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North Channel Chamber Luncheon
Friday - April 7, 2017
11:30 AM @ San Jacinto College North - 5800 Saddle Rd.
Speaker: Robert Boudwin, Former Houston Rockets Speaker
Community Development

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

HARRIS COUNTY Precinct 2 - Commissioner Jack Morman recently completed the construction of the North Shore Park. The project included reconstructing the three quarter mile stretch of road that led to a fire hydrant and a clean-up of trash along the property.

The Precinct is currently in the planning phases for trail improvements at Y.E. Bill Fowler Park in East Alton. They hope to have that project complete by the end of this year. For more information on the Precinct, visit their website or like their Facebook page "Harris County Precinct 2."
AUSTIN — March 30, 2017 — An estimated 3 in 5 traffic crashes in Texas is caused by distracted driving, and the problem is getting worse. Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is launching its “Talk, Text, Crash” campaign to remind drivers to stay focused on the road and watch for mobile phones in other vehicles.

“People are dying on Texas roadways because drivers are diverting their attention from the road to talk on a phone, read a text, post to social media or engage in some other distracting activity,” said TxDOT Executive Director James Foamts. “Whoever drives take their focus off the road, they put themselves, their passengers and others at risk. It’s just not worth it.”

Last year, there were 106,462 distracted driving crashes in Texas, and 71,856 drivers were injured in these crashes. Distracted driving killed 452 people and seriously injured another 2,288. These crashes are highest among young-er drivers ages 16 to 34. In Texas, 18 percent of drivers say they regularly send texts while driving.

“Texting and driving is morally as dangerous as operating a vehicle while drunk,” said Foamts. “Texting while driving is just as deadly when you consider the percentage of drivers ages 16 to 34 who use their phones at the wheel. A person texting is three times more likely to crash than someone who is not distracted by a phone.”

Texas statistics show that drivers ages 16 to 34 are the most recognizable group of crash victims. They are particularly dangerous as reaction times double when drivers read or send text messages. A UTA study in 2016 found that drivers working with one hand while driving had reaction times 40 percent slower than a normal driving situation.

“People are dying on our highways, and we don’t accept that,” said Foamts. “We don’t want to say ‘I’m sorry’ to families who have lost loved ones or people who are injured on the side of the road. We want to see a zero tolerance of distracted driving.”

With mobile phone use on the rise, other states have seen a rise in distracted driving crashes. While mobile phone use is on the rise, the state of Texas continues to prioritize school zones and other areas to reduce the number of traffic crashes.

“With so much at stake, we want to make sure people know the consequences of using their phones while driving,” said Foamts. “We’re calling on all Texans to tell others the importance of focusing on the road.”

“Stay focused on the road, and you can ensure a safer day for yourself and others,” said Foamts.

State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled $2.2 Billion in March

AUSTIN: Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today said that state sales tax revenue totaled $2.2 billion in March, a 11.7 percent increase from March 2016, and $25.3 billion for the first quarter of fiscal year 2017, an increase of 16.8 percent over the prior year.

Annualized, the state’s sales tax revenue has increased 15.9 percent over the last 12 months. The annualized revenue growth rate for the same period is 15.9 percent.

The state’s corporate franchise tax and motor vehicle license fee revenues are the major factors explaining the rapid growth in annual state sales tax revenue. These revenues increased 36.2 percent and 29.6 percent, respectively, in March 2017 compared with March 2016. The revenue growth rate for the corporate franchise tax was 36.2 percent, and 29.6 percent for the motor vehicle license fee.

HIGHLANDS — Polio survivor, up close

Author and Attorney Jack Emmott, with a picture of "Domi" from his childhood.

HIGHLANDS — Speaking from a wheelchair, Houston attorney Jack Emmott spoke about his life, and experiences since he contracted polio at the age of six.

Emmott is the most recognizable driver of other high-risk activities that can put you or your mind drivers to stay focused on the road and watch for mobile phones in other vehicles.

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GALENA PARK ISD
North Shore Theatre Wins Big at UIL Competition

North Shore Senior High School Theatre was selected as the winning play at the UIL District 21 Drama competition held on Tuesday, March 21.

In addition to placing first and advancing to the Bi-District competition, North Shore’s Aja Crayton and Kateryn Smith both received Best Actress awards, and Derrick Thomas received Best Technician honors and B-A-F-T-A-D’s Best Actor award.

Channelview ISD students attend Mind Tinkers festival

Hundredsof Channelview ISD 4th graders from Aguirre Elementary, Porter Elementary, Shore’s Elementary, and Austin Industries.

Air Liquide, INEOS, Chevron Phillips, LyondellBasell, H-E-B, Jacinto College, Dow Chemical, Michigan Technological University, and many more attended the event showcasing their work. This event was sponsored by San Jacinto College’s Engineering students, funded the event, with Michigan Technological University.

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Awards & Honors

The Awards of Excellence for the event were presented to:

Best Actor:

Aja Crayton

Best Actress:

Kateryn Smith

Best Actor in a Supporting Role:

Derrick Thomas

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Sen. Creighton's Texas Plants Bill Passes Senate

Governor welcomes Justice Department's sanctuary cities statement

State Capitol: Thursday, April 6, 2017

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott Thursday announced the number of "2016 Snapshots" released by the Texas Education Agency website.

"Snapshots" are an overview of primary and secondary education in a particular school year that have been published. The Governor encouraged local school districts to review the snapshot reports.

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Francis K. Woodall

Francis K. Woodall went to be with the Lord on Monday, March 27, 2017 at the age of 101. Services were held at the Davis Funeral Home in Sterling, Ohio on Saturday, April 2, 2017 at 1:00 PM. Interment will be held at Mt. Zion Cemetery in Galena Park, Texas, with Rev. Larry Beckman, Pastor officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association or to the Mt. Zion Cemetery. To sign the online guestbook, please visit www.davisfuneralhome.com.

Francis was a very loving and caring wife, mother, and grandmother who will be deeply missed by all who knew her. She is preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Alice (Bartley) Woodall of Texas, husband Joseph have a daughter, and a master’s degree in educational psychology. Francis was an active in the Sterling Stars Community School and a director of campus services at Goose Creek CISD, depended on her thorough knowledge of work-based training.

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Diamond Jim: “Does the price and value of Diamonds stay about the same over time?”

Diamonds are expensive items with high value due to their durability and rarity. Over time, diamonds have maintained their value and are often considered an excellent investment. The price of diamonds is affected by various factors such as the economic environment, demand, and supply.

The price of diamonds can fluctuate, but they are generally known for their stability. Factors that influence the price of diamonds include factors such as the demand for jewelry, the economy, and the performance of the diamond market. Over the years, diamonds have proven to be a reliable investment, and their price has not been significantly affected by economic downturns.

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SHELDON ISD:
Board recognizes students of the month for March

MEMBERS OF THE ESD#60 BOARD, AND CHIEF WEBB AND ASSISTANT CHIEF BALDERAS, are the first to break ground and turn a ceremonial shovel of earth to start the construction of the new Fire Station. In the background is the dedication sign, and the site beyond is ready for the ceremony.

In his dedication remarks, Chief Webb mentioned that the facility is meant to keep up with the growing population and services of the city. He cited a growth rate of 27% over the last few years, and indicated that another station or two might be necessary in the future. Specifically, he highlighted the growth at Generation Parkway, which will need fire service as it expands.

Webb thanked the ESD#60 Board for their support, the Fire Department Staff including Chief Sidney Webb, Asst. Chief Roland Gamel, and Edna Webb. Architects for the new station included AIA Architects for the Architecture and Sorelle Architect for the Design.

The new station is operating at 9035 Johns Parkway, and Station 3 is at 8407 C. E. King Parkway. Chief Webb thanked the RSD for their vital support. These include President Helen Lauersdorf, VP Daniel Grabill, Jose Muoz, Issac Pinson, and Zach Gamel.

Also the Fire Board Directors were recognized, including President Don Nesbitt, VP Carole Boso, Marilyn Robinson, Tom Smith, ISSD Superintendent; (front) Isaac Frausto, Monahan Elementary; Kevin Escobar, Sheldon Elementary; Matt De Leon, C. E. King Middle School; Andrea Fuentes, Null Middle School; and King Davis, Sheldon School; Sofia Garcia Bucio, Early College High School; Katelyn Elaine Stevens, KASE Academy; Emily Villanueva, C. E. King Middle School; Andrea Fuentes, Null Middle School, and King Davis, Sheldon Elementary. These include President Fred Rivas, School Board President; Brandon Murphy, C. E. King High March at the March 21 school board meeting in the Ney Administration Building Board Room.

Members of the Sheldon ISD school board recognized the district’s Students of the Month for March at the March 21 school board meeting in the Ney Administration Building Board Room.

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