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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

**THUR., SEPT 12
 Pct. 2 Meeting
 Environmental**

Concerned residents of Channelview will meet with Pct. 2 Officials to discuss Harris County's monitoring of air and water pollution. 6:30pm at Channelview Fire Station #3 on Dell Dale.

**SAT., SEPT. 14
 Rotary Washer
 Tournament**

From 2pm - 6pm the Highlands Rotary Club will hold their 13th Annual 3-Hole Washer Board Charity Tournament. At Charlie's Ice House, 906 N. Main Street, Highlands 77562. Limited to 50 teams, \$50 entry fee. Sponsorships and team entries available, call Sheila McDonald at 832-465-8620.

**SAT., SEP. 14
 Fish Fry**

Highlands United Methodist Church will hold its annual Fish Fry on Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 11am to 2 pm. For information or to order, please call 281-426-3614.

**THUR., SEP. 19
 Picnic in the
 Park**

Come out and enjoy homestyle hamburgers on the grill, with all the fixins! Courtesy of your Board of Directors. September 19th, @11:30am til 1:00pm at Crosby Park, 419 Hare Road, Crosby, Texas 77532. Commissioner Adrian Garcia will speak on initiatives he has going on with the Precinct. In case of rain, they will move to the Crosby Community Center. The Picnic is FREE.

**SAT., OCT. 12
 Miss & Jr. Miss
 Highlands**

Miss & Jr Miss Highlands pageants are October 12th at Highlands Jr School...Jr Miss at 2pm & Miss at 7pm!

BIRTHDAYS

Sep 13- Leon Bowen
 Sep 14-Margaret Cutbirth
 Linda Hildebrand
 Chelsea Listi
 Sep 15-Jan Gucker
 Sep 16-Cheryl Massie
 Jessie Thomas
 Don Mattingly

ANNIVERSARIES

Sep 12-Randall & Lisa Henning
 Sep 17-Johnny & Lana Gaeke
 Sep 18-Tommy & Janet Nelson

Additions or Corrections are welcome, 713-266-3444

CONGRESSMAN CRENSHAW IN CROSBY: Solutions for terrorism 9/11 Hero's Run that keep due process



Dan Crenshaw explained his support of TAPS and problems with red flag laws but could not cite legislation that would effectively shut down domestic terrorism. (PHOTO BY LEWIS SPEARMAN)

CROSBY – Dan Crenshaw R. 2nd U.S. Congressional District was inside Crosby Church last Saturday, Sept. 7, for a town hall style meeting to answer questions about what he reportedly said about “red flag laws” and the T.A.P.S. act, a grant program to enable law enforcement to focus on probable threats rather than chase after silly exaggerations.

Having defined the TAPS act as a resource for law enforcement that does not change due process, he indicated that it is legislation he supports, he moved on to “red flag” laws.

The concept of “red flag” laws began with the thought that families and close friends of people can

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Reyna Rankin, aunt Penny Rankin and Carys Murray last week participated in the Travis Manion Foundation 9/11 Hero's Run. The Rankin ladies have participated for 4 years in the ideal race to honor fallen Army herossacrifice, unite communities to strengthen America's National Character and to measure the health benefits of the participating members. Although Reyna has medaled each year she participated this year she came in First Place in her category.

Channel 13 plans program about Crosby

CROSBY – Television Station ABC13 has a recurring news program feature about neighborhoods around the city of Houston. They are now working on a program about Crosby, which will feature well known landmarks, eateries, and people.

A group of citizens familiar with Crosby met a few weeks ago with the production staff of ABC13, to exchange ideas about what should be included in the show, which will air at the end of September on various news programs, and occur over several days.

The planning group consisted of Keenan Smith of Crosby Church, Scott Davis Superintendent of Crosby ISD, Kim Harris and Stephanie Walden of the Crosby/Huffman Chamber, and Gilbert Hoffman, publisher of the



CROSBY PARTICIPANTS IN THE PLANNING SESSION POSE AT THE CHANNEL 13 NEWS ANCHOR DESK. L TO R, KEENAN SMITH, KIM HARRIS, ABC13 ANCHOR CYNTHIA CISNEROS, CISD SUPERINTENDENT SCOTT DAVIS, AND STEPHANIE WALDEN.

Star Courier. ABC13 representative included Anchor Cynthia Cisneros, Producer Chris Nocera, and six other production assistants. The on-air host for these series is Pooja Lodhia.

It is expected that the program will feature landmark restaurants such as the Crawfish Shack, schools and churches, historical markers at Humphrey Jackson Cemetery, outstanding individuals and sports teams, key industries such as the turf farms, recreation on Lake Houston, history of Barrett Station and more. The program is meant to emphasize the best features of the community.

Suggestions on what to include in this presentation are welcome, and can be directed to Chris Nocera, producer, 713-218-2870.

**Rotary Washer
 Tourney Saturday**



Rotarians competing for honors and prizes last year.

HIGHLANDS – The Rotary Club is all set to hold their 13th annual 3-Hole Washer Board Charity Tournament, on Saturday, September 14th.

The event is open to the public, as well as all Rotarians. It will be held at Charlie's Ice House, 906 N. Main Street. 2 person teams must register by

1:30 that day, and the cost to play is \$50. Awards include trophies and cash prizes, and competition is fierce.

Rotary is also looking for sponsors, individuals or companies. Sponsorships vary from \$100 to \$500.

Monies raised by the tournament go to the Rotary International Foundation, to be used for fighting polio, and half of the money is returned for a community project.

**SJRC monitors
 continued pollution**

EAST HARRIS COUNTY – The San Jacinto River Coalition met last week in Highlands, and reviewed activities at the Waste Pits, and heard of other environmental concerns.

Jackie Young announced that the Dallas Region 6 of the EPA had a new administrator, Ken McQueen, replacing David Gray, who remains with EPA. In a surprise announcement, the public learned this week that the EPA had met on the site on Monday with other involved parties, reviewed progress, and issued a statement as follows:

“The work of the Superfund Task Force brought significant progress to addressing contamination at the San Jacinto waste pits site,” said Regional Administrator Ken McQueen. “EPA will continue working with our partners toward a permanent clean-up for the benefit of the Highlands community.”

“The TCEQ appreciates EPA's efforts on the Superfund Taskforce recommendations,” said Executive Director Toby Baker. “We look forward to our continued successful partnership with EPA to ensure proper and timely cleanup of Texas federal Superfund sites.”

“Harris County's work with the EPA



Carolyn Stone Channelview resident

and TCEQ on the cleanup of the San Jacinto Waste Pits is a great example of how government, at all levels, can work together for the common good,” said Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan. “The an-

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★ COMMUNITY NEWS ★

1st Responders Day hosted



1st Responders Appreciation Day was hosted by the Channelview Ministry Team inside the Educational Support Center in North Shore on Sheldon Road last Saturday. Above are Major Mike Lee, Mark Sanders, Karen Foster, Sergeant Don Williams and Eddie Foster of Citizens on Patrol.

Houston Symphony commences 106th season

HOUSTON (Sept. 6, 2019) – The Houston Symphony opens its 106th season at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 14, 2019, with an all-Russian Opening Night program featuring legendary piano virtuoso Yefim Bronfman for a one-night-only performance of Rachmaninoff's monumental Piano Concerto No. 3 at Jones Hall.

Led by renowned, Grammy Award-winning conductor Leonard Slatkin, the glamorous evening begins with Mikhail Glinka's Kamarskaya, an orchestral work based entirely on Russian folk music and



Leonard Slatkin



Yefim Bronfman

dance, and Alexander Borodin's lyrical and emotional Nocturne (the musical source for the song "And This Is My Beloved" from the hit Broadway musical Kismet). Then, the Russian extravaganza continues as Slatkin leads the orchestra in Tchaikovsky's colorful and lively Capriccio Italien, inspired by the composer's time and experience in Italy.

When speaking of legendary pianist Bronfman, The New Criterion boldly declared: "there is not a better pianist in the world." Known for his interpretations of Rachmaninoff's works, Bronfman closes out the evening with Rachmaninoff's extremely challenging Piano Concerto No. 3, which showcases the pianist's staggering virtuosity.

Opening Night: Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 3, sponsored by ConocoPhillips and chaired by Barbara Burger and co-chairs Kusum and K. Cody Patel, takes place at the Houston Symphony Sept. 15 at Jones Hall for the Performing Arts, 615 Louisiana Street, in Houston's Theater District. For tickets and information, please call 713.224.7575 or visit houstonsymphony.org. Tickets may also be purchased at the Houston Symphony Patron Services Center in Jones Hall (Monday-Saturday, 12-6 p.m.). All programs and artists are subject to change.

**San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site
Community Meeting**
Highlands, Texas
Tuesday, September 24, 2019
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in cooperation with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Federal, State, and Harris County agencies, local officials, and industry, invite you to attend a Community Meeting for the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund site. The meeting will be held:

Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2019
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Location: The Highlands Community Center
 604 Highland Woods Drive
 Highlands, Texas 77562

The meeting is being held in a fully accessible facility. Should you have any specific needs or questions about the facility, please contact EPA Community Involvement Coordinator, Janetta Coats, at 214-665-7308 or 1-800-533-3508 (toll-free).

Additional information about the site is available on the following EPA website:
<https://www.epa.gov/tx/sjrvp>

Para información en español, comuníquese con la Agencia de Protección Ambiental de los Estados Unidos (la EPA) a 1-800-533-3508 (llamada gratis).

During the meeting, updates will be provided on current site activities and the cap inspection data. Following the updates, a question and answer session will be open to the public.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The San Jacinto Community College District will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 7.44 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on September 24, 2019 at 5:00 PM at 4624 Fairmont Parkway, Room 104, Pasadena, TX 77504.

The second public hearing will be held on September 27, 2019 at 11:00 AM at 4624 Fairmont Parkway, Room 104, Pasadena, TX 77504.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

- FOR:**
- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Marie Flickinger | John Moon Jr. |
| Keith Sinor | Erica Davis Rouse |
| Dan Mims | Larry Wilson |
| Dr. Ruede Wheeler | |

AGAINST:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in San Jacinto Community College District last year was \$108,802. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.179329 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$195.11.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in San Jacinto Community College District this year is \$120,490. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.165837 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$199.82.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.178169 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$214.68.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

OUTDOORS TIME

By Charlie Farrar

Good Fishing with Friends in Galveston Bay



LOOK WHAT WE CAUGHT! Charlie Farrar, Greg Farrar & Garry McAninch, Jr caught this mess in Galveston last Wednesday.

★ COMMUNITY NEWS ★

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Explanatory Statements for the November 5, 2019 Constitutional Amendment Election

Proposition Number 1 (HJR 72)

HJR 72 proposes a constitutional amendment permitting an elected municipal judge to serve as a municipal judge in more than one municipality at the same time. Unlike an appointed municipal judge, an elected municipal judge may not concurrently hold another municipal judge office. This amendment would allow an elected municipal judge to serve as a municipal judge in more than one municipality at the same time, in the same manner as appointed municipal judges.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment permitting a person to hold more than one office as a municipal judge at the same time."**

Proposition Number 2 (SJR 79)

SJR 79 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the Texas Water Development Board to issue additional general obligation bonds, in an amount that does not exceed \$200 million, for the economically distressed areas program. These bonds can only be used to provide financing for the development of water supply and sewer service projects in those economically distressed areas as defined by law.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$200 million to provide financial assistance for the development of certain projects in economically distressed areas."**

Proposition Number 3 (HJR 34)

HJR 34 proposes a constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to temporarily exempt from ad valorem taxation a portion of certain property located in an area covered by a disaster declaration of the governor. The proposed amendment would allow the legislature to prescribe the method of determining the amount of the tax exemption and the duration of the exemption and also would allow the legislature to create any additional eligibility requirements for the tax exemption.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the appraised value of certain property damaged by a disaster."**

Proposition Number 4 (HJR 38)

HJR 38 proposes a constitutional amendment prohibiting the state from imposing or collecting an individual income tax, including an individual's share of partnership and unincorporated association income. There is no current constitutional bar on imposing or collecting an individual income tax.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of an individual income tax, including a tax on an individual's share of partnership and unincorporated association income."**

Proposition Number 5 (SJR 24)

SJR 24 proposes a constitutional amendment that would automatically appropriate the net revenue received from the portion of the state's tax revenue received on sales of sporting goods to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and the Texas Historical Commission (THC). The legislature would maintain the authority to determine the specific uses of the funds and their allocation between TPWD and THC.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment dedicating the revenue received from the existing state sales and use taxes that are imposed on sporting goods to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Historical Commission to protect Texas' natural areas, water quality, and history by acquiring, managing, and improving state and local parks and historic sites while not increasing the rate of the state sales and use taxes."**

Proposition Number 6 (HJR 12)

HJR 12 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to increase the maximum bond amount for the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) from \$3 billion to \$6 billion to be issued by the Texas Public Finance Authority. CPRIT was created in 2007 to promote and fund cancer research in Texas. CPRIT uses bond proceeds to award grants for cancer research and prevention.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to increase by \$3 billion the maximum bond amount authorized for the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas."**

Proposition Number 7 (HJR 151)

HJR 151 proposes a constitutional amendment allowing increased distributions from \$300 million per year to \$600 million per year to the available school fund and also allowing the State Board of Education, the General Land Office, and other entities that manage revenue from land

or other properties held in the permanent school fund to distribute certain revenue to the available school fund.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment allowing increased distributions to the available school fund."**

Proposition Number 8 (HJR 4)

HJR 4 proposes a constitutional amendment creating the flood infrastructure fund as a special fund in the state treasury, using money appropriated from the economic stabilization fund. The flood infrastructure fund would provide additional resources to implement plans to mitigate flood damage. The proposed amendment would authorize the Texas Water Development Board to use money in the flood infrastructure fund for drainage, flood mitigation, or flood control projects. The proposed amendment also would authorize the creation of separate accounts in the flood infrastructure fund as necessary to administer the fund or authorized projects.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the flood infrastructure fund to assist in the financing of drainage, flood mitigation, and flood control projects."**

Proposition Number 9 (HJR 95)

HJR 95 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to create a property tax exemption for precious metal held in a precious metal depository located in this state.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation precious metal held in a precious metal depository located in this state."**

Proposition Number 10 (SJR 32)

SJR 32 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to allow a state agency or political subdivision to transfer a law enforcement animal to the animal's handler or another qualified caretaker in certain circumstances. Currently, the Texas Constitution prevents the transfer of certain public property, such as law enforcement animals, to a private person or organization at no cost. This amendment authorizes the legislature to allow the transfer of a law enforcement animal to the animal's handler or another qualified caretaker at no cost, upon the animal's retirement or at another time if the transfer is determined to be in the animal's best interest.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to allow the transfer of a law enforcement animal to a qualified caretaker in certain circumstances."**

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Harris County Sheriff Office recognizes Deputy of the month



On September 5th HCSO CPAAA members Eddie Foster and Ron DeLorge presented the July Deputy of the Month.

On July 24 Deputy Daniels (present in picture) and Deputy Hilson (not present in picture) were dispatched to a location where a female was crying and claiming to be raped.

During their investigation they contacted 2 male suspects. The call resulted in the seizure of several thousand dollars in small bills, a glock pistol, 56 grams of cocaine, 23 grams of crack, 168 grams of hydrocodone and 7 grams of marijuana.



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★ OPINION PAGE ★



Social Security Matters

by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor
Association of Mature American Citizens

Ask Rusty – Confused About Survivor Benefits

Dear Rusty: My husband passed away in 2013 just a few days short of his 63rd birthday. I was 56 at the time and when I went into the Social Security office to notify them of his death I was told I would be able to get a partial draw when I turned 60. Two years after that I was told that I would never draw anything from his account as the rules had been changed, and since he had never drawn Social Security that his benefits were eliminated. I am 62 and intend to keep working but any information you have might be helpful. Signed: Confused Survivor

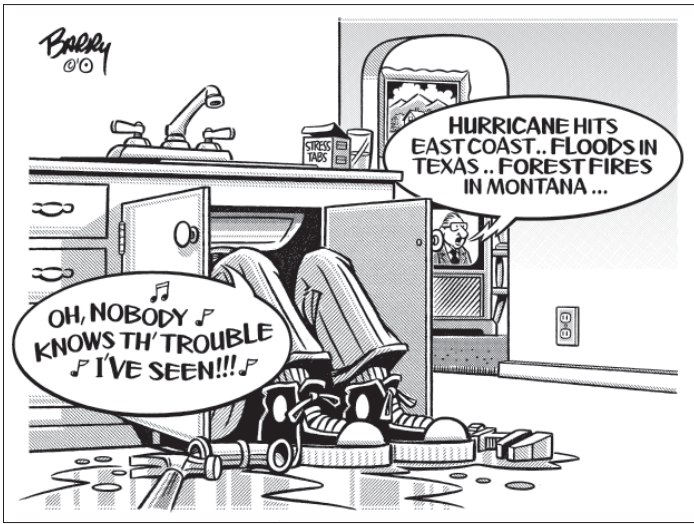
Dear Confused Survivor: You've certainly been given some conflicting information, so I'll try to clarify. If your husband had accumulated enough quarter credits to be eligible for Social Security, you are eligible for a survivor benefit even if your husband was not yet collecting Social Security (SS) benefits when he passed. To be eligible for SS, your husband would have needed to work for about 10 years for an employer which participated in Social Security program (meaning, both your husband and his employer paid SS FICA payroll taxes on his earnings). Most U.S. employers participate in the Social Security program. However, if your husband worked his entire career as an employee of a state or local government which does not participate in SS, or if he worked for the Federal government under their "CSRS" program, or if he worked for any other entity which didn't participate in Social Security, he may not have had enough SS credits to be eligible. But if he contributed to Social Security for at least 10 years and had at least 40 credits (can earn 4 per year) then he would have been eligible for SS, and you would be eligible for a survivor benefit from his record.

The rules haven't changed for any of this. If your husband was at least eligible for SS (not necessarily collecting), you became eligible for a survivor benefit at age 60 although it would have been reduced by about 28.5% from what you

would get at your full retirement age (FRA). You are still eligible for the survivor benefit but, if you take it now at age 62, it will still be reduced for claiming before your FRA, and since you are still working you'll also be subject to Social Security's earnings limit (\$17,640 for 2019). If you exceed the earnings limit, SS will withhold from future benefits \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit, which would mean you wouldn't get benefits for some months until they recover what is due. If your current earnings are high, it may not be prudent to claim early SS benefits even if you're entitled to them. The earnings limit changes annually, is considerably higher (by 2.5 times) in the year you reach your FRA and goes away once you reach your full retirement age.

For your awareness, the survivor benefit reaches the maximum amount when you reach your full retirement age (but is reduced if you claim it earlier). You have the option to restrict your claim to survivor benefits only, and you may want to do this if your own SS benefit from your lifetime earnings record will be more at age 70 than your survivor benefit will be at your FRA. Your goal should be to collect the highest benefit possible for the rest of your life. If you so choose, you can collect your survivor benefit first and delay your own SS benefit past your full retirement age, which would allow you to earn delayed retirement credits on your own benefit. That will increase it by 8% per year of delay, up to age 70 when your maximum Social Security retirement benefit will be reached, and at that time you would switch to the higher benefit.

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Executive orders address deadly mass shootings

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on Sept. 5 issued eight executive orders in hopes of preventing further mass shootings.

Abbott's orders came days after seven people were killed and 25 injured in multiple shootings by a lone gunman along thoroughfares connecting the cities of Odessa and Midland on Aug. 31. The suspect fired at law enforcement officers and civilians, including while driving a hijacked postal van between the two cities. Law enforcement officers brought the rampage to a halt in an exchange of gunfire resulting in the death of the suspect when the van he was driving had come to a stop after ramming a police vehicle. The suspect, a 36-year-old white male armed with an assault rifle, was identified as Seth Aaron Ator of Odessa.

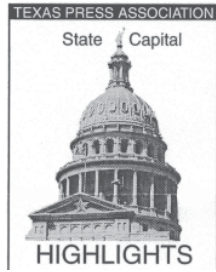
Posted online at gov.texas.gov, Abbott's orders enhance reporting requirements and ensure law enforcement and the public have the training, tools and resources to provide and respond to suspicious activity reports, Abbott said. Ordinary citizens' reports of suspicious activities are accepted via phone call to (512) 424-7981 or (866) 786-5972; by fax to (512) 424-7418; or by email to TXFusionCenter@dpstexas.gov.

"Texas must achieve several objectives to better protect our communities and our residents from mass shootings," Abbott said in a news release containing the executive orders. "One of those objectives is to marshal law enforcement resources to stop violent criminals before they commit mass murders. But more must be done. I will continue to work expeditiously with the legislature on laws to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous criminals, while safeguarding the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding Texans."

The governor's office referred to the executive orders as "a starting point in the process to keep Texas communities safe...to further advance solutions and jumpstart legislative action." In related news, Lt.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling



Transportation plan OK'd

The Texas Transportation Commission on Aug. 29 approved a 10-year plan produced by the Texas Department of Transportation that includes more than \$77 billion dedicated to improving safety, addressing congestion and connectivity and preserving roadways for Texas drivers.

Funds are earmarked for the widening of roads and the improvement of median barriers, bridges, guardrails and intersections — including upgraded traffic signals and signage — plus safety improvements for bicyclists and pedestrians.

According to the commission, many of the projects in the plan are roadway segments identified on Texas' list of its 100 most congested roadways. The projects will be financed through legislative and voter-approved initiatives that allocate portions of oil and gas taxes, sales taxes and other money to the state highway fund.

Safety meetings are held

The Lone Star State's first meeting of the newly formed Domestic Terrorism Task Force was held at the Capitol on Aug. 30.

On Aug. 29, the second-ever meeting of the Texas Safety Commission was held in El Paso, the city where a suspect wielding an assault-style rifle was arrested on Aug. 3 in a shooting that took the lives of 22 people and injured 24.

In El Paso, Abbott said the purpose of the meeting was "to help the community heal, combat the rise of extremist groups and hateful ideologies, keep guns out of the hands of deranged individuals, and combat domestic terrorism in Texas."

Following the six-hour meeting in El Paso, Lt. Gov. Patrick told victims in attendance: "When one Texan is attacked all Texans are attacked, no matter your political party, no matter if you are black, brown or white, liberal or conservative. Every one of the 28 million Texans matters, and we stand together against hate, racism, white supremacy and evil as one Texas."

Revenue report is posted

The state's fiscal year 2019 ended on Aug. 31 and Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Sept. 4 released totals for fiscal 2019 state revenues, saying "all funds" revenue was \$127.94 billion, up 6.5 percent over fiscal 2018.

Hegar broke down the nearly \$128 billion as follows:

- General revenue-related revenue was \$57.87 billion, up 1.2 percent over fiscal 2018;
- Sales tax revenue for fiscal 2019 was \$34.02 billion, up 6.5 percent from fiscal 2018;
- Oil production tax revenue was \$3.89 billion, up 14.6 percent over fiscal 2018;
- Natural gas production tax revenue was \$1.69 billion, up 17.8 percent over fiscal 2018; and
- All funds tax collections were \$59.38 billion, up 6.8 percent over fiscal 2018.

LETTERS To The Editor

Dear Editor,
In response to the story on the front page of the Star Courier Thursday, August 22, 2019, "TEA rates 2 Highlands schools at a 'D,'" I want to present some additional information.

We are certainly proud that Goose Creek CISD received a score of 87 or "B," showing growth of nine points from 2018, in the recently released performance ratings based on the A-F system. It is a complicated system, and we will continue to focus on continuous improvement for our district and all our schools.

Simply saying that the two schools received a "D" is a little misleading. Hopper Primary School serves pre-kindergarten – first grade, and since it is paired with Highlands Elementary, which houses second grade – fifth grade, both schools received an overall score of 68, although the only state testing Hopper students participate in is the Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS), which is a verbal test in the primary grades.

Highlands Elementary's scores do reflect some campus strengths, which is a cause for celebration. In fourth-grade Math, Masters Grade Level Standard increased by 10 percent, and in fourth-grade Writing, Approaches Grade Level Standard or Above increased by 15 percent. In third-grade Reading, Masters Grade Level Standard or Above increased by two percent, and in fifth-grade Math for English Learners, Approaches Grade Level Standard or Above was 92 percent.

As compared to 2018 scores, in Domain 1 (Student Achievement), Highlands Elementary went down one point, and in Domain 2A (Academic Growth), the school stayed the same. For Domain 2B (Relative Performance), which compares the school to similar schools, Highlands Elementary stayed the same. Domain 3 (Closing Achievement Gaps), the school lost ground, dropping eight points. However, overall score for Highlands Elementary was a 68, which was only two points lower than last year's score of 70 (C).

To address academic needs for students and instructional support for teachers, instructional plans have been developed for Highlands and Hopper. We are looking forward to continuity in leadership on the Highlands Elementary campus, which has had several changes in the past few years. An additional intervention teacher has been added to the school's staff. Also, teachers from Hopper and Highlands Elementary are collaborating to cross campuses to support students and staff.

Another positive is that Highlands Elementary feeds Highlands Junior School and Goose Creek Memorial High School, and both schools received a "B." In fact, Highlands Junior showed growth of 10 points, from a 76 to an 86.

With feedback and guidance from staff in these schools and by ensuring that systems and best instructional practices are in place, we will work to ensure that students are receiving the best possible education as we strive to accomplish our mission of developing the whole child.

Sincerely,
Jessica Woods

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CEMEX Construction Materials Houston, LLC, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration No. 158151L001, which would authorize construction of a temporary concrete batch plant located on the west side of Johns Road approximately 0.1 mile south from its intersection with Beaumont Highway 90, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77049. 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. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

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ROUND-UP

Dayton events

- 9/14 Dayton Farmers Market: 8 am - 11 am, CrossRoads, corner of Hwy 90 and Church St., fresh produce and cottage produce from local vendors.
- 9/17 Open Mic: All day, Jones Public Library, 801 S. Cleveland St., Perform your favorite or original poetry, play music, sing, read a short story or perform a (family-friendly) stand up comedy act. It's up to you.

Brown Bag Lunch Concerts

You bring the eats, we bring the beats. Every Friday in September 2019, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. At Town Square in Baytown.

- Friday, September 13, Gary Michael Dahl
- Friday, September 20, Jennifer B & the Groove
- Friday, September 27, Mariachi Calmecac

Texas Gatorfest

Texas Gatorfest is an annual festival held in Anahuac, Texas that celebrates the American Alligator. This year's line up is as follows:

- Friday, **Sep. 13, 2019**
-6:30 p.m. Nicholas Jamerson
- 8:30 p.m. Shinyribs
- 10:30 p.m. Kyle Park
- Saturday, **Sep. 14, 2019**
-4:30 p.m. Trent Cowie Band
- 6:30 p.m. Jason Cassidy
- 8:30 p.m. Flatland Cavalry
- 10:30 p.m. Category 6
- Sunday, **Sep. 15, 2019**
-3:30 p.m. Local Musician Song Swap

For recent updates, please visit texasgatorfest.com.

Goss Memorial Library events

These are the events taking place at the Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch Library the week of Monday, September 16, 2019.

- Tuesday, September 17 - 10:00 am, "Baby & Me" (ages 0-24 mos)
- Tuesday, September 17 - 4:00 pm, "Tween Days" - Shrinky Dink Art (ages 7-11)
- Friday, September 20 - 10:30 am, "Storytime" (ages 0-5 yrs)

Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Library, Mont Belvieu (281) 576-2245

Pilot Club of Baytown installs 2019-2020 Board of Directors



Pilot Club of Baytown 2019-20 Board of Directors installed. Pictured seated are President Cindy Fehring, President-Elect Susan Pitts, and Vice President, Kathy Young. Standing are Director and Past President Gladys Pryor, Directors are Tammy Phenicie, Judy Wheat, and Kerri Hurlbut, Treasurer Allene DonCarlos, Recording Secretary Terry Presley and Corresponding Secretary Helen Gerlich. Director Glenda Mosley is not pictured. The Pilot Club of Baytown is a Texas district service club of Pilot International; an organization with a mission to serve through charitable, educational and research programs around the world. For joining Pilot as a volunteer, call 281-424-7838, visit www.pilotclubofbaytown.org/ or The Pilot Club of Baytown Facebook page.

Pilot Club of Baytown creates Fidget Apron for Alzheimer's/Dementia patients



Pilot Club of Baytown Creating Fidget Aprons for Alzheimer's/Dementia Patients - Pilots pictured (some displaying aprons) are Delores Ellis, Lindzy Minx, Tammy Phenicie, President Cindy Fehring, Dr. Darlene Brown, Judy Wheat, Gay Riggs, Glenda Mosley, Janie Clements and Carolyn Parrish. The fidget apron may have working zippers, buttons with button holes, ribbons to tie and untie, belts to buckle and unbuckle, fabrics that are soothing to feel.



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Dayton Broncos defeat GP Yellow Jackets 51-7

By Allan Jamail

GPISD Stadium - Houston, TX. - September 6, 2019 the Dayton Broncos galloped into town and stamped past the Galena Park Yellow Jacket 51-7.

The Jackets scored first early in the first quarter but never again for the remaining four quarters.

The Broncos offense made 411 total yards, 7 touchdowns and a field goal to the Jackets 288 total yards and 1 touchdown.

Galena Park's next game is an away non-district game with the Baytown Lee Ganders on Thursday, September 12 at 7PM, Baytown, TX.

Lee College Receives \$148,670 Jobs and Education for Texans Grant

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has awarded Lee College a \$148,670 Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) grant. The grant will help the college purchase a simulation system to provide students with training for careers in truck driving.

The JET program provides funding for equipment to eligible educational institutions for the purpose of

developing career and technical education courses and may include courses offering dual-credit and technical education programs. The equipment must be used to train students in high-demand occupations.

TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez presented a check to representatives from Lee College in a ceremony today, Thursday, September 12, 2019.

North Church Street to Permanently Close at Hwy 90

Beginning Monday, September 9, N. Church St. will be permanently closed between Cook St. and Hwy 90. The block, adjacent to City Hall, the City's Development & Planning Office, and the CrossRoads park will be converted to a pedestrian walkway between each facility.

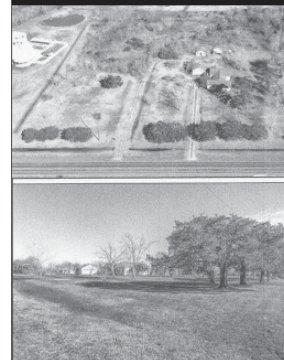
City Council approved the permanent closure at their August meeting due to safety concerns on both North and South Church Streets. While vehicles parked on the north section of the street impair visibility for

pedestrians and motorists alike, the concern on the southern portion of the street was southbound Church St. traffic accelerating to beat cross-traffic on Hwy 90 posing additional traffic hazards. The closure reduces the potential for crashes and congestion while streamlining traffic flow on Hwy 90.

Access to South Church St. from Hwy 90 will not be affected in either direction.

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Man accused of aggravated assault, choking victim

Crime Stoppers and the Harris County Sheriff's Office Gulf Coast Violent Offender Task Force needs the public's assistance locating Fugitive Daniel Amir Baquer who is wanted for an Aggravated Assault-SBI.

On Thursday, June 6, 2019, at approximately 8:40 p.m., the victim was assaulted by Daniel Amir Baquer in the 4500 block of Kingwood Drive in Kingwood, Texas. During the incident, the fugitive was in a verbal altercation with a female when the victim walked over and asked him to calm down.



Daniel Amir Baquer

The fugitive began physically assaulting and choking the victim. Fugitive Daniel Amir Baquer fled the scene in an unknown

direction of travel.

Fugitive: Daniel Amir Baquer is a white male, 32 years of age, 5'7", approximately 150 lbs., blue eyes and short brown hair, tattoos on both arms and trimmed down beard.

Crime Stoppers may pay up to \$5,000 for information leading to the charging and/or arrest of the suspect in this case. Information may be reported by calling 713-222-TIPS (8477), submitted online at www.crimestoppers.org or through the Crime Stoppers mobile app. All tipsters remain anonymous.

Goose Creek ISD All-Star Gala sponsors



Covestro Industrial Park Baytown is recognized as an MVP Sponsor of the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation's All-Star Gala 2019 to be held at Minute Maid Park September 14, 2019. Presenting the company's \$15,000 donation to Erika Foster (left), GCCISD Education Foundation director, are Demetri Zervoudis (middle), senior vice president and site manager of Covestro Industrial Park Baytown, and Jennifer Walsh (right), head of communications at Covestro. Walsh serves also as vice president of development for the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation and chair of the All-Star Gala.

Reach Out Walk

Mayor Brandon Capetillo (left); Nathan Chaddick, Ross S. Sterling High School principal and Dr. Randal O'Brien, Goose Creek CISD superintendent, check their list of students as they prepare to knock on doors during the recent 2019 Reach Out Walk. The event was designed to recover students at risk of dropping out of school and to address attendance issues with other students.



Alesha Tate (left), Ross S. Sterling High School teacher; Tammy Marshall (second from left), RSS counselor; Dr. Anthony Price (third from left), GCCISD deputy superintendent and Renita Price knock on doors during Goose Creek CISD's recent 2019 Reach Out Walk to address attendance issues with students and to recover students at risk of dropping out of school.



Photos by Carrie Pryor-Newman

Roger Elswick (right) of Community Toyota*Honda*KIA is truly an All Star as he presents a donation of \$10,000 to Erika Foster, GCCISD Education Foundation director, for the foundation's All-Star Gala at Minute Maid Park September 14, 2019. Elswick will be recognized at the event as the foundation's first Legacy Award honoree for his contributions of time and donations to help teachers and administrators enhance learning for their students. Elswick helped establish the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation in 2009, serving as its first president.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 213B will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2019 on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. at 4400 East Freeway, Baytown, Texas 77521. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Juanita Orsak, Mark Prause, Stacy Lord, Jimmy Flowers

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Tax rate	0.800/\$100	\$0.800/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.00
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		0.00%
Average appraised value	\$210,506	\$225,527
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$210,506	\$224,527
Tax on average residence homestead	\$1,684.05	\$1,796.21
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$112.17
and percentage of increase (+/-)		6.66%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

Should you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact the tax office at 281-482-0216.

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Harris County Municipal Utility District #50 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2019 on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 6:00 PM at 12900 Crosby Lynchburg Road, Barrett Station, Texas 77532. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Martin Lemond, Elyard David, Andrew Sonnier, Daryl Johnson and Alice Dangerfield

AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in the taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$1.09/\$100	\$1.09/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.00/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		0.00%
Average appraised Value	\$60,314	\$74,062
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Average taxable Value	\$60,314	\$74,062
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 657.42	\$ 807.27
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if Proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		+\$ 149.85
And percentage of increase (+/-)		+ 22.79364%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the water district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

The operation and maintenance portion of the tax rate is below the 8% rollback rate.

Question regarding this notice should be directed to June Muth (281) 426-8156

★ LIFESTYLE PAGE ★

OBITUARIES

Donna Thompson



Donna Thompson was born in South Bend, Indiana on November 5, 1949 and went to be with the Lord on August 20, 2019. She was preceded in death by her parents Lee Sperry and Ethel Grace Sperry; mother and father-in-law, Mary Ellen and Dwight Thompson and brother-in-law, Dwight (Skip) Thompson.

Donna was a wonderful mother to her two children, Chris and Mary Beth Thompson. She loved being involved in their extracurricular activities which included being a "band mom"

for the Crosby High School band as well as being supportive in all other activities her children were involved in. She had recently retired and enjoyed spending time with her grandsons. She also loved playing bunko and spending time with her bunko friends.

Donna is survived by her two children, Christopher Thompson and wife Stephanie of Kingwood; and Mary Beth Castilleja and husband Gerald of San Antonio. She is also survived by her grandsons: Connor Castilleja, Isaac Thompson, and Ethan Thompson. She is also survived by the father of her children, Charles Thompson and wife Carol of Crosby.

A memorial service celebrating her life will be held on September 22, 2019 at 2:00 pm at the Crosby United Methodist Church.

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands for us; yes, establish the work of our hands.

PSALM 90:17

Detail of "Canaanite Sibyl in a Landscape" by Agostino Veneziano (1516)

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Peggy Ann Henderson



Peggy Ann Henderson went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at the age of 78 where she was welcomed by her son, Keith Edward Reed, her parents Jack and Bernice Casey, and her brother Larry Wade Casey. She was born on April 6, 1941 to Jack and Bernice Casey. She loved spending time with her family and entertaining company. Peggy was an avid cook whose bread was well known. She was a big Astros fan. A hardworker who worked numerous jobs, Peggy had worked at the water office in Highlands, managed the Snak Shak and the Fort Bar and Grill in Highlands, and owned a house cleaning service. Peggy will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Peggy is survived by her husband Jack Henderson; sister Wilma Keyes; sister-in-law Bobbie Casey; daughter Tracie Reed Barron; step-sons Jack Randall Henderson and wife Brandy and Justin Rex Henderson; grandson Kaiden Keith Barron; granddaughter Jacie Add-

ison Barron; great granddaughter Jocie Beth Barron; step-grandchildren Jackson and Bailey Henderson; step-great granddaughter Riley Henderson; step-grandchildren Reighan and Linley Henderson; special nieces Cathy Keyes Corley, Kim Steadham and Lori Graham; and special friends Pee Wee and Patti Farmer. She is also survived by numerous extended family and friends.

Honoring the family by serving as pallbearers will be Kaiden Barron, Jack Randall Henderson, Justin Henderson, Butch Henderson, Pee Wee Farmer, Robert Graham, Cody Brown and Joesean Rown. Honorary pallbearers are Ronnie Galloway, Randy Casey, Tim Swick, Ricky Welborn, Frank Henderson and Jackson Henderson.

A visitation for friends and family will be held on Monday, September 9, 2019 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Sterling-White Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at Sterling-White Funeral Home. Interment to follow in Earthman Memory Gardens Cemetery at 8624 Garth Rd, Baytown, Texas. Arrangements are entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd., Highlands, Texas. To offer condolences to the family, please visit www.sterlingwhite.com.

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THOUGHTS FROM MARANATHA CHURCH

By Dr. Mark Trice



What's Under the Hat?

Not that long ago, you could look at a man in a cowboy hat and instantly know quite a bit about him. Different regions had their own crease preferences, and those with specific jobs or who competed in various rodeo events tended to wear hats that worked best for their activities. A hat's style truly reflected the man or woman who wore it.

It still does, to a certain extent, but with the cowboy look being such a popular fashion trend today, you've got all sorts of people who have never even been on a horse wearing hats that can't even begin to tell the truth of who they are. The hats make statements, but usually those statements only reference how they look with the wearers' chosen outfits.

Sadly, it's much the same in the modern church. At one time, you could be pretty sure that a man sitting in a pew on Sunday was a genuine Christian, or at least one who was searching for Jesus. Today you've got people all over who attend services only because Agit's the right thing to do. Ah or Agthe kids need to be in church. Ah Like a horseless Agcowboy. Ah they sit in pews without any true grasp of what it really means to be a Christian. Like a man who randomly puts a cowboy hat onto his head, they throw on the label AgChristian. Ah without ever giving their hearts to Jesus and moving forward into being Christ-like.

When looking at a so-called cowboy or cowgirl, it's what's under the hat that counts. What do they actually do with their

lives? Where is their Agcowboy fruit. Ah if you will? When looking at a Christian, the same rule applies. Where is their fruit? Matthew 7:16-20 refers specifically to leaders, but in reality it applies to all of us who claim to be His. So Ac Are these AgChristians Ah living lives that truly reflect the lordship of Jesus Christ, or are they playing dress up?

Many wanna-be cowboys are open to being introduced to the lifestyle, anxious to learn how to truly be what the hat represents. The lucky ones have genuine cowboys or cowgirls come along to walk beside them and lead the way.

There are a lot of would-be Christians who are the same. Maybe their church doesn't teach God's uncompromised Word. Perhaps they're surrounded by others who are as lost as they are. They may have a want-to, but not know how to, attain an authentic relationship with God. That's where more mature Christians come in—or should.

Those of us who have been set free by the Truth and strive to live for Him ought to stay sensitive to the Holy Spirit and willing to help those who need us. It is for us to reach out to those who are struggling in their walk and help them find the right path, the one that will empower them to genuinely live up to the label they've chosen to wear. It's what we're here for.

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4. To become a mature follower of Jesus Christ.
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7. To teach your kids to love God and the church.
8. To share the good news of Jesus here, and around the world.
9. To bear each other's burdens, and pray for one another.
10. To better live life, and be a light to your community.
11. To learn about salvation and get ready for Heaven.
12. Because God says to go to church.

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord." -Psalm 122:1

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BIBLE TRIVIA
By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 2 Timothy in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who said, "Lo, I dwell in a house of cedars but the ark of the covenant ... remaineth under curtains."? David, Nathan, Saul, Solomon
3. From Numbers 12, why was Miriam shut out of camp for seven days? Ungodly act, Leprous, Fasting, Lent
4. Who took David in as his own after the slaying of Goliath? Jonathan, Solomon, Saul, Eliakim
5. From Mark 10:27, Jesus said, "For with God all things are ..." Righteous, Forthcoming, Pure, Possible
6. Upon which mountain did Aaron die? Kor, Carmel, Pisgah, Sinai

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) David; 3) Leprous; 4) Saul; 5) Possible; 6) Kor

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★ ASK THE EXPERTS ★

GCCISD Employee Wellness Center Opens



Cutting the ribbon on the new Goose Creek CISD Employee Wellness Clinic are (from left) Richard Clem, GCCISD board member; Stephanie Myers, GCCISD district benefits coordinator, Dr. Anthony Price, GCCISD deputy superintendent, Noemi Ibarra, Next Level medical assistant; Shae Cottar, GCCISD board member; Dr. Karen Rakers, director of employee health services for Next Level Urgent Care and Matt Flood, GCCISD chief technology officer.

By Susan Passmore

The Goose Creek CISD Employee Wellness Clinic is now up and running to benefit Goose Creek CISD employees. The clinic is located at 2509 Archer Road at Stallworth Stadium behind Gate 3.

Through a partnership with Next Level Urgent Care to run the CareXtend Clinic, the district pays for services for full time employees. Appointments are available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

“The Goose Creek CISD Employee Wellness Clinic serves as a medical home for our employees to assist them with their health and wellness needs,” said Stephanie Myers, GCCISD district benefits coordinator. “It also assists employees with the financial burden of balancing medical premiums and seeking care to address any underlying medical concerns.”

On a typical visit, a patient sees Noemi Ibarra, a medical assistant, and connects with a doctor at another Houston-area location of Next Level Urgent Care for a real-life exam through camera technology. Dr. Karen Rakers is the director of employee health services, and Dr. Juliet Breeze is the chief executive officer for Next Level.

This initiative was designed to help increase the employee attendance rate and provide quality care for employees as well as recruit and retain valued employees.



Stephanie Myers (right), GCCISD district benefits coordinator, watches the monitor as she participates in a demo exam with Dr. Karen Rakers, director of employee health services for Next Level Urgent Care, and Noemi Ibarra, medical assistant for Next Level.

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Harris County Clerk Launches "Step Up to Serve" Student Poll Worker Campaign

Houston, TX - Harris County Clerk, Dr. Diane Trautman launches the annual student poll worker recruitment campaign, "Step Up to Serve." The Harris County Clerk's Office will be training hundreds of high school students to work the polls on Election Day, November 5, 2019. Students ages 16 years and older will have multiple opportunities to Step up to Serve as paid Election Day workers:

- Bilingual students who speak English and Spanish, English and Chinese, or English and Vietnamese are encouraged to apply as Student Election Clerks. Election clerks help check in, process vot-

ers, provide instructions, and assist as needed.

- New this year, each Election Day polling location will have an Electronics Support Specialist. In this capacity, students will be trained to work on the set-up and maintenance of the election equipment. With Harris County now participating in the Countywide Polling Place Program, students will be an additional asset to the 757 Election Day locations.

“As a former educator, I believe in involving students in the elections process,” said Harris County Clerk Dr. Diane Trautman. “Poll workers are the backbone of Harris Coun-

ty elections, and this is a great opportunity for students to learn and give back to their community.”

“Missing one day of school for a real life experience, to see our democracy in action- I couldn't write a better lesson plan, explained Alief ISD teacher Shiney Abraham. “I have been inspired so much by the students, that I plan on applying for an election worker position myself!”

To view qualifications to serve as an election clerk or student worker, civic minded individuals can visit www.HarrisVotes.com to apply.

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Consolidated Notice of Receipt of Application and Intent to Obtain Permit and Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision

Air Quality Standard Permit for Concrete Batch Plants Proposed Registration No. 158151L001

Application. CEMEX Construction Materials Houston, LLC, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration No. 158151L001, which would authorize construction of a temporary concrete batch plant located on the west side of Johns Road approximately 0.1 mile south from its intersection with Beaumont Highway 90, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77049. 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?at=29.860886&lng=-95.13733&zoom=13&type=r>. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, road dust, and particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on August 22, 2019. The executive director has completed the administrative and technical reviews of the application and determined that the application meets all of the requirements of a standard permit authorized by 30 TAC § 116.611, which would establish the conditions under which the plant must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision to issue the registration because it meets all applicable rules. The application, executive director's preliminary decision, and standard permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Houston regional office, and the North Channel Branch Library - Harris County Public 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 at the TCEQ Houston Regional Office, 5425 Polk Street Suite H, Houston, Texas. Visit www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cbp to review the standard permit.

Public Comment/Public Meeting. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting. See **Contacts section.** The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments or meeting requests is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to consider in the permit process.

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

Contested Case Hearing. You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. **Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application.**

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. To request a hearing, a person must actually reside in a permanent residence within 440 yards of the proposed plant. 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 registration 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 which the group or association seeks to protect must be identified. You may submit your proposed adjustments to the application which would satisfy your concerns. See **Contacts section.**

TCEQ Action. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The executive director's decision on the application, and any response to comments, will be mailed to all persons on the mailing list. If no timely contested case hearing requests are received, or if all hearing requests are withdrawn, the executive director may issue final approval of the application. If all timely hearing requests are not withdrawn, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled commission meeting. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material air quality concerns submitted during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

Mailing List. You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive additional information on this specific application. See **Contacts section.**

Information Available Online. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database (CID) at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Once you have access to the CID using the link, enter the registration number at the top of this notice.

Contacts. 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 application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from CEMEX Construction Materials Houston, LLC, 16100 Dillard Drive, Jersey Village, Texas 77040-2077 or by calling Mr. Daniel Escobar, Environmental Manager at (713) 332-4040.

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**Barbers Hill Independent School District
Invitation for Bids
Sale of Real Property**

The Barbers Hill Independent School District will accept sealed bids for a proposed purchase of a 0.1386 acre or 6,047 square foot tract of vacant land out of a portion of a 5.8371 acre parent located 0.15 of a mile east of the termination of Perry Avenue and approximately 1.0 mile west of FM 565 (does not have physical road frontage), Mont Belvieu, Chambers County, Texas. Interested parties may contact the BHISD Assistant Superintendent of Finance at 281-576-2221, bmcmanus@bhisd.net to obtain a copy of the bid package.

All bids should be completed in accordance with the bid instructions, sealed and mailed to Ms. Rebecca McManus, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Barbers Hill ISD, 9600 Eagle Drive, Mont Belvieu, Texas 77523 on or before 2:00 p.m. on September 26, 2019. BHISD reserves the right to reject any or all bids for the above-described property.

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Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$1,423,625
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$1,423,625
Last year's tax base	\$4,745,416,667
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.0300/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$1,421,423
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$4,518,552,930
= This year's effective tax rate	\$0.0314/\$100
(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent healthcare expenditures)	\$1,421,423
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$4,518,552,930
= This year's effective operating rate	\$0.0314/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.0339/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0/\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$0.0339/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease
If Harris County Emergency Services District No. 2 adopts a 2019 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.0314 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2018 taxes by \$39,026.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balance
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
	0

Schedule B - 2019 Debt Services
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
	0	0	0	0
Total required for 2019 debt Services				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2019				\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 99.90% of its taxes in 2019				\$0
= Total debt levy				\$0

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 1001 Preston, Houston, TX 77002.
Name of person preparing this notice: Ann Harris Bennett
Title: Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector
Date Prepared: 09/04/2019

Crosby Rodeo meets, elects, prepares for future



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This year the newly elected 7 of 21 are Sonny Armstrong, Dwight Klise, Rick Loggins, Wade Armstrong, Shawn Hays, Billy Nash (re-elected) and new to the list Kurt Marek Board members face election every there years. The board is busy planning an action packed year.5

Superfund Meeting,

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nouncement on October 11, 2017, that the EPA's clean-up remedy will include the removal of 212,000 cubic yards of dioxin-laden waste from the beds and banks of the San Jacinto River has been a highpoint in my administration. Today's announcement furthers my commitment to work together as we get closer to the goal."

Jackie Young said at the meeting that the clean-up had entered Phase 2 Pre-Design, which would last up to 10 weeks. At this time she is requesting from EPA Region 6 that work on the site have a third-party overseer, and a dive-team inspection. The work is being conducted by a contractor for the PRP (Potentially Responsible Parties) under an agreement with the EPA. Essentially they are examining conditions to verify the Pre-Design.

The EPA has announced that they will hold a Community Meeting in Highlands on Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 6:30pm in the Community Center. Progress on the clean-up will be reviewed, and the press announcement that was released Monday will be discussed. After the presentation there will be a Question and Answer session.

Lisa Gossett stated at last week's meeting that it was important that local people share their historical knowledge of the site to aid the clean-up planning.

Jackie Young brought up and discussed two other topics related to pollution of the area. She said that a permit had been issued by the Corps of Engineers to Web Fleeting LP, who have barges and docks in the area below I-10 adjacent to the Superfund Sites. She said



Contractors working for the PRP attempted to make repairs to the containment cap last month, but were working outside the Waste Pits site as defined by the red marker buoys.

they are planning to dredge 120 acres of Old River to a depth of 14' to accommodate larger barges. Her concern was that this material would be deposited in an area on their property to the north. It would be about 50,000 cubic yards of dredged soil and riverbed, and there was no plan to test the material for contaminants. There was a possibility that it might contain toxins similar to the Waste Pits, she said.

There was a long discussion about the need for Harris County Pollution Control to be available to help determine sources and health risks of air and water pollution.

Carolyn Stone of Channelview told the audience of a recent experience, where the air near her house had a very bad smell, perhaps from a release of a contaminant such as benzene or ship fuel. She called Pollution Control, but was not able to get them to send a person to examine the conditions and determine the problem's source.

Frustrated with that answer, and the smell getting

worse, she also called the EPA, the National Response Center, the Coast Guard, and TCEQ. Each agency said it was not able to help, and referred her to Harris County or another. Finally, Harris County Pollution Control showed up about 13 hours later, but by that time the air had cleared enough that they couldn't test or help.

The audience agreed with Jackie Young's suggestion that HC Pollution Control needed to be more responsive to East Side problems, and that Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia be asked to designate a 24 hour full time Pollution Control examiner to be available to residents or businesses with this type of problem.

Carolyn Stone said that she had arranged a public meeting for Thursday, Sept. 12 for the public to meet with local and state officials to discuss these environmental problems. The meeting will be at the Channelview Fire Station #3 on Dell Dale. All are welcome and encouraged to come.

A real Buddy at the library



A DOG NAMED BUDDY is a Book Buddy and a Therapy Dog. The scene is at the Crosby Library last Saturday, with Betty Thurman the art teacher. The Therapy Dog travels from one Harris County Library to another, helping children with their reading lessons.

Crenshaw in Crosby,

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usually know when an individual has become dangerous to others and/or themselves. So, as the law would have it, with a call to the authorities – the suspected danger would temporarily have their firearms confiscated. Some states ratified the "red flag laws" and made a disastrous would have their right to self protection snatched away and the gun destroyed or require a civil hearing to have the property returned to the proposed danger. A far cry from a temporary measure, enacted "red flag laws," became gun grabbing violations of the Second Amendment where anyone's firearm could be con-

fiscated. Crenshaw opposes any "red flag law" that violates a citizen's right to self-protection under the Second Amendment without due process. Prior to the meeting, Crenshaw had Tweeted on the Social Media Twitter that he might be willing to consider a "red flag law" under certain conditions. The background being that the other party was talking about seizing all firearms with military type magazines, seizing firearms with scopes, and buy back programs. Those proposals that never address the issue of why shouldn't the law abiding be able to purchase firearms just like

those that could care less about what laws say.

Reactions from law enforcement within the meeting were revealing. One lawman with decades of experience indicated that the conditions of a red flag law currently exist under Texas "sanitation laws." In an incident in Liberty County a few years ago, a citizen's firearms were confiscated before he would later be remanded to psychiatric care. Another deputy indicated that if criminals were not released from prison so quickly, there are not yet any second offender domestic terrorists, however.

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