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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

SAT. NOV. 16
Crosby CUIC Holiday Market
CUIC Parking lot, 944 Church Street, Crosby, 10 am - 12:30 pm.

SAT. NOV. 30
Pct. 2 Christmas in the Park
10 am - 6:30 p.m. at Riley Chambers Park, 11901 Mulberry St., Barrett Station, TX 77532.

– Gumbo Cook-Off 10 am to 2 pm (\$10 per quart)
– Presentation/Tree-lighting/Golf Cart Parade 5:30 pm.
– Movie in the Park "Shrek The Halls" 6:30 pm.
– Info 281-328-4713.

TUES DEC 3
Santa arrives in Highlands
6:00 pm Santa at Heritage Park. Rotary serves hot chocolate. Photos with Santa in the Gazebo.

SAT. DEC. 7
Children's Christmas Festival & Parade
FESTIVAL 1-5 pm at Crosby Church. PARADE 6 pm. Line up at Crosby Middle School at 5 pm. No registration needed (suggested donation: new unwrapped toy for parade participation. Info: 281-328-6984.

BIRTHDAYS
Nov 14–Teena Galvan
Julie Holloway
Hanna Thompson
Nov 15–Ethan Denson
Kris Smith
Cody Sain
Nov 16–Miranda DeLome
Betty Divin
Vivian Harrison
Doris Marek
Nov 17–Seth Bailey
Rose Castro
Beverly Wanke
Garrett Welch
Wayne Whittaker
Nov 18–Brooke Dammon
Blake Engle
Rachel Nibbe
Johnny Wotipka
Nov 19–Gilbert Hoffman
Nov 20–Gene Bulanek

ANNIVERSARIES
Nov 17–Alison Peters
Nov 19–Bill & Cindy Creel
Ovis & Betty Divin
Nov 20–Albert & Cheryl Zarsky

Additions or Corrections are welcome, 713-266-3444

Veterans saluted with Crosby parade



Precinct 3 Constable Sherman Eagleton leads the salute in one of four rescue vehicles secured through a federal LESO Program for used military equipment at no cost Harris County. Two of these vehicles were used during Hurricane Harvey and the other two were in time to join the others for Storm Imelia.

CROSBY – Locals again remembered those that served their country on Saturday before the Monday that was Veteran's Day with a parade down Main Street. The weather was perfect.

An honor guard of Crosby High School JROTC followed the first responders of Crosby Volunteer Fire Department, HCESD#5 the ambulance service for Crosby and Precinct 3 Constables Deputies.



Veterans with American Legion Post 658 were in great spirit before the parade as seen here. Following the parade they hosted a lunch for the veterans at the David H. McNerney American Legion Hall with brisket.

ended World War I. Following September 11, 2001 first responders are also honored remembering their life saving efforts and bravery.

Eastside Veterans Celebration, Crosby American Legion Post 658 and other entities assembled the parade. Attendance was lighter than usual this year.

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Crosby schools celebrate Veterans



CROSBY – Formerly the Red, White and You, the Crosby ISD Veteran's Celebration was held Thursday night from 6:30 the schedule indicated the first half hour would be in recognition of the veterans known to be in attendance but frankly the parking lot was packed by 6:10 p.m. The venue as moved from the football field to inside the Middle School Gym and improved. The crowd overflowed one side of the gym and loosely filled the other side. The first four rows were reserved for veterans and family and veterans were

given poses to wear for recognition. It was clear that Mr. Knight and Mr. Blanchard had rehearsed each group from Crosby campuses. A medley of patriotic songs beginning with the National Anthem and "America the Beautiful" and "This Land is My Land" with the Okie's abbreviated – all the way to the "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" were performed. According to Vanessa Barnes, "This is a great night with a great performance."

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Huffman Fun Day raises funds for innovative classes



Last Saturday, the Huffman Fun Day brought out the locals to support the Huffman Education Foundation as it quests to gather money for innovative classes for school.

Crosby & Huffman in football play-offs

Both Crosby and Huffman have succeeded it to be in the play-offs this year. The Huffman Falcons had a banner year in 11-4A as Champions with their 10-0 regular season and 5-0 in district. Their undefeated stature is the first time in that division. The falcons will play Furr Brahman on Thursday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m. at Falcon Stadium. Brahman is 5-5 in regular season but number three seed in their division. Crosby will play at

home this week against Fort Bend Willowridge of 11-5A. The game starts at 7:30 on Friday in Cougar Stadium formerly known as the Jungle. Crosby is 5-2 in District and tied for second place. Fort Bend Willowridge is 6-3 in regular season. Crosby comes into the play-offs after a sound feasting on the Baytown Lee Ganders of 59-14. The Cougars recently were re-ranked in the State as 39 and 393 in the nation. Just in time, they are building momentum.

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★ COMMUNITY NEWS ★

Governor Abbott honors Veterans at National Museum of The Pacific War



(PHOTO: Office Of The Governor, 11/11/19)

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott today delivered remarks at the National Museum of the Pacific War (NMPW) Veterans Day Ceremony in Fredericksburg. Governor Abbott thanked the men and women who have bravely served in our armed forces, and highlighted the important work that NMPW and the Nimitz Foundation do to preserve the legacy of those who fought valiantly the Asiatic-Pacific Theater during World War II.

"It is because of our veterans and those serving around the world today that America remains the

brightest beacon of freedom the world has ever known," said Governor Abbott. "Today and every day, we must honor the men and women who put service above self and who bravely fought to defend our nation and promote security around the world. While we can never fully repay the debt we owe our veterans, we have a responsibility to preserve their legacy and the freedoms for which they fought. To all our veterans, I share with you the enduring gratitude of the people of Texas."

The National Museum of the Pacific War honors

millions of Americans who stood for freedom and democracy to defeat the enemy in the World War II's Asiatic-Pacific Theater. The museum complex spans six acres and encompasses more than 50,000 square feet of indoor exhibits, state-of-the-art archives and collections, and interactive media presentations, in addition to outdoor exhibits and memorials. The Nimitz Foundation is named after Admiral Chester Nimitz, the Texas-born commander of the Pacific Fleet in World War II. The organization provides financial support to the NMPW.

Stuart Career Tech HS Honors Veterans

By Susan Passmore

Several veterans shared their military service experiences with Debbie King's dual credit English classes at Stuart Career Tech High School for a recent Veterans History Project. The transcripts and videos will be sent to the Library of Congress and maintained in the American Folklife Center.

Ric Morris and his Audio/Video Production classes created a video from the interviews, and the participants were invited to enjoy a steak lunch and dessert, prepared and served by students in the SCTHS Culinary Arts program, under the supervision of Rex Miller, Chef Tina Andrade, and Chef Kylie Sobczak.



Mason Garcia, SCTHS student, poses with his grandfather Mike Garcia, retired U.S. Marine Corps, after enjoying lunch and viewing the video created from interviews with veterans.



Military veterans and dual credit English students at Stuart Career Tech High School enjoy a celebration and a viewing of the video that was the result of a Veterans History Project. Photos by Susan Passmore

After lunch, guests viewed the video created in their honor. There were a few emotional moments as veterans and their family members heard the stories of heartwarming as well as tough experiences.

"I'm incredibly proud of those kids," said King. "They really stepped up. This is the first time we've done a collaborative service learning project, working with Audio/Video Production classes and Culinary Arts."

SCTHS students who participated in the interviews were Nik Arroyo, Jon'Rylan Bohannon, Miguel Cruz, Armando Garcia, Mason Garcia, Jose Gonzalez, Anthony Lazo, Octavio Leon, Elijah Martinez, Felix Martinez, Adam Ovalle, Rick Reyes, Baylee Rodriguez, Brian Serna, Christian Stogsdill,

Daniel Torres and Josh Tovar.

Honored veterans were Erik Aguilera, Macia Aguilera, Robert Boice, Robert Carrizales, Mark Chapman, Conrad Garcia, Charles Hill, Chris Lilley, Resendo Lopez, Rex Miller, Joe Montemayor, Robert Morgan, Ernest "Ernie" Roder, Richard Romolo, John Saenz, Harold Sams, Rebecca Silva, Greg Thomas and Gilbert Trevino.

"The goal of the Library of Congress is to record the stories of every veteran who served active duty in any conflict," King said. "This has been a significant project for the kids as they created oral histories."

Ernie Roder, SCTHS principal Cap Roder's father, was in attendance, having served in the U.S. Navy from 1967-70. Re-

tired Army Col. Harold Sams saw the world in his 31 years of service.

"I'm proud to be in the military and prouder of the effect it had on myself, personally, and my family," Sams said.

Daniel Torres interviewed retired Army veteran Charles Hill, who served in Vietnam from 1966-1968, and found it to be a learning experience.

"What I didn't know is how they were treated when they came back," Torres said.

The celebration of veterans was a tribute to these men and women, but the message to everyone came shining through.

"There is no greater honor than to serve the country," said Rex Miller, Army veteran.

To view the video, go to youtu.be/YRVAaieQc8k.

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HARRIS COUNTY

Public review period for hazard mitigation plan open November 7 through 21

Harris County residents can review and provide comments on the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Action Plan, November 7-21. The plan is available online at <https://bit.ly/2qua6jK> or can be reviewed in person at Houston TranStar. There will also be Public Workshop to go over the plan and take feedback will take place on November 14.

REVIEW ONLINE:

- Download a copy of the plan: <https://bit.ly/2qua6jK>
- NOTE: The plan is very large and may take some time to download
- Provide comments online at: www.surveymonkey.com/t/HarrisCounty_Public_Comment

REVIEW IN PERSON:

- Main Lobby of Houston TranStar (6922 Katy Road, Houston, TX 77024)
- Plan will be on a table with a blue table cloth
- November 7th-21st, Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm

ATTEND THE WORKSHOP:

- Thursday, November 14th, 2019

- 6:00pm-9:00pm
- Houston TranStar Conference Center (6922 Katy Road, Houston, TX 77024)

HAZARD MITIGATION

Hazard mitigation planning for Harris County helps to identify strategies and actions that will reduce risk for those who live in, work in, and visit the county. In addition, hazard mitigation planning provides a viable planning framework for all foreseeable natural hazards that may impact the county.

For many years, federal disaster funding focused on relief and recovery after disasters occurred, with limited funding for hazard mitigation planning in advance. The Disaster Mitigation Act (DMA), passed in 2000, shifted the federal emphasis toward planning for disasters before they occur. The DMA requires state and local governments to develop hazard mitigation plans as a condition for federal disaster grant assistance.

The responsibility for hazard mitigation lies with many, including private property owners, commercial interests, and local, state and federal governments.

THIS REPORT

In preparing this update, Harris County has again partnered with local cities and special-purpose jurisdictions. The Harris County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Action Plan will help guide and coordinate mitigation activities throughout the planning area.

All citizens and businesses of Harris County are the ultimate beneficiaries of this hazard mitigation plan. The plan reduces risk for those who live in, work in, and visit the planning area. It provides a viable planning framework for all foreseeable natural hazards. Participation in development of the plan by key stakeholders helped ensure that outcomes will be mutually beneficial.

To view the 2015 Hazard Mitigation Plan, visit www.ReadyHarris.org.

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ROUND-UP

XRacers 3K kid's bike race

Saturday, Nov. 16, 8 am - 12 pm. at Baytown Nature Center, 6213 Bayway Dr., Baytown, 77520. Music, food, give-aways.

Farmers Market

Saturday, Nov. 16, 8 am - 12 pm at the Town Square located at 213 West Texas Avenue, Baytown, 77520. Come out and support local farmers, artists and entrepreneurs.

Street Legal Racing

Friday, Nov. 22, 6 pm - 11:30 pm at Royal Purple Raceway, 2525 FM 565, Baytown, 77523.

Goss Memorial Library events

These are the events taking place at the Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch Library the week of Monday, November 18, 2019.

•Tuesday, November 19 - 10:00 am, Baby & Me (ages 0-24 mos)

•Thursday, November 21 - 4:30 pm, Teens Silent Library Challenge (ages 12-17, registration required)

•Thursday, November 21 - 5:00 pm, Adult Book Club discussing Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate (ages 18 & up)

•Friday, November 22 - 10:30 & 2:00, Storytime (ages 0-5 yrs)

•Library Fundraiser: Let us wrap your gifts for you while you help a good cause! Bring your unwrapped gifts 16"x12"x11" or smaller to the library and we will wrap them for you for just \$2.00 per gift. Wrapping paper will be provided or you can bring your own if you wish. Every Tuesday & Thursday 10 am - Noon beginning Tuesday, November 19 - Thursday, December 19.

•Upcoming program: Nerd Con 2!! Nerd Con is back and better than before! Vendors, Authors, Artists, Panels, Cosplayers and more! Saturday, December 7, 2019. 10:00 am - 6:00 pm at Eagle Point Recreation Complex. For more information visit www.nerdconmb.com/index.html

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

Girl Scout Holiday gift wrapping fundraiser



The Girl Scout Troop 6021 are raising funds for a trip to Wales, Ireland, England and France in June 2010. One of their upcoming fundraisers is holiday gift wrapping. Nov. 16, 8 am - 1 pm, Baytown Farmer's Market, 213 Texas Avenue. Nov. 30, 11 am - 3 pm, Wal-Mart, 4900 Garth Rd. Dec. 7 & 14, 11 am - 3 pm, San Jacinto Mall. Dec. 15, 11 am - 3 pm, Food Town, N. Main @ Rollingbrook. Dec. 21, 11 am - 3 pm, Wal-Mart, 4900 Garth Rd.

Energy saving project for Goose Creek CISD

In what may be the largest energy conservation project of its kind in Texas to date, ABM (NYSE:ABM), a leading provider of facility solutions, is implementing a \$43.7 million customized solution for Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District in Baytown.

Through the savings provided by this Energy Performance Contracting program, Goose Creek CISD will cut energy and operational expenses, allowing the district to address infrastructure needs. The energy conservation program is unique in that district leaders teamed up to provide input for projects.

"It was my hope to bring together our construction team with maintenance, facility services (operations), technology and athletics to create a money-saving energy project that would positively impact the student learning environment and build school spirit for our



ABM and Goose Creek CISD are partnering in a \$43.7 million energy conservation project. Pictured are (from left) Mark Saunier, director - ABM BES business development; Mike Rasmussen, GCCISD energy, environmental and emergency manager; Cristina Stefanescu, ABM project manager and Dr. Randal O'Brien, Goose Creek CISD superintendent. Photo by Carrie Pryor-Newman

community," said Mike Rasmussen, energy, environmental and emergency manager for Goose Creek CISD. "The team built the project through comprehensive dialogue focused on the district's Core Values." Another distinctive fea-

ture of the energy plan is that the artificial turf, installed on the playing fields at Goose Creek Memorial, Robert E. Lee and Ross S. Sterling high schools, also contributes to

See Energy Project, Page 8

Missing woman's body discovered in Chambers County

CHAMBERS COUNTY - Sheriff Brian Hawthorne said that a woman's body was discovered by two duck hunters in the area around Atkinson Island, near the Houston Ship Channel. The discovery was made on Sunday morning, Nov. 10th. The body was found in the water.

Family members identified the body as that of Tamara Rivera, 23, of Baytown who had been reported missing by her mother last Thursday evening.

Hawthorne said "We will know more after we get preliminary results from the medical examiner's office, but this is still an active and open investigation."

Rivera was last seen in an area near the Fred Hartman Bridge. It is not known at this time how

she got to the location in Chambers County.

Chambers County officials sent a boat with a detective and crime scene investigators to retrieve the body.

Anyone with informa-



TAMARA RIVERA

tion about Rivera's disappearance should call the Chambers County Sheriff's Office, at 409-267-2500 or Crime Stoppers at 281-842-5521.

Imelda Storm Debris Removal Program set to end this month

Chambers County Road and Bridge has been conducting a curbside debris removal program in the unincorporated County for Tropical Storm Imelda damaged items for the past several months. This program is for the removal of storm damaged: carpet, furniture, demolition debris, and appliances. This Curbside Storm Debris Pickup program will conclude at the end of this month, November 2019.

*The last day for putting Imelda debris at the curbside for pickup by County Road & Bridge will be Sunday, November 24th. Please call 409) 267-2708 to schedule

the pickup of your curbside Tropical Storm Imelda debris.*

Chambers County Road & Bridge will NOT pick up garbage, land clearing or other non-Imelda related items such as household hazardous wastes, gas or oil, paint, insecticides, agricultural chemicals, pool chemicals or any other chemicals. We will only pick up storm debris.

Imelda Storm Debris not put out at the curb by Sunday November 24th will not be picked up and will be the responsibility of the property owner to dispose of properly at the chambers county box sites or landfill.

\$25 Million grant for Houston transportation improvements

HOUSTON, TX - Congressman Dan Crenshaw announced that the Department of Transportation (DOT) has awarded Houston with a \$25 million grant for infrastructure updates. This money will fund Memorial Heights Redevelopment Authority's Shepherd and Durham Major Investment Project, which improves two major roadways and six connecting streets. The project will add new turning and bike lanes, accessible sidewalks, and ramps as well as upgrade storm water management infrastructure, water supply and wastewater lines.

The project has been a priority for Crenshaw. In July, he wrote a letter to DOT urging the department to award this grant.

"Houston is changing at a rapid rate," said Crenshaw. "Not only is it growing in population, but the way we get around Houston is also evolving. It is imperative that our infrastructure accommodates

these changes. Through this project, Houstonians will see better traffic flow, new bike lanes and sidewalks, safer roads and updated storm water management. I'm grateful DOT also recognized the need for these updates in our community."

"The Memorial Heights Redevelopment Authority is thrilled that this critically important project was selected for BUILD funding. We appreciate the efforts of our entire team, including the support of the City of Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, our district Council Member, Ellen Cohen, and The Goodman Corporation, who developed the application on behalf of the Authority." Ann Lents, the Redevelopment Authority Board Chair said. "Representative Crenshaw and his team were a tremendous help in the process. We are very grateful for the Representative's support and look forward to continued project coordination."

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Social Security Matters

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

Ask Rusty – Should I Claim Benefits at Age 67 if I'm working?

Dear Rusty: My wife and I were talking to some other senior citizens who say it would be more beneficial to start drawing social security when I turn 67 next year, rather than wait till 70, even if I work full time. Can I do that? Signed: Working Senior

Dear Working Senior: Yes, you can do that, but it may not be your best strategy. Let's explore your options:

If your wife is already collecting Social Security on her work record, you might consider filing a "restricted application for spousal benefits only" and collect a spousal benefit from your wife, while continuing to delay your claim for your own benefit, thus allowing your benefit to continue to grow. You can do this because you were born before 1/2/1954, which is the cutoff date for filing in this manner. In this way you could collect 50% of the benefit your wife is entitled to at her full retirement age (FRA) until such time as you file for your own benefit. If you wait until age 70 to file for your own, your payment will be 24% more than it will be when you are 67. But you cannot use this option unless, or until, your wife is collecting her Social Security benefit from her own work record.

There is no simple answer to when you should claim. It depends upon your current financial needs, your current health and your anticipated longevity (considering your family history). If you anticipate a long healthy life and don't urgently need the money, then waiting until age 70 to claim your benefit will not only give you the highest possible monthly payment but also the most in lifetime benefits (assuming you live to at least the "average" age (84 for a man today). Waiting until 70 will also ensure that your wife gets the highest possible survivor benefit, should you predecease her (at her FRA, your surviving spouse gets 100% of the amount you were receiving at your death).

As for you working, since you've reached your full retirement age you no longer need to worry about Social Security's "earnings test" which takes back benefits from anyone whose earnings exceed a certain limit. But it would be wise to consider that Social Security benefits are subject to Federal Income Tax (and, depending upon where you live, possibly a State income tax), so adding your Social Security income to your earnings from work could be an important tax consideration for you.

Claiming your benefit at age 67 will give you a payment which is 8% more than you would have gotten at age 66. But if the factors discussed above suggest you should wait longer, then you'll earn an additional 8% for each additional year you wait to claim your benefit, up to age 70 when your maximum benefit is reached. What is the downside to waiting? Well, only that your wife, if she will be eligible for a spousal benefit from you, cannot collect that spousal benefit until you start collecting your own benefit. Your wife's spousal benefit would be half of your age 66 benefit if she claims at her full retirement age.

So, as you can see, there is no easy answer to whether you should claim Social Security at age 67, but with the above information you should be able to make an informed decision. And here's one final suggestion: don't take Social Security advice from "armchair experts" and don't be swayed by those who might say "collect now because Social Security is going bankrupt." It's not. It's true that Congress needs to fix some portions of the program soon, and it's also true they've been dragging their collective feet to do so. But, historically, Congress has always stepped up to the task when they had to, and I'm confident they will eventually do so again.

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Voters approve 9 of 10 proposed constitutional amendments

AUSTIN — Voters rejected only one of 10 proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution in the statewide election held Nov. 5.

The House and Senate, in the 86th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature that ended in May, approved the propositions for voters to decide. Results are as follows:

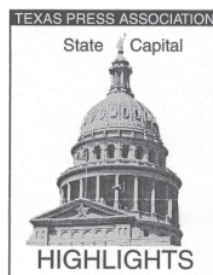
Prop. 1, permitting a person to hold more than one office as a municipal judge at a time, failed with 681,139 "yes" votes — or 34.56 percent of votes cast — to 1,970,765 "no" votes or 65.44 percent.

Prop. 2, 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, passed with 1,285,397 votes or 65.62 percent of votes cast, to 673,306 votes or 34.38 percent.

Prop. 3, 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 disaster, passed with 1,667,110 votes or 85.09 percent of votes cast to 292,031 votes or 14.91 percent.

Prop. 4, making it more difficult for the state to impose an individual income tax by requiring a two-thirds majority vote of the House and Senate before putting the matter on a ballot for voters to approve or disapprove, passed with 1,467,994 votes or 74.41 percent of

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votes cast to 504,848 votes or 25.59 percent.

Prop. 5, 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, passed with 1,732,331 votes or 88 percent of votes cast to 236,251 votes or 12 percent.

Prop. 6, authorizing the Legislature to increase by \$3 billion the maximum bond amount authorized for the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, passed with 1,250,089 votes or 64 percent of votes cast to 703,157 votes or 36 percent.

Prop. 7, allowing increased distributions to the Available School Fund, passed with 1,449,333 votes or 74.12 percent of votes cast to 506,142 votes or 25.88 percent.

Prop. 8, providing for the creation of the Flood Infrastructure Fund to assist in the financing of drainage, flood mitigation and flood control projects, passed with 1,527,394 votes or 77.83 percent of votes cast to 435,184 votes or 22.17 percent.

Prop. 9, authorizing the Legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation precious metal held in a precious metal depository located in this state, passed with 977,272 votes or 51.6 percent of votes cast to 916,513 votes or 48.4 percent.

Prop. 10, to allow the transfer of a law enforcement animal to a qualified caretaker in certain circumstances, passed with 1,845,766 votes or 93.75 percent of votes cast to 123,032 votes or 6.25 percent.

Cash report is released

The State of Texas finished the 2019 fiscal year with unspent revenue, according to a new report. Texas Comptroller Glen Hegar on Nov. 4 announced the publication of the State of Texas Annual Cash Report, a 458-page document, for the fiscal year that ended Aug. 31.

The report, summarized in a cover letter to Gov. Greg Abbott, presents the state's financial condition and details revenues and expenditures on a cash basis as required by state law.

The Consolidated General Revenue Fund ended the year with a cash balance in the state treasury of \$8.4 billion, an increase of \$3.9 billion, or 88.1 percent, from fiscal 2018. The change in the balance, Hegar said, is largely due to an increase in tax collections.

Hegar estimates revenue

Comptroller Hegar on Nov. 4 reported state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.82 billion in October, 7 percent more than in October 2018.

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in October 2019 was up 4.1 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 57 percent of all tax collections.

Revenue is distributed

Comptroller Hegar on Nov. 6 announced he would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$849.6 million in local sales tax allocations for the month of November.

The amount is 4 percent more than the amount distributed in November 2018.

THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

"Temporary Worries"

My husband, Peter, and I are spending a month in Spain and we have left our worries behind. As a result, we have had to come up with new, temporary worries to occupy us until we get back home.

Peter ran out of lotion and for several days used something he found in the house which turned out to be soap. ("I wondered why it wasn't soaking in!" Peter said.) He doesn't like my lotion ("axle grease!" Peter complains) so he ventured out yesterday to buy some more. He came home with some lotion in a metal tin and immediately began worrying if this container would travel well.

"I don't want grease leaking all over my luggage!" Peter worried.

In the absence of a real grocery store, we worry if we will be able to find olives we like and, once we find them, if we will ever find them again. We feed the cats on the roof every day, then worry how they will survive after we are gone. (But then we remember they were not overly slim when we arrived.)

Earlier this week we hiked to a neighboring town, spent the night, and returned. The hike was wonderful, crossing through mountains and fording a stream. We had dinner in the square with two ladies in their sixties—an Englishwoman who had come to live in this remote town several years earlier and a Dane, who was on her way to explore Argentina. Hiking home the following day, I thought (as I always do while traveling) of the endless variety of ways there are to live.

It was nice to get back in our funny little house, but I worried we were running out of time. Peter made soup, as he does. "This will be my last batch of this trip!" Peter announced.

I will miss this little house more than Peter will. The doors are very low, and the stairs are very steep, so Peter walks around the house slightly stooped and carries a hiking pole up and down the stairs, as if he is herding sheep to and from the upstairs bathroom. I try not to laugh—but sometimes I fail.

Yesterday I hiked to the top of a hill that overlooks the town. There used to be a Moorish castle on the top hundreds of years ago. The view is amazing. I looked down on the white houses and the Mediterranean in the distance and thought of all the people who had been exactly where I was, looking at that view.

Sometimes they were worried, I imagined, looking for invaders, or bad weather, or some other trouble coming by sea. But most of the time I imagine they sat where I did for the same reason—to wonder how long they would get to look at something so glorious, to wonder why they spent so much time worrying.

When I got home, Peter read about a ship that was having mechanical troubles in the Mediterranean. Once they finish cruising the Mediterranean for the season, the bigger ships cross the ocean to spend the winter in the Caribbean. Peter reads these articles because we are taking one of those ships home.

It turns out, the ship in trouble was ours. "Someone said they heard an explosion and reported a fire in the engine room!" Peter exclaimed, reading the article (which was not from a major news source and seemed a little short on facts).

"Goodness!" I said. I guess—since we need something to worry about—is this as good a worry as any.

Till next time,
Carrie
Carrie Classon's memoir, "Blue Yarn," was released earlier this year. Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

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LIFESTYLE PAGE

Texas Renaissance Festival School Days hosts over 41,000

Nov. 11, 2019 (Todd Mission, TX) – Over 41,000 students, chaperones, teachers, administrators and parents descended upon the Texas Renaissance Festival (TRF) for the 15th Annual School Days event that took place Nov. 5-6 on the festival grounds. For two special days during the week, the festival opens its gates to welcome educators and students from public, private and home school where they are immersed into the world of the 16th century European village with its characters, performers, artisan demonstrations, games, rides and vendors.



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Additionally, students elementary through high school are invited to engage with other students in a variety of arts and music competitions. These include: Journalism, Essay, Trebuchet, Costume, Poetry, Art, Theatre and Music. Contest results from the 2019 School Days have been posted on the TRF website under School Days.

“TRF’s School Days program provides a unique, immersive educational ex-

perience in which students can see, hear, touch, and participate in history, arts, and sciences in ways that are completely unlike anything in a traditional classroom. As a career educator, I am proud of what TRF offers for students in the Houston and surrounding areas.”

If you would like more information about the 2020 School Days program, please visit the website at www.texrenfest.com/school-days, or email Bryant.schooldays@texrenfest.com. Dates for the 2020 School

Days event will be Nov. 10 – 11, 2020.

About the Texas Renaissance Festival –

The Texas Renaissance Festival is an immersive experience located in Todd Mission, TX, where visitors enter a 16th Century European Village filled with performers, stage and music acts, artisans, and vendors. 2019 Festival dates are Oct. 5 – Dec. 1, open Saturdays, Sundays and Thanksgiving Friday. Tickets are available at texrenfest.com. Children 12 and under are admitted for free on Sundays.

The Houston Symphony serves up a cornucopia of Holiday Season offerings at Jones Hall



HOUSTON (Nov. 7, 2019) – Every year, the Houston Symphony offers numerous festive programs during the holiday season. An annual attraction, the Symphony’s holiday concerts range from traditional and classical music, popular festive tunes, and family-friendly Christmas music. The Houston Symphony’s holiday programming is supported by a generous Cultural Districts Project grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts.

A MUSICAL FEAST: ALL-STAUBS THANKSGIVING
Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 2019

Houston Symphony Music Director Andrés Orozco-Estrada opens the holiday season at Jones Hall with an all-Strauss program this Thanksgiving weekend. A classical concert to enjoy with the whole family and out-of-town guest, the program features some of Strauss’s greatest masterpieces: Death and Transfiguration, Don Juan, and Till Eulenspiegel’s Merry Pranks. Also joining the orchestra and Orozco-Estrada in the festivities is Swedish soprano Miah Persson singing Strauss’ Four Last Songs. This debut performance with the Houston Symphony has her luxuriating in the sumptuous soprano vocal lines Strauss is known for. “It is so well written for the voice that you can sing his music for hours without getting tired,” says Persson. “Sometimes I even get dizzy when I sing his long, high phrases.” A Musical

Feast: All-Strauss Thanksgiving is sponsored by Rand Group Great Performers and the Texas Commission on the Arts.
VERY MERRY POPS
Dec. 13-15 & 17, 2019

Former Houston Symphony Principal POPS Conductor Michael Krajewski returns to Jones Hall to lead the orchestra and Houston Symphony Chorus in this cherished musical holiday tradition: an evening full of holiday tunes like “Silent Night” and “Joy to the World.” The program includes the Symphony’s commissioned holiday piece Glad Tidings, a musical and narrative telling of the Christmas story packed with classic carols and an audience sing-along. Very Merry Pops is sponsored by the Texas Commission on the Arts.

’Twas the Night Before CHRISTMAS
Dec. 14, 2019

Families and children of all ages are invited to join Associate Conductor Robert Franz in a program that includes holiday tunes such as “Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer” and “Sleigh Ride.” The seasonal performance includes a visit from Santa Claus and concludes with a festive sing-along. Part of the BBVA Family Series, the Houston Symphony along with students from the Kinder High School for the Performing and Visual Arts (HSPVA) Handbell Choir celebrate the season with beloved holiday classics. Additional support for “Twas the Night Before Christmas comes from the

Texas Commission on the Arts.

HANDEL’S MESSIAH
Dec. 20-22, 2019

A beloved Houston holiday tradition, performances of Handel’s timeless oratorio about the Nativity, Passion, and Resurrection of Jesus bring together the orchestra, Houston Symphony, and star guest soloists this holiday season. Hailed as “one of the finest baroque conductors” (London “Independent”), Nicholas McGegan leads vocalists Sherezade Panthaki (soprano), Diana Moore (mezzo-soprano), Benjamin Butterfield (tenor), and Hadleigh Adams (bass). Handel’s “Messiah” is sponsored by the Texas Commission on the Arts.
SINATRA AND BEYOND
Jan. 3-5, 2020

Closing out the holiday season, Houston Symphony Principal POPS Conductor Steven Reineke welcomes the New Year with an all-Frank Sinatra program with vocalist and jazz pianist Tony DeSare. Reineke, DeSare, and the Houston Symphony ring in 2020 with Sinatra’s greatest hits, including “Come Fly with Me” and “New York, New York.” “Really, any great pop vocalist who has held a mic and fronted a band in the last 80 years owes a debt to Frank Sinatra,” says DeSare. “The real greatness in his art was the perfection of a phrase, breath control, and an overarching musical taste that rarely ever failed him. He knew what material worked for him and it has stood the test of time.”

Bañuelos Hosts Careers on Wheels

By Susan Passmore

Careers on Wheels at Dr. Antonio Bañuelos Elementary allowed students from pre-kindergarten through fifth grade to explore various careers, thanks to volunteers who brought vehicles and set up booths in the parking lot.

Students visited with the City of Baytown Public Works; San Jacinto Towing and Collision; Game-On Premium Game Theater; Royal Carriages, Limousines and Charters; Baytown Police Department, Baytown Fire Department Station 7; Beacon Federal Credit Union and Radio One Houston, 97.9 The Box and Magic 102.1. Kouzan’s Creole Kitchen’s mobile kitchen accepted lunch orders from staff members, and the City



Katherine Olivares stands tall on the Kubota Excavator during Careers on Wheels, a career day held at Dr. Antonio Bañuelos Elementary.

Photos by Carrie Pryor-Newman

of Baytown provided lunch from Kouzan’s for City employees.

Organized by Mitzi Oliver, Bañuelos counselor, the career day was informative and provided a few hours out in the sunshine for students and staff.

“Our kids really enjoyed it,” said Oliver. “College isn’t for everyone. I wanted our students to see that there are other options out there to allow them to make a good living.”

Oliver hopes to make Careers on Wheels an annual event at Bañuelos.

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THOUGHTS FROM MARANATHA CHURCH
By Dr. Mark Trice



Want Peace?

We often hear about the “peace that passes understanding.” I think it’s safe to say this is a promise from God that we would all want to hang onto. The question is, “How do we get this peace so great that it’s beyond our ability to comprehend?”

Philippians 4:6-7 gives us the answer: “Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

Do you see it? Obviously we’re going to make our requests known to God while in prayer and supplication. Most people do that anyway. Our sticking points are most often on 1) “Be careful for nothing” and 2) “with thanksgiving.” Worry is a continual battle, and worthy of an article all by itself, but today, it being the month of November, let’s focus on thanksgiving or, as The Passion Translation expresses it, “overflowing gratitude.”

Here’s the thing. Study after study has been done on gratitude/thanksgiving. We’re talking primarily secular studies here, and they’ve consistently found that a person who makes a practice of being thankful/grateful gains certain benefits. Here are a just a few from the very long list: live longer, more relaxed, more spiritual, improved relationships, fewer aches and pains, less sick, less self-centered, improved psychological health, better sleep, reduced depression symptoms, reduced aggression/anger issues, improved self-esteem, reduced stress, reduction of PTSD, increased energy, lower blood pressure, stronger immune system, more optimistic, improved decision making, increased productivity, increased creativity, better leader, more resilient, less envious, healthier marriage.

Now, doesn’t that sound a lot like peace that passes understanding?

The key, in all of these studies, is consistency. The ones who gained these benefits were the ones who lived lives of thankfulness or “overflowing gratitude.” This type of person makes a practice of being thankful, when praying of course, but also in their daily lives. Given the culture we live in, this can be a challenge, but it’s a habit God obviously wants us to develop since He mentions it here.

So the next question is, “How do I develop a habit of thankfulness?” It can be as simple as making a conscious effort to stop and thank people or God during the day; this can be for large things or small things. In fact, focusing on thanking God for the small things helps us see Him more in all things!

We can also use tools to help us develop thankfulness. Something as simple as recording one thing in the day’s block on a calendar, and stopping to thank God for it, has power. Thankfulness journals, records dedicated specifically to recording those things for which we want to thank God, also have an impact on our lives. Taking time to write good, old-fashioned thank you notes to people... Now there’s something you don’t see every day, and it affects not only the writer, but the reader as well.

Thankfulness, gratitude... There is power here that we should never underestimate.

Do you want peace? Let your heart be overflowing with gratitude; start thanking Him.
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Harris County Public Health releases report to transform health in Harris County

Landmark Report Provides Transformational Recommendations to Improve the Health of County Residents

HOUSTON—Harris County Public Health (HCPH) today released a landmark study assessing the overall health of Harris County residents and recommendations for improvement. The first-ever report "Harris Cares: A 2020 Vision of Health in Harris County" provides five transformational recommendations to improve the health of Harris County residents.

The ambitious study covered many areas in health and factors that influence health outcomes including access to health care, mental health, injury, transportation and emergency preparedness, among others. It is the result of Harris County Commissioners Court's request for HCPH to review the health state of its residents and make suggested recommendations on how to improve health.

Health-related key findings

--In Harris County, one-in-three youth aged 12-17 is overweight or obese. For adults, some communities have over 50% of adults classified as obese.

--Approximately one-in-five adults lacks health insurance, with some communities having more than 1 in 3 adults lacking health insurance.

--The Harris County population has been growing faster than its health-

care infrastructure, making healthcare access more difficult.

"The goal of the health study is to improve the quality of life for Harris County residents in addition to increasing life expectancy, which varies across the county. County average life expectancy is 78.7, however some census tracts are as low as 65 years and others as high as 89 years," said Umair A. Shah, MD, executive director of HCPH. "Where you live often determines how well and how long you live."

The overarching five recommendations are transformational, requiring groundbreaking systems-level changes including:

--Drive systems-level change through prevention and upstream focused solutions that incorporate health and social services in a more integrated and effective manner.

-- Strengthen integration of health services and systems by coordinating delivery of existing health care services, and developing new health care infrastructure where needed to improve access to health care across the community.

-- Enhance the safety net system to address better the ongoing health needs of Harris County residents who are under or uninsured, including through the creation of a new, robust delivery model called "Harris Care."

-- Align strategies across existing county and

municipal governmental departments that impact health to improve communication, coordination and collaboration.

-- Streamline and integrate health care and prevention services across Harris County and the City of Houston.

There are several suggested ways that the overarching recommendation could be reached such as: creating a 'one-stop shop for health' by enhancing existing or creating additional community health clinics that focus on preventive services and that are co-located with public health, mental health, and social services. These wrap-around service clinics should also allow for increased surge capacity during an emergency. Also, investing in public health prevention and social factors that impact health through county-wide coordination, just to name a few.

The health study was done in collaboration with a wide-variety of partners and subject matter experts, in addition to HCPH staff. Though the data was important, HCPH also interviewed more than 200 experts and community members. Sectors ranged from healthcare, businesses, non-profits, faith-based organizations, elected officials and responses allowed for over 100 unique institutional perspectives.

A summary and the full report is available on HCPH's Harris Cares page: www.hcphtx.org/Harris-Cares.

RAIN REPORT 2019

TROPICAL STORM IMELDA CAUSES MAJOR FLOODING

The tropical storm Imelda hit Texas in the middle of September, bringing up to 20 inches of rain to Harris County, and setting a record in Chambers County of 43 inches in Anahuac.



Letha Strouhal
Star-Courier
Rain Monitor

RAIN REPORT		RAIN REPORT		RAIN REPORT	
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19	.47			29	.87
20	.01	TOTAL	12.83	30	.51
25	3.19	Year to Date	57.89		
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TOTAL	7.61			OCT 2018	6.19
Year to Date	45.06			Year to Date 2018	47.90 inches
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Year to Date 2018	29.76 inches				

Rep. Cain files for re-election

HOUSTON — On Monday, November 11th, State Representative Briscoe Cain filed for re-election to represent House District 128 in the Texas House of Representatives.

Representative Cain was first elected in 2015 as State Representative serving House District 128.

He is an attorney by trade, resident of Deer Park, husband to his wife Bergundi Cain, and father to four boys.

Representative Cain offered this comment, "I am humbled by the outpouring of support my family and I have received over the course of my time as State Representative. I have spoken to families all around House District 128 and it is clear to me that the hardworking folks I am proud to call my neighbors; are like me, also interested in preserving an environment in Texas that remains free of burdensome bureaucratic red tape and ensures continued prosperity for our families and generations to come."



It is in that grain I am proud to announce my intent to seek re-election."

A Healthy Heart for Life

Angels Care Home Health Provides Helpful Tips for Protecting Your Heart and Preventing Heart Disease

Our heart is a powerful organ that constantly works, never pausing to rest. Having a healthy heart gives us more energy, helps our organs function better, keeps our bodies stronger, and ultimately helps us live longer. The better care we take of our heart, the more physically and emotionally happy we will be now and in the future.

The reality is that people young and old develop heart disease. As we get older, however, we become more susceptible to suffering from heart disease. There are some risk factors that are in our control and if you have them and choose not to attempt to control them, you are more likely to develop heart disease and have a heart attack.

As part of its Community Classroom education series, Angels Care Home Health strives to educate the community on how to maintain a healthy heart and prevent heart disease. Following are some helpful tips and information that go a long way in helping you protect your heart because heart healthy living is beneficial to your overall health.

KNOW THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF HEART ATTACK:

- Chest pain or discomfort
 - Upper body pain or discomfort in the arms, back, neck, jaw, or upper stomach
 - Shortness of breath
 - Nausea, lightheadedness, or cold sweats
- RISK FACTORS:
- Are a senior
 - Have a family history of heart disease



- Smoking
- High blood pressure
- High blood cholesterol
- Being overweight or obese
- Eat an unhealthy diet
- Don't exercise
- Have high blood sugar due to insulin resistance or diabetes

TAKE THESE STEPS NOW TO PROTECT YOUR HEART:

- Follow your doctor's instructions and stay on your medications
- Get regular heart health screenings (adults should get one screening per year from their primary physician)

- Keep your blood pressure and cholesterol levels in a healthy range
- Eat a healthy diet that is low in salt, total fat, saturated fat, and cholesterol, and rich in fresh fruits and vegetables
- Take a brisk 10-minute walk, 3 times a day, 5 days a week; make sure to consult your physician before starting a new exercise program or increasing activity level
- Don't smoke. If you smoke, quit as soon as possible

If you have or are at risk of having heart disease, there are resources available to help you take control of your health and minimize your risk of heart attack. Most importantly, talk to your health care provider, follow the instructions they give you and find support in friends and family.

The health of your heart is in your hands. When you follow a heart healthy living plan, you are taking steps to ensure a healthy, active, productive and independent lifestyle.

Angels Care Home Health specializes in serving the health care needs of the senior population. As a trusted health care provider, we offer skilled nursing care and restorative therapy services in the home that emphasizes disease management and education for a healthier and more independent patient. If you or a loved one are 65 and older, and have a disease or condition that makes it difficult to leave home, you may be eligible to receive health care services in your home. Please call 281-427-3510, visit angelscarehealth.com for more information, or ask your doctor about home health care services.

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R.F.D. by Mike Marland PROBLEM MISTER? YEAH, I'M LOST! THIS DANG GPS AIN'T WORTH A DARN! YOU HAVE REACHED YOUR DESTINATION! SOUNDS OKAY TO ME. PROVIDED YOUR DESTINATION IS THE MIDDLE OF MY COW PASTURE.

The Spats by Jeff Pickering IT'S TOO BAD THAT MARRIAGE LICENSES DON'T EXPIRE.

Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle 4 2 7 1 4 5 3 8 1 6 6 5 1 8 9 2 8 3 4 9 7 2 1 8 7 4 3 9 Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine. DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: Moderate Challenging HOO BOY!

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF Find at least six differences in details between panels. Differences: 1. Girl's bow is missing. 2. Collar is different. 3. Boy's pencil is gone. 4. Name on bracelet is different. 5. Straps on box has changed.

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Parade,

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Local Cub Scouts wished veterans well and thanked them for their freedom.

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mance and I feel like this community needs this." "I am especially glad to be here for this performance tonight, it is especially meaningful for me," said Casey Sherrod, who is active duty military and formerly a Crosby High School graduate.



Casey Sherrod did announcements and other services.



The exploits of the Company B Bugle Boy that just could not jam until the Capt. seems to understand wre historically enacted last Thursday.



Crosby First Baptist Church were represented by two vehicles and a float of veterans from their congregation.



The Crosby Star Steppers and the Big Red Machine brought up the rear of the parade and in some ways were the highlight as they displayed a recognizable civic pride.

Energy Project,

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energy efficiency improvements. Not only does the artificial turf allow for water conservation, it requires less maintenance, saving on employee hours and other operational costs. The artificial turf also allows the fields to be playable after frequent rain events in this region.

By installing upgrades, including lighting, HVAC and controls as well as water conservation measures throughout facilities districtwide, Goose Creek CISD will realize substantial energy and operations savings. The projects are expected to save the district more than \$1.1 million in energy and operating costs in the first year alone. Savings are predicted to climb during the life of the 15-year program, resulting in estimated savings of more than \$31.7 million.

Improving the lighting and HVAC will enhance

the learning environment for students and staff, which is always a priority for Goose Creek CISD. In developing a customized solution to take a long-term, comprehensive approach to upgrading district infrastructure, ABM considered district goals of controlling utilities and operational expenses while providing students with a higher quality learning environment.

"We are pleased to work with ABM to help conserve energy, decrease costs and ensure that our facilities are safe, comfortable and running efficiently for our students and staff. This program will allow us to make facility upgrades without impacting our capital budget," said Dr. Randal O'Brien, Goose Creek CISD superintendent. "I appreciate everyone involved for working together to create and implement

this program to benefit the school district and our taxpayers."

Besides focusing on lighting, water conservation measures, HVAC and turf, the project will include installing building automation controls to allow maintenance needs to be remotely monitored and addressed. Installing window tinting at 23 schools and at the Goose Creek CISD Administration Building, along with improving ventilation and outside air intake systems at several facilities, sealing building envelopes to increase energy saving, control humidity and enhance occupant comfort, are additional features of the energy conservation program.

"We looked at the district's needs and pulled together numerous district decision makers to help us build a project that would improve the learning environment, promote spirit and meet the needs of our students while remaining fiscally prudent," Rasmusen said.

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