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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

SAT., APRIL 28 CROSBY HS BUFFALO ROUND-UP REUNION

April 28, 2018 at
Straight Off Road
BBQ, 6803 FM
2100, Crosby, TX
77532, 10 am.

SAT., MAY 5 GOOSE CREEK BOND ELECTION

Election Day location:
Goose Creek
CISD Administration
Building, 4544
Interstate 10 East, 7
am - 7 pm. See early
voting locations at
gccisd.net.

WEDNESDAYS CROSBY HS ALUMNI MEETINGS

The Crosby High School Alumni Committee will have planning meetings for the upcoming 36th Annual All Classes Alumni Reunion. The meetings will be held on Wed. May 23, Wed. June 20 and Wed. July 25. The meetings are held at the Crosby Community Center on Hare Road and begin at 6 pm. All graduates of Crosby High School are invited to attend, regardless of year graduated.

BIRTHDAYS

Apr 25--Colton Cutbirth
Apr 26--Lyndsey West
Apr 27--Kitty Elkins
April 28--Ms. Christlee Stephens
Apr 29--Becky Gomez
Jason Maness
Apr 30--Jeremy Bimage
Jennifer Ward
May 1--Pat McIntosh
May 2--Justin Holton

ANNIVERSARIES

Apr 26--Danny & Cindy Leath
Apr 28--Dan & Margie Nicholson
Mike & Tanya Williams

DEATHS

Linda Gayle Martin
Patsy Strother Jeane

QUOTES

"Yoy will never change your life until you change something you do daily
--John C. Maxwell

Battle of San Jacinto Reenacted



Above Andy Anderson in the role of Juan Seguin (an Alamo survivor fighting at the battle of San Jacinto) duels with a Belgian mercenary cavalier.

Last Saturday the The Battle of San Jacinto was reenacted 182 years after that day with the same results, the largest land mass ever secured from a single 20 minute battle won from Antonio Lopez De Santa Anna by an army of irregulars numbering about 900 total against a left behind battalion of 1400 regulars that had been in an army of about 9,000 chasing the irregulars over much of Texas. Sam Houston outwitted the "Napolean of the West" by allowing Anna to believe the Texians would not present battle.

Houston was wounded in the ankle: acting President of the Revolutionary Republic of Texas, David

Burnet, ordered that Houston be abandoned on the field with his wound. Decent individuals loaded him onto a New Orleans bound ship and he survived. Later in 1836, Sam Houston would become President of the Republic of Texas followed by a hero of the battle Mirabeau Lamar in 1838 following Lamar anti-slavery Houston would be President again. Henry Smith was the first elected president 1835 before the revolution as won but impeached January 1836. James Robinson lasted from January 1836 until March.

"God Bless Texas, Remember the Alamo, Remember Goliad."

Crosby ISD embraces safety, wrestles budget



Dinah Adams, new visual arts teacher, presents her new CHS Arts students fresh from a performance at Visual Arts Scholastic Event UIL Art Contest. Nicole Watkins will advance to State Competition.

CROSBY – Trustees met April 16 and 19 to handle issues arising in a fast paced field; especially in student safety and the budget in a changing economy.

Dr. Patricia Kay, Assistant Supt. for Student Services, presented plans to

continue strengthening safety procedures for Crosby ISD. A new app. called MyEOP (Emergency Operations Plan) will be accessible to all district staff. This will provide a quick reference tool for staff in the event of an emergency. Crime Stoppers will be

implementing a kickoff campaign early next school year to inform students about safety and steps for reporting dangerous activity. The Tip Line number for anonymous reporting will be heavily promoted at each campus.

In addition to these efforts, Principals, District Administrators and other staff will receive NIMS (National Incident Management Strategies) June 11th and 12th. A safety camera assessment was recently performed to identify areas in the district in need of additional surveillance and several cameras were replaced in exchange for cameras with high-

quality recording capabilities. The Crosby ISD Emergency Operations Plan is currently being revised to better align with current National Incident Management Strategies.

The Board received an update on the status of 2017 Bond Projects by Project Manager, Steven Dorman. Projects that will be taking place this summer include flooring, restroom, doors/windows, and vestibule renovations at Barrett and Newport Elementary campuses.

Schematic Designs are also underway for the 6th Grade Campus and Elementary School #5. Meetings with staff and

students have taken place to solicit valuable input!

Board Member, John Swinney, asked if the design team had collaborated with local law enforcement organizations to ensure appropriate campus security measures are being incorporated into the design. Mr. Dorman confirmed that the designs have been created with safety features in mind.

The Board also approved Durotech as the Construction Manager at Risk for the new 6th grade campus and elementary school.

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Stan Stanart: record keeper for the County

HIGHLANDS – The mysteries of the offices of County Clerk and District Clerk were explained in a talk at Rotary last week.

Harris County Clerk Stan Stanart reviewed the many functions of his office, but made it clear he did not deal with criminal courts, which are the responsibility of the District Clerk.

However, Stanart is the chief election officer of the County, and in charge of record keeping for the Civil Courts, Probate Court, Mental Health Court, and Commissioners' Court.

His office also records all real property transactions, such as deeds. He said this amounts to 600,000 deals per year.

Stanart also manages all personal records, and issues marriage license. However, divorces are the province of the District Clerk.

Stanart's training and background is in information technology, or IT, with a degree from Oklahoma State University. He has brought this knowledge and modern digital tech-



Harris County Clerk Stan Stanart

niques to the Clerk's office, where now all records are being digitized on computer, online, and scanable for the public. Go to HCCountyClerk.com for access.

Stanart's office has 9 branches, with 266 regular employees but 1032 during election periods. Each year he presides over 62 elections, and oversees 46 temporary voting locations.

During Early Voting in 2016, almost one million people voted. This year he expects even more. Primary run-off is May 22, and the general election is November 6. Stanart will have 150 voting locations in the fall, he said. You can access election information, including your precinct voting location, at harrisvotes.com.

EPA takes Waste Pits off priority list

DALLAS – (April 16, 2018) Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released an updated Administrator's Emphasis List of Superfund sites. The list represents sites identified by the Regions with concurrence from the Administrator that will benefit from his targeted immediate and intense attention. The updated list no longer includes the **San Jacinto River Waste Pits** in Harris County, Texas, as cleanup activities progress and completion of specific milestones and timelines at the site has benefited from the Administrator's influence.

"We are making tremendous progress expediting sites through the entire Superfund remediation process," said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. "The updated Emphasis List reflects our commitment to addressing Superfund sites as quickly and safely as possible."

In elevating EPA's focus on the Superfund program, Administrator Pruitt has been at the helm of efforts to streamline and improve the program, and accelerate the cleanup and reuse of America's most contaminated sites. Administrator Pruitt has visited both the Anaconda Copper Mine and **San Jacinto River Waste Pits** as part of his effort to ensure timely decisions for cleanup of the sites to protect the health and environment of surrounding communities.

The updated Administrator's Emphasis List, like the initial emphasis list, identifies Superfund sites that will bene-

fit from Administrator Pruitt's direct engagement. The emphasis list is intended to be dynamic. Sites will move on and off the list as appropriate. At times, there may be more or fewer sites based on where the Administrator's attention and focus is most needed.

The initial list – consisting of 21 sites across the country – was released on December 8, 2017 in direct response to the Superfund Task Force Recommendations. It is anticipated that this list will be revised quarterly.

EPA remains dedicated to addressing risks at all Superfund sites, not just those on the emphasis list. The Task Force Recommendations are aimed at expediting cleanup at all Superfund sites and Administrator Pruitt has set the expectation that there will be a renewed focus on accelerating work and progress at Superfund

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Man shot multiple times near Deussen Park

NORTH SHORE – A man, said by authorities to be from South Texas, was found near Alexander Deussen Park close to US 90 on Sunday at nearly 5:55 p.m.

The address toned out as 13,400 block of South East Houston Parkway by rescue radio where deputies found a man that had been shot multiple times inside a car.

The car was not moving during the shooting.

Authorities identified him as Juan Barrios, 34 of Roma, Texas without his identification being still on his person.

Detectives were attempting to contact the owner of the car to find out more details. And are pretty much seeking as many clues as they can muster.

Anyone with information can call Harris County Sheriff’s Homicide Detectives at (713) 274-9100 or Crimestoppers at 222-TIPS.

IMPACT Teacher Named Claes Nobel Education of Distinction

Gaye Scribner, English II teacher at IMPACT Early College High School, was recently selected as a Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction by The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS). A role model to students, Gaye was nominated by Alexis Lee, a senior at IMPACT, for her outstanding dedication and commitment to excellence in the profession.

Each year student members of NSHSS are invited to nominate the educator who has made the most significant contribution to their academic career for the Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction award. This honor recognizes exemplary educators whose passion and devotion inspire their students to grow and develop as scholars, leaders and citizens.

“I nominated Ms. Scribner because she’s really compassionate. She always takes the time to listen to her students even if she’s really busy,” said Alexis Lee. “She takes time to explain things to you when you’re struggling, and she understands that everyone is not on the same level.”

The NSHSS seeks to advance the goals and aspirations of high-achieving students through unique learning experiences, scholarships, internships, international study and peer networks. From attending the Nobel Week festivities in Stockholm to internships with major corporations and government agencies, pre-college summer study programs and more than \$2,000,000 in exclusive scholarships awarded annually, NSHSS is continually seeking new ways to provide lifetime learning and growth opportunities for academically talented and accomplished student leaders and the educators who support them.

“Dedicated educators who exhibit a commitment to excellence deserve our highest praise and appreciation,” said NSHSS President James W. Lewis. “Through our Educators of Distinction program and the grants we provide to support professional development and enrich classroom instruction, we hope to acknowledge and encourage the vital work of the teachers, counselors and administrators who are shaping the intellect and character of our young scholars.”

The NSHSS, formed in 2002 by James W. Lewis and Claes Nobel, senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes, recognizes academic excellence at the high school level and helps to advance the goals and aspirations of high-achieving millennials through unique learning experiences, scholarships, internships, international study and peer networks.



Photo by Carrie Pryor-Newman

Gaye Scribner, English 11 teacher at IMPACT Early College High School, works on an assignment with sophomores (from left) Cameron Bravo Noe Sanchez, Adilene Torquemada and José Lizardi Lopez.

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ROUND-UP

Chambers County Library event

The Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch Library in Mont Belvieu will be hosting Poet Laureate, Deborah DEEP Mouton on Tuesday May 1, at 4:30pm. This event was rescheduled from April 26. Deborah is an internationally known poet, singer, actress, photographer, wife, mother and the current Poet Laureate for the City of Houston. She is a native-Californian who now resides in Houston, Texas. Deborah was formerly ranked the #2 best female poet in the world, and is known for her performance and slam poetry style. For more information please contact the library at 281-576-2245.

WCCCC Membership Luncheon

BHISD Construction Update at West Chambers County Chamber of Commerce (WCCCC) Luncheon. Join business leaders and elected officials on Tuesday, May 8, 12:00 p.m. (noon) in the Magnolia Room at Eagle Pointe Recreation Complex, 12450 Eagle Pointe Drive, Mont Belvieu, 77523, for the Chamber's May Membership Luncheon. Barbers Hill Superintendent Dr. Greg Poole will update everyone on the massive campus building projects taking place along Eagle Drive and points east, and share the latest growth trends in the District. As always, you will learn things from Dr. Poole that you may never hear from anyone else! Everyone Welcome - RSVP Required. Attendance is \$30 with your reservation. Your quick RSVP is helpful and appreciated! Please respond call Rhonda at 281-576-5440 before noon Friday, May 4, to register.

2nd Annual Baytown Shriners Clay Shoot

Duck hunt challenge, Saturday, May 12, 2018, Gene's Powersports Country, 12525 I-10 East, Baytown, TX. Shoot starts at 9:00 a.m. Free lunch furnished for shooters by Baytown Shrine Club 1:00 - 2:00. Come enjoy a day of fun filled activities. ATV's, golf carts & coolers welcome. To be raffled: 15 guns, polaris 570 Ranger Crew. Sporting clay shooting for all age groups. All proceeds go to the Baytown Shrine Club. * Rain out day - Saturday, June 16, 2018.

GOOSE CREEK CISD Elementary Technology on 2018 Bond referendum

On May 5th voters will have an opportunity to advance education in the Goose Creek district, by approving two bond measures. The bonds total \$437.4 million, and will have a minimal impact on homeowner's taxes, GC-CISD said. The amount per house is expected to be about \$120.

Proposition 1 is to be used for new and renovated schools, updates of mechanical systems and technology. Proposition 2 is for a new Major Multipurpose Center.

In a press release, GC-CISD's Susan Passmore said that:

Using technology is important for student success, but it is only useful for educational purposes if it is kept up-to-date. One of the areas that Goose Creek CISD's 2018 Bond focuses on is technology for the elementary schools.

If approved by voters,



Austin Elementary students and librarian Karen Trujillo (third from left) work with an Ozobot coding the plot structure of a story before writing the summary. Pictured are (from left) Brielyn Henry, Anthony Snchez, Trujillo, Reese Malpass and London Merlin.

Proposition One would provide iPad computer carts, containing 30 iPads, for all kindergarten through third-grade core classroom, and replace the outdated iPad and laptop carts in the fourth- and

fifth-grade core classrooms. K-3 classrooms are sharing iPad carts, which means assignments requiring iPads must be alternated, making it

See **GOOSE CREEK Bond, page 8**

Celebrating National Volunteer Week



Houston Methodist San Jacinto Volunteers

BAYTOWN — (April 19, 2018) — Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital celebrated National Volunteer Week (April 15-21) by recognizing the dedicated members of its Volunteer Services program during the annual volunteer luncheon held at El Toro Mexican Restaurant on April 19.

The Baytown hospital has an active volunteer program of over 90 members who offer support in

various areas of the organization. From offering assistance to guests at the front desk in the main lobby of the Garth campus, to helping guide visitors to their desired location within the hospital, to assisting at special events and offering support to hospital staff on every unit, volunteers are an extremely important part of the hospital's mission to provide unparalleled safety, quality, service and inno-

vation to its patients and the community.

National Volunteer Week was established in 1974 to celebrate the impact of volunteer service and the role volunteerism plays in building stronger communities.

For more information on becoming a volunteer at Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital, contact Laurie Terry at 281-420-8459.

BAYTOWN

City seeks public input on Wayfinding Signs

The City of Baytown is asking the public for input on new wayfinding signs that will soon be installed throughout town. The City's Tourism Office will hold an open house Tuesday, May 1 from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm at Town Square (213 W Texas Ave) to introduce three possible designs for the signs that will help residents and visitors alike connect to destinations and attractions within the city.

Residents will get their first glimpse of the proposed signs and will have an opportunity to vote on which design they feel best represents Baytown. Tour-

ism staff, as well as the project consultant and concept designer will be in attendance to answer any questions about the program, which will place signs at prominent locations around town; directing travelers to key locations such as Pirates Bay, City of Baytown facilities, parks and the Texas Avenue Historic District.

"A well designed wayfinding program effectively promotes the attractions and venues of the community," said Tourism Coordinator Anna Yowell. We've worked with industry leader Cygnet Strategies to develop a system of signs that will add value and in-

crease brand recognition of our city."

The wayfinding project is an initiative of the City's community-based strategic plan. Council Priority #5, "Community Mobility," seeks to provide a diverse network of vehicular and pedestrian transportation options in a manner that emphasizes planning, safety, and efficiency.

The signs are scheduled to be placed throughout the community beginning this fall.

In the event of inclement weather, the event will be moved to the Baytown Community Center (2407 Market St.) lobby.

Early voting for MB City Council and BHISD school board

MONT BELVIEU — Early voting started last Monday, for Barbers Hill ISD trustee seats, and Mont Belvieu Council.

Early voting and election day voting in Mont Belvieu is at the C. T. Joseph Conference Center at BHISD, 9600 Eagle Drive. Voting times are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. from now through May 1. On election day, May 5, the polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. On election day, voting will take place at the Joseph Conference Center in Mont Belvieu, the Beach City Community Building, and the Cove Community Building.

In Mont Belvieu, two council seats are open, but only one has an opponent. Incumbent Arnold Peters, who is in Council Position 3, is being challenged by Matthew Thompson.

Peters has held the seat since May 2009. He is a long term resident of Mont

Belvieu for the last 20 years. He is originally from Louisiana. He has a varied background, having an accounting degree from Lee College, and experience in agriculture, oil fields, retail and restaurant management, and insurance.

His opponent is Matthew Thompson, describing himself as a writer. He has a horticulture degree and knows environmental management. He has been a Mont Belvieu resident for over 6 years.

For BHISD school board, incumbent Ron Mayfield is being challenged by Eric Davis. Mayfield has been a Trustee since 2009, and is employed at Enterprise Products. He is a graduate of BHISD, and has a daughter enrolled.

Eric Davis is a manager of distribution and logistics for Pappas Restaurants. He has two children enrolled in BHISD.

City of Mont Belvieu in need of new Post Office

During the most recent city council meeting, City of Mont Belvieu officials and Barbers Hill ISD Superintendent Greg Poole expressed their concern about deliveries from postal service. While other smaller cities have their own postal office, the City of Mont Belvieu lacks one and faces issues with new addresses for both, residents and businesses.

A clear example is the new H-E-B on the corner of I-10 and Eagle Drive which has been given

three different addresses as they prepare to open the first Wednesday of May 2018.

To avoid this and other postal service issues, the City and BHISD talked about a possible partnership to provide land and a building for the United States Postal Service (USPS), BHISD would donate land and the City would build the new facility that would be donated to USPS and in exchange, USPS would enter a long-term lease agreement.

Sewer overflow due to Mechanical Failure

As a result of mechanical failure at the East District Waste Water Plant, 3030 Ferry Road on April 22, at 1 a.m., the City of Baytown has reported an overflow in the City's sanitary sewer system.

An estimated 200,000 gallons were discharged into Cedar Bayou.

All appropriate local government officials and the TCEQ regional office have been notified and the appropriate documentation/records supplied. Proper clean-up activities of the overflow area has been completed. Crews washed, disinfected and deodorized the overflow area and cleaned up any debris.

Persons who purchase water from a public water supply may contact their water supply distributor (City of Baytown) to determine if the water is safe for personal use. As a precaution, the public should avoid all contact with waste material, soil, or water in the area potentially affected by the spill. If the public comes into contact with waste material, soil or water potentially affected by the spill,

they should bathe and wash clothes thoroughly as soon as possible.

The City of Baytown continues to be proactive in rehabilitating the sewer system. Utility capital improvement initiatives are critical to the growth and development of infrastructure. Past, as well as current projects represent over \$137 million in improvements since 2002. Historical overflow records show a steady and definite reduction in occurrences.

The City of Baytown has elected to participate in the TCEQ's Sanitary Sewer Overflow Initiative. Throughout the 10-year term of this plan, the City reports annually to the State, to demonstrate progress made and milestones completed in relation to the schedule submitted. As with every system, the oldest sections of the City have historically been where most rehabilitation efforts have been focused.

For more information, contact Public Works Waste Water Superintendent Gerald Gutierrez at 281-420-5300.

To Raise Creative Kids — Let Them Play

(NAPSI)—Fostering a child’s courage to express creativity is perhaps one of the most important goals that parents can set for themselves.

Understanding Creativity

Often, when people think of creativity, they think of the arts, but it starts with play early in life and leads to other things as children grow. It’s through play that children begin to develop their creative muscles, whether with blocks, dolls or action figures. Beyond play, kids may find creativity in the way they play sports, clean their room, prepare their food or do their schoolwork.

According to experts at The Genius of Play™, a national movement to raise awareness about play’s critical role in child development and encourage more play in children’s lives, creativity can help build confidence, flexibility, individuality and mental agility, and even contribute to better physical health.

Expert Advice

Dr. Erik Fisher, Ph.D. and The Genius of Play expert, believes the best way to foster children’s creativity is to encourage them to try things and not feel afraid to fail. Failure itself is an amazing learning experience as it helps children develop tenacity and perseverance, which are some of the most important skills they’ll need later in life. At the same time, parents should be aware of

their own emotions, attitudes and beliefs and be willing to create with their child. Many times, parents want their kids to “fit in” and don’t realize they’re stifling creativity.

To help ensure that creativity is part of your child’s play routine, Dr. Fisher suggests:

- Don’t focus on just the arts. Play has a key role in helping develop children’s creative muscles. As children develop creativity in one area, it often extends to other areas.
- Help your kids stretch their creativity muscles and yours by experimenting with many different kinds of toys and playful activities. Trying new things lets kids discover what they like and explore their own talents.
- Observe and appreciate your children’s uniqueness and celebrate how they do things differently.
- There’s no better way to dry up creativity than with criticism. Try to find constructive ways to give feedback and seek ways to be positive.
- Help your child see failure through play as a learning experience, not a time to quit.

Learn More

You can get ideas on how to enhance creativity and other developmental benefits, expert advice and play resources at www.TheGeniusOfPlay.org, @GeniusOfPlay on Facebook and on Instagram.

Your brakes may be trying to tell you something

(NAPSI)—If your brakes are trying to tell you something, you should pay attention. A properly operating brake system helps ensure safe vehicle control and operation and it should be checked immediately if you suspect any problems.

“While an annual brake inspection is a good way to ensure brake safety, motorists should not ignore signs that their brakes need attention,” said Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council. “Knowing the key warning signs that your brakes may need maintenance will go a long way toward keeping you and others safe on the road.”

What To Watch Out For

Motorists should look for the following warning signs that their brakes need to be inspected:

- Noise: screeching, grinding or clicking noises when applying the brakes.
- Pulling: vehicle pulls to one side while braking.
- Low Pedal: brake pedal nearly touches the floor before engaging.
- Hard Pedal: you must apply extreme pressure to the pedal before brakes engage.
- Grabbing: brakes grab at the slightest touch to the pedal.
- Vibration: brake pedal vibrates or pulses, even under normal braking conditions.
- Light: brake light is illuminated on your vehicle’s dashboard.

Because brakes are a normal wear item on any vehicle, they will eventually need to be replaced. Factors that can affect brake wear include driving habits, operating conditions, vehicle type and the quality of the brake lining material. Be sure to avoid letting brakes get to the metal-to-metal point as that can mean expensive rotor or drum replacement.

The Car Care Council offers a free custom service schedule and e-mail reminder service to help car owners remember to have their brakes inspected and take good care of their vehicles. It’s an easy-to-use resource designed to help motorists drive smart, save money and make informed decisions.

The Car Care Council is also the source of information for the “Be Car Care Aware” consumer education campaign promoting the benefits of regular vehicle care, maintenance and repair to consumers.

Learn More

For a copy of the council’s “Car Care Guide” or for further information, visit www.carcare.org.



Governor announces extension of hurricane-related sheltering assistance

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on April 17 announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency had granted Texas’ request to extend the deadline for Hurricane Harvey survivors to apply for transitional sheltering assistance.

The deadline has been extended from April 23 to May 31. The transitional sheltering assistance program helps displaced individuals who are unable to return to their homes find short-term shelter in hotels or other temporary housing locations.

“With many Texas families still unable to return home after Harvey, we are committed to ensuring they have a place to stay as the recovery continues,” Abbott said. “We will continue to do everything in our power to help Texans get back in their homes and get our communities rebuilt as quickly as possible. I thank our federal partners and FEMA for helping provide this important assistance for those in need.”

Officials discuss funding

Gov. Abbott on April 20 joined U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson, U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, U.S. Rep. John Culberson, R-Houston, and local officials in Houston to discuss the \$5 billion recently allocated by Congress to Texas for Hurricane Harvey and disaster recovery.

Provided through the HUD Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program, the intended use of the grant funding is for the rebuilding of housing, businesses and infrastructure following Hurricane Harvey and previous flood events.

“Though Hurricane Harvey was the worst of storms, it brought out the best in the people of Texas,” Abbott said. “In each community, so many lives were saved because of the courage and leadership of local officials and the efforts of our incredible first responders. These funds will help give communities the resources they need to continue recovering, and I thank HUD Secretary Ben Carson, as well as all of our federal partners, for their ongoing support throughout this process.”

The funding includes:

- \$652 million to help rebuild damaged homes, businesses and infrastructure.
- \$4.3 billion for elevating homes, property buyouts, and hardening structures from wind and water to help protect Texas families from future storms; and
- \$62 million to Houston and \$24 million to San Marcos for mitigation of 2015 floods.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

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State Capital

HIGHLIGHTS

Former first lady dies

Former first lady Barbara Pierce Bush died in a Houston hospital on April 17. She was 92.

A funeral for Mrs. Bush, the wife of George H.W. Bush, 41st president of the United States, was conducted on April 21 at St. Martin’s Episcopal Cathedral in Houston. Burial was in the family plot at the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library at Texas A&M University in College Station on April 22.

Mrs. Bush was the mother of George W. Bush, 43rd president and former governor of Texas, and Jeb Bush, former governor of Florida. She was the grandmother of current Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush.

Gov. Abbott on April 17 said of the former first lady: “Barbara Bush dedicated her life to helping others. As only the second woman in history to be both the wife and mother of U.S. presidents, Barbara had a unique and profound impact on our country.

“Spearheading the fight against illiteracy, she created the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy, working to improve the lives of those

less fortunate through education. Her selfless devotion to service defines the inspiring legacy Barbara has left behind. Her impact on Texas and our nation will forever be treasured.

“Cecilia and I extend our deepest condolences to President George H.W. Bush and the entire Bush family during this difficult time. We ask that all Texans join us in keeping them in their thoughts and prayers as they mourn the passing of a devoted wife, mother and public servant.”

Solar industry is studied

In the April issue of the Office of the Comptroller’s online digital publication, Fiscal Notes, the solar industry in Texas is examined.

According to the Comptroller’s Office, 532 solar companies and nearly 100 solar product manufacturers are located in Texas.

“There are still unknowns that may affect the industry, including the fate of federal tax credits and a recent tariff on foreign-made solar panels, but the long-term prospects for this industry seem bright as companies work to meet our state’s ever-expanding energy needs,” state Comptroller Glenn Hegar said on April 16.

Babin urges participation in National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on April 28

WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. Brian Babin (R-TX) today issued a statement encouraging residents of the 36th District to participate in the Drug Enforcement Agency’s (DEA) National Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 28:

“April 28 is the day Americans across the nation will dispose of their old prescription drugs at hundreds of locations across the country. I encourage folks in the 36th District of Texas to take part in this National Drug Take Back Day,” says Babin. “The opioid crisis is a public health issue that we can all have a role in addressing. Too many prescription drugs find their way into the wrong hands because they are sitting unused or expired in homes across the country. Look in your home medicine cabinets, then drop off your old prescriptions next Saturday. It can save lives.”

This day provides a safe, convenient and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the public about the potential for abuse of medications. Addressing the opioid crisis has become a national priority for the Administration, so this is a timely and practical way for local communities to be involved in these efforts. Residents can participate on April 28 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at drop-off locations located all around the 36th District. To find a collection location near you visit the DEA’s collection site search.

For more information on National Drug Take Back Day, visit <https://takebackday.dea.gov/>.

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Linda Gayle Martin

Linda Gayle Martin, 75, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, April 17, 2018. She was born on June 15, 1942 in Fort Worth, Texas to Melvin and Mildred Clark. She graduated from Trimble Technical High School and went on to attend cosmetology school at Vernon Isabell College. Linda was the owner and a hairdresser for A Touch of Class in Highlands. She was fun, loving, and never met a stranger. Linda loved to have a good time and enjoyed Mexican food and margaritas. She liked watching Lifetime movies, making people beautiful, dancing, riding horses, cowboys, family reunions on the river, flowers, and gardening. Linda will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Mildred Landers; father, Joe Clark; grandmother, Mama Francisco; sister, Lynn Moseley; grandson, Dylan Barga; and cousin, Bobby Bergeron.

Linda is survived by her daughters, Carla Martin, Charla Martin, and Cheryl Martin; son in law, Jack Passalugo; grandsons, Randy Stasik and Brad Martin; sister, Emily



Barron; nieces, Debbie Hoover and Lori Westhoff; nephews, Johnny Barrow and Donny Barrow; great-niece, Holly Herrell; cousins, Toni Boswell and Tim Bergeron; aunt, Billie Bergeron; and numerous great-nieces, great-nephews, and a host of extended family and friends.

A visitation for family and friends will be held from 10:00am to 11:00am on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at Sterling White Funeral Home. A Celebration of Life will follow at 11:00am. Interment will be private. Arrangements have been entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd., Highlands, Texas 77562. To offer condolences to the family, please visit www.sterlingwhite.com.

Patsy Strother
Jeane



Patsy Strother Jeanes, 62, of Houston, Texas, passed from this life into her heavenly home on April 22, 2018. Patsy was born August 28, 1955 in South Dakota to parents, Billy Wesley Strother and Felicitas Strother. She retired from Mobile Fasteners and Pac Fas, Divisions of Big H Corp. She worked for 36 years starting as a warehouseman and later as a Service Manager and Director. She is preceded in death by her father and by her beloved husband, Randy Jeanes and daughter, Tonya Jeanes; by two sisters, Anita and Rosie. She is survived by daughter & son-in-law, Tina & Daniel Lopez; by grandchildren, Meagan, Emily, & Aubrey Lopez; by mother, Felicitas Strother; as well as by numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. A visitation will be held Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at Carter Conley Funeral Home from 5-8:00 p.m.. There will be Graveside Services on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in Huffman Cemetery, in Huffman, Texas under the direction of Carter-Conley Funeral Home.

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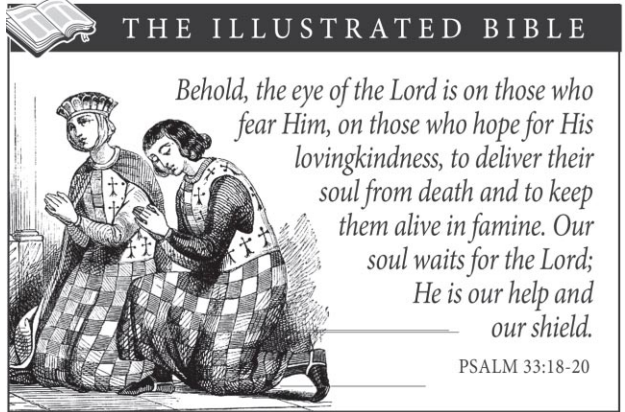
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1. Is the book of Hebrews in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. To whom did God say, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations"? Daniel, Jeremiah, Noah, Thomas
3. From 1 Chronicles 29, how many years did David reign over Israel? 7, 33, 40, 57
4. What do the seven lampstands represent in Revelation 1:20?

Continents, Angels, Seas, Churches
5. What was Aquila's profession in Corinth? Tentmaker, Harp player, Mapmaker, Servant- 6. Manasseh was the elder of whose two

sons? Matthew, Joash, Joseph, Timothy

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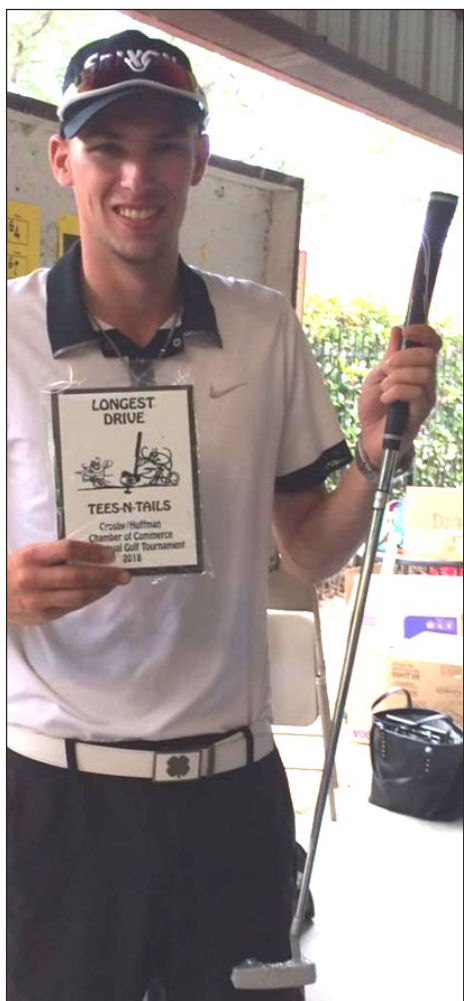
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The free program, sponsored by the Pfizer Corp., consists of four sessions led by an expert facilitator and includes tools and tips to help you quit, a support group of smokers like you who want to quit and help in creating your own quit smoking plan.

“When you decide to quit smoking, you will be making the best decision that you can toward better health,” said April Pichon, oncology social worker with the Houston Methodist Cancer Center at San Jacinto. “Smoking reduces your quality of life and quitting smoking can help you stay fit and reduce stress as well.”

The program’s sessions are scheduled for 1 to 2 p.m. on May 10, 17, 24 and 31. The first session provides participants with an overview of the program, while session two discusses the importance of support, counseling and medication for smoking cessation success. Session three focuses on the challenges of quitting, including how to cope with common triggers, nicotine addiction and smoking withdrawal symptoms. The final session presents tips on staying smoke-free.

The Houston Methodist Cancer Center at San Jacinto offers a full spectrum of programs and services designed to help those trying to quit smoking, including information on over-the-counter medications such as the patch, nicotine gum, and lozenges, as well as prescription treatments including inhalers and nasal sprays.

According to the American Lung Association, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the U.S., with the disease claiming the lives of an estimated 158,000 people per year. More than 220,000 people are diagnosed with the disease in the U.S. each year, including over 13,600 in Texas.

The goal of the comprehensive Lung Cancer Screening Program at Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital is to help high risk patients receive a diagnosis and treatment plan at an early stage. The program for current and former smokers includes annual low-dose CT scans, consultations with health care providers, access to tobacco cessation programs and referrals to physician specialists if the disease is found.

The program provides screening for people 55 to 77 years of age who currently smoke or have quit smoking in the past 15 years, and have a tobacco smoking history of at least 30 “pack years” (an average of one pack a day for 30 years, two packs a day for 15 years, etc.).

For more information and to register for the Beat the Pack program, call 281-428-2273, or visit houstonmethodist.org/events. For information on the lung cancer screening program, contact Susan Neel at 281.420.7394, or email sneel@houstonmethodist.org.

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