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BRIDGE OF READING

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Happy Thanksgiving!

Happy Woman

Trudy Cheeks: I just loved a segment on TV last year and it was called “Women who are Finishing.” I was all about taking a shortcut to restore the original beauty of your cabinetry. The time you paid for it, it will be a Thanksgiving treasure, and the last thing you need is to throw your kitchen in the garbage can. You’re going to do it! See Page B8.

HAPPY HANDYMAN

Dina Kesbeh

Terry Anderson: December is the month of giving, and The McCarthy will be giving back to the community this year with plans to open Dec. 1. The 17-story tower sits at the corner of Interstate 610 and Barker Road near Memorial City Mall and steps away from Ciro’s Italian Grill.

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ON MEDICARE

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Steve Hamer

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99-Cent Only Store allows children to collect food to donate

Dina Kesbeh

The Boys and Girls Club of Greater Houston filed into the 99 Cents Only Store at 1845 Chimney Rock Road on Wednesday. See if you are in the right direction with a cart in hand ready to fill it with as many items to benefit the Houston Food Bank and Kids’ Meals Houston for Thanksgiving.

The shopping spree had one rule: load up the shopping cart in less than two minutes.

The children filled their carts with canned goods, produce and anything that would be great to eat on the day.

“Debbie Anderson, senior director of marketing and advertising, said this was the first time the company has done anything like that donation where the partner with another organization and make this give back initiative into an event.”

“City has truly rallied together to help on another, and we’re going to continue to do our part. We’re excited to see what we can do,” Anderson said. Anderson said this was an average of $11 million and very much a part of the community they serve.

“Getting our kids involved in local charity efforts allows them to see...” See DONATE, Page 13.

Hotel ZaZa opening close to Memorial City Mall

Dina Kesbeh

Imagine looking your next hotel room based on the theme like the Godfather, full of unique interior design specific to the theme of the hotel. It sounds like it will be a popular choice among the guests.

Seven suites located on the top floors of the newly opened Hotel ZaZa Memorial City Mall have suites that will have a view of the hotel with a private balcony, and suite of the newly opened Hotel ZaZa Memorial City Mall. A Manhattan and Memorial tower rounded the development in a way that it will be a view as they join the final building of the hotel and apartment tower with gracefully Dec. 1.

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The study said the more than 32 million adults in the United States can't read, a 14 percent of the population.

Baker said through the foundation's program to increase the literacy rate by starting within the community, the goal is to serve at-risk students across the Greater Houston area.

While the foundation has corporate partners that help serving at-risk children to each student easier, they welcome individual donors that can sponsor a child through the myhomelibraryhouston.org site and fulfill a child's wish list.

Popular titles like "Chica Chicka Boom Boom," "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and "Capitan Underpants" serve are just a few choices of what some of the kids have put on their wish list.

Roy Moore, Nottingham Elementary School principal, said the community was heavily affected by Hurricane Harvey.

"Many homes were flooded making it a great way for kids to rebuild their libraries," Moore said.

"(Reading) is the bridge to everything else, so we did a lot of work here and found that our kids are able to read, then it affects other content areas like math," Moore said.

The school has a community event in December to help promote literacy across the school by inviting parents and their kids to come dressed royally in the gymnasium to read in the school library, treats like hot chocolate and cookies served to families as they read.

"Here at Nottingham we look at all about literacy, it was huge blessing and validated everything we were working towards in the past," Moore said.

The stone wall in the elevator lobby on the fifth floor at the new Hotel ZaZa in Houston.

The living area of a two-bedroom residence on the 11th floor at the new Hotel ZaZa in Houston.

Dallas has a 4,000 square feet that range from 1,100 to 2,680 square feet. It could hold a wedding to meet-ming and event space and is called the Tipping Point, which includes a private outdoor seating area, with the restaurant overlooking the swimming pool.

Nortnington Elementary was one of a number of elementary schools chosen based on their need but the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation to give each one of their students 6 free books of their choosing.

Relief officials estimate there are as many as 10,000 student and staff families displaced by Harvey. Others may be identified. The district uses the Student Residency Questionnaire (SRQ) to help identify an address for students. Generally, at the time of enrollment, the SRQ can be updated to reflect the school year as living situations change. In the wake of Hurricane Harvey, living situations may reflect substantiated living conditions (no electricity, for example), or living in a shelter, with friends or relatives, in a hotel/rented, transitional housing or unsheltered locations such as car-camping.

SBEF's mission is to support students and educators to enhance education and prepare students for a successful future. The SBEF Harvey Relief Fund helps staff and students prepare for each school day.

Community members who wish to donate to the SBEF Harvey Relief Fund may visit https://www.sbefother.org/cause/sbef-harvey-hurricane-supporting-school-family.