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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

**THUR, MARCH 15
CROSBY-HUFFMAN
CC LUNCHEON**
At the Crawfish Shack, 5822
FM 2100 in Crosby, 11:30 am.

**SAT, MARCH 24
ANNUAL KIDS ON
A BIG RIG**
At Crosby Middle School,
10am-3pm.

**SAT, MARCH 24
ROCKIN'C ARENA**
At the Crosby Rodeo
Fairgrounds, 10 am -
midnight. See AD, page 3
for details.

Pct. 2 opens unique Seguin Park

Juan Seguin
Historical Park
is educational,
recreational

LA PORTE – Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Jack Morman announces the opening of Juan Seguin Park. The \$3.4 million project transformed the undeveloped greenspace into an educational park that focuses on Lieutenant Colonel Juan Seguin and his role in Texas History.

“We wanted to tie into all the history along Independence Parkway from the Battleship Texas, the Battleground site, Lynchburg Ferry and the David G. Burnet Park just north of this channel,” said Commissioner Morman.

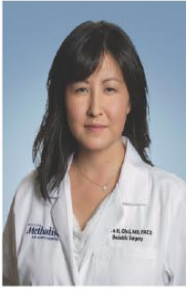
The Precinct worked diligently with the Harris



Drone photo, courtesy of Pct. 2, shows the beauty of the new Juan Seguin Historic Park, on the Ship Channel. In the distance is the Lynchburg Ferry, and at right Independence Parkway. The park features a viewing walk along the Ship Channel, a playground, and historic markers telling the story of Juan Seguin's contribution to the Texas Revolution.

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& WEIGHT LOSS SURGERY
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Dr. Laura Choi, medical director of the Weight Management Center, will provide information on the benefits of using medical weight management to maintain personal goals for patients who want to lose weight with and without surgery. Dr. Choi will explain how the center provides personalized care for individuals with medical issues caused by obesity, including high blood pressure, obstructive sleep apnea, asthma, diabetes or lipid disorders. This free educational event will address the most common questions regarding medical weight management and weight loss surgery.

SOME OF THE BENEFITS OF WEIGHT MANAGEMENT & WEIGHT LOSS SURGERY INCLUDE:

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houstonmethodist.org/weight-event-baytown to register.



Goose Creek ISD
proposes new bonds

Speaking last Thursday at the Highlands-Lynchburg Chamber luncheon, Goose Creek Superintendent Randal O'Brien outlined the need for a new bond issue to keep up with district growth.

New facilities head the list of major construction projects recommended by the Citizens Facilities Planning Committee for inclusion in Goose Creek CISD's Bond 2018. The committee, along with professional engineers and architects, assessed facilities and considered the results of a demographic study by Population and Survey Analysts, Inc. (PASA). The study projected 8,000 new homes in the area over the next decade, increasing Goose Creek CISD's student population by 3,000 students.

The bond package, approved by the board of trustees to present to voters May 5, 2018, totals \$437,405,000. Proposition 1, in the amount of \$376,905,000 contains a new junior school, two elementary schools and a replacement campus for San Jacinto Elementary. Other major construction projects include a building for the Special Education



Randal O'Brien
Superintendent of
Goose Creek CISD

Department and the Curriculum and Instruction Department, as well as Phase 2 and 2A of Stuart Career Tech High School (SCTHS), a practice arena for Robotics, a construction lab and front entry enhancement at Ross S. Sterling High School, Career and Technical Education (CTE) Lab renovation at two high schools, Life Skills Lab renovations, running tracks at junior schools, auditorium renovation at Robert E. Lee High School and existing building renovations based on the district's needs.

Junior School #6 will address the growth on the north side of the district. Budgeted at \$54,056,087, the 180,000-square-foot campus would have a capacity of 1,200 students to

See **BONDS**, page 8 and 10

Slip shutters schools

CROSBY – This petrochemical truck near Runneburg and First Street caused Crosby ISD Administration to shelter in place out of fear of explosion, after it brought power lines down on it.

The incident was just a couple of blocks from the Crosby Kindergarten shortly before 10:00 a.m. last Friday.

The intersection is very narrow and constantly busy with traffic. The truck, too wide for the roadway, collided with a pole and snapped it in two.

The incident was attended by Harris County Sheriff's Traffic Enforcement, Reliant Energy and Crosby VFD.



This errant truck snapped a power pole, and brought wires down, endangering nearby Crosby schools.



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New Juan Seguin Park opens in Pct. 2



Mary Ann Perez with Commissioner Morman read a special proclamation.



Charles Lara, a reenactor, in the role and dress of Juan Seguin from the Texas Revolution.



Steve Manis of the Sons of the Republic of Texas greets a member of the Texas Army as Commissioner Jack Morman speaks with Vince Ryan, Harris County Attorney.



Commissioner Jack Morman congratulates Shela Condon on the excellence of the design of Juan Seguin Park.



Folk singer Terri Baker recalls the adventures and challenges Juan Seguin faced with love for Texas in song.



Decendant Albert Seguin, (fourth great grandson of Juan Seguin) tells what the park means to the family of the survivor of the Alamo.



Re-enactors of the San Jacinto Volunteers and the Texas Army under direction of Jerry Tubbs were on hand to enact the historic consequences.



Commissioner Morman dedicates the Park and made note that, "We nailed it" for the beautiful and specially equipped park. He welcomed all the special guests speaking between the reenactors of Seguin and Sam Houston.

Maximum Tax Savings



Jenny Hinson, Theresa McDermott, Donna Haynes, Jodie Roane
Jack Noonan

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MESSAGE FROM
REP. BRIAN BABIN



Tax Cut Law = More Jobs & Larger Paychecks

The American people and small businesses across East Texas are reaping the benefits of the new tax cut law. It's putting more money in people's pockets and enabling businesses – American employers - to create jobs, purchase new equipment and expand. It is growing our economy.

Ninety percent of Americans are getting a tax break from lower tax rates, a doubling of the standard deduction to \$24,000 for a married couple (\$12,000 for individuals), and increasing the child tax credit to \$2,000 per child.

We've all seen the headlines about large businesses and their employees benefitting from lower taxes. While this is great news, it is important to note that the benefits go far beyond large businesses. I've been hearing from hundreds of individuals, families and small businesses about how their tax bills are being cut and what they are doing with those tax savings.

ExxonMobil has announced a \$50 billion investment in its U.S. operations and employees over the next five years. Walmart, Home Depot, Lowes and Best Buy have boosted wages or given employees bonuses and in some cases, both. Boeing announced \$300 million in employee-related investments and charitable giving.

To break this down even further, let's discuss the stories that are improving lives and growing businesses across Southeast Texas.

Juan and Leigh, both small business owners in Houston, wrote to tell me they have hired additional employees with the money they are saving. That's putting our friends and neighbors to work.

Small business owners in Polk and Tyler counties shared with me how they were able to purchase new equipment to help their women-owned businesses grow and run more efficiently. Another business owner in Orange

County is purchasing a larger inventory for her business.

Folks, small businesses are the backbone of our economy, and I am hearing story after story like this about small businesses growing and hiring our friends and neighbors.

The tax rate cuts for individuals and families are also making a huge difference for East Texans. This should be no surprise as nearly every American is getting a tax cut.

Robert from Highlands, Texas wrote to tell me that he is using his tax savings to help his daughter get a college degree.

Alan in Houston has decided to put is tax cut into savings for his retirement.

Ms. Drake is now able to buy a new stove, while Justin from Harris County is paying down credit card debt.

Scott is using his savings to help him purchase a home.

Mr. Woods told me that he will be spending his tax savings on his wife. Mr. Woods – that's a good decision!

The tax cuts are even helping in Hurricane Harvey recovery.

Judy from Orange County shared with me how the tax cuts have enabled her to replace household items destroyed by Hurricane Harvey. And, Jason from Baytown is using his savings to help repair his home.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act is making a real difference in the lives of real people across Southeast Texas and the nation.

Each of these individual decisions adds up and as a result tens of billions of dollars in economic activity is being generated benefitting individuals and employees.

I'm excited that tens of millions of Americans are seeing lower payroll deductions, larger paychecks, more retirement savings, bigger family budgets and relief at every level.

This tax cut bill is benefitting families, job creators and our economy.

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TWO CENTS
WORTH

By Charlie
A. Farrar



Me & the Mrs. took a road trip to Sweetwater, Texas to look at the rattlesnakes gathered at this year's roundup and there were some big ones as usual. Looked as though they had a record number of rattlesnakes this year judging by the height of the pile of them in the pit. The total weight of rattlers for 2016 was 24,262 pounds and that was a new record. Back in 2006 the longest snake was 79 inches.

Last year the largest rattlesnake was 69" and the total pounds of snakes in the roundup totaled 7,458 pounds. Mind you this is not a catch and release event. Some are offended by that but that's ok if you savvy.

The Sweetwater Jaycees sell the rattlesnake meat and has some fried at the event. Take my advice and save your money, all we could taste when we got some rattlesnake to eat was the grease and cornmeal. No meat just bones fried in the Mrs.'s opinion.

Consider it a day trip driving from Baytown to Sweetwater and we have our usual outlook for hawks and what is on the highway as road kill. This year we counted 26 dead skunks, numerous coyotes, coons, lots of deer and some unidentified creatures on the road and on side of the road.

That is an event for about every 2 to 3 years for us.

Prior to that trip we drove between Columbia, South Carolina and Charlotte, North Carolina. That trip lasted over 2 weeks as we acted as chauffeur for my sister. She was not allowed to drive and believe me she lives in the woods. Don't even bother turning on your Verizon wireless, it don't work worth a hoot in the country there.

Think we will stay in Texas for a while now, allow time for the bills to roll in and see if we can make do till then.

By the way a congressman says they can't live decently on \$178,000.00 a year and need a raise.

Lots of the people who vote them in live on a lot less.

Your Peace Officer

By Robert Hahn

They put themselves between you and the worst that society has to offer. They lay their lives on the line every day so that you can be safe. They accept your rudeness, and abuse when you disagree with a citation as readily as they accept the rare moment of praise that they receive when they have just saved your life, your family's life, or your property. Without exception if you ask them why they do it, they will say to make a difference, and to help others. If your definition of a hero is a normal person who under abnormal conditions rises above their natural instinct for self-preservation to protect others, then you have just defined who they are!

And if you are wondering how you might repay them in some small way for what they do, that is simple. When you see an Officer or Deputy the next time, thank them for everything they do, and tell them how much you appreciate it!

If you pass them in your car, smile and give them a thumbs-up. It is a small gesture for you, but can mean a lot to them! And lastly, if you ever find yourself starting to take them for granted, just ask yourself, could I do that job? I THINK YOU KNOW THE ANSWER!!!

More Texans than usual cast ballots in primary elections

AUSTIN — In early voting, Texans participated in greater numbers in the state Democratic primary than the Republican primary, but on Election Day, March 6, the Republican turnout exceeded the Democratic turnout by half a million votes.

Primaries historically have been light-turnout affairs. This time, about 10 percent of the state's 15 million registered voters cast ballots in the Republican primary and about 7 percent in the Democratic primary. In contrast, in March 2014, 7 percent of the state's 13 million registered voters cast ballots in the GOP primary and 3 percent cast ballots in the Democratic primary.

Republican voters expressed satisfaction with top incumbents: 90 percent marked their ballots for Gov. Greg Abbott and 76 percent for Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick. GOP incumbents Attorney General Ken Paxton and Comptroller Glenn Hegar ran unopposed. Land Commissioner George P. Bush got 58 percent of the vote and his closest challenger, former state senator and Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, got 29 percent of the vote. Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller received 55 percent of the vote, while challengers Jim Hogan and Trey Blocker received about 23 percent and 21 percent, respectively. Railroad Commissioner Christi Craddick received 76 percent of the vote to challenger Weston Martinez's 24 percent.

U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz received 85 percent of the vote, while none of his four challengers received more than 7 percent.

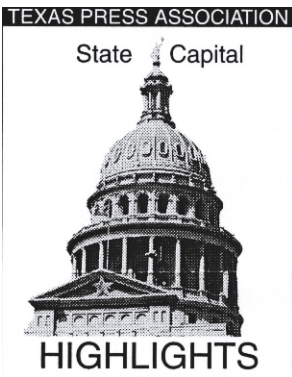
Advancing to a May 22 runoff in the Democratic primary are the party's top two vote-getters in the race for governor, former Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez with 43 percent and Andrew White, son of late former Texas Gov. Mark White, with 27 percent.

Mike Collier, with 52 percent of the vote to

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STATE CAPITAL
HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling



Michael Cooper's 48 percent, will face Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick in the Nov. 6 election. Also, Justin Nelson will face Attorney General Paxton; Joi Chevalier will face Comptroller Hegar; Miguel Suazo will face Land Commissioner Bush; Kim Olson, who ran opposed, will face Agriculture Commissioner Miller; and Roman McAllen will face Railroad Commissioner Craddick.

U.S. Rep. "Beto" O'Rourke, D-El Paso, received nearly 62 percent of the vote, winning the right to challenge Republican U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz in the Nov. 6 election.

Sales rebates increase

State Comptroller Glenn Hegar on March 7 announced he would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts some \$671 million in local sales tax allocations for March.

The amount is 8.3 percent more than allocated in March 2017. Allocations are based on sales made in January by businesses that report tax monthly.

Of the overall amount, cities received \$431 million; counties, \$42 million; transit systems, \$150.5 million; and special purpose taxing districts, \$47 million.

More details can be found on the comptroller's website under Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports.

Assistance is extended

Gov. Abbott on March 6 announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency granted his request to extend until April 23 the deadline for transitional sheltering assistance for victims of Hurricane Harvey, which struck Aug. 25-31.

The assistance helps those unable to return to their homes pay for short-term shelter in hotels or other temporary housing. Some 5,500 households meet the criteria for eligibility.

Abbott said Texans with questions regarding their eligibility or status may contact the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362.

In other news, Abbott met with U.S. Small Business Administration Chief Linda McMahon on March 9 in Austin. Abbott thanked McMahon for the federal agency's work in assisting small business owners affected by Hurricane Harvey and for the SBA's monitoring of the storm as it made landfall, enabling the agency to mobilize and prepare staff quickly to address the needs of the victims.

Abbott said 41,412 SBA low-interest disaster loans totaling more than \$3 billion have been granted for Texans impacted by Harvey.

Unemployment stays low

The Texas Workforce Commission on March 9 reported that the Lone Star State's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.0 percent the month of January, just below the U.S. unemployment rate of 4.1 percent.

The Texas economy added 16,000 jobs in January. Industries adding jobs that month included Mining and Logging, 3,300 jobs; Education and Health Services, 2,800 jobs; and Manufacturing, 2,400 positions.

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area recorded the month of January's lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 2.4 percent. It was followed by the Amarillo MSA with a rate of 2.8 percent and Austin-Round Rock MSA with the third-lowest rate of 3.0 percent.

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ROUND-UP

Bags & Bands - free lunchtime concert at Town Square

The Baytown Parks and Recreation Department invite you to come enjoy lunch away from the office at Town Square located at 213 W. Texas Ave. Pick up your lunch and head out to hear a variety of local artists playing free concerts each friday in March 2018 from 12:00 p.m to 1:30 pm.

•Friday, March 16 - Liz Tallez (Country/Rock)

•Friday, March 23 - Landon Bullard (Texas Country)

•Friday, March 30 - Howard McMichael (Steel Drum)

For more information, contact theBaytown Parks and Recreation Department at 281-420-6597.

You Bring the Eats, We Bring the Beats!!!

WCCCC Special Luncheon

Featuring Congressman Babin. Dr. Babin will share updates on the Tax Cut and Jobs Act and other news from the United States House of Representatives. March 29, 2018, 2:00 pm - 01:30 pm atEagle Pointe Golf Club Pavilion, 12440 Eagle Pointe Drive, Mont Belvieu, Texas 77523. Seating is Limited. No tickets will be available at the door.

Eagle Open Golf Tournament

Eagle Open Golf Tournament, April 13, 2018. Eagle Underwriter Community Toyota*Honda*Kia and Cap Sponsor Northstar Energy Services will be there and hope you will share a beautiful day at the Eagle Open, as well!

Lots of opportunities remain to market your business to our top industrial companies, contractors, suppliers and elected officials.

Should you have questions, give a call to the Chamber office (281-576-5440), or email Rhonda@TheWCCCC.com

Liberty County files suit against Arkema for violating environmental regulations

Liberty County has hired Houston attorneys Mo Aziz of Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto & Aziz and Earnest Wotring of Baker Wotring, LLP to pursue claims against Arkema, Inc. arising from a series of toxic releases resulting from fires and explosions during Hurricane Harvey.

EPA records show a toxic mixture of chemicals in the atmosphere during and after the fires.

The lawsuit filed in Liberty County State District Court alleges violation of the Texas Clean Air Act,

Texas Water Code, Texas Health and Safety Code among other causes of action.

In addition to chemical discharge into the atmosphere, wastewater tanks at the Arkema plant also spilled pollutants into the ground water system. According to Mo Aziz “Liberty County has the right to enforce environmental laws to protect its population and resources.”

For questions regarding the lawsuit, please contact Madison Kauffman at 713-222-7211 or by email at mkauffman@abrahamwatkins.com.



The Arkema chemical plant in Crosby had multiple fires and explosions, due to flooding and power failure of refrigerated chemicals during Hurricane Harvey last week of August 2017.

Easter Bunny arrives at San Jacinto Mall

BAYTOWN, Texas – Children can visit the Easter Bunny in his springtime garden at San Jacinto Mall March 9 through April 1. Photo packages start at \$24.99. Kids will receive a complimentary activity book for visiting the Bunny! The Easter Bunny’s hours are available on the mall’s website.

Sundays, March 18 and March 25, are Sunday Funday! Make a day out of your Bunny visit by planning a family lunch, shopping and other fun activities to bring everyone together for this fun spring holiday. Dress your best for your photo with the Easter Bunny. Moms and Dads, you too! On Sunday Funday, the young and the young at heart can have their photos taken with the bunny!

Avoid the big line by making a reservation for your photo session. Text Bunny011 to 39771 or visit CelebrateYourHoliday.com.

San Jacinto Mall is located at I-10 at Garth Road in Baytown, Texas. For more information, call (281) 421-3908 or visit www.sanjacintomall.com.



Preview Days for Kids at College program March 24 at Lee College

BAYTOWN – The Center for Workforce and Community Development at Lee College is hosting their 4th Annual Kids at College Summer Program Preview Day on Sat., Mar. 24, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., at the Lee College Sports Arena located at 200 Lee Drive, Baytown, TX 77520.

The event is free to attend and will feature information regarding upcoming summer camps/workshops for children ages 5 to 17. Members of the community will have the opportunity to meet camp instructors, attend demo sessions, get their photo taken with the Lee College mascot, Rooty, compete in dance competitions, play vendor BINGO, win door prizes and register for summer camps. Everyone interested in learning more is welcome and encouraged to attend.

“This is an excellent opportunity for parents and guardians to come meet the Kids at College

staff, ask questions and get answers,” said Angela Oriano, Ph.D., Vice President Workforce & Corporate Partnerships. “Our summer camps vary in dates, start/end times, and prices to allow parents to really find a camp that fits their schedule and budget.”

The Kids at College Summer Program was designed to keep children active and engaged throughout the summer through a wide variety of hands-on, educational, creative and athletic camps. Camps offered will include creative/art courses, career exploration, brain training, teen courses, sports and more. Some popular camps from last year scheduled to return for 2018 include EnergyVenture, Culinary Cooking, Creative Arts and Crafts, Volleyball, Basketball and Let’s Rock Hip Hop Recording. New this year to the Baytown location is Camp Z, a zombie-inspired kids’ camp complete with science ex-

periments, creative writing, arts/crafts, a scavenger hunt, a live-action zombie hunt and more.

For more information or to register for Preview Day, visit the Kids at College website at www.lee.edu/kids or call 281.425.6311.

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Mayor DonCarlos presents the State of the City Address

Mayor Stephen DonCarlos delivers the State of the City to the Baytown Chamber of Commerce and other Baytown area government and business leaders. In this informative and humorous presentation, the Mayor reflects upon significant events from 2017 and discusses current and upcoming projects for 2018, including hospital expansion, retail and residential development, mall redevelopment and the hotel/conference center and Brunson projects.

Mayor DonCarlos mentioned that last year was a “FEMArkable year” due to Harvey.

The City of “Baytown received around 60 inches of rain in a very short period of time” during hurricane Harvey, DonCarlos emphasized. “We had around 4,500 homes that were damaged...and particularly the Northeast side of the City” suffered a huge devastation. Some of those people are still out of their homes or are in the stages of repair.”

Despite the damage, there were zero fatalities reported in the City of Baytown during Harvey.

You may watch a detailed video of the State of the City Address at www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gr3gxbVecl0

Creighton's “Buy America” Bill aligns with Trump's Executive Order

President Trump Takes A Stand Against Communist Governments' Attempt To Kill American Jobs

Austin, TX – March 9, 2018 – Yesterday afternoon, President Trump announced his new trade strategy, which includes tariffs on imported steel and aluminum. In the 85th Regular Legislative Session, Senator Creighton (R-Conroe) authored Senate Bill 1289 to require the use of U.S. manufactured iron and steel in the construction of state buildings and infrastructure. The bill was passed by both chambers, signed by the Governor, and became effective on September 1st, 2017.

“Foreign countries continue to subsidize their manufacturing, circumvent laws, and violate our moral principles, which allow them to flood our market with cheap steel,” said Senator Creighton. “We have seen too many manufacturing facilities across Texas go out of business; I filed this piece of legislation to level the playing field in order to save our manufacturing jobs.”

Senate Bill 1289 required state agencies to use iron or steel manufactured in the United States in infrastructure projects that permanently incorporates iron or steel. Texas already complies with many Buy America provisions:

• Starting in 1978, any federally funded transportation project is required to use U.S. manufactured iron and steel;

• In 1995, the Texas Legislature expanded the Buy America provisions to include state highway projects that do not utilize federal funds;

• In 2013, these provisions were expanded to apply to the Texas Water Development Board; and

• As of 2014, recipients of federal funding for local water infrastructure projects are also required to use U.S. manufactured iron and steel.

President Trump's recently signed executive order will place a 25 percent tariff on all imported steel and a 10 percent tariff on all imported aluminum. Mexico and Canada will continue to be exempt from the new tariffs during the NAFTA negotiations.

“Free trade cannot exist when our manufacturers are competing against subsidized, government-owned manufacturers,” said Senator Creighton. “We must protect American jobs and these important industries.”

Because of initiatives like this, Texas remains the best place to do business. Yesterday, Governor Abbott was awarded the Governor's Cup because Texas created the most jobs in the country for the sixth consecutive year.

★ COMICS ★

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



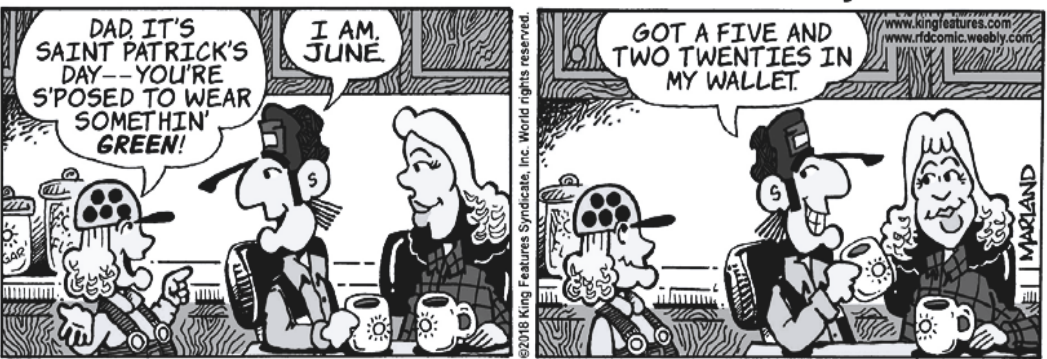
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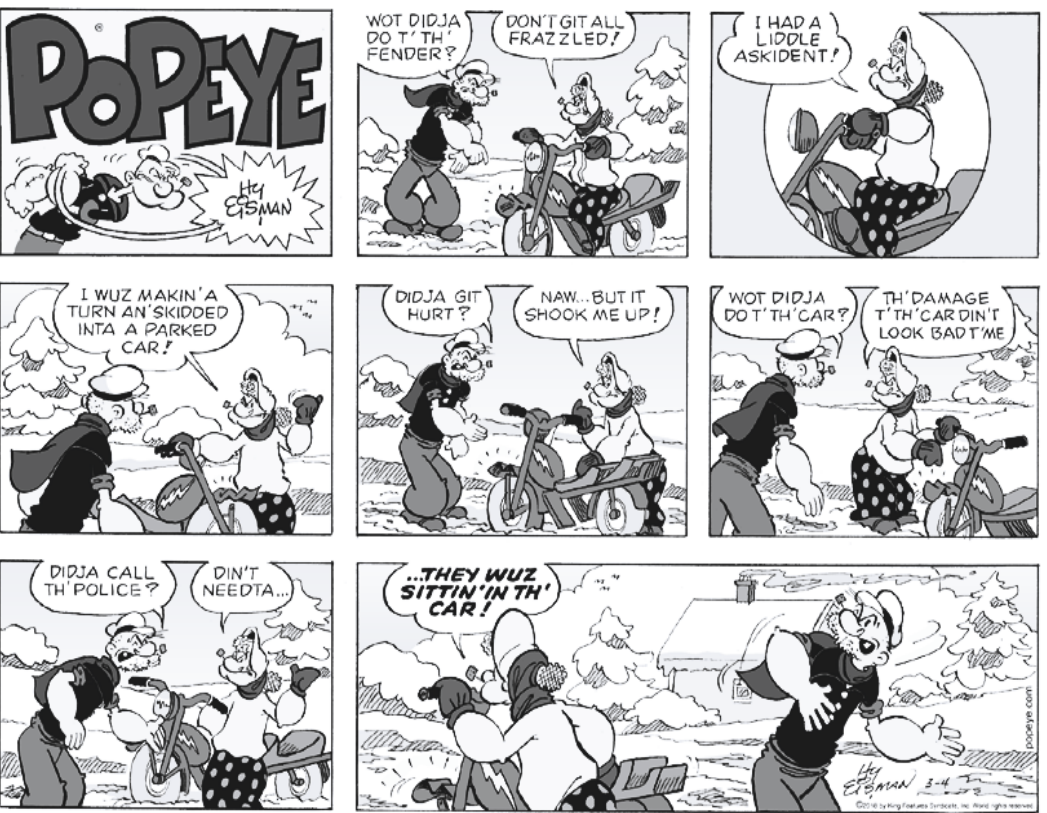
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The Spats

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



SCRAMBLERS

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

Simple

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Scout

PORTAL

Blur

MARES

Teamwork

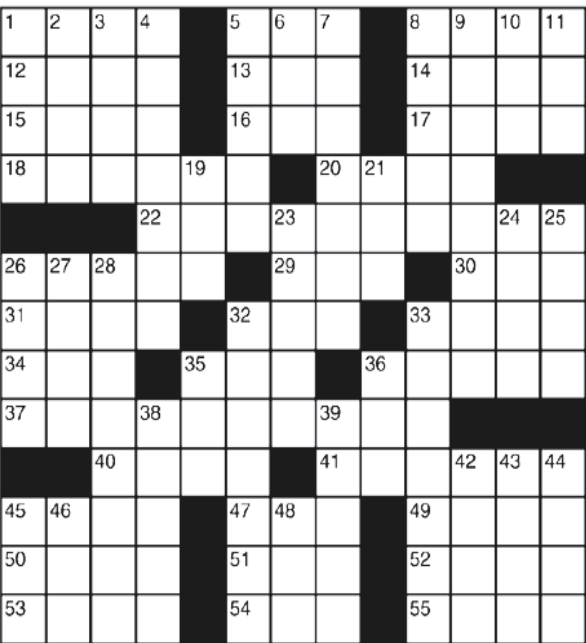
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TODAY'S WORD

Posting Date March 12, 2018
King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Whatever's left
5 Fix a skirt
8 Ollie's pal
12 Sore
13 "All the Things You —"
14 Stylish
15 Item on stage
16 Moving vehicle
17 Shakespeare villain
18 Elvis' Mississippi birthplace
20 Feathery cluster
22 Gave up
26 Censor's sound
29 Tic-tac-toe win
30 Scoffer's laugh
31 Libretto
32 Play on words
33 Mexican money
34 French article
35 Moonshine container
36 Petruchio's Kate, e.g.
37 Western capital
40 Freeway access
41 Attractive person



- 45 "Zounds!"
47 Mauna —
49 Church section
50 VHS alternative
51 Mischievous tyke
52 Enrages
53 Keg contents
54 Greek consonants
55 Opening day?
5 Devastation
6 Historic period
7 Bring up
8 Bradbury genre
9 Margaret —
10 Bailout recipient in 2009
11 Sgt., e.g.
19 Track circuit
21 Venusian vessel?
23 Cheek enhancer
24 Facility
25 Arab boat
26 A/C measures
27 Musical
28 Denounce
32 Jack-o'-lantern
33 Southwestern city
35 Bread spread
36 Pigpen
38 "M*A*S*H" role
39 Types of tides
42 MacDonald's place
43 Eye layer
44 Not as much
45 "Chicago" lyricist
46 "Golly!"
48 Ostrich's cousin

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MYTHOLOGY: What was a harpy in Greek mythology?
2. GAMES: How many railroad spaces are on a Monopoly board?
3. LITERATURE: Which American novelist wrote the book "White Fang"?
4. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of Maryland?
5. MOVIES: What was the shortest title for a Best Picture Oscar winning movie?
6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which 19th-century president died from cirrhosis of liver?
7. ANATOMY: What does the Greek adjective "otic" refer to in the human body?
8. GEOGRAPHY: How many countries and principalities are neighbors of France?
9. THEATER: What musical features the song "Bali Ha'i"?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a young hen called?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Clues: 1. Chuck is missing. 2. John is missing. 3. Glasses are missing. 4. Posters are missing. 5. Name is different. 6. Mail slot is missing.

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MVVWH PIIMKSQ TO RV FKOB
YTSM HOTCVH.

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SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Naive; 2. Patrol; 3. Smeary; 4. Synergy

King Crossword

Solution time: 25 mins.

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

Whenever I go in to deposit my weekly checks, everybody keeps looking at me with dark stares.

VETERANS POST
Looking Out for No. 1

By Freddy Groves

All across the country there are veterans who might be ill and not know it. The reason: They don't have the results of their medical tests.

If you have medical tests done at a veterans' facility, before you leave, ask when the results will be ready. You'll likely be told, "Someone will call you." Get a name and write it down. Later if you start getting anxious because you haven't gotten a call, give it one more day ... then go on the hunt.

Leave messages for your care manager, if you have one, and your doctor. Give it another day. If you don't hear back, try again. Call the medical facility and ask for the lab. They're not likely to give you the results, but ask when the results were ready, and get that person's name. That's part of your ammo ... knowing

that results were ready and when. Then call the care manager or doctor back and state that the results were ready at a certain time.

See how this works? Be proactive. Through all these steps, your name gets out there as someone who's hunting for test results. The same is true if you have a My HealtheVet account.

Once you get the results over the phone, ask that a copy be mailed to you (or print it from your online account), which you'll then put in your file at home.

If you have a condition that is regularly monitored, there's a possibility that you can make pals with someone in the lab who will just read the results to you.

The bottom line is that you don't stop until you have the results. Stand up for yourself and guard your health. Don't assume that no news is good news. Be sure.

Dr. Seuss' Birthday



Austin Elementary students (from left) Camila Carrero, Taryn Langston, Matison Langston, Ainsley Benort, Emery Walker, Lucas Findlay, Amaya Russell, and Bradley Chance show off their attire for Dr. Seuss' birthday.



Photos by Carrie Pryor-newman
Bradley Chance , Ainsley Benoit and Emery Walker, second-graders at Stephen F. Austin Elementary, are ready for Dr. Seuss' birthday.

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IN THE STARS


- BIRTHDAYS**
Mar 15--Jessica Luco
Sky Mespaden
Sandy Mullins
Mrs. L.P. Stevens
Rosa Ella Young
Angie Zadrapa
Mar 16--M. Edith Miller
Zachary Dunlap
Mar 17--Lyndsay Dammon
Mar 18--Kent Nelson
Mar 19--Yvonne Browder
Isabell Daniels
Annie Mari-e Herron
Chris Scott
Jett Sherwood
Mar 20--Josh Kimberlin
Mar 21--Crystal Burton
Jerry Eversole
Kathy Townsend

- ANNIVERSARIES**
Mar 16--Yvonne & Dale Browder

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Mark in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. What kind of physical problem did Timothy have of which Paul advised a little wine? Back, Stomach, Head, Legs
 3. From Proverbs 22, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great ..." Riches, Witness, Corruption, Love
 4. What is the Hebrew word that's usually translated as "blessing"? Brocho, Chosson, Chumash, Ducket
 5. From Acts 8, who baptized the Ethiopian eunuch? Isaiah, James, Philip, Paul
 6. How old was Abraham when he died? 75, 175, 202, 256
- ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Stomach; 3) Riches; 4) Brocho, 5) Philip; 6) 175



Detail of the "Woman at her Toilet" (c.1895-1900) by Edgar Degas

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ROMANS 8:18

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Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:4

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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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ASK THE EXPERTS

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Crosby Veteran recalls Historic Battle

BAYTOWN — (March 9, 2018) — Less than 10 days after being assigned to the battleship USS Tennessee, Navy gunnery officer Boyd Lamb and more than 1,000 of his shipmates found themselves in the middle of an historic World War II battle.

The Tennessee, one of the most storied vessels in naval history, would be engaged in the 1944 battle of the Surigao Strait in the Philippines, identified by military historians as the last battleship-to-battleship confrontation of the war.

“It was about midnight when we got word there was as a Japanese fleet coming into the Surigao Strait,” Lamb, 98, recalls. “The battle began a little after midnight and it was kind of scary. We fired 13 rounds, with 12 of them direct hits. We sunk most of the Japanese fleet, while none of our battleships suffered any damage and we lost just one destroyer. The whole thing was over in about 13 minutes.”

A native of West Virginia, Lamb, a Crosby resident for the past 35 years, recalled highlights of his military career recently while he was a patient at Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital’s Rehabilitation Unit. Just a couple of weeks away from his 99th birthday, Lamb suffered a bout of pneumonia, which negatively affected his mobility. He is also being treated for congestive heart failure. He was able to regain some function following the extensive rehab program.

As a gunnery officer, Lamb was in charge of firing the Tennessee’s 40-millimeter guns and was involved in two other battles during his Navy career: at Okinawa and Iwo Jima.

“At Iwo Jima, we took



Boyd Lamb

one Japanese hit that killed 13 of our sailors after one of their planes got through and hit us,” Lamb said.

Following his nearly two-year U.S. Navy stint, Lamb would eventually settle in the Houston area while working in industrial products sales, including a lengthy career with Motion Industries of Houston. Lamb and wife Bobbie, 93, were married in 1948 and raised three children and have three grandkids and three great grandkids.

After becoming ill, Lamb worked with occupational and physical therapists at Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital to help restore his mobility.

“Being able to stand up was the hardest thing for him,” said occupational therapist Nancy Rosales. “We did a lot strengthening work to get his arms and core muscles stronger so he could push up from the wheelchair. He was a hard worker and always very pleasant.”

Physical therapist Christine Kukolja said even though Lamb was the oldest patient in the rehab unit, his work ethic never waned.

“He was very motivated to get better and had a

great attitude and willingness to work, especially for a man his age,” Kukolja said.

While dealing with his health issues has been challenging, Lamb appreciated the personalized approach offered by his care team at the rehabilitation unit.

“All of the therapists and doctors that saw me did a wonderful job and were so nice to me and my family,” Lamb said.

Located at Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital’s Alexander campus, the rehabilitation unit is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) and is also certified as a primary stroke center. The care team provides treatment for patients dealing with a variety of conditions, including neurological disorders such as multiple sclerosis and Parkinson’s disease; arthritis; the effects of stroke; major multiple trauma and those who have undergone joint replacement surgery.

For more information on the unit’s programs and services, visit houstonmethodist.org/san-jacinto, or call 281-420-8639.

Goose Creek bonds,

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Elementary #17 and Elementary #18 to address student population growth on the north side of the district are part of Proposition 1 of Goose Creek CISD’s 2018 Bond to be taken to voters May 5, 2018.

accommodate the projected junior school student growth of 800 over the next decade.

Elementary #17 and Elementary #18 also would allow the district to accommodate student population growth on the north side of the district, projected at 1,400 students by 2027. Plans are to construct Elementary #17, at a budget of \$24,696,000, on district-owned property north of Interstate 10. Elementary #18, budgeted at 28,400,000, is planned for south of Interstate 10 with completion in the final year of the bond. Both campuses would be approximately 98,000 square feet and would house 800 students.

Due to renovations to San Jacinto Mall, the Special Education Department, currently housed there, requires offices for staff as does the Curriculum and Instruction Department, which has outgrown available space at the Administration Building. The proposed 36,000-square-foot building at a budget of \$10,750,000 would accommodate staff for both departments.

Stuart Career Tech High School Phase 2 would expand the remaining half of SCTHS, finishing out classrooms, upgrading restrooms to meet the Americans With Disabilities Act

(ADA) Code and replacing the mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) system. This project would increase the capacity from 400 to 650 students. Phase 2A, at a budget of \$22,000,000, would provide a two-level 45,000-square-foot building to host the Communications (Audio Video) Academy as well as the Information Technology Academy, increasing student capacity from 650 to 900 students. SCTHS opened in fall 2017 with freshman students only, but each year a class will be added.

The SCTHS Phase 2 project directly affects another proposed bond project, the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Lab renovation project at Sterling and Lee high schools. Budgeted at \$810,000, the project would provide necessary renovations to allow the programs now at the Stuart Career Center to relocate to those schools.

Another item recommended for Proposition 1 is the Life Skills Lab Renovation Project, which involves expanding the footprint and renovating existing Life Skills Labs districtwide to meet the program’s needs. At a budget of \$2,052,000, the project would give students and staff the additional room they need and ensure they have a 21st

Century learning environment.

An athletic field house at Stallworth Stadium for use by district athletic teams is on the list of 2018 Bond projects. This 40,000-square-foot facility would provide locker rooms, training rooms, coaches’ offices, administration offices and meeting rooms.

A new Construction Lab at Sterling High School is in the bond referendum up for consideration by voters. At a budget of \$1,100,000, the facility would replace the undersized and outdated facility with a 5,000 square foot metal building and new teaching equipment. The larger space would give Construction Technology students space to construct their projects, and updated equipment would give them the tools they need to earn NCCER credentials.

Also on the list of major construction projects is front entry enhancement of Sterling High School. This project is designed to improve the appearance of the front entry by adding a 2,000-square-foot grand foyer to assist with crowd control and security access.

Successful Robotics teams in GCCISD have created the need for a Robotics Practice Arena, another project included in

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Salad and Spud Luncheon Featuring Donna B. Friday, March 23 at 11:30 a.m. Donna B will be playing all your favorite country hits at this luncheon! In addition to a great performance, enjoy salad, baked potato, garlic bread, dessert, tea, and coffee. Cost is \$5 per person and helps defray the cost of food. Advance registration is necessary by Tuesday, March 20. Sign up at Center, 409 Hare Road, Crosby 77532 or by calling (281)462-0543.

Annual Kids on a Big Rig

Crosby Education Foundation is hosting the 2nd annual Kids on a Big Rig on Saturday, March 24th at Crosby Middle Sschool from 10am-3pm. There will be large trucks, emergency vehicles, heavy equipment, classic cars, and more. Kids will be able to get up close and even climb into some vehicles! Petting zoo, face painting, a bounce house, and concessions. All funds raised by this event will help fund Innovative Teaching grants in Crosby ISD for the 2018-2019 school year.

**Crosby Community Center
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- Aerobics With Melissa:** Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.
- Sit and Sew:** Mondays at 9 a.m.
- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings:** Mondays at 5:30 p.m.
- Retfit®:** Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 6 p.m.
- Crosby Community Center is located at 409 Hare Road, Crosby 77532. For more information regarding classes or other Center programs please call (281) 462-0543.

Juan Seguin Park,
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Community leaders, descendants of Juan Seguin and Nathaniel Lynch, and local residents celebrated the opening of Juan Seguin Park on Wednesday, March 7th with a cannon and musket volley.

County Historical Commission, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and as well as Juan Seguin descendants to create educational and unique aspects to the park. The park was paid for by funds from the Waste Pits Superfund settlement, and Pct. 2. The park was designed by Clark Condon Landscape Architects, and built by Landscape Art, Inc.

New park features include a pier that overlooks the Ship Channel, a large pavilion with artwork etched into its concrete base, a nautical-themed playground, walking trails,

and picnic tables scattered throughout. Park visitors will also find interpretive panels with historical information on the Lynchburg Ferry, Ship Channel, and Juan Seguin.

Juan Seguin Park is located next to the Lynchburg Ferry south landing at 4407 Independence Parkway South in La Porte. It is open Monday through Sunday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information and updates on the Precinct, visit www.hcp2.com or like their Facebook page "Harris County Precinct 2."

Goose Creek bonds,
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the 2018 Bond. Budgeted at \$1,800,000, the proposed arena would provide a 6,000- square-foot practice arena with a full-scale robotics course and classrooms.

Truly a neighborhood school, the San Jacinto Elementary campus sits on slightly more than two acres, rather than the 15 acres recommended by the state for an elementary school. Renovation would be costly and would not address many of the issues, so a replacement campus on district-owned land near its current location has been proposed. Besides providing a 21st Century learning environment, with a larger library and classrooms, this bond project would allow for adequate staff parking, a drop-off lane, a bus lane and a service lane as well as address ADA issues. The 98,000-square-foot campus, at a budget of \$26,264,000, would serve 800 students.

The final major construction project in Proposition 1

is the installation of four-lane tracks at all junior schools to give students a level, smooth area for running. It also would allow them to experience the competitive aspect of running before they enter the high school sports programs. Most districts in this area have junior school tracks.

Proposition 2, totaling \$60,500,000, will be considered separately from Proposition 1 by voters. This project would provide a new multi-purpose center with a sports arena to accommodate district events, such as graduation, staff training, student instruction and state/regional/area competitions and tournaments.

Early voting is available at several locations, or voters may come to the Goose Creek CISD Administration Building, 4544 Interstate 10 East, Baytown on Election Day, May 5, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For a complete list of early voting locations, visit gccisd.net.

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