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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

FRI., SEP. 7 CROSBY LIBRARY BOOK SALE
 Friends of the Crosby Library will hold their Fall Book Sale on Friday, September 7th -1 pm - 6pm. Saturday, September 8th - 10am -5pm. Tons of books!! Many in mint condition. Children's books and too many others to mention. Best prices in town! Cheap! Cheap! Cheap! Please come by the Crosby Library at 135 Hare Rd. For more information, call the Library at 281-328-3535.

SAT., SEP. 8 PATTERSON BENEFIT
 12 pm - 6 pm. Fried fish plates, \$10. Live & silent auction and much more!! At Frenz Sports Bar, 19128 FM 2100, Crosby. Call 218-328-3162 for more details.

THUR., SEP. 13 MEN'S PROSTATE HEALTH SEMINAR
 Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital, 4401 Garth Rd., Hospital Boardroom, Baytown, TX 77521, 6-7 p.m. Come learn about new procedure to treat enlarged prostate in men. Call 281-428-2273 to reserve. See ad, page 8 for more details.

BIRTHDAYS
 Aug 30-Tara Hildebrand
 Aug 31-Ben Coward
 Kelli Rossow
 Santrice Shepherd
 Gary Lee Slot
 Lynn Ray Svec
 Sep 1-Hunter Enlow
 Sep 2-Craig Zadroga
 Sep 3-Jenelle Cooper
 Mildred Johnson
 Sep 4-L. Virge Blackmon
 Clara Fulmer
 Robert McCown
 Sep 5-Matthew Abott
 Ralph Brewer
 Jim Elmer

ANNIVERSARIES
 Aug 30-Gene & Vi Fleming
 Aug 31-Glenn & Linda Conard
 Sep 2-Skip & Thelma Bauman
 Sep 3-Carroll & Louise Johnson

DEATHS
 Kimberly May Holden Rollins

GBOGH heart screen bill gains Legislative support

CROSBY – The Cody Stephens Memorial Fundraiser set a record last Saturday and attendees learned from State Representative Dan Huberty that next session Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick will endorse the measure to have heart scans for starting athletes across Texas.
 Some 400 supported the cause to screen young athletes to prevent sudden death, and corporate sponsorships were at an all time high. The designation of the bill to screen first time athletes across Texas has been reserved to be HB76, Cody Stephen's football jersey was 76.
 There were many highlights at the fundraiser. Young Hanna O'Neill was awarded a belt buckle for her efforts last year. Al and Sherri Juniel had a son Cameron pass away playing a basketball game and



Dan Huberty, left, announces with Scott Stephens, right, founder of the Cody Stephens Memorial Foundation that Dan Patrick and Crosby's Current State Representative Briscoe Cain, R., 128th, have come out in Support of House Bill 76 to move through the House and Senate to the Governor's desk next session. 10 Years ago Huberty took over as the local state representative in Crosby from Republican Joe Crabb. In 2013 redistricting took the promising Huberty over to Humble but he never wanted to leave representing the area and fighting for the well-being of its people.

they now are dedicated to the cause of screening all first time Texas athletes.
 Dan Huberty, R., Texas House District 127, took the microphone to say he was sorry that he had been unable to pass the bill before now pointing out that it was a victim of the Mother's Day Massacre last session, where many consent agenda bills were crushed in the rush to budget. And Huberty said that he had always had a problem moving the bill to the forefront in the Senate, "But, I have come here today to announce that I have just gotten off the phone with Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, head of the Senate, and I asked if he would guide the Cody Stephens Bill to the Governor's desk in this next session and he

See Go Big or Go Home, page 8

Crosby ISD election set Voters Approve Flood Bond

CROSBY – On November 6, Crosby ISD will have a school board trustee election. Kasey Lewis and Sharon Eavon Fain will vie for Position 2 in the only contested position. The At-large Position is to continue with John Warren Swinney as a leader. Swinney asked the Superintendent to examine how Crosby ISD got into financial problems and if there was any culpability or criminal activity, to proceed with prosecution vigorously.
 The school district has set the next school board election with 4 positions on the ballot. Only two trustees are changing and one of those is simply the retiring of a distinguished trustee that tried for a decade to rein in spending. He will be replaced by a new trustee that had tried to stop the last bond be-

cause of lack of information.
 Position 1 will be retained by Tanya Eagleton.
 Joseph R. Humphries is the only candidate that applied for Position 3, now held by John Lindsey for over 10 years.
 Lindsey had often asked questions concerning school expenditures, and he insisted on an At-Risk-Managers for bond projects. He questioned how it could be that the administration could extract up to \$50,000 at a time from the fund balance without board approval.
 He welcomed with applause the reforms commenced by new Superin-



John Lindsey



J.R. Humphries

tendent Scott Davis.
 Joseph R. Humphries raised questions early concerning the last bond election and the financial disposition of the school district. Running unopposed, he will be taking over John Lindsey's post at Position 3 in January.
 Local conservatives have lavished a great deal of confidence in Humphries capability of reigning in spending by the district.

HARRIS COUNTY – Voters overwhelmingly approved a \$2.5 Billion dollar bond proposal, that will result in 237 projects to mitigate future flood dangers in the county.
 With 98% of the votes counted, District Clerk Stan Stanart reported that the bond issue passed with 85% approval, or about 129,000 votes. Opposing the proposal were 15% of the voters who turned out, about 21,000. Votes were almost evenly split between Absentee, Early, and Election Day votes.
 Election Day was August 25th, the one year anniversary of the landfall of

Hurricane Harvey onto the Texas coast.
 The bond issue includes 237 projects, \$1.2 Billion for channel improvements, \$12.5 Million for floodplain mapping, and \$1.25 Million for an early warning system.
 Flood Control Executive Director Russ Poppe said he will make immediate use of the money, and propose 14 flood risk reduction projects at the next Commissioners meeting.
 Judge Emmett praised the result and thanked voters, noting that the bond will result in up to \$900 Million of matching federal funds.

Wrist Band studies check exposure to toxins after Hurricane Harvey

After Hurricane Harvey, Oregon State University's Department of Environmental and Molecular Toxicology send a research team to Houston, to ascertain the threat to human health from exposure to toxins in the water, soil and air. They worked with Texas A&M, and THEA to gather the results.
 Data was collected by using passive wristband samplers to determine personal chemical exposure after the flooding.
 These wristbands can measure up to 1,530 different chemicals. 41 Superfund sites in Houston were affected by the hurricane, and 13 of these were flooded.



Silicone Wristbands were worn by participants for one week, to register any toxins they were exposed to.

Although the study was conducted throughout the Houston area, a subset of 32 people were recruited from the Highlands area, and of these 27 returned their wristbands and had them analyzed.
 Researchers looked for 1,530 chemicals found in several different chemical classes. Some chemicals are included in more than one class. For example, triclofan is found in both personal care products and is considered a pesticide. On average, each person had 28 chemicals in their wristband.

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★ FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL ★



Photo by Mima Trujillo

Twins Alylin and Malillany Navarro get ready to go to pre-kindergarten at Carver Elementary on the first day of school.

Hopper 1st Day of Kindergarten



Photo Carrie Pryor-Newman

Students from Rashida Bellard-Frank's kindergarten class at B.P. Hopper Primary School proudly show that they are the Class of 2031. Pictured are (front, from left) Dominic Poitras, Deaven Kambitsch, Aiden Ibarra, (back from left) Lexi Newton, Brooklyn Griffith and Luke Grubbs.



Photo by Beth Dombrowa
Parents at Victoria Walker Elementary, through smiles and tears, are caught in the act of videoing their students after dropping them off at their classrooms on the first day of school.

Goose Creek Memorial HS



Photo by Carrie Pryor-Newman

Chance Brasuel, 11th grade, and Felicity Brasuel, ninth grade, wait to register on the first day of school at Goose Creek Memorial High School.



Photo by Kelly Anthony
Alyssia Williams (left) and Harley Donaldson, eighth-grade cheerleaders at Baytown Junior School, are ready for the first day of school.



Photo by Mima Trujillo

Haylee Cobb (left) and Quessia Trujillo, freshmen at Robert E. Lee High School, wait in the Band Hall for the bell to ring on the first day of school.



Photo by Susan Passmore

Katherine Cruz (in back), new principal at Ashbel Smith Elementary, and (from left) Nayeli Sierra, third grade; Nevaeh Garcia, fourth grade; and Adalynn Arredondo, kindergarten, plan to have a good first day of school.



Photo by Susan Passmore
Cedar Bayou Junior School Bears Nancy Barcenas, Edgar Chavez and Megan Templos, all eighth-graders, prepare to go to their first class of the 2018-19 school year.

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at 12:30 pm

Barbers Hill Dayton **Press**

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ROUND-UP

Texas Gatorfest looking for performers

Texas Gatorfest is inviting applications from all local talent to perform at this year's festival on the Alli Theater stage. Alli Theater Applications to Perform are available at the festival's office, the Anahuac Area Chamber of Commerce or online at www.texasgatorfest.com. The deadline to receive these applications is August 31, 2018. Applicants picked to perform will be notified after that date.

Texas Gatorfest will take place Friday, September 14 through Sunday, September 16 in historic Fort Anahuac Park. With the Alli Theater, the festival hopes to provide a venue in which the entertainers' natural abilities and talents can be encouraged and develop in a positive and enriching atmosphere. Texas Gatorfest sees this as another way to showcase the many assets of the Anahuac area and to further involve the community in the festival.

This year's festival and the Alli Theater will be a great opportunity for local individuals and groups to showcase their talent. Groups who provided entertainment on the Alli Theater in the past have later been booked to perform on the festival's main stage in the beer garden. Entertainers wishing to obtain information about performing as an individual or group on the Alli Theater Stage, or, an application, should contact the festival office at 409-267-4190 or visit the festival's website www.texasgatorfest.com.

WCCC Luncheon September 11

WCCC Membership Luncheon Small Business Spotlight, 12:00 (Noon) Tuesday, September 11 at The Tower Club, Houston Raceway Park, 2525 South FM 565, Chambers County, 77523

Everyone Welcome - RSVP Required Attendance is \$25 with your reservation. Your quick RSVP is helpful and appreciated! call Rhonda at 281-576-5440 before noon Thursday, September 6, to register for the luncheon.

Barbers Hill students' first day of class



Barbers Hill Elementary School North students Paisley and Madison Alcina came back to school with special commemorative dresses when the district opened its doors for the 2018-19 school year on Thursday, August 16.



Barbers Hill Elementary School North Counselor Haley McWilliams gets a welcome-back hug from students Gage and Gunner West. Barbers Hill ISD welcomed over 5600 students back to school this year, a 7% growth from last year's enrollment.

Everything ready for Baytown Special Rodeo

BAYTOWON, Texas - August 2, 2018 - Calling all special cowboys and cowgirls, grab your hats, pull on your boots and plan to head for Baytown Special Rodeo set for Saturday, Sept. 8, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. You, your parents and all of your siblings are invited to this free Western Day for special needs youngsters from throughout the area. Rodeo is held at the Baytown Youth Fair arena, 7900 N. Main St. in Baytown.

"As sponsors of this free event, the Baytown Special Rodeo Association works with the Special Education Departments of nine area school districts in order to make contact with special needs youngsters and their families," said J.R. Miller, BSRA president. "Young-



Toddler plays with ducks at a previous Baytown Special Rodeo. This year, Baytown Special Rodeo will take place on Saturday, September 8, 2018 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Baytown Youth Fair area located at 7900 N. Main St.

sters can enjoy everything from game booths, bouncy houses, meeting critters from Galveston Bay at the Eddie Gray Wetlands Center through Aug. 31 in order to guarantee their special needs child receives a Special Rodeo T-shirt. Each of these youngsters will also be presented a cowboy hat, sheriff's badge, bandana, goody bag and a handmade stick horse. Families may also register at the gate on event day.

Each special needs youngster will be assigned a "Rodeo Buddy" to make sure they enjoy all of the activities. And, when it is time to chow down, the Goose Creek Barbecue Team will be serving up chuck wagon lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs.

Youngsters and their families may register online at

www.specialrodeo.org through Aug. 31 in order to guarantee their special needs child receives a Special Rodeo T-shirt. Each of these youngsters will also be presented a cowboy hat, sheriff's badge, bandana, goody bag and a handmade stick horse. Families may also register at the gate on event day.

"Every year we seem to grow a little more, from the original 87 participants to averaging 1,300 to 1,500 participants each year thanks to the generosity of our many sponsors and the dedication of more than 400 volunteers," Miller said. "Special Rodeo has indeed become a special day for some wonderful youngsters."

Chambers County libraries wraps up summer reading

By Valerie Jensen

Another successful Summer Reading is in the books at Chambers County! The six week program ended on July 21 with a total of 1,230 kids, 75 teens, and 128 adults participating. The library system offered over 90 programs during June and July - another record for us! Kudos to the staff who works tirelessly to make sure we continue to provide the best service possible to our public.

A few programs they offered included John O'Bryant (Magic Dork), a 50's Car Show, entertainer Julian Franklin, Instrument Petting Zoo, and the Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge. The branches also held fun and entertaining parties for the end of summer bash. Anahuac held a Glow in the Dark party, Winnie had Elvis at their Sock Hop, and Mont Belvieu partied at Mont Belvieu City Park. The libraries did some things different this year by offering spirit sticks for the kids for certain incentive levels. The spirit sticks were definitely popular with the little ones! The teens had some great programs this year with DIY crafts, movies, video games, abstract art, Zumba, and more! End of summer parties for the teens were also held with games, prizes, and of course food. The adult program took an impressive jump in attendance and participation. Adult activities included Rock your Pot, Summer on the Rocks, a Rocky Road Ice Cream Social, Board Game with a



Mont Belvieu kids enjoying summer party held at the City Park.

Beat, and book clubs.

Special thanks to all sponsors who donated their time, money, and coupons for the Summer Reading Program. Without their contributions they would not be able to provide the quality programs we offer each year. A big thank you to the Friends of the Chambers County Library System for being the major underwriters for the program, and also to grants from ONEOK, H-E-B, Walmart, ExxonMobil, and Entergy were this year's corporate sponsors. In addition to the corporate donors, they had over 140 individuals and local businesses in Chambers County donate money, coupons, or their time to the program. The support continues to grow each year.

As if summer reading wasn't enough to keep them busy, they also participated in a pilot program through the Houston Food Bank called Kids Café. Kids Café delivers daily meals to qualifying sites for anyone 18 and under. The Chambers County Library in Anahuac provided meals each day between 11am-1pm in the meeting room. They also included a movie each day for kids to enjoy as they ate lunch. Over 300 meals were served during this 4 week program.

The Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch in Mont Belvieu received a nice surprise from students at the elementary and middle schools. Framed artwork from se-

Catch some fishing skills at next Nurture Nature series

Baytown, TX - August 23, 2018 - Upper Texas Coast residents are lucky when it comes to fishing since it's basically a year-round activity. No matter the season, it's always fun to head to a favorite spot and drop a line. For beginners or old hands who want to become better prepared, Baytown Nature Center's monthly Nurture Nature Series has the perfect solution on Saturday, September 1 when Naturalist Crissy Butcher shares Texas Parks and Wildlife's Angler Education. The 2-hour program from 10 am - noon is free with admission to the nature center, located at 6213 Bayway Drive. Admission for adults and children over 13 is \$4 and \$1 for seniors and children 5-12. The program focuses on several points of angler ed-

ucation including fish ID, basic knots and tackle, fish handling, safety, ethics and regulations. Participants do not need to bring any gear. For demonstration purposes the nature center furnishes all materials, including fishing rods and bait. This is an excellent introduction to a lifetime hobby/sport for all ages.

Following the instruction period visitors who have brought their own equipment may stay and practice their newly-found skills in the several fishing spots at the nature center. Bring a picnic lunch and make a day of it. There's something for the whole family.

For additional information, contact: Christina.Butcher@baytown.org or phone: 281-420-7130.

Storytime and Babygarden at the Library - Starting September 6 & 7!

Storytime is back and will be held weekly at all branches for ages 0-5. Activities include songs, stories, crafts and other fun activities.

Anahuac: Thursdays, 10:30am
Winnie: Fridays, 10:00am
Mont Belvieu: Fridays, 10:30am
Babygarden is a curriculum based program geared towards infants (birth-24 months). Babygarden is held weekly at the Mont Belvieu location only every Tuesday at 10am.

How many Americans are finding affordable housing

(StatePoint) With the cost of housing continuing to rise faster than wages, it's no wonder that many Americans nationwide are struggling to make ends meet. Luckily, solutions already exist to address the affordable housing shortage, say experts.

For example, more than 22 million people in the U.S. now live in manufactured housing -- homes built to a federal standard in factories and placed on a homeowner's land or on rented lots in manufactured home communities, according to the Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI). In many parts of the country, homes like these are the least expensive kind of housing available without a government subsidy. The cost to buy a manufactured home averages about \$70,600, compared with \$286,000 for a single-family site-built home, not including land costs.

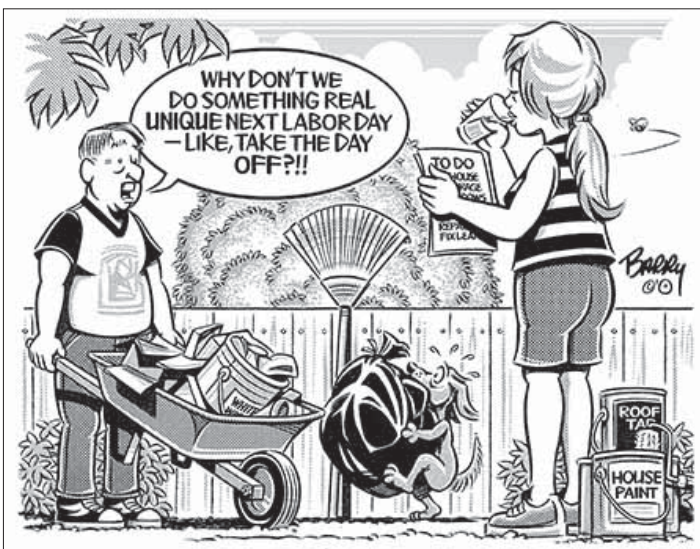
In response to growing market demand, almost 93,000 new manufactured homes were built in the U.S. in 2017, an approximate 15 percent increase over 2016, according to MHI, but this is still not nearly enough to meet the nation's affordable housing needs, according to experts. Advocates say that zoning restrictions and other rules and

regulations in many areas are preventing manufactured housing from closing the gap -- as certain jurisdictions only allow manufactured housing in locations far from town centers and other jurisdictions have considered banning them altogether.

"Part of this bias may be based on the negative stereotype of earlier generations of manufactured housing, however, today, our homes are built with quality construction materials to meet rigorous federal standards for safety, installation and construction," says Richard Jennison, president and CEO of MHI.

What's more, today's manufactured housing includes features that today's homebuyers want, such as luxury bathrooms, vaulted ceilings and state-of-the-art kitchens with energy-efficient appliances. Often situated in communities with swimming pools, playgrounds and clubhouses, they can be a very attractive option for families and retirees seeking affordability. To learn more visit, manufacturedhousing.org.

"At a time when there is a great need for high-quality, affordable housing, today's manufactured homes are an effective solution for many American families and communities," says Jennison.



Officials observe anniversary of Hurricane Harvey at Rockport church

AUSTIN — August 25 marked one year since Hurricane Harvey's battering winds and torrential rains brought death and destruction to coastal and inland counties of Texas.

Repairs and rebuilding in the region continue to this day, and the U.S. Office of Coastal Management has estimated the cost of the storm at \$125 billion.

Gov. Greg Abbott and a host of other government officials spoke on Aug. 22 at the First Baptist Church in the hard-hit city of Rockport on the Coastal Bend. "I know there are miles to go before this race is finished. Our goal is to do far more than just rebuild. Our goal is to ensure that we rebuild all of these communities even better than they were before Hurricane Harvey hit," Abbott said.

Vice President Mike Pence said he had come on President Trump's behalf "to reaffirm to all of the people -- not just to Rockport, but to all across this region -- that this administration is going to work with this governor, with all of the wonderful, outstanding volunteers and faith communities across this region until we rebuild Rockport and all of Texas bigger and better than ever before."

Also at the church to deliver their perspectives and words of encouragement were Commissioner John Sharp of the governor's Commission to Rebuild Texas, Texas Department of Public Safety Director Steve McCraw, Texas Division of Emergency Management Director Nim Kidd, and Land Commissioner George P. Bush.

Schools rated for readiness

State Education Commissioner Mike Morath on Aug. 21 announced 61 Texas school districts and district charters received a distinction designation for postsecondary readiness as part of their 2018 state accountability rating.

Postsecondary readiness is the only distinction designation at the district level under the state accountability system.

The distinction takes into account factors such as graduation rates, ACT/SAT participation and per-

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

formance, Career and Technical Education graduates and dual-credit course completion rates.

Earlier in August, all multi-campus school districts and charters -- for the first time ever -- received an accountability rating based on an A-F scale.

Mortality,

morbidity studied

The Texas Department of State Health Services on Aug. 21 announced the release of case reviews by its Texas Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force. The task force recently completed its first full year of case reviews by studying medical, autopsy and other confidential records for 89 maternal deaths that occurred in 2012. DSHS reported. Four out of five pregnancy-related deaths in 2012 would have had at least some chance of being prevented with the proper intervention, DSHS said.

"The report provides us with more evidence to guide our activities to address maternal mortality and morbidity in Texas," said DSHS Commissioner Dr. John Hellerstedt. "It shows where interventions like TexasAIM can have the greatest impact."

Launched earlier this year, TexasAIM is a partnership with more than 180 hospitals to implement maternal safety "bundles" -- sets of practices that help hospital staff prevent and respond to pregnancy complications. Hospitals are first implementing the bundle on maternal hemorrhage. Future will address opioid use and high blood pressure, the DSHS said.

Demand for notes is high

State Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced the Aug. 22 sale of \$7.2 billion in Texas Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes received a net interest rate of 1.84 percent.

Hegar said his office received 65 bids worth \$27.4

billion, or 3.8 times the amount offered for sale. The state of Texas uses money from the sale of the notes to help fund expenditures such as public-school payments made early in the fiscal year before the arrival of tax revenues later in the year.

Hegar said the fact that bids totaled nearly four times the amount offered demonstrates "the market is confident that Texas remains a solid investment." Notes sold on Aug. 22 will be repaid on Aug. 29, 2019, Hegar added.

Jobless rate stays same

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 4.0 percent in July, unchanged from June 2018, the Texas Workforce Commission announced.

Even though the June and July percentages were the same, the state economy added 23,500 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs in July and marked 25 consecutive months of employment growth.

Counting July's figures, Texas has added 377,100 jobs for an annual employment growth rate of 3.1 percent.

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area recorded the month's lowest unemployment rate among Texas metropolitan statistical areas with a not-seasonally adjusted rate of 2.2 percent, followed by the Amarillo and Odessa MSAs with rates of 2.9 percent. The Austin-Round Rock MSA recorded the fourth-lowest rate of 3.1 percent for July.

EDUCATION

New classroom technologies can make learning easier and more fun

(StatePoint) Technology is changing the face of education. Check out the newest ways teachers are modernizing their lesson plans in order to make learning easier and more fun.

1. Virtual Reality. Whether it's a tour through an ancient Roman archaeological site or a deep-sea look at ocean creatures, VR can enhance educational experiences and create new immersive opportunities, allowing students to see the world without leaving the classroom.

2. Math Anywhere, Anytime. Technology advancements are enabling students of all learning styles to absorb mathematical concepts at their own pace without buying expensive calculators. Check out ClassPad.net, digital scratch paper with a range of functions that's web accessible and free for students and teachers.

3. Modernized Music. Learning music is now easier than ever with new apps and next generation digital keyboards that have such features as lighted keys to help students learn notes intuitively. One such keyboard, Casio's LK-265, connects to iOS and Android devices via a free app, so students can learn to play their favorite songs. Access to an endless library of music will give students constant motivation to keep at it.

4. Language Learning in the Palm of Your Hand. Today, you don't need a stack of books or tapes to learn a new language. A variety of apps can introduce language learners to correct pronunciations, proper grammar and vocabulary, giving students opportunities to hone their reading, writing and speaking skills at their own pace in the classroom and on-the-go.

5. Classroom Updates. There's less downtime for teachers and students these days, thanks to certain projectors today that reach maximum brightness in seconds, and are safer and more energy efficient to boot. For example, Casio's LampFree technology provides high brightness and connectivity, so lesson plans stay in sharp focus.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Highlands Little League

will be holding elections for their
2018-2019 Board of Directors
 at 6:30pm on
Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at the
San Jacinto Community Center
 604 Highland Woods Drive

The board election meeting is open to the public and anyone who lives within the HLL boundaries and wants to help make a difference in the lives of our youth can be elected to serve.

The following proposed HLL Constitution changes will also be voted on at this meeting:

- Section 5 -- Annual Meeting
- Subsection 7: K -- Asst. Player Agent

Text currently reads "Assistant Player Agent", vote is to drop "Assistant" and just read "Player Agent"

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★ LIFESTYLE PAGE ★

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OBITUARIES

Kimberly May Holden Rollins

Kimberly May Holden Rollins, 58, earned her angel wings on Friday, August 24, 2018. She was born in Port Aransas, Texas on April 29, 1960 to Elsie Farmer Holden and Jimmy Lee Holden. Kimberly was a loving mother and wife. She had a passion for people and Jesus, and it was felt by all who knew her. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, crafts, and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. When she passed over she took a part of all of those who were close to her. She was not alone. Kimberly may have left in body, but her spirit will always be.

She is preceded in death by her father, Jimmy Lee Holden; and step-fathers, Bud Martin and Johnny Clausen.

Kimberly is survived by her beloved husband, Michael Rollins; son, Charles "Tony" Guidry; daughters, Latasha M. and Trisha Sultan; mother, Elsie Clausen; brother,



Jimmy Holden; and a host of extended family and friends.

In lieu of flowers and plants, donations can be made in her memory to the American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org.

A visitation for family and friends was held from 5:00pm to 7:00pm on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at Sterling White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd., Highlands, Texas 77562. To offer condolences to the family, please visit www.sterlingwhite.com.

Do you have enough savings for planned and unplanned expenses?

(StatePoint) Nearly half of consumers have encountered an emergency expense in the past year, but when it comes to financially preparing for the unexpected, many fall short, according to CIT Bank's new Summer Savings Survey conducted by The Harris Poll. What's more, the survey also found that many consumers don't have the savings to afford the planned expense of the vacations they take.

"More than one in four consumers don't save anything for unexpected events such as a home repair or health expense," says Ravi Kumar, head of Internet Banking for CIT Bank. "Over another quarter report saving less than 5 percent of their monthly household income for emergencies."

How are consumers making ends meet? Family and credit cards top the list of resources Americans rely on for financial support during emergencies. As for the planned expense of a vacation, approximately one in three (29 percent) report taking extreme actions to pay their way, including taking out a bank loan, going into debt, cleaning out a savings account, borrowing

money or maxing out a credit card.

"Americans can do more to ensure their lifestyles and savings priorities are aligned," says Kumar. "But saving wisely is key."

To plan the monthly amount that you'll need to save for peace of mind, utilize free resources, such as CIT Bank's online calculators at bankoncit.com/calculators. Then, consider looking for an account that will make your savings work harder and offer some flexibility. For example, with a Money Market Account from CIT Bank, consumers can earn interest on their savings while maintaining the option to make withdrawals at any time. With no monthly maintenance fees, a minimum account balance requirement, and transaction capabilities, consumers can save without sacrificing their earnings throughout the process.

Do you have enough savings for planned and unplanned expenses? When it comes to happy occasions, like vacations, as well as the unexpected, being prepared can safeguard you against zeroing out your account or going into debt.

Small moments make a big difference

(NAPSI)—There are about 74 million children in America today and if you're a parent, here's something you should know: involved fathers—whether they live with their kids or not—can help their children lead happier, healthier and more successful lives. Children who feel close to their fathers are two times more likely to go to college or find a job after high school, 80 percent less likely to end up in jail and 50 percent less likely to experience depression.¹ The small moments kids enjoy spending with their fathers can make a big difference in their lives. If you're like most fathers, you're already doing what you can to be a great dad. Here's a look at five easy ways to keep it up.

- What You Can Do**
1. Spend time with your children.
 2. Be a positive role model.
 3. Send a text to stay connected when far away.
 4. Read to your children.
 5. Remember #DadJokes-Rule!

There has been a massive growth in fatherhood involvement over decades—fathers now spend nearly triple the amount of time with their children than fathers did in the 1960s.²

What Dads are Already Doing

Recent research suggests fathers are already very involved:

- 90 percent consider their role as a dad to be rewarding day in and day out.³
- 78 percent have talked to their child's teacher about progress in school.⁴
- 61 percent have attended a PTA or other school meeting.⁵
- Over half have helped with a class trip, special

project or activity.⁶

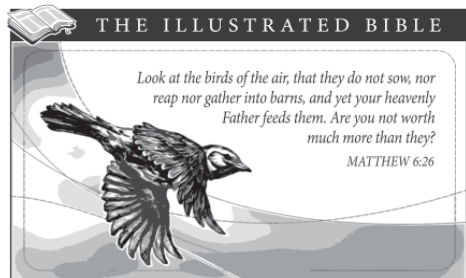
- Over a third of fathers have helped with coaching their children's sports teams.⁷

Even though fathers are largely more involved than in previous generations, dads today still want to be more engaged. Nearly half say they don't spend enough time with their kids and want to do a better job at parenting.⁸

To help more fathers understand the importance of their role in their children's lives, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families, the National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse (@fatherhoodgov), and the Ad Council (@adouncil) have partnered on a national Responsible Fatherhood Campaign.

"All dads should be supported and celebrated for their efforts on Father's Day and year-round because we know how the story ends for the kids whose fathers show up for them consistently—these children and families thrive," says Kenneth Braswell (@braswellkeneth), Director, National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse and Fathers Incorporated.

The campaign drives to Fatherhood.gov a free resource that offers information, tools and more. Dads can visit the website for ideas to get involved and stay involved in their children's lives. Other resources include activity suggestions, homework help, online games and a long list of dad jokes! No matter how busy you may be, make time for your children. It only takes a moment to make a moment.



BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey—

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

2. From Ecclesiastes 4, how many are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor? Two, Three, Five, Seven

3. In 1 Kings 5, how many thousand men comprised the labor force that King Solomon raised? 1, 5, 10, 30

4. What son of Abda was in charge of the forced labor in David's kingdom? Baal, Adoniram, Cyrenius, Phaneul

5. From Exodus 20, how many days shalt thou labor and do all thy work? Two, Four, Six, Seven. Proverbs 14:23 states, "In all labor there is" ...? Love, Hope, Light, Profit

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Two; 3) 30; 4) Adoniram; 5) Six; 6) Profit

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

★ ASK THE EXPERTS ★

Toxins Studies,

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They measured chemicals at the nanogram level, which is a very small amount. However, they are still learning how much of a chemical is needed to cause a negative health effect.

Of the Highlands sample group, 119 chemicals were found across all 27 wristbands. 1411 chemicals were not detected.

Of the chemical types, Endocrine disruptors are found in many groups, including pesticides, flame retardants and personal care products.

Industrial chemicals include phthalates, commonly found in plastics.

An average of 28 chemicals were detected in each wristband. The lowest was



Peter Hoffman of Oregon State University presented the study results to the San Jacinto River Coalition.



Oregon State University sent a team of researchers to Houston after Hurricane Harvey, to test for exposure to 1530 known chemicals. Lane Tidwell, left, and Diana Rohlman, right, were two of the Oregon State team.

12 chemicals in a wristband and the highest was 43 chemicals in a wristband.

People were mostly exposed to endocrine disruptors, followed by industrial chemicals and chemicals found in personal care products.

NO Dioxins, Furans or PCBs (Polychlorinated biphenyls) were detected in any of the samples.

However, the research-

ers cautioned that that might only mean that residents in the Highlands group were not directly in contact with toxins.

Future work by the team will track chemical exposures over time. They are expected back in the next month, one year after Hurricane Harvey.

Pam Bonta suggested that after the hurricane, many people spent time

cleaning sediment, and wading in flood water. Therefore they might have been exposed to toxins after the period they wore their wristbands.

The research team cautioned that currently there are no regulations for many of these chemicals in the air. As a result it is difficult to know how much of a chemical is needed to cause health effects.

Understanding Breast Cancer

BAYTOWN — (August 24, 2018) — Women are bombarded with information about breast cancer — and much of it is wrong. Dr. Esther Dubrovsky, a breast surgeon at the Houston Methodist Cancer Center at San Jacinto, answers some common questions women have about the disease.



Dr. Esther Dubrovsky

Q: Does finding a lump in your breast mean you have breast cancer?

A: If you find a lump or notice any other changes in your breasts, see your health care provider. The majority of lumps in women under the age of 30 are benign or not cancerous, but they should still be checked. Don't avoid seeing your doctor because you're afraid of what he or she may find. If you are over the age of 40 and notice a new lump, then it is more concerning. In that case, you should call your doctor for the next available appointment to be evaluated for a diagnostic mammogram and ultrasound. Take charge of your health by knowing how your breasts normally look and feel, as well as having regular mammograms and other screening tests recommended by your health care provider.

Q: Is it true that men don't get breast cancer?

A: Actually, this year, approximately 2,550 men in the U.S. will be diagnosed with breast cancer. Men, just like women, should know their bodies and mention any breast changes, such as a lump or swelling, nipple discharge, skin dimpling or puckering, redness or scaling of the nipple or breast skin, to their doctors.

greater risk, your doctor may recommend preventive medications or surgery to lower your likelihood of developing the disease.

Q: Does using antiperspirants and deodorants cause breast cancer?

A: According to the American Cancer Society, there's no proof that using antiperspirants or deodorants causes breast cancer. Some people claim these products contain harmful ingredients that could be absorbed through small nicks in the skin caused by shaving, but there's no evidence to support this.

To schedule a mammogram at the Houston Methodist Cancer Center at San Jacinto, visit houstonmethodist.org/breast-care, or call 844.454.PINK (7465).

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Q: If you have a family history of breast cancer, does it mean you're destined to be diagnosed, too?

A: Women who have a family history of breast cancer are at higher risk, but not everyone will develop the disease. If any of the women in your family have had breast cancer, it's important to get a risk assessment by your physician so they can develop an appropriate screening plan. Also, your physician might recommend genetic testing, which consists of a simple saliva or blood test. And even if you have a



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by Helene Hovanec

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3 Letters
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GYM
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4 Letters
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PADS
ROOM

5 Letters
AGES
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6 Letters
FOLDER
PENCIL
PUPILS
RECESS

7 Letters
ERASERS
READING
SCIENCE

Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Dog enclosure	___ N ___	Corn segment	___ R ___
2. Antic	___ P ___	Provide food	___ T ___
3. Kite cord	___ I ___	Mighty	___ O ___
4. Comedian's field	H ___	Hearsay	R ___
5. Young chicken	___ U ___	BB	___ E ___
6. Twisted hairdo	___ D ___	Scarecrow's wish	___ N ___
7. Founder	F ___	Shaving foam	L ___
8. Rental agreement	___ E ___	Dog rope	___ H ___
9. Planks of wood	___ U ___	Agile	___ I ___
10. Police officer's brooch	___ D ___	Flat-bottomed boat	___ R ___

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Answers: 1. Shirt is different. 2. Firewood is missing. 3. Arm is moved. 4. Hat. Dogs are missing. 5. Trash can is missing. 6. Strap is shorter.

N	O	A	R	P	C	M
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D						S
T						C
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ODD MAN OUT! Hidden in the above frame is a famous old saying. You can find it by reading every other letter as you go around it counter-clockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter.

Answer: Starting with the bottom "T" in the left rail: "Two's company, three's a crowd."

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Answer: If he had them all together, he'd have one very large haystack.

A TIGHT SQUEEZE! In this puzzle, all of the words get progressively longer, and they all start with BOA. Some hints are:

- BOA (in place).
- Has tusks.
- To brag.
- A straw hat.
- Summer sport.
- Type of house.

Answers: 1. Boa. 2. Boat. 3. Boast. 4. Boater. 5. Boating. 6. Boarding.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

A WORD BRIDGE!

The bridge above contains 10 supporting words. We give you the first letter of each word, plus the following hints:

- How you drink hot liquids.
- Found on new clothes.
- Found in a Broadway theater.
- Second to the president.
- A type of museum.
- A hole-in-one.
- To cheat or swindle.
- A monotonous, rhythmic call.
- To show how to do something.
- A large, flightless bird.

Answers: 1. Soup. 2. Toga. 3. Usher. 4. Veep. 5. Wax. 6. Ace. 7. Bilk. 8. Chant. 9. Demo. 10. Emu.

Kids' Maze

Answers:

1. Kennel, Kennel
2. Caper, Caper
3. String, Strong
4. Humor, Humor
5. Puller, Pellet
6. Braid, Brain
7. Father, Lather
8. Lease, Leash
9. Lumber, Limber
10. Badge, Barge

Even Exchange

Answers: 1. BOA (in place). 2. Has tusks. 3. To brag. 4. A straw hat. 5. Summer sport. 6. Type of house.

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Cody Stephens passed away napping in his father's bedroom chair after a workout in preparation for playing college football at Tarleton State University on May 6, 2012. His father then learned that his son had passed from Sudden Cardiac Arrest, a condition that shows no outward signs but can be identified by the new, compact EKG machines in a scan. Annually, somewhere in Texas a young athlete's heart would quit and another parent would have to go through the father's grief.
The small business owner thought it a horrible

waste that in the country where all have the "right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," that only a 202 year old medical device, the stethoscopes, is used to find heart abnormalities in starting out athletes when medicine has been moving on to new developments exponentially to prevent sudden death.

Scott Stephens and his wife, Melody, put together the Cody Stephens Go Big Or Go Home Memorial Foundation and have scanned about 100,000 hearts in Texas, finding some 2,000 have a medical issue they need to know about and 110 need immediate medical intervention.

They have paired with national concerns like parentheartwatch.org and Scott became President. So, last year the scanners that were actually doing most of the scanning were brought into the Foundation and a new level of concentration was achieved.

According to Stephens, about \$225,000 was the gross from Saturday. "Melody and I are very humbled and appreciative of the money given to the Foundation last night. We will be able to spread the mission of screening young hearts throughout Texas this school year."



Flags of Texas made such an interesting display during the GBOGH Fundraiser that Scott Stephens bought the display in contest with others during the live auction conducted by Bill Busby and Ricky Loggins for his office.

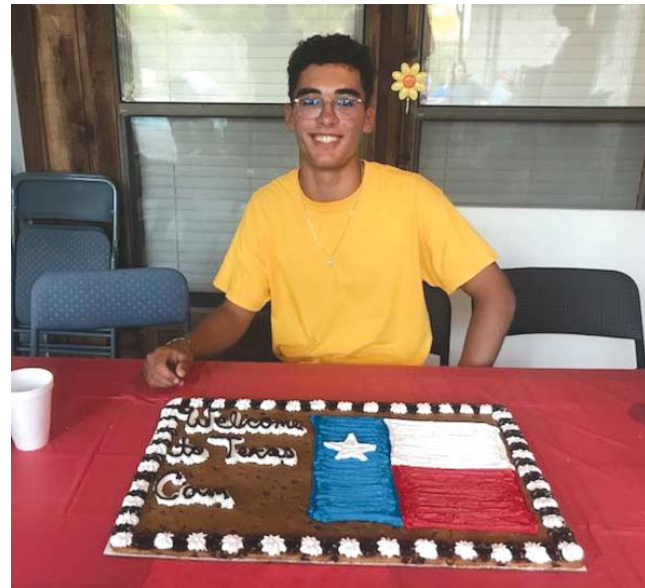


Chase Garrison, above, was one of the youths that benefitted from screening this year. At right of him is Sherri and Al Juniel, founders of the Cameron Juniel Project. They too are supporting EKG screening for all first time athletes. They lost their son as he played basketball though he looked perfectly healthy.

Highlands Rotary Club hosts Foreign Exchange Student from France



HIGHLANDS ROTARIANS are pictured at a welcoming party last week, for the Foreign Exchange Student from France that they are hosting for the next year. Camille Bonnefon, in yellow shirt at center, will stay with Weston & Delene Cotten, and later Bryan & Chrissa Teel. Also pictured are club president Denise Smith, and Andy & Patricia Scott.



'WELCOME TO TEXAS, CAM' says this beautiful cake, the centerpiece of the welcoming party for Camille Bonnefon last week.

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