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SUNDAY

St. Patrick's Day
MARCH 17

IN THE STARS

EVENTS

THUR., MARCH 21
VARICOSE & SPIDER VEINS SEMINAR

6-7 pm at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital, 4401 Garth Rd., Classroom, new conference center. See AD, page 8.

THUR., MARCH 21
CROSBY MONTHLY LUNCHEON

The luncheon will take place on Thursday, March 21st at The Crawfish Shack, located at 5822 FM 2100 in Crosby. Lunch will begin at 11:30 AM.

TUES., MARCH 26
COLORECTAL CANCER SEMINAR

From 6-7 pm at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital, 4401 Garth Rd., CRCU Community Room. Registration required, call 281-428-2273. See AD, page 3 for more details.

BIRTHDAYS

- Mar 14—Brice Abbott
Alvin Keyes
Kaci New
Vivian Sanders
Christopher Zadraba
- Mar 15—Jessica Luco
Sky Mespaden
Sandy Mullins
Mrs. L.P. Stevens
Rosa Ella Young
Angie Zadraba
- Mar 16—M. Edith Miller
Zachary Dunlap
- Mar 17—Lyndsay Dameron
- Mar 18—Kent Nelson
- Mar 19—Yvonne Browder
Isabell Daniels
Annie Marie Herron
Chris Scott
Jett Sherwood
- Mar 20—Josh Kimberlin

ANNIVERSARIES

- Mar 16—Yvonne & Dale Browder

DEATHS

- Jesse Eugene Cranford, Jr.

Coby Carter bringing Spring to Rock'N C

CROSBY – When the Rock'N C Roundup plays on Saturday, March 23, Coby Carter will be the concert portion but there will be a bevy of activities to partake of including, 'how many of you like steak?'

Well, there is to be a steak cook-off beginning at 10:00 a.m. that morning. Teams can buy a ground of 10X15 foot to cook some of the finest steak meat in Texas.

Now the extra good part for just eaters is when the contest is over individuals can buy steak dinners cooked to order for \$20 a plate.

For those that like tossing games a cornhole tournament is to begin registering at 1:00 p.m. and begin at about 2:00 p.m. the buy in per team is \$25.

There is to be a Live and Silent Auction including items not available anywhere else.

The Crosby Fair & Rodeo has brought something traditional in a cuddly new package in Coby Carter, a musician with a flair for Western Swing and Traditional Country & Western Music. He allows stating that he has been influenced by Jake Hooker, Bob



Flores, Jody Nix, Leon Rauch and Wayne Watson. He has an album out called Legends and several tunes on that album are by Western legends. He has been playing big venues since 2010 and he was real young then. He is a regular at the 11th Street Cowboy Bar in Bandera.

Concert gates open at 5:00 p.m. and the singing is expected to start at about 7:30p.m. Visit crosbyrodeo.com for tickets.

The dining and venues are the replacement for the Crosby Fair & Rodeo Annual Spring Dance.

Crosby Education Foundation begins 'Family Pride' initiative

The Crosby Education Foundation (CEF) has embarked upon a new campaign which they are calling the Crosby Cougar Family Pride initiative. The purpose of this campaign is to unify the community with Crosby ISD (CISD) during this time of financial hardship and recovery. They are also trying to raise some funds to help the District maintain essential programs through this difficult period.

CEF is raising money to provide for essential services and supplies which are needed by CISD but had to be cut from the budget due to the financial exigency. They are targeting those programs and services which have the greatest impact on the academic achievement of the stu-

dents, such as reinstating the Accelerated Reader programs at all Elementary campuses, funding a supplemental tutoring program for student testing, and assisting the District with attracting and retaining top-quality teachers. They are also working with the District to identify additional program and supplies which were cut from the budget.

The fundraising to support this campaign was recently kicked off with the "One District, One Family, One Shirt" sale in early February. They will continue to accept donations from individuals and local businesses to support these needs. You may contribute online at Paypal.me/CrosbyEF or by sending a check to:

Crosby Education Foundation
 Attn: Melissa Murray
 706 Runneburg Rd
 Crosby, TX 77532

If you would like more information on CEF, please visit their website at CrosbyEducationFoundation.org or the Facebook page. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Murray at mmurray@crosbyisd.org.

Three injured in Highlands fire



Three people were injured in a house fire that destroyed their mobile home, last Wednesday at about 11:45am. The home was located in the northern section of the town, in a development known as Highlands Park near 300 Highlands Shores Road.

Highlands Fire Department responded to the call, bring their water truck as well as pumper trucks and an ambulance. The reported that three people were injured, two with smoke inhalation and one with first degree burns.

The Harris County Fire Marshal's office also responded to the call, and an investigation is underway to determine the cause of the blaze.

Community leaders travel to D.C. to demand EPA action at Superfund Sites

Leaders from communities met with EPA representatives Tuesday, March 5th at EPA Headquarters in Washington, D.C. to push for action at their Superfund sites.

"We need action in our communities where people are sick and dying because of exposures to chemicals in the environment," was the resounding cry for help from community leaders.

Jackie Young, executive director of Texas Health and Environment Alliance, discussed the San Jacinto River Waste Pits and Jones Rd Superfund Sites with the agency. "I asked the agency to finalize the Community Involvement Plan for the

Waste Pits and to create a Community Health and Safety Plan for the clean-up" said Young.

The group met with Steven D. Cook, Deputy Assistance Administrator for the Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM), Peter C. Wright, Assistant Administrator of OLEM, James E. Woolford with the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER) and other EPA staff. The meeting was organized by the Center for Health, Environment & Justice as part of a commitment from EPA to meet quarterly with communities at risk from Superfund sites.

Relocation of families living among some of the most toxic chemicals was an overarching issue. How can communities trigger relocation as the policy is unclear? Leaders called for

a committee or taskforce to find ways to clarify this section of the law.

Medical monitoring of victims at Superfund sites was another key issue that the law requires but the agency ignores. Testing only children up to six years of age is inadequate. Children live within many of these communities their entire lives. Fifteen-year-old adolescents need testing as well to determine their body burden from living in a poisoned community.

Technical Assistance Grants were also discussed as an overarching issue to simplify the program so that average lay people can complete the process and application rather than hiring a grant writer when families can barely afford food and housing due to their medical bills and economic status.

Citizen input at Barrett Station drainage meeting

Officials from the Harris County Flood Control District, and the Engineering Department, have been holding a series of meetings around the county to explain how the \$2.5 billion bond issue, that was approved last year in 2018, will be used to alleviate flooding.

Last Tuesday, March 5 they met with residents of Barrett Station, at the Community Center, to show plans and hear ideas and comments from the public, according to HCFCD project manager Roger Duong.

HCFCD engineering director Marcus Stuckett explained that the Barrett Station area has two projects affecting the flow of storm water away from the district. Duong said that currently the drain-

age ditches are too flat, and the road and entire St. Charles neighborhood is too flat, and therefore water is not moving away in the ditches.

The proposed solution is to widen and deepen the existing ditches, moving the water from the east side of Barrett, to the west side, and eventually to the irrigation canal and the San Jacinto river.

The engineers said that this solution should lower the accumulated water by a few inches in a normal rainfall, and up to 3 inches or more in an intense storm.

Stuckett said that there were 13 projects currently identified within the watershed of the San Jacinto

See Stormwater Drainage, Page 3

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★ COMMUNITY NEWS ★

Coming to Crosby: Bumblebee Transformer Tour on March 16

Nine-foot-tall Transformer character will entertain kids, fans as part of exclusive nationwide tour at Walmart stores

It's official! Area kids will have the opportunity to high-five – if they can jump high enough – a legendary, larger-than-life Transformer character. In support of his recent movie release, the nine-foot-tall Bumblebee will make 49 appearances across the greater Houston area on March 13-27.

Walmart and Hasbro are sponsoring the local interactive events as part of a FREE, family-friendly tour of 1,000 Walmart stores across the U.S. Bumblebee will sign autographs and take photos with kids – and one lucky attendee at each store will receive a specially-designed \$5 gift card.



•Walmart, 14215 FM 2100, Crosby, TX
2 – 4 p.m., Saturday, March 16

•Walmart, 8700 N. Highway 146, Baytown, TX
6 – 8 p.m., Saturday, March 16

•Walmart, 4900 Garth Road, Baytown, TX
10 a.m. – noon, Sunday, March 17

TxDOT joins statewide effort to end human trafficking

AUSTIN – March 12, 2019 – As part of a statewide effort to raise awareness, increase vigilance and report signs of human trafficking, the Texas Department of Transportation, in partnership with the Office of the Governor, law enforcement and industry partners, is launching its "On the Road to End Human Trafficking" initiative.

"Human trafficking is a horrific crime that knows no boundaries and, sadly, affects hundreds of thousands of women, children and men across our state and around the world," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "We are proud to work with the Governor's Commission for Women and other partners to bring an end to this modern-day slavery."

Similar to a neighborhood watch program, the initiative encourages everyone to know, watch for and report signs of trafficking. According to University of Texas research, more than 300,000 people are trafficked in Texas at any given time, including 79,000 youth victims. These innocent human beings are horrifically abused by being forced into slavery, either in the form of hard labor or sex/prostitution.

To raise public awareness and help eradicate this criminal activity, TxDOT is educating its employees as well as travelers. For employees, a wallet card along with an information sheet to keep in TxDOT vehicles provide details on signs to look for and steps to take to report

trafficking. Posters and restroom stall signs also will be displayed in TxDOT's Texas Travel Information Centers and Safety Rest Areas across the state to provide critical information to victims of human trafficking on how to reach out for help. The public is encouraged to use a toll-free, 24/7 confidential phone number, (888) 373-7888, to report suspected trafficking; victims are encouraged to call 911. TxDOT's human trafficking materials are available for others to download and use at www.txdot.gov.

By taking part in this initiative to eradicate human trafficking, TxDOT is living up to a core agency value – the well-being, safety and quality of life for Texans and all travelers.

Rodeo Ticket Winner in GCCISD Education Foundation Raffle

Brooke Miller (second from right) shows off the two luxury suite tickets for George Strait's sold out show at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo she won in the recent Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation raffle. More than \$10,000 was raised to benefit the Goose Creek CISD Education



Foundation. Also pictured are Education Foundation board members (from left) Sandra Bell; Erika Foster, director and Mike Wilson. The show is Sunday, March 17, featuring George Strait, Lyle Lovett and special guest Robert Earl. Photo by Carrie Pryor-Newman

GCCISD Education Foundation to Host Can't Miss Event of the Year

Don't miss the opportunity to sponsor the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation's All-Star Gala September 14, 2019, at Minute Maid Park, home of the Houston Astros, the 2017 World Series champs!

This event promises to be the best one yet, with dining and dancing, field access, celebrity guests and an appearance by an Astros Legend, sure to command a standing ovation. Silent Auction items, including some one-of-a-kind treasures, will be just one of the highlights of this exciting

gala benefitting the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation. Snapping photos around Minute Maid Park in your "formal with a sports twist" attire will add to the fun!

Sponsorships are limited, so choose your level early! If you commit as a sponsor by April 5, 2019, you will receive an Early Bird Bonus, including an Education Foundation grant in your company's name and an invitation to present it to a deserving teacher during the Goose

Creek CISD Surprise Patrol in May. Your grant will receive an extra social media post, media push and inclusion in the Foundation newsletter.

Since its inception in 2009, the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation has awarded more than \$1 million in grants and designated funds for additional projects. For more information, visit www.gccisd.net/page/EducationFoundation or contact Erika Foster, director, at erika.foster@gccisd.net or 832-597-9106.

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Houston Rodeo FUN at Highlands Rotary



DON NICHOLS, from the Houston Rodeo, brings his rubber Steer for some roping fun.



Sheila McDonald shows her cowgirl grit and ropes the steer!



Denise Smith tries and misses.



OH NO! She missed all 3 tries! Must be a city girl.

Stormwater Drainage,

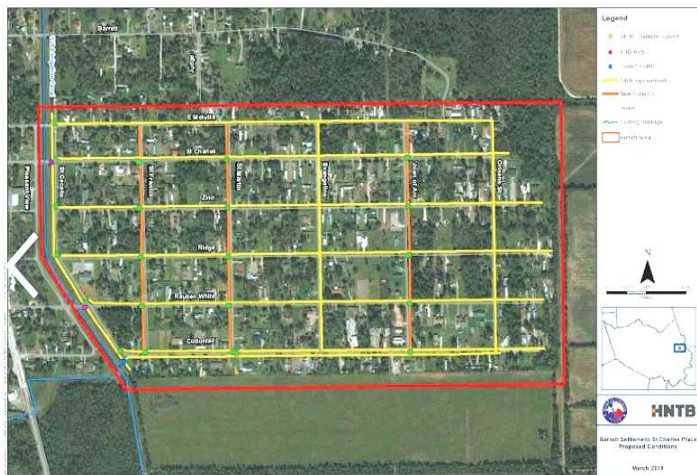
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River. The watershed is actually 487 square miles, extending from Galveston Bay to the south, and beyond Lake Houston to the north. These 13 projects have totalled about \$500

million and include bond money and local matching funds and grants.

The presentation by the engineering and flood control departments included maps showing where the

work would be accomplished, including wider and deeper ditches, new collector pipes with inlets feeding water to the south and west, as shown on the map below.



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Colorectal cancer is the third-most common cancer diagnosed in men and women in the United States. It is the second-leading cause of death in men and third-leading cause of cancer-related deaths in women in the U.S. The good news is colorectal cancer is also highly treatable when caught early, and in some cases, even preventable.

Join colorectal surgeon Ziad Kronfol, MD to learn more about prevention, diagnosis and available treatment options for colorectal cancer.

Tuesday, March 26 | 6-7 p.m.

Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital
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Registration required.
Visit houstonmethodist.org/events to register, or call 281.428.2273 for more information.

★ OPINION PAGE ★

TEXAS SENATE NEWS
By Richard Lee

Final "Priority Bills" filed in Senate as deadline passes

(Austin) The last of the bills identified as priorities by the Lt. Governor were submitted before the deadline on filing legislation for the current session arrived last Friday. This includes sweeping reform bills like the school finance proposal, a bill that would raise the smoking age to 21 and one to pay back student debt for people who become peace officers. In a statement released last week, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick said that the slate of 30 bills reflects his own priorities as well as the majority of the Senate. "They strengthen our support for life, liberty and Texas values, increase protections for taxpayers, and ensure that our democracy remains strong and our economy will continue to grow and create jobs," it read.

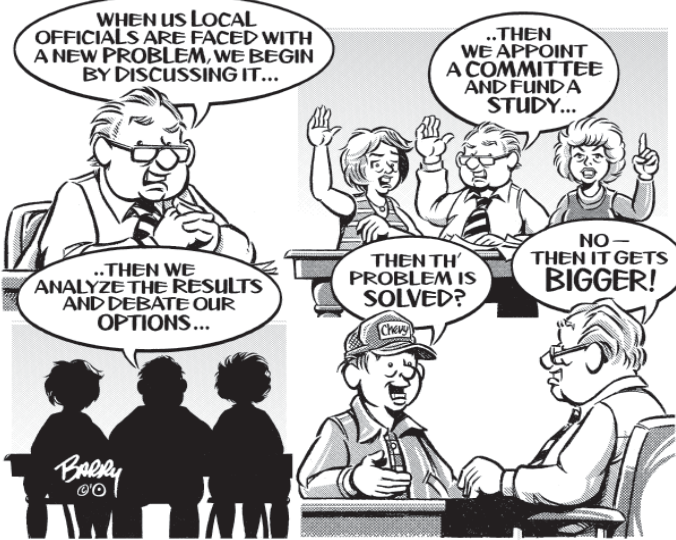
While bills are numbered based on the order they are filed, the Lt. Governor traditionally reserves the lowest bill numbers for legislation he considers important. In the past two sessions, Patrick has set aside numbers one through thirty for these bills. Senate Bill 1, as it is every session, is the state budget. Other major priorities, like the teacher pay raise in SB 3 or the mental health consortium envisioned by SB 10, have already cleared the Senate and are now up for House consideration. More have been considered in committee, like SB 2, which would put a limit on local property tax rate increases before triggering a ratification election, and SB 11, aimed at strengthening school safety.

One such bill, SB 18 by Senator Joan Huffman of Houston, was passed out of the State Affairs Committee on Monday. This bill seeks to protect freedom of expression on college campuses. "I think that college students, our future leaders, should be exposed to all ideas, I don't care how liberal they are or how conservative they are," said Huffman. Her bill would establish a uniform, statewide standard for free expression on campus and reaffirms the state's commitment to free speech. It would define all open spaces as public forums for lawful, non-disruptive displays of

expression. Campus administrators can limit things like time, place and manner of expression provided these rules are narrowly tailored and politically unbiased. When considering whether to approve permits for invited speakers, administrators could only consider neutral-viewpoint criteria and couldn't deny application based on the anticipation of controversy. This measure now heads to the full Senate for consideration.

Also in committee Monday, the Senate Finance Committee approved the 2018-2019 supplemental budget to align appropriations made in 2017 with actual expenses over the last two years. The bill's all funds total is \$8.4 billion, with \$1.7 billion from general state revenue and \$4.4 billion out of the Rainy Day fund. \$3.1 billion of that latter number is dedicated to costs incurred from Hurricane Harvey "I know those are big numbers," said author and committee chair Senator Jane Nelson of Flower Mound. "But we all knew that the cost of Harvey was going to be significant." Other items in SB 500 include \$4.4 million to cover a Medicaid shortfall, \$542 million for teacher pensions, \$300 million for state hospital improvements and \$100 million to harden school campuses and improve safety.

The public got its first look at the Senate version of the school finance reform bill on Friday with the filing of SB 4, by Friendswood Senator and Education Committee Chair Larry Taylor. As expected, the bill would direct more money to students who have dyslexia, are economically disadvantaged or enrolled in bilingual education programs. It seeks to incentivize third-grade reading proficiency as well as readiness for college, the workforce or the military by giving districts more money for every low-income student that meets state standards in those areas. It would also allow districts to create effectiveness-based teacher compensation schedules to give pay raises to the best teachers in the district. The bill was referred to the Education Committee on Monday, but a hearing date has yet to be set.



Lawmakers start rolling out high-priority legislation

AUSTIN — With the filing of legislation that would give teachers an across-the-board pay increase, Texas lawmakers showed progress toward solving the complex issues of school finance and property tax reform.

Senate Bill 3, passed March 4 by the full Senate on a voice vote, would entitle each classroom teacher and full-time librarian to a state-financed \$5,000 increase above their 2018-2019 school year salary. The bill would not stop school districts from providing merit-based raises to teachers in addition to the state's \$5,000 increase. Authored by Senate Finance Committee Chair Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, SB 3, if approved by the House, would make the raise effective for the school year beginning in the fall. Nelson said it would cost \$4 billion to give the state's estimated 350,000 teachers the raise, and that funds to cover the pay hike will be in the state budget.

"The one thing we should do, first and foremost, is to recognize the need to uplift our entire teaching profession," she said.

Meanwhile, in the west end of the Capitol building, House members have been working on their own school finance reform legislation. House Bill 3 is called "The Texas Plan" by its author, House Public Education Committee Chair Dan Huberty, R-Houston.

Huberty said his bill, which has gained bipartisan support and has more than 80 members signed on as coauthors, would invest \$9 billion above enrollment growth while addressing student achievement, teacher quality and property tax reform. HB 3, Huberty added, represents "the first major rewrite of the state's public school finance system undertaken without threat of a court order."

A few of the bill's attributes include:
- Lowering school property tax rates by four cents statewide;
- Funding for full-day pre-kindergarten for low-income students; and
- Increasing the minimum teacher salary schedule.

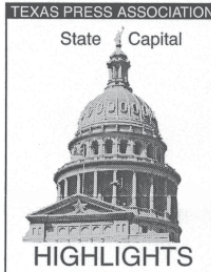
Disaster relief is goal

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick on March 6 joined Senate members in announcing a package of bills dealing with disaster relief and recovery from Hurricane Harvey, which caused widespread devastation in the late summer of 2017.

"We said at the time we would dedicate ourselves to helping people rebuild their homes, their businesses, their communities," said Patrick.

- SB 6 by Sen. Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, makes use of the knowledge gained in dealing with Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath. "Senate

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling



Revenue total announced

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on March 4 announced state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.796 billion in February, an amount 7 percent more than he announced in February 2018.

"Growth in sales tax revenue was led by remittances from the construction, manufacturing and services sectors. Receipts from information services and restaurants also grew significantly. Receipts from oil and gas-mining firms remained about the same as a year ago," Hegar said.

On March 6 Hegar announced the comptroller's office would send cities, counties, transit systems and special-purpose taxing districts \$711.7 million in local sales tax allocations for the month.

The amount is 6.1 percent more than the amount reported a year ago. These allocations are based on sales made in January by businesses that report tax monthly.

Texas lawmaker dies

Former U.S. Rep. Ralph Hall of Rockwall died March 7 in Rockwall. He was 95.

Hall served in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1945 and received a law degree from Southern Methodist University in 1947. He was elected to the Texas Senate in 1962 and served until 1972, when he was first elected to Congress as a Democrat.

He changed from a Democrat to a Republican in 2004 and continued to serve as a member of Congress until January 2015.

HOME COUNTRY
By Slim Randles

"Comin' up on Saint Paddy's Day, boys," Windy said, coming in on final approach to an empty chair. Perfect two-point landing. Loretta filled his cup with fresh and he reared back and addressed the members of the Mule Barn truck stop's world dilemma think tank. "Almost here, yessir. But this one ain't gonna be like the last one ... not by a strong shot. Lead us not into configuration, thass what I always say."

Well, yes he does, actually. In fact, expanding the world's vocabulary seems to be the life mission of our old cowboy camp cook and philosopher, Alphonse "Windy" Wilson. And dang, he's good at it.

"What happened last St. Patrick's Day, Windy?" asked Doc, politely. And then we braced ourselves for his answer.

"Wellsir, there I were, boys, findin' myself in the capital city on Saint Paddy's Day and I were just walkin' along, peruvulatin' the sidewalk, as it were, when I chanced upon a publication house. Thass what they call 'em in Ireland, you know.

So I rears back and walks on in. Boys, the party was on all right. There was Irishers everywhere! One of 'em, a big booger, comes over and says to buy him a beer, cuz I'm the only one in there who hasn't bought him one, yet."

"Did you buy him one, Windy?"

"Do I look stoo-pid? A-course I did. And I danced a little jig and had a couple myself. And 'bout that time here come that big ol' drunk guy again and he said it were time to buy him another beer. I told him I didn't have no more money, and that's when I found myself out on the sidewalk, the whole eastern side of my face hurtin' somethin' fierce. Then I remembered that little sign they had in there. Had it right over the bar. It said, "If you ain't a mick, you're gonna get sick." Them Irish is right ever now and then."

Two of Slim's books, *Ol' Jimmy Dollar* and *The Cowboy's Bucket List*, are now deeply discounted for his readers and listeners. Check out the offer at www.riograndebooks.com.



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ROUND-UP

Senator Brandon Creighton Statement on SB 7 Ensuring a More Resilient Texas

"Hurricane Harvey was a storm of biblical proportion, that requires a Texas-sized response. Today I filed Senate Bill 7, the Texas Infrastructure Resilience Fund (TIRF) for disaster relief and flood mitigation projects to prepare the state for future storms. We know that the next super storm is when, not if, therefore it is our responsibility to take bold action for Harvey Recovery and to ensure a more resilient Texas."

SENATOR BRANDON CREIGHTON represents District 4, which encompasses parts of Montgomery, Harris, Chambers, Jefferson and Galveston Counties.

Programs at Sam & Carmena Goss Library

These are the events taking place at the Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch Library the week of March 11, 2019.

These are the events that are happening at the Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch Library the week of Monday, March 18.

- Tuesday, March 19 - 10:00 am, Baby & Me (ages 0-24 mos)
- Wednesday, March 20 - 10:00 am, Mickey Mom Traveltips and tricks for the perfect Disney vacation. (ages 18 & up)

• Friday, March 22 - 10:30 am, Storytime (ages 0-5 yrs)

• Friday, March 22 - 6:00 pm, Escape The Room (ages 13-18 yrs) Registration required. Call 281-576-2245 to register.

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

NTSB analyzing Atlas Air crash debris

Officials from the NTSB are assembling and analyzing debris from the crash of the Atlas Air Flight 3591, a Boeing 767 cargo jet. Three persons on the plane died from the crash.

The debris is being collected in a warehouse near the crash site in Chambers County, according to Sheriff Brian Hawthorne.

Channel 2 KPRC was given access to the warehouse to record the scenes at the right. The warehouse location is undisclosed, to preserve the evidence.

On Tuesday, the NTSB revealed new details of the crash, based on data from the black box recorders. The airplane speed was 500 mph when it went into an uncontrolled descent from 6000 feet. The flight data recorder indicated that the plane hit turbulence prior to dropping.

Both pilots were quite experienced, the report says, and yet the plane nose-dived beyond their control.

The debris field was 200 yards wide, and 350 yards long, with some light cargo and plane parts floating downstream 20 miles.

A final report will not be released until 2020, the NTSB said.



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Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital recognizes three nurses as DAISY award winners

BAYTOWN — (March 11, 2019) — Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital recognized three nurses as winners of the March 2019 DAISY Awards.

Laura Vazquez (3 West) and Beryl Tippens (2 East) and Jade Luong (3 West), were recognized as the DAISY Award winners in March. The DAISY Award is part of the DAISY Foundation's program to recognize the "super-human" tasks nurses perform every day. Community Resource Credit Union serves as the sponsor of the DAISY Award program at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital.

Vazquez was nominated by a patient experiencing considerable pain for her considerate, gentle and attentive manner, and for requesting a specialist to resolve the difficulty in inserting an IV into the patient's arm. Luong was praised by a husband whose wife was admitted into the hospital for consistently checking on the patient's condition and being kind, friendly and caring to both of them. In Tippens' nominating letter, she was recognized for being proactive in attending to the hygiene of a homeless patient by shaving his beard, cutting his hair and providing fresh clothing; helping him feel better, which improved his recovery.

The not-for-profit DAISY Foundation is based in Glen Ellen, Calif., and was established by family members in memory of J. Patrick Barnes, who died in 1999 at the age of 33 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), a little known but not uncommon auto-immune disease. The care Barnes and his family received from nurses while he was ill inspired



"Daisy Luong" Jade Luong



"Daisy Vazquez" Laura Vazquez



"Daisy Tippens" Beryl Tippens

this unique means of thanking nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and patient families. Each month, a nurse is selected by a nursing committee to receive the DAISY Award.

At a presentation in front of the nurse's colleagues, physicians, patients, and visitors, the honorees receive a certificate commending them for being an "Extraordinary Nurse." The certificate reads: "In deep appreciation of all you do, who you are, and the incredibly meaningful difference you make in the lives of so many people." The honorees are also given a beautiful sculpture called A Healer's Touch; hand-carved by artists of the Shona Tribe of Zimbabwe, Africa.

One day while Barnes was in the hospital, he asked his family to bring him a Cinnabon cinnamon roll plus enough for all the nurses in his unit. With the help of Cinnabon's parent company, FOCUS Brands, the DAISY Foundation carries on this tradition by serving Cinnabons to all the nurses

in the award recipient's unit in thanks for everything they do for their patients and families.

Bonnie Barnes, president and co-founder of the DAISY Foundation, stated, "When Patrick was critically ill, our family experienced first-hand the remarkable skill and care nurses provide acutely ill patients every day and night. Yet these unsung heroes are seldom recognized for the super-human work they do. The kind of work the nurses at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital are called on to do every day epitomizes the purpose of the DAISY Award."

Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital is proud to be among the hospitals participating in the DAISY Award program. Nurses are heroes every day, and

Two Chambers County homeowners receive repairs to homes damaged by Hurricane Harvey

Baytown, Texas: (March 5, 2019) – Two more homeowners will be welcomed home this week after their Hurricane Harvey damaged homes were repaired. Last Wednesday, March 6, and Friday, March 8, the Baytown Area & Chambers County Disaster Recovery partnership hosted by United Way of Greater Baytown Area & Chambers County.

Following Harvey, United Way convened a group of community members to create the Baytown Area & Chambers County Disaster Recovery partnership. This volunteer-led group is represented by area businesses, Chambers County Long Term Recovery Organization, United Way, Faith-based groups, FEMA, local government, Healthcare, media, and nonprofit organizations. They continue to review housing damage and identify

the best way to help individuals and families reclaim their homes. The storm caused nearly \$200 billion in damage and displaced more than 30,000 people.

Our community was hit hard and families never quit working to get back to a normal life; living in a safe, clean home. "There are many who are still in need of help but do not know where to turn," said Melissa Reabold, CEO United Way of Greater Baytown Area & Chambers County. "If you are seeking help, please call 832.926.4008 to discuss the process of receiving home repairs." Volunteers are also needed to help with the effort.

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given the current national nursing shortage, the Daisy Award plays an important role in letting our nurses know their work is highly valued.

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nity, providing comprehensive care at all stages of life. As a health care leader, the hospital is proud to have a fully integrated residency program focused on educating and inspiring future practitioners. Today, Houston Methodist Baytown provides some of the most advanced and innovative procedures while never losing focus on compassionate and patient-centered care. Houstonmethodist.org/baytown.

★ ASK THE EXPERTS ★

Don't ignore abdominal pain

BAYTOWN — (March 8, 2019) — Abdominal pain may strike anyone at any time and can range from a simple stomach ache to much more serious conditions. Understanding the possible causes and symptoms can help avoid potentially dangerous health situations.

“Every instance of abdominal pain may not be a serious or emergency situation,” said Dr. Rashid Khan, a gastroenterologist/hepatologist at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital. “Generally, I tell patients that they know their body best and will know when something is seriously wrong. But pain that is intense, comes on suddenly and may be associated with other symptoms, such as vomiting, change in stool habits and/or bleeding, needs to be evaluated sooner rather than later.”

Abdominal pain is defined as pain that occurs between the chest and pelvic regions and may be crampy, achy, dull, intermittent or sharp in nature. The pain may be caused by many conditions, including infection, obstruction, inflammation, intestinal disorders, constipation, diarrhea, acid reflux (heart burn), vomiting, irritable bowel syndrome, lactose intolerance, gall stones, kidney stones, Crohn's disease and stress. Khan said the location of the pain may provide clues regarding its cause.

“Pain in the right upper part of the abdomen may indicate gall stones and suggest that the gall bladder needs to be



Dr. Rashid Khan

removed. Pain in the upper central part may indicate a stomach ulcer and necessitate an endoscopy. Pain in the right lower abdomen may indicate appendicitis, particularly in younger patients,” Khan said.

Khan adds that pain in the middle part of the abdomen may indicate the presence of irritable bowel syndrome (IBS). If this pain is accompanied by weight loss or bloody stools, inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), including two subtypes—Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis—may be diagnosed. Pain isolated in the lower part of the abdomen may signal appendicitis or intestinal obstruction.

“In women, pain in the reproductive organs of the lower abdomen may be caused by conditions such as ovarian cysts, fibroids, endometriosis or pelvic inflammatory disease,” Khan said.

Khan said patients experiencing abdominal pain should first undergo a physical exam in which a gastroenterologist gently presses down on various areas of the abdomen to check for tenderness and swelling. Imaging tests, such as MRI, ultrasound and

X-ray are used to view organs, tissues and other structures in detail. Other tests include colonoscopy and endoscopy, while blood, urine and stool samples may also be utilized.

Khan said abdominal pain frequently strikes younger patients, who may be prone to delaying treatment until the pain becomes severe.

“I advise younger patients not to ignore their symptoms,” Khan said. “They should not hesitate seeing their doctor because the condition may worsen the longer they delay in seeking treatment,” Khan said.

If you are experiencing abdominal pain, schedule an appointment with a gastroenterology specialist at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital by visiting houstonmethodist.org/baytown or calling 281-422-7960.

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DPS offers safety tips for Spring Break

Also reminds Texans to skip the trip to DL offices

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding Texans to make safety a top priority this spring break. Increased traffic often accompanies spring break, and drivers are urged to obey all traffic laws and use extra caution when driving over the next few weeks. DPS Troopers and various local law enforcement across Texas will be enhancing enforcement efforts during spring break, watching for speeders, drunk drivers and seat-belt violators.

“Safety is our top priority at DPS, and we are asking the public to do their part by driving responsibly, obeying the laws and monitoring road conditions during their spring break travels,” said DPS Director Steven McCraw. “DPS will do our part to enhance safety by patrolling the roadways to identify and remove dangerous drivers.”

DPS offers the following tips for safe travel during spring break:

- Do not drink and drive. Make alternate travel plans if you are consuming alcohol.
- Move Over or Slow Down for police, fire, EMS, Texas Department of Transportation vehicles and tow trucks stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated. Also, show the same courtesy to fellow drivers stopped along the road.
- Slow down — especially in bad weather, construction areas, heavy traffic and unfamiliar areas.
- Eliminate distractions while driving, including the use of mobile devices. Texas law prohibits using a portable wireless device to read, write or send an electronic message unless the vehicle is stopped.
- Buckle up everyone in the vehicle — it's the law.
- If you can Steer It, Clear It: If you are involved in a non-injury crash and

your vehicle can be moved, clear the traffic lanes to minimize the impact on traffic. Leaving vehicles in a traffic lane not only increases traffic congestion, but it also leaves those involved with an increased risk of harm and chance for a secondary collision. On some highways, it is actually a violation of the law to not move your vehicle over when it is safe to do so.

- Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.
- Don't drive fatigued — allow plenty of time to reach your destination.
- If you see a road hazard or if you observe anything suspicious, report it to the nearest law enforcement agency.
- On multi-lane roadways, use the left lane for passing only. Not only is it courteous driving and avoids impeding traffic, Texas law requires slower traffic to keep to the right and to only use the left lane for passing (when posted).
- Before your trip begins, make sure your vehicle is properly maintained and always double check to make sure all cargo is secure.
- Monitor weather and road conditions wherever you are traveling. For road conditions/closings in Texas, visit Drive Texas.
- U.S. citizens traveling abroad should always check the U.S. Department of State website for the latest security information related to their travel destination. Those traveling out of the country can also register with the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program online.

Additionally, while spring break is a great time to check things off the to-do list — like conducting driver license (DL) transactions — DPS is reminding residents that many Texans can skip the trip to an office altogether by taking care of business

online, by phone or by mail. These options are particularly convenient during spring break, which can actually be one of the busiest times at Texas DL offices. Are you eligible to save time and skip the trip? Find out now by visiting Texas.gov.

DPS offers these additional tips to increase convenience for all driver license customers across the state:

- High-capacity DL Mega Centers are available in major metropolitan areas to better serve customers.
- Many DL offices utilize a queuing system to provide customers with the convenient option of reserving a spot in line through the DPS website before going to the office. For a list of the high-capacity Mega Centers, as well as the specific DL offices that offer the “Get in Line, Online” feature, visit the DPS website.
- In many offices, you can schedule a drive test online three months in advance. Customers are urged to plan ahead and not delay scheduling a drive appointment.
- Another underutilized option available to customers is to renew their DL or ID card early. You can renew up to two years in advance, and renewing early does not impact the expiration date. If an office visit is required, renewing early allows customers to choose a convenient time that best fits their schedule and avoids the busiest times at the DL office.
- Mondays and Fridays tend to be the busiest days, as well as after holidays. Overall, summer is the busiest time of the year. Try to plan your visit around these high-volume times, if possible.
- Before you go to the office, make sure you have all the proper documentation, including documents needed for residency requirements.

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THOUGHTS FROM
MARANATHA CHURCH

By Dr. Mark Trice



What Matters

Around here, February and March see area residents focusing largely on the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, an event that draws people from all over. In fact, it's entirely possible I've crossed paths with some of you this year. While looking around me, people watching, I've always found one thing especially interesting: People come to the rodeo for all sorts of reasons.

Many come strictly for the rodeo. There are actually events going on all day long, and the diehard rodeo fans can occasionally be seen in the mostly empty seats in these other arenas. Generally first in the gate, these attendees may or may not stay for the concert, but they'll follow the rodeo to the very end.

Then there are those who come primarily for the concert, having carefully chosen their tickets according to their artist preferences; they may arrive early, but aren't necessarily in a rush to get to the main arena. Add the other draws like the carnival, the

food, the animals and...as my wife would quickly point out...the shopping, and when you ask ten different people why they came to the rodeo you may well get ten different answers.

Regardless of who they are, they come. Regardless of why they come, they gather as one massive rodeo family. The energy is electric and the fellowship is unique, and in the end pretty much everyone is glad they took part in the festivities.

Things aren't so different in the family of God. Think of the disciples who joined Jesus, remembering their various professions, personalities, and reputations. We may not know why, exactly, each decided to give up his life to follow this stranger, but they all came when He called.

Look at the family of God: The biggest hodgepodge in history, we openly welcome all types of people, and all types of people come to God's house. Why do they come? What brings them in? Does the music

draw them to a church? Does the preaching? Is it a sense of family and belonging that attracts them? Ask ten different people and, again, you may get ten different answers.

But honestly, why they come to church really doesn't matter any more than why someone attends the rodeo. What matters is remembering that our example, Jesus, welcomed all kinds and gave more grace than most of us would even consider giving. (Seriously, would you let Judas, a man you knew was stealing from you, stay on your staff?) What matters is that we pour out our love on those who join us in worship. What matters is that, when we leave our marks on their lives, those marks reflect Him.

What matters is that we welcome them in and help them become a connected, vital part of the family. What matters is that, no matter why they come, we let them know they've come home.

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HIGHLANDS ROTARY CLUB NEWS



Sterling-White talks about Prearrangement benefits

Rotarians learned about the benefits of prearrangements in funeral planning, at their luncheon meeting on February 19.

The presentation was made by manager Gerald Miller and community specialist Cora Lynn Miller, with managing partner Mike Page joining to answer questions.

Miller pointed out that we will all face the need for these arrangements sometime in the future, and it is better to discuss them early.

Prearrangements can save money, and provide peace of mind as you face the future.

The main benefits of Prearrangement are:

- A husband and wife can share their choices and save the family from pressure, expense and inconvenience at the time of one's death.
- Selections beforehand insure that all family members can participate and agree on plans.
- Prearrangements will freeze the price of a funeral or cemetery lot at today's prices. Since these can go up in the future, money can be saved by deciding now.
- Insurance savings can result by prepaying these costs, thus conserving in-



STERLING-WHITE staff includes Mike Page, managing partner; Cora Lynn Miller, community services; Gerald Miller, manager.

urance benefits for the remaining family.

• Funeral costs and memorialization are inevitable expenses in the future. But payments can be made currently from income, through budgeted payments, avoiding a large cash payment at time of death.

• Peace of Mind will come with the decisions made at prearrangements. Although grief and healing are inevitable and take a long time in some cases, having these decisions done in your way will bring peace of mind.

Cora Miller said that she would be ready to meet with any family that had questions or wanted to start the process of prearrangements.

These services are available anytime by contacting either Cora Miller or Gerald Miller at Sterling-White.

Other considerations are alternate choices such as cremation, or above ground burial, or special sections of the cemetery such as veterans areas, to which the staff will provide helpful answers.

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey—

1. Is the book of 1 Samuel in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In Luke 21, on what shall they see the Son of man coming "with

- power and great glory"? Chariot, Cloud, Whirlwind, Burning bush
3. Who distributed to everyone a loaf of bread, a piece of meat and a cake of raisins? Solomon, Paul, Timothy, David
4. From Exodus 4, who did the Lord provide to Moses to be his mouthpiece? Abraham, Aaron, Noah, Mahalalel

5. To whom did the word of the Lord say, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city"? Jonah, Samuel, James, Peter
6. In Psalms 22:14, what did the psalmist say his heart was like? Water, Butter, Wax, Emptiness

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Cloud; 3) David; 4) Aaron; 5) Jonah; 6) Wax

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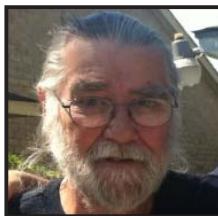
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God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble
Psalm: 46:1

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OBITUARIES

Jesse Eugene Cranford, Jr.



Jesse Eugene Cranford, Jr., passed from this life on March 9, 2019 in Pasadena, Texas. He was born on May 3, 1937 in Houston, Texas. Jesse proudly served his country in the United States Navy, where he retired after 20 years of dedicated service. He was also an accomplished musician, and a known Pentecostal evangelist in the Channelview area. He is preceded in death by his parents, Louise and Jesse Cranford, Sr. and his brother Jerry French. He is lovingly survived by his wife, Ruby Cranford; chil-

dren, Jesse Eugene Cranford, III and wife Dorothy, John Earl Cranford and wife Valerie, Jacqueline Elaine Cranford Markum and husband Michael, James Erwin Cranford and partner Mary, Jamie Elizabeth Cranford; sister Vida Woodman, as well as

numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended family members and friends. Funeral services with military honors will be held at 9:00 a.m. Friday, March 15, 2019 in the chapel at Houston National Cemetery, where he will be laid to rest, under the direction of Carter-Conley Funeral Home.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT

PROPOSED PERMIT NO. WQ0015028002

APPLICATION. Chaparral Industrial Services LLC, 8216 Miller Road 3, Houston, Texas 77049, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for proposed Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0015028002 (EPA I.D. No. TX0138991) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 5,000 gallons per day.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing."

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ 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 water quality concerns submitted during the comment period.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment, 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.

Further information may also be obtained from Chaparral Industrial Services LLC at the address stated above or by calling Mr. James E. Hebert at 832-871-4260.

Issuance Date: February 21, 2019

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO SELECT COUNTY DEPOSITORIES

In accordance with Article 116.022 of the Texas Local Government Code,

NOTICE, is hereby given to any Chambers County banking corporation, association, or individual banker, that the Chambers County Commissioners Court will at 10:00 a.m. on the 23rd day of April, 2019, select one or more depository banks for the following Chambers County Funds:

- Chambers County Operating Funds
Interest and Sinking Funds
District and County Clerk Trust Funds
County Permanent School Funds
County Internal Funds
Other Related Funds

The county reserves the right to withdraw any or all Chambers County Permanent School Funds from this depository agreement. It is understood that the Chambers County Treasurer would give a 30-day written notice prior to any withdrawal of these funds.

The term of the depository contract shall be four, (4) years with an option to review at the end of two, (2) years.

Any banking corporation, association or individual banker desiring to be designated as a County Depository shall make and deliver to the Chambers County Judge an application applying for such contract on or before 2:00 p.m. on the 3rd day of April, 2019. The application must be in a sealed envelope marked on the outside "Depository Application."

The application must state the amount of the bank's paid-up capital stock and permanent surplus; the application must be accompanied by:

- (1) A statement showing the financial condition of the bank on the date of the application;
and
(2) A certified check or cashier's check for at least one-half (1/2) percent of the county's revenue for the preceding year.

The certified check or cashier's check that accompanies the application is a good-faith guarantee on the part of the applicant that if accepted as a County Depository it will execute the bond required under Ch. 116, Subchapter D, Texas Local Government Code. If the bank is selected as a depository and does not provide the bond, the county shall retain the amount of the check as liquidated damages.

The Commissioners Court may determine and designate the character and amount of county funds that will be demand deposits and that will be time deposits. The Commissioners Court may contract with a depository for interest on time deposits at any legal rate under a federal law or under a rule adopted by the board of governors of the Federal Reserve System or by the board of directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

The Commissioners Court will select one or more of the qualified applicants that offer the most favorable terms and conditions for the handling of the county funds; the Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject those applicants whose management or condition, in the opinion of the Commissioners Court, does not warrant placing county funds in their possession.

Jimmy Sylvia, County Judge
Chambers County Commissioners Court
March 1, 2019

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"Proposals for RFP 19-004 Garbage Collection Services will be received by the Galena Park Independent School District until Tuesday, April 9, 2019 @ 2:30 PM CSDT. At that time proposals will be opened at the GPSD Admin Bldg located at 14705 Woodforest Blvd., Houston, TX 77015. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Brooke Lakner, Director of Purchasing at 832-386-1008 or on our website: http://galenaparkisd.com. The Galena Park ISD reserves the right to reject any or all proposals."

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Notice of Intention To Introduce A Bill In The Legislature of Texas

Notice is hereby given of the intention to introduce in the Regular Session of the 86th Legislature of Texas a bill allowing the district to designate all or any part of the district as a tax increment reinvestment zone and use tax increment financing under Chapter 311 of the Texas Tax Code, pursuant to the provisions of Article 16, Section 59, of the Constitution of Texas and Chapter 313 of the Texas Government Code.

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GCCISD Education Foundation Accepting Award Nominations

The Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation is taking nominations to honor businesses and individuals for their outstanding achievements and contributions to community service and improving education.

The three new awards each have a unique recognition behind them. The Education Legacy Award is a lifetime achievement designation to an individual or business that has made a profound and long-term impact on the district. The Distinguished Alumnus Award honors graduates of the district who have achieved success professionally or through philanthropy, while the Business of the Year Award recognizes a company that provides exemplary products or service to the district and goes above and beyond in their support.

"We have so many incredible people and places in our community that truly improve the lives of our youth through their charitable works - whether it's through financial support or volunteerism sweat equity," said Jennifer Walsh, the foundation's vice president of development. "We want to recognize our education all stars and what better match to do it than at our All-Star Gala?"

Nominations must be entered electronically at www.bit.ly/GCCISDEdAwards by March 31

at 5 p.m. Self-nominations are accepted, but current foundation board members are ineligible for individual recognition.

The three finalists of each award will be honored at the foundation's All-Star Gala September 14 at Minute Maid Park from 6 to 11 p.m. which will feature a surprise Astros Legend Alumni in attendance along with other celebrity guests. Tickets and sponsorships are now available with all proceeds benefiting the foundation in its mission to support educators and innovation at Goose Creek CISD.

Nominations for the award must include basic contact information for the nominee as well as answering a few short questions about the nominee. Each award has slightly different judging criteria.

The Legacy Award recognizes significant contributions of time or donations to help enhance the learning environment for students, educators and administrators. It can also be given to an individual or company for implementing strategic initiatives focused on improving educational outcomes for students. Eligible initiatives could focus on a number of topics, including Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), early education, K-12, teacher training, access to technology and resources or con-

tinuing education among others. The initiative must show a commitment to improving student achievement and demonstrate measurable results.

Nominees for the Goose Creek CISD Distinguished Alumnus Award must be district graduates or individuals who attended school within the district for at least four years. This award will be given to a former student who has achieved prominence and made a significant impact on the lives of others. Nominees will be evaluated based on professional ranking and impact within their industry, achievements locally, nationally or internationally and contributions to their community.

"We have so many amazing graduates of this district that we wanted to share their achievements and spark pride in students, staff, faculty and other alumni," Walsh said.

While the Business of the Year Award will recognize a company that provides exemplary products or service to the district, the businesses nominated also should support the district vision to empower every student with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in a global community. Any company that has done business with the district over the past three years as a supplier, vendor or service provider is eligible.

Carla's Snak Shak has best landscaping in Highlands



The Highlands-Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce bestowed the monthly honor for looking good with community pride to Carla's Snak Shak on Main Street last Wednesday. Above members of the board came out to join in congratulations to Carla for putting the best face on Highlands.

Huffman Education Foundation to host Casino night April 26

HUFFMAN- It's all in for Casino Night on April 26 from seven come eleven at the Walden Country Club to benefit the Huffman Education Foundation.

The event will feature Texas Hold 'Em, roulette, craps, blackjack, a live auction, with door prizes per drawings.

The Walden Country Club opens its lav-

ish surroundings for a live auction, hors d'oeuvres and cocktails for an educational cause.

Regular tickets are \$100 per person and with that the hors d'oeuvres, open bar, \$3,000 in casino Chips, and possibilities for 6 prizes drawn by the hostess.

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deal, is available for just \$1,000, become an event sponsor. This sponsorship opportunity comes with six tickets, additional casino chips and door prize opportunity.

Space is limited so first come first served. To obtain tickets call (281) 328-7601 or visit www.huffmanef.com to buy tickets on-line.

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