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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

FRI., FEB. 23

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

Fried fish, fries, hushpuppies and coleslaw. Deserts available with donation. #3229 KC Hall, 1508 Crosby Dayton Rd. Feb. 23, March 2, 9, 16 & 23, 5:00 - 8:00 pm. 281-328-1104.

TUE., FEB. 27

WEIGHT LOSS OPTIONS SEMINAR

Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital will hold a Medical Weight Management & Weight Loss Surgery Educational event from 6-7 pm at Hospital Conference Boardroom, 4401 Garth Rd., Baytown. Call 281-428-2273, see AD, page 3 for more information.

SAT., MARCH 3 ANNUAL CAR SHOW

Fundraiser for Crosby Middle School Spanish Club at CMS North Parking Lot, 14705 FM 2100, Crosby. Register vehicle on site at 9 am. For more info, contact bturner@crosbyisd.org.

SAT., APRIL 7 COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Pct.2gether Community Garage Sale, San Jacinto Community Center, 604 Highland Woods Drive, April 7, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm. Outside Booth \$40, Inside Booth \$50. Deadline to register March 19, 2018. 281-426-7561. Proceeds benefit Precint2gether organization.

BIRTHDAYS

Feb 15-Micheal Hance
Lisa Henning
Debbie Herman
Terry Smith
Feb 16-Sandra Gross
Feb 17- Donnie Cravatt
Feb 18-Fay Blackmon-Slot
Ray Blackmon
Rebecca Nibbe
Mandy Carwile
Nakomi Stone
Billy Nash
Feb 19-Stephanie Lane
Feb 20-Stormy Fulmer
Herman Bradford
Beau McCrary
Feb 21-Lyndsie Hennigan
Leah Moye
Tera Smith

DEATHS

Dorothy Jeanette Notgrass

Awards focus on efforts to help others

DEER PARK – Outstanding community service and commitment were most valued by the local entity that represents businesses here last week.

The Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards and Installation Banquet was Thursday, Feb. 15 at the Monument Inn. This year special interest was shown to demonstrate support for each of the areas and those that were nominated for varied awards in addition to the individuals and groups that were voted by the membership to win those awards.

Special attractions included Bonnie Blue received photographs of attendees and painted portraits on rocks, a service she sells.

Rev. Keenan Smith pointed out in prologue to

his opening prayer the conflicted hearts that were at once celebrating individuals and groups that had done so much over the past year that was fraught with adversity against the shooting near Ft. Lauderdale, Florida that week “affected drastically and forever.”

Dr. Larry Koslovski opened the awards portion of the banquet with, “It strikes me that everyone in this audience is a winner.”

The first award is to Employee of the Year. Nominees were Aziz Meghani of Raceway Gasoline Station, who had supported multiple causes and activities over the year, Bill Roberts of Crosby Church, Britney Samperi with Community Resource Credit Union, Cathie Ropp with Texas Security Shredding, David Carpenter

with Huffman ISD, Toni Handley with Alliance Properties, and Viviana Killion, Superintendent's Secretary with Crosby ISD. Jessica Watkins presented Ms. Samperi, for Crosby and Mr. Carpenter for Huffman accepted awards.

Non-Profit Organization of the Year were difficult to vote for owing to so many outstanding efforts, Eddie Foster presented the awards.

Scott and Melody Stephens represented the Cody Stephens Go Big or Go Home Foundation, Keenan Smith, Crosby Care Cloth-A-Child, Crosby Fair & Rodeo were represented by Board Chairman Ricky Larkin and President Sonny Armstrong, Crosby Knights of Columbus by Eddie Foster, Crosby Leo's Club, Church-



Churches United in Caring's award was accepted by Scott Keaton and presented by Eddie Foster for Non-Profit Organization of the Year. A host of organizations were nominated as was CUIC for their efforts to relieve suffering from storms, fires and all the mayhem that struck the Crosby-Huffman area in 2017.

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Two shot in Barrett

CROSBY – Two incidents one on Magnolia and the other on Cliff Drive of Barrett Station early this week.

An uncle allegedly shot his nephew following an argument on Magnolia Drive near Gulf Pump Road. Sunday at about 1:17 p.m., deputies and detectives rushed to the 13,000 block of Magnolia to find a young man had been shot, he was said to be in good condition. Parts of an extended family is dwelling in a home that was a victim of Hurricane Harvey's fury and

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Scene Sunday on Magnolia



Scene Monday on Cliff

Early voting started Feb. 20th

Voters in East Harris County can now vote early for the Primary Election, at the following locations:

Crosby Branch Library, 135 Hare Road
North Channel Branch Library, 15741 Wallisville Road, North Channel
Baytown Community Center, 2407 Market Street, Baytown
Galena Park Library, 1500 Keene St. Downtown, Harris County Law Library, 1019 Congress Avenue
Early Voting Hours are:
Feb. 20-Feb. 23, 8am - 4:30 pm
Feb. 24, 7am - 7pm
Feb. 25, 1pm - 6pm
Feb. 26-March 2, 7am - 7pm

The Primary Election Day is Tuesday, March 6. Polls will be open 7am - 7pm. You may vote either Democratic or Republican ballot, but not both.

Voters will be choosing a US Senator, US Congressmen, Texas Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and



various department commissioners. Additionally there are State Senators, Representatives, and Justice of the Peace on the ballot. The Democrats have 12 non-binding

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TxDOT holds meetings on I-10E improvements

The Houston District of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is currently holding public meetings in neighborhoods at four locations along the I-10 corridor.

These meetings are called “open house formats (no formal presentations)” and are meant to show the public areas under study, and to receive comments from persons interested in interacting with the planning process.

I-10 is under study because it carries a high volume of auto and commercial traffic, and this is expected to increase in the future due to activity and expansion in the petrochemical industry on the East side of Harris and Chambers County.

The study is known as a PEL (Planning and Environmental Linkages) study, required by the federal government. The purpose is to gather feedback during planning to inform the environmental review process, including the National Environ-



CHANNELVIEW HIGH SCHOOL was one of four locations where TxDOT meetings were held, to show the public the extent of the planning and to gather environmental comments.

mental Policy Act. The study encompasses I-10 East from I-69 near downtown Houston, to State Highway 99 (Grand

Parkway) in Chambers County.

Public meetings were held last week, and this week, at Barbers Hill High School, Goose Creek Memorial High School, Channelview High School, and Mickey Leland College Prep Academy.

The format was to show large photos and maps of the highway, broken into sections, with drawings that indicated environmental concerns, and aerial photos displaying current road alignments and cross-sections. Forms were provided for public comments to be submitted.

For anyone missing the meeting but wanting to see the information, it is available at the TxDOT offices on Washington Avenue in Houston. It is also on the

See TxDOT Meetings, page 10

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Harris County Public Health confirms Flu-related pediatric death

Residents Encouraged to Protect Themselves from the Flu

Harris County, TX - Harris County Public Health (HCPH) is confirming a flu-related death of a child in Harris County. This is the first pediatric death in Harris County this flu season (starting October 1, 2017). Due to confidentiality issues and out of respect for the privacy of the family during this difficult time, no further information on the child will be released.

According to information provided last week by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there have been 84 pediatric flu-related deaths across the country during this challenging flu season. Additionally, per the CDC, this year's vaccine offers good protection for children over six months to eight years of age.

Since flu season can last as late as May, HCPH reminds individuals to remain diligent in protecting

themselves and their families against the flu. Harris County residents who haven't had a flu shot are encouraged to get one as soon as possible as flu vaccine remains available throughout our community.

"This death is a somber reminder of the danger flu poses to our residents, especially those who are more vulnerable to develop serious flu complications" said Dr. Umair A. Shah, Executive Director of Harris County Public Health "Obtaining a flu shot and taking other preventive measures are your best lines of defense against the flu."

Getting vaccinated is especially important for the following groups:

- Anyone with certain medical conditions including asthma, diabetes, heart disease, and chronic lung disease;
- Pregnant women;
- Young children over the age of six months;
- Anyone 65 years of age and older; and/or,
- Anyone who lives with

or cares for others who are at high risk of developing serious complications.

Flu symptoms include the following signs and symptoms:

- Fever* or feeling feverish/chills;
- Cough;
- Sore throat;
- Runny or stuffy nose;
- Muscle or body aches;
- Headaches;
- Fatigue (very tired);

and/or,

• Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.

*It's important to note that not everyone with flu will have a fever.

Persons who have flu-like symptoms (especially if they are serious) are asked to contact their healthcare provider for further advice and stay home from school or work for at least 24 hours in order to avoid making others sick.

HCPH has a number of flu-related resources on its website - please visit hephtx.org.

Turner Chevrolet Crosby goes to bat for Crosby Sports Association

Turner Chevrolet Crosby to provide Crosby Sports Association with new equipment, monetary contribution and instructional clinics

Crosby, Feb. 20, 2018 – Turner Chevrolet Crosby is partnering with the Crosby Sports Association in Crosby. Turner Chevrolet Crosby has joined forces with the national Chevrolet Youth Baseball program to provide new equipment, invitations to FREE instructional clinics, and an opportunity for community members to earn donations for their league via a Test Drive fundraiser.

"Playing the game of baseball helps kids develop skills like leadership, cooperation and sportsmanship while bringing families and communities together to show their support. Turner Chevrolet Crosby and Chevrolet Youth Baseball are proud to participate in a sport

that brings so many smiles to kids and families in Crosby," said David Mendez, General Manager for Turner Chevrolet Crosby. "Chevrolet believes that in play, there are possibilities and supports the spirit of teamwork that baseball instills in its players."

2018 marks Chevrolet's Youth Baseball program's 13th year, and since its introduction has helped aid local teams, benefiting more than 12.4 million young people in communities where Chevrolet's customers live, work and play. In 2017, more than 1,500 Chevrolet dealers participated across the country.

Turner Chevrolet Crosby will present an equipment kit that includes useful items such as batpacks, scorebooks, industrial-strength batting tees, ball buckets and T-shirts. The sponsorship also includes youth clinics featuring current and former MLB/

MiLB players and coaches, or instructors from Ripken Baseball.

In addition, Turner Chevrolet Crosby will present a check representing a one-time monetary contribution to Crosby Sports Association. Sponsored leagues across the country will have the chance to earn additional funds as community members take test drives at their partnering dealership to help support the league.

In addition to its commitment to youth baseball, Chevrolet also is the Official Vehicle of Major League Baseball™.

"Chevrolet vehicles are designed and built for families, safety and fun, so we encourage young people and their parents to make a Chevrolet the official vehicle of their household," said Mendez.

For more information about Chevrolet Youth Baseball, please visit www.chevrolet.com/youthsports.com.

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Shooting,

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flooding.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office has yet to release the name of the victim or shooter in the incident and an investigation continues.

On Monday at about 5:30 a.m. detectives were called to another incident of a shooting but even less details were released on this incident that occurred on the 13,000 block of Cliff Drive.

An investigation continues into what happened at this incident.

Early Voting,

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Propositions for your opinion.

Leading contenders on the Republican ballot are US Senate Ted Cruz vs. 4 other opponents, US House District TX-29 (Gene Green's seat), 4 contenders, US House TX-36 Brian Babin vs. no Republican opponents, TX Governor Greg Abbott vs. 2 contenders, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick vs. Scott Milder, Attorney General Ken Paxton unopposed, Commissioner of General Land Office George P. Bush vs. Jerry Patterson and 2 others, State Rep. District 127 Dan Huberty vs. Reginald Grant, Jr., District 128 Briscoe Cain unopposed, Harris County Pct. 2 Commissioner Jack Morman unopposed on the Republican ballot, and the Republican ballot has 11 Propositions for voters to express their opinion.

On the Democratic ballot, interesting races include US Senate Beto O'Rourke vs. 2 opponents, US House Sheila Jackson Lee vs. Richard Johnson, and the most contested race, US House TX-29, with 7 Democratic contenders (as well as the 4 Republicans) Tahir Javed, Dominique Garcia, Sylvia Garcia, Hector Morales, Roel Garcia, Pedro Valencia, Augustine Reyes. No doubt there will need to be a runoff, on May 22nd.

Other positions on the ballot are US House TX-36, Dayna Steele, Jon Powell. For Governor, there are 9 contenders, State Senate District 15 John Whitmire and 2 contenders, well-known State Representatives Armando Walle (D-140) and Senfronia Thompson (D-141) are running unopposed, in D-142 Harold Dutton, Jr. is opposed by Richard Bon-ton, District 143 Ana Hernandez is unopposed, County School Trustee Pos. 3 At Large Richard Cantu vs 2 contenders, Harris County Pct. 2 Commissioner (against incumbent Jack Morman) Ken Melancon, Gager Garcia, Danial Box, Adian Garcia. for Justice of the Peace Pct. 3 Pos. 2, Don Coffey vs. Lucia Bates. The Democratic ballot also has 12 Propositions for consideration.

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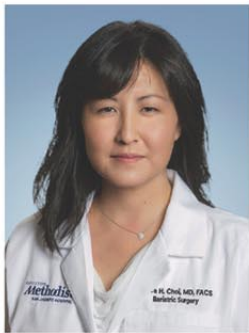
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Smart Security practices for Spring Break Travel

(NAPSI)—As a father, Maurice Gibson says his smartphone is integral in documenting his children’s memories from vacations. But as an assistant dean for the College of Information Systems and Technology at University of Phoenix, he worries about the risk of losing much more than his data if his phone is hacked.

Gibson warns that people may overlook cybersecurity best practices when traveling if they focus primarily on protecting information like credit card numbers or passwords. He encourages Americans instead to look at cybersecurity as a way to protect not only personal data but memories.

“Most of our experiences today are captured in moments through our smartphones. I have children, and we’re always taking photos of them while on vacation. Losing those photos is like losing their childhood,” Gibson says. “For me, looking at cybersecurity on a personal level helps to incorporate smart cybersecurity practices.”

Three-fourths of Americans bring their smartphone with them on vacation, according to a survey from University of Phoenix. The survey also found that 48 percent of respondents worry about cybersecurity risks while traveling. However, 55 percent feel that the need to use personal devices on vacation outweighs cybersecurity risks.

Americans practice habits that put them at risk of cyberattacks, but very few take measures to prevent data breaches. Three in 10 access credit card or banking websites while on vacation and 23 percent make purchases online. However, only 39 percent of those

surveyed update antivirus software before traveling and fewer than a quarter (24 percent) change passwords2.

Gibson shares three tips to help prevent data breaches this spring break.

Post photos online from the hotel or home, not in public.

Gibson says that people should be wary of how often they post photos online or on social media while traveling, especially on unsecured public Wi-Fi networks, which are often used to avoid mobile data limits and provide criminals an opportunity to breach devices. Rather than logging online at a coffee shop or in the hotel lobby, he says to wait until you are in your room and can use a network that is password protected.

Disable Wi-Fi auto-connect and location tracking services.

Gibson encourages travelers to disable their phone’s feature that allows it to auto-connect to public Wi-Fi networks when in public, as well as turn off location tracking that can make it easier for criminals to track and access data. Refrain from providing information on how long you will be away because it can put your home at risk.

Avoid making online purchases in public.

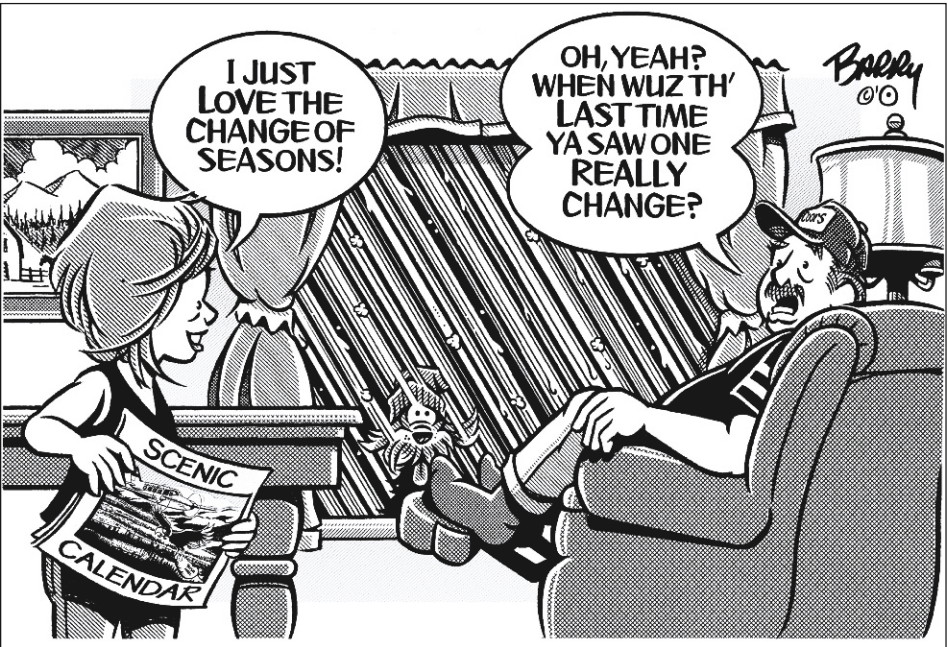
Popular spring break destinations can be prime locations for criminals looking to steal credit card information or other data. Gibson warns travelers not to make online purchases on public Wi-Fi. These networks are not secure and can be monitored by anyone, making sharing payment information dangerous. If you must make purchases online in public, use your phone’s more secure hotspot.

Governor Abbott extends disaster declaration for Texas Counties impacted by Hurricane Harvey

AUSTIN – Governor Greg Abbott today issued a proclamation extending the State Disaster Declaration for Texas counties affected by Hurricane Harvey. This proclamation will ensure that all Texas counties declared disaster areas will continue to be eligible for assistance as they recover and rebuild after Hurricane Harvey. There are currently 60 counties included in the state disaster declaration.

State Disaster Declarations must be renewed every 30 days for assistance to remain available. Governor Abbott will continue to renew them as they are needed throughout the recovery process.

Counties currently declared disaster areas include: Angelina, Aransas, Atascosa, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Bexar, Brazoria, Brazos, Burleson, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cameron, Chambers, Colorado, Comal, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kerr, Kleberg, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Live Oak, Madison, Matagorda, Milam, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Polk, Refugio, Sabine, San Patricio, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Trinity, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington, Wharton, Willacy, and Wilson.



Hazard mitigation funding for Harvey recovery becomes available

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott traveled to Rockport and Houston on Feb. 13 to announce the availability of new funding for hazard mitigation projects along the Gulf Coast following the devastation of Hurricane Harvey.

Abbott invited cities and counties to submit applications for projects and said the funding would provide an estimated \$1 billion for hazard and flood mitigation projects designed to both help Texas rebuild and reduce the risk of future damage from flooding and Hurricanes.

The funding, to be administered by the Texas Division of Emergency Management, can be used for:

- Buyouts and elevations of flood prone properties;
- Drainage and reservoir projects that eliminate future flooding;
- Projects to lessen the frequency or severity of flooding;
- Flood risk reduction projects such as dams, retention basins, levees, floodwalls; and
- Large-scale channeling of waterways.

Of the estimated \$1 billion that Texas will receive, \$500 million in funding is available now, while the remaining funding will be provided on or before August 25. Additional funds may also become available as FEMA continues to process and approve project requests from Texas cities and counties, the governor's office said.

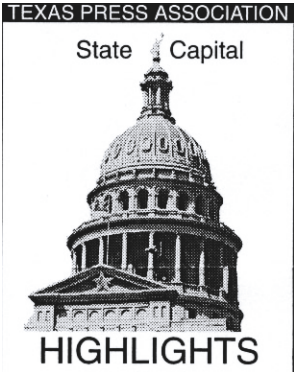
AG Paxton joins coalition

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Feb. 13 joined a bipartisan coalition of 56 states and territories urging Congress “to end secret, forced arbitration in cases of workplace sexual harassment.”

In a letter to the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, the

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By Ed Sterling



coalition led by Florida and North Carolina asked Congress to pass legislation to ensure that sexual harassment victims have a right to their day in court.

“Congress today has both opportunity and cause to champion the rights of victims of sexual harassment in the workplace by enacting legislation to free them from the injustice of forced arbitration and secrecy when it comes to seeking redress from egregious misconduct condemned by all concerned Americans,” the states’ attorneys general wrote.

Electioneering addressed

Attorney General Ken Paxton on Feb. 14 dispatched cease-and-desist letters to Brazosport, Holiday and Lewisville independent school districts regarding alleged violations of the Texas Education Code for unlawful electioneering.

Those school districts, Paxton said, used taxpayer resources to distribute messages to their staff and the public advocating for or against certain political candidates and measures.

“My office fully encourages Texas schools to edu-

cate their students on civic duties and assist them in registering to vote. But pushing faculty or others to vote for a particular person is a clear violation of the Texas Election and Education Codes,” Paxton said.

The letters include screenshots of the school district’s political messaging on social media, as well as campaign videos. In some cases, Paxton said, districts distributed partisan information on behalf of the school district as a government entity, using resources that belong to Texas taxpayers.

African-Americans honored

Gov. Greg Abbott on Feb. 9 proclaimed the month of February to be African-American History Month in Texas.

“As a state and nation shaped by the diversity of our citizens, it is vital we recognize and celebrate the different races, nationalities and backgrounds of the land we love. In particular, African-Americans have made tremendous contributions to our society.

“Having faced slavery, many forms of oppression, deep-rooted adversity and the very real dangers of demanding equality and change, the contributions and achievements of African-Americans are imbued with a unique strength and resilience, which are respected and greatly valued in the Lone Star State,” Abbott stated in the proclamation.

Heart health is focus

State Rep. Walter “Four” Price, R-Amarillo, authored House Resolution 2683 in the 2017 session of the Texas Legislature to recognize February as “American Heart Month in Texas.”

On Feb. 14, Price, who chairs the House Committee on Public Health, noted that heart disease is the leading cause of death among adult Texans and the leading cause of death for women.

“February is the perfect month to raise overall awareness of potential heart disease and encourage specific individual attention to heart health, given the celebration of Valentine’s Day. My hope is that everyone takes the time to love his/her very own heart by seriously thinking about heart health,” Price said.

How to spend your money with companies that share your values



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(StatePoint) From small one-time purchases to monthly service fees, you may not think much about what happens to your money after spending it.

But beyond the typical considerations, such as price and product features, many savvy shoppers are starting to pick their brands and services based on new criteria like ethics. An ethical company treats both its employees and customers fairly and practices environmental sustainability. Luckily, there is some guidance out there for those consumers who want to spend their money with companies that share their values.

Your Wardrobe

Patagonia’s mission statement is to “build the best product, cause no unnecessary harm, use business to inspire and implement solutions to the environmental crisis.” A leader in social and environmental responsibility efforts in the fashion industry, the company is fair-trade certified for all its sewing production and is dedicated to transparency. Consider shopping here if you want to look good and feel good.

Your Wireless Provider

One good resource to check out is “The World’s Most Ethical Companies” list, released annually by the Ethisphere Institute. It offers a quantitative assessment of a company’s performance in corporate governance, risk, sustainability compliance and ethics, and knowing a company or brand has scored high on this particular assessment can help set your mind at ease.

For the 10th year in a row, that list includes T-Mobile, which, among other initiatives, committed to move to 100 percent renewable energy by 2021, the only major wireless provider to do so. As one of only five honorees in the telecommunications industry to receive recognition from the Ethisphere Institute in 2018, they also landed on Best Place to Work lists for parents, diversity, the LGBTQ community and more. T-Mobile was also given a perfect score of 100 percent on the Corporate Equality Index by the Human Rights Campaign. For the full list of the 2018 World’s Most Ethical Companies, visit worldsmoethicalcompanies.com.

Your Glass of Wine

Red or white? The next time you imbibe, consider going beyond the wine’s flavor and potential pairings, seeking a bottle from a company that you know treats its employees well. Included in Glassdoor’s 2018 Best Places to Work Employees’ Choice list was E. & J. Gallo Winery, a family-owned company with a strong internal program to foster diversity and career development among underrepresented communities.

Whether you’re shopping online, hitting the mall or choosing services that help you connect with friends, family and the world around you, consider doing a bit of research before making your next consumer decision to ensure you’re comfortable with where your money is headed.

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ROUND-UP

Black History Month display at the library

The Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch Library in Mont Belvieu will be hosting a Black History Month display on Monday Feb. 26, 8 am - 5 pm and Tuesday Feb. 27, 8 am - 6 pm. Tina Smith will be sharing her display in honor of her family ancestry and Black History Month. She is a 1983 graduate of Anahuac High and believes that Black History is a part of American history that needs to be told to everyone.

Jones Library February events

•February 28, 2018
Book: I Can Read with My Eyes Shut!
Activity: Birthday Party!
Synopsis: Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss! You are invited to join us in celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday! We will start off by reading I Can Read with My Eyes Shut! Then, we will create a Cat in the Hat mask. After we have finished our craft we will let them dry and go play some games outside on the lawn. After our party games, we will end our day with snacks inspired by the world of Dr. Seuss. The staff will be dressed up as Seuss characters, and we would love to see you dressed up as your favorite Dr. Seuss character as well!
Jones Public Library
801 S Cleveland St
Ste A, Dayton, TX 77535.

The Mane Event

The Mane event returns to Baytown on March 3, 2018 at Hilton Garden Inn. Tickets are available to the public. Call the shelter office at 281-425-2140 to reserve seat at this event. All proceeds benefit Bay Area Homeless Services, Inc.

Eagle Open Golf Tournament

Eagle Open Golf Tournament – Where Business and Pleasure Meet! April 13, 2018.
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Chambers County Library holds Painting for a Purpose fundraiser



Library staff members Michelle Mims, Sue Hawthorne, Friends of the Chambers County Library System President Jean Abshire Forrest, and library staff Aquilia De la Cruz and LaShebia Haskin.

The staff of the Chambers County Library at Anahuac hosted a Painting for a Purpose fundraiser for the Friends of the Chambers County Library System. The Friends are the major supporters and underwriters for many of

the library's programs at Anahuac, Winnie, and Mont Belvieu. Painting for a Purpose was an idea that began in 2017 to help supplement the funds needed for programming purposes. With a \$30 donation going to supplies, partici-

pants enjoyed a "DIY" painting class at White's Park to a sold out crowd of 60 people. A total of \$1800 was raised with the mon-

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FFA week proclaimed in Baytown



Photo by Carrie Pryor-Newman

Goose Creek CISD FFA members receive a proclamation from the City of Baytown at a recent meeting of the GCCISD board of trustees, declaring February 18-24, 2018 FFA Week. Pictured are (from left) Kenneth Rogers, Ross S. Sterling High School advisor; Rex Miller, Stuart Career Tech High School advisor; Agustin Loredó III, board vice president; Sabrina Steele, RSS; Rebekah Banks, RSS advisor; Jenni-rine Shimek, RSS; Randal O'Brien, Goose Creek CISD superintendent; Robert King, RSS; Isabella Garzoria, Goose Creek Memorial High School; Kurt Marek, Robert E. Lee High School advisor; Gisselle Orozco, GCM; Kayla Chandler, REL; Michelle Miranda, REL; Thesiana Graham, REL; Korbin Parks, REL; Caleb Switzer, REL; Charles Johnson, District 3 Council member; Patricia Weakley, REL advisor and Kami Johnston, GCM advisor. FFA Week is celebrated through the National FFA to raise awareness of Agriculture Education.

Lee College Debate strikes gold twice in a row in Louisiana

BAYTOWN, TX – February 18, 2018 – The Mendoza Debate Society has emerged as the top community college in IPDA competition twice in three weeks at competitions in Louisiana. Fresh off the heels of a Community College Championship at the LSU "Mardi Gras Classic" in Baton Rouge, Lee College returned to Baytown with the Community College Championship from the Bossier Parish Community College "Eddy Shell Invitational" on February 16-18, 2018 in tow. Lee College squared off against a field of twenty colleges and universities that included Southern Methodist University (TX), University of Tennessee (TN), Arkansas Tech (AR), Louisiana State University (LA), Jefferson State Community College (AL), and Mississippi State University (MS). The Mendoza Debate Society's Rigo Ruiz was named Team Debate Speaking Champion while his teammate Alysia Hooks finished in 2nd Place for Team Debate



Lee College Debate Team

Speaking. Ruiz and Hooks also finished as the 2nd Place pair in Team Debate, losing on a hotly contested 2-1 decision to a team from LSU. The team of Ruiz and Hooks are the #1 ranked TIPDA team in the IPDA's

2017/2018 national rankings with less than a month to go in the regular season. If Hooks and Ruiz are able to bring home the season-long title, it will mark the fourth consecutive year that a pair from Lee College has won the

Early voting ongoing in Chambers County

Chambers County Primary Voters will choose a US Senator, US Representative, Governor, Attorney General, County Commissioners and others to compete in the General Election in November. You may vote either Democratic or Republican, but not both. Major races include US Senate Republican Ted Cruz vs. 4 challengers, Democrat Beto O'Rourke vs 2 challengers; US Representative, TX-36: Brian Babin Republican, Dayna Steele and Jon Powell, Democrats. Texas Senate D-15 Democrats John Whitmire, Damian Lacroix, Hank Segelke; and Republican Randy Orr. Texas House D-23 Republicans Wayne Faircloth, Mayes Middleton. Texas House D-128 Republican Briscoe Cain is running unopposed. Justice of the Peace, Pct. 3 No. 2 Democrats Don Coffey, Lucia Bates. Chambers County Pct. 2 Commissioner Republicans Mark Tice, Nathan Trahan, Laura Carrington. Pct. 4 Commissioner William Wallace Jr., Billy Combs. Justice of the Peace Pct. 2, Republicans Randy Van Deventer, T-John Borne.

Chambers County Early Voting:
•February 20-22, 7 am - 7 pm
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Summer Science camps registration opens



Campers in grades 7-10 kayaking near Galveston Island

Registration for the 19th annual Wade Into Wetlands Summer Science Camp, sponsored by Chevron Phillips, begins February 28 at the Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Education Center, 1724 Market Street, Baytown, Texas.

The award-winning program is for 6 to 15-year-old youth entering grades

1-10 in the fall. This summer's camps run from June 4 through August 17 and include hands-on indoor and outdoor activities with exciting field trips to local attractions related to each camp's theme. Application

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ez was named a Novice Debate Octofinalist. Aria Giacona won a Double-Octofinalist Award in Novice Debate while Lacey Gulley finished in 7th Place in Program Oral Interpretation in Individual Events competition. They were joined in competition by Jaden Houseman, Dax Ramgoolam, Vanessa Rangel, and Leah Sparkman.

The Lee College Debate Team will wrap up its regular season the first week in March at the University of Central Arkansas "End of Hi-Bear-Nation" tournament in Conway, AR, leading up to the IPDA National Championship Tournament in Spokane, WA on March 24-27, 2018. The Mendoza Debate Society is coached by Director of Forensics Joe Ganakos and Assistant Debate Coach Christine Courteau. For more information about the Lee College Debate Team, please contact Director of Forensics Joe Ganakos at jganakos@lee.edu or at (281)425-6502.

TIPDA Division, and would be the second for Ruiz (2015/2016 with Lee alum Kyle Diamond).

Lee College's Ty Young, an Impact High School junior, finished as a Junior Varsity Debate Quarterfinalist while Julio Martin-

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Painting for a Purpose,

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From left to right are Alissa Beard, Marangely Adams, Teri Rose, and Lauren Cox.

ey going to the branch that organized and carried out the program. This allows the library to continue to provide fun and interesting programs for the public. The Friends rely on donations and yearly dues

to provide the library system with funds outside of what the county allocates. The library depends heavily on the Friends not only to help with program costs, but to advocate for the library to the general pub-

lic. If you are not a Friend of the library, we encourage you to join today. The cost is only \$5 per year. Keep an eye out for your local branch to have their own fundraiser soon!

Summer Camps,

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tions are accepted until the camps are filled.

This year, both the Wetlands Center (WERC) and Baytown Nature Center (BNC) offer a variety of topics and times. Each weeklong full-day camp from 8 am to 4 pm at the Wetlands Center is \$150. At the nature center, half-day weekly morning camps from 8 am-noon and evening camps from 6-10 pm are \$75. A limited number of academic and financial scholarships are available. Academic scholarships are based on recommendations from the child's science teacher, while financial scholar-

ships are based on need, with proof of 2017 family income required. Before and after-camp care (WERC only) is offered for an additional fee. All scholarship applications, as well as any camp fees, are due at time of registration.

The summer schedule includes three full-day camps at WERC and two half-day morning camps for grades 1-3. Campers entering grades 4-6 in the fall may choose from four full-day camps at WERC and two four-hour evening camps at BNC. Seventh through tenth grade campers have three full-day

camps at WERC, and one four-hour evening camp at BNC.

A flyer with complete information on each camp, along with the necessary registration and scholarship forms may be picked up at the Wetlands Center at 1724 Market or downloaded from the City of Baytown's web site, www.baytown.org on the Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Education Center's page under "Education Programs." For more information please call the Wetlands Center at 281-420-7128.

Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital recognizes Standfield as DAISY Award Winner

BAYTOWN — (February 19, 2018) — Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital recognized Lauren Standfield, RN as winner of the February 2018 DAISY nursing award.

Standfield, a nurse on the hospital's 2 East unit, was honored for her work ethic, compassion and encouragement in caring for her 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.

In the nominating letter, Standfield was praised for her abundant kindness, attention to detail, warm smile and encouragement by a son whose mother was undergoing treatment. He added that Standfield's kindness was also extended to him as he spent several nights at his mother's bedside, which helped to create a calm environment for both mother and son.

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 Thrombocytopenic 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 first-hand 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



Lauren Standfield, RN

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.

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The Greatest Missionary

Dr. Mark Trice

Who is the greatest missionary of all time? Would you say Paul? Many would, but there is One greater even than Paul. That would be Jesus. When Jesus, in Mark 6:15, told His disciples to go into all the world and preach the Gospel, He was simply telling them to do what He had been doing all along.

Because of our need, Jesus accepted a mission. He chose to leave His home in Heaven and come down to Earth, to become part of our culture and like us in a very real way, so that He could give us the Good News. Those who accepted His message were changed; their lives were never the same again. And those who had been following Him most closely did as He commanded and set about changing the world.

Through thousands of years, that message remains the same, and Jesus' command remains the same. As Christians we are all called to Äggo into the worldÄh and share the Gospel, to offer those in the world we live in the opportunity to come to know the wonder of having a relationship with God Himself. In truth we are all, as followers of Jesus, supposed to be on a mission every day of our lives.

If we truly have the love of God in us, we should want to share that love with everyone around us. We should want to open our hearts and be sensitive to those we come in contact with. Does the man beside you on the bus appear depressed? Maybe he just needs to be reminded that Jesus loves him, that God cares. Is your neighbor sick in the hospital? A visit could be just what they need. We are, as it has been said time and time again, the hands and feet of Jesus.

Of course, as individuals we can't each literally cover the whole world. This is where supporting missionaries comes into play. My monetary donations to missionaries in Mexico helps provide a home for orphans, supports daring missionaries as they go out into areas that have never heard the Gospel, enables the training of Pastors and the raising up of new churchesÄ It is absolutely amazing to think how much a missionary in a foreign country can do with what amounts to pocket change to us here in the US. Truly, most people have no idea what a difference even \$20 a month can make, how many lives it can change.

So, one Christian to another, I encourage you to follow the lead of the Greatest Missionary and get the Word out.

Sacred Heart Catholic School participates in Academic Competition



Sacred Heart Catholic School Beta Club participants.

Last week Sacred Heart Catholic School attended the Texas Junior Beta Club Convention last week in Grapevine, TX. This is an academic competition that serves the private school communities.

We are so proud of our Beta Club members and all of their hard work and dedication in preparing for convention. Congratulations to our academic achievers!

- We received the following awards:
- GOLD Key Award - Club Award
 - Book Battle - Div. I - 3rd Place - Sabene B., Bailey S. & Alexandra W.
 - Poetry – Div. I – 2nd Place - Gracelyn R.
 - Science Div. I - 3rd Place – Jocelyn G.
 - Science Div. II - 3rd Place – Andrew W.

- Social Studies – Div. I - 2nd Place – Sara M.
- Speech – Div. I - 2nd Place – Lizbeth M.
- Special Talent – Div. II – Golden Ticket – Savannah S.
- Color Photography – Div. I – 2nd Place – Sara M.
- Handmade Jewelry – Div. I – 2nd Place – Lizbeth M.
- Painting – Div. I – 2nd Place – Jocelyn G.
- Trading Pins – Div. II - 2nd Place – Laurel R.

The Beta Club would also like to thank all of the teachers, sponsors and parents who helped us prepare for the Convention as well as those who came along to chaperone. We could not have done it without your help. THANK YOU!

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God is our refuge
and strength, a
very present help
in trouble
Psalm: 46:1

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OBITUARIES

Dorothy Jeanette Notgrass

Dorothy Jeanette Notgrass age 85, went to be with the Lord on Saturday February 3, 2018. She was born in Crestview, Florida on August 7, 1932 to Bessie May Turner Sanford and James William Sanford. She enjoyed crocheting and sewing, going to church, shopping and dining with her friend, Wilma but most of all enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She was a religious, sweet, precious loving lady and a role model for her family. She could be considered strong willed at times and will be loved and missed by all who knew her.
She is preceded in death by her parents, James and Bessie Sanford; her husband, Billy Gene Notgrass; her sons, Billy Michael Notgrass, James Valson



Notgrass and Danny Paul Notgrass, her infant daughter, Betty Delores Notgrass and her infant grandson, Paul Bryan Notgrass. Dorothy is survived by her daughters, Carolyn Humphrey, Dorothy Hudson and Linda Nickens; her grandchildren, Rhonda Cothron, Calvin Randy Cothron Jr. (and wife, Jenny), , James Hudson Jr., Angela Hudson , Billy Notgrass Jr., Tim, April,

Jamie and Jennifer Notgrass, Aaron, Allison, Andrew and Adam Notgrass, Gary, Charles and Tiffany Nickens, Reba Notgrass. Also survived by 24 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, other relatives and many friends.
A visitation for family and friends was held at Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, on Wednesday evening February 7, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Services were held on Thursday afternoon February 8, 2018 in Sterling White Funeral Home Chapel at 2:00 p.m. Interment was at Sterling White Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, Texas 77562. To offer condolences to the family, please visit www.sterlingwhite.com.

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1 Corinthians 16:13

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

★ COMMUNITY NEWS ★

Crosby-Huffman Chamber Awards Banquet



Hungry Jack's Restaurant, Charlie Dahu, owner, presented by David Mendez of Turner Chevrolet, last years winner of Business of the Year.



Sarah Whiting State Farm Insurance, Shirley Dupree accepted on her behalf. Business of the Year Huffman, presented by David Mendez of last years' Business of the Year.



William Carter for Brian Babin's Constituent Services Representative for U.S. House, Texas District 36 presented to Keenan Smith the Crosby Humanitarian Award.



Justin League accepted the Volunteer of the Year Award from Tatum MacNaughton.



Christy Graves of HCESD#5 the Ambulance service of Crosby Citizen of the Year by Velma Ellison.



Velma Ellison presented John Reynold, Agriculture teacher, of Huffman ISD a Deacon of Huffman Baptist Church, Citizen of the Year.



The Ambassador of the Year was Cathie Ropp for her diligent service to the Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce.



Tatum MacNaughton presented Volunteer of the Year Awards to Shirley Dupree for Huffman.



William Carter presented to Huffman First Baptist Church the Humanitarian Award for Huffman.



Huffman Education Foundation accepted the award for Non-Profit Organization of the Year for Huffman.

Crosby-Huffman Awards

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es United in Caring represented by Rev. Scott Keaton, Huffman Education Foundation, represented by Shirley Dupree.

Churches United in Caring's award was accepted by Scott Keaton. Shirley Dupree accepted for Huffman Education Foundation.

Citizen of the Year was presented by Board Chairman Koslovski, "it is for those that diligently work to make the community a friendlier, safer, more enjoyable place to live."

Nominees are Chuck Murray for ESD#5, for extra effort during the hurricane, the ambulance service for Crosby, he is also on the Crosby Municipal Utility Board, Eddie Foster, A Handiman Service, who has tirelessly contributed time and work for the communities and the Chamber of Commerce, Rev. Keenan Smith, because when there is a need

Keenan is always there to make something happen. Anneshia Keller, with retired Harris County Sheriff for tireless efforts during Hurricane Harvey, Velma Ellison presented to John Reynold, of Huffman ISD Agriculture teacher, a Deacon of Huffman Baptist Church. Christy Graves of HCESD#5 the Ambulance service of Crosby for going over and above in service to the community.

Business of the Year nominees were, Crosby Ace Hardware, Alliance Properties-Velma Ellison, Community Bank of Texas-Felicia Hensel, Community Resource Credit Union-Macie Schubert and Britney Samperi, Hungry Jack Restaurant Charlie Dahu, owner, Professional Utility Services-Delilah Arolfo. David Mendez of last years' Business of the Year, Turner Chevrolet, presented awards. Sarah

Whiting State Farm Insurance, Shirley Dupree accepted on her behalf. Hungry Jack Restaurant's Charlie Dahu accepted.

Volunteer of the Year nominees were Dr. James Gracey, Justin League, Kim Davila, Shirley Dupree, and Susan Armstrong.

Tatum MacNaughton presented awards to Justin League for Crosby and Shirley Dupree for Huffman.

Humanitarian of the Year nominees were Crosby American Legion Hall-Gary Alston (related to the rescue center operation,) Crosby Church-Pastor Keenan Smith, First Baptist Church Huffman Pastor Mike Martin, Raymond Blanchard with Crosby ISD. William Carter for Brian Babin's Constituent Services Representative for U.S. House, Texas District 36.

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The City of Jacinto City, Texas is requesting proposals from qualified vendors to provide the following site-specific Hurricane Harvey-related Disaster Debris services in accordance with applicable local, state, and Federal Emergency Management Agency regulations. This RFP applies to debris stored at the temporary debris site located at 12202 Market Street.

- DEBRIS MONITORING SERVICES
- DEBRIS REMOVAL SERVICES

Proposals are due by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 22, 2018.

Two (2) paper copies of the Proposal must be delivered to:

Office of the City Secretary
1301 Mercury Drive
Houston, Texas 77029

RFP Contact
Lon Squyres
713-674-8424
lon.squyres@jacintocity-tx.gov

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Anderson to be Roasted at Annual BAHS Gala

BAYTOWN — (February 16, 2018) — Long-time Baytown banking executive Ronnie Anderson knows exactly what to expect when he serves as the “roastee” at the Bay Area Homeless Services’ (BAHS) annual Mane Event gala on March 3.

“I’m sure it will be a fun filled night with a dash of embarrassment,” Anderson says of his anticipated treatment as the target of the avalanche of good natured barbs. “But I’m willing to take it for the cause.”

At last year’s gala, Anderson served as one of the roasters dishing out one liners as Community Resource Credit Union President/CEO David Frazier served as the roastee, so he’s fully prepared for what awaits. But he says supporting the homeless shelter’s mission, programs and services far outweighs any personal pain.

Anderson is a former Baytown city council member who grew up in a military family that moved to Baytown in time for him to graduate from Robert E. Lee High School. As a member of Baytown’s Second Baptist Church, he has for years been involved in programs to benefit the BAHS, including serving breakfast for shelter residents and donating funds to purchase Christmas gifts for the residents and their children.

“All you have to do,” he says, “is look at the work the BAHS does to see what an honor it is to be involved with this organization.”

Guided by Executive Director Bill Eckert, the organization has offered programs to benefit the homeless since its founding in 1982, including emergency homeless shelter services for low-income residents of Baytown, and East Harris, Liberty and Chambers counties, as well as employment services.

Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital is a sponsor of this year’s gala, which will be held at Baytown’s new Hilton Garden hotel. The fundraiser includes live and silent auctions, with the featured item being a stay in a grand home in Park City, Utah donated by Roger and Kim Elswick, owners of Community Toyota/Honda/Kia.

Anderson enjoyed a lengthy career in banking prior to retiring four years ago from Community Resource Credit Union, where he served as an executive vice president. He continues to serve in an advisory and advocacy position with the company. He and wife Barbara have two adult children; a daughter who is a teacher in the Barber’s Hill Independent School District and a son who owns a homebuilding company in the Kingwood area. They have five grandchildren.



Ronnie Anderson

Ronnie has occupied leadership roles in several charitable and civic organizations over the years. He is a longtime member of the Rotary Club, past chairman of the board of the Baytown/West Chambers County Economic Development Foundation and a governor-appointed member of the San Jacinto River Authority. Among his many career accomplishments, Anderson says he’s perhaps most proud to offer his assistance to the BAHS.

“Just go down to the shelter and see the work they do,” Anderson said. “Their work can best be summed up through the Bible verse (Matthew 25:40), ‘As you did it unto the least of these, you have done it unto me.’ That verse says it all.”

For more information on the gala and to reserve your seat, call 281-425-2140.

Baytown Library needs your help

Baytown’s Sterling Municipal Library has moved into the Final Four Round of Engaging Local Government Leaders’ (ENGL) Leslie B Knope Best Library Ever Award. The last Texas public library remaining in the competition, Baytown has been crushing the competition. We’re once again asking the public’s support to keep going.

Named in honor of television show Parks and Recreation’s Leslie Knope (known for hating librarians and everything they stand for), the Best Library Ever Award acknowledges outstanding and beloved libraries across the country. But there can be only one.

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Baytown's Sterling Municipal Library Makes Final Four of Leslie Knope Best Library Ever and Receives Endorsement of Cast Member

half the libraries are eliminated to go home in shame as the remaining libraries continue forward. Baytown’s beloved Sterling Municipal Library has successfully navigated 4 rounds; each time coming out the victor.

This week, SML is locked in competition with Williamsburg, VA,

and currently holds a slim lead. SML’s librarians hope a video endorsement from Jim O’Heir, who played Jerry Gergich on the popular show will help carry them on to the finals.

Voting runs through Friday at <http://elgl.org/2018/02/18/final-four-williamsburg-va-v-baytown-tx/>.

District Spelling Bee Winners

Goose Creek CISD District Spelling Bee winners are (from left) Jody Go Hiong, fourth grade, Dr. Johnny T. Clark, Jr. Elementary, 3rd place; Hanna Coker, sixth grade, Cedar Bayou Junior School, 2nd place and Anushka Ranjan, eighth grade, Highlands Junior School, 1st place. Anushka, who also won the District Spelling Bee in 2017, will advance to the Regional Spelling Bee in Houston.



TxDOT holds I-10 east Meetings,

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internet, at the following address: <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/houston-pel-i-10.html>.

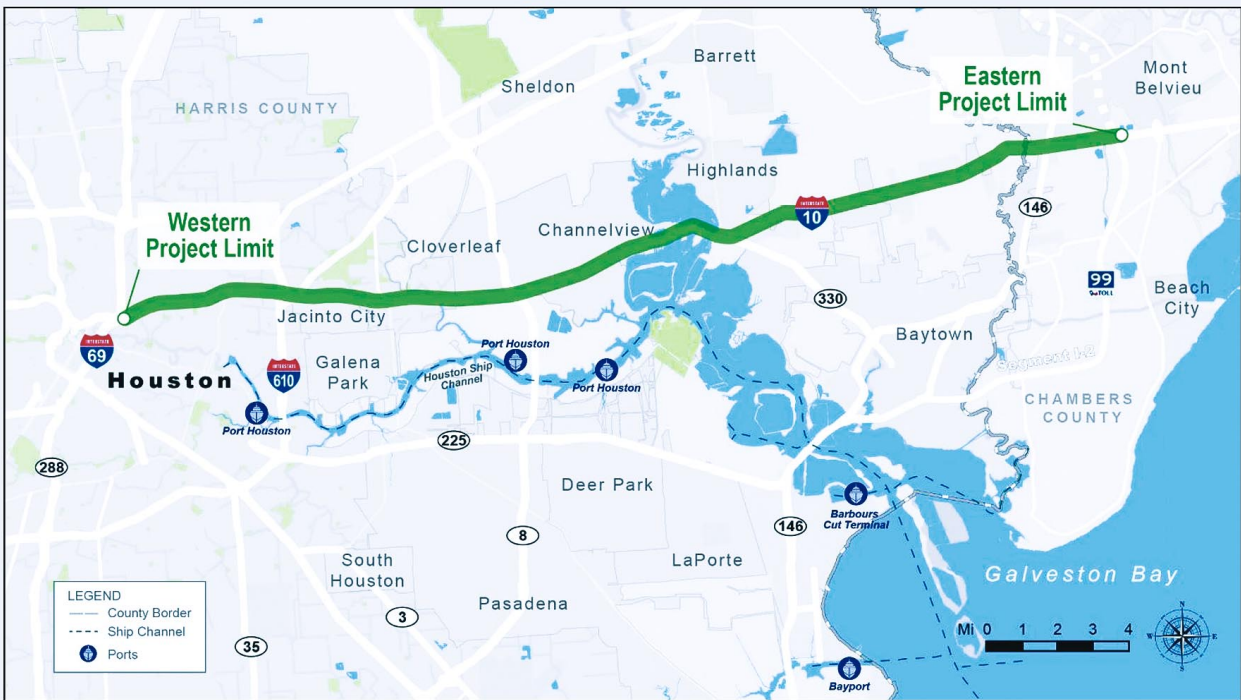
The study would include the city areas of Houston; Jacinto City; Baytown; and Mont Belvieu.

At a high level, a PEL study:

- Identifies transportation issues
- Develops the need and purpose for proposed improvements
- Helps inform planning decisions through public feedback
- Streamlines the project delivery process for NEPA
- Identifies environmental constraints, issues and potential future projects
- PEL Timeline and Process

Following is a high-level timeline; ongoing agency and stakeholder involvement occurs throughout the entire PEL

I-10E Study Limits



process.

- Phase I: Spring 2017 - Summer 2018
 - Conduct data collection
 - Analyze existing conditions
 - Determine corridor needs and concerns
 - Identify vision for the corridor with community input
- Phase II: Fall 2018 - Summer 2020
 - Develop and screen conceptual ideas and alternatives that support the corridor vision
 - Consider viable alternatives
 - Present PEL findings

After the PEL study process, the NEPA process will then be initiated and additional public involvement will be required and planned.

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