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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

SAT., FEB. 9 VALENTINE'S GALA

Campaign Fundraiser for Sherman Eagleton Black Tie, Jeans and Boots dinner and presentations contact Ricky Larkin at 281-726-2842 for tickets, info.

MON., FEB. 11 TRAINING SOLUTIONS

Crosby Chamber presents a networking event, 10:30 am - 12 p.m., Crosby Community Center, 409 Hare Rd., call 281-328-6984 for more info.

TUE., FEB. 12 CANCER SEMINAR

Free Cancer Education Seminar at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital, 6-7 pm, 4021 Garth Rd., Conference Room, Baytown, TX 77521.

WED., FEB. 20 CROSBY CHAMBER ANNUAL AWARDS

Crosby-Huffman Chamber Annual Awards Banquet & Board Installation, Wednesday, February 20, 6:30 pm to 9 pm. Hilton Garden Inn Baytown, Tickets \$50/ person at chamber office 281-3286984.

BIRTHDAYS

- Feb 7-Chris Browder
- Feb 8-Leah Cathey Johange C. Highfield Jerry Hovater James Simpson
- Feb 9-Gerald D. Harris
- Feb 11-Carol Kelley Mary Mills Michael Parson Lanette Salters
- Feb 12-Shelby Hodges Lori Osterman Jed Riser Alania Kay Jones Ida Turley
- Feb 13-Lisa Brown Hannah Riser Tami Roe Christopher Salters

ANNIVERSARIES

- Feb 11-Keith & Becky Adams Howard & Patricia Brockinton
- Feb 12- Donnie & Elonda Cravatt

DEATHS

- Jimmy Wayne Flukinger Billy Gerald Russell

## Bras raises over \$200,000 for cancer fighters

The Crosby community once again showed up ready to support the Crosby Fair and Rodeo's TETWP event on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at Southern Lace Estates.

Preliminary reports show over \$200,000 was raised at the 8th annual Bras For The Cause. The committee chose a theme of "Together We Can Make a Difference" with all cancer recognized throughout the room with the different awareness cancer colors. The theme was continued by the BFC committee ladies who chose a colored scarf to represent a cancer that has touched their lives in some way, either through family, friends, etc.

100% of proceeds will benefit people in our community and surrounding areas that are fighting cancer.



Starring Row 1 Thomas Hotchkiss, Dustin Palmer, Trevor Larkin, Jeffrey Sparks, Teague Schexnayder, J.R. Towles, Jesse Sorrells, Justin Baptiste, David Mendez, Row 2 Peewee Farmer, Jacob Schexnayder, Adam Notgrass, Jay Beasley, Jeff Tarpinian, Justin Whittredge, Danon Ponder, John Henshaw, 3rd Row Aubrey Larkin, M.C. Charles Adams, Jason McWorter, and Kevin Rendon isn't pictured

See Bras for the Cause, Pages 7 & 8

## Frankie Brewer wins Rotary Chili Feast car

HIGHLANDS - Hundreds of enthusiastic local residents gathered last Saturday for the annual Rotary Club Chili Feast.

For the second year in a row, the winner of the new vehicle in the Chili Feast Raffle was a walk-in, buying their \$100 ticket at the door. Actually, Frankie Brewer and Gene Lenamond bought five tickets, and one of them turned out to be the lucky one.

The Rotary Club's 44th Annual Chili Feast was a great success, according to officials with the club. President-elect Sheila McDonald made a report to the club at their luncheon on Tuesday, reporting that the gross receipts for the event are in line with previous years, even though the attendance and ticket



WINNER OF THE NEW CAR in the Highlands Rotary Club Chili Feast Raffle was Frankie Brewer, center, with Gene Lenamond. Pictured with the winners are some of the Rotarians that helped with the Chili Feast. L to R, Teresa Martin, Tricia Scott, Denise Smith, Andy Scott, Sheila McDonald, Delana Matthews, Irene Adcox, and Charlie Ward.

sales were down slightly.

The club grossed about \$88,000, and netted about \$54,000, according to treasurer Tricia Scott. This money will be used throughout the year for local community projects and support for organizations, scholarships, and international aid projects.

McDonald was the chairman of the Chili Feast, which is put on with the help of the scouts, local interact clubs, and wives of the Rotarians.

Top ticket sellers again this year were Betty Brewer, Weston Cotten, Jerry Fallin, and Patricia Scott. Rick Loggins was the auctioneer for the Live Auction.

As the raffle drawing

See Chili Feast 2019, Page 6

## Crosby Coach named Basketball Coach of the Year



Lady Cougars Girls Basketball Coach, Michelle Trotter was named girls basketball coach of the year by the Southeast Texas Coaches Association.

## Crosby Kroger closing April 2



The bosses at Kroger decided to close this store on April 2, frequent shoppers have learned that the reason cited for the closure is that the maintenance of the store isn't cost effective. Employees hope to be picked up by other locations including Baytown, recently the Kroger on Aldine Bender was also closed.

CROSBY - A local mainstay is going away on April 2 and local reaction is that the move isn't an April fools joke.

The Kroger Store at 105 Kennings Rd. anchors a

shopping center central to Crosby. It is open from 6:00 a.m. until midnight.

It was hit hard by flood events. Management has now determined that the amount of money needed to upkeep vital elements like refrigeration make keeping the store open impractical.

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★ COMMUNITY NEWS ★

## Crosby ISD hit by virus

CROSBY – Everyone knows that the kids often cannot go to school because they have a virus but on Superbowl Sunday the local school district discovered it had an external network virus.

A virus that infiltrates a technology system and denies access to any technological systems including the school's telephone system and their computers.

It was discovered that this is a new type

of virus that once infected the writers of the ransom before the system is allowed to recover.

During the interim before this can be corrected, campus administrators relied on cell phones for emergency communications. Parents are advised if they need to get in contact with their child's school they should visit the campus front office. If their child has a teacher that

communicated through the Remind App they may communicate through the Application.

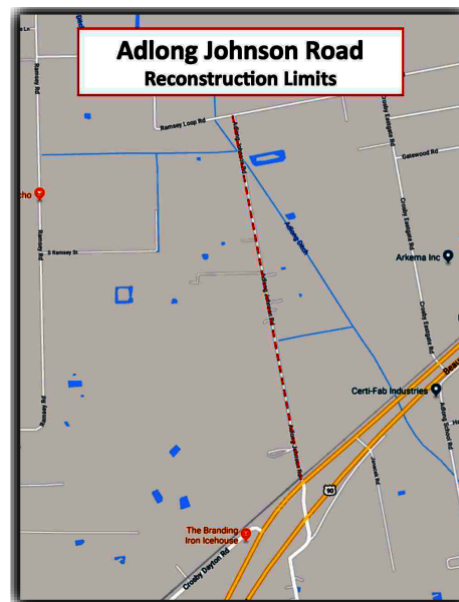
On Monday, Feb. 4, the school's telephone communications had been restored district wide at about 10:00 a.m. and the facebook communications was operating. The technology department however had not restored the district's web page as of press time on Tuesday.

## Precinct 2 begins Adlong Johnson Road reconstruction

CROSBY, TX – Commissioner Adrian Garcia has announced the start of construction on Adlong-Johnson Road for early February. The \$1.7 million project includes reconstructing the two-lane asphalt road to concrete from Highway 90 to Ramsey Loop, a nearly 1.5 mile stretch of roadway.

Construction will temporarily limit Adlong Johnson Road to a one-way street for traffic heading southbound. Traffic needing to travel northbound should utilize Crosby Eastgate Road. Another alternate route includes Crosby Dayton Road to access Ramsey Road. Drivers are reminded to travel through the work zone with caution. Roadwork is expected to be complete in the fourth of this year.

Be sure to visit [www.hcp2.com](http://www.hcp2.com) or like the "Harris County Precinct 2" Facebook page for more information on the Precinct.



## Harris County Public Health confirms three measles cases in Harris County

Health authorities recommends individuals to get protected through vaccination

HOUSTON - Harris County Public Health (HCPH) confirms three measles cases in Harris County. The patients, whose identities will remain confidential, are two boys (under the age of 2) and a 25 - 35 year-old woman. All three patients reside in northwest Harris County.

"Measles is a highly contagious respiratory disease caused by a virus, which spreads to others through coughing and sneezing," said Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH, Executive Director for HCPH. "However, it is easily preventable. Parents and caregivers have the power to protect their children and themselves from this disease by getting vaccinated."

The last confirmed report of a measles case in Harris County was by the City of Houston in 2018. This year, there are currently six confirmed reports of measles cases in the state of Texas.

Measles can be dangerous, especially for babies and young children. Measles is an airborne virus that lives in the nose and throat mucus of an infected person. It can spread to others through coughing and sneezing. Symptoms of measles are a high fever, runny nose, cough, red-watery eyes and sore throat that is followed by a rash breakout 3-5 days after symptoms begin.

Measles is highly contagious, and if one person has it, 9 out of 10 people around that person will also become infected if they're not yet vaccinated. About 1 out of 4 people who get measles will be hospitalized.

Measles is prevented through the combination MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that children get two doses in order to be fully protected:

- The first dose at 12 through 15 months of age
- The second dose at 4 through 6 years of age

The best way to protect yourself and your family against measles and other vaccine-preventable diseases is by immunization. HCPH encourages individuals to contact their health care provider if they show signs and symptoms of measles. For a list of recommended vaccines, please visit [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/) or speak to your health care provider.

## Hard Hat Tour aboard the Battleship TEXAS

Looking for something fun and different to do? Ever wonder what's behind all those locked doors aboard the Battleship TEXAS? Well look no more we have just the thing for you! First Texas Volunteers (FTV) in cooperation with Battleship Texas Foundation (BTF) and Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) will host a very special unique guided behind the scenes "Hard Hat Tour" aboard the ship, Saturday, February 16th, 2019.

For anyone wishing to attend this tour must be at

least 14 years of age and older. Participants need to bring a small pocket flashlight, wear comfortable clothes (you may get a little dirty), good walking shoes for climbing numerous stairs/ladders and a camera if you wish. Hard hats are provided, and water will be available along the tour route during breaks. Promptness is required, as start times are strictly observed.

This tour will last approximately (3 - ) hours and participants will be able to see areas of the ship rarely seen by the public. There are (five) tour times

to pick from: 8:30am - 9:15am - 10:00am - 12:00pm and 12:45pm. This tour is available via a minimum donation of \$50.00 per person. To make reservations please visit [www.eventbrite.com/o/battleship-texas-specialty-tours-and-events-8314623782](http://www.eventbrite.com/o/battleship-texas-specialty-tours-and-events-8314623782).

Come join us and see the ship like you have never seen her before and 100% of all monies raised goes to helping us to ensure that the last remaining dreadnought style ship, one of the most important cultural resources of this state, will be here for future generations to enjoy.



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## ROUND-UP

### LEGISLATION: Protecting handguns rights

SB 506 & HB 1177 protect citizens from being charged with a crime for carrying a handgun while evacuating from an area subject to a mandatory order issued during a declared state or local disaster, or while returning home.

Texans should be able to protect themselves and their loved ones, and to legally transport their lawfully-owned handguns, if they are evacuating by means other than their personal vehicles or their own watercraft during a mandatory evacuation order. They should not be denied the ability to take certain firearms with them for fear of breaking the law and be forced to leave them behind for potential looters. These bills are especially important for law-abiding residents of a state that is prone to evacuations due to hurricanes and wildfires.

In 2007, the Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 112 - legislation prohibiting the confiscation of firearms from persons who are lawfully carrying or possessing them during a declared state of disaster - with no opposition. However, this law offers limited protection to individuals who have lost or do not possess Licenses to Carry (LTCs) and need to transport or carry their legally-owned handguns from their homes to safe locations.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, Governor Abbott directed the Texas Department of Public Safety to provide no-cost replacement of Licenses to Carry (LTCs) for eligible residents whose cards had been lost or damaged as a result of the storm.

These bills would offer temporary protection to honest Texans whose licenses are lost or damaged due to flood, wind or fire, and to those who never applied for a license because they never envisioned a need to transport or carry their handguns outside the home or their personal vehicles or boats.

The proposed legislation is similar to Florida law, which has been in effect since 2015. We hope the Texas Legislature will pass these important measures to ensure that disaster victims don't become victimized twice. NRA and Texas State Rifle Association support both bills.

Rep. Dade Phelan (R-Beaumont)  
Sen. Brandon Creighton (R-Conroe)

### Programs at Sam & Carmena Goss Library

Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch Library  
• Tuesday, February 12 - 10:00 am. Baby and Me (ages 0-24 months)  
• Tuesday, February 12 - 4:30 pm. Movie Day "Bernie the Dolphin" (all ages)  
• Wednesday, February 13 - 2:00 pm. Adult Wii Bowling Tournament (ages 18 and up)  
• Thursday, February 14 - 4:00 pm. Kid's Valentine's Party (ages 0-11)  
• Friday, February 15 - 10:30 pm. Story Time (ages 0-5)  
Call Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Library, Mont Belvieu at 281-576-2245 with any questions.

## San Jacinto Battleground State Historic site to get 23 more acres

LA PORTE, TX—The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is adding more than 23-acres to the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site bordering on the Houston Ship Channel.

The acquisition and donation from the San Jacinto Battleground Conservancy (SJBC) is the latest in a series of restoration and enhancement projects aimed at conserving the historic landscape where the Battle of San Jacinto was fought on April 21, 1836.

"The addition of this critical tract of land, and its rich cultural and natural legacy, represents a great gift to Texans and the future of the San Jacinto Battleground," says Carter Smith, Executive Director of TPWD. "We are grateful for the work of SJBC in protecting the site and for ensuring that current and future generations of Texans can continue to connect with the outdoors and the history of our home ground."

The SJBC acquired these tracts in 2010 and 2014 through the efforts of the late Jan DeVault, the SJBC's co-founder and former president.

"Our acquisition and maintenance of the tracts have made possible TPWD's plans to restore the area to its 1836 appearance," says Cecil Jones, current president of SJBC. "These new features will allow visitors to better experience and understand the battle, and the rare natural wildlife habitat on the Houston Ship Channel."

The transaction includes an in-kind donation from the SJBC valued at more than \$3.1 million, as well as a conservation easement with the Galveston Bay Foundation, ensuring the preservation of the site as part of the battleground landscape. The SJBC acquired a portion of these properties from the estate of late Houston attorney John M. O'Quinn.

TPWD has been working towards acquiring all remaining land on the San Jacinto Peninsula for more than 15 years. The land consists of almost 1,000 feet of water-



front on Buffalo Bayou on the Houston Ship Channel and represents the largest remaining acquisition in this effort.

This property will provide outdoor recreation opportunities for visitors, including hiking, biking, fishing, wildlife viewing and outdoor education.

"This critical acquisition provides a one-of-a-kind experience for park visitors to retrace the footsteps of Texas history as they traverse this new property, that now provides a contiguous connection to a local county park," says Rodney Franklin, Director of Texas State Parks. "We are excited to preserve this significant piece of Texas and look forward to developing more outdoor recreation opportunities and conservation projects in the future."

The shallow water and dense woodland, as well as a sand beach and tidal marsh, offer premium habitat for a variety of song birds that use the forested areas of coastal Texas as a stopover resting and foraging habitat during fall and spring migrations. Other wildlife found in the area include the American alligator, beavers and river otters.

The new acres currently overlap with land targeted for a restoration project aimed at reclaiming about 20 acres of battleground lost to erosion. The new acquisition and the restored property will connect the current San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site to Juan Seguin Park, a Harris County park at the northern tip of the peninsula.

The SJBC's important contribution of conserving the tracts of land is indispensable. Since its inception in

2002, the SJBC has offered volunteers, scholars, foundations and other non-profits the opportunity to promote scholarship, archeology, land preservation and public education regarding the battle of San Jacinto.

"A significant part of the SJBC's mission is to safeguard and reclaim the San Jacinto Battleground for future generations," says Jeff Dunn, SJBC co-founder and current member of the Board of Directors. "In addition to land conservation, the SJBC has supported native prairie seed plantings, boardwalk improvements and archeology, including a breakthrough archeology investigation in 2009 that discovered the Mexican surrender site."

The newly acquired land is steeped in early Texas history. The property was awarded to Arthur McCormick in 1824. McCormick, a native of Ireland, was one of Stephen F. Austin's Old Three Hundred colonists. By 1836, a road connecting Harrisburg with Nathaniel Lynch's ferry, now known as the Lynchburg ferry, crosses these tracts. The road became a critical escape route during the Runaway Scrape when Texans were fleeing their homes during Antonio López de Santa Anna's conquest of Texas.

The land was also part of the historic town of San Jacinto, established along Buffalo Bayou shortly after the 1836 battle. The town housed lumber yards, blacksmiths, docks and other businesses catering to the growing steamboat traffic between Galveston and Houston. It was also the site of a Confederate recruiting center and ordinance depot during the Civil War.

## Covestro LLC welcomes new plant manager to Industrial Park in Baytown

- Demetri Zervoudis to succeed Rod Herrick as site manager at the Industrial Park
- Herrick to take on new role as venture manager, responsible for the site's MDI investment project



Demetri Zervoudis Rod Herrick

Effective Feb. 1, Covestro LLC welcomes Demetri Zervoudis as the new senior vice president and site manager at its industrial park in Baytown, Texas, the company's largest manufacturing facility in North America. Zervoudis succeeds Rod Herrick, who will step into a new role as venture manager, overseeing the recently announced MDI investment project for the Baytown site.

Zervoudis joined Covestro in 1983 as a process research engineer. Since then, he has led a diverse career spanning commercial and production operations. Through these opportunities, Zervoudis has gained extensive leadership experience in research and development, project management, strategic planning and global manufacturing. His career journey has taken him to Covestro sites across the U.S., including Baytown, where he designed, constructed and started up several chemical units as part of an earlier expansion program.

In his most recent role, Zervoudis was responsible for the global polyurethane joint ventures and propylene oxide / polyether manufacturing sites at Covestro LLC. He also led the Procurement function in the Americas region, while serving as the company's health, safety, environment and security officer.

"Throughout my career, I've had the opportunity to be part of restructuring initiatives that have helped to advance safety, automation and innova-

tion at our production sites," said Zervoudis. "It's an honor to be back in Baytown, where I have the chance to build on that experience and lead a world-class manufacturing team into the future."

Herrick will also play an important role in the site's future, as he takes on his new role as venture manager, overseeing the largest single investment project in the company's history. Covestro will invest more than \$1.7 billion to build a new 500-kiloton MDI plant in Baytown.

With more than 30 years at Covestro and extensive manufacturing experience, Herrick is up for the challenge. His diverse background includes various leadership positions in plant and process engineering, reliability and production management at Covestro sites globally. In 2010, Herrick assumed his most recent position as site manager for the Baytown Industrial Park, leading the facility through a number of changes, including the transition to Covestro, as well as two major hurricanes.

"It's been an honor and a privilege leading the Baytown facility, and I'm looking forward to continuing to build my career here as the site heads into a new chapter of growth," said Herrick. "My new role not only allows me to work with the team in a different capacity, but to help shape the success of a project that will define our future for years to come."

## At Risk? Be Heart Smart

BAYTOWN — (February 1, 2019) — Many people aren't even aware they are at risk of cardiovascular disease until they suffer a major health event, such as a heart attack, aneurysm rupture or stroke. Because cardiovascular disease can be accompanied by vague symptoms or none at all, learning your risk can save your life. The American Heart Association (AHA) has designated February as American Heart Month to bring attention to the power of prevention and early detection of heart disease and other conditions.

Dr. Gholamreza Khoshnevis, a cardiologist at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital, says you can help prevent life-threatening heart disease and other related conditions from developing and progressing by taking steps, such as:

- Leading a healthier lifestyle by being active and following a heart-friendly diet
- Getting regular blood pressure and cholesterol checks
- Scheduling a heart scan and vascular screening

Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of men and women in the U.S., according to the



Dr. Gholamreza Khoshnevis

AHA. "Being aware of your risk factors is key in preventing the onset of heart disease and other cardiovascular conditions," Khoshnevis said.

Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital offers heart and vascular screening services to help you understand your risk, which is one of the first steps toward prevention. The screenings use imaging technology, including CT scan and ultrasound, to test for signs like calcium buildup of plaque on the artery walls and thickness of the arteries, as well as checking for blockages and

other potential signs of cardiovascular disease.

But should you schedule a heart scan? Khoshnevis answered some common questions about these minimally invasive procedures.

Q: Should everyone have a screening test?

A: No. Screenings are beneficial for men between 40 and 65 and women between 45 and 70, or if you're at intermediate risk. Risk factors include family history, smoking, high cholesterol, high blood pressure and diabetes. This is a screening exam to assist in detecting potential diseases.

Q: If I have a known heart condition, can I still get these tests?

A: The heart scan and heart scan plus are not necessary for those who have coronary artery disease, heart stents of any kind or have had coronary bypass surgery. For these patients, we recommend an evaluation by a cardiologist.

Q: How long will the test take?

A: The heart scan takes approximately 15 minutes. The vascular screening and the vascular age screening (CIMT) each

take approximately 30 minutes. The heart scan plus takes about one hour.

Q: Why should I have my screenings at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital?

A: Your results will be processed in an accredited lab and evaluated by either a cardiologist, a vascular surgeon or a radiologist who specializes in heart and vascular conditions. Your results will be sent to your doctor and/or you within seven business days. We suggest you also share the results with your primary care doctor or cardiologist.

Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital hosts its annual Heart Month Celebration on Friday, February 22. The free event gives you the opportunity to learn your 10-year risk of heart disease and receive free cholesterol and high blood pressure screenings. For information and to register, visit [houstonmethodist.org/events](http://houstonmethodist.org/events), or call 281-428-2273.

To learn more about your risk of cardiovascular disease, or to schedule a screening at Houston Methodist Baytown, visit [houstonmethodist.org/baytown](http://houstonmethodist.org/baytown), or call 281-837-7587.

## February events at Jones Library

•2/9/19 - Movie at the Library Day!

Join us for our second monthly Movie Day at the Library! This is a FREE family movie that we encourage our entire Dayton community to attend. This month our movie is in honor of Black History Month. We will be watching a movie about a little girl who follows her dream of greatness by training for and competing in a national spelling bee. We will be watching this movie from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM in room 501 of the community center. We will have signs posted. We look forward to seeing everyone here for this fun family day!

•2/16/19 - Quilting Club - The Nimble Thimbles

The second meeting of The Nimble Thimbles will be held on February 16th beginning at 11:00 AM in the back work space of the library. Bring your sewing machine and creativity! Join us for a time of learning and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you here!

Jones Public Library is located at 801 S. Cleveland St. Ste. A. in Dayton, TX 77535, 936-258-7060.



## MESSAGE FROM REP. BRIAN BABIN



### Babin reintroduces TAPS act to protect communities and schools from violence

WASHINGTON – January 31, 2019 – U.S. Reps. Brian Babin (TX-36) and Val Demings (FL-10) have introduced the Threat Assessment, Prevention, and Safety (TAPS) Act of 2019 (H.R. 838), legislation that would promote a process of determining the credibility and seriousness of a potential threat and interrupting those who are on a pathway to violence. This process, called behavioral threat assessment and management, was developed by the Secret Service after the assassination attempt on President Reagan. Senators Marco Rubio (R-FL), Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ) and Thom Tillis (R-NC) introduced companion legislation in the Senate. Rep. Babin previously introduced the TAPS Act in the 115th Congress.

"I am honored to reintroduce the TAPS Act this Congress with Marco Rubio leading the charge in the Senate," said Babin. "Our nation is desperately looking for solutions to stop the senseless violence that affects too many of our communities and schools. This bipartisan bill will save lives by focusing efforts on prevention rather than simply reaction, because once the first shot is fired, it is too late. The TAPS Act will provide our states and local communities with the resources, training, and support needed to stand up community-driven, multidisciplinary behavioral threat assessment units – allowing us to connect the dots and manage threats before an attack can occur."

"You should have the right to attend concerts, schools, nightclubs, and places of worship without the fear of violence," said Demings. "Fortunately, there are promising ideas to prevent targeted attacks before they ever occur. Everyone knows the phrase 'if you see something, say something.' Yet state and local law enforcement agencies often lack the tools and resources to analyze and evaluate the warning signs that frequently precede mass attacks. This bill will help law enforcement agencies large and small learn from the best practices of agencies like the Secret Service and Capitol Police to identify and stop violence before the first shot is fired. By modernizing our approach, we can keep every American safer and give each of us the freedom to live our lives without fear of targeted violence."

"We must proactively engage with experts in the field of threat assessments in order to help prevent future tragedies," Rubio said. "We have the expertise to implement systems to identify and stop dangerous individuals before they commit an act of violence, but we have yet to fully and effectively develop and utilize it to prevent future attacks. By bringing threat assessment experts together and utilizing evidence-based behavioral threat assessment and management processes, this bill will help equip our communities with the tools they need to prevent future tragedies. I want to thank Senators Sinema and Tillis for leading this effort with me in the Senate and Congressman Babin for his continued leadership in the House."

The TAPS Act will provide state and local entities the training, support, and resources to utilize this established and proven process. Law enforcement, mental health professionals, and educational entities can work together using this process to prevent and then manage potential threats. Even the Capitol Police has a behavioral threat assessment unit that has successfully mitigated thousands of threats against Members of Congress and staff for more than 30 years.

The following groups endorsed the TAPS Act in the 115th Congress:

- Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA)
- Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE)
- LiveSafe Inc.
- National District Attorneys Association (NDA)
- North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police
- North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation (NCSBI)
- Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC)
- San Diego County District Attorney
- San Diego County Officers of Education
- The Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (ATAP)
- The Association of University College Counseling Center Directors (AUCCCD)
- The University of California Council of Chiefs of Police.



## Senate committee starts work on property tax reform

AUSTIN — Voters would have the power to prevent their local governmental bodies from increasing property taxes by more than 2.5 percent per year under legislation introduced in the Texas Senate and House on Jan. 31.

Senate Bill 2 and identical House Bill 2, both 116 pages in length, propose to amend the current law, in which local taxing authorities may increase taxes up to 8 percent each year before a rollback election would be required. Cries for relief are widespread, given the leeway current law affords and the fact that county appraisal districts may increase the value of property at the same time.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the Senate, said, "People desperately need property tax reform, our businesses need property tax reform, and we have set out, on this date, early in session, with a major piece of legislation. We are setting the tone for the rest of the session on this issue," Patrick added.

In the introduced versions of SB 2 and HB 2, taxing authorities that bring in less than \$15 million in annual revenue would be exempt from the new requirements.

Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston, chair of the Senate Property Tax Committee, said, "The vexing problem facing taxpayers is that tax bills are going up at least two or three times faster than they can handle. I think that the concept of having a two and a half percent rollback rate across the board means there's a universal solution."

According to the Senate News Service, local elected officials have turned out in force to oppose caps on taxing growth, saying it harms their ability to deliver on needed services in their home communities. So far, those efforts have succeeded, as similar measures have failed to reach the governor's desk in previous sessions.

## STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Patrick said that while he hopes local officials will work with the state on this issue, ultimately property tax reform is coming. "We have been stopped time after time in the past by a total resistance to reform," he said. "The days of saying, 'No, we're going to kill the bill because we don't want change'... that day is over."

The Senate Property Tax Committee will meet this week to discuss SB 2. House Speaker Dennis Bonnen soon will assign HB 2 to a committee. HB 2 author Rep. Dustin Burrows, R-Lubbock, chairs the House Ways & Means Committee, which is scheduled to meet this week.

### Advisory sparks lawsuits

LULAC, the League of United Latin American Citizens, and MALDEF, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, last week filed lawsuits alleging the violation of voting rights, voter suppression and voter intimidation over an election advisory dated Jan. 25 and addressed to county voter registrars by Texas Secretary of State David Whitley.

In the advisory, Whitley informed the registrars that some 95,000 individuals identified by the Texas Department of Public Safety as non-U.S. citizens have matching voter registration records in Texas. Whitley said about 58,000 of those have voted in one or more Texas elections, and that those records would be turned over to the Texas Attorney General's office for potential legal action.

MALDEF's lawsuit was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Southern

District of Texas, Corpus Christi Division. LULAC's lawsuit was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio. Both civil rights organizations seek to stop the state from removing registered voters, particularly those who are naturalized, from voter rolls. MALDEF's lawsuit names as defendants Whitley, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, Gov. Greg Abbott and Galveston County Tax Assessor and Collector Cheryl E. Johnson, in their official capacities. LULAC's lawsuit names as defendants Whitley and Paxton.

### Land Office sets deadline

Hurricane Harvey survivors living in temporary housing units provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Texas General Land Office need to solidify their housing plans leading up to a Feb. 25 deadline, Land Commissioner George P. Bush announced Jan. 30.

Those who continue to meet FEMA eligibility requirements may be approved to pay rent and remain in their current temporary housing units through Aug. 25. Others may be eligible to purchase their unit. However, these programs must be approved by local officials and may not be available in all areas, according to a General Land Office news release.

Hurricane Harvey hit coastal and inland counties of Texas from late August to early September 2017, directly or indirectly causing more than 100 deaths, displacing tens of thousands of citizens and causing monetary damages estimated at \$125 billion.

## OPINION

By REP. DAN CRENSHAW



### Salary Act of 2019

WASHINGTON, DC – January 29, 2019 – In response to the recent shutdown, Congressman Dan Crenshaw joined Congressmen Jared Golden (ME-02) and Max Rose (NY-11) in introducing the Solidarity in Salary Act of 2019. The bill, which is the first piece of legislation Crenshaw has introduced in Congress, would withhold the salaries of the president, vice president, and members of Congress for the entirety of a government shutdown. The legislation would ensure that those members of the federal government feel the same pain and uncertainty that our federal employees face during a shutdown.

"Federal employees should never have to carry the burden caused by a dysfunctional government; that's why I'm proud to cosponsor this legislation," said Crenshaw. "When a Congressional impasse causes federal employees to go unpaid, the President, Vice President and Members of Congress should have to withhold their pay. We should have to feel the very real effects of a shutdown, just as our fellow federal employees are forced to do."

"Federal workers don't get paid during a government shutdown. Neither should politicians," said Golden. "That's just common sense. Our bill, the Solidarity in Salary Act withholds paychecks from the members of Congress, the President, and the Vice President during a shutdown. This legislation will help prevent the American people from being political pawns for party leaders and help return sanity to the task of funding the government. I thank Representatives Crenshaw and Rose for joining me to offer this important legislation."

"Only in a town as broken as Washington do you still get paid when you don't do your job," said Rose. "That's wrong, and it's past time to make it right."

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ers from our community stepped up to the plate to take a stand and lead. From slavery to civil rights brought leaders like Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, Malcolm X, Shirley Chisholm and Thurgood Marshall. From there came Barbara Jordan, Mickey Leland and then Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton. Now, the African American leaders in Texas and Congress are stronger than ever and together, we helped elect President

Barack Obama.

Each generation from our community gave birth to the next to continue our fight. As we celebrate the successes and achievements of the African American community, let's take this time to ensure that our younger generation never forgets our stories, our leaders and how we got where we are today.

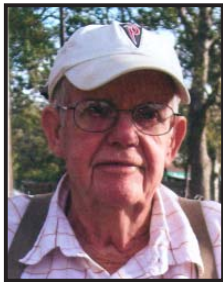
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★ LIFESTYLE PAGE ★

**Billy Gerald Russell**



Billy Gerald Russell, 86, passed from this life on January 30, 2019 in Houston, Texas. He was born to parents Larkin Lee and Eva Golden Russell on December 19, 1932 in Holdenville, Oklahoma. Billy proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. He was known by many as "Catfish Bill", and was the dedicated owner of Catfish Bill's Restaurant on I-10 in Cloverleaf for many years un-

til moving to Livingston where he opened another successful Catfish restaurant. He and his family enjoyed the business in Livingston for 19 years and made many wonderful family memories there as well.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers and sister, Eber Leon Fariss, Otis Clinton Russell, Elmer Lee Russell, Roy Walton "Jack" Russell, Samuel Frederick Russell, and Edna Grace Ables; first wife and mother of his children, Nellie Faye Arnold Russell; step-sons, Gary Carr, Rusty Carr; grandsons, Christopher Clayton Carr, PFC Kevin Allen Taylor, and Seth Pitts.

He is lovingly survived by his wife of 41 years, Barbara Jane; children, Cathy Russell Williams, Debbie Taylor and husband Don; "son" of the heart, Walker Travis Anders; step-sons, Ronald Carr and special friend Gwen Bayer, Rodney Carr and wife Pat, Clayton Carr and wife Donna, Philip Carr and wife JoLynn,

Rhonda Carr Canfield and husband Philemon; sister, Sarah Pauline Russell Coffer; as well as numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and even a few great-great-grandchildren. The family invites you to join them for a visitation on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at Carter-Conley Funeral Home. Funeral services officiated by Pastor Danny Kilcoyne will be held at 10:00 A.M. Thursday, February 7, 2019 in the chapel of Carter-Conley Funeral Home. Graveside services with military honors will follow at Houston National Cemetery at 2:15 P.M. under the direction of Carter-Conley Funeral Home.



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**BIBLE TRIVIA**

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Bethel in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Moses and Aaron were instructed to sacrifice what color of heifer without blemish? Red, White, Gold, Green
3. Which book (KJV) begins, "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God"? Mark, Romans, Galatians, Ephesians
4. How many righteous people did Sodom need to keep God from destroying the city? 1, 2, 10, 20
5. Which Old Testament woman was buried in a cave in the field of Machpelah? Eve, Ruth, Sarah, Esther
6. From 2 Kings 17, who was the god of the men of Cuth? Succoth-benoth, Nergal, Hamath, Ashima

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Red; 3) Ephesians; 4) 10; 5) Sarah; 6) Nergal

★ **OBITUARIES**

**Jimmy Wayne Flukinger**

Jimmy Wayne Flukinger, 75, of Crosby, Texas, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, December 23, 2018. He was born in Brownwood, Texas on March 3, 1943 to Ernest B. Flukinger and Lillian Sue Ford Flukinger. Jimmy served in the United States Army and was later honorably discharged. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, mowing grass and making sure he had a list of things to do. Jimmy was outgoing and enjoyed being around others, especially his grandchildren. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Charlotte Ann Flukinger; infant daughter, Rhonda Lynn Flukinger; parents, E. B. Flukinger and Lillian Sue Flukinger; and brother, Ernest B. Flukinger III.

Jimmy is survived by his sons, Billy Wayne Flukinger, Tommy Lynn Flukinger, and Jimmy Lee Flukinger; grandsons, Logan Michael Cook and Tommy Hayden Flukinger; granddaughters, Haley Flukinger, Carley Flukinger, and Madyson Flukinger; and a host of extended family and friends.

Services will be privately held. 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](http://www.sterlingwhite.com).

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progressed, anticipation grew as to who would win the new vehicle, the top prize in the raffle. When the last number was drawn, the winner was Baytown resident Frankie Brewer, with Gene Lenamond.

The runner-up in the drawing, with the 699th ticket drawn, were Raymond and Linda Martin, who won an Apple Watch but came ever so close to the vehicle.

In addition to the raffle, the day's events included a great chili luncheon, and a live auction and a silent auction. Together these auctions brought in about \$40,000.

The live auction had over 60 lots, donated by local businesses and Rotarians. Some of the featured items included an autographed football from Texans Quarterback DeShaun Watson, a popcorn machine, Astros Quilt, a Go Big or Go Home 2019 Belt Buckle donated by Scott Stephens, tools, Red White & Blue bench, USA Flag, wooden swing, pressure washer, golf basket, tickets to the Crosby Fair & Rodeo, Autographed picture of Jose Altuve, generator, George Strait framed art, newspaper ad, pink cooler, Barbecue Pit shaped like a bull, Tickets to Brooks & Dunn, wine basket, Autographed Alex Bregman picture, tickets to Brad Paisley, homemade cinnamon rolls by Junior Forest, ice chest, park bench, Michel Kors satchel, bar by Andy Scott, liquor cart for a SuperBowl party, weekend hunting trip for an African Oryx, fireworks, and more.



RAFFLE WINNER Frankie Brewer, right, and Gene Lenamond.



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## Tough Enough for Pink

Bras for the Cause is generally the work of the Tough Enough to Wear Pink Committee boasting a live auction total over \$150,000 this year. The Committee includes Rhonda Busby, Gabby Delauri, Austin Holmelin, Kim Karm, Samantha Sharp, Jennifer Loggins, MC Charles Adams, Sarah Milum, Julie Gillespie, Sarah Humphries, Jamie Schexnayder, Kerrie Larkin, Erin Fuchs, Row 2 Heather Schexnayder, Beverly Lane, Karen Walthall, Janyne Clifton, Lanette Armstrong, Debbie Holmelin, Collie Smith, Beth King, 3rd Row Melissa Ball, Gayle Griffin, Ashley Armstrong, Cally Rosenkranz, Mary Roundtree, And Bill Busby was auctioneer.



Lanette Armstrong, Debbie Holmelin and Beth King presented Candlelighters with \$1,000 of gift cards and \$5,000 for one year of parking at the medical center. They also presented \$12,500 which was the second part of a donation to the Bras for the Cause Breast Cancer Fund at Methodist Hospital which will be used to asset patients with mammograms, breast MRI's and breast biopsies.

## Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$2.8 Billion in January

(AUSTIN) — February 4, 2019 – Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today said state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.8 billion in January, 6 percent more than in January 2018.

“The growth in sales tax collections was primarily due to continued strong spending in oil- and gas-related sectors,” Hegar said. “Remittances from restaurants also grew, while those from retail trade were flat relative to a year ago.”

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in January 2019 was up 6.1 percent compared to the same period a year ago. The sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 57 percent of all tax collections.

In January 2019, Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes:

- oil production taxes — \$274.5 million, down 3.3 percent from January

2018, the first such decline since December 2016. Also, monthly oil production tax revenues were the lowest since December 2017;

- natural gas production taxes — \$152.9 million, up 24.3 percent from January 2018;
- motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$425.7 million, down 0.5 percent from January 2018; and
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Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital turns out in force for Bras for the Cause.

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# Bras for the Cause,

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Twenty male celebrity models participated in a fashion show modeling bras designed by family and friends. Some of the themes included, the "She thinks my tractors sexy", bra, modeled by PeeWee Farmer, "Catching Cancer before it hits" baseball bra modeled by former Astro, JR. Towles, Crosby All Star bra, modeled by Jason McWhorter. The Chicken bra modeled by Aubrey Larkin which sold to Certi-Fab for \$10,000 with an additional \$5,000 added on by Tony and Kris Dahlquist. Ending the night, Jacob Schexnayder's bra with a "Sugar" theme brought \$30,000 and his cousin, Teague's "Hooter Girl" bra was sold for \$50,000 bought by Oilwell Tubular and Consulting and B & S Works, LLC.

Charles Adams, Attorney/Partner and Host of

"The Night Shift" radio show, served as MC. DJ CRUZ provided the music and Bill Busby served as auctioneer. Rick Loggins welcomed the sold out crowd and educated everyone on what Pink Heels and Candlelighters did with the donations received each year. Lanette Armstrong, Debbie Holmelin and Beth King presented Candlelighters with \$1,000 of gift cards and \$5,000 for one year of parking at the medical center. They also presented \$12,500 which was the second part of a donation to the Bras for the Cause Breast Cancer Fund at Methodist Hospital which will be used to assist patients with mammograms, breast MRI's and breast biopsies.

According to Committee members, "There were several new faces in the crowd

this year and we could once again feel the excitement that comes with seeing a small community like Crosby open up their hearts to support such a great cause."

The BFC committee confirms being overwhelmed each year by the generous support of the Crosby Community and the willingness of men in our community to step up and model bras in support of local cancer patients.

"We feel blessed and very lucky to live in the community of Crosby. The stories that we receive about patients who have been helped through the proceeds of this event warms our hearts and confirms our drive to continue this great service for anyone in need. There were lots of smiles on Saturday night! Thank you Crosby Community!" said Jennifer Loggins speaking for the Committee.



Meet David Mendez, a man who likes his wine, is aged to perfection. Manager at Turner Chevrolet in Crosby. Lives in Cove with his wife of 20 years and his 2 beautiful children, Madi and DJ. David enjoys drinking a very large glass of cabernet after work because he believes it is of good to keep things bottled up. David has developed a new magic trick, making wine disappear. David is all about giving 100% in life and living with a winning attitude. One of his favorite mottos is "wine is just a win with an e on the end. In these photographs David is shown with Robbie Turner, the man who bought the bra David modeled for \$3,400. Below one of David's fans discovers grapes.



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