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IN THE STARS

EVENTS
THUR., JAN. 18 CROSBY CHAMBER LUNCHEON
At Lake Houston United Methodist Church, 23606 FM 2100, Huffman, TX 77336, 11:30 a.m.
FRIDAY, JAN. 19 LONE-STAR LEGACY FUN
To help fund a new project / scholarships, the Crosby American Legion Post 658 to start Lone-Star Legacy Run for 20 hrs 52 mins of 1,231 miles thru out the state. Starting Fri., Jan. 19 at 6:00 PM there will be Rib Eye Steak Dinner with trimmings \$ 15.00. contact: John Swanson, American Legion Riders Director 281-831-0251.

THUR., JAN. 25 WOMEN'S HEALTH SEMINAR
At Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital Community Room, 4401 Garth Rd, 6 pm - 7 pm. See ad, page 10 for details.

FRIDAY, JAN. 26 DANCING WITH THE COUGARS STARS
2nd annual Dancing with the Cougar Stars, Friday, January 26th at 7pm at Crosby High School. Tickets \$15 adults \$10 students.

SAT., FEB. 3 CHILI FEAST
Highlands Rotary Club's 43rd Annual Chili Feast Raffle & Auction at St. Jude's Catholic Church, 11 am - 3 pm. Win a new 2018 Chevy Camaro or 2018 Chevrolet Equinox from Turner Chevrolet. Call 713-252-8000 for tickets.

SAT., FEB. 10 CHAMBER EXPO
11a.m.-3p.m. Crosby High School, visit local vendors as they display the goods and services unique to the Northeast areas.

BIRTHDAYS
Jan 18-Sharon T. Walker Gabe Welsh
Jan 19-Hannah Hildebrand Cullen Gleason Lacy Robinson
Jan 20-Gary Langham Brenda Weber
Jan 21-Ted Bloom James Mills, Sr. Debra Shields
Jan 22-Linda Craig Vernon Hassell Richard McKinney Reynaldo Perez Kristi Simmons Kathy Zadrava Stuart James Walker Beth Wotipka
Jan 23-Tiffany Kirkwood Brad Loggins

HIGHLANDS

Nate Scott Firefighter of the Year

Fire Chief Little receives 30 yr award

HIGHLANDS- Recognition and thanks for service was the theme for the annual Highlands Volunteer Fire Department awards banquet, held last Saturday evening at Monument Inn.

Fire Chief Harvey Little received a special award from the department for 25 years of service as chief, and 30 years total in the department.

And ESD#14 president Jim Strouhal gave a moving talk, about the atmosphere of camaraderie and



ESD #14 board president Jim Strouhal congratulates award winners Nathaniel Scott, Firefighter of the Year, and Fire Chief Harvey Little for 30 years of service to the HVFD.

sacrifice evidenced in the spirit and work of the department. He made his remarks as he presented the Firefighter of the Year award to Nathaniel Scott.

This award is given in memory of Cecil Kelly, who volunteered with the Highlands VFD for over 42 years before retiring in 1996. The recipient chosen by vote of the membership is a firefighter who performed above and beyond the call of duty.

A large crowd of firemen and families, friends, community supporters, and board members attended the dinner. Fire Chief Harvey Little emceed the ceremony, introducing awards, guests, and honorees.

Chief Little was able to announce that Station 27 on E. Wallisville Road had just gone into service that week.

During Hurricane Harvey flooding in September, the department rescued 663 individuals with high water rescues. A goal for the department, he said, is to acquire a better swift

See Firefighter of the Year, Page 3

San Jacinto Watershed studied to stop floods

HOUSTON - Harris County Commissioner's Court the governing body for Harris County, unanimously voted to apply for funding to explore flood control in the San Jacinto Watershed this month.

In a joint venture both Harris County and Montgomery County have begun cooperative efforts to mitigate flooding. Working in concert with state and federal agencies the goal is to find projects and funds that will make events of three historic floods in just the past two years less dangerous.

Hurricane Harvey dropped over 30 inches of rain required torrential releases from the San Jacinto River that flooded homes near Lake Houston.

Underway are explorations of Texas Water Development Board Grants, federal programs and bond referendums approved by voters. Officials project studies could cost over \$2 Million for the watershed and any projects would probably run over \$100 Million considering the vast expanse of land and waterways included. Harris County's study of Cedar Bayou Flood Risk Reduction Study began in February of 2017 and in November completed the initial phase to assess potential flood risks in the nearby, more eastern watershed. Harris County Flood Control District, created in 1937 as partner to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is an entity that devises flood damage reduction plans, infrastructure maintenance and removes debris that can clog water drainage. It would be that agency's task to implement the plans determined.

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Lady Cougars take Spotlight



On Jan. 12 the Crosby High School Girls Basketball Team was given the Chevy Spotlight Trophy from David Mendez of Turner Chevrolet with the Chevrolet Inside High School Sports recognition for the veteran Crosby squad being back and ready to once again participate at a high level.

CROSBY- Last Friday was a night of intent for the Crosby Lady Cougars and their enthusiasm and efforts were recognized with a Chevrolet Spotlight Trophy from Turner Chevrolet.

The Lady Cougars set as goal state competition and making it back to San Antonio. They were facing the top seat in 21-5A, the Lady Eagles of Barbers Hill.

David Mendez who presented the Chevrolet Spotlight Award said, "Congratulations to Coach Trotter and Cone and the

Lady Cougars on winning the Chevy Spotlight Award."

"The Crosby Chevy Man" would also say "The funny thing is that my wife works for Barbers Hill ISD and my kids attend Barbers Hill but I know it will be okay because I have worked here in Crosby for a long time so we will be 100% in support of Crosby."

"The Lady Cougars have the experienced and leadership from the senior class to maximize the productivity of a talented group of underclassmen. Under the direc-

tion of Coaches Michelle Trotter and Paul Cone, these young ladies are ready for any challenge thrown their way this season." said award presenters.

The battle would be protracted and the Lady Cougars would force many turnovers and as Coach Trotter had previously indicated Turnovers are where our offense begins.

However, the Barbers Hill Lady Eagles would go on to win the basketball game 64 to 56 and win 21-5A.

Highlands Chamber elects new board



The Highlands - Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce held elections at their last Thursday luncheon. Above are Lewis Spearman, Eddie Williams, Lanelle McKay, Betty Michalsky, Kathy Jaeger, Jim Wadzinski, Betty Brewer, Virginia Woods with Jessica Woods, Chamber Director. Jim Wadzinski serves as President Pro-Temp.

EPA to hold meeting in Galveston on pollution

The EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) and the TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) have announce they will hold a public "Informational Meeting" in Galveston on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at the Galveston County Old Courthouse Building from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. regarding the San Jacinto Waste Pits.

This meeting comes as a response to a number of complaints heard at the meeting in December in Highlands, that the "downstream" communities from the San Jacinto Waste Pits have not been considered or informed of the dangers and activities surrounding the Superfund site.

EPA officials were surprised at that meeting when a large contingent of Galvestonians spoke out about their concerns of pollution in lower Galveston Bay. They asked basic questions such as how long the clean-up process will take, and what is a PRP. The group included concerned citizens, and a representative from the Galveston Maritime Business Association, J. T. Edwards. In addition, they raised the question of what is the status of McGinnes' other waste pit site, in Galveston County's Halls Bayou.

The meeting notice states it will "provide you with the opportunity to hear information about the San Jacinto site and to ask questions. The information will include discussions of the selected remedy, history of the armor cap, and future activities."

It is expected that representatives from Harris County groups, such as THEA and Galveston Bay Foundation, will also attend the meeting.

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FEBRUARY 27

Garth Brooks



FEBRUARY 28



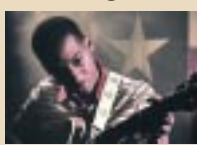
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Blake Shelton



MARCH 2



Leon Bridges

MARCH 3

Kelsea Ballerini



MARCH 4



Alessia Cara

MARCH 5

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MARCH 6



Jason Aldean

MARCH 7

Thomas Rhett



MARCH 8

Luke Bryan



MARCH 9

Chris Young



MARCH 10

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MARCH 11



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Keith Urban



MARCH 16



Chris Stapleton

MARCH 17



Brad Paisley

MARCH 18



Garth Brooks

GCCISD achieves recognition

AUSTIN – Goose Creek Consolidated ISD ended up with 94 Advanced Placement Scholarships Awards this year. A new record.

Last year, the school district that services Baytown and Highlands also had a record, 84 then. The awards are determined by scores on scholarship exams.

According to GCCISD Superintendent Randal O'Brien, "We are very excited that each high school campus had representatives to be recognized for this advanced placement award."

Goose Creek Memorial High School's Utkarsh Sharma is congratulated by Randal O'Brien, GCCISD superintendent (left) and Al Richard, GCCISD board president, as an AP Scholar with Honor for scoring a 3 or higher on 10 exams. Not pictured is Shade Flavien.



AP Scholars with Honors from Ross S. Sterling High School are recognized at a recent board meeting.

Erin Rodriguez, score of 3 or higher on four exams; Cesar Prieto, score of 3 or higher on four exams; Kavish Pipalia, score of 3 or higher on four exams; Nathalia Martinez, score of 3 or higher on four exams; Da+flmarcus Issac Constance, score of 3 or higher on four exams and Bryn Benoit, score of 3 or higher on four exams. Not pictured as Alexander Contreras, Luis David Licea, Kelly Ly, Clay Mayberry and Fatima Rebollar.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May Community Center ongoing programs

•Bunco: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Suggested \$3.00 donation. Brunch will be served and you could win some prizes!

•Harris County Precinct 2 North by North Trips: *Playhouse 1960, Houston, Saturday, January 20 at 5 p.m.; Cost is \$15 – Dinner not included; Departing Crosby Community Center; Contact Donna Jausz at 281-605-8636. RSVP with payment by January 12, 2018.

*Tanger Outlet Mall, Cypress, Thursday, January 25 at 9 a.m.; Cost \$3 – Lunch not included; Departing May Community Center; Contact Center Staff at 713-274-2434.

Transportation is provided for individuals 55 years or better through Harris County Precinct 2. Registration is in person on a first-come, first-served basis and participants pay all event fees. Preferential Reservations are given to Harris County residents. Persons not residing in Harris County may participate if space is available.

Please call or come by the center to sign up for these events at May Community Center, 2100 Wolf Rd., Huffman, TX 77336, 713-274-2434.

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HIGHLANDS Fire Dept. presents 2017 Awards,

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water rescue boat. Chief Little reviewed the history of the department for 2017. He noted that there were a total of 2827 calls for service, compared with last year's 2553. Of these 1965 were EMS calls compared with 1870 the previous year. Life Flight was called 22 times, compared with 25 last year. There were 864 calls for fire responses, compared with 738 in 2016. The department responded to 151 Motor Vehicle Accidents in 2017, down from 188 the previous year.

Chief Little reported on accomplishments in the training of members. Using HVFD equipment, the department held training sessions at the Houston Fire Department facility. During the year, there were 2 live burn sessions, and 2 extractions. Due to the State Fireman's and Fire Marshal Association's updates of their system, Highlands was not able to upgrade member certifications, but expect to in 2018.

Membership in the HVFD stands at 65. 37 regular, 4 apprentices, 2 juniors, 18 retirees (not in the total), 8 EMS full time paid, and 16 EMS part-time paid.

Station #27 now is staffed with a night duty fire crew, and ESD#14 monthly meetings will move to the new building.

Service Awards were presented to members of the department. Other awards presented by Chief Little included Citizen of the Year, to Pam Gauthier, and Business of the Year, to Bubba's Bait Shop.

Junior Firefighter of the Year went to Ryan Lopez, and Rookie of the Year to Jose Chen.



MASCOTS Mike Carsner puts a pin on 2018 Mascot Cullen Little, as 2017 Derrick Kelly Jr and Chief Little watch



SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD to Fire Chief Harvey Little, for 25 years as Chief, and 30 years in the HVFD. Presented by Tim Covington and Ryan Hotchkiss for the department



ESD #14 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Jerry Ickes, Chester Stasney, legal advisor Weston Cotten, Deacon Tittel, Johnny Gaeke, Jim Strouhal



TOP TEN RESPONDERS, right to left, Ruben Lopez 400, Nate Scott 354, Guy Gauthier 335, Patrick Brown 269, Tim Covington 219, Wayne Speaks 156, Christofer Contreres 155, Benjamine Hackler 145, Roy Breese 138, Mike Carsner 123



ELECTED OFFICERS Guy Gauthier, Kyle Little, Glenn Chisholm, Ryan Hotchkiss, Tracy Neathery, Assistant Chief Mike Carsner, Chief Harvey Little



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR went to Pam Gauthier, center. Also, **BUSINESS OF THE YEAR** went to Bubbas Bait Shop, with Guy and Pam Gauthier pictured



JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR, to Ryan Lopez




ROOKIE OF THE YEAR, to Jose Chen

















SPECIAL AWARD TO MIKE CARSNER, for his work to help build Station No. 27

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★ OPINION PAGE ★

BE CAR CARE AWARE

Six ways you could be killing your car

(NAPSI)—Owning a car can be a dream or a nightmare depending on how well you take care of your vehicle. Here are six things that many motorists do that can harm their cars and their wallets.

1. Ignoring the check engine light. Ignoring an illuminated check engine light can result in serious engine trouble and costly repairs. At the very least, this warning light could alert you to an engine problem that is negatively impacting fuel economy.

2. Failing to change fluids and filters. Many fluids are required for operating and protecting vehicle systems and components. Checking fluid levels regularly, along with the filters, helps ensure that your vehicle runs dependably and extends its vehicle life.

3. Neglecting your tires. Your vehicle's tires should be checked frequently for inflation and tread depth. Under-inflated tires can wear out more quickly and need to be replaced sooner, plus they can negatively affect safety, gas mileage and performance.

4. Not following a service schedule. Because many car parts and components wear out or become damaged over time, vehicles need to be routinely serviced to perform optimally. Routine inspections and timely repairs will help keep your car running efficiently and help you avoid more expensive repairs down the road.

5. Keeping a dirty car.

Allowing your car to go too long without a wash leads to buildup of damaging chemicals and dirt, increases the potential for rust from road salt and interferes with proper visibility needed for safe driving.

6. Being a severe driver. Whether it's stop-and-go traffic, extreme weather, rough roads or heavy loads, it can sometimes be difficult to limit severe driving conditions. However, you can drive smart and improve fuel economy by observing the speed limit; avoiding aggressive driving, including quick starts and stops; not hauling unnecessary items; and keeping your vehicle properly tuned.

"Because auto care isn't always a top priority for car owners, they might not realize they are doing things that adversely affect the performance, safety and value of their car," said Rich White, executive director of the nonprofit Car Care Council. "Routine maintenance can go a long way toward saving money, avoiding headaches and protecting your vehicle investment."

The Car Care Council is the source of information for the "Be Car Care Aware" consumer education campaign promoting the benefits of regular vehicle care, maintenance and repair to consumers. For the latest car care news, visit the Council's online media room at <http://media.carcare.org>. To order a free copy of the popular "Car Care Guide," visit the Council's consumer education website at www.carcare.org.



DPS acts to prevent violent confrontations at capitol

AUSTIN — Enhanced security measures have been implemented at the state capitol complex and grounds, the Texas Department of Public Safety announced Jan. 11.

According to the DPS announcement, "It has been observed that some individuals or groups seek violent confrontations during protests and equip themselves for physical combat. To ensure the safety and security of the general public and those who seek to exercise their right to peacefully assemble and protest, effective immediately, certain items may be prohibited from the capitol grounds unless worn or carried by a licensed peace officer."

Open-flame torches, gas masks, helmets, pepper spray and shields were included on a list of more than 20 prohibited items provided by DPS.

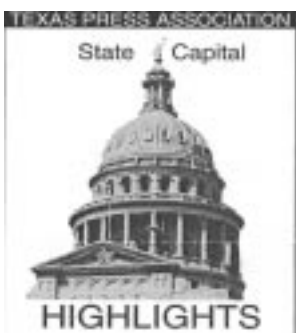
Furthermore, the DPS said, while citizens have a right to counter-protest within the capitol complex, "they must do so at a distance sufficient to avoid physical altercations." By statute, the DPS has the authority and primary responsibility for law enforcement and security services over the complex and grounds.

Police vests to be funded

Gov. Greg Abbott on Jan. 9 announced that Texas would provide police departments \$23 million in grant funding for rifle-resistant vests. During the 85th Legislative Session, Abbott signed Senate Bill 12, authored by Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, and Rep. Phil King, R-Weatherford, creating funding for the grant program to provide personal body armor to law enforcement agencies throughout Texas.

While making the announcement on Law Enforcement Appreciation Day in Dallas, Abbott

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling



said, "The job of our law enforcement community is becoming more difficult as the threats our officers face continue to increase. The State of Texas will not sit idly by and tolerate these actions against officers who are simply doing their job to uphold the law and protect the people of Texas."

The funding will provide law enforcement officers from 453 different jurisdictions around the state with some 32,842 rifle-resistant vests designed to protect against high-caliber rounds.

SCOTUS hears water suit

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said the oral arguments his office presented on Jan. 8 before the U.S. Supreme Court "should result in a favorable decision for Texas in its years-long dispute with New Mexico over water rights to the Rio Grande River."

New Mexico's increasing water use and groundwater pumping below Elephant Butte Reservoir deprives Texas of water apportioned to it under the 1938 Rio Grande Compact, Paxton said.

Texas first filed a complaint with the Supreme Court in 2013, requesting that New Mexico stop

pumping groundwater along the border so that more of the river could flow south to farmers and residents in El Paso. Last year, a special master appointed by the high court issued a draft report rejecting New Mexico's claim that its state water appropriation law supersedes the Rio Grande Compact over the water it diverts from Texas, the AG's office said.

SCOTUS adds Texas case

The U.S. Supreme Court on Jan. 12 added the Texas redistricting case, Abbott v. Perez, to its spring docket.

In 2011, the Texas Legislature redrew congressional and state House districts. The new maps became the basis for complaints of racial gerrymandering by black and Hispanic rights organizations and have been in litigation ever since.

Flu illness hits Texas

Texas was in the group of states with high or widespread reports of seasonal influenza-like illness in a weekly report produced Jan. 12 by the Centers for Disease Control.

Texans can find out where flu shots are available through their health care provider, local health department, local pharmacy or the Vaccine Finder at TexasFlu.org.

The Texas Department of State Health Services says, "If people are experiencing flu symptoms, health officials encourage them to seek treatment promptly. Antiviral drugs may help shorten the duration or lessen the severity of the flu if started within 48 hours of the onset of symptoms."

Rabies control effort begins

The Texas Department of State Health Services' annual oral rabies vaccination program took flight last week.

Efforts are focused on a 25-mile wide swath in counties along the Texas-Mexico border from the Rio Grande Valley to Big Bend.

About one million packet doses will be dropped by aircraft over about two weeks to vaccinate wildlife and prevent them from exposing livestock and humans to the deadly virus, the agency said.

When it's time to replace your water heater

(NAPSI)—The next time you find you have a too old or already broken water heater, these tools and advice from the U.S. EPA can help.

Water heaters typically last about 10 years. If your water heater is older than that, you could avoid a potentially costly and complicated emergency replacement by taking action now. In many places, utilities offer rebates on ENERGY STAR certified water heaters, up to as much as \$600. With or without a rebate, choosing a model that's earned the government's ENERGY STAR label can pay you back in energy bill savings.

Water heaters are the second highest energy user in the home, costing a household of four up to \$620 every year to run. Replacing your old, electric water heater with a heat pump water heater could put a significant dent in your energy costs. In fact, a family of four can save up to \$3,500 in energy costs over the water heater's lifetime.

Pointers On Heat Pumps

There are some installation considerations to keep in mind with heat pump water heaters, but if you already have an electric water heater, it could be an easy switch.

Will a Heat Pump Water Heater Work in My Home?

In many homes, a heat pump water heater can be installed right where your current water heater sits. Heat pump water heaters need:

Access To Air: They pull in air from the surroundings to heat water and release cold air, so they need access to plenty of air.

The water heater location should have a room air temperature greater than 40° F year-round and space that's at least 100 square ft. (10 ft. x 10 ft.) or a smaller space that can be fitted with louvered doors or ducted.

Head Room: Heat pump water heaters are a few inches to a foot taller than conventional electric water heaters and require a certain ceiling height based on the size of the water heater—which is dependent on household size.

The water heater location should have at least a 6-ft.-high ceiling for a household of fewer than six or at least a 7-ft.-high ceiling for a household of six or more.

Water Drainage: Heat pump water heaters require proper drainage, since—like air conditioners—they dehumidify air and produce condensate that must be removed via a nearby floor drain, or another outlet using a small condensate pump.

The heater location should have access to one of the following:

- Floor drain
• Utility sink
• Sump pump
• Existing drain pipe
• Outside (only for locations that are above freezing all year round).

Learn More

For further facts about ENERGY STAR certified heat pump water heaters, visit www.energystar.gov/waterheaters.

Mind-Body workshops help Military Heroes heal

(NAPSI)—To help veterans, active-duty members of the military and their families better cope with stress and trauma, the American Red Cross created a new set of workshops teaching easy-to-use skills that promote wellness through mind-body connection.

What They Do

These Mind-Body Workshops focus on the powerful ways in which emotional, mental, social and spiritual factors can directly affect health.

The first workshop, Using Mind-Body Skills for Performance, helps participants explore the use of breathing, mindfulness techniques, stretching, movement and guided imagery to aid healing.

The second workshop, Using Mind-Body Skills, guides participants through using mind-body techniques for personal growth and healing through drawing, journaling, meditation, mindfulness, body scan, progressive muscle relaxation and self-directed imagery.

Expert Opinions

"The Red Cross Mind-Body Workshops will afford service members, veterans and their families an opportunity to learn practical relaxation techniques to improve their emotional, mental, social and spiritual well-being," said Alison M. Whitehead, MPH, RYT, PMP, VHA Office of Patient Centered Care and Cultural Transformation.

The workshops are part of the organization's well-established resiliency program, which also includes Reconnection

Workshops and Psychological First Aid courses. The extensive Red Cross presence in communities and on military installations around the world allows easy access to the new program for members of the military and veterans.

"There is no magic formula for healing both the visible and invisible injuries caused by the challenges of a military lifestyle, and that's why the Red Cross is excited to work with the Bob Woodruff Foundation to create this complementary and integrative program," added Koby Langley, Senior Vice President for Service to the Armed Forces at the Red Cross.

"The Bob Woodruff foundation supports programs that promote a holistic approach to healing for those recovering from the hidden wounds of war," explained Anne Marie Dougherty, the executive director.

How To Learn More

For further information about the Mind-Body Workshops, go to www.redcross.org/mindbodyworkshops. The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. It's a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. To discover how you can help, visit redcross.org or cruzrojaamericana.org.

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ROUND-UP

David Ripkowski announces candidacy for Liberty County

DAYTON, January 10, 2018 - David Ripkowski announces his candidacy for the office of Liberty County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4, in the March 6, 2018 Republican Primary.

David has 25 years of legal experience as a paralegal for Mr. E. R. "Ed" Norwood. He will bring integrity and a strong work ethic to the office of JP.

David was born in Liberty and graduated from Liberty High School in 1976. He has resided in Dayton for the past 41 years. He is married to Natalie, has one stepdaughter and two grandsons.

David pledges to serve as a full-time JP, to always make himself available to the citizens of Precinct 4, and to cooperate with all other elected officials. He will provide respect, honesty, courtesy, and fairness to all who come before him. David respectfully asks for your support and vote.

Dayton Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet

17th Annual Banquet, Saturday, January 20, 2018, 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm, Community Center Ballroom, 801 S. Cleveland St., Dayton TX. RSVP to 936-257-2393.

WCC Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet

West Chambers County Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet, Monday Evening, January 22, 2018
6:30 Social Hour
7:00 Dinner and Awards at Hilton Garden Inn, 4910 East Chase Street, Baytown.

Chambers Library Annual Meeting

The Friends of the Chambers County Library System will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, January 27, at 9:30 a.m. in the meeting room of the Juanita Hargraves Memorial Branch Library in Winnie. Items to be presented include the "State of the Library System" by County Librarian Valerie Jensen and the annual report on Friends' activities by President A. Lynette Parsons. The public is welcome to attend.

Katie McCray returns to West Chambers Med Center

Chambers Health announces that Physician Assistant Katie McCray has returned to West Chambers Medical Center.

Katie joined the organization in April 2014, leaving in June 2017 to have her second set of twins.

"Katie was a tremendous asset in many ways, building a solid patient following and great rapport with both patients and fellow employees during her time here. I cannot express our excitement to know that Katie has returned to the organization", shared Executive Clinics Director Kaley Smith.

"I'm already familiar with the area and I look forward to resuming patient care at West Chambers Medical Center", Katie shared. "My husband and I are excited for the opportunity to return to the community that we call home with our newest additions to our family".

As physician assistant, Katie will assist physicians by conducting physical exams for patients, as well as diagnosing and treating a range of illnesses. Like all physician assistants, Katie can also prescribe medications, order lab tests, and provide patient education and counseling, and more.

"Katie's return will help us meet the healthcare needs of the community and the long-term service strategy of Chambers Health", shared Chambers Health CEO Steven Gualarte.

Katie began seeing patients at West



Katie McCray

Chambers Medical Center January 8, 2018.

Chambers Health is a community-based healthcare organization that provides essential health services and wellness programs for residents of Chambers County, Texas. Chambers Health includes Bayside Community Hospital, Bayside Clinic, Bayside Dental, West Chambers Medical Center, and The Wellness Center at Bayside. For additional information, please visit www.chambershealth.org.

Bay Area Homeless Shelter helping

HIGHLANDS - Jim Wadzinski gave a presentation concerning the Bay Area Homeless Shelter on Jan. 11.

The Shelter exists to assist the homeless attain self-sufficiency, permanent housing, and a return to independent living as contributing members of the community. It provides a safe home-like environment for individuals and families who are temporarily displaced. It provides

opportunities for social interaction, structured learning and employment readiness sessions, religious worship and personal down-time for reflection and self-motivation. It provides for the well-being of at-risk and vulnerable men, women and children.

Bay Area Homeless Services believes that all clients deserve the opportunities to achieve goals and reach personal

responsibility milestones. Men's and women's dormitories for the safety and privacy of residents. Three meals are provided daily.

Employment is strongly encouraged. Transportation assistance is also provided to interviews, perform resume critiques, mock interviews and provide basic on the job readiness training. Caseworkers actively seek out client feedback to in-

sure that the client's individual needs are being met. Caseworkers also are trained to detect barriers to employment and success and seek out measures to overcome obstacles.

As of Dec. 1 the Homeless Shelter not including the Britton-Fuller Family Center, had serviced 174 clients with an average stay of 47 days for the year.

The Britton-Fuller Family Center opened in March of 2016, and began accepting clients in June of 2016. As of Dec. 1, 2017 the Family Center had served 95 clients representing 27 families served in 2017. The average stay per family was 48 days. Ergo, 12,070 bed nights have been provided by the Bay Area Homeless Shelter for the calendar year of 2017.

Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital Recognizes Two Nurses as DAISY Award Winners

BAYTOWN - (January 10, 2018) - Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital recognized two nurses as winners of the December 2017 DAISY Awards.

Donny Jackson, (Cath Lab) and David Longoria (2 South) were honored for their work ethic and compassion in caring for their patients. The DAISY (diseases attacking the immune system) Award is part of the DAISY Foundation's program to recognize the "super-human" tasks nurses perform every day. Community Resource Credit Union is the corporate sponsor of the award at Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital.

After observing that a patient was so worried about his car being towed that he was willing to delay his scheduled procedure, Jackson asked the patient if he could move the car. Relieved of the concern over his car, the patient went ahead with the procedure.

Longoria stayed by the bedside of a patient in excruciating pain whose condition was deteriorating rapidly to provide support for the man and his worried family members. He also accompanied the patient as he underwent an MRI to ensure he could tolerate the procedure.

The not-for-profit DAISY Foundation is based in Glen Ellen, Calif., and was established by family members in memory of J. Patrick Barnes, who died in 1999 at the age of 33 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocy-



Donny Jackson, center, and his Cath Lab co-workers



David Longoria, center, with his 2 South colleagues

topenic Purpura (ITP), a little known but not uncommon auto-immune disease. The care Barnes and his family received from nurses while he was ill inspired this unique means of thanking nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and patient families. Each month, a nurse is selected by a Nursing Committee to receive the DAISY Award.

At a presentation in front of the nurse's colleagues, physicians, patients, and visitors, the

honorees receive a certificate commending them for being an "Extraordinary Nurse." The certificate reads: "In deep appreciation of all you do, who you are, and the incredibly meaningful difference you make in the lives of so many people." The honorees are also given a beautiful sculpture called A Healer's Touch; hand-carved by artists of the Shona Tribe of Zimbabwe, Africa.

One day while Barnes was in the hospital, he asked his family to bring

him a Cinnabon cinnamon roll plus enough for all the nurses in his unit. With the help of Cinnabon's parent company, FOCUS Brands, the DAISY Foundation carries on this tradition by serving Cinnabons to all the nurses in the Award recipient's unit in thanks for everything they do for their patients and families.

Bonnie Barnes, president and co-founder of the DAISY Foundation, stated, "When Patrick was critically ill, our

family experienced firsthand the remarkable skill and care nurses provide acutely ill patients every day and night. Yet these unsung heroes are seldom recognized for the super-human work they do. The kind of work the nurses at Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital are called on to do every day epitomizes the purpose of the DAISY Award."

Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital is proud to be among the hospitals participating in the DAISY Award program. Nurses are heroes every day, and given the current national nursing shortage, the Daisy Award plays an important role in letting our nurses know their work is highly valued.

About Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital

Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital has provided Baytown and East Houston with quality medical care since opening its doors in 1948. The hospital has grown throughout the years with the community, providing comprehensive care at all stages of life. As a health care leader, the hospital is proud to have a fully integrated residency program focused on educating and inspiring future practitioners. Today, Houston Methodist San Jacinto provides some of the most advanced and innovative procedures while never losing focus on compassionate and patient-centered care. Houstonmethodist.org/sanjacinto.

COMICS

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



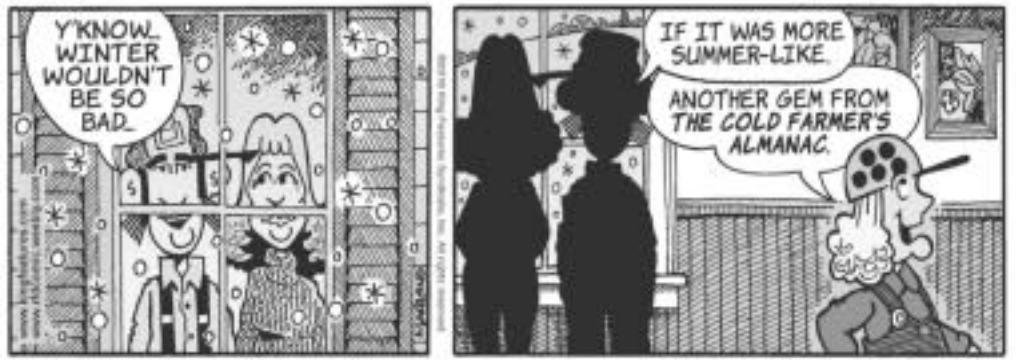
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by Gary Kopervas



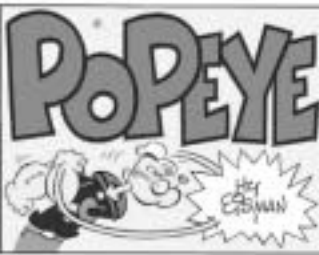
R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



LAFF-A-DAY



"A pair of your best wire cutters for my son, please."

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Scramblers puzzle grid with words: Vision MADRE, Save SECURE, Litho GAILE, Slight HINT.

TODAY'S WORD

Blank space for today's word.



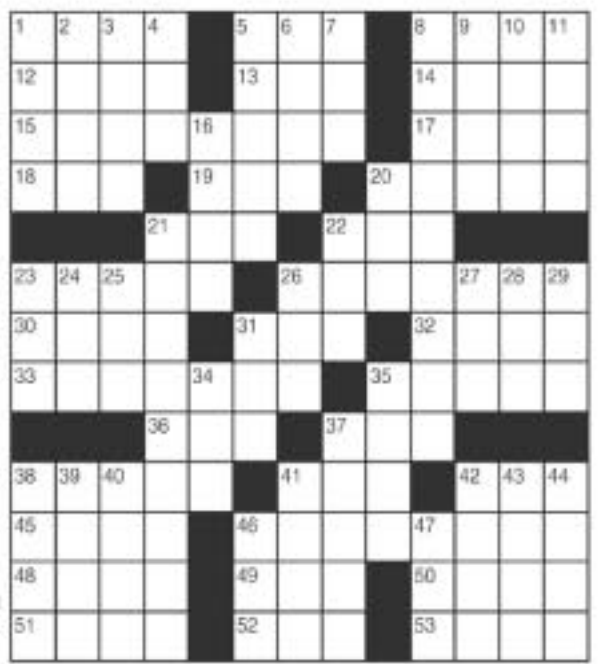
"So I figure why knock myself out — I hear the bonus this year is a _____."

Posting Date January 15, 2018

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Nasty insect
5 Badly lit
8 Error
12 Chills and fever
13 Kreskin's claim
14 Docket entry
15 In reverie
17 Anger
18 Dine
19 Stemward
20 Dissuade
21 Firmament
22 Stop — dime
23 Augment
26 Firm
30 Needy
31 Hockey milieu
32 Concept
33 Get
35 Pry
36 Singer
37 Droop
38 Cut corners
41 Huge
42 Greek cross
45 Actress Gilpin
46 "... twilight's last —"
48 Privy to
49 Boxer
50 Pedestal occupant
51 Chinatown gang
52 Witness



- 16 Shark variety
20 Modern-day evidence
21 Like some video on the Web
22 Praise in verse
23 Spring mo.
24 Buck's mate
25 One of the Seven Dwarfs
26 High card
27 Commotion
28 Modern (Pref.)
29 Spigot
31 Wall climber
34 Mischievous one
35 Long story
37 Prolonged attack
38 Skewer
39 Gambling game
40 Press agent?
41 Sad
42 Ocean motion
43 In due time
44 Homely
46 Navig. aid
47 Central

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:

- Moderate
Challenging
HOO BOY!

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. LITERATURE: Which 18th-century statesman and inventor sometimes used the pen name "Silence Dogood" in his writings?
2. GEOGRAPHY: How many emirates make up the United Arab Emirates?
3. AUTOS: What does the name Volkswagen mean in German?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first Roman Catholic to become vice president of the United States?
5. ARCHITECTURE: What is the location of the Pitti Palace, built mainly during the Renaissance?
6. MOVIES: What was the name of the monkey in the Disney movie "Aladdin"?
7. GOVERNMENT: Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees a speedy public trial for criminal offenses?
8. MUSIC: In the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas," what was the gift on the seventh day?
9. U.S. STATES: What is the smallest state in land area?
10. HISTORY: What Greek statesman was considered the greatest of all orators?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HOWY BOLTWOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Solution time: 21 mins.

CryptoQuip

This is a cryptogram in which each letter stands for another. If you think that it equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: F equals T

UEIC WDLIDCI FVGIIW BOGHFOA
AIIFFIPW OC OUYTA ADF, H ZTIWV
VDT LHZEF BOAA EHL O WEHYFV
GIPWDC.

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CALENDAR

Today's Word

3. Agile; 4. Thin

1. Dream; 2. Rescue;

Solution

SCRAMBLERS



Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

2 5 9 7 4 1 8 3 6
4 8 7 5 3 6 9 1 2
1 6 3 8 2 9 5 7 4
7 1 4 6 8 3 2 9 5
3 9 6 2 7 5 4 8 1
8 2 5 1 9 4 3 6 7
6 3 1 4 5 8 7 2 9
9 4 2 3 6 7 1 5 8
5 7 8 9 1 2 6 4 3

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

What someone types capital letters an awful lot. I guess you might call them a whiffy person.

CryptoQuip

★ LIFESTYLE PAGE ★

THOUGHTS FROM MARANATHA CHURCH “BRANDED”

By Dr. Mark Trice

From the beginning of history, when God placed a mark on Cain in Genesis 4, man has been marked in one way and another. At some point in your life you've probably been "branded" by others. In school a child may be labeled as "gifted" or "lazy." At the office, one might be considered "a hard worker" or "a creative thinker." In social life, the labels could be "friend," "gossip," "competitor," and more. These marks tell others about us; sometimes they tell untruths, but there is no doubt that they speak.

But marks "brands" have a bigger meaning, a much bigger meaning. In the Wild West, and even today, a brand on cattle means ownership. The same has held true of slaves throughout history. These brands are visible evidence that things – or people – are not their own; they belong to others.

John 8:34, in the New Living Translations, tells us that, "everyone who sins is a slave of sin." No, we don't carry physical brands as slaves to sin, but we are branded nonetheless, and others can see it. We may think we hide our bondage to alcoholism, but it shows. We may attempt to keep un-

der wraps the sins of gossip, pornography addiction, hatred" but the evidence is there. We are marked. We are branded as slaves to those sins.

Only the blood of Jesus has the power to remove those brands, to free us from the marks of our past and present us to Him as spotless and clean. If we want to be free of those brands, we must accept salvation through Jesus' work on the cross and turn ourselves over to Him. This is where new life begins.

But it is only the beginning. Just as, in the West, an unbranded cow might be claimed by someone who would then brand it, marking it as their own, an unbranded Christian might turn back and take up the brand of sin again. Instead, we should determine to be able to say with Paul, "I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus." (Galatians 6:17b NKJV) We should be branded for Christ. How does this happen?

We discover the truth in 1 Peter 1:6-7. The genuineness of our faith is tested by fire. When we walk through the fires of temptation, passing the test of the sin that used to control us, we are branded. It is truly when we walk through fire that our faith is proven and

we are marked as someone who will never bow down. We see this in Daniel 3. After Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego chose to go through fire rather than bow to the idol, they were marked as men who would never back down. And, in their marking, they brought continual attention to the power of their God.

Like these three Hebrew boys, we face the temptation to bow to the sins of this world, to follow the herd into darkness. When we choose, instead, to stand up as children of the Most High God, refusing to bend a knee to any of the idols that surround us, people notice. They realize we're different. They can see that we serve a different God. When this happens, as was true with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, plus Daniel and many others, we enter into a position where we affect them. Once we're branded for Christ, we are available for Him to move through us, to influence those around us. Yes, even to change the world.

Maranatha! "Rejoice, the Lord is coming soon!"
#MaranathaChurch
#IglesiaMaranatha

GC CISD AP Scholars Recognized at Board Meeting

Advanced Placement Scholars from Goose Creek Memorial High School, based on the 2017 AP Exam administration, are recognized at a recent meeting of the Goose Creek CISD board of trustees.

Pictured are (from left) Courtney Riffle, who scored a 3 or higher on four exams; Jannah Janobas, who scored a 3 or higher on five exams and Gabrielle Cabigquez, who scored a 3 or higher on three exams. Not pictured are Jose Aguilar, Coby Carlson, Soham Datar, Alexander Halsey, William Ibarra, Maojing (Angela) Qin, Amber Richard, Fahad Sayed, Dillon Thay, Darren Trivedi and Shaily Yadav.



Photos by Carrie Pryor-Newman



Advanced Placement Scholars from Ross S. Sterling High School, based on the 2017 AP Exams, are recognized at a meeting of the GCCISD board of trustee. They are (from left) Erika Zapata, score of 3 or higher on three exams; Emily Thomas, score of 3 or higher on four exams; Karis Sockwell, score of 3 or higher on three exams; Erika Morfin, score of 3 or higher on three exams; Amber Malhi, score of 3 or higher on three exams; Joy Lin, score of 3 or higher on three exams; Conley Laird, score of 3 or higher on three exams; Sarah Gregorcyk, score of 3 or higher on four exams; Samantha Glaize, score of 3 or higher on three exams, Priscila Garcia, score of 3 or higher on three exams; Abigail De Guzman, score of 3 or higher on three exams and Marissa Baggett, score of 3 or higher on three exams. Not pictured are Nadia Abunima, Cyrus Acres, Salvador Avila, Jr., Meredith Baranosky, John Craft, Brishan Fiala, Larissa Desiree Solis, Angela Tallent, Masyn Terry, Kailey Thomas, Norma Trejo, Jacob Fogle, Kimberley Gaytan, Jhonathan Guevara, Annette Iroanya, Roberto Izaguirre, Juniper Linus Jingco, Kylie Nicholds, Xavier Oliveros, Paymon Safi, Brittany Shipp, Gerardo Valdez, Madison Vincent, Aaron Vizcarra, Caitlyn Warren, Markeshia Washington and Raphael Williams.

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Psalm: 46:1



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ROMANS 8:18

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:4

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Be alert. Continue strong in the faith. Have courage and be strong.
1 Corinthians 16:13

Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God.
Leviticus 19:32

★ ASK THE EXPERTS ★

How do you know if you have a cold or the flu?

Signs & Symptoms	Flu	Cold
Fever *The elderly may not have fever, and not everyone ill with flu will have fever.	(100.4°F and above) lasts 3-4 days	rare
Headache	common	rare
General Aches and Pains	usual and often severe	slight
Chills	fairly common	uncommon
Fatigue, weakness	usual	sometimes
Runny or stuffy nose	sometimes	common
Sneezing	sometimes	usual
Sore Throat	sometimes	common
Chest Discomfort	common	sometimes
Cough	can become severe	mild to moderate dry cough

Prior to the holidays in Harris County, we saw an increase of student absences in schools related to flu-like symptoms (also called influenza like illness) compared to previous flu season. Understanding the difference between having a cold and having the flu can help determine the proper treatment for a faster recovery. Every flu season is different, and even healthy people can get very sick from the flu and spread it to others. There is no vaccine to prevent colds but there is for the flu. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting vaccinated every year!

Cold
The common cold is a contagious upper respiratory infection caused by cold viruses and should not last more than a week.

Flu
The flu is a highly contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses and can cause mild to severe illness. Most people who get the flu will recover in a few days to less than two weeks. However, the flu can cause serious or life threatening complications for very young children, the elderly, pregnant women, and people with certain chronic medical conditions, such as asthma, heart disease or diabetes.

Cold Treatment
Since colds are caused by a virus, antibiotics will not cure it. However, if cold symptoms last longer than a week, you should go to the doctor because you could have a bacterial infection that may require antibiotics. To help you feel better while you are sick, get plenty of rest and drink lots of fluids (i.e. water, clear juices or broths). If needed, use a humidifier to soothe dry air passages.

Flu Treatment
For the flu, there are prescription drugs available that can make your symptoms milder, help you feel better faster, and possibly prevent serious flu-related complications, like pneumonia. See your healthcare provider if your symptoms get worse, last a long time or include vomiting, high fever, chest pains or coughing with thick, yellow-green mucus. If you are sick with flu like symptoms, please stay home from school or work until at least 24 hours after your fever goes away (without the use of Tylenol or other fever reducer) in order to avoid making others sick.

Prevention
Practicing good health habits such as covering your cough, washing your hands often, and staying home when you are sick

can help stop the spread of germs and prevent respiratory illnesses like the cold and flu.

Keep countertops clean, especially when someone in your family is sick, and avoid sharing hand towels. Clean the areas where the most germs reside like doorknobs, faucets, remote controls, light switches, telephones and mobile devices.

The best way to prevent the flu is by getting vaccinated! It is especially important for the following groups:

- Individuals with certain medical conditions including asthma, diabetes, heart disease, and chronic lung disease.
- Pregnant women
- Young children
- Those who are 65 years of age and older.
- Anyone who lives with or cares for others who are at high risk of developing serious complications.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), everyone who is at least six months of age or older should get the flu vaccine. For the 2017-2018 season, CDC recommends the flu shot instead of the nasal spray flu vaccine.

For more information visit our website at www.hcphstx.org.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

DPS Marks National AMBER Alert Awareness Day

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will join the country in observing National AMBER Alert Awareness Day on Saturday, Jan. 13, in remembrance of the 1996 abduction and subsequent murder of 9-year-old Amber Hagerman in Arlington, Texas. AMBER stands for “America’s Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response.” Additionally, Texas Governor Greg Abbott has declared January 13 as AMBER Alert Awareness Day in Texas.

“The state’s AMBER Alert program is an important tool to engage the public in supporting law enforcement efforts to locate and bring home missing children,” said DPS Director Steven McCraw. “The vigilance and efforts of law enforcement, our partner agencies, and the people of Texas are vital in protecting our most vulnerable population – our children. We thank our public and private sector partners and the media for helping distribute this critical information.”

In response to Amber Hagerman’s death, law enforcement and media representatives in the Dallas-Fort Worth area created the first AMBER Alert program, which served as a model nationwide for alerting the public about abducted children. All

50 U.S. states and several other countries have an AMBER Alert program. The state program supplements existing regional alerting networks, autonomous from the state’s network, which consist of a group of organized resources contained within multiple counties.

Established in 2002, the statewide program managed by DPS provides law enforcement a mechanism for rapid notification of the media and the public in these serious child abduction cases when certain statutory criteria are met.

Since 2002 through the end of 2017, 179 children have been safely recovered during AMBER Alerts issued by DPS. Activation of the Texas AMBER Alert Network involves resources from the following groups:

- Texas Department of Public Safety
- Office of the Governor
- National Weather Service
- Texas Department of Transportation
- Local, state and federal law enforcement
- Media
- Texas Association of Broadcasters
- Independent Bankers Association of Texas
- Texas Lottery Commission
- The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), which was added as a state partner in 2005, providing notification to

the public through wireless carriers, content providers and major retailers.

If your child is missing:

- Immediately call your local law enforcement agency to file a missing persons report.

- Be prepared to provide law enforcement with the most recent photo of the child, a detailed description of what the child was wearing and any other information that could help identify the child or the abductor, such as vehicle and license plate information.

- The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children also offers an emergency-response reference guide for families.

DPS currently offers an email notification system that distributes AMBER Alert information at no cost to members of law enforcement, media and the public. Anyone wishing to become a subscriber can register online with a valid email address and zip code at tsubscribealerts.dps.texas.gov/

Follow @TX_Alerts to receive AMBER Alert information statewide, issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

For more information on the Texas AMBER Alert Program, including active alerts, visit www.dps.texas.gov/dem/Operations/Alerts/index.htm.

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CHARLES REX HUDSPETH

The residence address of the administrator is in Harris County, Texas. The mailing address is:

c/o Weston Cotten
5223 Garth Rd.
Baytown, TX 77521

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated this January 11, 2018.

by **WESTON COTTEN**
Attorney for the Estate

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NOTICE OF APPOINTED AGENT TO THE DULY QUALIFIED RESIDENT VOTERS OF EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 14

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 31.123, Texas Election Code, as amended, the Board of Commissioners of Emergency Services District No. 14 has appointed the following person as its agent to perform election duties for the Commissioners Election to be held within and for Emergency Services District No. 14 on May 5, 2018:

Agent's Name: Weston Cotten
Office Location: Law Office of Weston Cotten, P.C.
Mailing Address: 5223 Garth Road Baytown, TX 77521

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. until noon and 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Friday

Duration of appointment: Beginning December 21, 2014 and continuing until a successor agent is appointed in connection with the calling of a subsequent election by the District.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

May, 2018

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0010184001

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Harris County Fresh Water Supply District No. 6, 117 Tower Street, Channelview, Texas 77530, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010184001 which authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 400,000 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on June 20, 2017.

The facility is located at the intersection of De Zavalla Road and Elsbeth Road, in Harris County, Texas 77530. The treated effluent is discharged to Harris County Flood Control District ditch N101; thence to the Carpenters Bayou portion of the Houston Ship Channel Tidal in Segment

No. 1006 of the San Jacinto River Basin. The designated uses for Segment No. 1006 are industrial water supply and navigation. All determinations are preliminary and subject to additional review and/or revisions. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.766944&lng=95.105833&zoom=13&type=r>

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the Harris County Fresh Water Supply District No. 6 Office, 117 Tower Street, Channelview, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Any personal information you submit to the TCEQ will become part of the agency's record; this includes email addresses. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Harris County Fresh Water Supply District No. 6 at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Mark Havran, LJA Engineering, Inc., at 713-657-6014.

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Map of the San Jacinto Watershed including the intersections of counties.

Artic cold in Crosby



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