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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

THUR., FEB. 8 HIGHLANDS CHAMBER BANQUET

Annual Community Awards and Direct Installation, 6:30 pm -9:00 pm at Monument Inn, 4406 Independence Parkway. 281-426-7227.

SAT., FEB. 10 CRAFT & CONSUMER EXPO

11a.m.-3p.m. Crosby High School, visit local vendors as they display the goods and services unique to the Northeast areas. Free entrance.

WED, FEB. 14 HEART SCREENINGS

Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital is offering free heart screenings, 11:30 am -1:00 pm. Please call 281-428-2273 to register. See also AD, page 10.

THUR., FEB. 15 CROSBY CHAMBER BANQUET

Annual Awards Banquet & Board Installation, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm. Monument Inn, 4406 Independece Parkway. Visit www.crosbyhuffmancc.org for more inforation.

TUESDAY, FEB. 20 EASTSIDE VETERANS CELEBRATION

Chili Supper with all the Fixins', 6-8 pm, Hungry Jack Rest., 14045 FM 2100, Crosby. 281-794-5122.

BIRTHDAYS

Feb 8--Leah Cathey Johange C. Highfield Jerry Hovater James Simpson

Feb 9--Gerald D. Harris Feb 11--Carol Kelley Mary Mills Michael Parson

Lanette Salters Feb 12--Shelby Hodges Lori Osterman Jed Riser Alania Kay Jones

Feb 13-Lisa Brown Hannah Riser Tami Roe Christopher Salters

Ida Turley

Feb 14--Susy Cavazos ANNIVERSARIES

Feb 11-Keith & Becky Adams

Adams Howard & Patricia Brockinton

Feb 12- Donnie & Elonda Cravatt Feb 14--Larry & Jeannie Kelly

DEATHS

Denise Lynn Philips

Men in bras set records for 7th time

By Debbie Holmelin

CROSBY – This community once again rallied and showed their overwhelming generosity and support of Crosby Fair and Rodeo's TETWP event on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at the Crosby American Legion Hall.

Preliminary reports show over \$200,000 was raised at the 7th annual event. The Tough Enough to Wear Pink committee chose a theme of "Together We Can Make a Difference" with all cancer recognized throughout the room with the different awareness cancer colors. The theme was continued by the Bras For the Cause Committee, ladies who chose a colored scarf to represent a cancer that has touched their lives in some way, either through family, friends, etc.

So, 100% of proceeds will benefit people in our community and surrounding areas that are fighting cancer.



Sporting their wears the models for Bras For The Cause raised over \$200,000 last Saturday.

Twenty one male celebrity models participated in a fashion show modeling bras designed by family and friends. Some of the themes included, the Victoria Secret Model, Robert

Boaz, Astros Championship Model, Chris Joseph, from the Candlelighters group, and "Texas Strong-Hurricane Harvey" Bra, modeled by Scott Holmelin. Returning veteran model, Kenneth Forrest modeled a Baywatch bra which was bought by David Mendez, Turner Chevrolet. "This Bra's on Fire" was modeled by Chad Ferguson, from Patient's Emergency. Shawn Hays and his son, Blake Tilton modeled bras with a military theme for a combined

See Bras for the Cause, Page 3

Crosby ISD keeps Morman details status Coach, hires Super of Pct. 2 at Chamber

CROSBY — Not only was an interim superintendant selected by Crosby ISD trustees on Friday, Feb. 2 but the Athletic Director and Head Coach with the superlative winning record was kept for two more years and new positions were hired.

The Crosby ISD Board of Trustees named Dr. Kirk Lewis to serve as interim superintendent for the Crosby Independent School District pending contract approval during the Special-Called Board Meeting on February 2, 2018. He joins Crosby ISD with an extensive background in educational leadership including 30 years of service in various administrative positions in Pasadena ISD. Dr. Lewis retired from Pasadena ISD after serving as Superintendent from 2006 to 2016.

Under Dr. Lewis' leadership, Pasadena ISD constructed 6 new elementary campuses, 9 middle schools, 2 intermediate schools, and 2 new high schools. Dr. Lewis earned his Bachelor's Degree



Dr. Kirk Lewis

in 1976 from Texas Tech University in Public Relations. After graduating, he attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth to pursue a degree in religious education. He earned his

> See Superintendent, Page 3

Speaking last week at the North Channel Chamber luncheon, Pct. 2 Commissioner Jack Morman discussed the ravages resulting from the floods after Hurricane Harvey, and a large range of projects that will be built in the next few years in East Harris County to keep pace with the population growth.

Morman called it an Historic Flood, noting that in the past five years there have been three flood events in the county that exceeded the 100 year flood plans. In the county, over 30,000 homes were flooded, he said. Resources to help people were overwhelmed, and the county had to ask for the help of the general public for boats and evacuation rescues. He noted that Pct. 2 dump trucks were used as first responder emergency vehicles due to their high ground clearance.

Pct. 2 is now in the recovery phase. A total of 260,000 cubic yards of debris have been picked up and hauled away. The Lynchburg Ferry, closed due to damage to both landings, is being repaired and



Jack Morman
Pct. 2 Commissioner

scheduled to re-open in March.

`To alleviate future damage from floods, the county is implementing new regulations calling for buildings to be elevat-

See PCT. 2, Page 6

Millers win new car in Rotary raffle

HIGHLANDS — Steve Miller remarked to his wife Linda "That's the best \$100 we ever spent" after they won a new car or SUV in the Chili Feast Raffle last Saturday. They had just walked in the door earlier without a ticket, but bought just one. And it was the right one, it turned out.

The Rotary Club's 43rd Annual Chili Feast was a great success, according to officials with the club. President-elect John Seaton made a report to the club at their luncheon on Tuesday, reporting that the gross receipts for the event are in line with previous years, even though the attendance and ticket sales were down slightly.

The club grossed about \$85,000, and netted about \$50,000, he said. This money will be used throughout the year for local commu-



Linda Miller and Steve Miller express their surprise and joy as they learn they won the new vehicle in the Rotary Chili Feast Raffle, with Rotarian Charlie Ward at right.

nity projects and support for organizations, scholarships, and international aid projects.

Seaton was the chairman of the Chili Feast, which is put on with the help of the scouts, local interact clubs, and wives of the Rotarians.

Top ticket sellers were Betty Brewer, Weston Cotten, Jerry Fallin, and Patricia Scott.

Rick Loggins was the auctioneer for the Live Auction, assisted by spotters Constable Sherman Eagleton and Rick Larkins, both of the Pct. 3 constable's office.

RAFFLE EXCITE-

As the drawing progressed, anticipation grew as to who would win the new vehicle, the top prize

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COMMUNITY NEWS*

Flood Forum on TV explores Officials are interviewing solutions to flooding



Mayor Sylvester Turner and County Judge Ed Emmett were the featured speakers on the program. In general, they agreed that this was "a defining moment" and time for major funding with help from state and federal partners.

 ${\bf HOUSTON-Television}$ Channel 2 KPRC sponsored a forum last Monday night, featuring the two government leaders in the area. Mayor Sylvester Turner of Houston, and Judge Ed Emmett of Harris County.

The two leaders were discussing the devastation from the floods after Hurricane Harvey, and what the plans are to alleviate future disasters. In addition, they answered questions from viewers that were phoned into the program.

In general the leaders agreed that this was the time for action to solve the flood problems of the area.

Emmett said that Harvey had changed our lives, and changes are needed in the regulations that govern building. He said they were based on a 100 year flood plain, when actually that most recent floods, 3 in 3 years, indicate a 500 year flood event instead. He said this change was being implemented in the county since January 1st.

Both leaders said that more money was needed, to help those who are suffering from the Harvey floods, and to improve infrastructure to minimizing flooding in the future.

Emmett said that a new third reservoir was needed, probably at a cost of more than \$500 million. He noted that these reservoirs are federal projects, not county.

Turner noted that the city's drainage fee was not intended to solve flooding problems, and flood projects would cost billions. Both speakers said that the state should release some of its "rainy day" fund to Houston.

"If this isn't a rainy day, what is?" they quipped. Emmett noted that Congress had appropriated \$51 billion for flood, and had another bill that would release \$81 billion for natural disaster relief in four states. They urged quick action to pass this, but said it wouldn't be enough.

Emmett said that the County was planning on having a bond referendum later this year for the Flood Control District, and the public would have to decide whether they would pay for flood relief.

In the question period, Cynthis Neely asked why projects could not be required to retain 100% of their water run-off.

Environmentalist Jim Blackburn noted that Harvey was not a surge event but a rain and wind storm, and that a surge event would have been even more devastating. Plans for a socalled "Ike Dike" have been forwarded, but the cost is into many billions, he said.

subject in fatal hit and run

On February,05, 2018, the Harris County Sheriff's Office Vehicular Unit received word from Harris County Precinct 4 Constables Office, that the subject involved earlier in the hit and run wanted to turned themselves in to their agency.

According to the Harris County Sheriff's Office Vehicular Crimes Division (VCD), the hit and run crash occurred at approximately 1:00 a.m. on February 5, 2018 in Harris County, TX., the victim,

57-year-old Michael Hughes, was walking across the center turn lane in the 11400 block of Jones Road.

The suspect vehicle was traveling northbound on Jones Road and entered into the center turn lane, striking Hughes.

The suspect vehicle then fled the scene without providing aid to the victim.

Mr. Hughes died at the scene as a result of injuries sustained in the crash.

The subject is now being interviewed by VCD investigators.



Michael Hughes, victim.

Charges are pending until further investigation.

State Sales Tax Revenue totaled nearly \$2.7 billion in January

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said today that state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.67 billion in January, 9.1 percent more than in January 2017.

"Growth in sales tax revenue occurred across all major economic sectors," Hegar said. "The strong growth in revenue was led by collections from the mining, construction and wholesale trade sectors. The manufacturing, retail

trade and restaurant sectors also saw strong gains."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in January 2018 was up 10.8 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax revenue is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 58 percent of all tax collections.

Revenue from other major taxes on motor vehicle sales and rentals, motor fuels and oil and natural gas production also rose in January 2018:

• motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$427.7 million, up 5.1 percent from January 2017;

• motor fuel taxes — \$304.6 million, up 3 percent from January 2017;

• oil and natural gas production taxes — \$407 million, up 63.9 percent from January 2017.

Governor Greg Abbott appoints San Jacinto River Authority **Board of Directors**

Austin, TX - February 6, 2018 – Senator Brandon Creighton (R-Conroe) issued the following statecommending Governor Greg Abbott for appointing three new board members to the San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA).

"I am appreciative of Governor Abbott for appointing three well-qualified individuals to fulfill SJRA's duties and responsibilities," said Senator Creighton. "Charles "Ed"

Boulware (Montgomery), Mark Micheletti (Kingwood), and Kaaren Cambio (Kingwood) will bring extensive experience to the board of directors."

SJRA is an appointed governmental body with the mission to protect and conserve the water resources of the San Jacinto River basin. On August 25, 2017, Hurricane Harvey hit the Texas Coast. Throughout the following several days, the storm produced between 30 to 60

inches of rainfall throughout Senate District 4 and across southeast Texas.

"I fully intend to continue working with the entire board of directors and the general manager as well as all stakeholders to ensure that SJRA fulfills their duties to the highest degree," said Senator Creighton. "I believe the new board members will add much needed representation from different parts of the river basin."

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Baytown Police Department helps puppy find her family



Everyone loves a happy ending - Kudos to BPD Officers and Detectives Rodrick Edwards, Joshua Cuccio, Felipe Gallegos, and Shane Darsee! Their teamwork on a BMV (burglary of a motor vehicle) case led to the recovery of this stolen, furry bundle-of-joy. Missing for 16 days, the puppy will be reunited with her owner!

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COMMUNITY PAGE ★

Bras for the Cause,

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total of over \$13,000. Ending the night, Jacob Schexnayder's bra with a "Construction" theme brought \$13,000 and his cousin, Teaque's "Treasure Your Chest" bra was sold for a record-breaking, \$65,000! Teaque's bra was co-bought by Bosh Management & Consulting LLC and B&S Works, LLC, of Crosby, Texas. Bosh is the parent company of Hospitality Health ER, located in Longview, Tyler and Galveston and also Patients ER in Mont Belvieu, Tx. Owners and Co-founders are Jeannie Shipp and Jonathan Boh-

annon. What a great team! Charles Adams, Attornev/Partner and Host of "Big Angry and Zro" Show, served as MC. DJ CRUZ provided the music and Bill Busby served as auctioneer. Gary Clifton welcomed the sold out crowd and Pam De La Cruz from Houston Methodist San Jacinto explained how Pink Heals funds have helped local people in the last year with day to day living expenses while receiving treatment for various types of cancer. Gay Foust spoke on behalf of Candelighters, which provides financial assistance

to families of children who are dealing with cancer. Jennifer Loggins served as photographer and Demeris Catering provided the meal.

In the words of "Lion King" model, Justin Whittredge, "it was beyond my expectations. I loved it and it is amazing to be involved in such a great community event."

The BFC committee is overwhelmed each year by the generous support of the Crosby Community and the willingness of men in our community to step up and model bras in support of local cancer patients. We feel blessed and very lucky to live in the community of Crosby. The stories that we receive about patients who have been helped through the proceeds of this event warms our hearts and confirms our drive to continue this great service for anyone in need. There were lots of smiles on Saturday night! Thank you Crosby

Community! More Photos on Page 10.

Super intendent,

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Master's Degree in Education Futures from the University of Houston, and Doctorate in Educational Leadership in 2008 from Lamar University.

Board President, Carla Mills Windfont, stated, "The extensive knowledge and experience Dr. Lewis brings to Crosby ISD will help us move forward in a positive and productive direction. We have so many great things on the horizon for our district and we feel fortunate to have someone so talented in leadership to help us press on. Most importantly, Dr. Lewis understands the value of a synergetic relationship between school district and community - a priority for our Board of Trustees."

Dr. Kirk Lewis released the following statement, "I'm excited about the opportunity to serve the Crosby district and its community over the next few months. In our visit last week, I could sense the strong commitment of the school board to its children. I also know that the heart of every educator beats for the students they serve. I'm looking forward to working with the teachers, principals and support staff to keep Crosby ISD on the path to excellence during this transition."

Dr. Lewis did not begin on Monday as the Board needed to go through contract negotiations.

Upon return from executive session, the six attending Board of Trustees members voted unanimously to continue Jeff Riordan's contract under the terms presentedfor two

A new child nutrition director was hired by unanimous vote. Then all new hires were approved.

Methodist Hospital attends Bras For Cause



Administrators, doctors, patient care providers and staff attended Bras for the Cause in Crosby last Saturday. The event raises funds to provide for patients' daily living bills that are battling cancer.



With Auctioneer Bill Busby in the background and Charles D. Adams attorney/partner of iHeart's 950AM KPRC and Fox 26, the heroines of the night are the Bras For The Cause Committee. The event is part of Crosby Fair & Rodeo's Tough Enough to Wear Pink Committee a subset of the Bras For the Cause Committee. Prior to Saturay, Bras For The Cause raised over \$700,000 for patients in the six years it was held. Preliminary results indicate over \$200,000 more went for the Seventh Bras For The Cause.



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★ OPINION PAGE ★

5 Ways digital technology is helping students learn



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(StatePoint) As classrooms are getting modern makeovers across the country, here are five ways new digital technology is helping students to better absorb the curriculum.

1. Tablets. Tablets in the classroom give students instant and portable access to research and resources, as well as educational games and videos -- all right at their fingertips. These devices can be used as collaborative tools, and can also accommodate all different types of learners, helping teachers address the needs of all their students.

2. Keyboards.

Musicians who are just getting started can get an educational boost with new tech tools, such as Casio's LK-265 keyboards, which are outfitted with a Voice Fingering Guide and Step-up Lesson System. These features enable students to learn built-in songs. phase-by-phase, at their own pace. Additionally, the LCD display facilitates learning of both music notation and correct hand positioning, while its Scoring System evaluates performance, so users can track their progress. Another asset for students is the free compatible Chordana Play app, which automatically plays 50 songs, from pop to classical and more, and is expandable through MIDI files that can be downloaded from the internet.

3. Virtual reality. Now students can go all over the world without a permission slip. Virtual field trips in classrooms using smartphone-based

Virtual Reality (VR) technology can expose students to places they wouldn't be able to see otherwise. Also, using VR in an educational setting can help students develop an understanding of the technology, which may be helpful down the line, as more industries adopt it for business applications.

4. Calculators.

Updated digital technology integrated into calculators enables students to learn math in a whole new way. For example, Casio's addition to its PRIZM line, the fx-CG50, offers an improved catalog function so that teachers can use commands more easily and quickly, offering support to students. Expanded features include the ability to easily draw 3D graphs such as planes, cylinders and spheres, and view them from various angles to better analyze their shapes. These features help ensure students are getting the most out of the educational tools in the classroom while enhancing their understanding of mathemat-

5. Projectors. These days, new projector models are giving educators a greater ability to project images, video and lessons wirelessly from their mobile devices and laptops. For example, Casio's Core Series LampFree Projector, which features a mercury-free laser and LED hybrid light, minimizes classroom downtime by reaching maximum brightness in as fast as five seconds. This technology can enhance lessons by enabling collaborative learning and communication.



Straus: Audit reveals need for stronger oversight at state agency

AUSTIN — House Speaker Joe Straus on Jan. 31 said a new state audit raises questions about the management of the state Health and Human Services Commission and illustrates the need for legislative hearings.

A report released last week by the State Auditor's Office found that **HHSC** allowed Superior Health Plan Inc. to report approximately \$29.6 million in bonus and incentive payments paid to affiliates' employees, even though those payments were not allowed under the state's contract with Superior. The state agency also approved Superior's request to report affiliate profits as costs without following the approval process contained in the state's contract with Superior.

"This audit highlights serious weaknesses in HHSC's oversight of its own contracts. Taxpayers have a right to expect that Commission will hold providers to contract requirements. Unfortunately, this isn't the first example of HHSC failing to properly enforce requirements in taxpayer-funded contracts. This audit shows that there is a lot of room for improvement at HHSC," Straus said.

Some \$80 billion of the state's \$217 billion budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal biennium is funding the Health and Human Services Commission and the agencies it oversees.

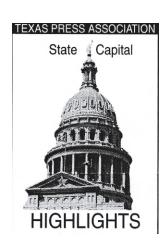
Revenue total increases

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Manufacturing, retail trade and restaurant sectors also saw strong gains. Hegar reported total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in January was





up 10.8 percent compared to the same period in 2017.

Revenue from other major taxes on motor vehicle sales and rentals, motor fuels and oil and natural gas production also rose in January. Notably, oil and natural gas production taxes, which totaled an estimated \$407 million for the month, were up 63.9 percent from January 2017.

Get ready to vote, Texans

Feb. 5 was the voter registration deadline.

On Jan. 31, Secretary of State Rolando Pablos reminded Texans to be ready to cast their vote in the March 6 Primary Election.

Pablos encouraged eligible voters to ensure that they (1) are registered to vote in their county of residence; (2) are aware of what they need to bring to the polls in order to cast a ballot; and (3) contact their county elections office to (a) become familiar with their ballot; (b) locate their appropriate polling location; and (c) plan their trip to the polls.

"I commend all Texans who take responsibility for their civic duty by exercising their right to vote," Pablos said, adding: "Most importantly, I encourage all Texans to work together to ensure that our youngest generation is instilled with a tradition of voting and encouraged to make their voices heard at the ballot box."

Paxton hails court ruling

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton praised a Lubbock federal court's Feb. 1 ruling in his lawsuit seeking relief from obeying 2012 guidelines issued under President Obama by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The guidelines limit the ability of employers, including the state and its agencies, from categorically excluding convicted felons from certain employment positions.

In part of his multipronged order, Senior U.S. District Judge Sam R. Cummings ruled in partial agreement with the state's position, saying, "There are certainly many categories of employment for which specific criminal history profiles of applicants would be a poor fit and pose far too great a risk to the state of Texas and its citizens"

its citizens."

However, Cummings added that "a categorical denial of employment opportunities to all job applicants convicted of a prior felony paints too broad a brush and denies meaningful opportunities of employment to many who could benefit greatly from such employment in certain positions."

Cummings ordered the EEOC to promulgate an enforceable, substantive rule.

Abbott comments on arrests

Gov. Greg Abbott released a statement following the announcement by the Texas Department of Public Safety that the Texas Rangers on Feb. 1 had arrested four suspects on charges of misconduct at the Texas Juvenile Justice Department.

"Misconduct on the part of employees entrusted with the responsibility of protecting our youth will not be tolerated," Abbott said.

The arrests come after Abbott directed the Texas Rangers to investigate reports of sexual misconduct and inappropriate relationships at state youth detention facilities.

Hot tips to help you avoid home heating fires

(NAPSI)—Heating equipment is the second-leading cause of home fires in the United States. More than 65,000 home fires are attributed to heating equipment each year.

Following these Dos and Don'ts, however, can help protect your home and family:

Do have a qualified service professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to code and manufacturer's instructions and then have the system inspected annually.

Don't use your stove to heat your home or dry your clothes.

Do install and maintain smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and test them monthly.

Don't plug a space heater into an extension cord.

Do plug it directly into an electric outlet.

Don't leave any heating appliance unattended.

Do turn heaters off

when you leave the room or go to sleep.

Don't use a space

heater or any appliance with a damaged cord. Do place any heater

at least three feet away from anything flammable.

Don't use old, worn heating pads or electric

heating pads or electric blankets with frayed cords. These cause almost 500 fires a year, almost all of them involving electric blankets that are more than 10 years old.

Do place heaters on level, flat surfaces on the floor, not on tables, shelves or chairs.

Don't use both a heating pad—placed directly on the mattress—and an electric blanket at the same time.

Do keep heating pads and electric blankets uncovered when in use. When covered by anything, including other blankets or pets, electric blankets may overheat.

Don't fold electric blankets when in use. Folded or tucked-in blankets could overheat and cause a fire.

Do keep a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.

Don't use the wrong kind of fuel for fuelburning space heaters.

Do make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room.

Don't be in too much of a hurry to shovel out the ashes. Let them cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your

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ROUND-UP

Three people

killed in crash

Sunday afternoon on

Loop 207 in Mont

Accoding to

officials, three cars, a

black Infinity, a blue

Nissan Sentra and a

Silverado got involved

in the accident around

head-on. Each vehicle

identified as Raymond

Walker, 51, and Debra

Part of Loop 207

the crash. The cause of

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several hours due to

the crash still under

Jones Library

February events

• February 14, 2018

Book: If You'll be my

Craft: Love Bug

Synopsis: Happy

Valentine's Day! We will

today! During circle time

we will be singing and

dancing to songs all about love. We will then

read our story about a little boy showing his whole family love on

Valentine's Day by

love bug cards,

spendiang time with

them. For our craft we

complete with a cute

poem inside. We will

then go pass the cards

out to our friends in the

senior citizens center!

When we are through

visiting with them, we

Park for a picnic!

will head over to Parker

Everyone needs to bring

a blanket to sit on, a sack

child, and snack to share

with the group. We will

talk about the newest

feature in the park; A

Little Library! Please

to donate to the little

Self Portrait as a

Synopsis: It's

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little more time on

two Presidents the

President's Day! Join us

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activity!

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President!

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Science Experiment:

Book: President's

lunch for you and your

will be making adorable

Valentines Card

be having an extra

special Story Hour

February Story

investigation.

Hours

Valentine

silver Chevrolet

3:00 p.m. The two

sedan cars cashed

had two occupants.

The victims were

Gurnitz, both from

Durso, 46, of

Nederland.

Baytown and James

Belvieu.

Three people were

killed in a car crash last

Baytown residents encouraged to "Step Up" in community challenge



Photo by Carrie Pryor-Newman

Goose Creek CISD board members (from left) Al Richard; Ricky Clem; Ben Pape; Randal O'Brien, Goose Creek CISD superintendent; Pete Pape, president; Agustin Loredo III, vice president; Jessica Woods, secretary and Howard Sampson, assistant secretary, show the pledge they signed in support of the IT'S TIME TEX-AS Community Challenge, a statewide competition to earn points for the school district and the City of Baytown by signing up and making healthy choices. The winning school district and community in each size category will receive funds to put toward future health efforts. For more information, go to www.ittcommunitychallenge.com

Baytown's been challenged and Mayor Stephen DonCarlos knows our residents are up to meeting that challenge. It's the 2018 "It's Time, Texas" Community Challenge presented by H-E-B. The challenge is a state-wide competition where people can earn points for their city by simply making healthier choices.

To participate, simply go to www.ittcommunity challenge.com and register, making sure to add Baytown as your commu-

points just for registering. After that, earn anywhere from 50-250points for a variety of actions from tracking physical activity to hosting a community event that is health-focused, free, and open to the public. Even just uploading a selfie while eating healthy or getting physically active is worth 200 points.

"It's free, fun and can help bolster those New Year's Resolutions that might be faltering about now, " said Mayor Don-Carlos. "This is a great

think about, but act on, healthier life-style choices. And while you're doing that, you can also help earn points for the community. It's a city-pride thing."

In keeping with the spirit of the challenge, DonCarlos created a humorous video opining the impact meetings and other official duties as Mayor have made on his physique and challenging Mayor Jerry Mouton of Deer Park to join in the challenge.

The challenge runs

Accident kills 3 in Mort Belvieu

MONT BELVIEU -Loop 207 here was the scene of three deaths from a three vehicle accident on Sunday after-

Debra Gurnitz, 48, and Raymond Walker, 51 of Baytown, James Burso, 46, of Nederland died in the accident that occurred at about 3:00 p.m. February 4. Penny Haynes, 53, from Silsbee is still hospitalized at Memorial Hermann Hospital.

Three vehicles with two persons aboard each were said to make up the wreck. It was alleged by law enforcement that initially, a black Infinity and a Nissan Sentra collided head-on. Mont Belvieu Police were first on the scene and are investigating the incident with assistance from Texas Department of Public Safety.

A warrant for blood from Penny Hayes was issued, she was said to be at the wheel of the Infinity, with results pending completion of

Justice of the Peace Blake Silvia of Chambers County ordered autopsies by the Medical Examiner's office in Beaumont.

The three vehicle crash stacked traffic for hours on Loop 207 from W. Williams to Highway

The two people in the Chevrolet refused treatment at the scene and drove themselves to the hospital.

Delays possible due to construction at Cedar Bayou Lynchburg and Garth

Motorists traveling on Cedar Bayou Lynchburg and Garth Road should expect delays February 8-12, as crews work on the intersection of the two streets.

Weather permitting, the work will include continued construction on a right turn lane from Cedar Bayou Lynchburg onto Garth

(in front of Wells Fargo), and reconfiguration of the intersection's striping and

Two medians will be added to the intersection as well, at a later date.

Drivers are asked to u caution in the area and obey all traffic and warning signs.

Suspect wanted for aggravated assault on a public servant

Crime Stoppers and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department-Law enforcement Division need the public's assistance identifying the suspect responsible for an Aggravated Assault on a Public Servant – Police Officer.

On Monday, January 1, 2018, at approximately 5:00 p.m., a Hispanic male suspect assaulted a Texas Game Warden with a vehicle on Plum Grove Road (near the Harris County/ Liberty County line) in Liberty County, Texas. During this incident, the Game Warden made contact with three individuals in a white Ford, E series cargo type van. Suddenly, the Hispanic male driver put the vehicle in gear and ran over the Game Warden. The suspect fled the location in the white van. The Game Warden was taken to a local hospital where he was treated and



Suspect's white Ford, E series cargo type van.

released. However, his recovery is expected to last several months.

Suspect #1: Hispanic male in his 40's or 50's.

The other two occupants of the vehicle were females. The front passenger is believed to be in her 40's or 50's, while the rear passenger is said to be in her late teens to mid 20's.

Crime Stoppers will pay an INCREASED RE-WARD of up to \$15,000 for information leading to the charging and/or arrest of the suspect(s) in this case.

Information may be reported by calling 713-222-TIPS (8477), submitted online at www.crimestoppers.org or through the Crime Stoppers mobile app. All tipsters remain anonymous.

If you have any information about this crime, or any other felony crime, please call Crime Stoppers of Houston. You never have to give your name or any other identification information.

Spring Break Nature Camp goes green

With Spring Break coming up soon, parents will be looking for opportunities to keep the kids occupied during the week off from school. Baytown Parks and Recreation is offering the perfect solution spring break nature day camp, March 12 - 16⁻.

The Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Education Center at 1724 Market Street in Baytown is continuing its tradition of offering the most exciting spring break camp in town. This camp will keep kids happy with exciting activities planned, including daily field trips to places of interest all over the Houston/Baytown/Galveston area.

This year's "Green Planet" camp shows campers in grades 4-6 ways of keeping Mother Earth beautiful and clean. They will explore water, land and air during this week of appreciating Earth's natural beauty.

Each camp day begins at 8 am and ends at 4 pm. The cost to attend is \$150 per child. Trans-



Photo courtesy of the City of Baytown Campers exploring the outdoors.

portation to all field trip destinations and daily snacks are included, and campers should bring their own lunches to enjoy in various locations around the area as they are out and about on field trips Make this the best

spring break ever by registering for Spring into Nature: Green Planet Camp. More information and registration forms are available online

www.baytown.org under the tab "Recreation/ Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Education Center/Education Programs." Registration begins February 12.

For additional information contact

Jina.faith@baytown.org or call 281-420-7140.

Love these 2018 jewelry trends at San Jacinto Mall

Plus, Valentine Day Gift with Purchase and Prize Drawing

BAYTOWN, Texas (February 1, 2018) ... Jewelry is a popular gift for Valentine's Day but giving something that sparkles doesn't have to break the bank. Costume or "fashion" jewelry can be hard to differentiate from fine jewelry yet a fraction of the cost. Many of today's jewelry trends are ideal for

costume jewelry.

The difference between fine jewelry and fashion jewelry is the quality of the metal used in the jewelry and the authenticity of the stones set into the pieces. This is reflected in

Whether you're looking for fine or fashion jewelry, you'll find classic pieces as well as hot trends at every price point at San Jacinto Mall's jewelry stores," said Mary Evans, General Manager of San Jacinto Mall. "Bring in an outfit and the staff at our jewelry stores will help you accessorize it perfectly. If you're in the mar-

See Valentine's Day at the Mall, page 6

COMMUNITY & ENTERTAINMENT *

GCCISD Education Foundation Valentine's Day **Offers Gosh Tournament**

By Susan Passmore

A fun combination of golf and fishing, "gosh," is offered by the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation at its inaugural Gosh Tournament March 24, 2018, at the Marsh Course at Kingwood Country Club. This innovative event is presented by Hotchkiss Disposal Service. Registration and lunch begin at 11 a.m., with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. All proceeds benefit the GCCISD Education Foundation.

During the Gosh Tournament, participants play their best round, fish as they play, take the number of fish caught and subtract from their golf score, giving them a "Gosh" score. Fishing licenses will not be $\,$ required, and fishing equipment will be available if needed. The Marsh Course has fishable water on 15 of the 18 holes, so one of the foursome will fish each hole while the other three play golf.

Sponsorship opportunities include Platinum Sponsor (\$5,000), which allows up to two teams to play, three tee box sponsor signs, inclusion in appropriate publicity matters, an individual sponsor banner and recognition at the event. Gold Sponsors (\$2,500) are provided one team entry, two tee box sponsor signs and recognition at the event. Silver Sponsors (\$1,000) receive one team entry, one tee box sponsor sign and recognition at the event. Tent Sponsor (\$500) will set up a 10' x 10' tent on the course, serve food and direct market to all partici-



Getting reading for the inaugural Gosh Tournament, presented by Hotchkiss Disposal Service and benefitting the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation, are (from left) Sammy Hotchkiss; Erika Foster, director of the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation; Randal O'Brien, Goose Creek CISD superintendent; Jim Wadzinski, Foundation vice president of development; Daphna Hotchkiss; Tracey Prothro, Foundation vice president of programs; Steve Daniele, Foundation member; Ryan Hotchkiss and Ronnie Hotchkiss, Foundation member-at-large and president-elect. "Gosh" is a combination of golf and fishing.

pants. Tee Box Sponsors (\$125 or two for \$200) will receive a tee box sign at a hole. Team sponsorship (\$500) includes two mulligans per player, lunch and on course refreshments and Individual sponsorship (\$125) includes two mulligans, lunch and on course refreshments. Community Resource Credit Union has claimed the spot as Beverage Cart Sponsor (\$1,500), and Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital is the Golf Cart Sponsor (\$1,500) for the

Since its inception in 2009, the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation has awarded \$830,000 nearly a million dollars

 in innovative teaching grants to teachers to enhance classroom instruction. It also has honored 120 teachers, nominated by their students, for making a difference in their lives.

"Hotchkiss Disposal Service is pleased to be able to support the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation," said Ronnie Hotchkiss, Foundation member-at-large and president-elect. "The Foundation focuses on recognizing teaching excellence as well

as enriching instruction in the classrooms. This Gosh Tournament will not only be an enjoyable day, but also a wonderful opportunity to contribute to the Foundation."

Don't miss out on the fun or the opportunity to help the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation make a difference for GC-CISD students, teachers and schools. To register, go to http://www.gccisd.net/ page/EducationFoundation to print the registration/sponsorship for, or contact Erika Foster, Education Foundation Director, at 281-707-3610 or erica.foster@gccisd.net.

at the Mall,

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ket for fine jewelry, like an engagement ring for a Valentine's Day surprise, bring your questions! Our fine jewelry stores will educate you so you're comfortable buying what will become a family heirloom," Evans added.

JEWELRY TRENDS FOR 2018

- So what's trending in jewelry right now? Below are some desirable haute styles seen on the runway:
- Gold monogrammed jewelry, whether the initials are the designers' or vour own
- White crystal chandelier earrings perfect for the dance floor
- Punk pieces adorned with nails and studs for street-smart style
- Not your mom's pearls, oversized pearls in pieces that are anything but classic
- Bracelets that connect with a stack of rings
- Bye bye matchymatchy, hello to mixing up materials and designs
- Keys incorporated as earrings, bracelets, and pendants
- Statement necklaces that are wearable sculp-
 - Crystal ear cuffs Oversized hoop ear-

FINE VS. FASHION JEWELRY

Fine jewelry—made of gold, platinum, and natural gemstones—is often considered an investment to be passed down through the generations. For life's milestones, such as engagements, weddings, birthdays and anniversaries, fine jewelry is the gold standard.

Fashion jewelry is constructed with plated metal and manufactured gemstones or rhinestones.

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It first appeared in the 1930s and has been a fashion-forward way to embellish an outfit ever since. It's all over the fashion runways every season.

Both fine and fashion jewelry are available in San Jacinto Mall at Gold Chest, Icing by Claire's, Jewelzz Corner, Romeo's Jewelry Repair Shop, TT Jewelry, and Zales. JCPenney, Macy's and Sears also have extensive jewelry departments featuring both fine and fashion jewelry.

GET A FREE \$10 GIFT CARD* WITH YOUR PURCHASE OF \$50 OR MORE

San Jacinto Mall is giving shoppers a Valentine gift—a \$10 gift card, valid at Cajun Café, Famous Asian Grill, Roman Delight, or Great American Cookie, with same day receipts dated February 1-14, 2018 from San Jacinto Mall stores. While supplies last. Limit one gift card per person per day.

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Plus, San Jacinto Mall's guests can enter to win a gift basket filled with treats from the center's retailers now through 2/14/ 18. Must be 18 years or older to win. Only one entry per person. Winner will be selected by random draw-

The gift with purchase and gift basket drawing are available in the Management Office, Monday-Friday, 10am-3pm. San Jacinto Mall is located at I-10 at Garth Road in Baytown, Texas. For more information, call (281) 421-4533 or www.sanjacintomall.com. Events are subject to change.













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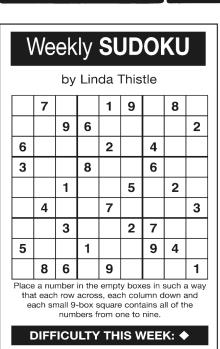
TV series "The Rockford Files"? 6. TRANSPORTATION: What is the large airport in the world in terms of passenger traffic?

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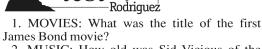
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LIFESTYLE PAGE



Goose Creek Memorial Explorers at work

Denise Lynn Philips



Denise Lynn Philips, 53, of Houston, Texas, passed from this life, January 30, 2018. Denise was born July 19, 1964 in Mansfield, Ohio to parents, Charles and Joyce Johnston. She was preceded in death by her mother, Joyce Johnston-Mortimer. She is survived by children, Steven Phillips, and Lauren Aranda, by father, Charles Johnson, Sr. and brother, Charles Johnston, Jr.; as well as by many other family and friends.

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By Susan Passmore

At first glance, it might appear that Goose Creek Memorial High School has an abundance of police officers working games and other extracurricular events, but a second look confirms that most of them are students, clad in immaculate black uniforms or crisp shirts and khakis. These Explorers, members of the Practicum in Law Enforcement class, provide additional security to make sure everything runs smoothly.

Under the direction of Officer Michael Auzenne, post advisor, who teaches the class, 28 young women and men are gaining practical experience in a field that has piqued their interest.

"I'm a freshman, and I want to be on a SWAT Team someday. I heard that this class gives you police experience, and I want to get all the experience I can," said Explorer Sgt. Zavier Mayes.

Explorer Lt. Emily Hansen, a junior, plans to be an arson investigator.



Photo by Carrie Pryor-Newman

Officer Auzenne, post advisor, gives Explorers (from left) Khe'Shawn Beauchamp, Sgt. Zavier Mayes, Lt. Emily Hansen, Vanesa Puente and Liliana Calderon information about the events they are working at Goose Creek Memorial High School that evening.

"I will become a volunteer firefighter when I'm in college to get experience before I become an arson investigator. This class gives you hands-on experience in law enforcement, especially if you want to be a police officer. It helps you

figure out if law enforcement is for you," Hansen

According to Auzenne, who spent 13 years with the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office, this is a nationwide program. Explorers were originally run by the Boy Scouts of America. Auzenne and the Explorers fall under the Goose Creek CISD Police Department's area of supervision, and they have developed a partnership.

"The number of Explorers at GCM has increased, so we plan to be more involved with conducting trainings with them. Our goal is to get them to a level where they can go to competitions," said Sgt. Antonio Alfaro of the GC-CISD Police Department. "We also hope to be able to offer the program at Lee and Sterling."

Explorers can compete in state and national competitions in categories such as Traffic Stops, Domestic Violence Calls, Crime Scene Investigation, Individual Fitness (including obstacle courses) and Bike

"These are things you learn in a police academy," Auzenne said. "Explorers will be able to go to a competition when they learn what they need to compete."

GCM Principal Susan Jackson feels that the Explorer program has built morale and school spirit as well as changed the culture of the campus.

"When students respect other students, it's a whole different level of respect. The Explorers are wearing their uniforms and saying, 'This is our campus and we respect it. This is what we expect, and we won't put up with drugs, alcohol or breaking rules,' and other students respect them for speaking up for their school," Jackson said.

The Practicum in Law Enforcement is in the Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security Career Cluster. Students within this pathway will earn a Public Services Endorsement.

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give

them what is necessary for

their body, what use is that? JAMES 2: 15,16



by Wilson Casey

BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Is the book of Valentin in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From 1 John 3:18, "Let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in "? Hope, Abundance, Touch, Truth

3. Solomon and who exchanged the memorable line, "For love is strong as death."? The Shulamite, Delilah, Queen of Sheba, Rachel

4. From Proverbs 10:12, "Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all "? Sins, Beings, Creation, Enemies 5. What couple's tragic death

was comparable to Romeo and

Juliet's fate? Samson/Delilah, Annanias/Sapphira, Jacob/ Rachel, Hosea/Gomer 6. From Hebrews 13:4, what is honorable in all? Love, Trust, Marriage, Worship

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Truth; 3) The Shulamite; 4) Sins; 5) Annanias/Sapphira; 6)

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Audio/Video students win awards



Stewart Career Center Audio/Video Production students are recognized at a recent meeting of the Goose Creek CISD board of trustees for outstanding achievement in the Association of Texas Photography Instructors Fall Contest, which included more than 6,800 entries from 87 schools in seven states. Pictured are (from left) Julian Laubach from Robert E. Lee High School, an actor in two productions; Brandon Lewallen from Goose Creek Memorial High School, honorable mention for Advanced Dramatic Short Film and 1st place for Advanced Comedic Short Film; Kody Walker, GCM, 1st place for Advanced Dramatic Short Film and Desiree Barrios, GCM, 2nd place for Advanced Thematic Film. The students are under the direction of Ric Morris.

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

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

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ed higher. Home buyouts have also occurred, and will continue. So far \$20,000,000 has been allocated for this, and 21 homes have been purchased to date.

The county has requested funds from the federal government of \$10 Billion dollars for new projects, but so far the money has not been appropriated. The county is planning on a bond issue in the fall, asking voters for 1 or 2 Billion dollars for Flood Control projects. A major improvement in flood control is now being built, known as the Lauder Retention Basin in the Aldine area. This will alleviate flooding in Greens Bayou and downstream tributaries.

Major highway projects planned or under construction include a new Beltway 8 bridge over the ship channel, with 8 lanes and shoulders, and widening of the East Belt (E. Sam Houston Parkway) to 8 lanes and shoulders. These projects are underway, and completion is scheduled for 2022.

Another important project is an overpass on Federal Road, over the PTRR tracks. This \$20 million dollar project is expected to take 2 years to build, and will alleviate delays for traffic headed to the Washburn Tunnel and Galena Park.

A widening of the Crosby-Lynchburg Road is planned from Barrett Station to Highlands, to be completed in four phases. Phase 3 is south of Barrett is currently under construction, and will cost \$12 million. The final complete to Highlands will follow, at a cost of \$20 million.

Morman said that his office also has improvements planned in two major parks in the precinct, Juan Seguin Park near the San Jacinto Monument, and Riley Chambers Park in Barrett, which will get a new ball park and other improvements.

Morman noted that the EPA had made a Final Decision, to remove the toxic material in the Waste Pits along the San Jacinto River. He praised this action, saying it reflected the wishes of most of the communities nearby. and was the safest and most complete choice. It also is the most favorable if the possibility of Hurricane surges is considered. The removal will take about 2 and + years, and will not start until legal and engineering work is completed in the next year.

Ending on a positive note, Morman said he expected 2018 to be a better year, hopefully without hurricanes, floods, and toxic waste pits.

43rd Annual Rotary Chili Feast

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in the raffle. When the last number was drawn, the winners were Steve and Linda Miller. Steve is a past Rotary president, and always supports Highlands Rotary projects with his attendance.

The runner-up in the drawing, with the 699th ticket drawn, was Mark Hawkins. who won a 42" TV but came ever so close to the vehicle.

In addition to the raffle, the day's events included a great chili luncheon, and a live auction and a silent auction.

The live auction had over 50 lots, donated by local businesses and Rotarians. Some of the featured items included a Go Big or Go Home Belt Buckle, a Silver Eagle Dollar, a cute Teddy Bear (for Valentine's Day), Homemade pies from the family of Jimmy Davis, a Children's picnic table made by Andy Scott, Astros game tickets, a 1/4 page ad in the Star-Courier, a wine basket, Betty Brewer's famous Homemade Candy, a load of Sand from MegaSand, Houston Rodeo Tickets, 2 mature trees from TreeLife, tools, a framed Astros Team picture, a 6000 amp portable generator, a 3 person swing, 2 season passes to the Crosby Rodeo, a large Children's playhouse, a quilt, 4 piece wicker set, a very unique brass bull BBQ Pit, a Michael Kors purse, and more.

The Rotary Club especially thanks the sponsors of the event, which included:

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LIST OF WINNERS



Chili Feast Chairman John Seaton, with Raffle winners Linda and Steve Miller. Now they have to make up their mind, choose a Camaro or an Equinox SUV.

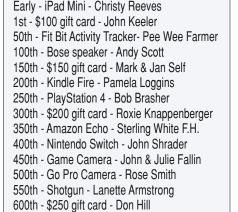


A unique live auction item was this brass bull, donated by Jerry & Julie Fallin. Oh, it was actually a BBQ pit.



Pulling the Raffle Tickets were these pretty girls, Miss Highlands Victoria Gonzalez at right, and Jr. Miss Highlands Kennah Holloway to the left.







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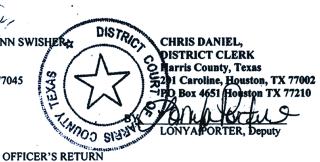
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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



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

PERMIT NO. WQ0010831001

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of Galena Park, P.O. Box 46, Galena Park, Texas 77547, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010831001, which authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at an annual average flow not to exceed 1,250,000 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on September 28, 2017.

The facility is located at 1107 Fifth Street, in Harris County, Texas 77547. The treated effluent is discharged directly to the Panther Creek portion of the Houston Ship Channel (Buffalo Bayou Tidal) in Segment No. 1007 of the San Jacinto River Basin. The designated uses for Segment No.

1007 are industrial water supply and navigation. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.

http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.735833&lng=-95.231111&zoom=13&type=r

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Galena Park City Hall, Water/Wastewater Office, 2000 Clinton Drive, Galena Park, Texas.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically atwww.tceg.texas.gov/about/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O.

13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Any personal information you submit to the TCEQ will become part of the agency's record; this includes email addresses. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website atwww.tceg.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Galena Park at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Mark Havran, LJA Engineering, Inc., at (713) 657-6014.

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