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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

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 \$10students.

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.

WED., FEB. 7 CURIOSITY CRUISER

Crosby Branch will host State of the Art Mobility Library named "The Curiosity Cruiser". Come and take advantage of an opportunity to see The Cruiser, February 7 at 10:30 am. There will Storytime in the library meeting room. Afterwards, The Curiosity Cruiser will be open to tour. 135 Hare Rd., Crosby TX. 77532.

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 25--Jeffrey Langham
- Jan 26--Ida Mueller Charles Johnson
- Jan 27--Ashley Almanza
- JoAnn Blaskey
- William R. Patterson
- Tyler Wingate
- Jarret Cutbirth
- John Martin
- Jan 28--Cindy Fikes
- Johannie Stotts
- Jan 29--Scott Marshall
- Michael Wettstein
- Jan 30--Riley Chambers, Jr.
- Jan 31--Aida Valle

ANNIVERSARIES

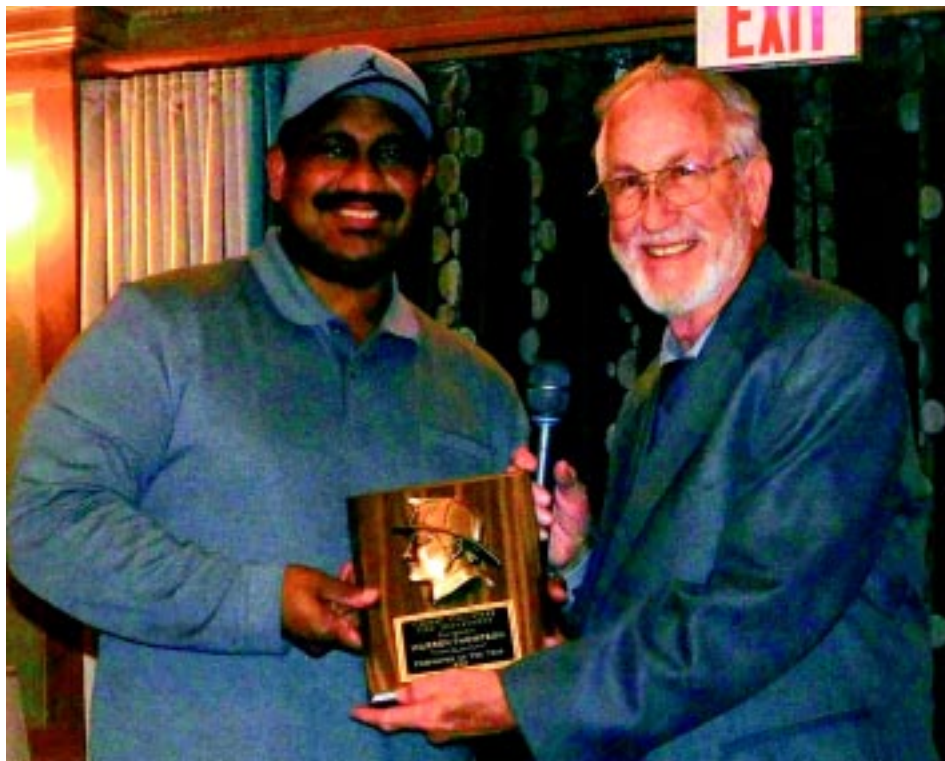
- Jan 25--Jim & Ronda Laut

Crosby firefighters recall 75th year

KEMAH – The Aquarium hosted Crosby Volunteer Fire Dept. on Jan 19 as everyone recalled a year that had two apartment fires, a hurricane of historic proportions and the events related to Arkema Chemical Plant.

In spite of all these incidents, the department ran a couple of calls less than in historic calls record 2016 on its seventy fifth anniversary.

Randy Foster of Harris County ESD#80, the taxing district for Crosby Volunteer Fire Dept. indicated that all members of his board had training in San Marcos last year. Shawn Rushee had to resign as HCESD#80 Commissioner and Kevin Pipes was tapped to fill his place. The fire district took possession of a E-1 Watermaster 3,500 gallon tanker. Station 4 was damaged by the heavy flooding of Hurricane Harvey to the tune of \$58,000 that was covered except for the \$1000 deductible.



WARREN THOMPSON, FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR, RECEIVES THE AWARD FROM BOB BOYLES, OF EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT 80. THIS IS HIS SECOND YEAR RECEIVING THE AWARD.

Three fire engines were damaged by the flood one was totaled and that is \$1/2 million loss. A bill for flight path engineering has been approved.

While making fire calls and saving lives, the department's Emergency Service District #80 paid the final bill on an instrument guided flight path for lifeflight helicopters to land in all form of weather on December 18.

According to Emergency Medical Services Director Christy Graves of the ambulance service for Crosby, Harris County Emergency Services District #5, "The flight path got final approval 3 weeks ago. It is finally a complete project after 18 months of planning, development, construction and FAA approval. No other unincorporated areas have the instrument guided flight

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Crosby Superintendent resigns effective in June

CROSBY – Dr. Keith Moore turned in his resignation on Jan. 18 at a called meeting involved with the Superintendent Contract and the Crosby ISD School Board of Trustee accepted it at the regular scheduled meeting on Jan. 22.

"For personal reasons, Dr. Keith Moore has announced his resignation as Superintendent of Schools for the Crosby Independent School District effective June 30, 2018. The Board has accepted his resignation. An agreement has been reached which al-



Dr. Keith Moore allows Dr. Moore the ability to pursue other interests and permits the board to

begin the search for a new Superintendent."

Improvements in teaching and athletic programs has marked Dr. Moore's time at Crosby ISD, the passage of two school bonds, focus on academic skills and development of programs for vocational and employment related skills also has been put forward under the eight years he has been with Crosby ISD.

Additionally, Dr. Moore was instrumental in organizing a temporary re-
See Crosby Superintendent, P. 10

Hero helps catch robbers

CROSBY – A new hero has been discovered here but his name is not disclosed because not all of three robbers of a local grocery store have been apprehended, yet.

According to the Harris County Sheriff's Office, last Friday at about 9:52 a.m. the manager of Arlan's Grocery in the 6500 block of North Main was taking money to the bank when three suspects robbed him.

"A black truck pulled up and two black males exited the truck and confronted the store manager.

The victim then threw a bag of coins at the defendant and then ran back inside the market."

Specifically, law enforcement makes no mention of firearms. But does indicate that one suspect ran to the apartments.

According to witnesses, Terry Walkup reacted to a confrontation by throwing a bag of nickels at one of the two men confronting him for the store's cash (described as black males) and the money bag in the other direction as he head-

See Arlan's, page 2

Court papers reveal concealed funding of Waste Pits protest groups

HOUSTON – For over a year protest groups have voiced their opinion that the San Jacinto River Waste Pits should remain in place, with a membrane "cap" to protect the public and the environment, instead of the method of removing the toxic material by excavating and hauling it away.

These groups have manifested themselves as the San Jacinto Citizens Against Pollution with a website "KeepItCapped.org" and also gave funds to a group known as the Galveston Maritime Business Association. Their representative, J. T. Edwards was allegedly a former Waste Management employee. He often spoke at public EPA hearings, urging the cap to be retained



Cartoon by Nick Anderson depicts cardboard type false "citizens" campaigning to keep the Toxic Waste Pits capped and in place, but showing that the Potential Responsible Party, Waste Management, is actually behind the protests with their financing and encouragement.
(Art Courtesy of THEA)

as the solution to the dioxins, instead of removal. Other tactics used by the opposition group included anonymous phone calls to residents in Highlands, Channelview and Lynchburg urging the cap to be retained.

The financial link between the PRP companies (Potential Responsible Party) was uncovered by investigative reporting by Greg Groogan of FOX26 news. He discovered a recent filing, in December, in which the companies submitted additional information in a personal injury or property claim case now before the courts. The defendants are Waste Management and McGinnes Industrial Maintenance Corporation. In the filing, the attorneys stated that the companies "have



Jackie Young THEA president Proponent of removal

been involved in some community engagement efforts" to influence the EPA decision.
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★ COMMUNITY NEWS ★

Arlan's Market robbed,

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ed back into the store. Well as it happened, one of the men, caught the nickels bag and ran with it through the parking lot. The other went for the money bag and then took off in the pickup driven by another black male.

Here is where the hero comes into the story, according to witnesses. He followed the suspects to Crosby Plaza Apartments, just north of the store. Once there, the three boarded a car with white shoe polish on the windshield. Someone inside that car opened fire on their pursuers as they weaved their way throughout the apartment complex's roadway. The hero then simply went to a neighboring spot watching

the single exit of the complex and waited for the car to exit.

It did roll up and sprint onto FM 2100 and was running fast northbound on FM 2100 and took a left on FM 1960 in route to Atascocita and some apartments just on the other side of Lake Houston. While in route and before the jaunt north, the hero attempted to raise law enforcement by cell phone but could not engage them in the pursuit. However, as he crossed the McKay Bridge the hero weaved in front of a Harris County Sheriff's car and the patrol car turned around and pulled our hero over. He described to the deputy what all was going on and the deputy began his own

chase.

The driver, later to be called the defendant, let two men off at the complex with a bag of money on the other side of the lake as the patrol car was cresting the driveway and now the patrol car was behind a suspect with a bag of nickels in his car. The deputy with assistance caught the car and the suspect as arrested.

The hero witnessed the man weeping loudly in the back seat of the patrol car and asking "If you let me go I won't do it again, I promise." wondering if that ever worked and believing the suspect would cooperate with law enforcement.

Mother and two kids lose their life in mobile home fire

HUFFMAN, Texas – A mother and two of her three kids died in a mobile home fire during the winter storm last week.

According to officials, the fire occurred in the 100, block of Cherry Laurel Street in Huffman. Firefighters received the call around 5:30 a.m.

Family members are mourning the death of Natalie Tienda, 33, and two of her three kids, Tristan, 9, and Kienna, 11. The third kid, 13, was at the hospital at the time of the fire.

Officials said the father, David Tienda suffered injuries more likely from trying to rescue his family and was taken to the hos-



Firefighters after extinguishing fire at mobile home in Huffman.

pital, he is expected to survive.

A neighbor helped the father to try to get the family out; they broke some windows but could not get in due to heavy smoke and flames, according to re-

ports.

The family had purchased two new space heaters, neighbors said. The cause of fire is under investigation, officials remain citizens to be extra careful with space heaters.

Court Rules in favor of Huberty Summary Judgement Signed – Opponent Disqualified

HOUSTON, TX – "Game over," said Allen Blakemore, Huberty Campaign strategist. "Judge Burke's ruling today settles the matter. Mr. Grant is not eligible as a candidate for House District 127. We are disappointed Grant's name will still be on the ballot, but the Huberty campaign will take steps to ensure the voters are informed that Mr. Grant has been disquali-

fied as a candidate." "I'm ready to return my attention to the campaign trail and ask the voters to re-elect me to another 2-year term," Dan Huberty said. "Our District suffered significant damage in Hurricane Harvey and I want to focus on rebuilding residents' lives and redoubling efforts to ensure that this sort of preventable disaster doesn't happen again."



Huberty

Superintendent picks Rodeo Art winners

The Superintendent's Award, a new category in the Goose Creek CISD local Rodeo Art Contest, went to (from left) Alondra Nunez, Gentry Junior School, teacher Jennifer Martin; Mark Stoner, Bowie Elementary, teacher Tina Pequeno and Daron Bush, Goose Creek Memorial High School, teacher Brandi Aguilar. The students are congratulated by Randal O'Brien, Goose Creek CISD superintendent, who selected the winning art.



Photo by Carrie Pryor-Newman

Goose Creek CISD Career Night Rescheduled

The sixth annual Career Night, hosted by the Goose Creek Career and Technical Education Department, has been rescheduled for January 25 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Ross S. Sterling High School, 300 W. Baker Road in Baytown. A shuttle service will be provided from Robert E. Lee High School and Goose Creek Memorial High School to Ross S. Sterling High School starting at 5:30 p.m. and returning at 8 p.m. Open to all students, parents and community members, this event is designed to provide Baytown area youth with an opportunity to meet professionals from a variety of fields as well as representatives from high school and post-secondary programs and technical schools to help students and parents learn the pathway to a successful career of their choice. Pictured are Christopher Garcia from Robert E. Lee High School and his father discussing careers with ExxonMobil business partners at the 2017 Career Night.



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CROSBY VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ANNUAL BANQUET



Lauren Miller was Rookie of The Year.



District 82 Chief Jerry Brogden was Officer of the Year.



Chief Alan Kulak himself a recipient of 35 Year Award presents Mike Sims a 15 year award.



Sam Parker was First Responder winner for the Crews



Michelle Hawthorn took home a 5 Year Award.



Shirley Allen and Linda Wyntjes presented to one another 5 year awards for the Ladies Auxiliary Service Awards.



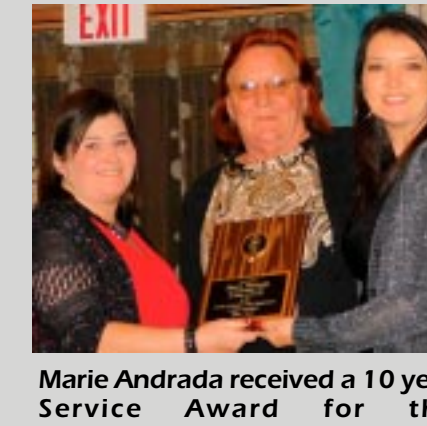
A tie for Captain of the Year for Thomas Jett received by his wife and Sam Parker



Jacob Brown was 1st Runner Up 1st Responder.



Ashley Armstrong received a 5 year award



Marie Andrada received a 10 year Service Award for the Auxiliary. Although not present Carol Brown was bestowed a 20 year Award.



For 30 Years Belinda Armstrong took home a plaque and a golden Gatorade award from chiefs Kulak and Russell White.



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OPINION PAGE

Facing a Serious Health Condition—Stories of Strength and Life with a Rare Lung Disease

(NAPSI)—Being diagnosed with a serious disease can be devastating. That's how Nick, 72, felt when he discovered he has a rare and severe lung condition called idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, or IPF. Ginger, 68, said learning she has IPF was the scariest time of her life.

If you are living with a serious health condition, it's important to manage your symptoms and also discuss recommended lifestyle changes with your doctor that may help you be healthier overall, such as adjusting your diet and quitting smoking.

2. Seek out and lean on your support system. Support groups provide an opportunity to connect with others with similar experiences, and the mental and emotional support they offer helps people develop a more resilient mindset. You can find online or in-person IPF support groups on the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation's website at www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org/life-with-pf/support-groups.

Nick and Ginger have also found comfort in leaning on their loved ones during difficult times. For Ginger, it's her son Kenny, daughter-in-law Megan and many dear friends. For Nick, it's his wife Barbara, his children and his community, where he taught and coached at the local high school for 39 years.

"The love of my wife and family reminds me that, despite the challenges, life is good, and there are too many moments of joy to be thankful for. They remind me to do everything I can do to stay on the right track with my health and keep moving forward," says Nick.

3. Focus on the present and make the most of everyday moments. Feeling down in the face of a chronic disease is understandable, but living in the present instead of fearing the future or dwelling on the past may help you appreciate the everyday moments that make you happy.

Nick says he focuses on what he can do instead of what he can't. He may not be able to go for runs anymore but he can still enjoy walks around a nearby lake and being outside.

Ginger finds strength through time and laughter with family and friends. "I want to continue being a good mom and a good grandma. I love to laugh and I want my loved ones to know I'm happy even though I have IPF. I fight for my family. They're my world," she says.

Learn More

For additional information about IPF and to watch videos of Nick, Ginger and their loved ones, visit www.aarp.org/ipf.

Chronic diseases such as IPF—which causes permanent scarring to the lungs, making breathing difficult—have an emotional impact in addition to the physical limitations they may cause. Caregivers and other loved ones share the burden too. It isn't easy to adjust to the "new normal" of life with a serious health condition, whether it affects you or someone you are caring for, but learning how to manage the condition can empower you or your loved one to face the challenge.

To encourage others with serious health conditions to take action in managing their diseases, Nick, Ginger and their families and friends share their stories of strength and support in facing IPF on www.aarp.org/ipf. Here are some of the lessons they've learned in their journeys:

1. Be proactive and learn about your options. If you are diagnosed with a chronic disease or other medical condition, it's important to become educated about what options are available to manage it. Initiating conversations with your doctor and asking questions soon after diagnosis are important first steps. This is especially true if your disease is progressive, or worsens over time.

IPF is one such progressive disease, as lung function lost due to scarring cannot be reversed. When Nick learned this, he discussed ways to manage the condition with his doctor, including FDA-approved medicines and a pulmonary rehabilitation program, which can help ease symptoms of breathlessness.

"Through pulmonary rehab, I've learned how to recognize the signs of my oxygen level dropping and how to breathe efficiently, and those two things have made a big difference," Nick says.

In addition to participating in pulmonary rehab, Ginger learned about the importance of using oxygen therapy during day-to-day activities to help manage her IPF.



Hurricane recovery efforts continue with much still to do

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on Jan. 17 extended for 30 days the state disaster declaration for counties affected by Hurricane Harvey, which pounded and flooded the Gulf Coast and moved deeply inland, spreading its destructive power.

"As long as Texas families are fighting to recover, they can rest assured that the State of Texas is fighting with them," Abbott said. The 60 counties listed in the declaration will continue to be eligible for assistance as they recover and rebuild, the governor said.

Abbott, who remains in regular contact with congressional leaders and the Trump administration, said he has continued to request funds to rebuild Texas. On Jan. 19, Abbott said he shared Hurricane Harvey survivors' aggravation over that fact that much-needed continuing federal disaster aid for Texas is bogged down in Washington politics.

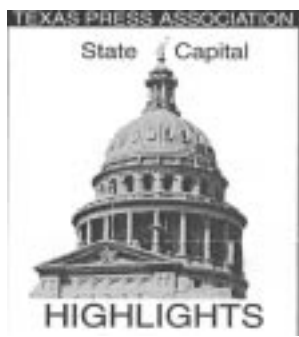
Texas A&M University System Chancellor John Sharp, who also serves as Texas' hurricane recovery czar, on Jan. 20 spoke to a group of newspaper publishers at a statewide press convention in Galveston. While delivering an overview of recovery efforts, Sharp expressed his frustration with federal sluggishness in sending disaster aid to Texas.

On the bright side, Sharp credited state agencies such as the Texas Department of Transportation, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Texas A&M Forest Service for their employees' work in debris hauling and other areas of need. Sharp described this, or any other major disaster recovery effort, as a "bottom-up" operation, in which mayors and county judges must apply for aid for their jurisdictions and scrupulously attend to paperwork and accounting requirements for state and federal relief efforts to move forward.

Abbott, in his 15th weekly update on Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts, said the Texas Department of Emergency Management estimates that more than 11.4 million cubic yards of debris have been collected, which is about 64 percent of the anticipated total.

Also, as of Jan. 16 more

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling



than \$12.6 billion in federal funds had been provided directly to Texans, including FEMA grants to households, National Flood Insurance Program claims payments and Small Business Administration disaster loans, Abbott added.

Employment trend continues

Annual employment growth for Texas was 2.5 percent in December, marking 92 consecutive months of annual growth. The Lone Star State's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 3.9 percent in December, below the U.S. unemployment rate of 4.1 percent, the Texas Workforce Commission reported on Jan. 19.

Texas ended 2017 with record-level job creation numbers during the fourth quarter, with 10 of 11 industries expanding over the year and an annual gain of 306,900 jobs, said Texas Workforce Commission Chair Andres Alcantar. Industry sectors adding jobs in December included Leisure and Hospitality, 6,800 jobs; Construction, 4,300 jobs; and Information, which includes traditional and software publishing, data processing and hosting and telecommunications, 3,600 jobs.

The Amarillo and Midland Metropolitan Statistical Areas recorded the lowest December unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted

rate of 2.5 percent, followed by the Austin-Round Rock, College Station-Bryan and Lubbock MSAs, which tied for the second-lowest with a rate of 2.7 percent. The San Angelo, San Antonio-New Braunfels and Sherman-Denison MSAs tied for the third-lowest rate of 3.0 percent.

Hegar distributes revenue

State Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced earlier this month that he would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts some \$709.2 million in local sales tax allocations for the month of January.

The amount is 9.5 percent more than the comptroller's office distributed in January 2017. These allocations are based on sales made in November by businesses that report tax monthly.

AG offers training video

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Jan. 18 announced the debut of his office's new training video "to educate and mobilize all Texans in the fight against human trafficking."

The nearly hour-long video was developed over the last year by Paxton's Human Trafficking/Transnational Organized Crime section and was shown during a public screening at the Austin ISD Performing Arts Center.

Texas is responsible for the nation's second-highest number of calls to the National Human Trafficking Hotline, and recent research indicates that at any given time there are more than 300,000 victims of human trafficking in the state, Paxton said.

The video is available to the public at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/human-trafficking.

PERSONAL FINANCE

5 Ways to improve your financial plan

(StatePoint) Spending too much and saving too little? Getting out of your current financial rut can feel daunting without the right habits and tools. Here are five ways to improve your financial plan now.

1. Set goals. What do your plans include? A car or house? An expensive getaway? Long-term retirement savings or a college fund for your children? Start by identifying your goals clearly. Then, figure out how to get there.

2. Plan smarter, not harder. The right tools on-hand can make the business of financial planning easier. Consider such tools as a multi-functional desktop printing calculator, such as Casio's HR-150TM-Plus, which features a 12-digit easy-to-read display and can print 2.4 lines per second. With two-color printing in red and black, exchange calculation and tax calculation, it can help you stay organized and accountable.

3. Follow the money. Take a deep look into your spending habits. While a \$5 cup of coffee or a lunch out with coworkers may not seem like much at the time, indulging in these expenditures five days a week will really add up over time. Think of all the money that can be put towards savings by making small changes to everyday habits. For example, pick one or two days a week to enjoy a lunch out with friends, but bring your own lunch the other days of the week. Skip the pricey latte and get yourself a thermos, so you can enjoy coffee brewed at home on your commute.

4. Analyze your expenses. New apps and websites that connect to all your finances, including bank accounts, savings, credit cards, student loans and more, can help you track your expenses and create and manage budgets. Graphs and charts help you understand all facets of your finances, so you can be more in tune with where your money is going, helping you navigate a plan to use it more wisely.

5. Make a change. Want to put your money to good, long-term use in a way that won't put a strain on your wallet? A selection of apps automatically round-up the leftover change from purchases made by you with your debit cards, and puts that change towards something else -- like student loans or investments.

Advertisement for Canada Drug Center with the headline 'Are You Still Paying Too Much For Your Medications?' and a list of medications with their 'Our Price' and 'Their Price'.

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ROUND-UP

Lee College hiring for Kids at College Program

BAYTOWN, TX – The Center for Workforce and Community Development at Lee College announced they are currently hiring teachers for their 2018 Kids at College Summer Program scheduled to run from Monday, June 4, through Friday, Aug. 17, at the Lee College campus located at 200 Lee Drive in Baytown. The Program was designed to keep children ages 5 to 17 active and engaged throughout the summer through a wide variety of hands-on, educational, creative and athletic camps. Camps offered will include creative/art courses, career exploration, brain training, teen courses, sports and more.

Qualifications for teacher positions include: a High School Diploma or equivalent (G.E.D.), documented related work experience, Certification(s) or Associate Degree in the area of study, ability to work individually with diverse ages and populations, ability to act with discretion and maintain confidentiality, and ability to climb stairs/stand/walk/bend/kneel. Applicants with the appropriate credentials and qualifications are encouraged to apply and local applicants are preferred. Lee College is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity or national and ethnic origin.

"This is an excellent opportunity for recent graduates or students interested in pursuing a teaching degree to gain valuable work experience, network with peers and advance their leadership skills," said Angela Oriano, Ph.D., Vice President Workforce & Corporate Partnerships. "We offer flexible work schedules, the ability to team teach with a colleague and creative classroom freedom for our teachers, allowing them to really have fun this summer and make a difference in a child's life." Dr. Oriano said the Center for Workforce is also interested in new camp ideas from prospective teachers and encourages anyone with an idea to visit www.lee.edu/kids and click on "Course Proposal," or call 281.425.6311.

To view the job listing or apply, visit www.lee.edu/kids and click on the link titled "Apply for a teacher position." For more information, call 281.425.6311.

Chambers County offers FREE FLU VACCINATIONS

Due to the increase number of Flu Cases throughout the State, Region, and in Chambers County, FREE Flu Vaccinations will be provided at the Chambers County Health Department in Anahuac (102 Airport Rd.). Authorities urge those who have not been vaccinated, especially

those that are young, elderly, or who have chronic health conditions, to get vaccinated.

Other important reminders:

- Good handwashing!
- Stay home if you are sick! You should not return to work or school until you are FEVER

FREE for 24 hours without using fever reducing medications (such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen).

• Authorities are actively monitoring the number of flu cases in Chambers County. The Centers of Disease Control (CDC) does report that this is the worst flu

outbreak in 8 years. There are many flu related deaths so far this year, with at least 30 pediatric deaths.

Dates/Times/Locations of FREE FLU VACCINATIONS

• Anahuac Health Department, 102 Airport Rd.

Monday/Wednesday 8am-11:30 am / 1pm-4:30pm.

Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 7am-11:30am / 1pm-3pm

• Mont Belvieu Health Department, 10616 Eagle Drive **THURSDAY, JANUARY 25 5-6PM**

West Chambers County Pilot Club BrainMinders Program for 2nd Grade

West Chambers County Pilot Club, Inc. members along with members of the Barbers Hill High School Anchor Club presented the BrainMinders™ Buddies Puppet program on January 19, 2018, to 2nd Grade students at the Barbers

Hill Elementary South. The Pilot Club gave out over 200 activity books and 20 helmets.

Pilot International's public service campaign, BrainMinders™ is focused on providing prevention education to the general

public, children, caregivers and professionals in the community.

The primary goal of the BrainMinders™ program is to dramatically decrease the number of brain injuries.



BrainMinders™ Helmet Winners Group 2 - 2nd Graders: Maci Johnson, Kash Arnold, Kaylin Campbell, Sadie Millsagle, Jackie De Le Rosa, Nathan Fuentes, Sebastian Davis, Jayden Robles, Noelia Rivera, and Jase Stoner. Barbers Hill High School Anchor Club members: Hayley Harris, Ariel Pinion, Alyssa Gonzales, Rania Droubi, and Bianca Taxis.



BrainMinders™ Helmet Winners Group 1 - 2nd Graders: Kiersten Schinnerer, Sawyer King, Ava Sisk, Aba Fowler, Dylan Duran, Cori Stephens, Jackson Beniefield, Camryn Torre, Miguel Valladores and William Jessop. Barbers Hill High School Anchor Club members: Hayley Harris, Ariel Pinion, Alyssa Gonzales, Rania Droubi, and Bianca Taxis.

Award Winning Chef Charles Carroll to Speak at Library



Executive Chef Charles M. Carroll

The Friends of Sterling Municipal Library invite you to join them in welcoming special guest speaker Executive Chef Charles M. Carroll to their annual meeting on Tuesday, January 30, at 7 pm.

Currently the Executive Chef at River Oaks Country Club, Chef Charles has served on eight United States Culinary Olympic National teams. One of Chef Carroll's proudest moments was creating and producing "Operation HOT" (Honoring Our Troops) in 2011, and again in 2013. Chef Carroll put together a team of 21 celebrities and support team, raised \$450,000, assembled 30,000 lbs of show gear, produced a total of 8 shows, and fed 8,000 troops a home cooked meal in the middle of a war zone in Afghanistan.

Chef Carroll is also an award-winning author, having written several books including his newest title *The Recipe: A Story of Loss, Love, and the Ingredients of Greatness*. *The Recipe* is a story of heartbreak and redemption. The novel tells the story of a young boy who learns to overcome tragedy and carve out a life of excel-

lence and honor through cooking lessons at the hands of a retired chef. The first fifty attendees to the Friend's event will receive a free copy of *The Recipe* at the door, so be sure to arrive early.

The Friend's Annual Meeting is free and open to the public. The Friends of Sterling Municipal Library are beneficial to the library's operation by funding and promoting improvements to the facility and services of the library. In the past, the Friends have funded the purchase of a 3D Printer, library furniture, books for book clubs, Summer Reading initiatives, and so much more. You can become a Friend of the library today and join forces in focusing public attention on the services, resources, and needs of Baytown's only library. By becoming a Friend, you will enjoy the association with others who share an interest in books, libraries and people. For more information about this event or to learn how you can become a Friend of Sterling Municipal Library call 281-422-1145 or visit www.baytownlibrary.org.

Baytown PD accepting registration for Citizens Police Academy

Ever wondered what it was like to wear a badge in Baytown? Curious about how the Baytown Police Department trains, works, and solves crimes? Residents are invited to learn all this and more at the

Citizens Police Academy (CPA).

Applications are currently being accepted for the next session, which begins Wednesday, February 7. The 10-week course will

be held at the Baytown Police Academy (203 E Wye Dr.) Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm - 9 pm.

The course is geared towards offering citizens a glimpse at all aspects of

law enforcement. Classes include Use of Force, Crime Scene Investigation, SWAT, Narcotics, Critical Thinking, and more.

There is no cost to attend the CPA, however

space is limited and pre-registration is required. To apply visit <http://www.baytown.org/city-hall/departments/police/citizens-police-academy> or call Officer Stewart Beasley at 281-420-6662.

★ COMICS ★

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



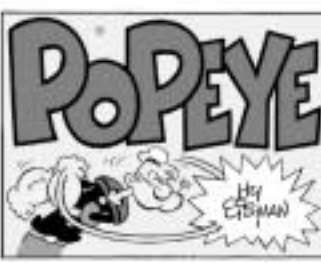
R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



LAFF-A-DAY



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

Flod: **GURTED**

Acute: **HARPS**

Avoid: **REGION**

Leave: **PEACES**

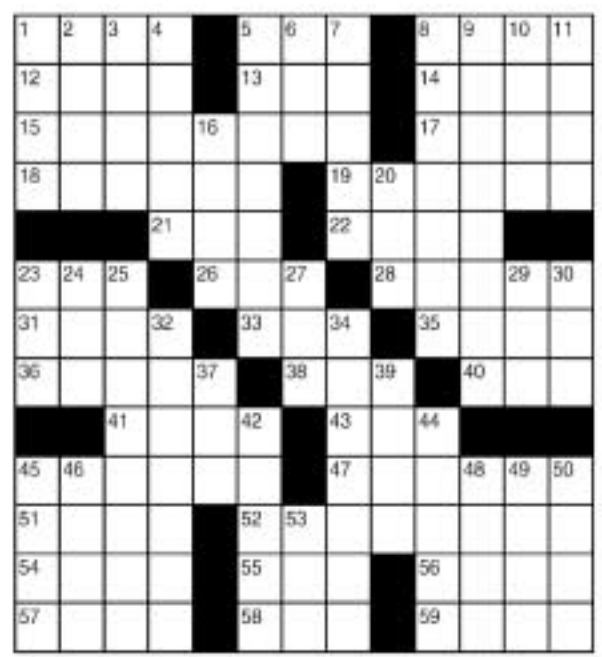
TODAY'S WORD

Posting Date January 22, 2018

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 "Mamma Mia!" group
- 5 Apprehend
- 8 Colorful fish
- 12 Clay-rich soil
- 13 Blunder
- 14 Portrayal
- 15 Democrat or Republican
- 17 Radiate
- 18 Faucet
- 19 Arouse
- 21 Fireworks reaction
- 22 Delay or Carvey
- 23 Venomous viper
- 26 Zodiac cat
- 28 Passenger
- 31 Prosperous time
- 33 Knock
- 35 Pepsi competitor
- 36 Soothe
- 38 Tatter
- 40 Actor Danson
- 41 A long time
- 43 Bugging device
- 45 Tranquil
- 47 Pencil end
- 51 Impulse carrier
- 52 Multiple marriage
- 54 Expectorate



- 6 Curved path
- 7 Wide
- 8 Occurring naturally
- 9 Bikini pattern?
- 10 Lotion additive
- 11 Chopped
- 16 Implement
- 20 Card game for two
- 23 Lawyers' org.
- 24 Scale member
- 25 Edwin Land's company
- 27 Rowing need
- 29 — out a living
- 30 Primary color
- 32 Purplish
- 30-Down
- 34 Kneecap
- 37 Longing
- 39 Indiana city
- 42 Brownish tone
- 44 Heathen
- 45 Back talk
- 46 World's fair
- 48 Wise one
- 49 Ostriches' kin
- 50 Deli loaves
- 53 On in years

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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. MYTHOLOGY: What was the name of the chariot-driving Greek sun god?
2. MOVIES: What was the first movie that Elvis Presley appeared in?
3. LITERATURE: Which Russian author wrote the novella "Notes from Underground" in the 19th century?
4. GEOGRAPHY: In what mountain range is Mount Everest located?
5. HISTORY: When was the Woman's Peace Party organized in the United States?
6. MUSIC: What famous singer/songwriter won the Pulitzer Prize for Literature in 2016?
7. U.S. PRESIDENT: Who was the only president to serve two nonconsecutive terms?
8. ANATOMY: What is the largest internal organ in the human body?
9. GOVERNMENT: What was the first capital city of the United States?
10. AD SLOGANS: What popular drink was advertised as "pure as sunlight" in 1927?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY DOLTKOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Solution time: 25 mins.

King Crossword

Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

1. HELIOS
2. LOVE ME TENDER
3. FREDERICK DOUSTY
4. HIMALAYAS
5. 1915, in response to World War I
6. BOB DYLAN
7. GROVER CLEVELAND, 22nd and 24th president
8. LIVER
9. PHILADELPHIA
10. COCA-COLA

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: A equals S

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AVHZAAWVEET RIFE QIGFA, F'M
AIT KT CDNRZD RIA QRZ BFWQ
NW HIC.

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SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

3. Ignore; 4. Escape
1. Fudge; 2. Sharp
solution

GARAGE

Weekly SUDOKU

Answers

1. 7
2. 6
3. 5
4. 2
5. 8
6. 9
7. 4
8. 3
9. 1
10. 6
11. 7
12. 8
13. 5
14. 2
15. 9
16. 4
17. 1
18. 6
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57. 4

★ LIFESTYLE PAGE ★

Deadline for 8th Grade options drawing near

Goose Creek CISD eighth graders have more options than ever before when considering their high school plans, but the deadline to make their selections, February 2, is drawing near. Recognizing that not every student is interested in taking the traditional route in high school, Goose Creek CISD offers something for everyone in preparation for college and careers, including seven career academies and two early college high school options. Bus transportation is available for all students attending any of the career academies or early college high schools. Applications for these options for high school must be completed online by February 2, 2018.

Goose Creek CISD has developed seven career academies through feedback from GCCISD's business and industry partners to target some of the high-wage, high-demand jobs.

"Students in these academies will receive hands-on, project-based instruction in their area of interest that is focused on the goal of earning certifications and college credit toward their degree or employment immediately following high school graduation," said Renea Dillon, director of CTE.

Each career academy focuses on one of the following career pathways: Agriculture Science, Automotive Technology and Collision Repair, Biomedical Science, Business Administration, Culinary Arts, Engineering, and Manufacturing & Industrial Maintenance.

Next year's freshmen have the option to apply to one of the three academies offered at the three traditional high schools in GCCISD. The Global Business Academy is housed at Goose Creek Memorial (GCM) High School.



Omar Nieto (middle), an eighth-grade student at Baytown Junior School, discusses Welding with his parents Paulo Nieto (left) and Abigail Nieto during the recent Stuart Career Tech High School Student Showcase.

Students in this academy complete a four-year pathway in a rigorous High School of Business curriculum, which can be supplemented with dual credit courses and other electives to learn the skills involved in the type of business they are interested in developing. Students can graduate from GCM prepared for a rigorous college business administration major with college credit and business certifications.

The Health Science Academy is located at Ross S. Sterling High School. Students in this career academy begin with a focus on biomedical science. Students are engaged by the rigorous Project Lead the Way curriculum, which provides weighted grade points toward their GPA, much like the other pre-AP classes they take. Students are provided many opportunities to explore the fast-growing number of medical occupations and even develop innovative ideas to improve areas in the various health-related occupations.

The third career academy that is on a traditional campus is the STEM-Engineering

Academy at Robert E. Lee High School, which helps students learn the many different facets of engineering and engineering technology, especially as it relates to the petrochemical, aerospace and environmental industries on the Gulf Coast. This academy also uses a rigorous Project Lead the Way curriculum that can result in college credit. Mentors from local industry assist students in learning which type of engineering they want to pursue before they begin applying for college.

Four career academy options are available to students who apply to Stuart Career Tech High School (SCTHS), which is also an early college high school. SCTHS is focused on earning college degrees in Career and Technical Education (CTE) fields including Culinary Arts, Manufacturing and Industrial Maintenance, Agriculture Sciences (including Environmental Studies and Veterinary Tech certifications), and Automotive and Collision Repair.

IMPACT Early College High School provides one more option for prospective

freshmen. At this nationally-recognized school, students focus on academics with the goal of graduating with a high school diploma as well as an associate degree from Lee College or at least some college hours to apply to a degree.

Students who wish to attend IMPACT Early College High School or Stuart Career Tech Early College High School must attend a Writing Night January 23, if they did not attend the Writing Night January 18, at either campus to write and submit two writing samples for their application. Students may attend Writing Night at the campus (IMPACT or SCTHS) that is more convenient, and the two campuses will share the writing samples. They should report to the Cafeteria at IMPACT or at Stuart Career Tech at 5 p.m. and plan to stay until 7 p.m. Students who apply to both early college high schools need to attend only one of the writing sessions.

Students may apply for up to three of these high school options in a single application that is available on the district's web page between now and February 2. Students will be notified February 16 which High School Option they were selected to attend.

Altogether, Goose Creek CISD eighth graders are able to choose among 44 programs of study in all five endorsement areas. Very few districts offer these diverse and specialized educational opportunities, so Goose Creek CISD eighth grade students should carefully consider their options as they create their graduation plans and begin their high school experience. Applications to the academies, Stuart Career Tech High School and IMPACT Early College High School are available on the Goose Creek CISD website at <http://www.gccisd.net>.

Curiosity Cruiser at Crosby Library

Crosby Branch is excited to host Harris County Public Library's brand new, state-of-the-art mobile library. It's called The Curiosity Cruiser! We would like to invite everyone in the community to come and take advantage of an opportunity to see The

Cruiser when it is here on Wednesday, February 7 at 10:30 am.

At 10:30 we will have Storytime in the library meeting room. Afterwards, The Curiosity Cruiser will be open to tour. Mascots Owlbotron and Northtale will also be here!

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

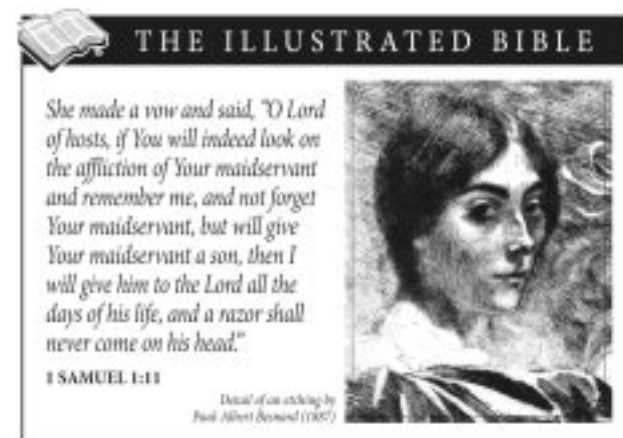
1. Is the book of Simeon in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In which book's 13:12 does Jesus predict children rebelling against their parents to be a sign of end times? Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
3. As found in 1 Chronicles 29, how many years did David reign over Israel? Five, 13, 22, 40

4. From 2 Samuel 4, what 5-year-old boy was dropped by his nurse and lamed for life? Moses, Mephibosheth, Peter, Andronicus

5. What prophet was the son of Elkanah and Hannah? Samuel, Huldah, Daniel, Nathan

6. How many times in the Bible (KJV) do the words "Christian" or "Christians" appear? 3, 13, 30, 300

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Mark; 3) 40; 4) Mephibosheth; 5) Samuel; 6) 3 (Acts 11:26 and 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16)



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Psalm: 46:1

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Protect yourself from severe flu season

BAYTOWN — (January 17, 2018) — The 2017-'18 flu season has been an especially severe one across the U.S., with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reporting that the virus is now widespread in every state except Hawaii.



Dr. Eleazar Flores

Texas, including Baytown and surrounding communities, has been particularly hard hit during the season that the CDC says began in November and has worsened rapidly. Dr. Eleazar Flores, a family medicine physician with the Houston Methodist Primary Care Group, said the flu season is far from over, so getting a flu vaccine is still recommended as the best line of defense.

"Anyone who hasn't already gotten a flu shot should really think about getting it now, because the season is not over and we will continue to see more cases," Flores said.

The CDC reports that the H3N2 flu strain is the dominant strain this season. It has been linked to more severe illnesses in adults over 65 and children under five. Flores said while coming down with the flu can be dangerous, it may also play a role in causing other serious medical conditions.

"Getting sick with the flu increases the chances of cardiovascular inflammation in some patients, produces more cases of stroke and acute myocardial infarction and can possibly trigger autoimmune conditions in some people," Flores said, "so getting a flu shot is about protecting your entire body. For average, healthy adults who do not have health conditions that have compromised their immune system, I recommend getting the flu vaccine through March."

While getting a flu shot is a good preventive measure for everyone, Flores said certain segments of the population that are considered "high risk" of contracting the flu are especially advised to get yearly vaccines. Those at greatest risk include:

- Children younger than five years old
- Adults 65 and older. (Flores recommends a high dose vaccine).
- Pregnant women
- People with chronic health conditions, such as heart, lung or kidney disease, diabetes, immunosuppression or severe forms of anemia
- Health care workers
- People who live with someone who is highly susceptible to flu complications
- HIV patients
- Anyone traveling, especially to the tropics

Even if you have already received the vaccine, Flores says there are steps you should take to help prevent the spread of the virus, including:

- Avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you are sick, limit contact with others as much as you can.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Sneeze or cough into your elbow if no tissue is available.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth as much as possible.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs.

Contact Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital at 832-556-6936 to schedule an appointment with one of our primary care physicians, or to inquire about getting a flu shot.

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.

Baytown Historical Preservation Association opens 2018 lectures

Former Baytonian Michael C. "Mikey" Sproat will introduce the 2018 Saturday History Lecture series for the Baytown Historical Preservation Association (BHPA) on Saturday morning, January 27. He will do a 'tell all' with his presentation of "The Shenanigans of Sam Houston."

Mikey Sproat lived with his family in Lakewood until their move to Huntsville in 1990. He attended William B. Travis Elementary from kindergarten through the fourth grade. Mikey's mother, Anne Sproat, was the curator of the Baytown Historical Museum at its current location as well as its former location on Market Street. His father, Reverend James L. Sproat, was Vicar at All Saints' Episcopal Church.

Mikey received his degree in anthropology from Texas A&M University in College Station. As a budding historian in 2002, he has served as a tour guide at the Sam Houston Memorial Museum in Huntsville providing school tours. After a few years, he was promoted to Curator of Education and became in charge of the content of

their public programming. In 2014, he took on a new assignment of Curator of Collections where he is now in charge of the cultural and intellectual care and preservation of the entire museum collection of artifacts, documents, historic structures, and furnishings. He has lectured about Texas history to different universities, museums, conferences, and civic organizations all across the state. Mikey remains active as his professional memberships include the American Alliance of Museums; Texas Archeological Society; Texas Association of Museums where he currently serves on the executive board as president; the Southeast Texas Museums Association; American Association of State and Local History; Sons of the Republic of Texas; and - as an Eagle Scout - the Boy Scouts of America. Mikey was named Texas Museum Professional Fellow to the American Alliance of Museums Annual Convention



Mikey Sproat standing beside bust of Sam Houston

in 2011. Ultimately, Mikey is a museum aficionado.

The Baytown Historic Preservation Association is located at the Republic of Texas Plaza, 5117 North Main Street. Doors will open at the big red barn at 9:30 a.m. for a time of fellowship with Mikey Sproat's presentation to begin at 10 a.m.

The lecture is offered free to the public; however, seating is limited and RSVPs are encouraged. To RSVP or for additional information please call 281.421.2099 (leave message) or email info@baytownhistory.org. To learn more about the BHPA, visit www.baytownhistory.org.

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REVISED BID DATE INVITATION TO BIDDERS ADDITION TO FIRE STATION, JACINTO CITY, TEXAS
Sealed bids, in duplicate, on Bid Forms provided, addressed to The Mayor and City Council, City of Jacinto City, Jacinto City, Texas, Harris County will be received at the City Hall, 1301 Mercury Drive, Jacinto City, Texas 77029 until 4:00 p.m. Thursday, FEBRUARY 8, 2018 and then publicly opened and read during the Thursday, FEBRUARY 8, 2018 Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. for furnishing all labor, material, and equipment and performing all work required for the construction of "Fire Station Addition".
Accompany Bids with acceptable Cashier's or Certified Check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total amount bid in the Base Bid, payable without recourse to the City of Jacinto City, or a Bid Bond of like amount from an approved surety company, as a guarantee that bidder will enter into a contract. Successful contractor will provide insurance and performance bonds as detailed in instruction to Bidders, and a list of experience with similar projects, and references. The City of Jacinto City reserves the right to reject all bids, or choose a contractor in their best interests, regardless of cost.
Plans and Specifications will be available from a DropBox link, <https://goo.gl/UZW3Pe> or purchase them from B and E Reographics, 3664 Walnut Bend Lane, Houston 77042 at non-refundable cost. Two sets of drawings are required, a Base Bid set and an Alternate Bid set, plus hardware schedule and project manual. Examine documents at the office of the architect, Hoffman-Liu Design Associates, 5906 Star Lane, Houston TX 77057 or at Dodge Data & Analytics, AGC Plan Room, VIRTUALBX.COM, SQFT.COM, other plans rooms, and City Hall in Jacinto City. **BIDDERS SHOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH THE SITE, AND VIEW** the existing Jacinto City Fire Station, 1126 Mercury Drive, Jacinto City, Texas 77029.
Contractor will provide the necessary materials, equipment, supervision, labor and appurtenances to construct approximately a 3800 square foot two story addition to the existing fire station. There is a base bid, and three add alternates. A separate set of drawings is required for the Alternates.
City of Jacinto City
Ana Diaz Mayor

CHANNELVIEW INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

Date Control Codes	10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	Other Governmental Funds	98 Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 28,979,148	\$ 9,741,508	\$ 1,122,007	\$ 39,842,781
5800 State Program Revenues	47,275,585	1,309,616	1,437,007	50,022,178
5900 Federal Program Revenues	2,304,259	-	9,295,794	11,599,053
5020 Total Revenues	78,558,992	11,051,124	11,794,808	101,404,924
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	46,628,119	-	4,409,441	51,037,560
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	495,188	-	-	495,188
0013 Curriculum and Staff Development	469,254	-	-	469,254
0021 Instructional Leadership	950,988	-	205,916	1,156,904
0023 School Leadership	4,722,594	-	-	4,722,594
0031 Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services	2,156,227	-	917,142	3,073,369
0033 Health Services	805,440	-	-	805,440
0034 Student Transportation	2,699,609	-	-	2,699,609
0035 Food Service	-	-	6,430,097	6,430,097
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	1,489,576	-	380,138	1,869,714
0041 General Administration	2,617,991	-	-	2,617,991
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	8,312,724	-	-	8,312,724
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	1,059,015	-	-	1,059,015
0053 Data Processing Services	1,134,362	-	-	1,134,362
0061 Community Services	-	-	8,500	8,500
0071 Principal on Long-term Debt	135,409	5,185,000	-	5,320,409
0072 Interest on Long-term Debt	-	9,810,861	-	9,810,861
0073 Bond Issuance Costs and Fees	-	19,713	-	19,713
0081 Capital Outlay	805,251	-	-	805,251
6000 Total Expenditures	74,483,045	10,995,574	12,331,232	97,809,851
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	4,075,947	55,550	(536,424)	3,615,181
Other Financing Sources and (Uses):				
7912 Sale of Real or Personal Property	9,410	-	-	9,410
7915 Transfers In	-	-	1,058,680	1,058,680
8911 Transfers Out	(243,185)	-	(1,058,680)	(1,301,865)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	(233,775)	-	-	(233,775)
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	3,862,162	55,550	(536,424)	3,381,408
0100 Fund Balances - Beginning	30,570,385	14,248,480	2,800,703	47,619,568
3000 Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 34,432,547	\$ 14,304,030	\$ 2,264,279	\$ 50,999,856

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of James Steven Salley, Deceased, were issued on January 3, 2018, in Cause No. 432667, pending in the Probate Court No. 1, Harris County, Texas, to: Linda Lou Salley Ferrell.
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
c/o: Timothy D Salley
102 E 7th Street, Suite B
Dumas, Texas 79029
DATED the 8 day of January, 2018.
Timothy D Salley
Attorney for Linda Lou Salley Ferrell
State Bar No.: 00795633
102 E. 7th Street, Suite B
DUMAS, TX 79029
Telephone: (806) 930-8466
E-mail: office@tsalleylaw.com

GALENA PARK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS For the Year Ended August 31, 2017

Date Control Codes	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues					
5700 Local, intermediate, and out-of-state	\$ 102,963,022	\$ 25,987,015	\$ 721,603	\$ 3,665,990	\$ 133,337,630
5800 State program revenues	103,124,625	293,518	-	3,616,939	107,035,082
5900 Federal program revenues	3,712,784	-	-	23,460,967	27,173,751
8000 Total revenues	209,800,431	26,280,533	721,603	39,743,896	367,546,463
Expenditures					
Current:					
0011 Instruction	113,171,760	-	-	10,534,259	123,706,019
0012 Instructional resources and media services	2,425,513	-	-	38,564	2,464,077
0013 Curriculum and instructional staff development	2,688,329	-	-	3,038,887	5,726,416
0021 Instructional leadership	5,305,626	-	-	598,112	5,903,738
0023 School leadership	13,755,434	-	-	208,763	13,964,197
0031 Guidance, counseling and evaluation services	6,925,027	-	-	397,783	7,322,810
0032 Social work services	693,915	-	-	190,816	884,731
0033 Health services	1,660,071	-	-	164,888	1,824,979
0034 Student transportation	9,599,197	-	-	288,838	9,888,035
0035 Food services	4,378	-	-	13,246,464	13,250,842
0036 Extracurricular activities	4,062,026	-	-	1,035,544	5,097,570
0041 General administration	8,280,820	-	-	2,699	8,283,519
0051 Facilities maintenance and operations	23,784,356	-	-	239,913	24,044,269
0052 Security and monitoring services	2,480,503	-	-	350	2,480,853
0053 Data processing services	3,530,105	-	-	300	3,530,405
0061 Community services	865,132	-	-	720,239	1,585,371
Debt service:					
0071 Principal on long-term debt	344,959	47,872,501	-	-	48,217,460
0072 Interest on long-term debt	10,400	11,621,063	-	-	11,631,463
0073 Bond issuance costs and fees	2,310	583,126	1,252,341	-	1,757,777
Capital outlay:					
0081 Facilities acquisition and construction expenditures	1,878,867	-	24,366,090	-	26,244,957
Intergovernmental:					
0099 Payments to appraisal district	927,503	-	-	-	927,503
6000 Total Expenditures	202,406,191	50,996,690	25,618,431	39,723,739	318,745,051
1100 Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	7,994,240	(33,716,157)	(24,896,828)	20,157	(51,198,588)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
7911 Refunding bonds issued	-	41,000,000	-	-	41,000,000
7911 Capital-related debt issued (regular bonds)	-	-	87,315,000	-	87,315,000
7912 Sale of real or personal property	86,812	-	-	10,135	96,947
7916 Premium on issuance of bonds	-	7,283,977	3,937,341	-	11,141,318
8940 Payment to bond refunding escrow agent	-	(13,213,931)	-	-	(13,213,931)
7080 Total other financing sources and uses	86,812	34,999,046	91,252,341	10,135	126,339,334
1200 Net change in fund balances	7,481,052	1,273,889	66,355,513	30,292	75,140,746
0100 Fund Balance - beginning	118,319,826	7,339,201	-	4,572,437	129,431,764
1300 Prior period adjustment	-	(182,554)	-	-	(182,554)
3000 Fund Balance - ending	\$ 145,800,878	\$ 8,430,526	\$ 66,355,513	\$ 4,602,729	\$ 225,189,646

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Waste Pits,

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sion on how to deal with the Toxins in the Waste Pits. The document states that the activities include “significant participation by retained third parties and involvement in keepit capped.org, the San Jacinto Citizens Against Pollution, and the Galveston Maritime Business Association.”

Groogan interviewed J. T. Edwards, the president of the Galveston Maritime Business Association, who confirmed that his organization had received support from Waste Management. He said that one of his supporters had misrepresented his support as personal money, when it was really coming from Waste Management.

However, Edwards indicated that he did not see a problem with that money, and would welcome additional support. Edwards has been a vocal opponent of the EPA decision to remove the toxins from the site, saying “I think it’s going to be good for the community,” referring to a cap instead of removal.

The reason for the PRP companies supporting a cap, and campaigning for not removing the toxins, is because they will eventually have to pay to clean up the site, and this has been estimated at over \$100 million dollars, according to EPA. Letting the toxins remain, with only a cap to hold them, is a much cheaper solution.

The EPA announced in September of last year that their Record of Decision called for complete removal

of the waste materials.

However, the discussions in the public arena continue, as do negotiations with the PRP, which is the next step.

In response to a request for comment from FOX26, a spokesperson issued the following statement: “Counsel for MIMC and the Waste Management entities advised the Court in December that they had just learned that an additional PR firm had been retained to assist MIMC with advice and community outreach efforts relating to the proposed EPA remedy for the San Jacinto Superfund site. The companies do not believe that the community outreach efforts are relevant to the personal injury or property claims involved in the pending litigation. MIMC continues to engage constructively with EPA in the remedial design phase of the selected remedy for the site.”

In the meantime, another group of citizens, from Galveston, have appeared at the EPA public information meeting in Highlands in December, voicing concern that the pits posed a threat to Galveston Bay, and the waters near their city. As a result, the EPA has scheduled an Informational Meeting with them, to be held on Tuesday January 30 at 5:30 to 7:30 at the Old Courthouse Building, 1st Floor Courtroom. This is at 722 Moody Avenue (21st Street) in Galveston. All the public is invited to attend, with an opportunity to speak.

Crosby Firefighters,

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paths. The County is trying to add more but for northeast Harris County Crosby was in a blank space with no local hospitals to land in bad weather.”

In response to Hurricane Harvey Foster said, “I am learning a lot about FEMA and the amount of paperwork they wish they had that has to be generated. There was more than 2172 field hours documented by Crosby Firefighters in RV response, FEMA does not recognize stand by hours. Also, Equipment Hours responses 708 hours. Also firefighter time does not include the amount of time the Ladies Auxiliary is washing clothes, handing out water, cleaning station, so those ladies we wish to extend

our thanks to.”

I am sure I will miss some of those that were partners with us in response to Hurricane Harvey, there was ESD#5, (meaning the ambulance service) Crosby ISD providing buses to transport people to evaluation centers, Texas National Guard, A group from Daugh Springs up in the Dallas area for water rescue, DeSoto Parish Firefighters, here for a little while then had to leave to go back to Louisiana because Harvey was attacking them too. We had an engine company from College Station Fire Dept. that was there throughout Harvey then rolled into Arkema response, two fire fighters from the Cajun Navy, the Constable’s Of-

ice, the Sheriff’s Office not to mention the citizens of Crosby each time we wondered how are we going to feed all these people, through the Lord’s, – whatever, food would show up. American Legion Post opened up on their own a shelter and area churches. So while we were dealing with that we got a call from Harris County saying ‘Hey, guys you know there are some trailers at a chemical plant with organic peroxides and they are heating up and y’all need to figure out what we are gonna’ do.’ Up until that time it was unified command, then there were many other people.

We are expecting delivery of a new pumper to replace Engine 81 that should be delivered in March with no more production delays. We have ordered a new tanker to replace Tanker 83 to be a Watermaster, we are going to continue upgrading the

lighting at the stations. And the commissioner’s are going to continue training in February.”

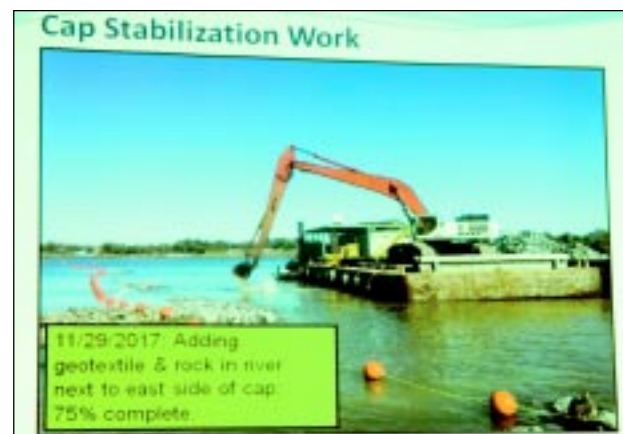
Assistant Chief Russell White spoke next reminding us of last year’s Harvey and other response, the gas well explosion, and other explosions. Commended the work of other assistant chiefs. He commended the work of HCEMO Bob Royal and Rodney Reed.

Ryan Allen spoke next regarding safety mentioning the heroics displayed in the extra effort to rescue folks on the second floor of Crosby Square Apartments where three members of a family indeed died.

“Crosby Volunteer Fire Department did 102 hours of in-house training this year, 961 hours in total, with 16 fire fighters attending these training, we had four execution trainings.” Sam Parker reminded us.



At the EPA Informational Meeting in Highlands on December 4, residents ask questions and voice opinions on what should happen to the waste pits.



In this EPA graphic, a work boat makes repairs on the Cap, which requires constant maintenance to insure the toxins remain intact.

Crosby Superintendent,

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lief shelter during Hurricane Harvey and making sure buses were on hand to convey persons rescued from swelling waters and tidal destruction.

“On behalf of the entire District, the Board of Trustees expresses its sincere appreciation to Dr. Moore for his efforts while serving as Superintendent of his great school district and its wonderful students, parents and administrators, and for the many achievements and accomplishments of the entire District team during Dr. Moore’s tenure as Superintendent.” said the district’s press release.

“I really hate to see him go.” said Trustee John Lindsay.

“Dr. Moore has been wonderful for students, parents, and this school district.” stated Board President Carla Mills Windfont over the telephone.


From Dr. Moore came thanks for the present and past Board of Trustees for providing him with the opportunity to serve in the Crosby Independent School District. A school

district is measured by the commitment of the Board, staff and community to its children and their achievement. This District is indeed so committed. Dr. Moore expressed his heartfelt appreciation to the staff and community for their support of the District’s programs and services during his term as Superintendent.

The district’s statement continues, “Success requires hard work, dedication, leadership and vision. The Board and Dr. Moore wish to acknowledge and recognize the teachers, principals, administrators, staff, students, parents and patrons who have all contributed to the District’s success.”

The Board extends its best wishes to Dr. Moore in his future endeavors. On its part, the Board will soon begin its search for a new Superintendent as not to disrupt the District’s operations going forward.”

Neighbors and friends indicate Moore’s red truck has not been home in a couple of weeks.



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