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## IN THE STARS

### EVENTS

**FRIDAY, MARCH 9 CROSBY COMM. CENTER LUNCHEON**  
Monthly Luncheon featuring singer Jay Cantu, Friday, March 9 at 11:30 a.m., 409 Hare Road, Crosby 77532. 281-462-0543. \$5 per person and helps defray the cost of the food.

**MARCH 9 & 10 CROSBY LIBRARY BOOK SALE**  
Friday, March 9, from 1 pm to 6 pm, and Saturday, March 10, 10 am to 5 pm. Book sale proceeds help support summer reading and other library programs throughout the year. Crosby Edith Fae Cook Cole Branch Library, 135 Hare Road.

**FRIDAYS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY**  
Fried fish, fries, hushpuppies and coleslaw. Deserts available with donation. #3229 KC Hall, 1508 Crosby Dayton Rd. March 9, 16 & 23, 5:00 - 8:00 pm. 281-328-1104.

**ONGOING STRATFORD LIBRARY BOOK SALE**  
All proceeds go to help support programs at the library. Stratford Library is located 2 blocks behind Foodtown at 509 Stratford St. in Highlands, TX 77562.

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

**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.

**BIRTHDAYS**  
Mar 9--John Boehm  
Terri Martin  
Mar 10--Eric Groce  
Mar 11--Marcille Robinson  
Mar 12--Hope Dammon  
Mar 13--Dale Browder  
Mar 14--Brice Abbott  
Alvin Keyes  
Kaci New  
Vivian Sanders  
Christoper Zadraba

**DEATHS**  
Lyle H. Renfrow

## Boys & Girls of Summer play ball

CROSBY – Opening Day for the Crosby Sports Association was Saturday and the fields became decorated with colorful tiny uniforms and ball players even as the stadiums teamed with kids and parents doing their finest to teach cooperation, sacrifice, teamwork and listening to some young athletes.

It was also a day of recognition of community leaders that made their own sacrifices so kids could have this fun and learning experience on the baseball and softball fields.

The beginning was a solid recognition of the kids as each team was photographed with teammates and the Astros Girls! Then



Crosby Little League teams paraded around the field as the season got off to a great start. Even the littlest players, seen on the left, had a good time. MORE photos on page 3.

they outlined the diamond and outfield. Next the awards portion brought out the heroes of the day.

According to David Mendez of Turner Chevrolet, "It is an honor to throw out the first pitch and be recognized by President Clay La Tour for all that Turner Chevrolet does to donate equipment and monetarily. All this came on the heels of Hunter Hearn, son of Blaine, who plays for the Sam Houston State Bearcats on Friday night against Vanderbilt U. at Minute Maid Park as his team was down by a point in the 10th inning with a man on, knocks a walk-off homerun. Great season lead in for Crosby."

## Fatal Crash on 2100 shows dangers



Crumpled remains of a fatal BMW accident on FM2100

CROSBY – In the wee hours of Thursday morning drivers were forced to detour around the S shaped curve in the 18,400 block of FM 2100, deputies had closed the road as an fatal accident investigation was ongoing as was extraction of the body.

Investigators determined that at about 12:30 a.m. that March 1 a 2004

BMW M3 was northbound and travelling at a high rate of speed when the sports car left the road on the first curve.

The accident report by Deputy P. Begley states "The BMW struck a large drainage ditch and continued traveling northbound. The BMW then launched over a private driveway and began to roll over. The BMW struck a large utility pole and continued rolling over traveling north striking a large tree. The BMW contin-

See FATAL CRASH, Page 10

## Spanish Club holds Classic Car show



The Crosby Spanish Club held a car show at the Crosby Middle School last Saturday, sponsored by Turner Chevrolet, that had many a fine classic on display.

## Election results: Sylvia Garcia has strong victory, Coffey loses

Harris County experienced a strong Democratic turnout in the Primary voting, according to County Clerk Stan Stanart. But Republican candidates still received more votes in most categories, according to the final figures.

In local elections of interest, the Justice of the Peace race for Pct. 3 Place 2 saw Lucia Bates challenging the incumbent, Don Coffey. Bates received 52% of the vote, 6082, while Coffey got 47% or 5533 votes.

For County Commissioner, Pct. 2, Adrian Garcia on the Democratic ballot received 65%, or 15,047 votes. Although unopposed on the Republican ballot, incumbent Pct. 2 Commissioner Jack Morman received 22, 799. This remains one of the most watched races for the November general election.

In State Representative races, incumbent Dan Huberty in District 127 won with 83% of the votes, or 11,155. In District 128, incumbent Briscoe Cain had 7950 votes, running unopposed on the Republican ticket.

For U. S. Congress in TX-29, formerly Gene Green's seat, Sylvia Garcia won in a crowded field. On the Democratic bal-

lot she had 64% or 9762 votes, against Tahir Javed with 19% or 2979 votes. She will face a Republican in November, either Philip Aronoff or Carmen Montiel. They are in a runoff, with Aronoff getting 38% and Montiel 28% of the votes.

In House District 36, Dayna Steele defeated Jon Powell on the Democratic ballot, with 71% of the vote. She will face incumbent Brian Babin in November.

In statewide races, for Governor incumbent Greg Abbott received 90% of the Republican vote, and will face either Lupe Valdez (42%) or Andrew White (28%) who are in a runoff. For Lt. Governor, Dan Patrick received 75% of the votes. For Land Commissioner, George P. Bush got 58% of the votes.

## Highlands teenager injured on Main Street



A LifeFlight helicopter takes off from Main Street in Highlands Monday morning, with a 17 year old teenager. Police believe he was struck by a red Nissan Ultima car that did not stop, but are investigating other possibilities. The youth was injured and bleeding, but was not seriously hurt.

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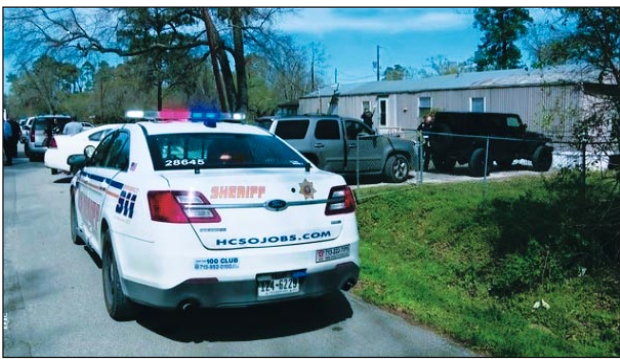
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# Crosby Woman's killing of boyfriend under investigation

On March 1, around 11:52 a.m., Harris County Sheriff's Office District 3 Patrol units were sent to the 12,100 block of Myrtle Ave. in reference to a shooting.

HCSO Patrol units and HCESD#5, the ambulance service for Crosby, arrived and found an adult male in the backyard of the residence with a gunshot wound to the chest. He was determined to be dead.

The location had been the scene of a confrontation by a dating couple. Interrogation of the woman indicated she shot the man when the conversa-



tion became physical. She said a struggle for a handgun precipitated the shooting.

The incident has been referred to the Harris County Grand Jury for possible charges. The name of

the victim has not been released pending positive identification.

The Harris County Sheriff's Homicide Division is continuing the investigation.

# Judge Stephens holds "Boys Rock 2 life" camp

Judge Joe Stephens, in his courtroom setting, sees the need to reach out to young men to give them a different setting to address some of their nonacademic needs. Therefore, he is sponsoring a "Life Skills" camp for boys within his jurisdiction.

On February 17th he held a one-day fun packed workshop, that addressed topics such as appearance, handling money, social skills and more. Other topics included Dating, Etiquette, Substance Abuse, Men of Honor, Law Enforcement, Success through Accepting Responsibility, Social Skills, and Hygiene.

In commenting on his Boys Rock 2 Life Skills Camp, Judge Stephens said that mentoring youth early in life leads to positive youth development.



The camp was held at the Northshore Middle School. For information about future camps, contact Lunetta Mitchell at 832-388-7155 or email [boys\\_canrock2@gmail.com](mailto:boys_canrock2@gmail.com)

Mayor Turner was one of the featured mentors at the camp. Judge Stephens on the right.

# 'Plan While You Can' campaign aims to reduce crashes, save lives

AUSTIN – Each year in Texas, more than half of drivers involved in deadly drunk driving crashes are between the ages of 17 and 34. With many college students and young adults heading to Spring Break destinations in the coming weeks, the Texas Department of Transportation's "Plan While You Can" campaign reminds them to make a sober ride part of their festivities.

"Enjoy Spring Break, but do so responsibly," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "If you drink and drive, you run the very real risk of being killed or destroying your future and the lives of others. It's irresponsible and just not

worth it."

During last year's Spring Break in Texas, there were 410 crashes involving young drivers who were driving under the influence of alcohol. Those crashes killed 20 people and seriously injured another 48.

The "Plan While You Can" campaign includes a statewide tour featuring an interactive dodgeball game where participants try to avoid incoming "beach balls" as virtual drinks are added to the screen. As more drinks are added, participants experience how drinking can slow their reaction times as on-screen avatars begin

responding more slowly to their players' movements. The experience will visit eight Texas cities during March.

While drivers under the influence of alcohol risk killing or seriously injuring themselves or others, they also face up to \$17,000 in fines and fees, jail time and loss of their driver's license. Visit [SoberRides.org](http://SoberRides.org) to find alternatives to drinking and driving, such as:

- Designating a sober driver, or calling someone for a sober ride home.
- Contacting a cab or ride-share service.
- Using mass transit.
- Spending the night.



Judge Joe Stephens, center, with some of the mentors and instructors at the Boys Rock 2 Camp last Saturday.

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CROSBY LITTLE LEAGUE PARADE

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**Massive Parade Draws Fans**

Wave upon wave of players plowed north on FM 2100 from the Middle School, with countervail lanes still in operation, until reaching First St. where they proceeded to Wahl St. and then back south on FM 2100. The route and return caused some consternation with drivers on Saturday.

Opening Season Ceremonies offer special treats including tossing out the first pitch by David Mendez of Turner Chevrolet, longtime sponsors and contributors. Beginning at 11:00 a.m. with beautiful cheerleaders from the World Champion Houston Astros at the Opening along with a host of awards and trophies on hand to be given to those that contributed talents, time and finance for the lads and lassies of Summer.



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# Arming teachers with mental health tools, not guns

The recent shooting at a Parkland, Florida high school has opened the conversation and has many of us struggling with what needs to happen to prevent another tragedy like this from happening again. For a young person to even have such thoughts and feelings is unimaginable. To have them actually follow through with these heinous acts is chilling. However, assigning teachers the responsibility to bear arms on campus as a means of protection for students and themselves is not the answer to address campus gun violence. The risks of “collateral damage” from armed teachers in a shootout could result in a more disastrous situation. While there is no single best solution to eliminate the risk of more tragedies, we believe that a compelling answer can be found in the early detection and prevention of mental health issues in our children.

In a nationwide State of Mental Health in America - Youth Data report for 2017, Mental Health America found that 11.25% of U.S. teens and pre-teens, aged 12-17, reported suffering from at least one major depressive episode in the past year. In Texas, 67.3% of young people with major depression did not receive any mental health treatment. That means that 6 out of 10 in this age group, who have depression and who are most at risk of suicidal thoughts, difficulty in school, and difficulty in relationships with others, do not get the treatment they need.

Clearly now, more than ever, it is important that, as a society, we take the mental health of school-age children seriously, and invest time, resources and awareness for prevention and early intervention. We cannot afford to test an “O.K. Corral” theory against the wellbeing of our children and the educators who work to teach, protect and serve them. Fighting gunfire with gunfire is not the answer.

Parents should be aware that our schools are at risk for this situation at any school, at any time. In the days since the Florida shooting, there have been at least five accounts of young people in the Houston area making threats against a school, outlining plans for on-campus violence, and even bringing a gun on campus, resulting in high alerts and school lockdowns.

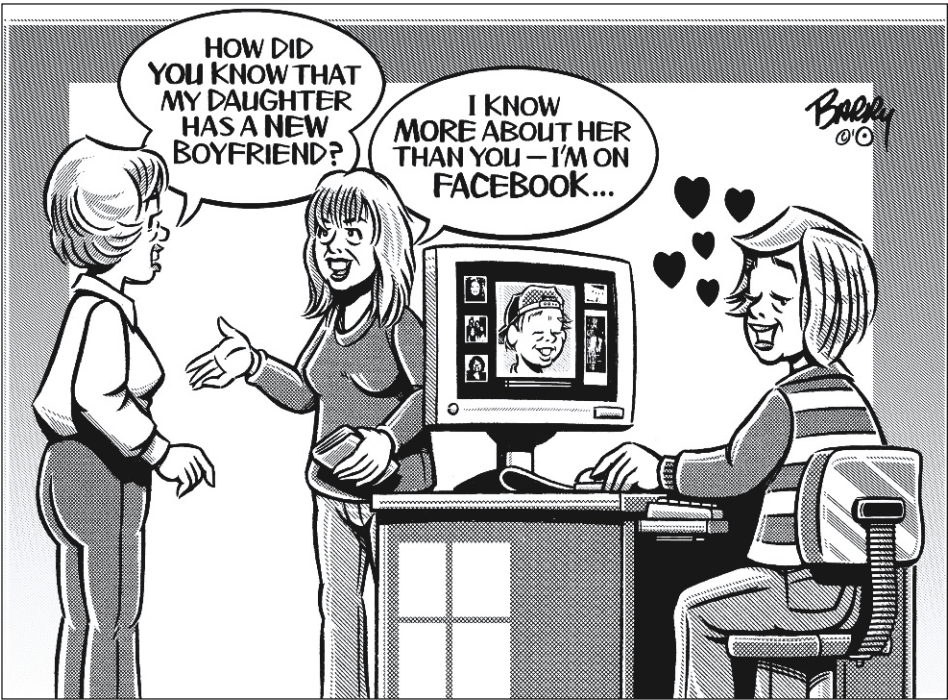
Instead of allotting funding to have teachers and other educators go through special gun training, why not change the system, making it mandatory and fiscally viable for all teachers, counselors, and others who work in a Texas school district, to learn to protect themselves and students by using an arsenal of early identification and prevention tools to identify, resource and refer young people with mental health concerns?

Significant strides have been made in some districts, but so much more needs to be done all over our state. We desperately need to adopt system-wide changes. Too many schools in our state are sorely under-resourced, when it comes to behavioral health issues, with some having no counselors and others only one counselor trained to recognize mental health concerns in young people. The research shows that expanding school counseling services in schools is associated with improvements in mental health and behavior, but also in student learning.

Children are living in troubled times, and unfortunately teachers and schools bear the brunt of many of these concerns. As part of the solution in our region, Mental Health America of Greater Houston, through its Center for School Behavioral Health, works collaboratively with 26 public and charter school districts and more than 80 child-serving organizations, institutions of higher learning, community stakeholders, advocacy groups, students and parents, to develop and implement projects and policies that promote the wellbeing of school-age children, prevent the downward trajectory of untreated behavioral health concerns, and appropriately address the needs of children with behavioral disorders, as well as the needs of children who have experienced trauma.

By working together with concerned state officials, we can better support our public education system to ensure that the behavioral health and wellbeing of all students and educators are addressed through early detection and prevention programs.

Alejandra Posada,  
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Interim President and CEO  
Mental Health America of Greater Houston



# Abbott orders action to ensure safety at junior colleges

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott is calling for immediate action to ensure the safety of Texas’ junior college campuses following a Feb. 14 mass shooting at a high school in Parkland, Florida.

Abbott’s order came in a Feb. 28 letter to Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Commissioner Raymund Paredes. He issued a similar order addressing the safety of all Texas schoolchildren a week earlier.

Abbott outlined steps to be taken by the Higher Education Coordinating Board.

“These are important first steps to ensuring that junior college districts are meeting all requirements and have the best information available to help keep their campuses safe,” Abbott said. “Texas will continue to evaluate and improve our approach to ensure our students are safe.”

A few among a longer list of Abbott’s suggestions to officials were these:

- Catalog, share and distribute campus safety information;
- Ensure that all public junior college districts are in compliance with statutorily required school safety audits and multi-hazard emergency operations plans; and
- Work with the Texas School Safety Center, the Department of Public Safety and the governor’s office to draft recommendations to the Texas Legislature on policy changes to keep students safe.

The Texas School Safety Center at Texas State University in San Marcos serves as a clearinghouse for the dissemination of safety and security information through research, training and technical assistance for K-12 schools and junior colleges.

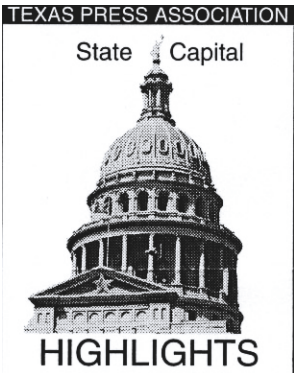
## Paxton joins AG Sessions

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton and the attorneys general of six other

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## STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling



states on Feb. 27 joined U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions in Washington, D.C., as Sessions announced new steps the Department of Justice is taking to combat the nation’s opioid epidemic.

Sessions praised Paxton and the state attorneys general, saying, “Each of them has made combating opioid abuse a priority and has shown outstanding leadership.”

Some 64,000 fatal drug overdoses were reported across the nation in 2016. Of those, 2,831 opioid-related deaths were recorded in Texas.

Paxton said his office would “continue to do everything it can to protect Texans from the opioid crisis.”

In 2017, Paxton and a coalition of officials in 40 other states served investigative subpoenas and additional requests on eight companies that manufacture or distribute highly addictive painkillers. The goal is to collect enough information so that the multi-state coalition can evaluate whether manufacturers and distributors engaged in unlawful practices in the marketing, sale and distribution of opioids, Paxton said.

In other news, Paxton was joined by the attor-

neys general of 15 other states in a U.S. Supreme Court brief supporting President Trump’s proposed travel ban preventing entry into the United States by citizens of a list of countries identified by the State Department as locations of known terrorist organizations.

## Sales tax revenue is up

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on March 2 announced state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.61 billion in February, an amount 8.6 percent greater than the amount reported in February 2017.

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in February 2018 was up 10 percent compared to the same period a year ago, Hegar said. Sales tax revenue is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 58 percent of all tax collections, he added.

“Increased sales tax collections were spurred by business spending,” Hegar said. “Growth was especially notable in remittances from oil- and gas-related sectors as well as wholesale trade. But collections from retail trade, the sector most reflective of consumer spending, declined slightly from year-ago levels.”

## DPS offers safety tips

The Texas Department of Public Safety on March 2 urged Texans to obey all traffic laws and use extra caution when driving during the spring break period, which stretches over the next few weeks.

State troopers and local law enforcement in the coastal areas of Texas will be enhancing enforcement efforts, watching for speeders, drunken drivers and seat-belt violators.

The DPS offered these safe travel tips:

- Don’t drink and drive;
- Eliminate distractions while driving, including the use of mobile devices;
- Buckle up everyone in the vehicle;
- Slow down or move over for police, fire, EMS and Texas Department of Transportation vehicles and tow trucks stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated;
- Drive defensively;
- and
- Don’t drive fatigued.



# Elections Bring About Change

This morning as I was getting prepared for the day, I began to think about all of the changes I have experienced in the past year. Several loved ones passed away and many of the people I know welcomed new babies and new spouses. Hurricane Harvey brought much devastation to our lives and yet, the World Championship Houston Astros brought a celebration second to none to the city.

This past year brought about announcements from Senator Ted Poe and Congressman Gene Green concerning their decisions not to run for re-election. This will impact thousands of voters. With the March Primary Election just days from now, candidates are scrambling around looking for endorsements.

Texas Governor Greg Abbott introduced legislation which passed the Senate to eliminate “straight party voting”. Unless this is overturned, we may see some life-altering changes in our state. If voters to not take the time to research candidates and know which ones support their values, they may not bother to vote for a candidate and we could experience a shift like never before.

Perhaps the greatest change that needs to come from us, is to sit down and talk with young voters as well as those who only vote in Presidential Elections and explain the importance of researching and getting involved in campaigns. During every election, there are opportunities to work with candidates, to volunteer as Deputized Voter Registrars and to also get paid to be an Election Worker. Please take the time to share this with others. There are too many voters who do not even know the rich history that Harris County has concerning late elected leaders such as US Representative Barbara Jordan, Houston Councilman Judson Robinson, Jr and Congressman Mickey Leland. These individuals are the reason why so many others entered politics.

Today we have Senator Borris Miles, Senator Sylvia R. Garcia, State Representatives Senfronia Thompson, Ron Reynolds, Armando Walle, Harold Dutton, Jr and we certainly cannot forget our Mayor Sylvester Turner.

Sometimes people will ask me why it is important to vote....the answer is simple. Do you want people to represent you who have no idea of who you are or what matters to you? Do you want judges who cannot understand that not everyone has the same foundation? Do you want elected leaders lining their pockets with donations from big businesses who do not care about the community? Do you want to elect someone who understands what preservation is about and why it is important to US?

As we near Tuesday’s Primaries, take the time to stop and think about the changes YOU want to see in your community. Let those changes begin with you.

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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 9 - Gary Michael Dahl (guitarist-vocalist)
- 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 the Baytown 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 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.

### 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](mailto:Rhonda@TheWCCCC.com)

## Lynchburg Ferry reopens

BAYTOWN/LA PORTE, Texas - Commissioner Jack Morman announced the reopening of the Lynchburg Ferry for Saturday, March 3rd. The historical transportation service closed temporarily when it suffered damages from Hurricane Harvey. Construction included repairs to the landings, mooring points, fender systems, and loading ramps.

As a reminder, the Ferry is open Monday through Friday from 4:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Looking for status updates on the Ferry? Be sure to follow "Harris County Precinct 2" and "Lynch-



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burg Ferry - Harris County Precinct 2" on Facebook. Drivers can also view real-time footage of the Lynchburg Ferry landings and

number of boats in operation by visiting [www.hcp2.com](http://www.hcp2.com), and selecting "Lynchburg Ferry" under the "Roads" tab.

## Chambers County voters favor Republicans; Faircloth losing to Middleton in D.23

Election results have been certified but not canvassed in Chambers County, and are 100% complete.

In local elections, the Democratic ballot showed County Judge Jack Foster Jr. with 639 votes, and Justice of the Peace Pct. 5 Bob Wallace with 67 votes.

On the Republican ballot, County Judge position was 4485 votes for Jimmy Silvia. For District 23 State Representative, Mayes Middleton had 64% or 3712 votes, and Wayne Faircloth had 30% or 1637 votes. In Galveston County, they each had about 50% of the vote.

For Pct. 2 County Commissioner, on the Republi-

cans ballot, Mark Tice got 44% or 710 votes, and Nathan Trahan 33% or 541 votes. This will result in a run-off May 22.

For Pct. 4 Commissioner, on the Republican ballot Billy Combs received 52% or 634 votes, and Wm. Wallace, Jr. received 47% or 575 votes.

In the heavily Republican Chambers County, for U.S. Senate on the Democratic ballot, Beto O'Rourke received only 291 votes, compared with Ted Cruz on the Republican ballot with 4781 votes. For U. S. Representative, Dem. Dayna Steele had 421 votes, while Rep. Brian Babin had 4830.

### BAYTOWN:

## City earns certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting

The City of Baytown's dedication to full financial disclosure is evidenced by its participation in the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program.

The GFOA awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the City of Baytown for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016. This was the 25th consecutive year that the City has received this prestigious award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, the City must publish an easily readable and effi-



Mayor DonCarlos, Finance Director Wade Nickerson and Comptroller Jeffrey Miller accept the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

ciently organized CAFR. This report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

Both the award winning 2016 CAFR and the most recent 2017 CAFR are available online at <http://www.baytown.org/city-hall/departments/finance/financial-reports>.

"A Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting is valid for a period of one year," said Finance Director Wade Nickerson. "We believe that the 2017 CAFR continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement Program's requirements, and are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate."

## Checkups every man should get

BAYTOWN — (March 2, 2018) — Few people actually look forward to going to the doctor for a checkup—that's especially the case for most men. But taking time to get an overall health assessment with a doctor each year is very important and could even be a life-saving appointment.

Dr. Eleazar Flores, a physician with the Houston Methodist Primary Care Group at Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital, says if you're a man—or a woman who is concerned about the health of your husband, father, grandfather, son or other male loved one—you should be aware of these recommended checkups, screenings and immunizations for men.

"Keep in mind that these are general guidelines and you should check with your doctor for a schedule that's right for you," Flores said.

Physical exam. A once-a-year exam by a primary care doctor may include an

assessment of height, weight, blood pressure, skin cancer risk, eating and exercise habits, and emotional well-being.

"The doctor will ask about your family health history and answer any questions you have about sleep or snoring, sexual health, or other health concerns," Flores said.

Flores recommends having a one-time screen for hepatitis C performed for those at highest risk for the viral infection—anyone born between 1945 and 1965, people with HIV and long-term kidney dialysis patients.

A one-time HIV test is recommended for persons ages 13-64, or annually for those with risk factors.

Immunizations. Men should get a flu shot every year and a tetanus-diphtheria and pertussis (Tdap) or tetanus-diphtheria (Td) booster every 10 years. Your doctor may recommend other vaccines depending on age and health history.

Eye exam. If you have



Dr. Eleazar Flores

problems with vision, schedule an eye exam every two years.

Dental exam. Don't forget to visit the dentist every year for an exam and cleaning.

Hearing test. "Your doctor may screen for hearing loss," Flores said, "and suggest ways to protect the hearing you have as well as recommend hearing-aid devices if needed."

See Checkups for Men, page 8

## Harlem celebrates 'Principal of the Day'

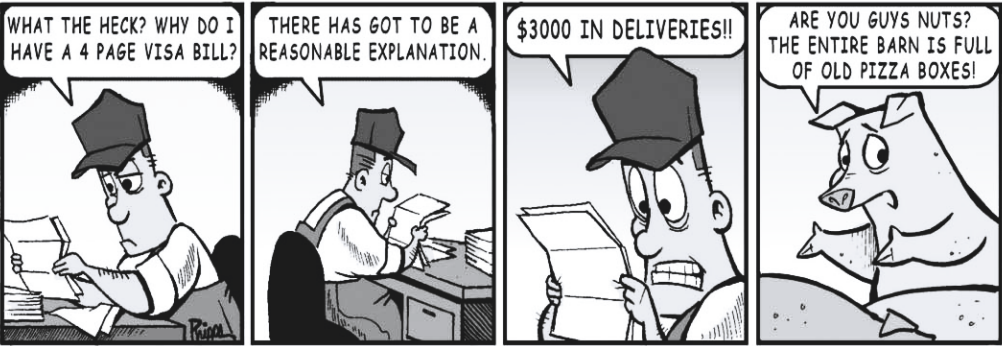


Xavier Boston, a fifth-grader, serves as the Principal of the Day at Harlem Elementary. This reward is part of Harlem's Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) plan. Xavier did the morning announcements, assisted with a fire drill, gave his fifth-grade students an extra 10 minutes of recess and ate a special lunch in the front office.

★ COMICS ★

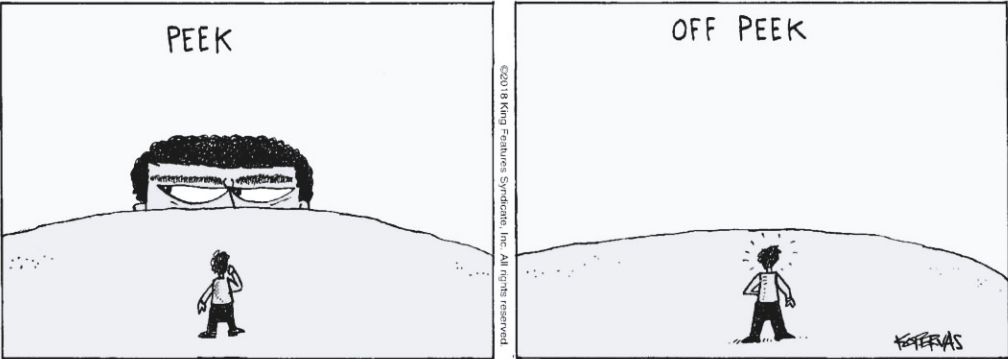
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LAFF-A-DAY



"Day 6,573: It's getting harder and harder to claim a home-office deduction."

SCRAMBLERS

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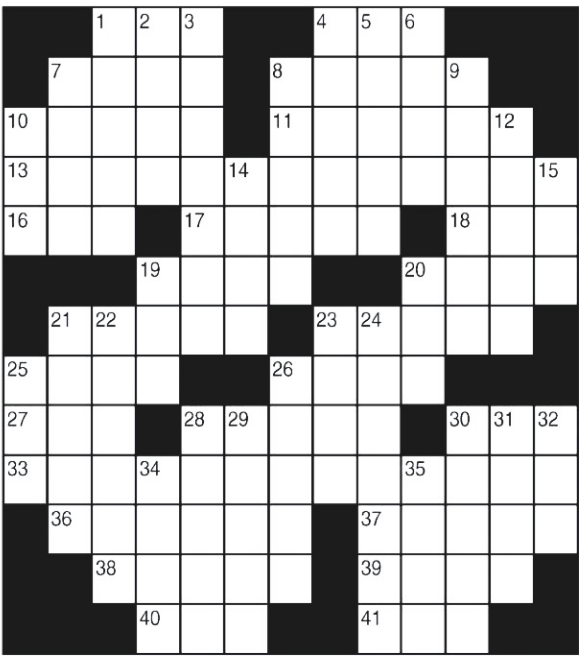
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8 Skeptical sort  
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11 Traitor Benedict  
13 Monopoly avenue neighboring "Go"  
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19 Big party  
20 Always  
21 Fischer's game



- 23 Cloys  
25 "Hey, sailor!"  
26 Legend  
27 — de Janeiro  
28 Occurrence  
30 Hot tub  
33 1970s TV hospital drama  
36 Ending that may be grand  
37 Point-and-click device  
38 Follow  
39 Bridge, in Brest
- 40 That woman  
41 Powerful stick
- 8 — blanche head  
9 Stick firmly  
10 "Today Show" rival, for short  
12 Knighted women  
14 Chows down  
15 Neither mate  
19 "30 Rock" star  
20 Biblical verb ending  
21 Main  
22 Sweatshirt that can cover your  
23 Harmonization  
24 Try  
25 Upper limb  
26 Brawl  
28 PayPal currency  
29 Worth  
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31 Nuisance  
32 Exist  
34 Quaint stop-overs  
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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  
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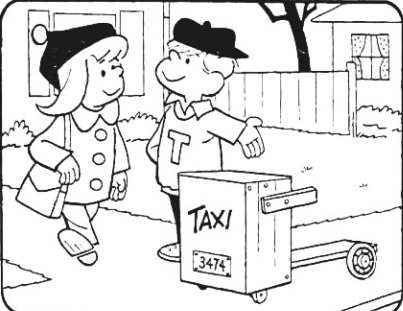
Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- AD SLOGANS: Which company advertised its products with the tagline "Maybe she's born with it"?
- SCIENCE: What is the process called when heat is transferred through a liquid or gas?
- MOVIES: What is the theme song from "Titanic"?
- MEASUREMENTS: How many pounds are in a ton (U.S.)?
- ANATOMY: Metabolism is regulated by which gland in the human body?
- LITERATURE: In which book in the Harry Potter series does the character of Dolores Umbridge appear?
- MYTHOLOGY: Who was the Roman god of strength?
- MATH: What is the degree of a triangle?
- MUSIC: What was the name of the Grateful Dead's first album?
- FAMOUS QUOTES: Which inspirational speaker once said, "Setting goals is the first step in turning the invisible into the visible"?

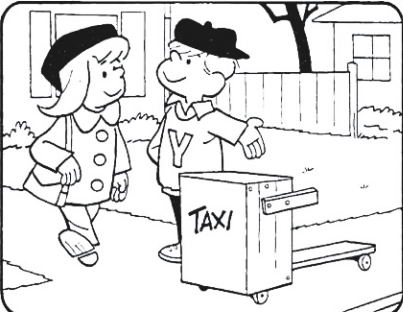
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Hat is different. 2. Fur is different. 3. Litter is different. 4. License is missing. 5. Curtains are missing. 6. Fur is different. 7. Wheel is different. 8. License is missing. 9. Curtains are missing. 10. License is missing.

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CryptoQuip

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Clue: Q equals T

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ASPIRIN

Today's Word

1. Please; 2. Trade; 3. Radiant; 4. Fringe

SCRAMBLERS



Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

If a romantic couple from Warsaw end up getting separated, you might say they are Poles apart.

# 100 days of school celebration

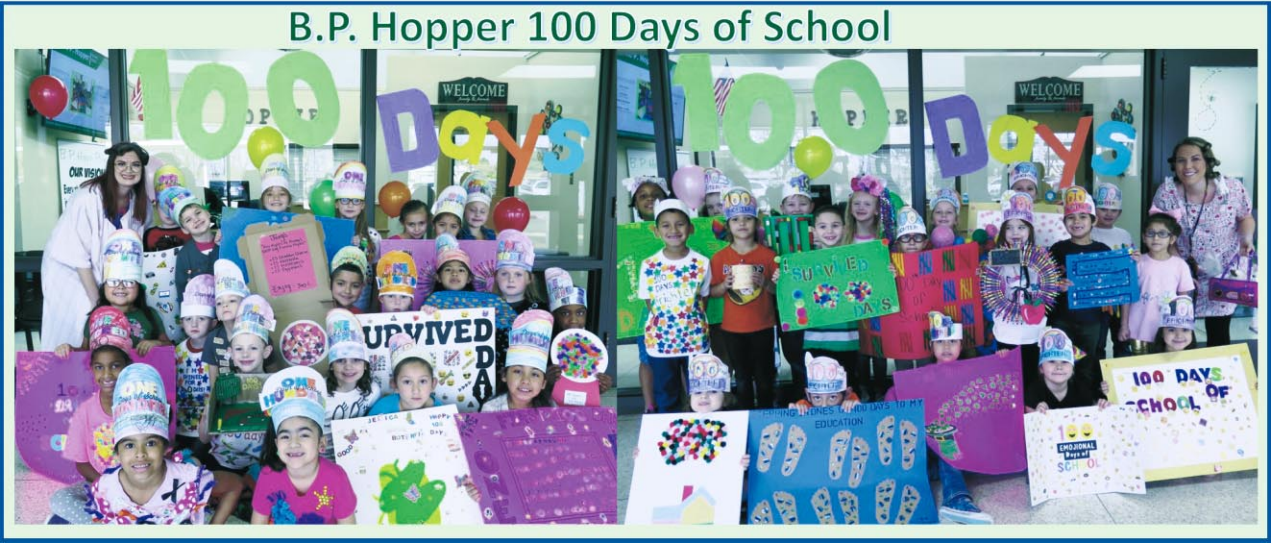


Photo by Salvador Medellin  
Students and staff at Hopper Primary celebrate the 100th day of the 2017-2018 school year.

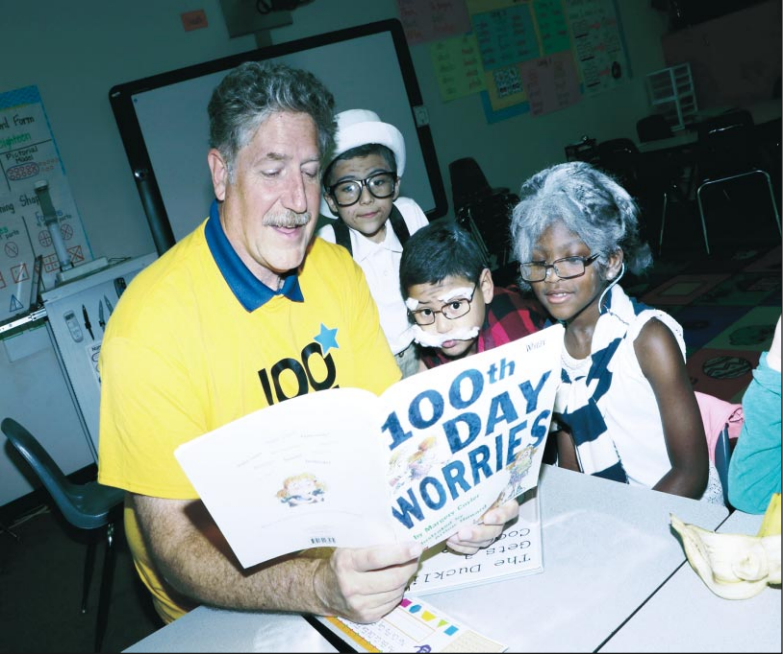


Photo by Carrie Pryor-Newman  
Randal O'Brien, Goose Creek CISD superintendent, reads the book "100th Day Worries" by Margery Cuyler to Travis Elementary students (from left) Johnny Hinojosa, Jaime Guillen and Jade Ferguson, dressed as 100-year-old people, during GCCISD's 100th day of school.

## Crosby Community Center presents a Hippy Hop Easter Egg Hunt

Children up to age nine are welcome to join in the fun-filled activities at Crosby Community Center Saturday, March 24 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Activities include crafts, a picture with the Easter bunny, train ride, treats, and hunting for goodies nestled in bright plastic eggs. Children are encouraged to bring an Easter basket. Space is limited, so register today by calling the Center at (281) 462-0543.

Easter Egg Hunt Schedule:  
9:30 a.m. Ages 3 and under  
10 a.m. Ages 4 through 6  
10:30 a.m. Ages 7 through 9

Crosby Community Center is located at 409 Hare Road, Crosby 77532. Center hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information regarding classes or other Center programs, please call (281) 462-0543.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Crosby Library Book Sale

The Friends of Crosby Library will have a book sale Friday, March 9, from 1 pm to 6 pm, and Saturday, March 10, 10 am to 5 pm. Choose from a variety of items including new and gently used books, cds, magazines, and movies, for sale at very low prices. Meet local author Donna Hechler Porter too! A portion of the revenue from sales of her books will also be donated to the library.

Book sale proceeds help support summer reading and other library programs throughout the year.

Crosby Edith Fae Cook Cole Branch Library, 135 Hare Road, Crosby, Texas 77532. 281-328-3535

### Special Spring Break Storytime: The Stormy Day

Join in a Special Storytime to help children and their families begin to talk about feelings & worries they may have after a hurricane. Information about Hurricane Assistance will be included for parents and guardians. Thursday, March 15, 2018 @ 11 AM. More information can be found online at [www.hcpl.net](http://www.hcpl.net), on our Facebook page: "Stratford Branch Library," or give us a call: 832-927-5400. Stratford Library is located 2 blocks behind Foodtown at 509 Stratford St. in Highlands, TX 77562.

### 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 Salad and Spud Luncheon

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.

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very present help  
in trouble  
Psalm: 46:1

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OBITUARIES

**Lyle H. Renfrow**

Lyle H. Renfrow, age 68 of Cleveland, Texas, passed away Friday, February 23, 2018. He was born September 18, 1949 in Dixon, Illinois.

Lyle is survived by his sister Bettye McKennon and her husband James of Cleveland, Texas and his brother Tom Roark and his wife Dottie of Austin, Texas; also, many friends and dog PeeWee. He is preceded in death by his parents Dean H. Renfrow, Helen Callahan Roark, and Hill Roark; and his brothers Loyal Renfrow and Raymond Roark.

Lyle had mid-western roots, but he moved to Texas as a child and was ever a Texan at heart. He lived in many places around the country and the world, but he loved Texas and always returned, living mostly in Highlands or the nearby area. He was a lifelong Dallas Cowboys fan, enjoyed Texas wildlife and the Texas music scene of the 70s where he had a front row seat to many spontaneous jam sessions in Luckenback before it became widely known.

Lyle was a carpenter by trade, doing mostly remodel and cabinetry until he was no longer able. In later years he combined those skills with his artistic bent, building fun bird-houses, yard windmills, and odd wooden art projects.

He was a proud veteran who served in the US Army Signal Corp in Germany during the Viet Nam era. His passing will be honored at a later date with a memorial service at the Houston National Cemetery.

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## Gosh Tournament



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Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation board members (from left) Steve Daniele; Jim Wadzinski, vice president of development, and David Frazier, vice president of finance, practice for the Foundation's Gosh Tournament, presented by Hotchkiss Disposal, March 24 at the Marsh Course at Kingwood Country Club. The event, which includes one team member fishing while the other three play golf, benefits the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation, which has contributed more than \$830,000 to teachers in innovative teaching grants to enhance curriculum. In addition, the Foundation has recognized 120 teachers, nominated by their students for making a difference in their lives, at the Students Choice Awards Banquet. For available sponsorship opportunities, to register, or for more information, go to <http://www.gccisd.net/page/EducationFoundation>, or contact Erika Foster, Education Foundation director at 281-707-3610 or [erika.foster@gccisd.net](mailto:erika.foster@gccisd.net).

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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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HIGHLANDS ROTARY CLUB NEWS



Author and Congressional candidate Dayna Steele speaks to Rotary club

Dayna Steele has been a radio personality, a businesswoman, and author, a wife, and a mom.

Now she wants to be the first woman Congressman from the newly formed Texas District 36. This seat in Congress is currently held by Brian Babin, a resident of Woodville in the Piney Woods of East Texas. Babin is a Republican, and Steele and another candidate challenging Babin, Jon Powell, are Democrats.

One of them will win the Primary, and go on to challenge Babin in the November general election.

Dayna was a popular personality on Radio Station KLOL, and is now a business success speaker and author of 8 books on self-help and other subjects. She continues to be interested in rock starts, with a video series highlighting them as business entrepreneurs.

Dayna's husband was a NASA test pilot, leading her into an internet business selling NASA items. She now has an interest in



DAYNA STEELE, at Highlands Rotary

helping kids living in poverty, and has personally given 276 laptops to kids that otherwise could not afford them. She uses these gifts to challenge youth to think of business and entrepreneur types.

Dayna brought many

examples of her business style to her talk at Rotary, and them donated books for the Stratford Library, and a laptop computer for a Highlands high school kid who has the best business plan for his or her future.

5 ways to refresh your home for Spring

(Family Features) Spring is a time for renewal and awakenings. It's also the perfect time to take your cues from Mother Nature and devise a plan to reduce and reimagine your way to a refreshing, updated home you can fully enjoy once more.

**Reorganize cluttered areas**

If a room (or rooms) in your house are in disarray, start by reorganizing those often-used spaces to give them a like-new look and feel. Begin by removing everything from the room - including the furniture, if you're able - and separate your belongings into boxes or piles based on what you plan to put back in the room, move to another location and throw away or donate. Once you've cleaned the space, resituate the necessary furniture then place items you're keeping back in their places in tidy fashion so they're easy to locate.

**Eliminate the extras**

While you're freshening up the house, it's the perfect time to purge unwanted and unused items, but remember that items in good condition can actually do good for those in need. By donating clothing, electronics, furniture, household goods and vehicles to be sold in The Salvation Army Family and Thrift Stores, you can help transform lives in your local community. A good rule of thumb: if you haven't used it in the last year and it



Photo courtesy of Getty Images  
Source: The Salvation Army

doesn't have special sentimental value, it's probably time to let it go.

**Get rid of grime**

A whole season's worth of dirt and dust accumulates during the cold winter months. A deep clean inside and out can restore your home to its former glory. Inside, take time to launder all of your linens, including curtains, rugs and bedding. Move furniture to vacuum behind and below, and don't overlook dust and dirt magnets like mirrors, light fixtures and the insides of cabinets, especially higher shelves that see infrequent use. Outdoors, hose off or power-wash surfaces like windows, siding, decks and concrete to restore a crisp, clean appearance.

**Revise for real life**

If there's an area of your home that isn't quite working for your lifestyle, spring cleaning is the perfect opportunity to make a change. That may mean reconfiguring furniture for a

more functional living room or converting an underused guest room into a useful craft or project space. Take time to consider what changes will make the space more practical, and even sketch out some possibilities on paper to fine-tune your ideas before you get to work.

**Discover new decor**

A spring refresh is about more than just decluttering and cleaning, it's about giving new life to your home with new decor, accessories and artwork. One affordable option: seek out unexpected treasures by shopping for great bargains at thrift stores. The proceeds from the sale of items found at shops like The Salvation Army Thrift and Family Stores go to help those in need, and it's one simple way to update your decor without spending a fortune.

Visit SATruck.org to schedule a donation pick-up or find a thrift store near you.

Checkups for Men,

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

If you're a guy who seldom gets sick and hasn't set foot in a doctor's office for a few years, it's probably time for a checkup. A primary care doctor at Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital can team up with you to take care of your health now and going forward. To schedule an appointment, call 832-556-6936, or visit [houstonmethodist.org/pcg](http://houstonmethodist.org/pcg).

About Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital

Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital has provided Baytown and East Houston with quality medical care since opening its doors in 1948. The hospital has grown throughout the years with the community, providing comprehensive care at all stages of life. As a health care leader, the hospital is proud to

have a fully integrated residency program focused on educating and inspiring future practitioners. Today, Houston Methodist San Jacinto provides some of the most advanced and innovative procedures while never losing focus on compassionate and patient-centered care. [Houstonmethodist.org/sanjacinto](http://Houstonmethodist.org/sanjacinto).

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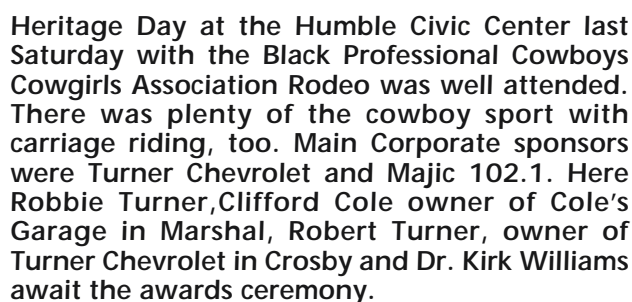
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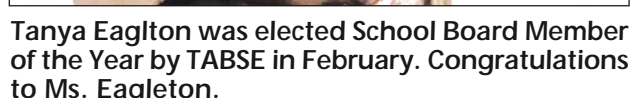
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