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#### These stories in the PRESS:

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#### **EVENTS**

THUR., NOV. 7 **Veterans** Celebration

6:30 p.m. at Cougars Stadium

#### SAT., NOV. 9 Huffman **Fun Fest**

10 am - 4 pm at Jack Spence Stadium, 24403 E. Lake Houston Parkway.

#### SAT., NOV. 9 **VETERAN'S DAY PARADE**

Line up at 9:00 Parade begins at 10 a.m. hosted 11:00 Feed the

Veterans hosted by American Legior Post 658 preparing the food is Hungry Jax.

#### BIRTHDAYS

Nov 7–Gregory Block Paul Fulmer Bobby Horn III William Delome

Nov 9–Inez Garbs Gardenia Kristynik

Nov 10-Tyler Elkins Nov 11-Fred Bauer Debbie Mercer Mike Robinson

Joan Kindel Nov 12–Rev. Tim Edwards Robin Gross Mozelle Robertson

Mrs. L.L. Welsh Nov 13-Drew Edward Essen Judy Sain Donna Scott

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Nov 10-Patrick & Becky Williams Nov 13-Gene & Becky Muldrow

#### **DEATHS**

James Scott (Jim) Allen Cynthia "Cindy" Ann

713-266-3444

## LOCALS TAKE FFA NATIONAL HIGHEST AWARD

CROSBY - Four area youths attained a Future-Farmers of America (F.F.A.) Degree, the highest honor that an F.F.A. member can attain within the F.F.A. at front is Reidland Hicks a National Proficiency Finalist in the Forage Production Category, among the top four in the nation.

All five former Crosby ISD students ventured to Indianapolis, Indiana for the National F.F.A. Convention last week, ending Saturday Nov. 2.

One must have graduated from high school for one year to apply. It is a 5th year S.A.E.

To get the FFA degree, applicants must have put in



eaarned \$10,000 to earn the S. A. E. plus volunteer 50 hours of community ser-

Among the American Degree receipients, the highest degree are Baylee Campbell, Madi Goff, Hannah Pharis, and Ryland Hicks, all 2018 graduates. And out front is National Finalist Winner Reiden Hicks a 2019 graduate of Crosby High School.

Local F.F.A. stdents including Kouba have recently returned from a Leadership Development Event. Six students on an Agriculture Issues Team advance to area competition in aspiration to go on to State Competition.

## Shots kill man in Eagleton, Stephens costumes highlight Spooktacular party **Barrett Station**



Harris County Sheriff's Detectives say what began as an altercation inside the Barrett Station Grocery store between two Hispanic males ended with a man that had left saying he was going to get his gun, returned and was promptly shot four times to his death. The suspected murderer fled the scene in a white car.

BARRETT STATION -According to Detective Sergeant E.B. Clegg, at about 9:20p.m., Sunday, deputies went to a disturbance call at 11915 Crosby Lynchburg, the Barrett Station Grocery Store and found a man lay ing in the parking lot.

The man laying in the parking lot was pro-nounced dead at the scene. Detectives were able to identify the deceased and notified his wife of his death. His

See Gun-Fight, Page 8



Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Position1 attendees congregate about the station.



Eddie Foster, dressed as a bigfoot Sherman Eagleton dons a mask of a great witness, greets the subject title of a ape to recruit a youthful SWAT Special Stephen King novel with the voice of Deputy as dad holds little brother and

Last Wednesday, at the Wallisville Courthouse Justice of the Peace Joe Stephens and Precinct 3 Constable Sherman Eagleton were top prize winners for their costumes as It, or a scary clown and Mighty Joe Young as a Peace Officer. In partnership with the Harris County Sheriff's Office Citizens Patrol the group gathered dontions to put together a free food, beverages and games party for neighborhood kids to enjoy with their parents at the Jim Fonteanou Courthouse.

## **Eagle Scout project will** improve Heritage Park

HIGHLANDS – Logan Lopez, a boy scout with Troop 107, plans two projects in the Heritage Park which will earn him an Eagle Scout rank, and a Quartermaster rank with the Sea Scouts.

Lopez belongs to both groups of scouts in the area. Troop 107 is chartered and sponsored by the Rotary Club. The Scoutmaster is Michael Dean.

Lopez' project for Eagle Scout is to build a wooden fence along the railroad right-of-way, to provide safety for park users and to keep them away from the frequent trains. Lopez says the wall will be built from prefab sections from Home Depot, and be 4 foot high and 120 feet

Lopez' Quartermaster project is to restore the Gazebo in the park to likenew condition. It has aged and been painted with graffiti. He plans to sand blast the surface and restain it, and add crushed granite base and three flower beds to the arrangement.

Lopez has raised \$1800 toward the



a recent Rotary luncheon.

project, but says he is looking for another \$2400 to pay for the improvements.

See Eagle Scout, Page 8

LOGAN LOPEZ presents his project at

## Voter interest low in Election

HARRIS COUNTY -Very few voters bothered to go to the polls on Tuesday, election day. The lack of major issues or strong candidates kept the turnout Houston mayor's race, indown to about 10% of eligible voters.

not available at press time, with only about 25% of the with only about 25% of the votes to avoid a run-off. Turner had 46%, Tony Precincts reporting. Based on that information and Early Voting ballots, the results are as follows:

Constitutional Amendments all passed, except Proposition 1. allowing municipal judges to hold more than one office at a

METRO's \$3.5 billion bond issue passed, with about 68% of the voters in which would expand bus and rail service, and build and repair more roads.

In the closely watched cumbent Sylvester Turner was leading challengers, Final vote counts were but did not have enough Buzbee 30%, and Bill King

> City Controller Chris Brown, the incumbent, was leading the challenger Orlando Sanchez with 53% of the votes.

The ballot had a Newport MUD Proposition A,

> See Election Results, Page 8

#### **AUTO & HOME INSURANCE**

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#### COMMUNITY NEWS \*

## Judge Hidalgo, Sheriff Gonzalez announce measures to protect Harris County residents, reduce gun-related violence

**Commissioners Court** Considers Expansion of "Safe Surrender" Program to Protect Victims of Domestic Violence

Harris County, Texas -October 29, 2019, The expansion of a weapon-surren-der program designed to protect victims of domestic violence was among several gun-safety initiatives announced by Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo and Sheriff Ed Gonzalez Tues-day at Commissioners Court. The proposal would extend the "Safe Surrender" program to all 22 felony district courts.

The program, which was piloted in the 280th family court, requires those charged with domestic vio-lence to surrender their weapons to the Harris County Sheriff's Office, which will test and safely store the weapons until the case is resolved With 45 percent of domestic violence homicides occurring within 90 days of separation, the program seeks a measure of protection for victims and

their families during a vulnerable time period.

"Elected officials at the state and federal level have failed to meet their basic obligation to take meaningful action to protect us from gun violence," Judge Hidalgo said. "Here in Harris County, we won't sit idly by and do nothing as this epidemic continues to steal lives all around us. We know county government can be an agent for positive change, working around barriers and unfunded mandates to keep our communities safe. The measures we are announcing today are real, commonsense actions that will save lives and protect some of our most vulnerable residents, including victims of domes-

tic violence and children." "While action to address gun violence stalls at the state and federal level, I'm proud of the actions that Harris County is taking at the local level to protect vulnerable members of our community from gun-related domestic violence," said Commissioner Rodney Ellis. "We must always do what we can to prevent and reduce all forms of gun vio lence in our communities."

In addition to the expansion Safe Surrender program, Harris County officials are working together to address gun-related violence through the following

initiatives: . Expedited reporting of disqualifying convictions for firearms ownership: The Harris County District Clerk's Office will report convictions that disqualify people from owning firearms to the Department of Public Safety within five business days, faster than currently required by law.

. Gun lock distribution: Precinct One Constables are distributing gun locks at community service events.

. Task force: The Harris

County Public Health De partment has begun a task force on violence and injury prevention.

Harris County officials will return to Commissioners Court with an imple-mentation plan and funding recommendations for the Safe Surrender program by the November 12, 2019

## Saturday FM 2100 Motorcycle crash turns fatal on Monday

CROSBY - A man was hit by an errant car on FM 2100 on Saturday night shortly after 9:15 p.m. just north of the Crosby Fairgrounds.

Local motorists were attempting to help the man as he lay in the street when Harris County Emergency Service District #5, the ambulance service for Crosby, arrived and called for lifeflight. It was the 17th lifeflight since Sept.1 a statistically high number for Crosby's population.



Locals attempt to help man with head trauma that was not wearing a helmet on a motorcycle when a crash occurred.

Monday morning, he was unplugged from life support as he showed no signs of life since his arriv-al at the hospital. His

name was released as Bobbie Kimbro, a popular man within parts of the Crosby

community. Harris County Sheriff's Traffic Enforcement Investigators are asking if anyone knows or saw what happened that they call the Harris County Sheriff's Traffic Division at 713-274-7400.

Evidently, the car that struck Mr. Kimbro did not stop to render

## **Veterans Affairs boosts** adaptive sports programs



by Freddy Groves

Some of us have been waiting for this: The Department of Veterans Affairs has awarded another \$14.8 million in grants that will go to veterans adaptive sports programs. These grants will go to 120 organizations that create and manage sports pro-grams for disabled veterans and members of the Armed Forces. That's nearly double the funding from just a few years ago. The groups that receive these grants (at the local, regional and national levels) are in all 50 states, plus D.C. and Puerto Rico, and will

serve 11,000 participants.

To see what's going on, go online to www.va.gov/ adaptivesports. Look for the National Veterans Wheelchair Games for those with stroke, amputations, spinal injuries and more. For veterans age 55 and older, look for the Golden Age Games. If you like the snow and cold, check out the Winter Sports Clinic. Like golf? Take a look at the National Disabled Veterans T.E.E. (Train, Exposure, Experience) program.

If you hope to train for the Paralympics, go to www.teamusa.org. Your options are many: wheelchair tennis, archery, rowing, wheelchair rugby, track and field, equestrian, snowboarding, biathlon, cross-country skiing and many, many more.

To find sports in your area, put Sports Club

the va.gov site.

To see all of the organi-

zations that received grants, go to www.blogs.va.gov/nvspse/

grant-program/ and click on the recipients list. Don't miss the @Sports4Vets page on Twitter. You'll find lots of personal stories and videos

by and about veterans. Surfing, cycling, rowing ... they're doing it all.

And for veterans who need new ways to deal with stress and anxiety, \$1.5 million is going to equine therapy, that is, working with horses and learning

how it can open new doors to coping. (Did you know that biochemical changes occur in the brain while working with horses?) Watch the video at

## State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$2.8 Billion in October

troller Glenn Hegar today said that state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.82 billion in October, 7 percent more than in October 2018.

"Growth in state sales tax revenue was apparent across all major economic sectors," Hegar said. "The most notable growth was in receipts from the construction, wholesale trade and information

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 hudget accounting for 57 percent of all tax collections.

In October 2019, Texas col-lected the following revenue

from other major taxes:
- motor vehicle sales and

281-328-5869

 $\begin{array}{c} up~10.5~percent~from~October\\ 2018; \end{array}$ - motor fuel taxes - \$311.8

million, up 4.6 percent from October 2018; - natural gas production taxes — \$84.4 million, down

22.8 percent from October 2018; and - oil production taxes — \$346.3 million, up 4.8 percent from October 2018.

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## ROUND-UP

# Veterans Day Event to Feature Former Navy SEAL and Author

The City of Dayton invites all veterans - active, inactive, and retired, and a guest to a Veterans Day luncheon to thank them for their service and sacrifice. The event will be held on Veterans Day, November 11, at 11 am, in the Dayton Community Center (801 S. Cleveland St.).

The free event offers an afternoon of comradery, remembrance, entertainment and will include a BBQ lunch.

The keynote speaker will be decorated Navy SEAL Clinton Majors, of Dayton, and author of Nam-mares.

For more information, contact the Dayton Community Center at (936) 258-6630.

#### Goss Memorial Library events

These are the events taking place at the Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch Library the week of Monday, November 11, 2019.

• Monday, November 11 - the library will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day.

Day.

\*Tuesday,
November 12 - 10:00 am
Baby & Me (ages 0-24
mos)

\*Tuesday, November 12 - 4:00 pm, Tween Days Button Making, Come make your own buttons to take and wear. (ages 7-11)

• Friday, November 15 - 10:30 am & 2:00 pm Story Time (ages 0-5

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

# Body found at Oil Well Site in Chambers Co.

CHAMBERS COUNTY, TX - Authorities are investigating the death of a man whose body was found at an oil well last Saturday.

According to Sheriff Brian Hawthorne, on Saturday morning, an oilfield worker found the body of a man at an oild well location near Fairfield Road in Chambers County.

The man is only described as Caucasian and was wearing shorts and tennis shoes, officials said. Authorities ordered an autonsy to determine the

Oil well location where the body of a man was found last saturday morning in Chambers County.

cause of death and detectives are working to identify the body.

# City of Dayton celebrates 'Municipal Court Week'



The City of Dayton Municipal Court is proud to announce a Municipal Courts Week celebration from November 4-8, 2019 at the courthouse located at 2002 North Cleveland.

Municipal Courts Week is a week, prescribed by the 86th Texas Legislature in House Resolution 1658, dedicated to appreciating the contributions that Texas municipal courts make to the safety and well-being of our communities. The Dayton City Council, at their September 16 meeting, passed a resolution recognizing the Court for its role in preserving public safety and promoting quality of life in Dayton

## Halloween at Mont Belvieu Library



Kids dressed in their favorite customes at Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch Library in Mont Belviue celebrated Halloween last Thursday.

# Dayton Native Patrols Seas from the Air for U.S. Navy

By Dustin Good, Navy Office of Community Outreach

OAK HARBOR, Wash. – Petty Officer 2nd Class Yesenia Sanchez Prado, a native of Dayton, Texas, joined the Navy to travel the world, make her family proud and do something

different. Now, four years later,

Sanchez Prado serves as an aviation maintenance administrationman with

> See Dayton Native, Page 6

## The First Friday Night Food Truck Event at THE CROSSROADS

The City of Dayton will host its first evening event at THE CROSSROADS, located at 111 Church St. on Friday, November 8, from 6 pm - 9 pm. The "Friday Night Bites" food truck event is a continuation of the weekly Food Truck Fridays, held at the same location, but on a bigger scale. In addition to the flavorful food trucks, there will be live music and street dancing, children's activities, and a beer and wine garden.

The event is in response to resident requests for later hours for the food trucks and a place to gather on a Friday night.

"We've had many people ask us to hold an evening event so that people who can't make it during the day could attend," said Dayton's Assistant City Manager Kimberly Judge. "The response so far has been amazing, and it's grown into more than just

food trucks"

It's also a great opportunity to bring people to the Downtown District, an area that City leaders are hoping to make a regular occurrence

occurrence.

In addition to a DJ, live music by local favorite Southern Breeze Band will offer visitors a chance to dance in the street or relax with a cold beer or a glass of wine in the beer garden (must be 21 to enter). Bounce houses and other children's activities are planned for the little ones, and then there's the food. Nine wonderful food trucks offering a variety of tasty options from Cajun and Mexican foods to burg-

ers, BBQ, and desserts.
Admission and parking are free. No outside alcohol will be allowed.

For more information, contact the City of Dayton Planning Department at 936-258-2642.

## Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital earns Stroke Gold Plus Award

BAYTOWN — (November 1, 2019) — Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital has received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke Gold Plus With Honor Roll Elite Quality Achievement Award.

The award recognizes the hospital's commitment to and success in utilizing the "Get With the Guidelines-Stroke" and "Target: Stroke" program. These advanced, evidence-based treatment guidelines ensure stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized guidelines based on the latest scientific evidence.

To earn the Gold Plus Honor Roll Elite Achievement Award, hospitals must meet specific quality achievement measures for the diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients at a set level for a designated period. These measures include evaluation of the proper use of medications and other stroke treatments with the goal of speeding recovery and reducing death and disability for stroke patients. Before discharge, patients should also receive education on managing their health, get a follow-up visit scheduled, as well as other care transition interventions

To qualify for the Target: Stroke recognition, hospitals must meet quality measures developed to reduce the time between the patient's arrival at the hospital and treatment with the clot-buster tissue plasminogen activator, or tPA, the only drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to treat ischemic stroke.

"In addition to how fast you get care, where you go can make a difference. As a Gold Plus Primary Stroke Center, Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital is committed to helping stroke patients achieve the



Dr. Ruby Parveen

best possible long-term outcomes. One in 12 stroke patients is likely to have another stroke soon after the initial attack," said Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital neurologist Dr. Ruby Parveen. "But research shows that patients experience better outcomes when taken to hospitals that are stroke centers where specific treatment protocols are followed."

A stroke occurs when blood flow to the brain is cut off by a blood clot (ischemic stroke) or a ruptured blood vessel (hemorrhagic stroke). Without an adequate blood supply, brain cells begin to die and brain damage occurs, making getting immediate medical care absolutely crucial because early intervention can make all the difference.

According to the American Heart Association/ American Stroke Association, stroke is the fifth leading cause of death and a leading cause of adult disability in the U.S. On average, someone in the U.S. suffers a stroke every 40 seconds, someone dies of a stroke every four minutes, and nearly 795,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year. Conditions such as high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, obesity and

See Gold Plus Award, Page 6

#### OPINION PAGE



## Social Security Matters

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

## *Ask Rusty – How Does* My Husband's Federal Pension Affect Benefits?

Dear Rusty: My husband retired at his full retirement age of 66. He qualified for Social Security but also qualified for Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS). Being so, he falls under the Windfall Offset Provision, and subsequently had his Social Security around \$900 to \$450. His full CSRS benefit is \$3,400. I have not claimed my Social Security benefit, but I expect it to be around \$2000 at my full retirement age of 66 in November. At my full retirement age could I collect half of his benefit and let mine grow until age 70? Or upon filing, am I forced to take my full benefit instead? If I can take half of his benefit, would it be half of his full benefit or half of the reduced benefit? Also, upon claiming my benefit, would my husband be entitled to claim half, and thus increase what he is currently receiving on his own benefit? In addition upon my death, would my husband qualify for my full Social Security benefit or is he subject to offset by the Windfall Offset or Government Pension Offset? Signed: Confused About SS

Dear Confused: Because of your husband's CSRS pension, his own Social Security benefit is reduced by the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP), and any spousal benefit he may be entitled to will be affected by the Government Pension Offset (GPO), Both WEP and GPO are provisions which affect anyone with a pension from employment which did not participate in the Social Security program.

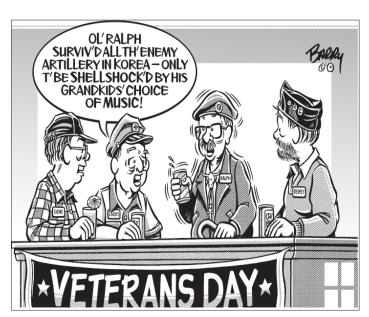
GPO is the more severe of these two provisions, because it reduces any spousal (or survivor) benefit your husband might be entitled to by 2/3rds of his CSRS pension, which means that he will not be able to get a spousal benefit from you when you apply (2/ 3rds of his CSRS pension is more than he would get as a spousal benefit). You, on the other hand, will be eligible

(at your full retirement age, or "FRA," of 66) to file a "Restricted Application for Spousal Benefits Only," which will give you half of his WEP-reduced Social Security benefit (about \$225/ month). You are eligible to use the restricted application because you were b before January 2, 1954 (those born after January 1,1954 cannot use this option). By doing so, you can collect a spousal benefit from your husband while allowing your own SS retirement benefit to grow by 8% per year of delay (2/ 3rds of 1% per month of delay) up until you are 70 years of age, when your benefit amount will be 32% more than it would be at age 66. But when you claim your benefit at age 70 your husband's spousal benefit won't be based on your increased amount, but rather upon your FRA benefit amount of \$2000. which means he still won't get a spousal benefit due to the Government Pension Offset. Finally, if you should

predecease your husband, the GPO will also affect his survivor's benefit, which is based upon 100% of what you were receiving at your death (not on your FRA benefit). So, using the numbers you provided, if your FRA benefit would be about \$2000 your age 70 benefit will be about \$2640 (not including COLA increases). Since 2/3rds of your husband's CSRS pension is \$2268, he'd normally be entitled to the difference \$372) as his survivor's benefit. But since that amount is less than his own WEP-reduced SS benefit, he won't get a survivor's benefit. As you may be aware, the Federal CSRS plan has been replaced by the Federal Employee Retirement System (FERS) which participates in Social Security, so WEP and GPO do not apply to those who retire under FERS.

This article is intended for information purposes only and does not represent legal or financial guidance.





# Voters to decide on proposed amendments to state constitution

AUSTIN - The state's 10-day early voting period ran from Oct. 21 to Nov. 1 with Election Day on Nov. 5.

On the ballot are 10 proposed constitutional amendments, special elections and local political subdivision elections including those for mayor, city council, school board, municipal utility districts and other local entities.

Secretary of State Ruth Hughs, the state's chief election officer, encouraged all eligible voters to fulfill their civic duty by voting. During the early voting period, Hughs said, "It is critical that all eligible Texans have the opportunity to help shape the direction of the Lone Star State."

For more information on voting in Texas and a list of the proposed constitutional amendments,

www.votetexas.gov.

#### Feds set hemp rules

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller on Oct. 29 announced the U.S. Department of Agriculture's release of interim final rules for the U.S. Domestic Hemp Pro-

The rules, part of the 2018 Farm Bill, serve as a framework for states like Texas that are planning to build an industrial hemp growing program. With federal guidelines in place, the Texas Department of Agriculture can now submit a state hemp plan to USDA for approval, Miller said. The rules can be found online at usda.gov.

"This is the big leap forward we've all been waiting for," said Miller. "I want to make it clear – it is still not yet legal to grow industrial hemp in Texas. But we are one step closer to allowing farmers to get this exciting new crop in the ground."

Miller said he expects to submit the Texas plan for an industrial hemp program in 30 days or

## STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling



#### Harvey disaster continues

Gov. Greg Abbott on Oct. 28 extended the disaster proclamation he originally issued on Aug. 23, 2017, for counties affected by Hurricane Harvey that brought loss of life and damages esti-mated at more than \$125

In the proclamation, the governor authorized the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with the disaster.

Original counties named in the proclamation were: Aransas, Austin, Bee, Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Harris, Jackson, Jefferson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kleberg, Lavaca, Liberty, Live Oak, Matagorda, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Victoria, Waller, Wharton and Wilson.

Abbott later expanded the list to include the counties of: Angelina, Atascosa, Bastrop, Bexar, Brazos, Burleson, Caldwell, Cameron, Comal, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hardin, Jasper, Kerr, Lee, Leon, Madison, Milam, Montgomery, Newton, Orange, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Trinity, Tyler, Walker, Washington and Willacy.

#### TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Industrial Container Services - Tx, LLC, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for:

Issuance of Permit 158777

This application would authorize construction of a Drum Reclamation Facility located at 1402 Clinton Drive, Galena Park, Harris County, Texas 77547. This application is being processed in an expedited manner, as allowed by the commission's rules in 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 101, Subchapter J. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

The Texas Department of State Health Services on Oct. 29 reported that 165 Texas cases of severe lung disease have been identified so far in people who report "vaping" before developing symptoms

Update: 'Vaping'

cases

One case was reported to have resulted in death. State health officials are gathering more information on about 13 other possible cases to determine whether they are consistent with the symptoms and substance use seen in cases in Texas and 48 other states.

Patients range in age from 13 to 75 years old, with a median age of 22 years. About one-quarter of the people affected in Texas are minors. Threequarters are male, and nine in 10 report vaping THC or marijuana, possibly in conjunction with other substances. Almost all were hospitalized, with many requiring intensive

#### TEA reports test results

The Texas Education Agency on Oct. 30 reported that Texas fourth graders taking the 2019 National Assessment of Educational Progress in mathematics improved from two years ago, outpacing the national aver-

However, for eighthgrade students, mathematics scores declined slightly, dropping below the national average for the first time since 2003. Furthermore, eighthgrade reading scores showed the largest decline, mirroring a large decline across the nation

NAEP is a random sample test of reading and mathematics in fourth and eighth grades, overseen by the U.S. Department of Education and  $conducted\ every\ two\ years$ in every state.



#### "Good Pear"

My husband, Peter, and I have settled into the little house we are calling home for a month in southern Spain. The house is old and quirky-but I've come to believe that all homes are quirky in their own way.

Whenever I spend time in another person's home, I realize there are a lot of different ways of doing things that would never have occurred to me

When I was young, my family would drive to visit my greatgrandmother. She had a neighbor named Mrs. Johnson (I never learned her first name) Mrs. Johnson had a pug and when I uncurled the pug's tail, he caught sight of it and chased it until he was exhausted. This was endlessly entertaining as an eight-year-old. But my other vivid memory of visiting Mrs. Johnson was the way she ate pears. Mrs. Johnson took the pear and banged it on the table—side to side and top to bottom-until the whole pear was soft.

"Why are you doing that?" I asked.
"Now you can eat the whole

thing—just pull off the stem and spit out the seeds!" she told me. It turned out I'd been wasting a lot of good pear, but that stopped under Mrs. Johnson's tutelage.

"You shouldn't bother that old woman!" my great-grandmother scolded me after an afternoon of eating pears and watching the pug. It didn't occur to me until later that my great-grandmother was at least a decade older than Mrs. Johnson. (It didn't occur to me until much later yet that this might be my great-grandmother's way of saying she had missed me.)

While visiting my grandpa, I watched as he cut up his apple removing the core and eating the apple in slices. I started cutting up my apples and never went

"He only did that because he had dentures!" my mother told me, years later. I have good teeth, but I still believe it's a better way to eat an apple. I recently watched my cousin.

Melissa, make a salad. She chopped up her lettuce like

"Why are you doing that?" I asked.
"It's easier to eat and mixes

with the other stuff better. Melissa explained.

"Why haven't we always chopped up our lettuce?" Peter asked me, after it became our

new way of doing things.
This is what I like most about travel. It is nice to see the sights but it is the small things, the "why didn't I ever think of that?" things that interest me the most. Why don't we slice up tomatoes and cheese and have them for dinner? Why don't we buy olives in bulk? Why don't we have one long pillow instead of two short ones? Spending time in another home makes me examine things I would never look at twice. I see the familiar with fresh eyes. I take less for granted. Travel forces me to realize how little of my life I actually think about and how much is done on autopilot.

Returning home, I might do a few things differently but, more than anything, I am filled with a new appreciation for all I haveall the things in my life I have neglected to notice, all the eetness I've taken for d

Yesterday I bought some fresh pears at the market. Cutting up a pear in my quirky little temporary home in Spain, I suddenly remembered Mrs. Johnson, I picked up the core and ate it. It was sweet and delicious. "Mrs. Johnson was right," I

thought, "I've been wasting a lot of good pear.

Till next time.

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



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# **OBITUARIES**

#### JAMES SCOTT (JIM) ALLEN

James Scott (Jim) Allen 74, passed away November 3rd in Cleburne, Texas.

A lifelong resident of Baytown, Texas, James was born at the Lillie-Duke Hospital on July 30. 1945. He graduated from Robert E. Lee High School and The University of Houston with a degree in Chemical Engineering. He retired from Valmet/Telvent where he was the principal engineer for software development. He also served in the US Army and was stationed in Germany

during the Vietnam conflict. James is survived by

Katherine Sanders daughter Nancy Sanders-Taylor and husband Kevin Taylor: sisters Katherine Scott, Candace Foster and husband Ross, and Elizabeth Barr; granddaughters Austyn Taylor, Merari Gonzalez, Abigail Salas and Katherine Nguven: grandson Austin Nguyen; a host of nieces and nephews; and his loving companions, Butch and Sundance.

James was preceded in death by his parents, Delbert and Candice Evelyn

Special thanks go out to all of his caregivers, especially long-time caregiver

and friend, Irma Trevino. Funeral services will be held at 10am on Saturday, November 9, 2019 at Sterling-White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby Lynchburg Road in Highlands, Texas. Visitation will be held on Friday, November 8, 2019 from 5pm to 8pm.

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#### CYNTHIA "CINDY" ANN ROBERTS

Cynthia "Cindy" Ann Roberts, age 59, of Crosby, TX went to be with our Lord on October 24 2019 with her Aunt and Cousin by her side.

Cindy is preceded in death by her brother R. Louis Sikora, Jr., her mother Martha Louise Yates Sikora, her father Rudolph Louis Sikora, and her husband, the love of her life, Donald Patrick Roberts

Cindy was born in Baytown, TX on January 11, 1960 and graduated from Crosby High School in May 1978. She married, Donald Patrick Roberts on August 12, 1994. Cindy found her calling in 2006 teaching Yoga at the Crosby Community Center and May Community Center in Huffman, TX. She was a devoted Catholic, phenomenal Yoga Instructor and



friend to her students, and loving "Aunt Pete" to her cousins' children. She had a love for life, line dancing, and her dog Brownie. She enjoyed listening to Zach Brown Band and Jimmy Buffett and traveling to tropical locations. If Cindy wasn't teaching Yoga, she was either in Livingston on her pink and black float, basking in the sun, enjoying the motions of the water and Mother Nature

or glued to a television watching the Texans or Astros play.

The family of Cynthia Ann Roberts wishes to thank the Yoga students of May Community Center and Crosby Community Center for their uncondi tional love for Cindy.

May your life be happy and blessed, Namaste.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the Paralyzed Veterans of America (www.pva.org)

A Catholic Mass was held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, followed by a burial at Sterling-White Funeral Home and Cemetery on October 31, 2019.

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## Baytown woman returns to her love of painting after surviving an unthinkable attack

HOUSTON, TX - Jeannie Wood vividly remembers the moment she was attacked by two family pit bulls she had previously interacted with.

"I was at my son's house picking up my grand-daughter and I remember the dogs were really agitated and I thought they were going to fight each other," Wood said. "I called my son's girlfriend and told her what was going on and she suggested letting them out." Just hours before. Wood, her granddaughter and the dogs were joyfully playing in the living room. However, things took an unexpected turn when she let the dogs out of their kennel.

"They attacked me,"
Wood said. "When they
first came at me, I remember ber falling back to catch my fall and I ended up breaking my wrist." Wood's son returned to the home to discover his mother being attacked by the dogs and was able to intervene and corral them back into

"It was probably 15-20 minutes before he came to the house, which felt like a long time in the mo-ment," Wood said. "I remember telling him I may need a few stitches after feeling some of the blood." Shockingly, Wood doesn't remember feeling any pain while being attacked. She was bit on both of her arms and legs, the back of her head, stomach, chest and

Wood's son called 911 for the Baytown EMS who, upon assessing Wood's extensive injuries, deter-mined she needed to get to a hospital immediately

and called for Memorial Hermann Life Flight®.

"I remember just wanting to go to sleep," Wood said. "I remember seeing my Life Flight nurse John Linares and his big hel-met while in flight and then the next thing I remember I was waking up in the intensive care unit

Wood was flown to the Red Duke Trauma Institute at Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center where she spent more than two months recovering from her injuries, including nine weeks in the John S. Dunn Burn Center.

"When Jeannie arrived there were so many bite wounds everywhere, we were unable to count, said Sasha Adams, MD, a trauma surgeon affiliated with Memorial Hermann-TMC. "The bites were everywhere.

Adams described the injuries as soft-tissue wounds versus deep lifethreatening injuries and knew it would be a long journey for Wood. The dogs bit into muscles and tendons but did not cause any major artery damage.

"Our team was focused on washing her wounds and saving the flaps of skin tissue that looked like they would survive, Dr. Adams said. "Dog bites present a high risk of infection so we also ensured she was given proper antibiotics."

Wood's injuries would require multiple surgeries. Adams called Daniel Freet, MD, a plastic surgeon affiliated with Memorial Hermann-TMC to help repair the numerous

Through physical and occupational therapy Wood regained mobility and strength in her limbs after undergoing 18 surgeries, including, several skin grafts.

While recovering from her injuries, Wood thought she would never paint again, something she loved doing. "I didn't think I would really be able to use my hands again, the way I had previously used them. Wood said. Thanks to the work by her surgical and rehabilitation teams, Wood has resumed her love of painting. Wood recently had the chance to reunite with Dr. Adams and the Life Flight crew that helped her.

"I painted a special painting for the Life Flight crew of a helicopter to show my appreciation," Wood said. "I'm so thankful for Dr. Adams and my entire care team for saving my life on that day, I know they see dozens of natients a day but to be reunited with them was a special moment."

It was a fulfilling moment for Dr. Adams as well. "It's so special to see our patients again. It's not something we get to see often as trauma surgeons,' Dr. Adams said. "It was so satisfying to see someone I remember coming in that was so damaged and to see her smiling and knowing she is able to have joy in her life makes all that I do worthwhile.

Wood is thankful for the

care she received. "I'm grateful to be alive, out of all of the damage (the dogs) did, there was nothing that couldn't be fixed and my care team has

## Dayton Native,

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the "The Golden Swordsmen" of Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Squadron (VP) 47, working with the Navy's cutting-edge maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Washington.

"The people at this command are what make it great," said Sanchez Prado.
"Their character, their personalities and the diversity. Especially because I love the food and the diversity of the food they can

Sanchez Prado, a 2015 graduate of Dayton High School, with VP-47, a hightech maritime patrol and reconnaissance squadron, is tasked with monitoring the world's oceans in the state-of-the-art P-8A "Poseidon."

Sanchez Prado is also currently enrolled at Arizona State University for a degree in biological sci-

ence.
"I'm responsible for upkeep and maintaining historical records of the lifespan aircraft," said Sanchez Prado.

Sanchez Prado credits success in the Navy to many of the lessons learned in Dayton.

"My dad always told me anything you work at, always give a hundred percent," said Sanchez Prado. "In the Navy, it's easy to get complacent, so you keep the mindset that you are always focused on your work and you always do

the best you can."
VP-47's primary mission is to conduct maritime patrol and reconnaissance as well as long-range antisubmarine warfare, antisurface warfare and intelligence gathering missions. They deploy around

the world to monitor the world's oceans wherever they are needed.
The P-8A Poseidon, the

Navy's newest maritime, patrol and reconnaissance aircraft, is a replacement aircraft for the legacy P-3C "Orion", According to Navy officials, leveraging the experience and technology of the successful P-3C "Orion" with the needs of the fleet, the P-8A is designed to be combat-capable, and to improve an operator's ability to efficiently conduct anti-submarine war-fare; anti-surface warfare; and intelligence, surveilmissions.

As the Navy transitions

to the full capacity with the P-8A "Poseidon", the aircraft continues the work- horse tradition established by the P-3C "Orion". The P-8A has a planned state-of-the-art open architecture mission system and next-generation sensors. These capabilities give warfighters added protection. The aircraft empowers the fleet with more combat capability, responsiveness, and interoperability with traditional manned forces and evolving unmanned sensors. The P-8A "Poseidon' has significant growth potential, with planned, phased-in technological improvements that extend global reach, payload ca-pacity and higher-operat-

ing altitude.
"I checked in while we were working P-3's and now that we've switched to P-8's it's pretty cool to be working with something so

new," said Sanchez Prado. Serving in the Navy means Sanchez Prado is part of a world that is taking on new importance in America's focus on rebuilding military readiness, strengthening alliances and reforming business practices in support of the National Defense Strategy.

A key element of the Navy the nation needs is tied to the fact that America is a maritime nation, and that the nation's prosperity is tied to the ability to operate freely on the world's oceans. More than 70 percent of the Earth's surface is covered by water; 80 percent of the world's population lives close to a coast; and 90 percent of all global trade by volume travels by sea.

"Our priorities center on people, capabilities and processes, and will be achieved by our focus on speed, value, results and partnerships," said Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer. "Readiness, lethality and modernization are the requirements driv-ing these priorities."

Though there are many ways for sailors to earn dis tinction in their command. community, and career, Sanchez Prado is most proud of making rank

quickly. "It took a lot of time in studying and learning from a lot of cross train-' said Sanchez Prado. "The people I worked with helped me so much and made sure I knew the material I needed to know to be able to make that hap-As a member of one of

the U.S. Navy's most relied upon assets, Sanchez Prado and other sailors know they are part of a legacy that will last beyond their lifetimes contributing to the Navy the nation needs

"Serving in the Navy is a stepping stone for what-ever comes next," said Sanchez Prado. "There are a lot of opportunities and benefits that you can take advantage of.

## Gold Plus Award,

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a personal family history of stroke may all increase the risk of stroke.

Houston Methodist Baytown also was awarded the AHA's Get With the Guidelines-Resuscitation Gold Plus Achievement Award for exemplary work in saving the lives of those who experience in-hospital cardiac arrests through consistently following the most up-to-date guidelines and techniques.

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PROPOSED AIR QUALITY PERMIT NUMBER 158777

APPLICATION Industrial Container Services - Tx, LLC, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

This application would authorize construction of a Drum Reclamation Facility located at 1402 Clinton Drive, Galena Park, Harris Inis application would authorize construction of a Drum Heclamation Facility located at 1402 Clinton Drive, Galena Park, Harris County, Texas 77547. This application is being processed in an expedited manner, as allowed the commission's rules in 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 101, Subchapter J. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <a href="https://linkow.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.731944&Ing=95.23444&&zoom=13&type=r.">https://linkow.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.731944&Ing=95.23444&&zoom=13&type=r.</a> The facility will emit the following contaminants: carbon monoxide, hazardous air pollutants, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less, lead and sulfur dioxide.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on October 10, 2019. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Houston regional office, and the Galena Park Branch Library- Harris County Public Library, 1500 Keene Street, Galena Park, Harris County, Texas beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Houston regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, or request a public meeting or a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all public

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

After technical review of the application is complete, the executive director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision for an Air Quality Permit will then be published and mailed to those who made comments, submitted hearing requests or are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues submitted during the public comment period and not withdrawn. The deadline to submit a request for a contested case hearing is 30 days after newspaper notice is published. If a request is timely filed, the deadline for requesting a contested case hearing will be extended to 30 days after the mailing of the response to comments.

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

If a hearing request is timely filed, following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material air quality concerns submitted during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's invisibilities to address in this proceeding. jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application by sending a written 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 <a href="https://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/">www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/</a>. 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 Industrial Container Services - TX, LLC, 2600 Maitland Center Parkway, Suite 200, Maitland, Florida 32751-4154 or by calling Ms. Darina Demirev, RK & Associates, Inc., at (630) 393-9000

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## 2019 Property Tax Rates in City of Jacinto City

This notice concerns the 2019 property tax rates for City of Jacinto City. 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 debt taxes \$394,939 Last year's total taxes \$3,421,938 Last year's tax base \$436,720,124 \$0.783554/\$100

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property) + This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property) =This year's effective tax rate (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
insferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal
andate, and/or enhanced indigent healthcare expenditures)

+ This year's adjusted tax base \$458,917,443 =This year's effective operating rate x 1.08-this year's maximum operating rate \$0.712146/\$100 + This year's debt rate \$0.106044/\$100 = This year's total rollback rate \$0.818190/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If City of Jacinto City adopts a 2019 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.745427 per \$100 of
value, taxes would increase compared to 2018 taxes by \$31,245.

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

Type of Property Tax Fund

Balance

General Fund 5,580,228

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).

Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid From Property Taxes Property Taxes Other Amounts Total Payment to be Paid Property Taxes Description of Debt 450,000 41,250 491,250 Total required for 2019 debt service \$491,250 Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A - Amount (if any) paid from other resources \$0 - Excess collections last year - Total to be paid from taxes in 2019 \$491,250 + Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100,00% of its taxes in 2019 \$0

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 1001 Preston, Houston, TX 77002.

Name of person preparing this notice: Ann Harris Bennett
Title: Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector
Date Prepared: 10/29/2019



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#### COMMUNITY NEWS

## **Eagle** Scout,

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Lopez plans to start the work this Saturday, November 9th, and welcomes anyone who would like to come to the park and help.

He said that with the

help of other scouts, the flagpole in the park will also be put back into working condition. At present it is not able to hoist a flag.

Lopez says that scouting helps a boy or girl develop leadership skills, self confidence, and an enjoyment of the outdoors.

There have been five Eagle Scouts in Troop 107 in recent times. Boys Scouts can be as old as 18, and Sea Scouts to 21.

After graduating from high school, Lopez plans on entering the Navy, and hopes to train as a Navy Seal. This would be an apt progression from scouting and sea scouting, he feels.

## Barrett Gun-Fight,

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name has not yet been re-

leased. Sergeant Clegg indicates that the Harris County Sheriff's Office hopes to gain more information from video of the incident.

The arguement is believed to have been lengthy due to the victim leaving the scene and returning later. And that the two involved may have known each other previously.

Anyone with informa-tion on this incident is asked to please contact the Harris County Sheriff+fs Office Homicide Division at 713-274-9100 or Houston Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

# Results,

which would allow a \$70 million bond issue. At presstime, this proposition was losing by a vote of 45% For, and 55% Against.

In Baytown, Council District 1 was a dead heat, with Laura Alvarado and Mercedes Renteria each receiving 50% of the total. In Districts 2 and 3, incumbents Chris Presley and C. Johnson had no opposition.

In the Houston Community College System election of Trustees, Position 1 incumbent Dave Wilson was losing to Monica Richart. Wilson had 34% of the vote, Richart 47%. In Position 2 Rhonda Skillern-Jones was winning with 45% of the vote, but would face a run-off.

# **Election** Precinct 2 brings the big drain



Harris County Precinct 2, is installing large culverts on Wallisville Road and adjoining roads to drain the yards of Highlands residents from Houston Road to Clear Lake Road. According to Jeremy Phillips, "It is my understanding that there are a lot of inlets to drain in the vicinity." Specifically, the above is to drain from Seventh Steet all the way to Magnolia. During the interim when the county last undertook to address this location, there had been a lot of pipe seperation in the old infrastructure. This is not part of the Flood Control drainage bond work, he said.

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