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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

THUR. MARCH 29 DIGESTIVE HEALTH SEMINAR

Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital will have a Digestive Health Seminar Gastroenterologist panel, 4401 Garth Rd., Baytown, TX 77521, at Main Boardroom.

SAT., APRIL 7 COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Precinct2gether Community Garage Sale, San Jacinto Community Center, 604 Highland Woods Drive, April 7, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm. 281-426-7561 for info. Proceeds benefit Precinct2gether organization.

SUN., APRIL 8 ANNUAL CZECH SPRING FEST

Sunday, April 8, 2018 - 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. SPJST Lodge #88, 1435 Beall St at 15th St in the Heights. For more info, call 713-349-0500 or e-mail chsheritage20@att.net

BIRTHDAYS

Mar 30-- Derek Geffs
Rachel Schultz
Cheryl Sue Zarsky
B.J. Amberger
John C. Zaprada
Mar 31--Amy Brewer
Lottie Velma Dunaway
Apr 2--Mickey Mann
Tim Engle
Pauline Cutbirth
Apr 3--Randall Henning
Dylan James Lay
Liam Greenwood
Bryan Muldrow
Dot Sheffield
Zac Bowman
Apr 4--Cory Hildebrand
Clydeen Valentine
Denise Hernandez
Robert H. Sparks

ANNIVERSARIES

March 31--William & Susan O'Neal
Apr 1--Doug & Jackie Adams

DEATHS

Michael Eric Parker

Big Car Show caps Rock'n C Round-up

CROSBY – Saturday, the Rockin'C Roundup had features that included a 1st Time SCA Sanctioned Steak Cook-Off, Classic Car Show, Country Music Concerts and family party atmosphere.

Wilton Owens was overall winner of the car show at the Crosby Rodeo Fairgrounds last Saturday and kind enough to grant an interview.

The winner of the overall competition is a 1932 Ford Roadster Deerborn Deuce All-metal with fold up top sporting a 350 Chevy engine with air conditioning and roll up windows. Roll up windows is uncommon on Roadsters. It is tricked out for modern driving with modern style breaks and lighting system.

According to Owens, "It takes the place of a motorcycle for me."

He allows he was a Harley man for all his life with other two wheel loves. He has a display of a '59 Mustang motorcycle, an Eagle and a Cushman Roadmaster. Says he threw papers on his paper route when he was a youngster on the Eagle and the Roadmaster. Remembers he had 40 to 50 people on his Pasadena paper route in 1950.

He moved to Crosby in 1996 and avidly bought livestock from the Crosby Fair & Rodeo, why would anyone do that?

"Well, we try to do all we can for the kids that were trying to get scholarships and get financ-

See Big Car Show, Page 8



Wilton Owens sports the Roadster that won the All-Around Category in last Saturday's Classic Car Show as part of the Rock'NC Roundup last Saturday at the Crosby Fairgrounds.

Hippity hopping for Easter



Jack Mormon's Precinct 2 Crosby Community Center got an early jump on the holiday at Hare Rd. Above the ages 3 and under clear the field of brightly colored eggs in style.

2018 Highlands Little League Queens



2018 queens for Highlands Little League. The queens were announced March 22, 2018 at the GCM baseball field, and are awarded based on total team fundraising amounts. (left - right) Lily Phillips, Major Indians, 1st runner-up; Kendra Earls, Major Reds, 2018 HLL Queen; Kamryn Schuelzky, Minor 1 Yankees, 2nd runner-up.

Water level in Lake Houston lowered

With heavy storms predicted, and flooding throughout the San Jacinto River watershed, authorities this week ordered a permanent reduction in the level of water in Lake Houston.

Houston City Council Member Dave Martin announced that after a meeting held Monday with Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, the daily pooling level of Lake Houston will be reduced from 42.5 feet to 40 feet, effective immediately. Last night, Houston Public Works Director, Carol Haddock, directed the Coastal Water Authority to start lowering the

level of Lake Houston in advance of Wednesday's predicted storms. Council Member Martin has confirmed that all gates at Lake Houston are open and the level of Lake Houston is anticipated to reach the desired 40 foot mark by Wednesday evening.

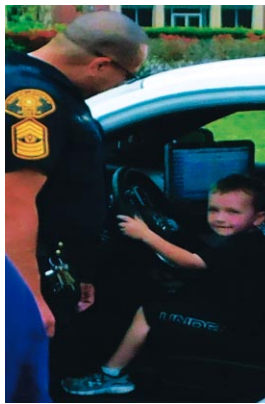
Once the lake is lowered to 40 feet it is the City of Houston's plan to adjust the spillway gates to maintain a level of 40 feet moving forward on a long-term basis. This will address the immediate concerns of the Lake Houston Community, including Kingwood, Hum-

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Crosby Kids get to try a "big rig"



Precinct 3 Deputy Pete Tella at the Kids on a Big Rig sponsored by Crosby Education Foundation has a fella' wanting him to pony up the keys for a spin last Saturday. One could tell he was ready for a hard left turn! As others have formed a line waiting, the youngster about to exit finally resolves, "I gotta' get me one of these!"



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★ COMMUNITY PAGE ★

Steak selection for high stakes *Campus Crime Stoppers wins*



29 registrants select their steak for the Steak Cook-off Association (SCA) sanctioned Rock'n C Steak Cook-Off last Saturday first place could win \$1,000 and points toward the Pelican Point Chase and eligibility to win an invitation to the SCA World Championship. Entry for steaks was \$150 a \$25 fee could begin Appetizer cooking and kids ages 4 and up cooked pork chops just right inside the Crosby Fairgrounds.



The Goose Creek CISD Campus Crime Stoppers program received a plaque for the Greatest Dollar Recovery and Most Cases Cleared for student population 10,001-15,000 (junior and high schools) at the recent 23rd Annual Campus Crime Stoppers Conference in Houston. Twenty cases were cleared, \$365 in narcotics was recovered and Campus Crime Stoppers gave out a total of \$1,825 in rewards for 2016-2017. Twenty-six students and sponsors from Goose Creek Memorial High School, Robert E. Lee High School, Ross S. Sterling High School, Cedar Bayou Junior School, Gentry Junior School and Horace Mann Junior School attended the three-day conference. Pictured are (front, from left) Shonda James, GCM; Yesenia Chavez, GCM; Brenda Rodriguez, REL; Gabriella Ybarra, RSS; (middle, from left) Zoey Hennington, REL; Robert Sorenson, CBJ; Yajaira Meza, HMJ; Alexis Puentes, HMJ; Alizae Nunez, GCM; Destiny Saurer, CBJ; Michele George, GJS, Joselyn Alvarado, RSS; (back, from left) Jody Roberts, RSS; Enrique DeLeon, REL; David Garza, HMJ; Peggy Cayton, CBJ; Matthew Authement, GJS; Joanna Guerrero, RSS; Lauren Cloud, GCM, Brianna Herrera, RSS; Steve Denton, RSS; Leanne Leslie, GJS; Roxie Brown, CBJ; Kathryn Hoffpauir, GJS and Officer Randell Morris from the Baytown Police Department.

Crosby High School Band Member Selected as Texas All-State Musician

Demetrius Sheats Jr., a member of the Crosby High School Symphonic Band, recently performed with the Texas All-State 5A Symphonic Band in San Antonio. This was held at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center as part of the 2018 Texas Music Educators Association Clinic & Convention. He was chosen for this prestigious honor through a competitive process held this year across the state at District, Region, and Area levels. Demetrius is a trumpet student of Joni Churak-Simpson and is a band



member under the direction of Kevin Knight and Michael Lehw. Being selected as an All-State member is the highest individual honor a Texas music student can

receive. There are 1,780 students selected through a process that begins with over 70,000 students from around the state vying for the honor of performing in one of 15 ensembles. Only the top 2.5% of musicians who initially audition become All-State musicians. These All-State students participate in three days of rehearsals directed by nationally-recognized conductors during the TMEA Clinic. Their performances for thousands of attendees bring this extraordinary convention to a close.

Human remains found in Huffman

HUFFMAN - Houston police are awaiting autopsy results on remains found at 10611 F.M.1960 about 10:10 a.m. last Saturday, March 24. According to HPD Homicide Division detectives, HPD Marine Patrol officers were flagged down by witnesses regarding a suspicious black trash bag found by volunteers picking up trash along a bridge near lake Houston. Officers saw what appeared to be human

hair in the bag. HPD homicide investigators responded to the scene and confirmed human remains in an advanced state of decomposition inside the bag. The identity of the remains are pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences. Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

Highlands Chamber elects new president



At their last luncheon, the Highlands Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce elected Eddie Williams as president. Williams is director of the Marselius-Williams Resource Center in Highlands.

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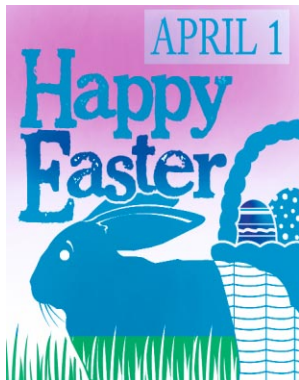
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ROUND-UP

WC Chamber 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 at Eagle Pointe Golf Club Pavilion, 12440 Eagle Pointe Drive, Mont Belvieu, Texas 77523. Seating is Limited. No tickets will be available at the door.

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 30 - Howard McMichael (Steel Drum)

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

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

WC Chamber 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 Ronda@TheWCCOC.com

Governor brings 500 jobs, \$500 million to Baytown area

MUMBAI, INDIA - Governor Greg Abbott today visited JSW Group Global Headquarters in Mumbai, India, and signed a Memorandum of Cooperation to develop and augment the steel industry in Texas. With this agreement JSW Steel (USA) Inc. has agreed to consider an investment of \$500 million in phases in developing its steel manufacturing infrastructure in Baytown.

This investment will be used to expand the company's Plate & Pipe Mill unit. A Texas Enterprise Fund (TEF) grant offer of \$3.4 million has been extended to JSW Steel (USA) Inc. It is expected that the investment will eventually create an additional 500 jobs



Governor Greg Abbott, with officials from the JSW Group, in signing ceremony in India this week.

for the plant.

"JSW's motto is 'Better Everyday,' and that's the same approach we take in Texas," said Governor Ab-

bott. "The \$500 million investment from JSW Steel to expand its operations in Texas shows what we can achieve when we work to

be better every single day. Made in Texas is a powerful label, and I thank JSW for investing in our great state. We look forward to forging an even stronger partnership and continuing economic and job growth in the Lone Star State."

"The Memorandum signed by Greg Abbott and JSW USA is part of our long term strategy to enhance our U.S. footprint," said Mr. Parth Jindal of JSW Group. "It reiterates our commitment to stay invested and grow in the U.S. market. It also provides JSW USA an opportunity to participate in USA's infrastructure de-

See JSW STEEL, page 8

Baytown announces closures for Easter Holiday

City offices, including those at City Hall, Sterling Municipal Library, Public Works, and Utility Billing, will be closed Friday, March 30, in observance of Good Friday. All offices, including the Library, will reopen for business at their regular time on Monday, April 2.

The Green Center will be closed Friday - Monday, and will reopen on Tuesday.

All emergency services and residential trash and curbside recycling collection will operate as usual on Friday. Street and utility crews will be on stand-by in the event of an emergency.

City parks, including those with splash decks, the Baytown Nature Center and both skate parks will remain open. The Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Center and the Baytown Community Center will be closed for the holiday. Pirates Bay Waterpark and Calypso Cove Waterpark are closed for the season. Pirates Bay will reopen weekends starting May 5, and Calypso Cove will reopen for the summer on May 26.

West Chambers County Chamber of Commerce thanks Gala sponsors

West Chambers County Pilot Club members received several "Lights, Camera, Auction" Gala sponsorships from area businesses and individual Chambers County officials. The Pilot Club's "Lights, Camera, Auction" Gala, will be held April 7, 2018 from 6:00 to 10:00 PM. at Barbers Hill High School on Eagle Drive in Mont Belvieu, Texas.

West Chambers County Pilot Club, Inc. recently received a Silver sponsorship from Chambers County District Clerk Heather Hawthorne, right, for the April 7, 2018 "Lights, Camera, Auction" Gala. West Chambers County Pilot Club member Linda Polk, left, received check.



West Chambers County Pilot Club, Inc. recently received a sponsorship from Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4 Judge Blake Sylvia, middle, for the April 7, 2018 "Lights, Camera, Auction" Gala, with him West Chambers County Pilot Club Pilot Linda Polk, left, and Pilot Linda Gilmore, right.



Capital Bank's Tod Berry, and Terry Flournoy, West Chambers County Pilot Club member Linda Polk, and Capital Bank's Jana Jones, and Annette Osburn.



West Chambers County Pilot Linda Polk receives a Gala sponsorship from Precinct 4 Constable Ben L. "Butch" Bean Jr. pictured with them is Pilot Club Past-President Pam Sapp.



Summer employment opportunities on Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge

Anahuac, TX — Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge is offering summer employment for students 15-18 years old. Positions are available through the Youth Conservation Corps program. No prior experience is necessary, but participants must be citizens of the United States. Students will work as part of a four person crew for approximately eight weeks. Students will work 40 hours per week for \$7.25 an hour from June 4th through July 27th, 2018. Work will be conducted outside and can be physically demanding. Typical duties will include trail/butterfly garden maintenance, erosion control, wood sanding/staining, of-

fice work, and various restoration and maintenance projects. Educational field trips and training sessions will be included.

Selection will be on a random basis from the list of qualified applicants. Young adults interested in wildlife careers, summer employment, or job experience are encouraged to apply. Applications are available at the refuge office located at 4017 FM 563, Anahuac, TX 77514. Applications must be received by 4:00 pm on May 4, 2018, and can be mailed, faxed, or hand-carried to the office. The fax number is 409-267-4314.

For more information, contact Colt Sanspree at 409-267-3337.

Upcoming events at the Chambers County Library System

Homeschool programs at Anahuac

The Chambers County Library in Anahuac holds a monthly Homeschool program for all ages. Homeschool Explorers is a geography program featuring a different country each month. Kids learn about the history, culture, language, food, and other fun facts while earning a stamp in their passport. The next Homeschool Explorers program will be held April 12 at 2pm.

Escape Room for all ages at Mont Belvieu

Back by popular demand, the Escape Room at the Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch in Mont Belvieu will feature a complex maze of puzzles and codes to help you make your way out of the library. Grab your friends and sign up today. The Escape Room will be held on 2 days with 3 sessions each day. Friday, April 27 (ages 14-18) at 6:30, 7:30 & 8:30.

Saturday, April 28th (ages 18 & up) at 2, 3, & 4pm. Call 281-576-2245 to register.

Storytime and Babygarden at the Library

Storytime is held weekly and is geared towards ages 2-5 and includes songs, stories, crafts and activities. Babygarden is a curriculum based program geared towards infants (birth-24 months). Babygarden is held weekly at each branch and includes music, exciting board books, and fun toys. It's a rhyme time for babies, infants, and their caregivers that helps build on socialization skills, eye-hand coordination, introducing little ones to libraries, and more. These programs will enrich your child's life from the very beginning and provides an excellent foundation for the future. Check out the library's website for dates and times at your local branch.

PLANNING FOR RETIREMENT

Should you stay in your home or move during retirement?

(NAPSI)—The choice about where to live in retirement is one of the most crucial decisions that a senior makes. It’s not just a major financial consideration, it’s also a highly emotional issue as a retiree’s home is often the anchor to their golden years.

“One needs to think about where to live, how long to stay there, and whether to move later in retirement,” writes Wade Pfau, Ph.D., professor of retirement income at The American College, and contributor to Forbes.com. “There are plenty of justifications for either staying put or moving early in retirement.”

There are a few important questions that a senior should ask before deciding whether to stay in their home or to relocate during retirement:

1. Are you making accurate comparisons?

If you stay in your home, you may need to make improvements or renovations in the future to accommodate changing needs. If you move to a new home, you may incur expenses associated with fix-up costs and moving expenses. Make sure you are considering total costs in either scenario.

2. Are you open to renting?

“It can be hard for retirees who have spent their lives building equity in their homes—and being taught about the virtues of homeownership—to become renters,” reported The Wall Street Journal. “But renting a home in a city before buying can give retirees a chance to really know if it’s the place they want to spend retirement.” Moreover, the cost of ownership in many locations actually exceeds the cost of renting, so it may be prudent to consider this option for both short- and long-term possibilities.

3. Where will you have access to important services?

Every consumer looks into the quality of

restaurants, supermarkets and other day-to-day retail offerings when scouting out a possible new residential location. Seniors must be especially concerned about practical considerations such as the number of nearby physicians who accept Medicare, convenient transportation for those who are unable to drive, and community centers with special programs for seniors.

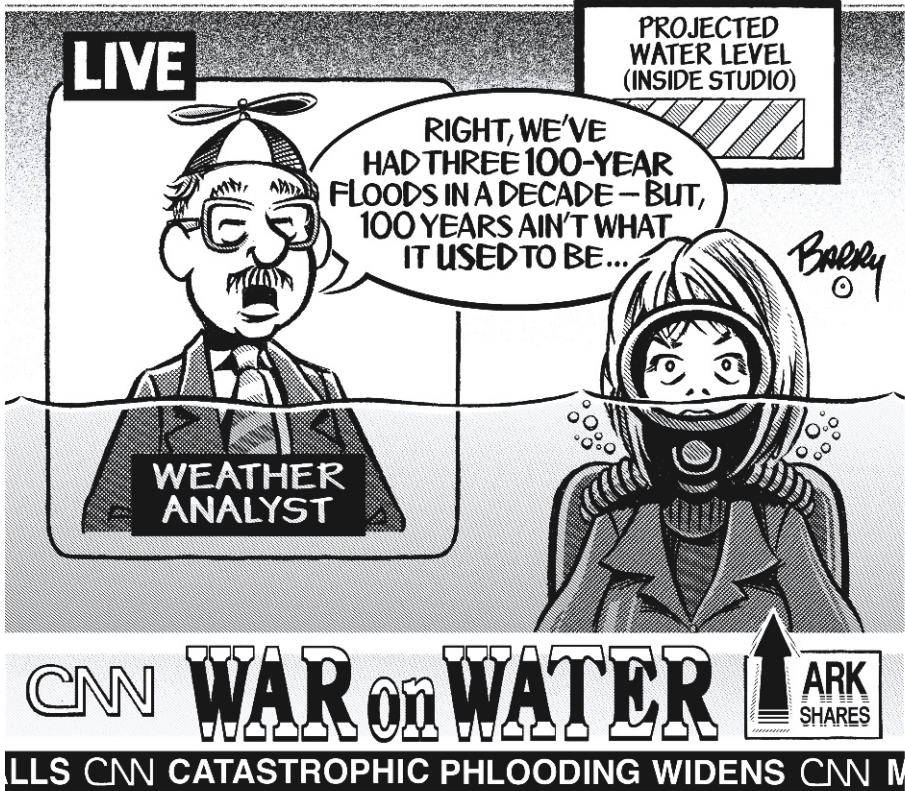
4. Would you prefer to age in place or have a change of scenery?

Many people dream about moving to some exotic location for their golden years, but the truth is that 85 percent of retirees stay in the area where they raised their families, according to Realtor.com. Think seriously about whether you’re willing to trade your current community for a new one, weighing the pros and cons of aging in place versus charting a new course.

Whether you choose to stay in your home or move during retirement, it will be important to have ample cash on hand that can fund renovations of your existing home or the purchase of a new one. Many seniors are surprised to learn that one potential asset for generating immediate cash is a life insurance policy.

A life insurance policy is considered your personal property and—as such—you have the right to sell that policy any time you like. When a consumer sells a policy in a “life settlement” transaction, the policy owner receives a cash payment and the purchaser of the policy assumes all future premium payments—then receives the death benefit upon the death of the insured. Candidates for life settlements are typically aged 70 years or older, with a life insurance policy that has a death benefit of at least \$100,000.

To learn more about life settlements, visit www.LISA.org or call the LISA office today at (888) 672-3917.



Bombing suspect ends own life as officers approach him

AUSTIN — The primary suspect in a string of terrorist-style bombings died in his pickup truck on March 21.

Mark Anthony Conditt, 23, of Pflugerville, detonated explosive devices in his truck on an Interstate 35 access road in Round Rock as two law enforcement officers approached the vehicle on foot. One officer was injured in the explosion. The other officer reportedly fired a rifle at the suspect.

Intensive search and surveillance operations began on March 2, when a bomb later traced to Conditt exploded and killed an Austin man who picked up what appeared to be a normal package delivered to his residence. Similar packages exploded in the Austin area on March 12, one killing a teen and injuring his mother, and another injuring a 75-year-old woman. On March 18, two men were injured by a tripwire-triggered improvised explosive device in Austin.

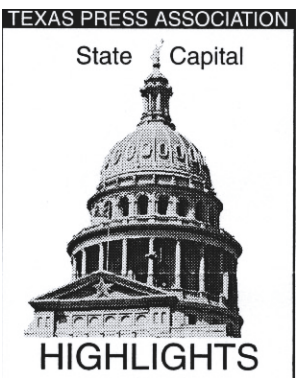
On March 19, two days before Conditt was tracked down, Gov. Greg Abbott announced the release of \$265,500 in emergency funding for the Austin Police Department and the Texas Ranger Bomb Response Team to purchase seven portable x-ray systems for use in bomb detection and responding to suspicious package investigations.

Abbott said his office has provided nearly \$1 million over the last two years to enhance the capabilities of the Austin police department’s bomb squad. He said the grants provided for purchases of bomb disposal robots, robotic arms and bomb suits that allow technicians to approach potentially explosive devices and render them harmless.

On March 20, the day before Conditt’s death, the Texas Department of Public Safety reminded Texans to remain vigilant and to report any suspicious activity or suspicious packages to authorities. The DPS stressed that Texans should not approach any unknown or suspicious packages or items, to keep a safe distance and then to notify the authorities by calling 911.

Big crowd joins march
An estimated 20,000 people participated in the Austin “March for Our Lives” event on March 24. Similar marches were held some 900 cities around the globe. At the main march, in Washing-

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling



ton, D.C., participants memorialized the mass shooting at high school in Parkland, Florida, on Feb. 14, and other mass shootings, such as the ones at an elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut in 2010, and Sutherland Springs, Texas, in 2017.

Marchers and speakers at these events mainly called for an end to mass shootings through federal, state and local gun law reforms.

Jobs added in February

The Texas Workforce Commission on March 23 announced that the Lone Star State’s economy added 40,500 seasonally adjusted non-farm jobs in February, marking 20 consecutive months of employment growth.

Texas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.0 percent in February and remains below the U.S. unemployment rate of 4.1 percent.

Industries noted for adding jobs in February included professional and business services, 13,200 positions; followed by trade, transportation and utilities, 11,800 jobs; and mining and logging, 6,500 positions.

TxDOT: Buckle up, teens

The Texas Department of Transportation on March 19 posted a message urging teen-agers to “always buckle up.”

The message is part of TxDOT’s annual “Teen Click It or Ticket” campaign, conducted in partnership with high school students, to urge young drivers and their passengers to wear their seat belts every time they’re in a vehicle.

“In Texas, 42 percent of all teenagers killed in traffic crashes in 2016 weren’t buckled up,” said TxDOT Executive Direc-

tor James Bass. “We know seat belts save lives, but only if motorists use them. We want to make sure this message gets through to teens, and no one knows how to reach teens better than other teens.”

According to statistics compiled by TxDOT, in Texas in 2016, one in five vehicle crashes involved a teen driver. Of the 269 teen drivers and passengers killed in crashes that year, 114 were unbuckled.

AG asks program review

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on March 22 sent a letter to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar asking him to reverse the Obama administration’s exclusion of Texas from programs that provide family planning and related preventive health services to low-income women across the state.

Paxton wrote that in 2013 the Obama administration removed Texas from the eligible list of Title X program recipients because it refused to provide taxpayer funds to abortion providers.

“A precursor to participation in federal programs should not be an uncompromising commitment to abortion providers. The freedom of conscience should never be demoted to second-class status among our civil liberties,” Paxton added.

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MESSAGE FROM

REP. BRIAN BABIN

Babin votes NO on Omnibus Spending Bill

Washington, DC – U.S. Rep. Brian Babin (R-TX-36) released the following statement today after voting NO on the FY18 Omnibus spending bill:

“Without question, the two greatest accomplishments of the United States Senate since President Trump took office have been confirming Neil Gorsuch to the U.S. Supreme Court and passing the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. What did these two accomplishments have in common? They both were achieved by sidestepping the Senate “filibuster” and allowing the majority to rule. However, because the Senate refuses to change its rules for equally important legislation, like bills that fund the federal government or deal with national security, monstrosities like this Omnibus spending bill are what we end up getting.

“The American people did not elect Donald J. Trump as President just to see his agenda thwarted by Chuck Schumer and at least eight of his Democrat colleagues, but that’s what will continue happening until Senate Republicans have the courage to change their broken, arcane rules - which they can do right now with just 51 votes. While there were some good things in this bill that I supported, including excellent levels of funding for our military and NASA, on balance it included too many misguided policies and too much misdirected spending for me to vote for it.”

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OBITUARIES

Michael Eric Parker

Michael Eric Parker 65, of Crosby, Texas passed away on March 16, 2018. Michael was born on December 14, 1952 in Houston, Texas to Henry Everett and Henrietta Parker.

Michael worked as an electrician in the petrochemical industry and in his free time he enjoyed hunting, fishing, watching westerns, gardening, tinkering with things, BBQing and spending time with his family and friends. Michael was a very witty, funny and caring man who will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Billy Parker; brother, Sam Parker. Michael is survived by his wife, Kay Lynn Parker of Crosby; son, Shane Parker and wife Staci of Crosby; son, Lance Parker of Highlands; son, Chase Parker of Kemah; grandson, Landon



Parker of Crosby; granddaughter, Hailey Parker of Crosby; nephews, Mitch Parke, Sammy Parker; nieces, Debra Kuhen, Jeannie Richards, Dianna Parker, Angie Doskocil; and many other relatives and friends.

A visitation for family and friends will be held at Sterling-White on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 from 5pm-8pm. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 22, 2018 2pm at Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, Texas 77562. To send the family condolences please visit www.sterlingwhite.com

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Detail of "Wheat Fields at Avers Under Clouded Sky" by Vincent van Gogh (1890)

Ask rain from the Lord at the time of the spring rain, the Lord who makes the storm clouds; and He will give them showers of rain, vegetation in the field to each man.

ZECHARIAH 10:1

THOUGHTS FROM MARANATHA CHURCH

Resurrection

Dr. Mark Trice

Noah Webster's 1828 dictionary defines resurrection, in part, as "rising again." It continues to discuss resurrection from the dead, but these first three words are intriguing.

With Easter coming, we're obviously thinking about The Resurrection, that moment Jesus was restored to life after giving the devil "what for" in Hell. Too often, even those who call themselves Christians merely equate resurrection with that one Sunday of the year when we feel like we really to have to go to church if only to satisfy our mothers. It ought not be that way. Resurrection is important!

In case it's not obvious, we live in a world that daily challenges our walk with the Lord. If it's not the people who surround us, it's the schedules we have to keep. If it's not others making mistakes that hurt us, it's us making mistakes that hurt others. If it's not an underestimated hurricane destroying our homes, it's our jobs suddenly ending. If it's not...

Here is reality: Living the life of a Christian is more than simply saying, "I'm saved." To live as a Christian, one who is "Christ like," requires work. It takes learning what God expects of us and doing it. It means being willing to sacrifice what we want in order to serve God's Kingdom. We

really were made for a different kingdom, and living for that realm in our current world is not easy. Too often, we fail at it. Too often we fall.

When we fall, we have a choice. Do we stay in the muck and mire? Do we opt to abide by the standards of the world in which we're really only temporary residents? Do we settle for merely existing, or do we choose LIFE, choose to rise again? I hope and pray that, when you fall, you cry out to God for resurrection, for a renewal of His Spirit within you. You can't do it on your own. You have to reach out to Him, repent of your sins, and let Him pull you out of the pit into which you've fallen.

Psalm 145:14 tells us that He upholds those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down. He knows we're going to fall. That doesn't mean we're total failures. It doesn't mean we're hopeless. It just means we're in need of resurrection. As we come into the Easter season, I encourage you to consider your relationship with Him, to search your heart and rid it of anything that stands between you and the loving arms of your Father in Heaven. Let Him breathe new life into you and raise you up higher than you've ever been.

Maranatha!: "Rejoice, the Lord is coming soon!"
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Highlands Sunrise service

Highlands Ministerial Alliance invites the community to Resurrection Sunday Sunrise Service, Sunday, April 1st at 7 am at the Community Center Highlands Park, 604 Highland Woods Dr, Highlands, TX 77562.

3D Printing Opportunities: Stratford Library Highlands

Have you ever wanted to get your hands on a 3D printer? Stratford Library in Highlands will have a 3D printer on-site April 4th – April 9th. Gather your friends, your troop, or your class and sign up for a session to see how a design comes to life. Free for all ages! Reservations are limited. Give us a call for more info! 832-927-5400. Stratford Library is located 2 blocks behind Foodtown at 509 Stratford St. in Highlands, TX 77562.

Annual Czech SpringFest

Sunday, April 8, 2018 - 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
SPJST Lodge #88, 1435 Beall St at 15th St in the Heights.
Kovanda's Czech Band (11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)
Texas Legacy Czech Band - (3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.)
Guest Artist, Marcela Hrabovska, demonstrating the art of Decorating Eggs with Straw and Other Materials. She will have many items for sale.
Traditional Czech Sunday Dinner - 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Adults - \$10.00 - Children under 11 - \$7.00 Soup & Sausage with Sauerkraut served at 1:00 p.m.
Kolache Eating Contest. Cultural Exhibits, Silent Auction, Country Store & Vendors.
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Thin Blue Line Project: K9 Training for comfort dogs

Danny McWilliams, a Baytown Police Officer, told the Highlands Rotary Club about a special project he is involved with.

McWilliams has been interested in dogs since he was a boy growing up in Highlands. As a boy he had a Brittany Spaniel named Sport, and in later years worked as a veterinarian's technician. This experience led to his involvement with police dogs, after becoming an officer.

McWilliams has been a police officer for over 27 years, and is a certified K-9 Handler. Trained at the USK(Unlimited facility in Louisiana, he was in charge of the Baytown K-9 program for over 6 years. During that time, as a Handler he coordinated the Department's K-9 training program. He trained dogs and Handlers in narcotics, explosive detection, tracking, and suspect apprehension. During this time he had a dog named Fideaux, who is retired with him as a family pet.

McWilliams became concerned about the number of police officers killed in the line of



PRESTON, the first dog trained in the Thin Blue Line program.

duty, which now number over 2800 throughout the nation. Working on his own, using his training and experience, he decided to start a program of providing "comfort" dogs for the families of those deceased officers.



Baytown Police Officer Danny McWilliams talks about his Thin Blue Line Project, Comfort Dogs for families of fallen officers.

ers. His first dog was a chocolate Labrador Retriever, named Preston.

His Thin Blue Line program, just starting, finds families with a need to get the dogs. Preston went to a family in Michigan, and after transporting the dog on a plane, McWilliams spent three days acclimating the family with the dog.

McWilliams has now formalized the program with a 501c3 designation, and is looking for financial support. Dogs cost from \$500 to \$2500, and cost upwards of \$15,000 to train. Families do not pay for a dog, it is donated. If you wish to help, you can contact him at EastexK9.com, or 281-846-5003.

Lake Houston Water level,

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ble, Atascocita, and Huffman. This lower lake level will continue to be observed while the City works with area partners to address siltation and other coordination efforts with Lake Conroe. The City of Houston will continue to monitor and evaluate water demand, weather patterns and other mitigation activities.

Tuesday Harris County Commissioner's Court will vote to authorize requests for qualifications (RFQ) for engineering and other services to identify watershed-wide flood risks, evaluate food mitigation strategies that address those risks and develop recommendations to enhance the flood warning system and action plans used by the emergency managers in the San Jacinto River Basin from its headwaters in Lake Houston across Harris County Precincts 1, 2, and 4. Harris County will be working with the San Jacinto River Authority as well as other municipalities to accomplish this task which was a part of Governor Greg Abbott's charges for the region.

Additionally, Harris County will also be requesting authorization for RFQs for engineering, environmental permitting, and other services in support of dredging the West Fork of the San Jacinto River from IH-59 to Lake Houston Parkway. This was another of Governor Abbott's charges during his visit to the Kingwood Area. All parties are committed to working together to swiftly move the dredging project forward in preparation for this year's hurricane season.

Council Member Martin has been working diligently over the last few weeks to make sure the efforts of dredging are not short lived. The visit of Texas Land Commissioner, George P. Bush, and continued communication with the Governor's office have allowed the city to partner with the Aggregate Production Operators (APO) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The continued interest and participation of statewide leaders helps local efforts by assisting in identifying red tape and providing solutions to

these obstacles. Next Tuesday, April 3, a visit from Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick is planned, who has expressed an interest in touring the San Jacinto Watershed by air and water.

These state partnerships allow us the opportunity to closely evaluate existing regulations for sand mining as well as the ability to increase the strength of these existing policies. The regional APOs have stepped up to the table and want to be a part of the solution. Texas Senator Brandon Creighton and Texas State Representative Dan Huberty continue to be champions for stricter sand mining regulations to protect our watershed.

The problem of flooding within the San Jacinto Watershed is a difficult one to tackle due to the size of the watershed and many jurisdictions involved but Council Member Martin is creating relationships where none have existed before and knows that working together will get us further along the path to a long term solution.

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5 Chantilly, for one

9 Wicked

12 Persian Gulf nation

13 History chapters

14 Wish otherwise

15 Options list

16 Shopping area

17 Raw rock

18 Long story

19 Japanese sash

20 Trade

21 Operate

23 Barrister's abbr.

25 Tools for duels

28 Poinsettia family

32 Downright

33 Wouldn't shut up

34 Trojan War hero

36 Siesta cover

37 Whatever amount

38 Victory sign

39 Put something over on

42 Shelter

44 Arp's style

48 Likely

49 Elliptical

50 Physical

51 Dog's doc

52 Rapid

53 Choir voice

54 Tokyo's old name

55 Start the pot

56 Welsh emblem

DOWN

1 Optician's selection

2 Vicinity

3 Jets or Sharks

4 One of a daily trio

5 Slot machine losers

6 Spirited horse

7 Tooth decay

8 "Guinness Book" suffix

9 Forehead

10 Emanation

11 Profound

20 Roosevelt program

22 City-related

24 Binge

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Big Car Show,

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velopment and job creation priorities. Access to natural gas at extremely economical prices and the abundant availability of scrap steel in Texas make conditions very conducive for manufacturing through the Electric Arc Furnace route. JSW Steel (USA) Inc. wishes to create a world class fully integrated steel complex that will bring precision manufacturing of high quality steel plate and pipe to Texas, USA."

JSW USA operates one of the widest steel plate & pipe mills in North America. Strategically located in Baytown, Texas the unit services the needs of the energy, petrochemicals, defense and other heavy equipment industries in USA who need high quality carbon plate.

About JSW Steel: JSW Steel is a part of the diversified US\$ 12 billion JSW Group, which has a presence in Steel, Energy, Infrastructure, Cement, Ventures and Sports. JSW Steel is the leading integrated steel company in India with an installed steel-making capacity of 18 MTPA. JSW Steel's plant at Vijayanagar in Karnataka, is the largest single location steel producing facility in the country with a capacity of 12 MTPA. JSW Steel (USA) Inc is a subsidiary of JSW Steel Ltd.

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