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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

MARCH 1 & 2 CROSBY LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Friends of the Crosby Library will hold their spring Book Sale on Friday, March 1st - 1pm - 6pm. Saturday, March 2nd - 10am - 5pm. ***SPECIAL*** BUY 2 books, get one free !!! So many good books, children books, table top books and more! For more information, call the Library at 832-927-7790.

SAT. APRIL 6 SPRING FLING VENDOR & CRAFT FAIR

April 6th, 2019 at Hargrave High School from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Booth Vendor Fees: \$75 Non-Chamber Members. \$50 Crosby-Huffman Chamber Member. \$25 Non-Profit Organization Set up time begins at 8:00 am to 9:40 am. Contact Tiffany at tiffany@crosbychurch.com or call the office at 281-328-1310

BIRTHDAYS

- Feb 28-B.E. Hales
- Mar 2-Jennifer Abbott
- Robert Harper
- Dorothy Holy
- Jennifer Moye
- Michelle Phillips
- Mar 3-Theresa Abbott
- Irene Fleming
- Jahnise McKee
- Jerry Thompson
- Mar 4-Evelyn Banks
- Cathie West
- Jamie Yarbrough
- Eric Wood
- Mar 5-Drexel Rohde
- Mar 6-Theresa Abbott
- Mar 7-Shirley Brantley
- Michelle Cavazos
- Don Stone
- Dustin Stone

ANNIVERSARIES

- Mar 3-Jimmy & Teri Gleason
- Mar 5-Raymond & Mary Helen James

DEATHS

- Lawrence Ray McClelland

Rotary wins Terry Davis Award

HIGHLANDS - The Highlands-Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce held their Annual Installation and Community Awards Banquet last Thursday evening, at the Monument Inn.

There were Community Awards given to six outstanding individuals and organizations that have contributed to the life of the community.

The top award is the Terry Davis Award, and it was given to the Highlands Rotary Club for their work in the community. A special award was given to Betty Brewer for her 35 years of supporting the Chamber. Betty is also an active member of the Rotary Club.



Chamber president Jim Wadzinski presents the Terry Davis Award to the Highlands Rotary Club. Members present (L to R) President Denise Smith, Weston Cotten, Sheila McDonald, Betty Brewer, Rose Smith, Gilbert Hoffman, Patricia Scott, and Andy Scott. Third from right is Will Carter of Congressman Babin's office.

Executive Director Jessica Woods helped Judge Joe Stephens install the

new Board of Directors. The emcee for the evening was Chamber

president Jim Wadzinski. Opening remarks were made by vice-president

Gary Guy. The guest speaker for the evening was Nelson Espitia, representing the office of Harris County Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia. Espitia is an immigrant from Columbia, educated at North Shore high school. He spoke about Commissioner Garcia's agenda and priorities for Pct. 2.

President Wadzinski wrapped up the evening by noting this was his 5th term, and recounting some of the accomplishments of the Chamber.

He also spoke about the upcoming \$335m bond issue coming up for Goose Creek CISD, and the importance of it passing.

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Crosby-Huffman awards CRCU, Meaux

BAYTOWN - The Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce held their Annual Installation and Awards Banquette at the Hilton Garden Inn on Garth Rd. last Wednesday in a stellar celebration.

Installed for the Board by Precinct 3 J.P. Joe Stephens who borrowed the time honored cliché "It is better to be sworn in than sworn out."

Yet this year the Chamber honored a pair of categories, one for Huffman and one for Crosby. The single exception is Ambassador of the Year won by Margarette Chasteen.

The categories had large numbers of nominees this year owing to the nature of struggles in 2018.

Although the venue was spacious there were sparse vacancies owing to interests drawn from the local business communities and businesses interested in Crosby and Huffman.



Community Resource Credit Union was acclaimed as Business of the Year for Crosby doubtlessly for their support of community activities and projects also continued commitment to bring innovative banking. Marsala Italian Grill won for Huffman but was unable to attend.



David Mendez of Turner Chevrolet awarded Dan and Jennifer Meaux the Citizen of the Year Award. The Meaux's restaurant is an avid community supporter, instrumental in enabling the Cougar Band to go to Chicago from an event inside the Crawfish Shack. "It was nice to receive this honor with my wife."

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Let's Rodeo! Parade, Trail Riders kick it off

Are you ready to Rodeo? The 87th Annual Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo starts Monday, February 25, and runs through Sunday, March 17.

Monday's opening entertainment is Grammy winning Kacey Musgraves, and the closing act in March is George Strait.

Events leading up to the Rodeo included Trail Riders arriving at Memorial Park, a Parade downtown, a Bar-B-Que Cook-off, and a Rodeo Run which had more than 9000 entries.

The overall champion BBQ grand champion team was Operation BBQ Relief. The top trail riding group was Texas Independence, winning the Spirit Award.

The Grand Marshal for the parade was Texans Quarterback DeShaun Watson, riding a horse for the first time. Over 30 floats and units participated. The top float was judged to be Fiesta Mart, who was named the Sweepstakes winner.



12 Trail Rider groups spent last week to get to Memorial Park campgrounds on Friday.



The Rodeo Parade, including the traditional "Howdy" float, took place on Saturday inspite of inclement weather.

Coach Riordan moves to Tyler

TYLER, Texas -Chapel Hill Independent School District named Jeff Riordan as successor to lead their football program and athletic department next year.

Riordan will serve as new head football coach and athletic director.

Riordan will replace Jason Hooker who resigned on February 11.

Riordan's 16 years of experience; including seven at Crosby ISD with a mark of 66-18 at Crosby. He led the Cougars to six playoff appearances and four district championships.

Just prior to Crosby he was at Sulphur Springs. He began at Garland Lakeview Centennial High School for four years and was the wide receivers coach at Texas A&M-Commerce in 2001.

Riordan will officially begin his duties on March 18.

According to Crosby ISD Superintendent Scott Davis, "We have received

official notice that our Athletic Director, Jeff Riordan, will be leaving Crosby ISD

to begin his tenure as the Athletic Director for another district. The contributions he has made to the Crosby ISD Athletic Department are significant and have positively impacted the lives of many students, families, and our community. I have heard so many 'Code Red' stories in my short time here. Coach Riordan, by all accounts, brought a renewed sense of community to Crosby and Barrett Station. Though his service in Crosby ISD is coming to an end, we know that he will continue making a positive im-

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★ COMMUNITY NEWS ★

Crosby Family will host an exchange student next school year

World Heritage Student Exchange Programs has qualified the Elkins family as a host family for Chiara from Germany.

Chiara will be attending Crosby High School for the upcoming school year. Chiara has met all the academic and character qualifications necessary to be accepted as an exchange student by World Heritage and the Elkins family is eagerly

awaiting her arrival in August.

World Heritage, a highly respected, non-profit, public-benefit organization, is dedicated to fostering cultural enrichment and intercultural understanding through youth exchange programs. World Heritage provides students from Europe, Asia and the Americas the opportunity to spend an exchange experience in

the U.S.A.

Anyone interested in hosting a student or wishing to obtain more information should contact Jennifer Rhead at (952) 446-5577, who is the Southern Area Coordinator for World Heritage, or call toll-free 1-800-888-9040 or visit World Heritage's website at www.whhosts.com.

Crosby-Huffman Chamber recognizes leaders



Scout Master David Moser, Sr. was awarded Citizen of the Year posthumously, it was accepted by his family.



Vivianna Killian of Crosby ISD was chosen Employee of the Year for Crosby awarded by Kim Davila of JLA Realty who was awarded Volunteer of the Year.



Secretary Tatum Mac Naughton presented Crosby's Non-Profit of the Year to Crosby Church's Lorie Smith and Pastor Keenan for their efforts with Clothe A Child.



Jim Dees was awarded Volunteer of the Year from Huffman.



Huffman's Non-Profit of the Year was The Huffman Food Pantry with special recognition for their efforts immediately following Hurricane Harvey.



Huffman's Rich Harcrow of Professional Utility Services was awarded Employee of the Year here with Margarette Chasteen, she was later to be awarded Ambassador of the Year



In no particular order, the new board consists of Larry Koslovsky, Justine League, Eddie Foster, Tiffany Muller, Keenan Smith, Tatum MacNaughton, Kim Davila, Shirley Dupress, Lemisha Ducos, Vicky Hertzfeldt, Eric Jennings, Angie Richie, Lara Umburger, Britney Samperi, Lewis Spearman, Hanna Vaughan, Jessica Watkins, Superintendants of Crosby and Huffman schools, not in attendance and President Kim Harris.

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ROUND-UP

Applications for home ownership

Baytown Habitat for Humanity is now accepting applications for home ownership through March 18, 2019. Become a home owner, here is how it works: Buying a home in partnership with Baytown Habitat for Humanity is a unique opportunity. They build homes along side hardworking, low-income families and volunteers from the community. Families that meet the basic qualifications listed below are encourage to apply.

Habitat homebuyers must meet three primary requirements:

1-Living conditions that are over crowded, substandard or cost burdened as described by HUD.

2. Willingness to partner (through volunteerism & completing required education classes on home ownership & financial stability).

3-Ability to pay 25 year 0% interest mortgage approximately \$700 to \$800 per month. Need more info? Call 218-427-0866 www.baytownhabitat.org

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 4, 2019.

- Tuesday, March 5 - 10:00 am, Baby & Me (ages 0-24 mos)
- Thursday, March 7 - 4:00 pm, Special Author Event with Saralyn Richards (All ages) Come meet the dog and star of the children's book, *Naughty Nana*. Photo ops, pawtographs, and sloppy kisses galore! Then at 5:30 a special presentation by Saralyn Richards on her other book *Murder in the One Percent*. Both books will be available for purchase.
- Friday, March 8 - 10:30 am, Story Time (ages 0-5 yrs)
- *Upcoming Event: Friday, March 22 - 6:00 pm, Escape the Room (ages 13-18 yrs) Come test your skills & see if you have what it takes to ESCAPE! Spaces Limited. Registration Required. Call 281-576-2254 to register.

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

Boeing 767 Cargo Jet crashes near Anahuac

Search difficult in muddy marsh

ANAHUAC – This quiet suburban community was the scene of a horrific airplane accident last Saturday afternoon, as a Boeing 767 jumbo jet dropped from the sky into Jack's Pocket, a backwater of Trinity Bay.

The flight was Atlas Air 3591, a cargo plane carrying packages for Amazon on a trip from Miami to Houston.

At about 12:40 pm, authorities said it fell from 6300 feet into the bay, at an angle almost straight down. A witness said she saw it dive, roll to the left, and catch its wing as it landed in the marsh and water of the bay.

First responders included the Chambers County Sheriff, Brian Hawthorne, and fire and EMS from nearby Anahuac. Later authorities included DPS,



AUTHORITIES can only use airboats to search for debris, black box recorders, and bodies of the three airman, due to the muddy marsh and shallow water. Only small fragments were left of the jumbo jet, after nosediving into Trinity Bay.

Coast Guard, Houston Police and dive team, Harris County Sheriff, Texas Parks and Wildlife, and Baytown divers. The FAA and the NTSB will be in charge of the investigation. At this time, there is no known cause for the crash, and air traffic controllers said there was no distress

call or radio indication of a problem.

The plane broke into hundreds of small pieces, either in the air or as it hit the water. There were three crewmen aboard, and the bodies of two have been recovered.

Authorities are searching for the Black Box con-

trollers, apparently silent due to the muddy marsh where they are embedded, along with many of the parts of the plane. The search is urgent, because the 767 is considered one of the safest planes flying, and authorities want to know what caused this crash.

Babin Statement on Cargo Jet Crash Near Baytown:

"I was saddened to learn of the cargo jet crash Saturday afternoon in our Congressional district outside Baytown. I express my sincerest condolences to the families of those who lost their lives.

We should be thankful for the local and federal officials who rushed to the scene and will continue working in the coming days and weeks to assist at the crash site.

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is leading an investigation into the crash, and my office and I will remain in contact with NTSB and other authorities as we seek the cause of this crash and work to prevent similar tragedies in the future."

Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital opens Outpatient Center



Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital held a recent ribbon cutting event in celebration of the new Outpatient Center opening on February 20. Photographed with the ribbon are George Colon, director of Spiritual Care, Jaren Garrett, VP operations, Becky Chalupa, chief nursing officer; David P. Bernard, chief executive officer; Shawn Tittle, M.D., chief quality/medical officer; Tadd Tellepson, Tellepson Construction; David Hartt, senior project manager, Jacobs Architect Group; Laurie Terry, administrative director, Brad Bortz, practice administrator. Over 100 hospital and physicians were in attendance in celebration of the newly built Outpatient Center.

BAYTOWN — (February 26, 2019) — Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital officially opened its new state-of-the-art Outpatient Center located at 1677 West Baker Road on Monday, February 25.

"We are excited to offer comprehensive outpatient services in one convenient location," said David P. Bernard, CEO, Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital. "With the opening of

this center, Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital adds a technologically-advanced facility to its mission of delivering unparalleled health care and services to the residents of the Greater Baytown Area."

Located in the new facility is the Breast Care Center, imaging (MRI, CT scan, ultrasound and x-ray), laboratory services, Occupational Health Clin-

ic, Center for Orthopedics and Sports Medicine, physical and occupational therapy, Primary Care Clinic and outpatient surgical services. It also includes a turf field for sports medicine rehabilitation.

To schedule an appointment for an outpatient procedure at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital, visit houstonmethodist.org/baytown, or call 281.428.2273.

Las Vegas entertainer coming to Liberty Opry

What: Sting Ray Anthony Labamba Concert
When: March 10th 3:00 pm
Where: Liberty Opry Theater

Featuring: Sting Ray Anthony and special guest entertainers Shake, Rattle and Roll, the all-female show group. Ray Anthony's arsenal of talent extends beyond look and voice. As an accomplished musician/songwriter, his knowledge in the high-tech, fast-paced music industry is unlimited. A gifted guitarist, Ray also plays bass, piano, and drums. "My best musical work is from the '50s and '60s, but I listen to everything."

Before joining the award-winning live tribute show Legends in Concert, Ray performed his high energy tribute to Valens in shows across Canada, the US, and Mexico and received personal accolades from Ritchie Valens' original producer-manager Bob Keane of Del-Fi Records. Bob is very impressed with Ray's portrayal of his star and pleased Ritchie's memory is being kept alive in such a professional manner.

Ray says, "It's amazing what happens to the audience when I sing Ritchie Valens' songs. They get very excited and want to dance out of their seats to join in. I love that part." Ray's breathtaking rendition of Valens brings captivated fans to their feet and scores rave reviews from critics. "La Bamba" created in detail from the movie of the same name is the highlight of his tribute "I want the audience who did not know or recognize Ritchie to re-live that time through my work."

Shake Rattle & Roll - a nationally recognized 50's & 60's tribute show group who will make you stop, drop and roll with laughter as they take you back to a time of innocence with their beautiful harmony, choreographed moves, comedy, and hula hooping skills.



Shake Rattle & Roll has entertained with The Coasters, Jimmy Clanton, The Country Comedy Tour, Las Vegas artist Sting Ray Anthony (Ritchie Valens), Kenny James (Buddy Holly), Donny Edwards (#1 Elvis Tribute Artist in the world) and for numerous Civic Organizations, churches, commercial businesses and sing back up for other artists.

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West Chambers County Pilot Club announces annual Gala March 30

CHAMBERS COUNTY, TX - February 21, 2019 - West Chambers County Pilot Club, Inc. will hold its annual fundraising Gala on Saturday, March 30, 2019 from 6:00 P.M.-10:00 P.M., at Barbers Hill High School, Mont Belvieu TX.

The theme of this year's Gala is "Meet Me at the Sock Hop on the Hill". Dinner tickets are \$10.00 each. There will be a Kidz Zone, no children over 5yrs old, with crafts, at no charge, donations will be accepted. The Gala will have a delicious dinner, entertainment, a live and silent auction and two different drawings a men's drawing, that includes a \$1000.00 Carnival Cruise Voucher, a Lews rod and reel with a \$100.00 VISA gift card, and men's Costa sunglasses; and a women's drawings which includes a Louis Vuitton Neverfull purse, a Kate Spade purse and wallet, and ladies Costa sunglasses. There will only be 250 tickets sold for each drawing. Tickets for the drawings are \$20.00 each

The funds raised by the Gala help with all the projects the Pilot Club does throughout the coming year. Some of the projects that the Pilot Club has supported in the past includes helping to purchase a wheel chair accessible van for Chambers County, supporting the Barbers Hill High School Anchor Club, awarding annual scholarships to High School Seniors, presenting the "BrainMinders™" Buddies program with the Anchor Club to Barbers Hill Kindergarten Center and Elementary schools, annually donating school supplies to Barbers Hill ISD, and donating bicycle safety helmets at community events throughout the year. The Club raised funds to help purchase three handicap accessible playground swings for Barbers Hill ISD, one for the Kindergarten Center, Primary and Elementary schools and also helps the City of Mont Belvieu with the annual Easter Egg Hunt, July 4th celebration, Christmas in the City and by donating Special Needs playground equipment to the Mont Belvieu City park. The Club also helps with Old River/Winfree Founders Day. The Club supports the Texas District Pilot Club's Traumatic Brain Injury camps, purchased a trained service dog for a wounded warrior, donated Children's Literacy workstations to the



James Zucha and wife Stephene donated a carved and painted Frivolous black-bellied tree duck for the Live auction at the March 30, 2019 "Sock Hop on the Hill" Gala.



Mister George Jones showing an Astro picture donated for the Live auction at the March 30, 2019 "Sock Hop on the Hill" Gala.

Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch Library and provided scholarships for adult students with mild to moderate cognitive delays in the "Rising Stars Art Program" through the Baytown Art League. The club has also contributed funds to help with obtaining equipment for the Special Olympics in our community.

The club added more projects last year including donating to Barbers Hill High School for the ImPact (Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing) program that was started at the High School, the program is the most scientifically validated computerized test used by more than 7,400 High Schools to help evaluate and manage suspected concussions, and by donating scholarships to Eagle Pointe for the Swim Starfish program, the program provides individual swim lessons to children with special needs. The Club has also donated to the Chambers County Meals on Wheels.

For more information contact W.C.C.P.C. at P.O. Box 1032, Mont Belvieu, TX 77580. Email wccpilotclub@gmail.com or to purchase tickets contact any West Chambers County Pilot Club member or call 832-597-0390.

TEXAS SENATE NEWS

By Richard Lee

SENATE BILL WOULD RAISE PAY FOR ALL TEACHERS

(Austin) Every public school teacher in Texas would get a five thousand dollar raise in annual pay starting in the 2019-2020 school year under a bill approved by the Senate Finance Committee Monday. Committee Chair and bill author Senator Jane Nelson of Flower Mound said that Texas teachers haven't seen a significant pay raise in 20 years, while the cost of living continues to rise. "We need to provide this salary in order to retain our teachers in our classrooms, and to attract new teachers to the profession," she said. "We've got to make sure we attract the best and the brightest, and we've got to keep them." The committee later heard testimony from a number of public school teachers that low salaries often mean working multiple extra jobs that still don't quite make ends meet. Unsurprisingly, most supported the bill, but many asked that lawmakers find a way to also increase pay for librarians, custodians and other public school paraprofessionals that aren't classified as teachers.

According to state education commissioner Mike Morath, the vast majority of teachers in the state are paid between \$50 and \$60 thousand annually, including additional duty pay above base salary. The average teacher starts out at \$47,500 per year, and can see that amount rise slowly every year, as most teacher compensation under current law is based on years of service. The Texas Commission on School Finance, an interim study group formed to make recommendations for sweeping education finance reforms, found that the single greatest in-school factor for student achievement is teacher quality. The findings from that interim study will likely be central to any education finance reform package considered in both chambers. Senate Education Committee Chair and Finance member Senator Larry Taylor, who is currently working to craft the Senate's version of education reform legislation, told members that the bill complements the teacher compensation reforms envisioned in that measure.

The School Finance Commission identified the Dallas Independent School District as a model for salary schedules that can identify and reward their highest quality teachers. Dallas dropped the seniority-based system in the 2013-2014 school year and moved to an effectiveness-based system. The results after five years show improvement; Dallas students saw achievement gains double the state average, the number of students educated in the lowest-scoring campuses fell from nineteen to one percent, and the district had the highest number of schools receiving an "A" grade under the state's accountability system of any urban school district. The across-the-board pay raise bill considered in Senate Finance Monday wouldn't prevent the implementation of this or other effectiveness-based compensation system, emphasized Nelson.

The proposed Senate budget has \$3.7 billion set aside to pay for the salary increase, but that price tag will go up a little more after it was changed to ensure the state covers increased pension costs. Because teacher retirement benefits are based on an average of the five highest-paid years in an educator's career, a statewide increase like the one proposed would increase the total cost of teacher pensions by about \$240 million per year over the next two years. Another amendment seeks to ensure the raises are permanent. Nelson said she can guarantee that she'll fight to maintain the raise as long as she's in office, and that any future legislatures would have to make a proactive decision to remove it from statute. "If this passes it will be an established fund and if somebody's going to change it, they're going to have to go back and revoke what we're doing here today," she said.

With 22 of 31 Senators signed on as co-authors of the bill as of Monday afternoon, SB 3 should have a clear path out of the Senate. Whether or not members of the House support such a measure, or one that blends approaches, will remain to be seen.

The Senate will reconvene Tuesday, February 25 at 11 a.m.

Commissioner Garcia introduces Paid Family Leave Measure

HARRIS COUNTY, TX – Commissioner Adrian Garcia is continuing his commitment to making county employees a priority and has introduced a measure that would strengthen the current policy on family leave.

The Commissioner requested a study to determine what it will take to provide county employees with paid maternity leave for a period of two weeks over and above current policies.

"This is the fair thing to do for our working families. Many of our employees are the sole providers in their family," said Commissioner Adrian Garcia. "It's not right to ask them to choose between abandoning a new child or



Commissioner Adrian Garcia

lose their wages."

On Tuesday, the court approved the request for County's Human Resources Department to conduct a formal compensation study and budgetary impact. The vast majority of working people in the United States do not have paid



Caucus names legislative priorities for public education

AUSTIN — The Texas House Democratic Caucus on Feb. 21 announced its "Texas Kids First" education-funding package that would include all-day pre-kindergarten, teacher raises and retirement and property tax reform.

"We hope to work with our colleagues to incorporate some of these ideas into their bills," said Rep. Chris Turner, D-Grand Prairie, caucus chair.

Caucus member Rep. Gina Hinojosa, D-Austin, a former Austin Independent School District board president, said Texas rates 42nd in the nation in per-student funding. She said Texas public school students are funded \$2,300 per year below the national average.

The proposed funding package is embodied in several bills that caucus members have filed or are in the process of filing, and would add some \$14.5 billion more in baseline budget estimates. Items to be covered include:

- Teacher pay and benefits increases;
- Incentives for educating low-income students, children speaking little or no English, and special-needs pupils;
- Funding for the hiring of more counselors;
- Using money from the Rainy Day Fund for retired teachers;
- A monthly state contribution of \$100 toward teachers' health care premiums; and
- A one-time \$500 teacher reimbursement for out-of-pocket school supply purchases.

family leave through their jobs. In Texas, even unpaid leave under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act is inaccessible for 62 percent of working people. This is an opportunity for Harris County to lead other agencies in Texas, should it decide to provide family leave beyond what is available to an employee through earned paid sick and vacation leave days.

"Expanding paid family leave ensures our families get the time they need to take care of their loved ones," said Commissioner Adrian Garcia.

If approved, this would be the first time Harris County has implemented this type of paid family leave.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

The caucus also proposes to achieve property tax relief by doubling homeowners' exemptions from \$25,000 to \$50,000, an amount they suggest would give most homeowners a break of up to \$325.

Defendants settle with state

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Feb. 19 announced that Xerox Corporation and several of its former subsidiaries, including Conduent Inc., agreed to a \$235.9 million settlement with the State of Texas.

The settlement resolves a lawsuit brought by Paxton's office under the Texas Medicaid Fraud Prevention Act and other grounds regarding the processing of prior-authorization requests by dentists to deliver orthodontic services to Medicaid patients. Xerox and its companies, Paxton said, were responsible for reviewing and approving or denying requests by Medicaid providers to deliver orthodontic services between January 2004 and March 2012.

Paxton's office determined that employees of Xerox, Conduent and related companies rubber-stamped orthodontic prior-authorization requests without assuring the required review of each request by qualified clinical personnel. As a result, expensive, taxpayer-funded orthodontic work was performed on thousands of children who either didn't meet the Medicaid standard for braces or didn't require treatment. The Medicaid program does not pay for braces for cosmetic purposes. Under Texas law, only those requests that meet strict Medicaid program requirements are allowable.

Oil & gas boom to continue

Commissioners Ryan Sitton, Christi Craddick and Wayne Christian of the Texas Railroad Commission on Feb. 20 told the state Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development that discoveries of massive energy reserves in West Texas would enhance the state's booming energy industry.

Christian said the reserve found in the Wolfcamp Shale and Bone Spring Formation in West Texas is estimated to contain more than 46 billion barrels of oil and 281 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, enough to support decades of production at current levels.

Craddick told the panel that in 2017, the Legislature set a target for the Railroad Commission to plug 1,900 "orphan" wells in the 2018-2019 biennium. She estimated that the commission would cap more than 3,000 such wells by the end of 2019.

Sitton said the demand for the Railroad Commission to plug non-producing wells is also going to increase as the industry grows, and for that, the agency is requesting \$39.1 million in 2020-2021 to support the well-plugging program.

Governor nominates justice

Gov. Abbott on Feb. 21 nominated Houston attorney Justin B. "Brett" Busby to be Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas, Place 8, for a term to expire Dec. 31, 2020.

Busby, if confirmed by the Texas Senate, would succeed Justice Philip W. "Phil" Johnson of Amarillo, who retired from office effective Dec. 31, 2018.

Busby served as a justice on the Texas 14th Court of Appeals from 2012 to 2018.

House honors former speaker

Former Texas House Speaker James A. "Jimmy" Turman died Feb. 13. He was 91. His body lay in honor in the hall of the Texas House of Representatives on Feb. 22.

Turman represented Fannin County from 1955 through 1963 and served as speaker during the 57th Texas Legislature in 1961-63.

Abbott extends declaration

Gov. Greg Abbott on Feb. 14 extended the State Disaster Declaration for Texas counties affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Because of catastrophic damage caused by Hurricane Harvey, a state of disaster continues to exist in some 60 counties.

The declaration, originally issued in August 2017, authorizes the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with the disaster.

TWO CENTS WORTH

By Charlie
A. Farrar



Planning for Spring planting

It's time for you sobbusters to have your ground busted up for planting your spring crop. The garden spot in the back yard here is like a crawdad farm. You call that "too wet to plow" and it surely is too wet to plow.

Yours truly has retired from farming but will still play in the dirt a tad just enough to get the finger nails nice and dirty. Got three bushes back there that provide a little shade, not enough to get under mind you but maybe enough to shade a pepper plant or three underneath. That will be the extent of planting here on the Creek.

Ah had a nice peter pepper plant going last year and the yard guy broke it at the base with the deck of the riding mower. That bush had been nursed till it was loaded with hot pods of pepper to make pepper sauce. Got so mad and aggravated that I almost blew a gasket. There was a chili pequin plant coming up beside the broke plant which the yard man enjoyed but by knocking over the big bush the pequin plant didn't produce.

Potatoes should be in the ground by February 14 but Joe V's has a nice crop of potatoes: white, red, russet and sweet and a lot easier on the back bones. Previous bought laundry baskets and bags of dirt to plant potatoes in but that was a waste of money and labor. It only produced small and little potatoes not worth cooking. Like I said Joe V's is much better.

PJ's Feed Lot @ Four Corners has some plants available and is preferred over the Bonnie plants that are expensive by my calculations. Besides the threat of another frost could really make one cry if it got in your garden. So wait till your ground is dry and break out your shovel and turn your spot of dirt over. That shovel will build your character.

My gardening guru from Highlands bought some baby Guinea chicks keeping them penned up in order to get them used to him being around. Guinea's are very noisy and make a lot of racket at strange people and predators. After a month or so he turned them out to scratch and clean the yard of grub and cut worms. He had a wonderful garden plot that year which would win an Academy Award if there was such a thing. Anyway I go up there one morning to admire his spot and noticed the Guinea's were not in the pen and not in the yard. Asked about them and he buffed up a tad saying he gave them away to a relative who lives up the country. Said they got in the tater patch and dug up every one of his potatoes.

Ah thought that was funny.



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★ LIFESTYLE PAGE ★

Dual Language Two-Way Program to be Piloted in GCCISD

Goose Creek CISD will pilot a Dual Language Two-Way Program for qualifying students who will be in kindergarten during the 2019-2020 school year. While the program will be held at Harlem and Carver next year, any current GCCISD pre-k student may apply.

If your child is a current GCCISD pre-kindergarten student who demonstrates fluency in one language, either English or Spanish, or both, and you are interested in your child learning a second language, English or Spanish, starting in kindergarten, please attend one of two informational sessions. You will receive more information on the program and have the opportunity to ask questions. A light dinner will be served.

The first meeting took place last Tuesday, February 26, in the Harlem Elementary Cafeteria, 3333 Interstate 10, Baytown, TX 77521. The second meeting will be Thursday, February 28, at 5:30 p.m. in the Carver Elementary Cafeteria, 600 S. Pruett St., Baytown, TX 77520.



Pre-kindergarten students at Harlem Elementary (from left) Mia Molina, Amere Stevenson, Kyshalee Soto and Ian Rojo enjoy a fun activity.

Benefits of the Dual Language Two-Way Program include high levels of academic achievement and literacy in both languages, increased cultural sensitivity and empathy, increased confidence and self-esteem and increased future marketability. The goal of the program is to prepare students to graduate college and career ready as well as bilingual, biliterate and bicultural.

"We are pleased to offer this opportunity for students in Goose Creek CISD

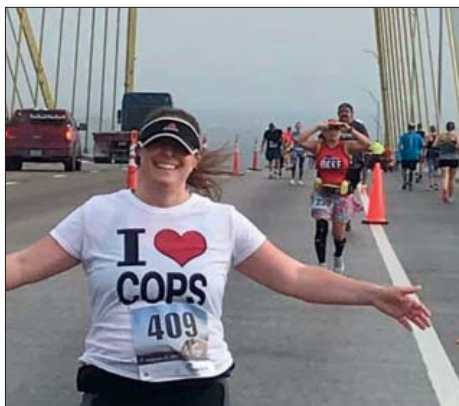
to participate in a Dual Language Two-Way Program. We hope that all interested pre-k parents will come to one of the informational meetings to hear more about the benefits of the program for students in kindergarten next year," said Pilar Moreno-Recio, director of the Bilingual/ESL Department.

For more information, please contact the Bilingual/ESL Department at 281-707-3372 or email pilar.morenorecio@gccisd.net or teresita.torres@gccisd.net.

Jail Break Run features Cop Lovers and heart



The Get Go from Lee College and back.



Crosby's own Eddie Foster was M.C. of the cop supporting races. The largest fund-raiser in Baytown, it begins and ends at Lee College. It features a 1/2 marathon and a 5 K race that takes runners over the Houston Ship Channel on the Fred Hartman Bridge.

BAYTOWN - The 9th Annual Jail Break Run is concluded this year on Feb. 24 with a bounteous year in spite of weather conditions that looked like it was held in London last Saturday.

This annual event raises money for Project Blue an organization dedicated to helping provide funds for law enforcement officers who face non-service related illness and injuries.

Project Blue is a USATF certified event that gives back to runners an impressive SWAG Bag and a Chic Fil-A sandwich at the end.

This year, overall winners were in the half Marathon Stephen Harvey, 22, of Tyler and Corinne Gallo, 33, of Lumberton. In the 5k dash, overall winners were Changrui Cheng, 43, and Jeffrey Hill, 53. Heather Olin Wright turned in a time of 21:57.7 on the female open.

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey—

1. Is the book of Damascus in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What did Paul's writings say that those who refused to work should be kept from doing? Worshipping,

3. From Matthew 27, the "potter's field" was also known as the field of ... ? Blood, Sorrows, Pagans, Idols
4. What priest of Midian was the father-in-law of Moses? Jethro, Melchizedek, Eleazar, Nadab
5. From Jonah 1, who were

afraid and threw their wares into the sea? Slaves, Mariners, Zealots, Carpenters

6. Jesus called Himself the bread of ... ? Salvation, Hope, Love, Life

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Eating; 3) Blood; 4) Jethro; 5) Mariners; 6) Life

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Psalm: 46:1

★ OBITUARIES

Lawrence Ray McClelland



Lawrence Ray McClelland (also known as Daddy Mac, Uncle Ray, Union Brother) passed away on Monday, February 4, 2019. Mac was born in Egan, Louisiana, on August 5, 1929, to Jackson and Leafy Laughlin McClelland. He was predeceased by his loving wife Louise, his parents, his two sisters and four brothers, and the majority of his friends from church, work, and the neighborhood. He is survived by his daughter Patty Echols and husband Tommy, daughter Carol McClelland, granddaughter Elyse Rountree, sister-in-law Frances Koen, brother-in-law Mutt Lewis, and sister-in-law Anna Culbertson and husband Leon Culbertson. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and many beloved friends.

Mac proudly served in

the United States Army during the Korean War. He worked as a truck driver for Haliburton in El Campo and as a suspended crane operator at Arco Steel in Galena Park.

Growing up in south Louisiana, Mac learned how to cook from his dad and sisters. However, his greatest accomplishment in the kitchen was the making of peanut brittle. Using the recipe from a bag of Imperial Sugar, Mac

started making peanut brittle in the 1980s. He gave away most of the brittle he made and soon realized it was a way for him to put smiles on faces. He made his last batch of peanut brittle right before Christmas.

The family would like to give special thanks to the nurses and techs on 3 Medical at Houston Methodist Clear Lake for the care and love they showed him during his stay there.

There will be a Celebration of Life service for Mac on Saturday, March 16 at 10:30 a.m. at South Park Funeral Home in Pearl and. The service will also celebrate the life of Mac's wife, Louise, who passed away last April. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that you make donations in Mac's memory to Star of Hope Mission, the Salvation Army, Shriners Hospitals for Children - Houston - Galveston, or the Alzheimer's Association.

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1 Corinthians 16:13

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

Coach Riordan,

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part in the lives of the students of Chappell Hill ISD. We wish Coach Riordan and his family all the best.

We will soon begin the process of searching for a replacement. In the meantime, we know that our

student athletes are in good hands and will be well cared for by a great coaching staff until a decision has been reached regarding our next Athletic Director. There will be an opportunity to submit

feedback to the District regarding the characteristics of the next Athletic Director in the near future. We look forward to the next chapter for Crosby ISD Athletics.

Lucia Bates Ribbon Cutting



Judge Lucia Bates hosted a Ribbon Cutting from the Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce at her post as Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Position 2 in Baytown.

Highlands-Lynchburg Chamber Awards Banquet



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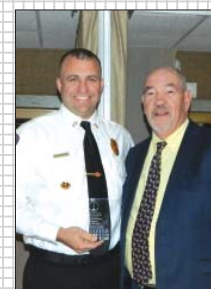
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HOPE MCCLURE A/ K/A ESPERANZA MCCLURE

The residence address of the administrator is in Harris County, Texas. The mailing address is:

c/o Weston Cotten
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated this February 25, 2019

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LEGAL NOTICE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT RENEWAL PERMIT NUMBER 86097

APPLICATION Glendale Boat Works, Inc., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 86097, which would authorize continued operation of the Boat Manufacturing Facility located at 18300 Market Street, Channelview, Harris County, Texas 77530. This application is being processed in an expedited manner, as allowed by the commission's rules in 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 101, Subchapter J. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.79222&lng=-95.06611&zoom=13&type=r>. The existing facility is authorized to emit the following air contaminants: exempt solvents, hazardous air pollutants, organic compounds and particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on February 5, 2019. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, TCEQ Houston regional office, and the North Channel Branch Library, 15741 Wallisville Road, Houston, Harris County, Texas beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Houston regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. Information in the application indicates that this permit renewal would not result in an increase in allowable emissions and would not result in the emission of an air contaminant not previously emitted. **The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

PUBLIC COMMENT You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 15 day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues submitted during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. **Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.**

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

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this application.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at 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. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Glendale Boat Works, Inc., 18300 Market Street, Channelview, Texas 77530-3858 or by calling Mr. Ralph Chalet, Witt O'Brien's at (713) 283-7921.

Notice Issuance Date: February 14, 2019

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals for Water Plant Improvements Project to serve the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 50 in Harris County, Texas will be received at the office of Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Inc., 16610 IH 45 South, Suite 250, Conroe, Texas 77384, until 1:00 P.M. local time, March 21, 2019 and then publicly opened. A NON-MANDATORY BUT HIGHLY RECOMMENDED PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held at the office of Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Inc. on March 14, 2019 at 1:00 P.M. Each bid must be submitted in a 9" x 12" envelope and accompanied by Cashier's Check or Bid Bond, duly executed, in the amount of not less than five (5%) percent of the bid.

The Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 50 is proposing to install several upgrades to two of the existing water plants within the District. For Water Plant One, including but not limited to booster pump installation, electrical modifications, chlorine equipment, yard piping. For Water Plant Two, including but not limited to booster pump installation, electrical modifications, chlorine equipment, yard piping, 83,000 gallon ground storage tank, 15,000 gallon hydropneumatics tank, gravel access drive.

- This project is eligible for DWSRF funding, therefore, the following requirements apply:
- This contract is contingent upon release of funds from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB).
 - "Any contract or contracts awarded under this Invitation for Bid (IFB) or Request for Qualifications (RFQ) are expected to be funded in part by financial assistance from the TWDB. Neither the State of Texas nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees are or will be a party to this IFB, RFQ, or any resulting contract.
 - This project is subject to the American Iron and Steel (AIS) requirements of P.L. 113-76 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014. All iron and steel products for construction, alteration, maintenance, or repairs incorporated in these plans must be produced in the United States.
 - "Equal Opportunity in Employment - All qualified Applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap or national origin. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations 41 CFR Part 60."
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CATEGORY	MBE	WBE
CONSTRUCTION	19.44%	9.17%
SUPPLIES	25.34%	8.82%
EQUIPMENT	16.28%	11.45%
SERVICES	20.41%	13.66%

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- Right to reject any and all bids.
- All laborers and mechanics working on the work site and employed by contractors and subcontractors on projects funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by and through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund shall be paid wages as described in the section, Mandatory David-Bacon Act Contract Conditions.
- Any contracts in excess of \$2,000 for construction, alteration or repair (including painting and decorating and funded under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund programs shall include the Mandatory David-Bacon Act Contract Conditions.
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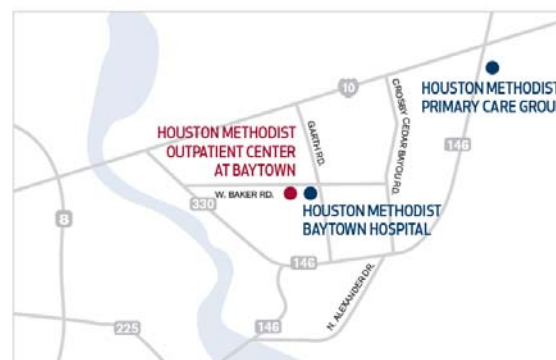
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