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SUNDAY

Daylight Saving Time begins March 10

At 2am turn your clocks ahead ONE hour

IN THE STARS

EVENTS

MON., MARCH 11
SJR COALITION MEETING
The San Jacinto River Coalition's March meeting will meet on MONDAY, March 11 at the Highlands Community Center, 604 Highland Woods Dr, Highlands, TX 77562. at 6:30 PM.

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.

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
Mar 7–Shirley Brantley
Michelle Cavazos
Don Stone
Dustin Stone
Mar 9–John Boehm
Terri Martin
Mar 10–Eric Groce
Mar 11–Marcille Robinson
Mar 12–Hope Dammon
Mar 13–Dale Browder

ANNIVERSARIES
Mar 5– Raymond & Mary Helen James

DEATHS
Callie Rae Soffes
Guy Joseph Gauthier

Education reform to add money to schools, lower property tax

AUSTIN: State Rep. Dan Huberty, R., District 127, formerly of District 128, has ridden shotgun on a \$9 billion school finance reform bill that is to send more state money to public schools and lower school property tax rates, according to lawmakers.

“The Texas Plan” or House Bill 3, has had Huberty hopping around explaining to Republicans and Democrats that a \$9 billion increase in the base funding for each student and compressing school districts’ property tax rates by 4 cents statewide, among other policy items is not only possible but necessary. Pre-K for full days for eligible students also benefits,

and sending more money to school districts with higher concentrations of disadvantaged students. In his State of the State Address, Governor Abbott named three (emergench items” they are teacher pay, school finance reform and property taxes reform.

Huberty and House Speaker Dennis Bonnen, R-Angleton, held a Tuesday news conference with other House members at the Capitol to publicly lay out the proposal. The lawmakers seemingly indicated that the bill would increase the base funding per student by \$890 to \$6,030. This while lowering school district property tax rates statewide by 4 cents per

\$100 of taxable property value, to reduce redistribution of money from wealthier school districts to poor ones. That should work out to reduce tax for a \$1/4 Million estate by about \$100 year.

Senate Bill 3, which would give all full-time classroom teachers and certified librarians a \$5,000 pay raise, passed easily, but it will likely face an uphill battle in the House. Bonnen has said he prefers giving local districts the flexibility to use increased funding for teacher pay as they see fit. The House proposal is expected to provide districts with \$140 million to help recruit and retain teachers.



Dan Huberty excitedly explaining legislation related to school finance reform in Austin.

Cody Bill changed to “opt in,” likely to sail through House

CROSBY – House Bill 76 has been dubbed by Dan Huberty, “expected to be voted favorably out of the Education Committee this week.”

Once in the Senate, although backed by Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, is another world of politics.

The Cody Stephens bill is now in a form that fits agencies like the U.I.L. and other organizations in that parents and first time athletes will receive a letter informing them that in addition to the doctor listening to the athletes’ heart with a stethoscope a modern E.K.G. machine evaluation can also be

obtained for \$15 or \$20.

The compromise is that it offers parents and students to opt in for the E.K.G. from information provided to them

Several groups have formed throughout the nation in favor of adding the new technology to read the multitude of problems that can be present in the heart even though the youngster shows no outward signs of having a heart problem.

These groups generally have had loss experiences like Scott Stephens of Crosby. Scott’s son Cody died on May 6, 2012, a few weeks from graduating from Crosby High School.

He was excited to be headed to Tarleton State University on a football scholarship, and working to stay in good physical condition to be prepared for college football practices.

At 6’9 and weighing 289 lbs, he seemed to be in perfect health, with no indication he had a fatal heart problem. On that Sunday afternoon, Cody kicked back in his dad’s recliner, said he was tired and dozed off for a nap. He never woke up but died in his sleep, from Sudden Cardiac Arrest. His family had never heard of SCA and had no idea that young, seemingly healthy children were at risk with relatively

few or no warning signs.

The Cody Stephens Go Big or Go Home Memorial Foundation was founded in memory of Cody. Before he died, Cody was talking to his father about his goals to play football in a big way in college and beyond. Cody told Scott, “Go big or go home, Dad.”

After Cody died, his family took Cody’s motto and turned it into an effort to screen young hearts to prevent another family from experiencing the same tragedy.

Scott Stephens has been active in raising funds to provide the heart screenings. This heart screen offers teen athletes

11 to 25 years old the opportunity to undergo an electrocardiogram test, which is an in-depth heart test that is able to detect serious problems going on inside a student’s heart.

These are defects that would otherwise go undetected, defects that killed a total of 7,037 young people nationally in 2018 alone, according to the group Parent Heart Watch.

Last year Scott headed up Parent Heart Watch, a national group.

The law at this time reads: “To facilitate the administration of electrocardiograms or

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Crash injures 7, teen faces DUI charge

CROSBY – A three vehicle collision injuring eight, including two pregnant women occurred Friday, March 1 at about 7:41 p.m. near the intersection of US 90 at Westgate.

The Harris County Sheriff’s Office investigated the horrendous crash and Harris County ESD#5 (Crosby’s ambulance crews) were the primary rescuers with Crosby VFD.

Jordon Paris, 19. faces intoxication assault following a field sobriety test in an accident that Paris is said to have “failed to yield right of way at a designated stop.” His court date was set for Monday.

According to accident investigators there were 5 people in the vehicle Paris

was driving, two of them pregnant women. It appears he was crossing US 90 to turn left toward Dayton when a truck driven by an older man headed in that direction sideswiped his vehicle. This crash threw Paris’ vehicle into another, an SUV.

Both pregant women were loaded onto a Life Flight helicopter, side by side. An unconscious woman related to the accident was loaded into another Life Flight helicopter. Five other patients were taken by ambulance to local hospitals with injuries ranging up to serious.

Sheriff Ed Gonzales expressed concern about the multiple vehicle crash. The investigation continues.



This Ford was driven by a man charged with “intoxication assault” related to a crash on US 90 on Friday at about 7:41 p.m., it had 4 passengers and a driver at the time of the accident.

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★ COMMUNITY NEWS ★

TxDOT urges young drivers to plan for sober ride ahead of Spring Break

TxDOT reminds Spring Breakers about deadly, long-term consequences of drinking and driving

HOUSTON – Spring Break is a dangerous time on Texas roads, with hundreds of impaired driving crashes involving young drivers occurring each year. As college students and young adults head to Spring Break destinations in the coming weeks, the Texas Department of Transportation’s “Plan While You Can” campaign reminds them to make a plan for a sober ride before the party starts.

“Drinking alcohol and driving can severely impact a young person’s future. Many promising lives are cut short due to the poor decision to drink alcohol and drive,” said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. “We urge young drivers to make responsible choices during the Spring Break holiday.

Before heading out, please plan ahead for a sober ride to ensure you get to and from your destination safely.”

During last year’s Spring Break* in Texas, there were 444 crashes involving young drivers who were driving under the influence of alcohol. Those crashes killed 11 people and seriously injured another 37.

The “Plan While You Can” campaign includes a statewide tour featuring the new “Plan to Win” virtual reality game where participants are a part of an immersive trivia game which poses questions related to drinking alcohol and driving, and also demonstrates the consequences of drunk driving. Players avoid “jail” by answering questions correctly, and winners progress to a waiting taxi to receive a safe and sober ride. The experience will visit 10 Texas cities during March.

While drivers under the influence of alcohol risk killing or seriously injuring themselves or others, they also face up to \$17,000 in fines and fees, jail time and loss of their driver’s license. Visit SoberRides.org to find alternatives to drinking alcohol and driving, such as:

- Designating a sober driver or calling someone for a sober ride home
 - Contacting a cab or ride-share service
 - Using mass transit
 - Spending the night
- “Plan While You Can” is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a larger grassroots effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while on the road. Since Nov. 7, 2000, at least one person has died on Texas roadways every single day and that’s why #EndTheStreakTX asks all Texans to commit to helping end the streak of daily deaths on our roadways.

Someone’s Child

By Charlotte Jackson



There is much concern about the increasing number of homeless people who are in the North Channel Area. Almost daily there are posts from concerned community members that are upset over the number of people and the amount of items that are piled under the underpasses along Interstate 10 heading east as well as those under the intersections along the Sam Houston Parkway. There are countless individuals who you can find in the wooded area along the Beltway as well as around vacant buildings and quite often behind restaurants in the alleyways.

On social media, you see some people almost developing a vigilante attitude, calling for the underpasses to be washed daily with a high pressure water pump. These people talk about their property value decreasing and the amount of trash as well as human excrement increasing. Often these homeless individuals scare off potential customers as well as potential new residents to the community.

There are numerous community members who will hand cash to those who approach them while others will look into the distance. Sometimes there are

individuals or groups who prepare a small plastic bag with basic essentials such as a toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, deodorant, shavers, shampoo and other hygiene items. Other groups will sometimes distribute blankets, towels and jackets to the homeless community.

No matter which side of the discussion that you find yourself, take a moment and remember that the people on the streets and in the woods are someone’s child. We do not know what happened in their lifetime to lead them on the path that they are on now. Often the members of the homeless community have a mental disorder and without medication and treatment, their lives are in a constant turmoil. There is a misconception that many of the homeless are military veterans. In reality, thanks to many programs available, veterans are typically moved to the top of lists when trying to get assistance. Many of the homeless are ex-offenders and depending on the crime, there are few

options for housing. Even worse is the number of homeless youth. Please remember than not every person on the streets wants to be there or made decisions to be there.

On more than one occasion, I have sat down and talked to those living on the streets. Most often, they just want to know someone cares and they want to find resources for assistance. One of the best things that you can do is visit www.homelesshouston.org and print out the “HELP CARD” and give it with a smile to the next homeless person you see. If you are bold enough, hug them. Research shows three hugs a day improves your life. And if you are brave enough to speak with a homeless person, you might ask them if they would like to use your cell phone and contact a family member just to let them know they are still alive. If you are not quite that brave, you can at least pray for them. Always remember, we do not know the route that led them to the current situation, but they are still someone’s child.



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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 281-427-0866
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 11, 2019.

•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.

•Tuesday, March 12 - 10:00 am, Baby & Me, (ages 0-24 mos.)

•Tuesday, March 12 - 4:30 pm, Movie Day-Ralph Breaks the Internet (all ages)

•Thursday, March 14 - 4:00 pm, Tween DIY Flower Crowns (ages 7-11 yrs)

•Friday, March 15 - 10:30 am, Storytime (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.

Black Boxes, human remains, debris recovered from cargo jet crash site

ANAHUAC - Search teams have found the missing "black boxes" from the wreckage of the Atlas Air 767-300 cargo jet that crashed into Trinity Bay last Saturday, February 23rd, on a flight from Miami to Houston. They have also recovered the remains of the three crewmen that were on the plane when it went down. The third body had proven hard to find, as well as the black boxes, due to the thick mud below the murky, opaque water. But hundreds of volunteers, some from the Texas Search and Rescue organization, methodically waded through the water feeling below, when they couldn't see. Dive teams from Houston, Baytown, and the state DPS were assisting in the search, as well as other authorities such as the Chambers County's sheriff and fire



Members of the recovery team load the second black box onto a boat for transport back to land, and then on a plane to Washington, D.C. for data recovery and analysis.

departments.

They announced last Sunday, March 3rd, that they had recovered the Flight Data Recorder. Earlier they had found the Cockpit Voice Recorder. They also said that they had found remains of the third victim from the

plane, which had eluded the searchers for days after the first two bodies were discovered in the waters of Jack's Pocket, a backwater of Trinity Bay near Anahuac.

Aboard the plane had been the pilot and the co-pilot, Capt. Ricky Blakely



A barge is loaded with small pieces of the airplane and cargo, to be transported back to a hangar at Chambers County Airport for inspection and analysis. Complete recovery is expected to take months.

and First Officer Conrad Aska, and another pilot Capt. Sean Archuleta who was riding back to his home in Houston. The plane was carrying cargo for both Amazon and the U.S. Postal Service, according to the airline. Most of the packages were strewn

through the bay, as well as hundreds of small pieces of the Boeing 767 jumbo jet. Very few large pieces survived the crash.

The two black box recorders have been sent to

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Lee College Senior Adult & Travel Program Celebrates 30th Anniversary



Members of the Senior Adult & Travel Program gather for a photo on the Great Wall of China in the largest tour of 2007.

BAYTOWN, TX - The Center for Workforce and Community Development at Lee College is celebrating its 30th Anniversary of the Senior Adult and Travel Program.

The Program initially began in the late 1970s offering social events, instructional classes, and workshops to Senior Adults in the Baytown and surrounding communities. Many students took advantage of the numerous educational opportunities to expand their knowledge and gain new perspectives on important topics such as healthcare, safety, driving, and other late-life issues.

However, 1989 marked the beginning of international travel, which created the vibrant Program the community enjoys today. Their adventures have taken thousands of Senior Adults to different regions of the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe, and the Far East over the past 30 years.

"We have traveled the world, made new friends, witnessed some breathtaking sights, and created many beautiful memories," says Senior Adult and Travel Program Manager Lynne Foley. "We are grateful to the students who have made this Program successful and look forward

ward to continuing our commitment to serving our great community," continued Foley.

The popularity of the Senior Adult & Travel Program continues to grow with sold-out trips in 2019 to Egypt (April 3-15), the East Coast featuring Niagara Falls & Heritage Highlights (July 9-17), and Iceland (Nov. 11-18). Waitlists are available for all sold out trips, and tickets are still available for Southern Charm featuring Charleston Savannah & Jekyll Island on May 18-24.

For more information, travel brochures or to register, visit www.lee.edu/senior or call 281.425.6311.

Senator Creighton on Committee passage of SB 15

Ensuring Texas Remains the Best State to do Business

Austin, Texas - February 28, 2019 - Senator Brandon Creighton (R-Conroe), member of the Senate Committee on State Affairs, issued the following statement in regard to today's passage of Senate Bill 15:

"Texas has lead the nation on job creation and been rated the best state to do business for several years. Every day, companies move here from places like California because Texas promotes policies that encourage low taxation and fair, predictable regulation.

"Local ordinances like the 'Paid Sick Leave' policies in Austin and San Antonio are intrusive, expensive and burdensome to Texas' job creators, and create an environment that is counter to our business friendly environment. Senate Bill 15 gives our entrepreneurs, small business owners, and employ-



Senator Creighton

ers confidence that local government cannot impose costly, job-killing regulations on private employers and ensures that Texas will remain the best place to do business."

Testimony during the hearing cited Senate Bill 15 as the 'most pro-business' legislation of the 86th Legislative session.

Senate Bill 15 was voted out of committee with a vote of 6-1. The bill will be eligible to be heard on the floor after the 60th day of Session.

West Chambers County Pilot Club prepares for annual fundraising Gala

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. Ladies' and Men's drawing tickets are \$20.00 each.

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.



Pilot Betty Dutton with Gala Gold Sponsor Gina Rivers from Texas Tangles Hair Salon.



Pilot Betty Dutton with Gala Copper Sponsor Jennifer Haertig from Revolving Door Consignment.

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ASK THE EXPERTS

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Airplane Crash,

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the NTSB laboratories in Washington, D.C. for analysis. The cargo plane was on a flight from Miami to Houston. About 30 minutes from landing at Houston Intercontinental airport, air traffic controllers warned the pilot that he was headed toward bad weather. The pilot asked for permission to fly around the storm, to the west. After that transmission, no other voice was heard from the plane. Flying at about 12,000 feet, at 12:35 the plane disappeared from radar, without a distress signal or other communication. Witnesses said the plane nose-dived into Trinity Bay near Anahuac, in about 30 seconds.

First responders from Chambers County did not find any survivors or iden-



Recovery teams methodically search the water for pieces of the plane and human remains.

tifiable portions of the plane, except for small fragments. Authorities said the debris field stretched for almost 3 miles in length. Search and recovery teams have been busy this week, loading debris and packages from the plane onto a barge. These are being transport-

ed to a hangar at Chambers County Airport for examination and reconstruction.

Authorities do not have a cause for the plane crash at this time, but NTSB expects that the information they get from the recorders will help solve the mystery.

Bariatric Surgery Program

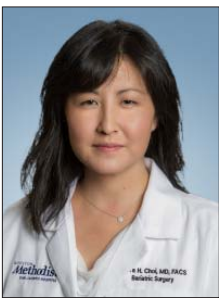
earns Prestigious Accreditation

BAYTOWN — (February 22, 2019) — The Bariatric Surgery Program at the Houston Methodist Weight Management Center at Baytown has earned accreditation as a comprehensive surgery center under the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program (MBSAQIP).

The accreditation, a joint program of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS), confirms that the Baytown facility meets the highest standards for patient safety and quality of care.

The MBSAQIP standards, outlined in the Resources for Optimal Care of the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Patient 2016, ensure that bariatric surgical patients receive a multidisciplinary program, not just a surgical procedure, which improves patient outcomes and long-term success. The Baytown center offers preoperative and postoperative care designed specifically for its severely obese patients.

"This accreditation confirms our commitment to providing the highest quality of bariatric care to our patients," said bariatric



Dr. Laura Choi

surgeon Dr. Laura Choi, medical director, Bariatric Surgery Program. "To earn this prestigious designation, the center met essential criteria for staffing, training and facility infrastructure and protocols for care that ensure our patients receive unsurpassed care and support."

In addition to surgical procedures, the center provides a comprehensive aftercare program to help patients maintain their health following surgery.

"Weight loss surgery helps patients cut their calorie intake and causes metabolic changes, but we partner this with helping the patient make lifestyle changes," Choi said. "Our program involves counseling and dietary education

so patients can learn about their own eating habits to make positive changes."

After submitting an application, centers seeking MBSAQIP accreditation undergo an extensive site visit by an experienced bariatric surgeon, who reviews the center's structure, process, and clinical outcomes data. Centers are awarded a specific designation depending on the complexity level the center is equipped to treat.

Around 15.5 million people in the U.S. suffer from severe obesity, according to the National Institutes of Health, and the numbers continue to rise. Obesity increases the risks of morbidity and mortality because of the diseases and conditions that are commonly associated with it, such as type II diabetes, hypertension, and cardiovascular disease, among other health risks.

"Earning this accreditation ensures that Baytown area patients can receive unsurpassed bariatric care without having to leave home," Choi said.

For more information regarding bariatric services offered by the Houston Methodist Weight Management Center at Baytown, visit houstonmethodist.org/baytown, or call 832-556-6046.

Gala Sponsors,

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The Grainger Foundation donated \$5000.00 to the West Chambers County Pilot Club. Many thanks to Daniel Fanning Deer Park Branch Manager (pictured) and William Bartz - Outside Sales Rep (not pictured) for their assistance in making this possible. The check was presented to West Chambers County Pilot Club Membership Director and Past-President Tonya Keller.



Pilot Betty Dutton with Gala Sponsor Rachelle Aaron from Prime Lending.



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OBITUARIES

Callie Rae Soffes

Callie Rae Soffes, 51, of Crosby, Texas, passed away on Monday, February 25, 2019. She was born on December 4, 1967 in Houston, Texas to Johnnie Wayne Wisdom and Marilyn Rae Wooten McDonald. Over the years she was known to be an entrepreneur and owned Captain Kiwi's Seafood Market in Crosby. At one point, her market was known to be the largest supplier of crawfish in the Houston area. She was a wonderful cook and her specialty was seafood. She was proud of her family and loved them dearly. Callie will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She is preceded in death by her father, Johnnie Wisdom; grandparents, Rachel; "Raye" Lou Greer, Travis Greer, Claude Wisdom, and Callie Clarien Wisdom; and uncle, Alley Strokos.

Callie is survived by her dear friend, James



Stephens; children, Chelsea Gillie and fiancé Dave Karwowski, Cameron Soffes and wife Stephanie; and Taylor Biedekapp; grandchildren, Laikynn Karwowski and Bradley Soffes; mother, Marilyn McDonald; father, "Papa" Pete McDonald; sister, Jamie McDonald-Fininis; brother, Jerry McDonald Harris and wife Kelli; nieces, Rylee Fininis and Kori Harris; nephews, Alex Fininis and Ty Harris; aunts, Barbara Hill-

house and uncle Cecil, Jackie Powell and uncle Wayne, Judy Quinters, Debbie Unkart and Angela Steele(Bobby); uncles, Gary Strokos and wife Gail, and Andy Strokos and wife Rita; and a host of extended family and friends.

A visitation for family and friends was held on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at Sterling White Funeral Home from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. Funeral services immediately followed. Interment was in Sterling White Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Sterling White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd., Highlands, Texas 77562. To offer condolences to the family, please visit www.sterlingwhite.com.

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Guy Joseph Gauthier

Guy Joseph Gauthier, age 53 of Highlands, passed away on February 28, 2019 surrounded by family. He was born February 14, 1966 in Chalmette, Louisiana to John and Carolyn Gauthier. Guy was very humorous and full of laughter. He was a friendly, outgoing, helpful and caring man. Guy enjoyed going fishing, hunting, scuba diving and cooking crawfish. He loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. Guy was a loving son, husband, father, pops and friend who will be missed by all who knew him.

He is preceded in death by paternal grandparents Silvio and Bella Gauthier, maternal grandparents Charles and Hannah Arcana, and father John Gauthier.

Guy is survived by mother Carolyn Arcana Gauthier of Covington, Louisiana, wife Pamela Gauthier of Highlands, daughter Ashlynn Duhon(Justin Kelly) of



Highlands, sons Guy Gauthier Jr of Highlands and Corey Gauthier(Megan Carney) of Highlands, grandsons Brantley Duhon of Highlands, Cooper Carney of Highlands, Daxyn Carney of Highlands, and Hudson Gauthier of Highlands, sisters Andre Smith(Jeff Bell) of Louisiana, Cheryl(Cook Perez) of Louisiana, and Diane(Kenny Powell) of Louisiana, nieces Stephanie(Eddie Appel) of Louisiana, Courtney(Eddie

Perez) of Louisiana, Lainie Smith, Desiree' Powell of Louisiana, and Renee' Powell Louisiana, and nephews Jimmy Perez of Louisiana and Ross Perez of Louisiana. He is also survived by 4 grandchildren, great-nieces, great nephews, extended family and friends.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 from 10:00pm to 12:00pm at Sterling White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd, Highlands, TX 77562. Funeral services will immediately follow visitation. Arrangements have been entrusted to Sterling White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd., Highlands, TX 77562. To share your favorite memories or offer condolences for her family, please visit www.sterlingwhite.com.

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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, Peter6. 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) WaxComments? More Trivia?

CHURCH LISTINGS

Crosby, Highlands, Huffman, Baytown

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• Church of the Resurrection, meeting at Crosby Brethren Church, 5202 1st Street, Crosby. 832-661-9693.

APOSTOLIC CHURCH

• First Apostolic Church of Highlands, 1211 S. Main St. Highlands. 281-426-4133

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

• Crosby Gospel Assembly, 633 Kenning Rd., Crosby, 281-328-2516
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• Gospel Lighthouse, 8218 John Martin Rd., Baytown, 281-421-1168

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• Calvary Baptist, 2217 Huffman Eastgate Rd., Huffman, 281-324-3409

• Highlands Baptist, 111 E. Canal Rd., Highlands, 281-426-2470

• Northeast Freeway Baptist, 1635 Runneberg Rd., Crosby, 281-328-2723

• Unity Baptist, 2625 Broad Dr., Highlands, 281-426-4223

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• Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist, 315 Nod, Crosby, 281-328-4650

• True Vine Missionary Baptist, 404 Oak Ave., Crosby, 281-328-7637

• Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, 12418 Crosby Rd., Crosby, 281-328-1851

BAPTIST-Southern

• First Baptist- Crosby, 615 Runneberg Rd.,Crosby, 281-328-2564

• First Baptist- Highlands, N. Magnolia at Wallisville, Highlands, 281-426-4551

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• Northside Baptist, 317 Barbers Hill Rd., Highlands, nsbchighlands.org

• Second Baptist, 400 E. Wallisville Rd., Highlands, 281-426-5557

• Crosby New Hope Baptist Church, 18319 FM 2100, Crosby, 281-328-6086

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• Church of Christ at Wallisville Rd., 1500 E. Wallisville Rd., 281-426-7557.

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•South Drive Baptist Church, 15229 South Drive, Channelview, TX. 77530. 281-452-4500.

•First Baptist Church of Jacinto City, 10701 Wiggins, Jacinto City, TX 77029. 713-672-2802.

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•First Baptist Church of Galena Park, 206 Woolfe St., 77547. 713-455-1261.

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•Our Lady of Fatima, 1705 8th St., Galena Park, TX. 713-675-0981.

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•Channelview Church of Christ, 1301 Sheldon Rd., Channelview, Tx. 281-452-7129.

•Galena Park Church of Christ, 301 Holland Ave, Galena Park, TX. 713-455-0826.

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•St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 13125 Indianapolis St., Houston, 713-451-2909.

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•Bible Missionary Church, 10246 Fairfax St., Jacinto City. 713-671-3500.

METHODIST

•Old River Terrace United Methodist Church, 16102 East Freeway, Channelview, TX. 281-452-2861.

•Galena Park United Methodist, 1705 1st. St., Galena Park, TX. 713-672-0245.

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HOME COUNTRY

By Slim Randles



"I know it's fixin' to be spring," said Dud.
"Things budding out on your trees and stuff, Dud?" added Steve.

"Nope. Potato chip bags. Found two of them the other day."

We looked ... inquisitive? And it was enough to get Dud back into action.

"Two of them. One was stuck on that big ol' rosebush we have, and the other one was up in the elm tree, just out of reach. That's usually the first sign, you know."

"Okay," said Doc, "I'll bite. How, Dudley, are potato chip bags harbingers of spring?"

"The wind, of course," Dud said. "First comes the potato chip

bags on gentle zephyrs. Next week we'll probably get old garbage bags on the back wall and in the trees. That's kinda Phase Two, you see. I got this worked out pretty good now. I'm thinking of putting it in the book."
"You mean the Duchess and the Truck Driver?"
"Its actual title is Murder in

the Soggy Bottoms, Doc."
"Still sounds like wet diapers to me," said Steve.

"So Dud, when does buds swelling on the fruit trees come in? Phase Three?"

"Sometimes you get a few buds during Phase three, but we have to wait until later, usually. Phase Three I have as toys. You know, you find a dolly or little plastic truck and start hunting an unhappy kid to return it."

"Is there a Phase Four

wind, Dud?"
He smiled. "Yep. Cinder blocks."

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that Original Letters of Administration for Docket No. 468743; Estate of EMILY JEAN GRIFFIN Deceased; In Probate Court No. 4, of Harris County, Texas, Deceased, were issued on February 20, 2019.

JANICE FAYE SEPULVEDA

The residence address of the administrator is in Harris County, Texas. The mailing address is: c/o Weston Cotten 5223 Garth Rd. Baytown, TX 77521

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 26, 2019

by WESTON COTTEN Attorney for the Estate

LEGAL NOTICE

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 of 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

LEGAL NOTICE

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." • This contract is subject to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) "fair share policy", which includes EPA-approved "fair share goals" for Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women Business Enterprise (WBE) firms in the Construction, Supplies, Equipment, and Services procurement categories. EPA's policy requires that applicants and prime contractors make a good faith effort to award a fair share of contracts, subcontracts, and procurements to Minority Business Enterprise and Women-Owned Business Enterprise firms. Although EPA's policy does not mandate that the fair share goals be achieved, it does require applicants and prime contractors to demonstrate use of the six affirmative steps. The current fair share goals for the State of Texas are as follows:

CATEGORY	MBE	WBE
CONSTRUCTION	19.44%	9.17%
SUPPLIES	25.34%	8.82%
EQUIPMENT	16.28%	11.45%
SERVICES	20.41%	13.66%

• Equal Opportunity in Employment – All qualified Applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or handicap. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 40 CFR Part 33 in the award and administration of contracts awarded under TWDB financial assistance agreements. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach, which may result in the termination of the awarded financial assistance. • 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. • This contract is subject to the federal requirements of Subpart C of 2 CFR Part 180 and Part 1532 regarding Debarment and Suspension. The Contractor will comply with the assurances provided with the bid that leads to a contract.

Copies of the bidding documents may be obtained from www.CivCastUSA.com: Search Harris County MUD No. 50 Smart Meter Installation. Questions deadline is March 18th at 4:00 PM. Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download specifications, and plans for this project. There is NO charge to view or download documents.

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Drawing for Ballot Positions



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Candidates for the Goose Creek CISD board of trustees draw their positions on the ballot. Pictured are (from left) Amparo Martinez, District 7; Jimmy Smith, District 6; Shae Cottar, District 7; Jeff Hawkins, District 6; Peter Adams, District 3 and Jessica Woods, District 3. Not pictured is Tiffany Guy, District 6. The election will be held May 4, 2019, with early voting at several locations from April 22-30, 2019.

GCCISD Regional History Day Winners Headed to State



Photo by Carrie Pryor-Newman

Goose Creek CISD students who placed 1st or 2nd at the recent 2019 Regional History Day at Lee College are headed to the Texas History Day competition April 26-27 in Austin.



For the 29th consecutive year, Goose Creek CISD students will compete at the Texas History Day competition after winning 1st or 2nd place at the recent Regional History Day competition at Lee College. The 28 students will compete at the state competition April 26-27 in Austin.

In the Junior Division, Historical Papers category, Simran Singh from Highlands Junior School won 2nd place with "Emmett Till: The Tragic Homicide That Triumphantly Influenced the Civil Rights Movement." Her teacher is Tyler Stafford.

In the Senior Division, Individual Documentary category, the 1st place winner was Arin Sood from Highlands Junior School with "From Business Port to Beach Town: Galveston's Tale of Triumph and Tragedy." Her teacher is Tyler Stafford. Second place went to Connor Fanning from Gentry Junior School with "Remember . . . The Road to Triumph is Often Filled with Tragedy." His teacher is Ryan Heffernan.

In Individual Performance, 1st place went to Gentry Junior School's Matthew Cosep with "The Triumph and Tragedy of Ferdinand Magellan's Voyage." His teacher is Patricia Authement. Second place was awarded to Dylan Cantin from Gentry Junior School for "Paul Revere - The Real Story." Marilyn Redhead is his teacher.

For Group Performance, "Great Depression in the Farmers Point of View" by Samantha Phan, Viridiana Nunez and Lilyanna Garcia from Highlands Jr. School won 1st place. Their teacher is Ruben Rivas.

In Individual Website, Hanna Coker from Cedar Bayou Junior School won 1st place with "Triumph Despite Tragedy: The Miracle of Betty Robinson's Comeback." Her teacher is Carlos Zelaya. Second place went to Reese Benoit from Cedar Bayou Junior School with "Triumph Over Tragedy: Galveston and the 1900 Storm." Her teacher is Ryan Rogers.

In Group Website, 2nd place went to Swayam Gupta and Harsh Agrawal from Highlands Junior School for "The Atomic Bomb: Scientific Triumph or Human Tragedy?" Their teachers are Tyler

Stafford and Michella Jones. For the Individual Exhibit category, 1st place was awarded to Brooke Schrull for "The Space Shuttle Program: A Liftoff from Tragedies into Triumph." She attends Highlands Junior School, and her teacher is Michella Jones.

For Group Exhibit, 2nd place went to Abraham Greene, Alek Barboza-Chen and Allen Chen from Highlands Junior School. Their project was "For the Sake of Our Brethren," and their teacher is Adrienne Freeman.

In the Senior Division, Historical Papers category, Brandon Broussard from Ross S. Sterling High School won 1st place with "New Deal Constitutionalism: The Tragedy of the Great Depression and the Triumph of the Judicial Review." His teacher is Cathy Murry. Second place went to Isabel De La Rosa from Sterling for "With Boldness and Precision: How Friedrich von Steuben Overcame Tragedy at Valley Forge and Secured Triumph for the Continental Army." Her teacher is Amy Maddie.

In the Individual Documentary category, 1st place went to Adam Kinder from IMPACT Early College High School for "Ratification & Rebellion: Triumph & Tragedy on the Road to the Constitution." His teacher is Ilija Milovanovic. Second place was awarded to Evelyn Longorio from Goose Creek Memorial High School for "Triumph & Tragedy of Women Pilots in WWII." Her teacher is Lori Glaspie.

Tramy Nguyen from Ross S. Sterling High School won 1st place in the Individual Website category with "Keep Your Chin Up: How the Tragic Murder of Vincent Chin Triumphantly Ignited the Asian-American Community." Her teacher is Amy Maddie. Second place went to Kevyn Salazar from Goose Creek Memorial High School for "The Atomic Era: Rise and Fall." His teacher is Lori Glaspie.

In Group Website, 2nd place went to Atharv Shinde, Anushka Ranjan, Puneet Singh and Gabriel Brock from Goose Creek Memorial High School. Their project was "Crisis at Central High: A Month-Long Battle To-

wards Progress," and their teacher is Stephanie Schrull.

In the Individual Exhibit category, 1st place went to Ruth Patino from Goose Creek Memorial High School. Her project was "WWII Women Airforce Service Pilots: The Triumph and Tragedy of Female Flyers," and her teacher is Ditzorsha Lavan. Delilah Gonzales received 2nd place for "the National Woman's Party." She attends Sterling High School, and her teacher is Cathy Murry.

Students who also placed at Regional History Day in the Junior Division were: Individual Documentary - Anthony Mendoza from Baytown Junior School, 3rd place, John Lowrance, teacher; Individual Documentary - Dreha Hernandez from Gentry Junior School, 4th place, Sarah Capestani, teacher; Group Documentary - Isabel McCoy, Armani Martinez and Madalyn Blackburn from Baytown Junior School, 3rd place, Mike Gill, teacher; Individual Website - Amy Chen from Highlands Junior, 3rd place, Michella Jones, teacher; Group Website - Caroline Casey and Emma Cooper from Cedar Bayou Junior School, 4th place, Nancy Cox and Adam Clemmons, teachers; Individual Exhibit - Avery Kerr, Baytown Junior, 4th place, teacher McKenzie Hefley; and Group Exhibit - Cesily Orosco, Lizah Roberts and Nevaeh Arismendez from Highlands Junior, 4th place, Lauren Fox, teacher.

In the Senior Division, other winners were: Historical Papers - Austin Goodman from Goose Creek Memorial, 3rd place, Lori Glaspie, teacher; Group Documentary - Justin Molina and Brandon Rupp, GCM, 4th place, Lori Glaspie, teacher; Individual Performance - Madeleine Broussard from IMPACT Early College High School, 3rd place, Ilija Milovanovic, teacher; Bhanu Sharma from GCM, 3rd place, Lori Glaspie, teacher; Group Website - Yaretmy Trejo, Tanishqa Kharat, Ansh Naikale and Sakshi Singh from RSS, 4th place, Ilija Milovanovic, Lori Glaspie and Cathy Murry, teachers; and Individual Exhibit - Cole Mitchell from GCM, 4th place, Stephanie Schrull, teacher.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT TX-29 Sylvia Garcia holds Open House

TX29 - Congresswoman Sylvia R. Garcia held her first District Office Open House less than two months after being sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives. An experienced public servant, Ms. Garcia aims to continue the long traditions established by the Honorable Gene Green during his years of serving the 29th District of Texas. Over 200 local leaders and residents were on hand as part of the celebration.

"We're open and ready to serve the community. Find us at the Atrium 10 office building in the same spot that Gene was in. Please call or stop by if you need anything. The people of the 29th District have come to expect a high level of constituent service and community engagement. We will continue with many of the previous initiatives such as Community Cleanup Day, regular Northeast Neighborhood Safety Meetings, and more. But we also want to grow and build on what people want. So come by and tell us how we can help," said Congresswoman Garcia.

Present at the event were key members of Gar-



Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia's first Open House with staff. An extraordinary high number of attendees came to greet the new member of Congress. L - R: John Chapa Gorczynski, Chief of Staff, Claudia Ortega Hogue, District Director, Congresswoman Sylvia R. Garcia, Yuroba Harris, Director of Special Projects, Daniel Vasquez, Field Representative. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

cia's staff. John Chapa Gorczynski, previously her Chief of Staff in the Texas Senate, splits time alongside the congresswoman in the district and in Washington, DC. Claudia Ortega Hogue, previously Texas State Director for NALEO, runs operations. Yuroba Harris, longtime Gene Green staffer, is the Director of Special Projects and is responsible for continuing many of the programs he began. Daniel

Vasquez, formerly of the Houston Federation of Teachers and AFL-CIO, is the Field Representative who ensures that Ms. Garcia is represented in the community while she working for us in Washington. The office is located at 11811 East Freeway Suite 430 between John Ralston and Federal Road, north of Jacinto City. The congresswoman can be reached at sylviagarcia.house.gov or by calling (832) 325-3150.

GCM TSA Headed to State



The Goose Creek Memorial High School Technology Student Association (TSA) is headed to state competition April 25-27 in Ft. Worth. Pictured are (front, from left) Skylar Newton, Preston Vermillion, Jesse Carbajal-Rodriguez, Aaron Garces, Carlos Salcido-Magdaleno, Roberto Rodriguez, Adrian Hinojosa, Alexis Sanchez, (middle, from left) Alyssa Privitt-Garza, Shaddy Salama, Zechariah Gomez, Gilly Jawahir, Juan Castillo, David Rodriguez, Trenton Foster, Giovanni Gonzalez, (back, from left) Johan Rodriguez, John Mire III, Amber Flemming, Damian Rocha, Omar Gonzalez, Steven Toledo, Oswald Aguirre, Joshua Protain and Brendan Henderson. Not pictured are Cody Cornelius, Misael Perez, Jay Stephenson, Jaylon Thomas and Jordan Greene.

After competing in several area and regional competitions, the Goose Creek Memorial High School Technology Student Association (TSA) members are state bound to compete in Video Game Design, Board Game Design, Structural Engineering, Software Design, Engineering Design, Engineering CAD, Flight Endurance (Engineering) Systematic Control Technology, Technology Bowl, Graphic Solutions for Marketing and IT, Forensic Science, Chapter Team, Music Production, Video Produc-

tion (Mockumentry) and On Demand Video Production. They also are first alternates in Dragster Design and Technology Debate.

Shonda James and Sean Gregory, GCM teachers, have coached the first-year TSA team through a strong year, culminating in the state competition to be held in Ft. Worth April 25-17.


"As a brand new team, there is a lot of trial by fire and problem solving for both coaches and students alike. We hope to attract

industry and business partners interested in mentoring students in our GCM Engineering/IT departments and building a stronger team through mentoring TSA projects and establishing a local competition," James said. "Next year, we hope to add tour competition list with VEX Robotics, Drone Racing, RC Racing (Flight and Ground), Animatronics, CAD Architecture, Architecture Design and several other speaking and team events."

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