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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

THUR., SEP 19 Chamber's 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. Due to weather, event will be at the Crosby Community Center. The Picnic is FREE.

THUR., OCT. 10 The Wisdom of Preplanning

Free dinner and complimentary educational seminar. Limited seating, please call 281-426-3555 to reserve. 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Baytown Seafood, 14226 FM 2100, Crosby, TX 77532. See AD, page 10 for details.

SAT., OCT. 5 JAMBOREE!

Highlands Annual Parade, Festival, and 5K Run. Don't miss it. Details at Chamber 281-426-7227.

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 20-Sue Norris
- Amanda Sims
- Gary Smith
- Sep 21-Bull Dobson
- Charlie Farrar
- Karen Hildebrand
- Sep 22-Bethany Little
- Annie Michalsky
- Sep 23-Erika Carer
- David McMahan
- Zachary Stuart
- Michael Turner
- Jessica Wettstein
- Sep 24-Kristi Cathy
- Lois Dunbar
- Susan Hoffman
- J.A. Wagner
- Sep 25-Jake Brewer
- Paris Carter

ANNIVERSARIES

- Sep 20-Gene & Angie Zadraba
- Phillip & Beuana Cumbie
- Wayne & Betty O'Bannon
- Sep 21-Troy & Debbie King
- Sep 22-Tim & Ellen Holton

Additions or Corrections are welcome, 713-266-3444

Rotary holds another successful Washer Tournament

Proceeds benefit Polio Plus, R. I.

HIGHLANDS - The local Rotary club held a fund raiser, their 13th Annual 3-Hole Washer Board Charity Tournament last Saturday, Sept. 14 at Charlie's Ice House. About 25 two-person teams competed for the top three places. The event also included a live and silent auction and raffle, and the club was able to raise about \$7000 thanks to the support of the community.

Polio, once a disease that attacked children and adults all around the world, leaving them crippled.

See WASHERS, page 10



25 teams competed last Saturday for prizes and the chance to win bragging rights for best washer throwing skills. Participants included local and district Rotarians, and teams from the public, some of whom have played each year of the tournament in a traditional competition.



First Place Team is "Back to Back Champs" with Michael Harrell and Justin Graves. Rotary president Sheila McDonald is presenting their prize. This team also was first place last year, hence the team name.

Crosby ISD 2020 budget approved

CROSBY - The local school board fixed a tax rate for the school year, limited finances and heard a yearly report on accountability last Monday.

The 2019-2020 budget an proposed tax rate is centered on the new tax rate the Interest and Sinking tax rate is \$0.48, it is higher than the additional published notice and public meeting rate of \$0.42 per \$100 valuation. The difference is due mostly to the value year lag used in the calculation of state aid. Crosby state aid for debt service decreases under HB 3 due to the increase in local property values for 2019. For maintenance and op-



Bailee CoVan a Crosby High School Senior, daughter of the Newport Elementary School Principal, was named a National Merit Scholar Semifinalist. Pictured with CoVan are her parents, and the Crosby School Board and Superintendent Scott Davis at left.

eration is \$1.06835 per \$100 valuation and reflects the maximum House Bill 3 compressed rate. And is a decrease

from the previous \$1.09 rate prior to House Bill 3. The General Fund Budget Surplus was \$5,244,145 a sinking fund

payment was required of \$680,000 also a NEXbank Loan Payment of \$2,000,000 left \$2,564,145. An add back

50% to campus/debt budgets since the 2018-2019 budgets decreased by Crosby Budget, page 10

ED. FDTN. HOSTS Jared Jamail benefit set October 5 at Stonebridge



If you skipped the Crosby Education Foundation's Casino Night at the Southern Lace Estates, you missed this sight. It was lavish casino setting surrounded by advocates for better education as this was to fund courses for students that are not within State funding.

CROSBY - Jared Jamail of Crosby passed away in May 1999 at the age of 16, for the last 21 years consecutively, his extended family has held a fund-raiser golf tournament in his honor to memory and raise scholarship money for his fellow Crosby ISD students.

According to his aunt, Pam Johnson, "Jared's death was a sudden, devastating shock for his family and friends. We, his family, didn't want Jared's memory to be about his death, but about his life. The Jared Jamail Memorial Fund was established to celebrate his life by helping others. As a result, family and friends of Jared have been able to help others by providing scholarships to graduating Crosby High School students. For those of you who have helped us, a heartfelt thank you.

Jared William Jamail was born May 25, 1983. Jared had a natural smile and loved to make people laugh. When he was out of fresh material, he would look



Al Jamail at the Crosby Education Foundation benefit last weekend.

up jokes on the internet, especially before going to visit his grandmother in the hospital. He would swell with pride when she taped them on the wall to share with the nurses and other visitors.

He grew to have a kind heart, knobby knees, freckles on his arms and face and a cowlick on the front right side of

See Jared Jamail, page 10

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Crosby Education Foundation proud to announce Marek Insurance as Corporate Sponsor

Crosby, TX – Crosby Education Foundation is pleased to partner with Marek Insurance Agency in its mission of providing additional resources to enrich teaching, inspire learning, and maximize innovative opportunities for all students in the Crosby Independent School District.



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pany, but instead are licensed with over 60 insurance carriers giving us the ability to "shop" the market so you don't have to.

ABOUT CROSBY EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Crosby Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that partners with the community to provide resources for inspirational learning and inventive teaching opportunities in the Crosby Independent School District. Since 2011, in cooperation with corporate sponsors and area leaders, CEF has been able to raise over

\$600,000 to benefit Crosby Independent School District. With support from local companies like Platinum Sponsor Marek Insurance, we envision an environment of innovative learning for our students, the future of Crosby.

UPCOMING GALA EVENT, CASINO ROYALE

The Crosby Education Foundation, together with Venue Sponsors Southern Lace Estates and the Crawfish Shack, will host its 9th annual gala, "Casino Royale", at Southern Lace Estates on September 14, 2019. The event will delight guests with a Las Vegas themed evening featuring casino games, delicious food and cocktails to encourage supporters to splurge on a great time! There will be a Live Auction, as well as a Wine Pull and Silent Raffle. To spotlight the evening's cause, our educator's Innovative Grant Requests will be on display for advance underwriting opportunities. To join the fun, call or visit Crosby Education Foundation (CEF) for sponsorship opportunities ranging from \$7,500 to \$1,000, or individual dinner tickets for \$100 each.

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Harris County Attorney discusses community protection with Northeast Harris County Bar Association



Celina Vinson, managing attorney for litigation (left), and County Attorney Vince Ryan discuss community protection matters with the Northeast Harris County Bar Association on Sept. 13.

Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan met with the Northeast Harris County Bar Association at Los Cucos restaurant in Kingwood on Friday, Sept. 13 to describe the Office's community protection program.

County Attorney Ryan, along with Celina Vinson, Managing Attorney for Litigation, discussed how the County Attorney's Office uses civil law to rid neighborhoods of enterprises that foster crime. "We have a duty to protect our community from those who want to operate illegal businesses," said County Attorney Ryan. "As the third-largest county in the nation, we are facing new challenges that others have not yet seen."

The Harris County Attorney can take legal action against owners who create situations that encourage crime on or

around their property. The County Attorney works with owners of properties to develop ways for the owners to take steps to discourage criminal activities.

Vinson said the most common nuisances the office sees are illegal game rooms, massage parlors, smoke shops, and motels that permit prostitution on their premises.

"We work with law enforcement agencies to constantly check on these places to make sure they're adhering to court orders," said Vinson. "We sometimes have to go after the landlords who knowingly allow their tenants to operate outside the law."

Although the lawsuits are filed in civil court they deter criminal behavior. The County Attorney has obtained court orders to require property owners to employ security guards, repair fences,

add surveillance cameras, fix broken lighting, and screen tenants for felony backgrounds.

The program has had success across the county with closures of a number of illicit spas, game rooms, and after-hours bars. The County Attorney's Office has been successful in filing suit against apartment complexes where prostitution, narcotic offenses, and aggravated crimes have taken place.

Since January of this year, the community protection group has sent letters or filed lawsuits resulting in the closure of 19 illicit massage parlors.

"We are all partners working together to keep our community safe," said County Attorney Ryan. "Our program has proven to be effective, and we will continue to work together to keep illegal enterprises out of our neighborhoods."

Harris County Water Control Improvement District No. 21 Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Harris County Water Control Improvement District No. 21 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2019 on October 7, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at 15808 Avenue C, Channelview, Texas 77530. 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: Pete Brady, R. L. McRae, Jimmy Smith, Wesley Hutchins & Jimmy Ramsey

AGAINST the proposal: None

RESENT 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.

	2018 Last Year	2019 This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.366/\$100	\$0.366/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.00/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		0.00%
Average appraised value	\$96,107	\$ 109,439
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ -	\$ -
Average taxable value	\$96,107	\$ 109,439
Tax on average residence homestead	\$351.76	\$ 400.55
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$48.79
and percentage of increase (+/-)		13.87%

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. The Board of Directors of the District proposes to use the tax increase for the purpose of providing sufficient funds to pay Debt Service requirements.

Mike Arterburn, Tax Assessor-Collector
(713) 688-3855

Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The Harris County Emergency Services District No. 80 conducted public hearings on September 12, 2019 and September 16, 2019 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the Harris County Emergency Services District No. 80 from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 4.87 percent.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$.04833 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$919,745.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$.05000 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$969,247.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$.05000 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$1,000,793.

The Board of Emergency Services Commissioners of Harris County Emergency Services District No. 80 is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 30, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Crosby Fire Station No. 2, 123 Diamondhead Boulevard, Crosby, Texas 77532

The Commissioners of Harris County Emergency Services District No. 80 propose to use the increase in total tax revenue for the purpose of making capital improvements and acquisitions (fire stations, fire fighting vehicles and equipment) and to maintain personnel levels necessary to meet current and projected fire and rescue call volume at the level of service expected by the District's residents.

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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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Crosby ISD announces semifinalist in 2020 National Merit Scholarship program

CROSBY, Texas – Crosby Independent School District announced Crosby High School Senior, Bailee CoVan, as a National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalist. Semifinalists have the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$31 million that will be offered next spring.

Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. Over 1.5 million juniors in about 21,000 high schools entered the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2018 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. Over 90 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and about half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the



BAILEE COVAN

Merit Scholar® title. Finalists will be notified in February of 2020.

Bailee has been a Crosby ISD student since kindergarten. She has played for Crosby High School's Varsity Soccer Team since her freshman year, President of the Crosby 4-H Club, and Vice President of the Senior Class of Crosby High School. She is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, Rho Kappa Theta, and the National Honor Society. Last year, she was named a National AP Scholar for her performance on various College Board

Advanced Placements tests.

"This accomplishment for Bailee is an incredible personal accomplishment, but also serves as a reminder to our other students that hard work pays off," said Dustin Bromley, Crosby High School Principal. "Bailee is so deserving of this recognition and we are fortunate to have such a remarkable young lady represent our school, district, and community in this way. We look for Bailee to do great things in the future."



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OPINIONBy **DON COX**
Crosby**Taxpayer questions
\$70 million Newport
bond proposal**

I think there are 2 ways to get a Bond Issue passed in today's climate:

a) Don't let you're voters know about the issue until the last minute while you're informing the ones that appear to favor the issue. The whole time you're delaying information you're getting all your forces together so that when you do break the news you control it by overshadowing any opposition.

b) Be up front, transparent with full disclosure. Have lots of community meetings and provide information and give time for this information to be checked out.

I think it's obvious which approach this Board has taken. The problem is that the Board has hired a PR firm for the purpose of getting this information out and this Bond passed.

I'm just not happy with the way the Board went about going for this Bond Issue and why at this time. The Board should have alerted the tax payers and had open meeting at their Board meetings discussing the need for a Bond Issue and not restrict this important issue to 5 minute comets before the Board discusses it. Let's be clear, we are not in a crisis situation, that if this Bond doesn't pass, that Newport Mud system will crater.

The Board has spent a lot of time on developing a 10 year plan which I'm in favor of doing and they did an excellent job. But to put a Bond Issue together of \$70,000,000 is just too much for a subdivision that is 90-95% built out. This 10 yr. plan will span 3 Board Elections. There is a lot of land outside the MUD District waiting to be annexed. The outside influences of promoting favorable Board members for future Board positions for this purpose causes concern for me. I'm afraid that Builders will come in and want annexation with reimbursement agreements and subdivide these new tracts into 45 foot lots thereby clearcutting all the trees.

The Board has not shown strength enough to prove to the tax payers that for any new annexation to occur that the lot size must be large enough to support no clearcutting of trees as the original developer provided. Make no mistake about it, before any annexation could be approved the Board can require the Developer to do certain things. The idea that because we have been giving Builder reimbursements in the past without these requirements is no longer valid in my opinion because we are using new bond money. I would happily welcome builders that would develop lots large enough to keep mature trees as Newport should always welcome new growth that is harmonious with our lovely neighborhood.

The Board would like to pass this Huge \$70,000,000 so they don't have to come back to you in the future like all Boards do. The last Newport Bond Issue was for \$30,000,000 and \$5,000,000 for Parks. This was for a half built out subdivision and the Board set aside approx. \$12,000,000 for Builder reimbursement with the promise that the reimbursements to the builders would be offset by the value that the Builder put on the ground, therefore these reimbursements would not be a reason for a tax increase and the previous Boards have kept their word. This \$12,000,000 was to help spur the growth of Newport; it lasted about 20 years and during that time we did Sewer Plant

expansion and Water Plant expansion. With the growth of Newport it will be necessary for both the water and sewer plant to be expanded. The Engineer said the cost of both should be about \$18,000,000. This needs to happen by 2025 and it takes about 2 years from planning to finish.

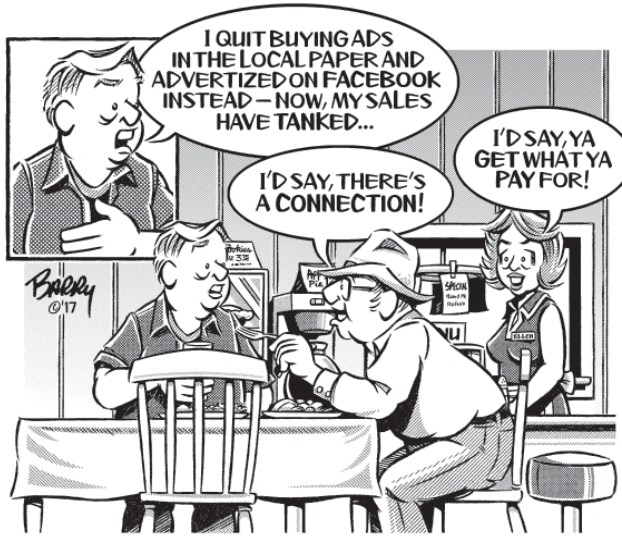
We however will be getting a windfall tax benefit from the Training Center within the next 2-3 years of about \$4,000,000. There is no need for such a Huge \$70,000,000 Bond Issue when a \$25-30,000,000 is more feasible for our tax payers. And doesn't leave \$40-50,000,000 of available money to use because you got it. Realize that you don't get this money right away, it's just available to you to use for certain projects and controlled by proper authorities. You do the project then sell the Bonds. It is true that there are reimbursements that will be paid out of the next Bond Issue that is approved. That's right the builders have already peeled a reimbursement from this Bond Issue. So when the MUD does a project and submits for Bond money we must include this also. We got development but it also got 45 foot lots and clearcutting of trees. It's now time to pay up - but we don't have to with this Bond issue as the Builder has agreed he will wait as long as it takes. So let's do this right and do our homework as tax payers, the Board did theirs as Board Members. Let's just give the Board the authority to meet TCEQ requirements and finish the Water and Sewer plant expansion. Let's turn down the Huge \$70,000,000 Bond Issue then have real meetings and maybe go for \$25-30,000,000 or even less. Meanwhile using the \$4,000,000.00 as our rainy day fund.

The District is receiving tax benefits and water revenue from all the new homes and it was said from previous Boards that this revenue should help pay for the repair and replacement of our old line's since we shouldn't have to do major repairs in the new sections for many years. We also have a water commitment agreement with MUD525 which owes us a minimum of \$250,000 and probably more along with a promise to help build our plant. Either cancel it, sue them or negotiate for a new owner but do something. This was to help with our plant.

I attended the August 15, 2019 Newport Water Board meeting and I went for the sole purpose of discussing the proposed Bond Election that was on the agenda. At the prior Water Board meeting the Board discussed a \$10 million dollar bond issue. At this meeting and during the property owners comment time which is limited to 5 minutes, I asked to speak. I asked the Board, if the bond issue passes will any builder be able to peel-off any of the money for reimbursements and the Board President clearly said no, it was for infrastructure only. I remarked that was good, because I was concerned about the clear cutting of the trees and at that time I felt I would fully support the bond issue. Since the development is almost built out in my opinion there is no need for any other builder reimbursements for 45 foot lots. It is not harmonious with the subdivision.

Editor's Note: Opinions expressed above are the Author's, and do not necessarily reflect this newspaper's views.

WHAT IS YOUR OPINION? Send us a letter or email to let us know.

**Report provides details on what
can be done to prevent shootings**

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on Sept. 12 released the Texas Safety Action Report, a document that details what Texas and Texans are doing to prevent mass shootings.

The report elaborates on executive orders Abbott issued a week earlier to coordinate state and local expertise and resources and "identify any shortcomings in our current systems and explore ways to prevent these horrific tragedies from taking place."

Abbott said strategies laid out in the report result from meetings with law enforcement officials; community, business and faith leaders; technology experts; counselors; advocates; lawmakers and survivors of mass shootings.

"We must act with resolve in response to the despicable acts of violence we have witnessed in Texas," said Abbott. "Solving the problems that have led to these horrific events will take more than governmental action. The complete solution will require more than what is outlined in this paper. It will require parents, families, churches, law enforcement, community groups, schools and others working together to fortify the social fabric of our society. Texans are at our best when we are tested. Together, we will transcend this test and forge an even better future for our state."

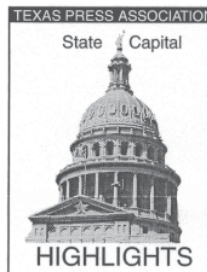
Here are some of the actions recommended in the report:

—Refresh training for all licensed peace officers on the procedures and criteria for "emergency detention" of individuals who pose a danger to others or themselves;

—Educate physicians and behavioral health professionals about the law concerning disclosure of confidential information to law enforcement;

—Accelerate the development and implementation of the Texas Department of Public Safety's safe firearm storage campaign, supported by a recent \$1 million appropriation;

—Expedite the reporting of criminal convictions to the Texas Department of Public Safety;

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HIGHLIGHTS**By **Ed Sterling**

—Prohibit straw purchases of firearms under state law;

—Enact laws that crack down on criminals who try to illegally buy or possess guns;

—Require courts to inform convicted criminals, both orally and in writing, that they may no longer possess firearms; and

—Encourage social media companies to report suspicious activity to law enforcement.

**Select panels
appointed**

House Speaker Dennis Bonnen on Sept. 4 appointed 13 members of the Texas House of Representatives to serve on the newly formed House Select Committee on Mass Violence Prevention and Community Safety. The committee was formed in response to the mass shootings that occurred in El Paso on Aug. 3 and in Midland and Odessa on Aug. 29.

Bonnen said the panel will study and recommend legislative solutions and other measures to help prevent mass violence and improve community safety. The panel is to deliver a report to the speaker in early December.

Appointees include: Chair Drew Darby, R-San Angelo; Vice Chair Poncho Nevarez, D-Eagle Pass; César Blanco, D-El Paso; Giovanni Capriglione, R-Southlake; Charlie Geren, R-Fort Worth; Barbara Gervin-Hawkins, D-San Antonio; Julie Johnson, D-Carrollton; Brooks Landgraf, R-Odessa; Mike

Lang, R-Granbury; Joe Moody, D-El Paso; Geanie Morrison, R-Victoria; Four Price, R-Amarillo; and Armando Walle, D-Houston.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the Texas Senate, on Sept. 4 named the Senate Select Committee on Mass Violence Prevention and Community Safety.

Patrick tasked the senate panel with studying issues in response to the recent mass shootings and previous mass shootings in Santa Fe, Sutherland Springs and Dallas.

Leading the senate panel will be Chair Joan Huffman, R-Houston, and Vice Chair Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo. Other members include Donna Campbell, R-New Braunfels; Kelly Hancock, R-North Richland Hills; Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound; Charles Perry, R-Lubbock; Jose Rodriguez, D-El Paso; Larry Taylor, R-Friendswood; and John Whitmire, D-Houston.

**Revenue is
distributed**

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Sept. 11 announced he would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$801.5 million in local sales tax allocations for September.

The amount is 8.5 percent more than reported for the month of September 2018.

Allocations are based on sales made in July by businesses that report tax monthly.

**AGs target tech
giant**

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Sept. 9 announced he is leading a coalition of 50 attorneys general in a multistate, bipartisan investigation of California-based technology company Google LLC's business practices in accordance with state and federal antitrust laws.

According to a news release posted by Paxton's office, the coalition plans to investigate Google's "overarching control of online advertising markets and search traffic that may have led to anticompetitive behavior that harms consumers."

Paxton said legal experts from each state would work in cooperation with federal authorities to assess competitive conditions for online services and ensure that Americans have access to free digital markets.

★
**THE
POSTSCRIPT**By
Carrie Classon**"No Coffee"**

Peter was up before anyone else—as he often is.

My husband, Peter, gets up early in order to have enough time to brood before busybodies like me expect him to engage in cheerful conversation. But this morning we were staying at my parents' cabin and there was a glitch in the plans. The coffee jar was empty.

Obviously, a person can't brood without coffee. Peter quietly opened one cupboard after another. No coffee. My parents are great planners so there was no chance they were out of coffee, but where they might be keeping it—that was another issue.

Peter stealthily crept around the kitchen opening one cupboard after another until finally, far in the back of an upper cupboard, Peter found a bag of coffee.

"Bingo!" Peter said (silently, of course.) Peter put coffee in the coffeemaker, pressed the "start" button and only then did he take a good look at the bag.

"DECAF?" it read. "Oh no!" Peter thought. The coffee was already brewed, my parents would be up any moment.

There are a number of things a person might have said at this moment.

Peter stashed the coffee bag back in the upper cupboard and didn't say a word when Mom and Dad got up. (I was still in bed, so I am still telling you this story based on Peter's sketchy details and 50+ years knowledge of my family.)

"Oh! We're out of coffee!" my mom would have thought or said and refilled the jar (probably from the bag she keeps in the freezer, a place Peter would not have thought to check.) Peter and I were traveling that day so, after Mom refills the jar, she decides we would probably like some coffee for our trip and fills a thermos with tea coffee Peter has made, then starts another for them to drink. This is a crucial point.

Peter, my mother, and father all have a couple cups of the new coffee and, at some point I get up. Peter and I head out the door with our luggage and the thermos for the day's drive. It is at this point that I have my first cup of coffee. Then I have a second.

"Boy," I comment to Peter, "I'm really sleepy today." I have a third cup of coffee.

At midmorning I start to develop a headache. I take an ibuprofen. "I wonder if I'm coming down with something," I mention to Peter. I have another cup of coffee.

We finally arrive at our destination.

"I don't know what's the matter with me. I'm just so sluggish and I've got this headache I can't shake—and it's not for lack of coffee," I tell Peter, "I drank most of that thermos!"

There are a number of things a person might have said at this moment. Peter said, "Maybe you should take a nap!" So, I did.

Later that evening, I got up. I heard Peter, alone in the kitchen, laughing.

"Did you like the coffee?" he asked.

"What coffee?"

"The coffee you had this morning."

"It was fine."

"It was decaf."

"The whole thermos was DECAF?!"

"Uh huh."

"You let me drink the whole thing and never said a word?"

"I forgot."

"When I said I had a headache?"

"I forgot."

"When I said I couldn't understand why I was so tired since I'd drunk AN ENTIRE POT OF COFFEE?!"

"I forgot."

I looked at Peter, incredulous.

There are a number of things a person might have said at this moment. I decided not to say anything at all.

Till next time, Carrie.

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS
AND PARTIES:**

Southwest Shipyard, L.P., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to Air Quality Permit Number 36241, which would authorize modification to and continued operation of a Barge Rail Surface Coating Facility located at 18310 Market Street, Channelview, Harris County, Texas 77530. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

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ROUND-UP

Liberty Co. prisoner hangs self

A 35-year-old inmate hung himself with a bed sheet in the Liberty County Jail on Thursday night (September 12), officials said.

Cristian David Sarmiento, 35, was taken by ambulance around 5 p.m. to the Liberty/Dayton Regional Hospital in Liberty, where he was pronounced dead.

Sarmiento has been arrested on Aug. 4 for aggravated assault and a hold for immigration, officials said.

The Texas Rangers will investigate.

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 20, Jennifer B & the Groove

-Friday, September 27, Mariachi Calmecac

Jazz at Yopez Vineyard

Sunday, Sep. 22, 2019 from 4-6 p.m. Bring a lawn chair, grab a glass of wine and enjoy Robert E. Lee High School Jazz Band, 12739 FM 2354, Baytown, Texas.

Goss Memorial Library events

These are the events taking place at the Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch Library the week of Monday, September 23, 2019.

- Tuesday, September 24 - 10:00 am, Baby & Me (ages 0-24 mos)

- Tuesday, September 24 - 4:00 pm, Princess Party - come dressed as your favorite princess. Registration required. (ages 0-11 yrs)

- Thursday, September 26 - 4:30 pm, Spongebob Mania - games trivia and snacks. (ages 12 & up)

- Thursday, September 26 - 5:00 pm, Adult Book Club discussing 'I'll Be Gone in the Dark' by Michelle McNamara (ages 18 & up)

- Friday, September 27 - 10:30 am, Storytime (ages 0-5 yrs)

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

GatorFest brings out crowds, gators

ANAHUAC – Each year the local Chamber of Commerce puts on a celebration of the unique wetland habitat that is home to the American Alligator, a living dinosaur.

Nearly equidistant from Houston and Beaumont, historic Fort Anahuac Park hosts Gatorfest with a vista of the mouth of the Trinity River and Trinity Bay. Gatorfest attracts about 30,000 guests per year.

This year, visitors could choose to listen to Kyle Park, a Country & Western performer, or ride an airboat or take a tour of the swamplands in the vicinity. An 11 foot 4 inch alligator was harvested from the Trinity River this year. Many attended his festive hanging.



Professional Alligator hunters bagged this 11'-4" specimen, as seen above, and strong him out at right, to weigh and measure him. Spectators enjoyed this exhibition at the GatorFest.



Protesters on Hartman Bridge arrested

BAYTOWN – A group of young men and women from the Greenpeace movement chose last Thursday, the day of the Democratic debate in Houston, to stage a dramatic protest by dangling over the side of the Fred Hartman Bridge, suspended over the ship channel where oil tankers normally move.

There were 11 protesters hanging from ropes below the bridge rail, and another 12 on the bridge helping them.

On the Greenpeace USA Twitter page, they stated that they were protesting the fossil fuel industry, and trying to block the oil tankers exporting in the channel below. The Coast Guard said they had closed about one-half mile of the channel for safety reasons. The protesters are dangling about 100 feet above the water. The bridge is 180 feet above the water. A fall



GREENPEACE protesters hang from the side of the Fred Hartman Bridge in Baytown last Thursday, with colorful flags blowing in the breeze to call attention to their stunt. Protesters chose this location because it is over the Houston Ship Channel where much of the ship traffic is oil tankers. The timing of the protest was the same day as the Democratic debate in Houston, meant to call attention to the need for environmental and energy regulations to reduce on-going climate change.

could be deadly, they were warned.

The protesters said that their plan was to dangle in place for 24 hours, but as of Thursday evening, only 12 hours into the incident, authorities had removed most of them.

Northbound traffic across the bridge was severely interrupted during the police activity. Harris County Sheriff's deputies had arrested the 12 on the bridge earlier, and were working with the Houston and Baytown fire departments to lower the rest of the protesters to boats below, from the Coast Guard, Sheriff's office and Houston police. Demonstrators were taken into custody after lowered to the boats.

On Friday, the 23 protesters bonded out of jail, but face charges of obstruction of road and ship channel that could lead to a year in jail and a \$10,000 fine.

West Chambers County Pilot Club donates to the community



The West Chambers County Pilot Club, Inc recently donated to the Art League of Baytown's Rising Stars Program (Pictured l-r) Recording Secretary Pam Sapp, Project Coordinators Susan Hudnall and Betty Dutton, with Karen Knight President of the Art League of Baytown, Connie Hernandez and President-Elect Angela Fackler.



The West Chambers County Pilot Club, Inc recently donated school supplies to Barbers Hill I.S.D. (Pictured back row l-r Standing) Linda Gilmore, Cheryl Abshire, Carla Vaughn, W.C.C.P.C. Past-President Marla Van Pelt, Recording Secretary Pam Sapp, Corresponding Secretary Deana Fojt, Wynona Montgomery, Mikki White, and Leah Veasey. (front row kneeling) Christina Peterson, Lori Meador, Nikki Juarez, Haley McWilliams, and Lesley Gershmel.

Pilot Club of Baytown donates to Lee College Foundation



Pilot Club of Baytown makes a donation to Lee College Foundation to support the initiatives to further benefit Lee College and its students. Pictured are Pilot members – Judy Wheat, Nancy Mann (Judy & Nancy are also on the Foundation Board); Lee College - Pam Warford, Foundation Board Executive Director & Resource Development; Pilot - Susan Pitts, President Elect; Lee College Dr. Dennis Brown, President; Pilot - Mrs. Dennis-Dr. Darlene Brown; Pilot & Lee College – Clarissa Martinez, Alumni Relations/Grant Manager, Pilot Club members are – Cindy Fehring, President, Kay Eshbach and Jenice Coffey. The Foundation gala is on September 27th with reservations and tickets purchased by the 12th from the Foundation.

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**Harris County Municipal Utility
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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate**

The Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 459 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2019 on October 10, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at 2407 Market Street, Baytown, TX 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: Thomas Parent, Danny Ochoa & Ron Bryant

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: Brad Bonnacaze

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.

	2018 Last Year Adopted	2019 This Year Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.75/\$100	\$0.72/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		-\$0.03/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-4.00%
Average appraised value	\$ 219,371	\$ 228,690
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ -	\$ -
Average taxable value	\$ 219,371	\$ 228,690
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,645.28	\$ 1,646.57
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$1.29
and percentage of increase (+/-)		0.08%

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.

Mike Arterburn, Tax Assessor-Collector
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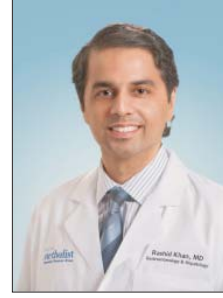
**Seminar Addresses
Common Liver Disease**

BAYTOWN — (September 13, 2019) — For a disease that is classified as “common,” non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) flies under the radar for most people.

The term nonalcoholic fatty liver disease is used to describe a range of liver conditions affecting people who drink little to no alcohol. It impacts nearly 100 million people in the U.S. The main characteristic of NAFLD is that too much fat is stored in liver cells, but it frequently has few warning signs or symptoms in its earliest stages. Left untreated, NAFLD may lead to very serious consequences.

Dr. Rashid Khan, a gastroenterologist/hepatologist with Houston Methodist Gastroenterology Associates in Baytown, says the cause of the condition is difficult to determine, but knowing your risk is essential. He provides information on the possible causes, symptoms and treatment options for NAFLD when he hosts a free informational seminar on Thursday, September 19 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the conference center classroom at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital. The event is held in association with the American Liver Foundation (ALF).

“The condition may be diagnosed in people of all ages, but it is especially prevalent in people in their 40s and 50s who are at high risk of heart disease due to the presence of risk factors like obesity and type 2 diabetes,” Khan said. “The condition is also closely linked to a cluster of abnormalities



Dr. Rashid Khan

called metabolic syndrome that include increased abdominal fat, poor ability to use the hormone insulin, high blood pressure and high blood levels of triglycerides.”

Khan says NAFLD's link to liver cirrhosis is the biggest reason why the condition should be taken seriously.

“Fatty liver is generally benign, but the development of cirrhosis is a possible consequence,” Khan said.

Along with the potential risk of cirrhosis, Khan says NAFLD brings an increased risk of developing liver cancer. Studies have shown that this risk is even present in the absence of cirrhosis. There is also a link between chronic kidney disease (CKD) and NAFLD and the condition may also increase the risk for cardiovascular disease. Research indicates that many diabetic patients eventually develop NAFLD.

While the onset of nonalcoholic fatty liver disease frequently does not include symptoms, when symptoms are present they may include enlarged liver, fatigue and pain in the

upper right abdomen.

Khan says choosing a healthy diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains and healthy fats, maintaining a healthy weight and getting regular exercise may be effective in lowering the risk of NAFLD. The first line of treatment generally involves weight loss through eating a healthy diet and exercising regularly, although weight-loss surgery may be an option for those who are morbidly obese.

Because symptoms may not be present, Khan says regular screenings, including blood and liver enzyme and function tests, may be effective in detecting the disease in its earliest stages.

To register for the free seminar, visit houstonmethodist.org/events, or call 281-428-2273.

About Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital

Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital has provided Baytown and East Houston with quality medical care since opening its doors in 1948. The hospital has grown throughout the years with the community, providing comprehensive care at all stages of life. As a health care leader, the hospital is proud to have a fully integrated residency program focused on educating and inspiring future practitioners. Today, Houston Methodist Baytown provides some of the most advanced and innovative procedures while never losing focus on compassionate and patient-centered care. Houstonmethodist.org/baytown.

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★ LIFESTYLE PAGE ★

Houston Symphony opens the 2019-2020 Classical Season

HOUSTON (Sept. 11, 2019) – Houston Symphony Music Director Andrés Orozco-Estrada launches the 2019-20 Classical Season with an all-Stravinsky program, Stravinsky's Firebird at 8 p.m., Sept. 19 and 21, and 2:30 p.m., Sept. 22 in Jones Hall. The Houston Symphony is livestreaming the Sunday matinee performance of the classical subscription concert—marking its first-ever online video broadcast of a concert.

Celebrating his sixth season as Music Director, Orozco-Estrada opens the program with Stravinsky's Scherzo fantastique, an inventive work inspired by the buzzing lifecycle of bees. Renowned for his superb musicianship and the integrity of his playing, violin virtuoso Leonidas Kavakos then takes center stage in Stravinsky's playful and invigorating Violin Concerto.

The concert's zenith comes as Orozco-Estrada leads the orchestra in Stravinsky's full ballet score of the vibrant and fiery orchestral masterpiece, The Firebird. "I wanted to perform the whole thing so that we can enjoy the whole story, even without a ballet, through the colors," Orozco-Estrada told the Houston Chronicle. "It's like painting with music."

Stravinsky's Firebird, part of the Frost Bank Gold Classics series with additional support from the General and Mrs. Maurice Hirsh Memorial Concert Fund, takes place at Jones Hall for the Performing Arts, 615 Louisiana



Houston Symphony Music Director Andrés Orozco-Estrada

Street, in Houston's Theater District. For tickets and information, please call 713.224.7575 or visit houston-symphony.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.

About the Houston Symphony

During the 2019-20 season, the Houston Symphony celebrates its sixth season with Music Director Andrés Orozco-Estrada and continues its second century as one of America's leading orchestras with a full complement of concert, community, education, touring, and recording activities. The Houston Symphony, one of the oldest performing arts organizations in Texas, held its inaugural performance at The Majestic Theater in downtown Houston June 21, 1913. Today, with an annual operating budget of \$35.2 million, the full-time ensemble of 88 professional musicians presents nearly 170 concerts annu-

ally, making it the largest performing arts organization in Houston. Additionally, musicians of the orchestra and the Symphony's four Community-Embedded Musicians offer over 1,000 community-based performances each year at various schools, community centers, hospitals, and churches reaching nearly 200,000 people in Greater Houston annually.

The Grammy Award-winning Houston Symphony has recorded under various prestigious labels, including Naxos, Koch International Classics, Telarc, RCA Red Seal, Virgin Classics and, most recently, Dutch recording label Pentatone. In 2017, the Houston Symphony was awarded an ECHO Klassik award for the live recording of Alban Berg's Wozzeck under the direction of former Music Director Hans Graf. The orchestra earned its first Grammy nomination and Grammy Award at the 60th annual ceremony for the same recording in the Best Opera Recording category.

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Medicare Open Enrollment

It's that time again. Every year we have the opportunity to make changes to our Medicare plans between Oct. 15 and Dec. 7. We have the option of changing from original Medicare to an Advantage plan, or vice versa, or changing to a different Advantage plan. We also can change our Medicare Part D drug plan. The decisions aren't easy. After all, we have to live with them for the next year.

We'll soon receive a new Medicare & You book in the mail, as well as notices about any changes to our current coverage. While we can usually stay with the plan we have if we don't want to make any changes, it's important to review everything we're sent, because there might be new information buried in the language. Sometimes a plan is discontinued! The premium can change. Coverage details might be different. Read the fine print and be certain that your coverage will be what you expect.

For Advantage plan changes, there is an additional open enrollment period: Jan. 1 to March 31. This was new for 2019 and gives three extra months to decide on an Advantage plan. Beware: You can change your mind about Advantage plans a few times during fall enrollment, but only once during the first three months of the year.

If you're signing up for Medicare Parts A and B for the first time, you have a seven-month period to do it: the three months before you turn 65, the month you turn 65 and the three months after you turn 65. If you don't sign up for Part B in time, you can be forced to pay a penalty for the whole time you have Part B. Keep an eye on the dates!

To review plans, go online to www.medicare.gov and look at the plan finder.

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* On Oct. 2, 1780, British Major John Andre is hanged as a spy by U.S. military forces in New York. Andre, an accomplice of Benedict Arnold, was captured with incriminating papers in his boot. The papers revealed Arnold's offer to surrender West Point to the British for a bribe of 20,000 pounds.

* On Oct. 3, 1863, expressing gratitude for a Union Army victory at Gettysburg, President Abraham Lincoln announces that the nation will celebrate an official Thanksgiving holiday on Nov. 26, and on the fourth Thursday of every November thereafter.

* On Oct. 1, 1890, an act of Congress creates Yosemite National Park, paving the way for generations of nature lovers. Yosemite's natural beauty is immortalized in the stark black-and-white landscape photographs of Ansel Adams (1902-1984).

* On Oct. 4, 1918, German Chancellor Max von Baden sends a telegraph message to President Woodrow Wilson requesting an armistice between Germany and the Allied powers in World War I. After a difficult month of negotiations, World War I came to an end on Nov. 11, 1918.

* On Sept. 30, 1954, the USS Nautilus, the world's first nuclear-powered submarine, is commissioned by the U.S. Navy. In August 1958, the Nautilus accomplished the first voyage under the geographic North Pole.* On Oct. 6, 1961, President John F. Kennedy advises American families to build bomb shelters to protect themselves from atomic fallout in the event of a nuclear exchange with the Soviet Union. One year later, the world hovered on the brink of nuclear war after the USSR placed nuclear missiles in Cuba.

* On Oct. 5, 1978, Isaac Bashevis Singer wins the Nobel Prize for literature. Singer wrote about Jewish life in Poland and the United States. One of his stories, "Yentl," was made into a movie directed by and starring Barbra Streisand in 1983.

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The Crosby Huffman Chamber of Commerce Welcomed Crosby Cutz & Stylz with a Ribbon Cutting. They have stylist specializing in men, women and children's haircuts, along with color, make-up and special event styles. They are located at 118 Kernohan, Ste C in Crosby.



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PATRICIA ANN RINLEE

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

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated this September 16, 2019

Patricia Rinlee

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AVISO A DETENIDOS POR DELITOS MENORES SOBRE EL DECRETO DE CONSENTIMIENTO Y ACUERDO DE CONCILIACION EN O'DONNELL v. HARRIS COUNTY, 16-CV-1414-LHR

O'Donnell et al. v. Harris County et al. (O'Donnell y otros contra Condado de Harris y otros) es una demanda colectiva que se presentó ante tribunal federal en 2016 alegando que las prácticas de libertad bajo fianza para detenidos por delitos menores en el Condado de Harris eran inconstitucionales. Las partes han llegado a un acuerdo que consideran justo para ambas. Si usted es detenido por delito menor de Clase A o Clase B actualmente sujeto a las prácticas de libertad bajo fianza del Condado de Harris, entonces forma parte de la demanda. En este aviso, se explica el decreto de consentimiento y la conciliación propuestos, que se adjuntan a este aviso como Anexo 1 (Decreto de Consentimiento) y Anexo 2 (Acuerdo de Conciliación), y se explica cómo puede informar al tribunal si considera que el acuerdo es injusto.

En primer lugar, el decreto de consentimiento elimina el esquema de tarifas de fianza protegida y exige que el Condado de Harris invierta en servicios de apoyo, logística, tecnología y sistemas que permitan la práctica de encarcelar a personas porque son demasiado pobres como para pagar sumas de dinero predeterminadas. La norma garantiza que las personas acusadas principalmente de infracciones se liberen rápidamente después de la detención mediante una fianza personal sin tener que ver a un juez. En el caso de las personas con varias categorías de infracciones, la norma garantiza que tengan una rápida audiencia de fianza individualizada que cumpla con estrictos estándares constitucionales. La norma garantiza que ningún participante de la demanda colectiva pueda ser detenido antes de un juicio, a menos que el gobierno determine que dicha detención es necesaria porque no hay condiciones alternativas suficientes que sirvan a los intereses de la seguridad pública o para evitar la huida del enjuiciamiento. La norma garantiza que dicha determinación solo se pueda tomar después de audiencia confrontativa, aviso, representación por asesor legal, la capacidad de presentar y confrontar evidencia, y hallazgos de antecedentes mediante evidencia clara y convincente. Para leer el resto de las disposiciones de la norma, vea el Anexo 1 de este Aviso.

En segundo lugar, el decreto de consentimiento incluye una serie de disposiciones diseñadas para garantizar que el Condado de Harris invierta en servicios de apoyo, logística, tecnología y sistemas que garanticen que las nuevas prácticas de libertad bajo fianza funcionen adecuadamente y perduren en el tiempo, y que el sistema no retorne a las costumbres y prácticas inconstitucionales. Estas disposiciones incluyen inversiones en infraestructura para sistemas de tecnología, inversiones en abogados para detenidos indigentes, servicios investigativos y de trabajo social para asistir en la defensoría de indigentes, sistemas mejorados de notificación judicial, nuevas políticas respecto de la comparecencia ante un tribunal, y el estudio y la inversión en prácticas que mitiguen la no comparecencia.

En tercer lugar, el decreto de consentimiento exige que el Condado recopile y analice una amplia variedad de datos que permitirán que el público y el tribunal evalúen las mejoras y si se está protegiendo a los participantes de la demanda colectiva.

En cuarto lugar, el decreto de consentimiento establece la designación de un Monitor Judicial, quien analizará el cumplimiento del Condado de los términos del decreto de consentimiento y que informará al tribunal federal, al asesor legal de la demanda colectiva y al público.

Además del decreto de consentimiento, las partes han llegado a un acuerdo para resolver el resto de los reclamos de los Demandantes. Como parte del acuerdo de conciliación, el Condado acepta no oponerse a las solicitudes de honorarios de abogados de los Demandantes en las sumas provistas en el acuerdo, que se adjunta a este Aviso como Anexo 2. Los importes acordados son \$150,424.50 en concepto de costos y gastos, y \$4,540,399.90 en concepto de honorarios, que representan miles de horas de trabajo durante más de cuatro años de investigación y litigio de este importante caso. Algunos de los abogados de los Demandantes aceptaron donar al Condado sus honorarios, por el importe de \$2,161,262, para apoyar la implementación del Decreto de Consentimiento y proporcionar otros servicios a detenidos por delitos menores que sean indigentes.

El tribunal realizará una audiencia sobre la conciliación el 28 de octubre de 2019 a las 8:30 a. m., en el Palacio de Justicia de los Estados Unidos, 515 Rusk Street, Houston, TX 77002. Sala 11-B. Los detenidos por delitos menores pueden enviar por escrito a la Corte sus opiniones sobre el decreto de consentimiento, el acuerdo de conciliación o las solicitudes de pago de los abogados que se proponen. Los comentarios DEBEN incluir el nombre y el número de caso, O'Donnell et al. v. Harris County et al., 16-cv-1414-LHR, en la parte superior de la primera página. Los comentarios se deben presentar en la corte antes del 11 de octubre de 2019 en la siguiente dirección: Clerk of the Court United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, 515 Rusk Street, Houston, TX 77002. Si tiene alguna pregunta, desea información adicional sobre el caso o desea compartir sus experiencias y opiniones sobre los asuntos que se tratan en el caso, escriba a los abogados de la demanda colectiva a SUSMAN GODFREY L.L.P., 1000 Louisiana Street, Suite 5100, Houston, Texas 77002.

El decreto de consentimiento y acuerdo de conciliación puede verse en <https://www.harriscountycas.org/bailsettlement>.

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NOTICE TO MISDEMEANOR ARRESTEES ABOUT CONSENT DECREE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN O'DONNELL v. HARRIS COUNTY, 16-cv-1414-LHR

O'Donnell et al. v. Harris County et al. is a class action lawsuit that was filed in federal court in 2016 claiming that the bail practices for misdemeanor arrestees in Harris County were unconstitutional. The parties have reached a settlement that they believe is fair to both sides. If you are a Class A or Class B misdemeanor arrestee currently subject to Harris County's bail practices, then you are a member of the class. This notice explains the proposed consent decree and settlement, which are available at <https://www.harriscountycas.org/bailsettlement> and how you can tell the Court if you think the agreement is unfair.

First, the consent decree gets rid of the prior secured bail schedule and requires that Harris County and the other Defendants follow a new local rule that ends the practice of jailing people because they are too poor to pay predetermined amounts of money. The rule makes sure that people charged with most offenses will be released promptly after arrest on a personal bond without having to see a judge. For those people falling into several categories of offenses, the rule ensures that they will have a prompt individualized bail hearing that meets strict constitutional standards. The rule ensures that no class member can be detained prior to trial unless the government makes a determination that such detention is necessary because no alternative conditions are sufficient to serve its interests in public safety or to prevent flight from prosecution. The rule ensures that such a determination can only be made after an adversarial hearing, notice, representation by counsel, the ability to present and confront evidence, and findings on the record by clear and convincing evidence. To read the rest of the provisions of the rule, please see Exhibit 1 to this Notice.

Second, the consent decree includes a number of provisions designed to ensure that Harris County invests in support services, logistics, technology, and systems to ensure that the new bail practices function properly and are enduring, and that the system does not revert to unconstitutional customs and practices. These provisions include infrastructure investments to technology systems, investments in lawyers for indigent arrestees, investigative and social work services to assist indigent defense counsel, improved systems on court notification, new policies regarding nonappearance in court, and studying and investing in practices that mitigate nonappearance.

Third, the consent decree requires the County to collect and analyze a wide range of data that will enable the public and the court to evaluate the improvements and whether they are protecting the rights of class members.

Fourth, the consent decree puts in place a Court Monitor, who will scrutinize the County's compliance with the terms of the consent decree and report back to the federal court, class counsel, and the public.

In addition to the consent decree, the parties have agreed to a settlement to resolve the Plaintiffs' remaining claims. As part of the settlement agreement, the County agrees not to oppose Plaintiffs' attorneys' fees requests in the amounts provided in the agreement, available at <https://www.harriscountycas.org/bailsettlement>. The amounts arrived at are \$150,424.50 in costs and expenses and \$4,540,399.90 in fees, which represents thousands of hours of work over more than four years of investigation and litigation of this important case. Some of the Plaintiffs' lawyers have agreed to donate their fees, in an amount of \$2,161,262, to the County to support implementation of the Consent Decree and provide other services to indigent misdemeanor arrestees.

The court will hold a hearing on the fairness of the settlement on October 28, 2019 at 8:30 a.m., at the United States Courthouse, 515 Rusk Street, Houston, TX 77002, Courtroom 11-B.

Misdemeanor arrestees can write to the Court about their opinions on the fairness of the proposed consent decree, settlement agreement, or the lawyers' request for payment. Comments MUST include the case name and number, O'Donnell et al. v. Harris County et al., 16-cv-1414-LHR, at the top of the first page. No later than October 11, 2019, comments must be filed with the court at the following address: Clerk of the Court United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, 515 Rusk Street, Houston, TX 77002. If you have questions, want additional information about the case, or want to share your experiences or views on the issues addressed in the case, please write the lawyers for the class at SUSMAN GODFREY L.L.P., 1000 Louisiana Street, Suite 5100, Houston, Texas 77002. The proposed consent decree and settlement, are available at <https://www.harriscountycas.org/bailsettlement>.

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**63rd Annual Highlands Jamboree Parade,
Community Fair and Expo
Saturday, October 5, 2019**

EXPO & Fair Booth Information and Application

You are invited to participate in our annual Highlands Jamboree Expo and Craft Fair to be held on October 5, 2019 at Highlands Elementary located at 200 E. Wallisville Road in Highlands.

Please send payment with the application to the address listed below. The check should be made payable to Highlands-Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce, or you may send application by email and pay online through the [PayPal](https://www.Highlands-LynchburgCC.org) donate button at www.Highlands-LynchburgCC.org. (Pay Invoice tab) Space availability is based on a first come, first served basis, reserved by application and payment. If you require electricity, please specify below.

We are also soliciting fundraising donation items for our silent auction. Please bring your item to the silent auction table in the cafeteria when you arrive to check in for set up. Contact the chamber office to make any other arrangements

Indoor booth size is 10x10 and are \$35 each, without electricity. A limited number of spaces with electricity are available for \$45 each. Outdoor covered patio spaces are \$35 for 8x12 or \$45 with electricity. Outdoor booths on grass are \$25 for 12x12 ...no electricity.

- You will be responsible for providing any display cases, tables, chairs, signs, tents, canopies, etc. However, no covered tents/canopies are allowed under the covered walkway or inside.
- No food or drinks are allowed in the GYM area. NO EXCEPTIONS. Inside food booth space is available inside the cafeteria. Food and drink booths with electricity are limited and will be assigned as we receive applications AND payment. (first come, first reserved!)
- There is no guarantee that you will be the exclusive vendor of any particular item, except for major brands like Tupperware, Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, etc.
- The circle drive in front of the school may not be used for any purpose, at any time. It is reserved for our Car Show.
- The Highlands-Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce and GCCISD will not be responsible for theft, damage or accidents resulting from participation in the Jamboree Craft Fair and Expo.
- Vendors and Participants will conduct themselves and exhibits in a manner suitable for a family environment.
- All booths must be occupied and open for business from 11 am until 3:00 pm.
- Booths must be set up between 7:00 am and 9:30 am on Saturday, Oct 5, 2019.
- Your application should be submitted no later than October 1st. Late applications will be charged \$15 more.
- No propane tanks are allowed under the covered walkway. Due to flammability issues, you must be in the grassy area.

Please contact the chamber office with any questions. 281-426-7227 or Highlandschamber@verizon.net

Name: _____ Address: _____
 Phone: _____ # of booths: _____ Please circle your choices INSIDE OUTSIDE Electricity FOOD
 Type of merchandise (LIST ALL): _____
 Silent Auction donation item: _____
 I have read the above rules and agree to abide by such. Applicant agrees to hold harmless all sponsors or affiliates of the
 Highlands-Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce and GCCISD.
 Signature: _____ Email: _____

Submit form to Highlandschamber@verizon.net if paying online or
 Mail with payment to: HLCOE 127 San Jacinto St, Highlands, TX 77562

**63rd Highlands Jamboree and Pageant Parade
Saturday, October 5th, 10 am on Main Street
"Celebrate Highlands!"
2019**

We would like to invite you to participate in our 63rd Annual Highlands Jamboree Parade. Everyone is welcome to be a part of the Parade. There is **no entry fee**, but in order for your organization's float to be placed in the line-up and considered by the Judges, an application must be submitted no later than Tuesday, October 1st. Just fill in the information requested and return it to the Highlands-Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce office at 127 San Jacinto Street, Highlands, TX 77562. For your convenience, your application can be faxed to 281-426-7227 or you can email your application to HighlandsChamber@verizon.net.

The Jamboree Fair/Expo will take place at Highlands Elementary School Campus immediately following the parade. For booth space, please call 713-851-5746.

Parade awards will be given based on your originality and the best use of the Jamboree Theme "Celebrate Highlands!". Consideration is given for the overall appearance of your entry and the enthusiasm exhibited in your presentation.

Best of Theme	Non-Commercial	Commercial
School Spirit	Antique/Classic Car	Modified or Race Car

Parade lineup begins at 9am on Sat. October 5th at the B.P.Hopper Primary School on E. Houston St. Parade will begin at 10 a.m. and proceed south on Main St. to Jones Rd. Awards will be presented at the Jamboree Fair/Expo at 12 noon. All non parade vehicles must be parked at Highlands Elementary school on E. Wallisville Rd.

Name or Organization: _____
 Contact Person: _____ Phone# _____
 Address: _____
 Email: _____
 Do you wish to be judged in the parade? No ___ or Yes ___ Which category does your parade entry belong in? _____
 Do you have multiple vehicles in your entry? No ___ or Yes ___ How many? ____ If you wish each one to be judged, individually, each vehicle must have an entry form filled out and each vehicle will receive a separate lineup number at the B.P. Hopper Primary School E. Houston St entry point for the parade lineup. Display the number at the front of the driver's side.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR AN AIR QUALITY PERMIT

PERMIT NUMBER: 36241

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Southwest Shipyard, L.P., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to Air Quality Permit Number 36241, which would authorize modification to and continued operation of a Barge Rail Surface Coating Facility located at 18310 Market Street, Channelview, Harris County, Texas 77530. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on November 28, 2018. The existing facility will emit the following contaminants: exempt solvent, hazardous air pollutants, organic compounds and particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit which, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision to issue the permit because it meets all rules and regulations. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, and the TCEQ Houston regional office 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comment or to ask questions about the application. The TCEQ will hold a public meeting 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. You may submit additional written public comments within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice in the manner set forth in the AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION paragraph below.

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 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. Because no timely hearing requests have been received, after preparing the response to comments, the executive director may then issue final approval of the application. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application, and will be posted electronically to the Commissioners' Integrated Database (CID).

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. When they become available, the executive director's response to comments and the final decision on this application will be accessible through the Commission's Web site at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Once you have access to the CID using the above link, enter the permit number for this application which is provided at the top of this notice. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.791666&lng=-95.065277&zoom=13&type=f>.

MAILING LIST. You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information on this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Southwest Shipyard, L.P. at the address stated above or by calling Mrs. Elizabeth Stanko, Project Manager at (713) 244-1039.

Notice Issuance Date: August 30, 2019

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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, bmcmannus@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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**CROSBY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT
NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of the Directors of Crosby Municipal Utility District at a meeting held on the 3rd day of September, 2019 adopted an Ordinance Adopting Amended Rates and Fees for Services and Rules and Regulations; Establishing Certain Other Policies and Providing Penalties and Violations Thereof. A copy of the Ordinance is on file at the principal office of the District, 103 W. Wahl Street, Crosby, Harris County, Texas, where it may be read in full.

John Shuler
President, Board of Directors

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THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF JACINTO CITY WILL MEET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 10301 MARKET STREET FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE SECOND AND FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ANTICIPATED BUDGT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED

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NOTICE OF TAX RATE SETTING

The Harris County Emergency Services District No. 5 will hold a meeting at 1:00 P.M., on Thursday, September 26, 2019, at 5915 FM 2100, Crosby, Texas 77532, to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2019. The proposed tax rate is \$0.019040 per \$100.00 of value.

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NOTICE OF TAX RATE SETTING

The Harris County Emergency Services District No. 6 (ESD-6) will hold a meeting at 6:00 p.m. on October 8, 2019, at 13410 Holly Park Dr., Houston, Texas 77015, to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2019. The proposed tax rate is \$0.0134 per \$100.00 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total ad valorem taxes collected by ESD-6 by 80.37%.

**2019 Property Tax Rates in Harris County
Emergency Services District No. 60**

This notice concerns the 2019 property tax rates for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual tax rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers start rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$2,417,147
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$2,417,147
Last year's tax base	\$4,834,294,000
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.0500/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$2,414,861
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$4,698,654,901
= This year's effective tax rate	\$0.0513/\$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)	\$2,414,861
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$4,698,654,901
= This year's effective operating rate	\$0.0513/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.0554/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0/\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$0.0554/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease
If Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60 adopts a 2019 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.0513 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2018 taxes by \$64,390.

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 Service
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 service				\$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 100.00% 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
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Rotary Washer Tournament,

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3rd Place team was "Money in the Bank" with Jason Meyer and Ryan Dagley, receiving their prize from Rotary president Sheila McDonald with her husband Brian Parker, who served as the auctioneer during the event. Dagley was also awarded the Rotary Challenge Cup, which he is holding. This goes each year to the Rotarian with the best score in the Washer Tournament. It is held for one year, and then returned to the winner the next year.



Brian Parker conducts the live auction, with Rotarian Denise Smith displaying one of the items, while Sheila McDonald acts as "spotter" of the bidders.

pled, has been almost irradicated through the efforts of the Rotary International. Only Afghanistan and Pakistan have a few active cases, but inoculation with the vaccine continues throughout the world.

Since 1985, Rotary has raised \$1.7 billion for mass vaccination, immunizing more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries.

The Highlands Rotary Club, along with thousands of other Rotary clubs around the world, support this effort to eradicate polio as one of their primary charities.

This year the Washer Tournament was able to raise about \$7000, of which half will go directly to the polio effort, and the other half to R.I. for national programs. In the future, Highlands can apply for a grant that will fund a local project.

The tournament is held each year at Charlie's Ice House on N. Main Street in Highlands. This benefit

event is only the second one each year by the club, with the Chili Feast in February the main money raiser for club and community activities.

There are three top prizes in the tournament, with cash awards. Winners this year were:

- 1st Place, BACK TO BACK CHAMPS, team members Justin Graves and Michael Harrell. This team also won last year.
- 2nd Place, STOCKWELLS, team members Tracy Stockwell and Theron Stockwell.
- 3rd Place, MONEY IN THE BANK, team members Ryan Dagley and Jason Meyer.

Dagley is president of the North Shore Rotary Club this year, and was attending with other members of the club and District 5890, including Bill Palko, Scott Stephens, and others.

Rotary's exchange student from Brazil, Eduardo Sanchez, was also there for a fun afternoon.

Crosby Budget,

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\$2,291,733. So, \$1,145,867 was reapplied. The remaining budget surplus was \$1,418,278.

Crosby with \$8,637,232 in local revenue and \$730,418 in State revenue got \$9,367,650 and intends to spend \$9,197,147 for a debt service fund budget surplus of \$170,503.

The 2019 State Accountability report indicates the district scored an 81 on student performance on STAAR and EOC testing. In college, career and military readiness of graduates Crosby scored a 90%. In graduation rates, Crosby scored an 80 percent.

Crosby students excelled in Relative Perfor-

mance to an 86% as against a 79% academic growth. Crosby ISD overall achieved an 84% in student achievement, a 79% in school progress, an 86% student achievement with school progress of relative performance and found 30% more of closing the gaps between economic classes. So, Crosby ISD had an overall rating of 85%.

The overall ratings of individual campuses gave Crosby Kindergarten a B, Barret Elementary a C, Crosby Elementary a C, Drew Elementary a B, Newport Elementary a B, Crosby Middle School a B, and Crosby High School a B. The District had a B rating.

Jared Jamail,

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his hair and in the back on his head, which only a Ruby's Barber Shop haircut could hide. He enjoyed two enchiladas, rice & beans from Pesto's and, if it wasn't Mexican food, it was pork chops, fried okra and green beans, but only out of a can, nothing fresh."

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