the District 22-6A ranks.

Pasadena ISD Director of Athletics Rupert Jaso, speaking to the *Leader*

just after the Labor Day break, outlined a few key details.

Football: In District 22-6A, teams will scrimmage against the regularly-scheduled opponents, with the regular season officially getting underway

the following week.

What that means for the Longhorns will host the Summer Creek Bulldogs Friday, Sept. 8, in a scrimmage at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

The Longhorns, in turn, will kick off their regular season Thursday, Sept. 14, against Morton Ranch, also at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena, in a 7 p.m. kickoff.

Dobie's schedule, as was originally planned, will play out from there.

Elsewhere involving 22-6A Sept. 7-9, Sam Rayburn will scrimmage against Aldine at Thorne Stadium, while South Houston will travel to Dement Stadium in Galena

Park to scrimmage against the Yellowjackets.

The Pasadena Eagles

will scrimmage Chavez, and the Memorial Mavericks are scheduled to

scrimmage at Vidor.

The 22-6A volleyball season is slated to be

served up Friday, Sept. 8, with one caveat.

Dobie, which is slated to host Beaumont West Brook that evening, may have to postpone the match.

Jaso said the West Brook High School campus in Beaumont suffered sufficient water/other damage to push the Lady Bruins out of their practice gymnasium.

District 22-6A officials, in turn, simply want to be able to give West Brook sufficient time to prepare for league play.

The Lady Longhorns will officially begin 22-6A play Tuesday, Sept. 12, at South Houston High School.

Dobie will instead host Conroe and Summer Creek in a tri-match Friday, Sept. 8, at 4 p.m. And the Lady Longhorns are ready to compete. All levels will compete at varying times.

The trickiest issue to navigate may be within Pasadena ISD's intermediate sports ranks.

Thompson suffered some of the most extensive damage in the district, leaving the facility unus-

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At right, Dobie varsity football head coach Mike Norman and his staff as well as players are more than ready to return to the field. The Longhorns will scrimmage Summer Creek Sept. 8, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. The subvarsity action will begin at 9 a.m., with the varsity play coming at 10:30 a.m.



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High-powered Wolverines prepare to invade La Porte

What better way to kick off the 2017 varsity football season than to travel to one of the toughest stadiums to play in the entire Region III ranks.

Looking to return to a sense of normalcy following the extensive damage caused by Hurricane Harvey, the Clear Brook Wolverines have elected to keep their regularly scheduled game at La Porte intact.

Clear Brook began pre-season workouts Aug. 7 and did have one scrimmage against Texas City before a second scrimmage and tons of practice time was lost to Harvey.

Clear Creek ISD officials gave programs the okay to begin practicing Sept. 3. Ditto at La Porte, where the Bulldogs have practiced this pre-season but did not get the benefit of a scrimmage.

The Wolverines, like almost every other team in the Region III ranks, are chomping at the bit to get the season going.

They'll do just that, traveling to La Porte Saturday, Sept. 9, to face the defending District 22-6A champion Bulldogs in what is now the season opener for both teams.

La Porte is coming off a 9-3 season that included a perfect 6-0 run through

District 22-6A that included winning the championship. But things are much anew this time around for the Bulldogs.

Just six total starters returned across the board, and then there are Hurricane Harvey issues to deal with which to deal.

Meanwhile, the Wolverines, as reported many times over, possess one of the best set of offensive skill position players anywhere in the Region III ranks.

"We certainly understand that La Porte lost some outstanding football players to graduation (after last season)," Clear Brook varsity football head coach Mike Allison said.

"They have some key spots to fill certainly at the varsity level, but we have the utmost respect for (La Porte head coach) Jeff LaReau, his staff and

certainly his players. They are always well prepared and ready to play."

Make no mistake, the Bulldogs are always in the hunt when it comes to district titles, but can the group come together fast enough to tame the Wolverines?

For Allison, it's a road game against La Porte, and it's concerning on any level.

"When you go up against La Porte, you better buckle up your chin strap and be ready to go when the opening kickoff takes place," Allison said. "We do have a lot of experience, particularly on offense. Hopefully, that plays to our advantage."

But every coach across the region and state that has seen his or her athletic program affected adversely by Hurricane Harvey is concerned about just how quickly things come together. Clear Brook is no different.

"We are not where we would like to be, but the effort of the kids has been there and more," Allison said.

"I think everybody is just itching to get out there and play football, to hit somebody and to coach against one another," Allison said. "We're very excited to play."

2017 Opener

Clear Brook at La Porte

Saturday, Sept. 9

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GAT, BHI to play friendly

On April 1, 1979, an arsonist set a fire at Frazier Elementary that eventually led to many of the Owls' students being transported by bus to Genoa Elementary for the remainder of the school year.

Fast forward to now, and Beverly Hills is preparing to share its facilities with Thompson students. As was reported in the Aug. 31 *Leader*, Thompson Intermediate was one of the more heavily-damaged of those in Pasadena ISD, requiring students from Thompson to head to Beverly Hills.

Administrators and instructors will no doubt do their very best to make the transition as smooth as possible. Part of the transition will include the Bears' athletes sharing their practice fields and gymnasiums with the Lions as the football and volleyball seasons get going.

When school resumes Sept. 11, practices will also begin.

leypall season is scheduled to begin Sept. 14, while the football season will kick off Sept. 25.

Teams from Thompson and Beverly Hills will practice separately, and the rivalry will no doubt remain as fire hot as ever. The lone difference is that students from both schools will now share some of the same hallways in classrooms at Beverly Hills Intermediate.

Where it relates to athletics, the move is expected to be as seamless as possible. While there is a rivalry, there is no animosity.

Players on both sides will be expected to respect one another accordingly. It's all about teamwork and family at this point.

First-year Beverly Hills head football coach Michael Arroyo, who lost nearly everything during Hurricane Harvey, said the Lions will be absolutely welcome on campus.

"Whatever we need to do to welcome the Lions,

we will certainly do so," he said. "We understand their needs at this point."

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TicketRoar option comes to PISD FB

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

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

TicketRoar provides simplified ticketing solutions to schools by offer-

ing convenient purchasing options for fans and gives patrons the option to print tickets at home or present tickets on their smart phone at the gate.

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

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

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

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

Sports Calendar

FOOTBALL

Friday, Sept. 8

Dobie scrimmage vs. Summer Creek, Veterans, 9 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 9

Brook varsity at La Porte, Bulldog Stadium, 7:00

Wednesday, Sept. 13

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

Thursday, Sept. 14

Dobie varsity hosts Morton Ranch, Veterans, 7:00
Brook JV Red hosts South Houston, 6:00
Brook JV Black hosts South Houston, 4:30
Brook freshman Black at South Houston, 4:30
Brook freshman Red at South Houston, 4:30

Friday, Sept. 15

Brook varsity at South Houston, Veterans, 7:00

VOLLEYBALL

Friday, Sept. 8

Brook varsity hosts Clear Falls, 6:00
Brook JV hosts Clear Falls, 5:00
Brook freshman A hosts Clear Falls, 4:15
Brook freshman B hosts Clear Falls, 5:15

Tuesday, Sept. 12

Brook varsity at Clear Creek, 6:00
Dobie varsity at South Houston, 6:30
Dobie JV at South Houston, 5:30
Brook JV at Clear Creek, 5:00
Dobie freshman A at South Houston, 4:30
Brook freshman A at Clear Creek, 4:15
Brook freshman B at Clear Creek, 5:15
Dobie freshman B at South Houston, 4:30

Friday, Sept. 15

Brook varsity at Friendswood, 4:30
Dobie varsity hosts Sam Rayburn, 6:30
Dobie JV hosts Sam Rayburn, 5:30
Brook JV at Friendswood, 5:30
Dobie freshman A hosts Sam Rayburn, 4:30
Brook freshman A at Friendswood, 6:30
Dobie freshman B hosts Sam Rayburn, 4:30

SOCCER

Friday, Sept. 8

San Jacinto College at Northeast, 2:00

Saturday, Sept. 9

San Jacinto College at Paris, 2:00

Friday, Sept. 15

San Jacinto College at Coastal Bend, 4:00

Saturday, Sept. 16

San Jacinto College at Laredo, 5:00

TENNIS

Friday, Sept. 15

Dobie varsity hosts Copperas Cove, 8:30 a.m.
Dobie varsity at Remembering Ike tourn., TBA

Saturday, Sept. 16

Dobie varsity at Remembering Ike tourn., TBA

Tuesday, Sept. 19

Dobie varsity hosts Beaumont West Brook, 3:00

Longhorns to scrimmage Bulldogs as football returns to Veterans

The score won't matter in the end, but at least the Clear Springs and Dobie football programs will be able to get back to action in quick fashion following Hurricane Harvey.

Pasadena ISD officials earlier this week elected to play a round of scrimmage games prior to allowing the games to count.

Dobie could have scrimmaged against Clear Springs, but it was decided that players, coaches and students who attend Clear Springs simply need more time to prepare.

Dobie was supposed to open the regular season against Summer Creek but saw it canceled by Hurricane Harvey. Now, the two teams will scrimmage against one another.

The Longhorns will have to deal with Summer Creek dual-threat quarterback John Holcombe, who has verbally committed to playing collegiately at Kansas State University.

But rather than concern themselves with Holcomb

Jordan, local business owner dies during Hurricane Harvey

Ruben Jordan, owner of Friendswood Driving's three locations and former longtime Clear Creek High School football and track and field coach, died as a result of Hurricane Harvey.

Jordan, who spent 34 years at Clear Creek High School before retiring in 2015, was assisting others into a rescue boat Aug. 26 when he was swept away by the swift currents near West Bay Area Blvd.

After roughly 72 hours, Jordan's body reportedly was recovered by personnel with the Friendswood Police Department.

Jordan attended high

school at Tyler John Tyler, where he was a football teammate of Houston Oiler legend and NFL Pro Football Hall of Famer Earl Campbell.

Jordan eventually landed at Clear Creek High School, where he was the longtime head track and field coach and an assistant on the Wildcats' football staff.

Services for Jordan will be held Saturday, Sept. 9, at Clear Creek Community Church, beginning at 2 p.m. Following the services, there will be a balloon release held at the Clear Creek High School track.

and his capabilities in a scrimmage environment, the Longhorns are looking to get back on track.

"We have basically been away from the football field for nine days, and that is a long time to not have the pads on or to really not do anything football related," Dobie varsity football head coach Mike Norman said.

"On (Aug. 31) we had about 30 players and about five coaches out in the neighborhood helping those in need with pulling out carpet, just whatever they needed to do. The entire time, those kids wanted to know when we were going to start practicing and when we were going to start playing games."

Once officials allowed programs to resume voluntary and then structured practices, the Longhorns were ready to go, Norman said.

"We had that first voluntary practice (Sept. 4) and had about 85 kids, and now we have had two days

of practice with more and more players attending. We have had most of the varsity guys each day.

"We still plan to have two full freshman teams and two junior varsity teams.

"Right now, we have one each, so we will just have to see what the numbers are when everybody gets back.

"There is the possibility that we will lose some kids who maybe lost their home and have had no choice but to transfer. We

don't really know those answers until Sept. 11 and beyond."

Members of the Dobie coaching staff were generally pleased with the level of retention the players showed in terms of offensive and defensive play calling.

When the scrimmage comes, Norman said the Longhorns will focus on proper execution and making plays. Coaches are always looking for aggressive, playmaking types of players, and Dobie is no

different. "Staying healthy is a key, but we also want to see more progress at the various position groups," Norman said. "The offensive line is progressing, and we have a veteran group at linebacker."

"We still need to show some more things along the defensive front, in the secondary and just generally overall."

"We will get there. There are a lot of teams going through the same issues. We will be fine."

Longhorns Back To The Gridiron

Friday, Sept. 8 – Dobie hosts Summer Creek scrimmage, Veterans Stadium, Pasadena, 9 a.m. subvarsity; 10:30 a.m. varsity

Wednesday, Sept. 13 – Dobie JV Orange (6 p.m.) and White (4:30 p.m.) play at Morton Ranch; Dobie freshman Orange and White (both 4:30 at Dobie) host Morton Ranch.

Thursday, Sept. 14 – Dobie varsity hosts Morton Ranch, Veterans Stadium, Pasadena, 7 p.m. Regular season opener for both teams.

Week 5 BAFBL games

Saturday, Sept. 9

**Sagemont Cowboys at League City 49ers
League City Sportsplex, 8 a.m.**

**Southbelt Dolphins at Magnolia Park Sharks
Mason Park, 8 a.m.**

Ellington Rams – Bye week

Lozano notches first goal at Iowa Western

At right, Dobie High School Class of 2017 graduate Sabino Lozano (23) has already made his mark at Iowa Western Community College as a member of the men's soccer team. In the team's second game of the season – Sept. 2 against Laramie County College, Lozano scored his first collegiate goal. The tally came just seven minutes into the game and eventually led the way to a 6-1 victory for Iowa Western, which began the season ranked third nationally in the first National Junior College Athletic Association national poll. Laramie County, meanwhile, began the season ranked No. 18. Lozano, a four-year starter at Dobie, helped guide the Longhorns to the Region III championship last spring as the program made its first-ever appearance at state. Lozano was also named the Player of the Year in the Houston area following the season.



Dobie will play an eight-game regular season schedule, with nondistrict games to precede 22-6A action. The Longhorns will face Morton Ranch Sept. 14 and then host Dawson Sept. 22. Then comes the 22-6A opener at Deer Park.

Norman is excited to have a pair of nondistrict games to help prepare for the league opener. By that time, the players will be in football shape from a physical standpoint, and there should be more answers than questions about

various positions on the field, etc.

"Overall, we have had a great team spirit and desire to get back out on the football field," Norman said.

"All of us certainly understand that some players and there families were more adversely affected than others. But the spirit has been great, and these kids just want to return to something normal. We're off to a good start, and I'm sure once school starts we will be able to get things smoothed out."

BAFL officials confirming cancelled games to be played

While two weeks of the Bay Area Football League season have been delayed by the arrival and subsequent damage caused by Hurricane Harvey, the season will be played in its entirety.

A Facebook post dated Aug. 28 stated: "Dear BAFL family, We hope everyone is safe and doing the best they can."

This is a very tragic disaster happening to our be-

loved city. We just wanted to reach out to everyone and let you know that week four games (Sept. 2) have been canceled. We would like everyone to focus on their families and try to get their personal lives in order.

We do intend on making up weeks 3 and 4 games later on this season. God bless everyone and we are all praying for your safety."

Bay Area Football League

Senior Division

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

Junior Division

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

Sophomore Division

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

Freshman Division

Teams	W	L	T
Eagles	2	0	0
Hurricanes	2	0	0
Rams	2	0	0
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Cowboys	1	1	0
Texans	1	1	0
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Following Harvey, Dobie tennis will ease its way back into action

Dobie High School tennis coach Manuel Moreno Jr. and his family have been through hurricanes (Ike comes to mind) and tropical storms previous to now as Galveston residents.

In other words, Moreno has been there and done that. Calling himself fortunate this time, Moreno told the *Leader* that he, his loved ones and their possessions were largely left intact this time.

Still, Moreno is not interested in thinking about the game of tennis right now. It's his lifelong passion, and he's built a successful career while teaching young players the game. For now, though, it

can wait.

"It's just really hard to think about tennis right now," Moreno admitted. "I still haven't had a chance to talk with many of my players to see how they were affected. I'm going to start contacting some of them (in the next day or so), but right now, it's just not that important."

Classes are due to begin in the Pasadena ISD on Monday, Sept. 11. When that time comes, the Longhorns will restart their tennis season.

At 4-6 through 10 team tennis matches, the Longhorns will not get a chance to play Morton Ranch in a nondistrict match after the

Katy area was hit hard by Hurricane Harvey.

Dobie is the primary host site for the Remembering Ike tournament, a sizable event in terms of the number of programs set to compete. That's set for Friday and Saturday, Sept. 15-16.

Moreno knows some teams may have to cancel, but he has already spoken to coaches of other programs who still want to play.

The various brackets may be adjusted a bit in the end, but the Remembering Ike tournament is likely to signify Dobie's big return to the court after the long layoff.

Following that, Dobie



At right, Dobie's Emily Nugyen smacks a backhand return during a nondistrict match at the Longhorn courts. At 4-6 so far this season, the Longhorns are looking forward to getting back to the nets after the weather delay.

Photo by John Bechtel

is scheduled to take on Beaumont West Brook in the District 22-6A opener for both teams. Dobie is the host team, but with the West Brook High School in Beaumont having incurred water damage and a good portion of the area going more without than with, the match against the Bruins may have to be de-

layed. Time will tell.

"There are just other more important things right now than tennis," Moreno said.

"We'll get back to the season, and we should be able to complete the district schedule just fine. We'll worry about all of that on Sept. 11 when school starts again.

There's certainly nothing at issue with Moreno's opinion to take his time easing Dobie tennis back into action.

While there are those who wish to return to the way things were two weeks ago, there are others who deserve the extra time that is needed to properly recover.

22-6A athletic teams to return to action

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able. When classes resume Monday, Sept. 11, it is expected that Thompson students will attend Beverly Hills Intermediate.

Sharing football fields and volleyball gymnasiums will require both craftiness as well as courtesy and consideration.

best for those involved.

"Everybody wants to get back to a sense of normalcy, which includes athletic competition," Jaso said.

"But we also have to remember that the situation is more dire for some than others, and we have to keep everyone's family and loved ones in our thoughts.

Clear Brook will begin the 24-6A ledger by hosting Clear Falls Sept. 8, at 6 p.m. On Sept. 12, the Lady Wolverines will play at Clear Creek, also at 6 p.m.

While Clear Brook's varsity football team will play at La Porte Sept. 9, in a regularly-scheduled game, Clear Lake of 24-6A will also open its season Sept. 8, at Texas City's Stingaree Stadium.

The intermediate volleyball season isn't likely to resume until Thursday, Sept. 21, with Beverly Hills and Thompson set to play at Dobie High School in the eighth-grade division. The seventh-grade matches will be played at Beverly Hills Intermediate.

"We all want to get back to a routine of sorts, but we also have to be mindful of what families are dealing with at this time. We all have to get through this together, and the district is doing its best to accommodate everyone's needs."

District 24-6A outlook

Meanwhile, Clear Creek (The Heights), Clear Springs (Dobie) and Clear Falls (Bellaire) will compete in scrimmage games.

If there is a silver lining to any of this, it is that district play across the region will not be affected. The race to the postseason will be contested on an even playing field.

Football, meanwhile, will lose two weeks of scheduled games. District officials would like to maintain the scheduled championship round at season's end, so plans will remain fluid at present.

As it stands, Jaso said once students return to school Sept. 11, they are afforded a four-day acclimation period, followed by seven days of practicing in pads.

What that all means is the intermediate football season is currently slated to begin Sept. 25.

Each of these plans, of course, will remain flexible and subject to change.

JFD volleyball will see 22-6A opener delayed

The Dobie and Clear Brook volleyball programs have waited to compete for quite some time now.

It seems like forever since Clear Brook defeated Dobie in straight sets back on Aug. 18.

Sandwiched around that match, Dobie went to the Dickinson ISD Invitational, getting wins over

Second Baptist, Angleton and Channelview while losing to Baytown Sterling and Lumberton.

On Aug. 22, Dobie lost to Dickinson in four sets, defeating the Lady Gators 28-26 in the first game but then losing 25-21, 25-20, 25-15.

The same essentially holds true for the Clear Brook Lady Wolverines,

who also have not competed in a live match since sweeping Dulles 25-12, 25-16, 25-21, also on Aug. 22.

The Lady Wolverines were supposed to be in the mix at the Clear Creek ISD Invitational, but that tournament was wiped out by Hurricane Harvey.

Clear Brook, which is 6-6 this season and still

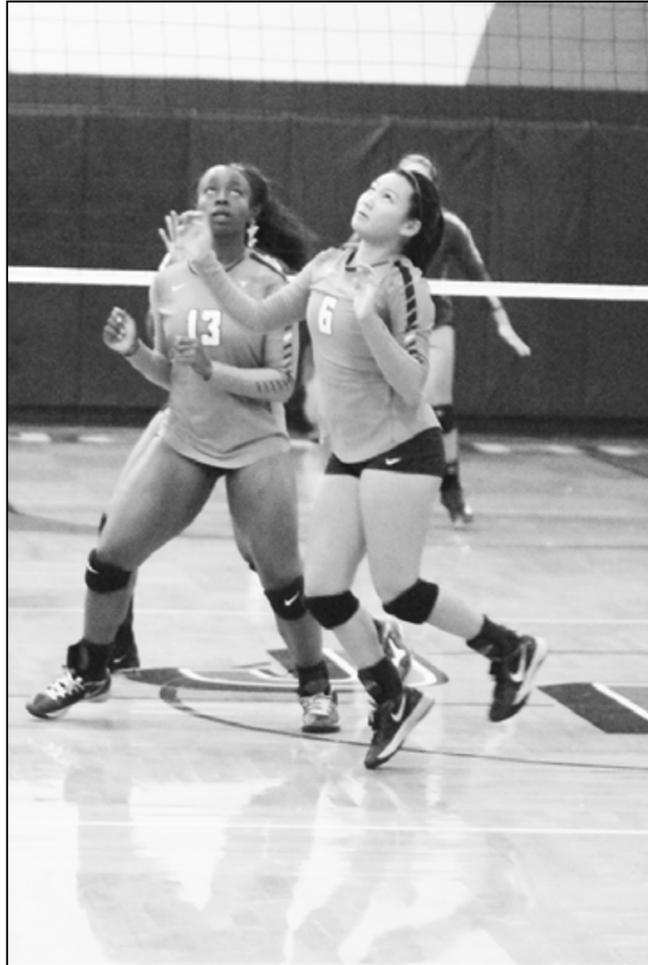
playing without the services of standout player Jordan Russell, is due to open District 24-6A action Friday, Sept. 8 against Clear Falls.

The Clear Brook gymnasium did get wet, but players were summoned Sept. 4 for a court drying session, and everything should be good to go for the 24-6A opener.

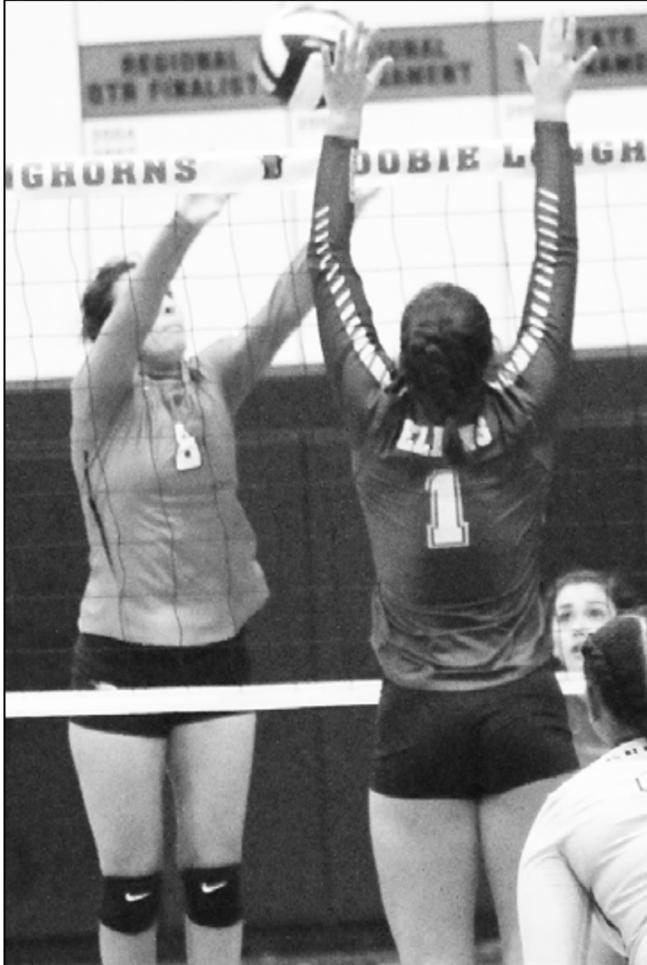
If it goes off as planned, the 24-6A race to the playoffs will begin 17 days after teams involved last competed.

The wait will be longer. As Pasadena ISD Director of Athletics Rupert Jaso detailed, the Beaumont area, including West Brook High School, was hit hard by the hurricane and its constant rains.

Therefore, Dobie will not face the Lady Bruins Sept. 8. Instead, the Lady Longhorns will host Conroe and Summer Creek in a Friday, Sept. 8 tri-match at Dobie. Play begins at 4 p.m., therefore avoiding having to deal with a full three-week absence from the court when they travel to South Houston on Sept. 12.



Dobie's Victoria Onozie (13) and Melody Le (6) track the flight of the ball during a nondistrict match. The Lady Longhorns have not played a live match since August 26, so are obviously looking forward to getting back on the court.



With District 22-6A action coming soon, Dobie's play at the net will come into focus against some of the taller front lines. Senior Madison Taylor (8) is one of the versatile players counted on to excel.

Photos by John Bechtel

Upcoming Schedule

- Sept. 8** – Dobie football program hosts Summer Creek scrimmage, Veterans Stadium, Pasadena. Clear Brook volleyball hosts Clear Falls, 6 p.m.
- Sept. 9** – Clear Brook varsity football plays at La Porte, live game, Bulldog Stadium, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 11** – School begins.

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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 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.

10 a.m.

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

Noon

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

6-8 p.m.

CrossRoads UMC – Invites everyone to the Thursday night service beginning with a light meal and fellowship at 6 p.m. followed by a praise, worship and prayer service at 7 p.m. at 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Afterward both pastors lead a Bible study in English and Spanish. Everyone is welcome.

7 p.m.

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

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

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
7 a.m.

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

10 a.m.

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

Noon

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

7 p.m.

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

8 p.m.

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
7:30 a.m.

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

10 a.m.

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

11 a.m.

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

1 p.m.

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

8 p.m.

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
1 p.m.

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

2 p.m.

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

Scleroderma Support Group – Do you know someone with scleroderma? Join a support group on the second Sunday, 2 to 4 p.m., at Memorial Hermann Northeast Hospital in Humble. Bring a friend. Call Jacob Davila at 281-706-6232, or email jdavila@scleroderma.org.

5:30 p.m.

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

7 p.m.

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

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

8 p.m.

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
10 a.m.

Al-Anon Deer Park – Mondays, 10 to 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.

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

11:30 a.m.

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

Noon

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

3:15 p.m.

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

6-8 p.m.

CrossRoads UMC – Mercy Hearts meets on the second and fourth Mondays, 6 to 8 p.m., at CrossRoads UMC located at 10030 Scarsdale. The focus of the new Mercy Hearts is support for families of inmates and ex-offenders. The program will provide a complimentary meal, group Bible study and discussion. Child care is provided. This is a confidential ministry and information will be treated accordingly. For details, contact C. Talbot at 281-245-7072 or Chucktal@msn.com.

6 p.m.

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

Mended Hearts Cardiac Support Group – A national organization dedicated to inspiring hope in heart patients and families meets the second Monday at the Clear Lake Heart Towers auditorium, 495 Medical Center Blvd., Webster. A free meal begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a speaker. For information, call 281-538-4648.

Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting – Monday at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway, Pearland. Use door near recycling bins. For details, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org. 6:30 p.m.

ESL at CrossRoads UMC – Academic ESL classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Free. Call Cris at 832-724-4296 to register. 10030 Scarsdale Blvd.

7 p.m.

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

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Sagmont Civic Club - Meetings are held the second Monday, 7 p.m., Sagmont Park Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes Rd.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom - Israeli Folk Dancing on Monday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., 16020 El Camino Real, 77062. \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 sessions for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For information, contact 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Russell at 832-483-6715.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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

CCART - The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets the second Tuesday, monthly, Sept.-May, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook near Landolt Pavilion. Texas retired school employees from surrounding school districts welcome. Annual dues are \$35.
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.

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

Tri-County Republican Women - General meetings are held the second Tuesday, except June and July, Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch available for \$15. Must have exact cash or a check. For reservations, call Laura Morgan at 281-484-8083.

Noon

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

1:30 p.m.

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

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

7 p.m.

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

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7 a.m.

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

Young at Heart Club - Meets the second and fourth week monthly (Nov./Dec. meet second week only) at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Doris Byerly at 713-944-4474 for details.

10 a.m.

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

1 p.m.

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

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ESL at CrossRoads UMC - Academic ESL classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Free. Call Cris at 832-724-4296 to register. 10030 Scarsdale Blvd.

7 p.m.

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

Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention - Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support group for women. Visit www.bayareaturningpoint.org for information.
Bay Area New Democrats - Meet at the Clear Lake Court House at 1020 W. NASA Pkwy., Suite 204. For information, visit www.bayareanewdemocrats.org.

8 p.m.

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

7 a.m.

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

9:30 a.m.

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

10 a.m.

Fun Bunch - for senior citizens, ages 55 and older, meets the second Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call Ronn Canon at 281-610-8999 or the chamber at 281-481-5516.

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

11:30 a.m.

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

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

6 - 8 p.m.

CrossRoads UMC - Invites everyone to the Thursday night service beginning with a light meal and fellowship at 6 p.m. followed by a praise, worship and prayer service at 7 p.m. at 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Afterward both pastors lead a Bible study in English and Spanish. Everyone is welcome.

7 p.m.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom's - Rabbi Stuart Federow hosts free discussions on Judaism and religion in general, open to the public, second Thursdays, at Victor's, 1425 NASA Pkwy., (next to "space" McDonald's). This is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. For details, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.

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

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

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Leader presents final look at vacation photos

Lopez family travels to East Texas



Above, the Lopez family annually travels to East Texas to visit relatives, Granny and Papa, at their lake house near Jasper. Their house is on a peninsula in the Sam Rayburn Reservoir where they have the place to themselves. Left to right, are Erin Barrientos, Brent Pippins, Christopher Lopez, Traci Barrientos, Nicole Lopez, Elissa Lopez, Alexander Barrientos, Rebecca Lopez, Ralph Lopez Jr., Ralph Lopez III, Samantha Lopez and Elissa Lopez all relax. Not pictured is Louie Barrientos. *Photos submitted*



Shown, above, Samantha Lopez (left) and Natalie Lopez enjoy a ride on the raft. Their grandfather, Louie Barrientos made sure to pull them around in circles behind the boat. Shown right, left to right, Natalie Lopez, Christopher Lopez and Elissa Lopez get some air while turning on the raft.



SJC Honors Program students see eclipse



The San Jacinto College Honors Program took 23 students and six faculty members to Owensville, Missouri, to experience the total solar eclipse that occurred Aug. 21. Shown, left to right, are Rosa Espitia, Ruth Obenberger, Ben Galindo, Jason Haldiman, Jaime Nunez, Steven Smiddy, Brandon Partain, Sarah Robinson, Khang Le, Amanda Edwards, Mary Garcia, Nick De Lauro, Jessie Correa Franklin, Cody Pogue, Rachel Schuman, Gabriella Morris, Nathaneal Taylor, Judy Harrison, Ivonne Gauna and Karime Abdeljalek. *Photos submitted*

Sordias enjoy waves



The Sordia family took a mini vacation to Galveston Island. Left to right, Itzel Sordia, Jorge Sordia and Daisy Sordia waded in the Gulf. The girls loved playing in the waves and building sand castles. *Photo submitted*

Harrison, O'Brien visit library



Judy Harrison (left) and Catherine O'Brien visited the Clinton Presidential Library in Little Rock, Arkansas, on Aug. 22, while serving as chaperones for the San Jacinto College Honors Program. The students and chaperones observed the total solar eclipse in Owensville, Missouri, before traveling to Little Rock to tour the presidential library and visit Central High School. *Photo submitted*

Morris twins enjoy birthday

Shown, left to right, (back row) Sabina Morris, Jeremy Morris, Jerry Morris, (front row) Chayne Morris and Chayne Morris enjoy a day at Schlitterbahn in Galveston. The family spent the day at the water park on Aug. 18 to celebrate the 21st birthday of twins Chayne and Chayne. *Photos submitted*



Winners announced

The August winners of the Leader's 2017 vacation photo contest have been announced. The Charles and Montano families taking home the top prize of eight tickets to Schlitterbahn in Galveston. The second-place prize of six Schlitterbahn tickets went to the Lopez family. The third-place prize of four Schlitterbahn tickets was presented to sisters Miranda Calderon and Mayte Chapa. The contest has ended.

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