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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

THUR., JAN. 10 HIGHLANDS CHAMBER LUNCHEON

Annual Meeting and January Luncheon, 11:30AM at San Jacinto Community Center, 604 Highlands Wood Drive. They will be accepting nominations and voting for the board of directors. Join them to hear from Bay Area Homeless Services.

THUR., JAN. 17 CROSBY CHAMBER JANUARY LUNCHEON

The luncheon will take place on Thursday, January 17th, at Stonebridge in Newport. The address is 16401 Country Club Dr. in Crosby. Lunch will begin at 11:30am. Please RSVP by January 15th. Via phone at 281-328-6984 or email chamber@crobyhuffmancc.org

SAT., FEB. 2 BRAS FOR THE CAUSE

A fundraiser for breast cancer patients, to be held at the Southern Lakes Estate in Crosby.

BIRTHDAYS

Jan 10—William H. Smith
Tristan Brumfield
Jan 11—Tracey Browder
Elizabeth Bulanek
Jan 12—Dick Emery
Veronica Henry
Jan 13—Hunter Bradford
Antonio Hernandez
Jan 14—Harold Havard
Haley Bradford
Jan 15—JoAnn Johnson
Jan 16—Connie Williams
Aleta Bennett
James Dammon
Patsy Dammon

ANNIVERSARIES

Jan 11—C.J. & Retha
Meineke
Jan 12—Troy & MaryAnn
McCarty
Jan 14—Mr. & Mrs.
Connie Clark
John & Verna Lee
Shipp
Jan 15—Lee Roy & Lydia
Moore

DEATHS

John Hughes

Crosby EMS's life saving recognized



Recognition for fighting for life, CPR Save Award winners went to Christy Graves, Hernando Andrada, and Theresa Aldy. The HCESD#5 Awards Banquette was held in Kemah on Jan.5 in celebration of a successful year.

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Moving forth, Davis greets Crosby folks



Crosby ISD Superintendent Scott Davis shares his philosophy and evaluations of the strengths and perils of the Crosby District on the high school auditorium stage with seven new, donated Magnolia trees for seven campuses as backdrop.

CROSBY – Monday night about 75 people heard Superintendent Scott Davis present an oration concerning his views on the community and education with blessed assurance of “the worst of the financial exigency is over.”

On a backdrop of seven new Magnolia trees that were donated to the school Scott Davis used to illustrate the potential blooming of the seven campuses of Crosby ISD.

It must have been a long school day for the latest Superintendent nothing is harder than moving and the administrative offices are still relocating to office spaces at the High School and the Crosby ISD Operations Center. The Runneburg Admin. Building is now in need of structural repairs that are

simply not feasible at this time. A plan to relocate our staff from our current administration building to offices in other buildings with minimal cost implications is in effect. The old Admin. Building was to be a in district discipline school per the last bond.

Attendees of the convocation learned that Scott Davis has an extensive educational background and that he believes that he is now where he is supposed to be.

He admires Crosby's dedication to good manners. He believes that the character shown by this community is one of the reasons that Crosby is already starting to overcome the financial challenges he discovered upon arrival.

The work ethic of Crosby-Barrett Station he sees as starting in the home. He

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Considering Weight Loss Surgery?

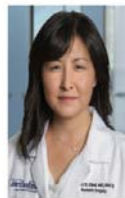
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- What are the common types of surgery?
- How do I know if I'm ready?



Laura Choi, MD, FACS
Bariatric Surgeon



Kendall Sowards, MD
Bariatric Surgeon

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Huffman shorts shoddy, late work

HUFFMAN – The local school district entered a contract to have its new elementary school finished this past July. As the project stands today with half a school year gone by, an incomplete building with what the administration believes are serious construction defects is all Huffman ISD finds for the contract.

The public first became aware of the controversy and issues when contractors complained that they were owed over \$4,000,000 for the contract work. A lawsuit has now been joined and District indicated it was disappointed that Paradigm

chose this step, and the District disputes the allegations contained in the lawsuit.

Like many small districts, Huffman ISD hired an owner's representative with construction expertise to protect the school district on building projects. The job of actually building Falcon Ridge Elementary School was given to the contractor, Paradigm. Huffman ISD intends to hold Paradigm to the contract the parties entered.

In late January 2018, many months after Hurricane Harvey, Paradigm

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CROSBY RESIDENT CLAIMS \$1 MILLION SCRATCH TICKET PRIZE

(AUSTIN) – A Crosby resident claimed a top prizewinning ticket worth \$1 million in the Texas Lottery® scratch ticket game, Millionaire Club. The ticket was purchased at Kroger 318, located at 19300 W. Lake Houston Parkway, in Humble. The claimant elected to remain anonymous.

This was the second of five top prizes worth \$1 million to be claimed in this game. Millionaire Club offers more than \$70 million in total prizes. Overall odds of winning any prize in the game are one in 3.39, including break-even prizes.

About the Texas Lottery Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$28 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$58 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$22 billion to the Foundation School Fund, which supports public education in Texas. As authorized by the Texas Legislature, certain Texas Lottery revenues benefit state programs including the Fund for Veterans' Assistance. Since the first veterans' themed scratch

ticket game was launched in 2009, the Texas Lottery has contributed more than \$103 million for programs supporting Texas veterans.

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Garcia brings 35 years of experience in public service to Precinct 2

HARRIS COUNTY, TX – January 1st – Former County Sheriff Adrian Garcia took the oath of office to become Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner, bringing 35 years of experience in public service.



Commissioner Adrian Garcia takes Oath in Harris County

"It is the honor of a lifetime to serve the people of Precinct 2 as County Commissioner," said Garcia. "I am deeply grateful to the voters, volunteers and my family for their support of my commitment to public service."

Commissioner Adrian Garcia is committed to fulfilling his promise to voters: making education a priority in county government and connecting Precinct 2 residents to opportunities in the region, while tackling some of our biggest challenges.

"The campaign is over and it's time for all of us to come together, roll up our sleeves and begin the hard work improving our communities. We're already off

to a great start – because Precinct 2 is blessed with the most humble and hard-working people I know," said Commissioner Garcia. Commissioner Garcia will work to adopt equitable and environmentally sound solutions to infrastructure and flood control – and to provide quality and accessible services and programs to help Precinct 2 residents get family-sustaining jobs.

Commissioner Garcia's commitment to public service began as a Houston Police officer. In 1994, he

was appointed by Mayor Lee Brown as Director of the Mayor's Anti-Gang Office and in 2003, was elected to Houston City Council. With the support of his peers on City Council, he would be confirmed as Mayor Pro-Tem by Mayor Bill White. In 2008, Commissioner-Elect Garcia continued his service by being elected to the office of Harris County Sheriff – the largest sheriff's office in Texas and the 3rd largest in the United States. Experiences that will serve him well as County Commissioner.

Precinct 2 is home for the Commissioner who was born and raised in the Northside and still lives there today with his wife and where they raised their daughter.

"Serving as County Commissioner for Precinct 2 is a dream come true. I'll work hard every day to live up to my dad's example and adhere to his words of wisdom while protecting the trust placed in me by the voters," said Commissioner Garcia.

Highlands Chamber of Commerce Community Awards

The Highlands-Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce will host the Annual Community Awards and Directors' Installation Banquet on February 21, 2019, at Monument Inn. We will present awards to

community members who have made a positive impact in 2018 and install the new board of directors. Have you ever wanted to make a difference and serve this community? Sponsorship of the

Awards banquet is vital to the recognition of these community servants! For information on sponsoring the banquet and awards, please contact the chamber office at 281-426-7227 or Highlandschamber@verizon.net

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ROUND-UP

Programs at Sam & Carmena Goss Library

These are the events taking place at the Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch Library:

- Tuesday, January 15, 10:00 - Baby and Me (Ages 0-24 mos.)

- Thursday, January 17, 5:00 - Adult Book club

- Friday, January 18, 10:30 - Story time (Ages 0-5 yrs.)

Call Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Library, Mont Belvieu at 281-576-2245 with any questions.

Full Moon Hike

Join Baytown Nature Center, 6213 Bayway Drive, Baytown, on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. This monthly 90 minutes hike begins just after sunset. Hikers are asked to wear comfortable clothing. Small children should not attend since hikers have a better view in nocturnal animals in a relatively quiet atmosphere. Routes and start times vary monthly. Meet at the Visitor's Center unless otherwise stated. Hikers are weather permitting and free with general admission.

Winter Gator Tales

The Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Education and Recreation Center in Baytown is hosting a series of Pre-school programs for ages 3-5 every Wednesday from 10 am to 11 am as follows:

- January 16, Feathers, Beaks and Eggs.
- January 23, Scales and Shells
- January 30, Frogs and Toads
- February 6, Animal Tails
- February 13, Bee My Valentine
- February 20, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

The center is located at 1724 Market Street.

Residents oppose disposal of dredge material in Beach City neighborhood

Sediment is from area near Superfund Toxic Waste Pits

By Gilbert Hoffman

HIGHLANDS - About 100 persons attended a meeting of the San Jacinto River Coalition last Monday night, to hear about developments in the process to remove the toxic material from the San Jacinto River Waste Pits, known as a Superfund Site, and especially to learn about a new proposal to dredge material from this Superfund river area, and deposit it in a 3.5 acre site on McCollum Road in Beach City.

This proposed dredging is a new and surprising development related to the Superfund Site, according to THEA president and environmental activist Jackie Young. Young's THEA group is Texas Health and Environment Alliance, an award winning organization.

About half of the audience was from Beach City, and the others from Channelview and Highlands. There was a strong sentiment expressed about the threat to the environment, both in the San Jacinto River wetland areas next to the waste pits, and in the landfill proposed in Beach City. The 3.5 acre disposal site, purchased recently by a group known



BEACH CITY MAYOR Jackey Lasater comments on the proposed landfill at a Highlands Superfund meeting Monday.

as Holtmar Land LLC, is next to the McCollum County Park, and close to a new residential neighborhood on McCollum Park Road.

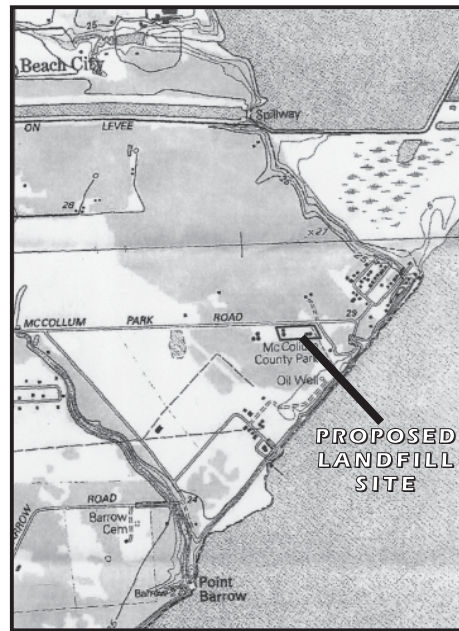
This proposed dredging is to make room for a barge terminal on the shore near Riverside Inn on River Road, an area known in Channelview as the River Bottom. Property owners in the immediate vicinity received a notice from the Army Corps of Engineers that the dredging would take place, and gave them 15 days to comment.

However, Beach City and THEA representatives contacted the office of Congressman Brian Babin, and asked for help in changing the permit application from a "Letter of Permission" to a full environmen-

tal review, with required sampling of the sediment prior to excavation. However, even if the dredge material is found to be non-hazardous, Beach City residents point out that the fill would be 6 feet deep, and allow water run-off to enter their neighborhoods.

In the letter that THEA sent to Congressman Babin, they made the following points:

- The proposed dredging would remove 30,000+ cubic yards of valuable wetlands from the Channelview area. This area is historically prone to flooding.
- The area proposed to be dredged is also within the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site area of concern. We need more information on this material and the testing protocols if the permit were granted.
- The material would be transported to Beach City via barge then trucks to the tract of land adjacent



to McCollum Park. If the material contains contaminants, potential accidents along this route is of concern.

- The material is proposed to fill the tract of land roughly 6 feet deep. How will this affect local flooding? Beach City is prone to floods and hurricanes, there's a high

probability this material would be transported off site by natural processes. Mayor Lasater is planning a series of public meetings, to update the community and hear their opinions. The first meeting was Wednesday, Jan. 8th, and the next meeting will be Jan. 21st at the Beach City Community Building.

Pilot Club of Baytown supports local organizations

Baytown Blue Santa is a 501(c)(3) Non-profit program organized by officers and detectives from the Baytown Police Department with support from the Baytown Municipal Police Association. Each year, Baytown Blue Santa provides children of needy families with wrapped Christmas gifts and other needed household items, so that the children in these families can experience the magic and joy of the Christmas season.

Baytown Blue Santa has been providing families of Baytown with assistance since the 1970's. This would not be possible without the support and donations from the local community and businesses each year. The Baytown Blue Santa program accepts applications for assistance starting in November. The number of families that can be helped depends on the number of donations and contributions the program receives from its donors.

The Pilot Club of Baytown is a Texas district service club of Pilot International; an organization with a mission to serve through charitable, educational and research programs around the world. One of Pilots focus is on protecting the brain. For more about Pilot Club of Baytown, or for joining Pilot as a volunteer, call 281-424-7838, www.pilotclubofbaytown.org



Pilot Club donates to Blue Santa Program

Pilot Club of Baytown donated 50 bicycle safety helmets to the Blue Santa program. Pictured are Pilot Area Leader, Allene DonCarlos, Nathan Gallop, President of the Blue Santa program and Carolyn Parrish, also of the Pilot Club.



Pilot Club donates to Chinquapin

Pilot Club of Baytown makes a donation to Chinquapin Preparatory School. Pictured are Laura Higgs, Chinquapin Preparatory School Director of Development; Jeannine Harris, Pilot Club Education Area member; Jenice Coffey, Pilot Club Education Co-Area Leader; Dr. Laura Henry, Chinquapin Preparatory School Director; and Susan Moore-Fontenot, Pilot Club Education Co-Area Leader.

Chinquapin Prep has provided economically disadvantaged youth from the Houston area with the opportunity for a better future through education. "Chinquapin's mission is to provide a high quality college-preparatory education to able and motivated youth from low-income families in the Greater Houston area. Through rigorous curriculum and an emphasis on community service and earning what one receives, the aim is to produce responsible, well-educated citizens who will become constructive leaders in their communities."



Pilot Club of Baytown Makes Donation to Lifeline

Pilot Club of Baytown Makes Donation to Lifeline - Pictured are Pilot members, Carolyn Parrish, Helen Gerlich, Gay Riggs and Sarah Bob Taylor. Helen and Sarah Bob are also on the Lifeline Board.

In 1982, the Pilot Club of Baytown and the Evening Pilot Club of Baytown recognized the need for home emergency communications in our community and together formed the Lifeline Systems of Baytown, Inc., a non-profit organization. Lifeline is a communications device to be worn on the wrist or around the neck for living securely and confidently in the home. The personal help button is waterproof, can even be worn in the shower. It is the leading personal response service, still today, that ensures prompt caring help is available at the press of a button 24 hours a day - 365 days a year.

A press of the button signals Lifeline, who in

turn gets help quickly in the case of a fall or urgent illness. Lifeline's personal response service also allows the phone to be answered from any room in the home simply by pressing the button. There is also an option for reminders to manage medications. Pilot volunteers go to the homes to install the units and instruct use of the equipment as well as handle the billing. Units can be placed in our community in areas within a 15 mile radius of San Jacinto Hospital. For more information about Lifeline assistance in our community, telephone Pilot Club Lifeline Systems at 281-428-3359 or visit www.lifelinesystems.com.

Kernels about pecan trees

By Lynette Parsons

The pecan is the Texas state tree, being native to about 150 counties and capable of growing and producing in all Texas counties. The tree is popular for landscaping and as a source of nuts. Proper attention to cultural requirements and pest control will help to assure a long and productive life for home pecan trees.

Soil and Site Requirements

Pecans are native to river and creek bottoms, the soils of which are deep, fertile and well-drained and have substantial water-holding capacity. Pecans require at least 3 feet of well-drained soil above the minimum depth of the water table to develop a strong root system. Pecans planted on shallow soils having poor internal drainage never develop into large, productive trees.

There is not enough space in this article to provide all the wonderful information available on pecan growth; excerpts have been reprinted here, but there are three excellent sources for complete discussion. Two are from Texas A&M and one is from University of Missouri Extension. They can be found online.

"Home Fruit Production - Pecans", by John A. Lipe, Larry Stein, George Ray McEachern, John Bagnaud and Sammy Helmers, Extension Horticulturists.

"Homeowner's Fruit and Nut Spray Schedule", by Jerral D. Johnson, George Phillely, James V. Robinson and George Ray McEachern, Extension Horticulturists.

"Pecan Pest Management: Insects and Diseases", by George S. Smith and Maureen H. O'Day, Department of Entomology, University of Missouri, with William Reid, Kansas State University.

Fertilization of young trees - Nitrogen is necessary for rapid tree growth and is the only soil-applied nutrient that most pecan trees ever need. It is important to apply nitrogen in frequent small amounts during the first few years.

Freeze damage is very common on young pecan trees fertilized after the month of June, so do not fertilize after this date.

Mature Trees - Nitrogen

Apply 1 pound (2 cups) of 21-0-0 or 33-0-0 for each inch of trunk diameter in late March before bud break. If the tree produces a very heavy nut set in May, make a second application in late May or early June. Apply the fertilizer broadcast on the surface starting 3 to 5 feet from the trunk and extending out a few feet past the tree canopy. Water the fertilizer into the soil promptly.

Zinc - Frequent zinc sprays are essential for rapid tree growth. Trees deficient in zinc usually have small, weak leaves, highly branched (rosetted) twigs at shoot tips and, in severe cases, dieback of twigs and branches.

During the first 7 years, trees grow best if foliar sprays of zinc are applied at least every 2 weeks throughout the growing season of April through early August. If the trees are not growing, reduce the spray frequency. Spray mature trees with zinc at least three times between bud break in late March or early April and early June.

Irrigation - Irrigation is essential for survival and rapid growth of young trees and for consistent production of quality nuts on bearing trees. Each irrigation should be sufficient to thoroughly soak the soil. Water regularly from mid-March through September. Ideally, water at least weekly, especially in mid-summer. Apply at least 1 inch of water each irrigation. The water needs of trees will vary from 1 inch per week in the spring to more than 2 inches per week in mid-summer. If lawn grasses are under the trees competing for water, apply additional water to compensate.

Do not reduce late summer watering on bearing trees that are maturing a full crop until after shuck split. Water every 6 to 7 weeks in the fall and winter, if rainfall is short, to avoid root stress or freeze damage.

The root system of a pecan tree is at least two times the width of the tree canopy. Water the entire root soil area to stimulate maximum growth and production. Drip and microsprinkler irrigation systems can be used to deliver water efficiently, but use sufficient drip emitters or sprinklers to provide water to at least 50 percent of the soil root area under each tree. Drip systems that water only a small percentage of the root area are inadequate during droughts.

Insect issues - Here's a short list of problems with nuts resulting from insect or fungal issues. Shucks won't open, small white worms tunneling in shucks = Hickory shuckworm. Round, 1/8" diameter hole in the shell = Pecan weevils. Black spots on kernels = Stinkbug damage. "Stick-tights" (shuck adheres to nut shell) = Pecan scab. Premature nut drop = Pecan nut casebearer. Kernels poorly filled = Hickory shuckworm.

Environmental issues - Premature nut drop = Poor pollination, drought stress. Shriveled kernels = Drought and heat stress in September and October. Kernels poorly filled = Crowded or old trees, shallow soil, late summer drought stress, or poor nutrition.



Texas Legislature to convene with list of big issues to tackle

AUSTIN — The 86th Texas Legislature convenes Jan. 8 as the partial shutdown of the federal government that began Dec. 22 enters a third week.

As always, lawmakers' priorities will be the writing of a two-year state budget and deciding how to fund it. In the 140 days of the regular session, they also will consider public education funding, property tax reform, health care, public safety, transportation, water and a host of other issues.

After the oath of office administered by Texas' new Secretary of State David Whitley, the first order of business for the 150-member Texas House of Representatives will be to elect a new speaker to succeed Joe Straus, the San Antonio Republican who presided over the body for five consecutive two-year terms. In the fall, Rep. Dennis Bonnen, R-Angleton, eventually secured more than 76 pledges from fellow House members, the minimum number needed to win the race for speaker. Other House members who declared their candidacy for the office and later withdrew include Republicans John Zerwas of Richmond, Drew Darby of San Angelo, Travis Clardy of Nacogdoches, Phil King of Weatherford, Walter T. "Four" Price IV of Amarillo, Tan Parker of Flower Mound and Democrat Eric Johnson of Dallas.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, won a second four-year term, and again will preside over the Texas Senate. The lieutenant governor and the speaker will choose committee chairs and committee members before

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

hearings commence and proposed legislation is heard.

Oldest WWII veteran dies

Richard A. Overton, America's oldest-living World War II veteran, died Dec. 27 in Austin. He was 112.

Born May 11, 1906, in Bastrop County, Overton lived in his home on Austin's Richard Overton Avenue, a street renamed in his honor on his 111th birthday. Overton enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1940 and served in the 188th Aviation Engineer Battalion, an all-black unit operating on various Pacific islands, including Hawaii, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Palau and Guam. He mustered out of the service in 1945.

Services with full military honors and burial are set for Jan. 12 in the Texas State Cemetery in Austin. "Richard Overton is an American icon and a Texas legend," Gov. Greg Abbott said on Dec. 28. "With his quick wit and kind spirit he touched the lives of so many and I am deeply honored to have known him. Richard Overton made us proud to be Texans and proud to be Americans. We can never repay Richard Overton for his service to our nation and for his lasting impact on the Lone Star State. On behalf of Texas, Cecilia and I offer our thoughts and prayers to his family and friends."

Founder of airline dies

Herb Kelleher, chairman emeritus of Dallas-based Southwest Airlines, died Jan. 3. He was 87.

The New Jersey native arrived in Texas in 1967 to open a law practice. With

client and business partner Rollin King, Kelleher incorporated Air Southwest Co., later named Southwest Airlines.

In June 1971, the fledgling carrier opened gates at Love Field in Dallas and began service to Houston and San Antonio. The airline, with its fleet of Boeing 737 aircraft, grew to be a major carrier with destinations from coast to coast and in other countries.

Tax collections increase

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Jan. 3 said state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.87 billion in December, an amount 4.7 percent more than collected in December 2017.

"Growth in state sales tax revenue continues to be led by remittances from oil and gas-related sectors," Hegar said. "The year-over-year rate of growth has moderated, as expected, due to strong collections from a year ago, as well as the decline in the price of crude oil."

Also, Hegar said, total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in December 2018 was up 6.5 percent compared to the same period a year ago.

In the month of December, the comptroller's office reported the following revenue from other major taxes:

— Motor vehicle sales and rental taxes: \$395.9 million, down 4.5 percent from December 2017;

— Motor fuel taxes: \$314.3 million, up 3.5 percent from December 2017; and

— Oil and natural gas production taxes: \$478.5 million, up 20.7 percent from December 2017.

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Southwest Shipyard, L.P., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to and renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 36241, which would authorize modification to and continued operation of a Barge Rail Surface Coating Facility located at 18310 Market Street, Channelview, Harris County, Texas 77530. Additional information concerning these applications is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

5 ways to raise a confident, adventurous child

(Family Features) From taking steps toward the stairs to learning that bubbles don't taste good, exploration is a part of development for babies and young children. While it's an exciting time, it also can be coupled with anxiety and hesitation as parents find themselves saying "no" or jumping in when baby discovers a new space.

An Open for Adventure survey from Babygenics found a majority of parents (69 percent) believe a child can learn to be more confident if he or she is allowed to explore freely as a baby. However, letting go doesn't always come naturally for parents.

Clinical health psychologist Dr. Bobbi Wegner encourages parents to be explorer parents, which focuses on raising resilient, confident and adventurous humans through challenge and discovery. She offers these tips for parents:

Aid in discovery. Encourage and applaud baby's healthy risk-taking, such as mastering a challenging stair climb or pushing through moments of frustration and failure. Additionally, create teachable moments that introduce your child to necessary limits. For example, if you have hot coffee in the morning and your little one wants to touch the mug, let him or her gently touch a warm area of the mug with a fingertip and repeat that the mug is "hot" to help encourage exploration and flex baby's senses.

Let baby be free. While you may think baby gadgets are necessary for playtime, consider rethinking those toys. Instead of searching for stimulation through lights and sounds from a toy, allow your baby to explore the natural environment. Look for opportunities that allow him or her to make a manageable mess and even get wet or dirty. This could be as simple as playing with a container filled with water or letting your baby pull up grass in the backyard. These small unstructured play adventures can help develop independence and confidence.

Engage the senses. Exposing your baby to new flavors and smells helps engage him or her on a multi-sensory level. For example, allowing your baby (at an appropriate age, typically between 4-7 months) to try new foods can provide a feeling of accomplishment while also exposing him or her to different textures and flavors. Encourage even more sensory exploration by allowing your baby to smell the food and even play with it using his or her fingers.

Provide early exposure to new places. Bringing baby along to restaurants and other public spaces allows for positive exposure to new places, people and sounds, which can help build the immune system, encourage social interaction and support development. While letting a child explore in a public setting like an airport or train station can make many parents anxious, carrying products such as Babygenics Alcohol-Free Hand Sanitizing Wipes can help ease parents' apprehension and keep little hands germ-free while on the go.

Wait a moment. It's common for parents to intervene the moment baby awakes from a nap or starts moving toward the stairs. Try pausing, allowing your little one to naturally find his or her limits while managing your own fears and worries. This tactic can allow your young explorer an opportunity for cognitive and social-emotional development with you as a safety net nearby. "Parents often look to their own internal response to guide parenting: 'If I am worried then it must be dangerous, and I should not allow my baby to do it,'" Wegner said. "When in fact, parents should prioritize their baby's exploration and needs to provide learning opportunities rather than allowing their own anxieties to impede their children."

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★ LIFESTYLE PAGE ★

Harris County Judge Hidalgo kicks off historic term with community-wide engagement initiative

Harris County, TX - After her historic inauguration with more than 2,200 attendees, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo announced that she is launching a new civic engagement program designed to help shape the first year of her administration.

Judge Hidalgo capped her inauguration remarks with an emphasis on opening the doors of County government at a public ceremony celebrating 81 newly elected Harris County officials. She highlighted the need for elected officials to "proactively inform our community about County government, and bring lessons from our community and from thought leaders into our policy agenda."

Judge Hidalgo's initiative, Talking Transition: Harris County, will provide a forum for residents to discuss the issues that matter most to them, learn about County government, and weigh in on pressing public policy matters.

The first program of its kind in Harris County, Talking Transition will allow Judge Hidalgo and her team to obtain a qualitative and quantitative analysis of the issues and ideas that most impact County residents, as they work to shape their agenda.

"Throughout my campaign, I pledged to increase transparency and accountability in Harris County government. Too few residents know how County government works and how to engage with it," said Judge Lina Hidalgo. "For me, public service means ensuring that our most vulnerable residents have the same voice in our local government as the most powerful among us."

Talking Transition: Harris County is expected to be the largest civic engagement program in the South. It is modeled after similar



Harris County Judge Hidalgo

programs in New York and Washington, D.C., and made possible by the Houston Endowment and the Ford Foundation.

"Houston Endowment recognizes the value of community voice in good governance," said Ann Stern, president and CEO of Houston Endowment. "By ensuring all voices are heard, we can continue to enhance our region's assets, achieve equitable outcomes, and resolve issues that are important to the residents of Harris County."

Talking Transition will address seven public policy areas - education, housing, transportation, resiliency,

health, justice, and economic opportunity - through a series of public events across the County. The initiative includes a variety of ways for Harris County residents to interact with and learn more about their local government. The core components include:

Transparency Project: Announcements throughout the County will provide easily-digestible information about how County government works and eye-opening statistics intended to motivate residents to learn more.

Civic Saturdays: Offered at seven locations around Harris County, Civic Saturdays are a series of full-day public events happening on consecutive Saturdays:

- **Civic School:** Features classroom-style lessons for Harris County residents to learn about how County government works.

- **Town Halls:** A large gathering organized around a specific policy area that will give residents a chance to share new ideas for improving their communities and to hear from others.

- **Action Plan Workshops:** Smaller working groups for people who have devoted time to specific issues to focus on how to best realize community-driven ideas through County government.

Survey: Teams of canvassers will be spread throughout the County to ask residents about what needs to be improved among County services, what would help them engage more with County government, and what needs to be prioritized when it comes to prioritizing the County budget. The survey will also be available both online and at each Civic Saturday.

All Talking Transitions events are free and open to the public. A full schedule of activities will become available online at www.talkingtransition.us.

★ OBITUARIES ★

John Hughes



John Hughes, 72, went to be with the Lord at 2:10pm on January 2, 2019. He was born in Goose Creek, Texas, on October 16, 1946. He was the oldest of five children born to James John Hughes, Jr. and Bonnie Rose Compton Hughes. He was raised on Jones Road in Highlands. He was a graduate of Robert E Lee, Lee College and attended University of Houston. John started his years as a fireman at Highlands Volunteer working with his dad. He held many positions during his service. HE was honored for 50 years of service in September of 2015. He joined the City of Baytown on October 1, 1970 as First Firefighter hired - before that you were hired as a Driver Trainee. He moved up ranks and retired April 30, 2006 as Lieutenant. John enjoyed woodworking, and was an avid reader. He collected books and comic books for many years. He loved cats and had several over the years. John will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Sue Hughes Franta; and his former wife, Glenda Hughes.

John is survived by his wife, Ruth Byford Hughes; his sister, Becky and Steve Barnett; his brothers, Richard and Jean Hughes, Dr. James and De Hughes; his aunt, Florence Compton; uncle, Billy and Dorothy Compton survive

John. He is also survived by his daughters, Katrina Williams and Michal Hughes; and grandchildren, Madison and Blayne Williams, and Lyric and Ava Vera. He is survived by nieces and nephews.

A special Thank You to Harbor Hospice - especially Terry and Donna. His former coworkers and firefighters will serve as pallbearers.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Saturday, January 5, 2019 from 10:00am to 11:00am at Sterling-White Funeral Home. Funeral services will begin at 11:00am. Arrangements have been entrusted to Sterling White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd., Highlands, Texas 77562. To send the family condolences please visit www.sterlingwhite.com.

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Northside Baptist Billboard in Highlands

Northside Baptist Church of Highlands has placed a billboard in Highlands proclaiming salvation through Jesus Christ.

The Billboard reads: Forgiveness, Hope, Eternal Life - Are Found in Jesus Christ. Northside Baptist

Church of Highlands, nsbhighlands.org.

The Billboard also has the SBC logo of the Cross, the World, and the Bible.

The Billboard faces North and is located on Main Street (FM 2100), close to Battlebell. It can

be easily seen from the front parking lot of Woodcroft National Bank.

This is part of an outreach by Northside that also includes mailing postcards to all residents of Highlands (77562) that include the biblical "Plan of

Salvation" and forgiveness through Jesus. For more information see the Link on "Salvation" at nsbhighlands.org. As always, Northside invites everyone to join them for singing and worship each Sunday at 11am and 6pm.

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2. The villains, Sanballat and Geshem, are mentioned in only which book (KJV)? 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, 2 John
3. From Ephesians 5, what did Paul recommend as a substitute for wine? Water, Laughter, Love, Holy Spirit
4. Who condemns drinkers who start early in the morning? Job, Isaiah, Ruth, Esther
5. From 1 Kings 10:26, which king had 1,400 chariots and 12,000 horsemen?

David, Jehoash, Solomon, Neco
6. According to many, who wrote the book of Revelation? John, Jude, Matthew, Peter

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Nehemiah; 3) Holy Spirit; 4) Isaiah (5:11); 5) Solomon; 6) John (the Revelator)

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

★ ASK THE EXPERTS ★

Huffman Schools,

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made a written request for a weather delay of about one week, less than four days of which were attributed to the hurricane. While Paradigm was allowed to claim numerous rain delays throughout the project as set forth in the contract, the District declined this request in keeping with the advice of the project architect. The request was not made in a timely manner in accordance with the contract.

More importantly, Huffman ISD believes that the July 2018 completion date could still be met by Paradigm properly managing and staffing the project and that Harvey related weather delays during the early stage of the project were

not cause for pushing back the school's opening.

"It is clear now that Paradigm would not have finished on time even with the requested weather delay. In truth, the project was not even close to being finished by the contractual completion date. More than just having an incomplete building, the District believes it now must remediate significant construction defects unrelated to the project's schedule," said Shirley Dupree of Huffman ISD.

The District is still in the process of investigating the nature and extent of the problems, but they are working hard every day to minimize any issues that may be impacting the school's

programs. We appreciate the dedication of the school's staff and teachers as they strive to make the school year as seamless as possible for students and parents. The District is especially committed to ensuring that the school offers a safe and healthy environment for students and employees.

Huffman ISD insists it will never take shortcuts on student safety. Whenever safety concerns have arisen, they have responded quickly. It may take some time, but the District is intent on completing the project and giving the Huffman community the state-of-the-art facility we promised.

Crosby ISD Convocation,

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admires that parents expect their children to give all that they have got to their pursuit of education.

He believes in hope therefore education. He indicates he cannot lead the district by walking backwards and has determined to fix problems that required him to do drastic cuts last Fall to save the district. And he expressed the pain caused by having to go through those changes.

He harkened back to the Bible versus of Joshua and remembrance that God brings us through and confesses that this is the



source of his strength to accomplish. And we learn that he is the son of a Baptist Minister.

He never wants anyone to forget what the district has been through and he wants to remember how the district recovered.

The main theme of his speech was to keep pressing forward.

A former Crosby superintendent, Ronald Davenport would say, "For those who missed the Community Convocation, you missed a very positive motivational opportunity to hear from our superintendent! Very uplifting. Some information some of you may not know: CISD has had a 3% increase in enrollment even with all the negativity about the community. People want to be a part of a community where their children can get a good education. Dr. Davis is making sure we have not big gotten buried by our past and is pushing forward. I don't know about you, but I am proud to live in Crosby and a part of a successful community that refuses

to drown. A true champion doesn't drown by falling in water, they drown when they don't get back up. Our superintendent spoke to the teachers today and explained to them their salaries will be frozen for a year but the education of the children will not suffer; that is paramount in his vision."

"He said he and the administrators have had to make adjustments in how the money is spent to provide what the students need, but it has been accomplished through consistency and perseverance, plus the character and trust and honest commitment that has been shown to his leadership. As I have said from the beginning, Dr. Davis was sent here by the Lord to do what needed to be done. He admitted he has spent time in tears, deep sadness, even anger at the situation this community was left in and had to face. Let's stop any negativity and get behind him as he leads us out of a difficult situation back into where we deserve to be.

Paramedics in Crosby,

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Harris County ESD Board of Commissioners with newly promoted Captains (front) and Director of Emergency Medical Services for HCESD#5 the ambulance service of Crosby. John Strawbridge-President, Luther Brady- Vice President, Sharon Cotton- Treasurer, Larry Hall- Secretary, Missing from Photo Margaret Yellot- Assit. Secretary, Director of EMS- Christy Graves, Captain-Karen Elkins, Captain- Hernando Andrada, Captain- Gerardo Gonzalez



Citizens of the Year Warren and Cheryl Scherer, yearly donate for food, toys and clothing to those in need as found by Crosby's Emergency Medical Service providers at HCESD#5. In 2018 Harris County ESD 5 received a total of 3,321 calls for assistance by 911. Of these calls 23 were cardiac arrest, 42 deaths, 46 Life Flights, 1,901 Transports. This is a 12% increase and has been steady. As a result we have promoted 3 Captains to help oversee on-scene response operations. This will also help us reduce delays by providing a consistent first response program with senior paramedics.

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT AMENDMENT AND RENEWAL

AIR QUALITY PERMIT NUMBER 36241

APPLICATION Southwest Shipyard, L.P., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to and renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 36241, which would authorize modifications to and continued operation of a Barge Rail Surface Coating Facility located at 18310 Market Street, Channelview, Harris County, Texas 77530. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.791666&lng=-95.065277&zoom=13&type=r>. The existing facility and/or related facilities will emit the following air contaminants: exempt solvents, hazardous air pollutants, organic compounds, and particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

The applications were submitted to the TCEQ on November 28, 2018. The permit renewal will be issued in conjunction with the amendment. This permitting action also includes the incorporation of changes in emission factors related to this permit. The reasons for any changes or incorporations, to the extent they are included in the renewed permit, may include the enhancement of operational control at the plant or enforceability of the permit. The applications will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, and the TCEQ Houston regional office, 5425 Polk Street, Suite H, Houston, Harris County, Texas beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Houston regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the applications are administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the applications.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the applications. **The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.**

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the applications. A public meeting about the applications will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the applications or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the applications, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the applications, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for these applications.

The executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the applications, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for these applications. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments. If a hearing request is timely filed in Response to this Notice of Application and Intent to Obtain Air Permit, the time period for requesting a contested case hearing will be extended to thirty days after the mailing of the executive director's response to comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following the Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the applications, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for these applications.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decisions on the applications. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues submitted by you or others during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing"; (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or an association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests which the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material air quality concerns submitted during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific applications mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Southwest Shipyard, L.P., 18310 Market Street, Channelview, Texas 77530-3858 or by calling Ms. Elizabeth Stanko, Project Manager, TRC Environmental Corporation, at (713) 244-1039.

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