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## CHANNEL CHATTER

Rep. Hernandez to host Legislative

Town Hall Meetings

Join State Representative Ana Hernandez on:

•Wednesday, August 19, 2015 from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM at Alvin Baggett Recreation Bldg., 302 Keene St., Galena Park, TX, 77547.

•Thursday, August 20, 2015 from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM at Channelview High Joyce Hendrix Educational Center, 828 Sheldon Rd., Channelview, TX, 77530.

•Tuesday, September 15, 2015 from 6:45 pm - 8:30 pm at Neighborhood Centers, Inc. Ripley House, 4410 Navigation, Houston, TX, 77011.

Come get an update on new laws passed during the 84th Legislative Session.

For more information call 713-675-8596.

Galena Park-Jacinto City CIP meeting

Thursday, August 6, 2015, 5:45 pm at Alvin Baggett Recreation Building, 1302 Keene in Galena Park. Points to talk:

• Kirk Higbie, Director of Safety & Environmental, will talk about the Port Terminal Railroad Association (PTRA) and its role in rail transport and how it compares to that of the major rail lines (Union Pacific and Burlington Northern Southern Pacific (BNSF)).

•Starting a Food Bank – AARP Chapter 1160 in cooperation with Galena Park Recreation Department and Jacinto City/Galena Park Rotary is working to establish a Food Bank in Galena Park. Details are available from AARP President Chuck Lewis, 713-455-4698.

Galena Park Swimming Pool open to the public

Galena Park Swimming Pool is open for 2015 season. Cost is \$4 per person. Open to the public 11 am - 9 pm Tuesday to Sunday. Senior Citizens: 8 am - 9 am. Swim Lessons: 9 am - 11 am. Pool will close on August 14 and will only open again for Labor Day Weekend, Sep. 5, 6 & 7.

## San Jacinto River Toxic Waste Pits

# \$20 MILLION OF WASTE PITS SETTLEMENT WILL BE RETURNED TO RIVERFRONT AREAS

By Gilbert Hoffman  
North Channel Star

Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan's office won a \$29.2 million lawsuit against the companies that polluted the San Jacinto River with toxic waste from a paper mill in the 1950's, and now the County Commissioners have voted to return some of that award to the area where the pollution has affected it most. \$10 million of the County's share will be spent on environmental improvements in the Highlands area, according to County Judge Ed Emmett.

In addition, this week

State Rep. Wayne Smith announced that the state's share, approximately another \$10 million, will be designated for improvements along the San Jacinto River, and administered by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

In a statement issued by Jackie Young of the San Jacinto River Coalition, the following was said:

"Tuesday, June 23, 2015 Harris County Commissioners voted for the County's portion of the settlement funds from the Waste Pits Litigation to be used within a 5 mile radius of the Waste Pits and within the San Jacinto

River watershed. In November of 2014 two of the three companies Harris County filed suit against, settled for \$29.2 million. Roughly \$10 million went to Harris County and will now be used exclusively for projects related to the local environment, recreation, quality of life improvement, and potentially for pollution control services."

"In January, the San Jacinto River Coalition hosted a community event called "Bring the Money Back" where they asked local residents to provide input on the types of projects that they feel would have the greatest long-term impacts. Resi-

dents suggested projects such as city infrastructure for homeowners using private groundwater wells, a memorial and education center so that future generations can learn about the pollution that once plagued the local environments and communities, groundwater and soil sampling to find out the extent of contamination in the area."

Smith announces another \$10 million

At a recent Highlands Rotary meeting, State Representative Wayne Smith told the group that working with State Rep. John Otto, chair of the Appropriations Committee

and representing the Dayton area, he had managed to get the State's share, approximately \$10 million, designated for return to the Highlands area, and administered through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Smith said the exact language of the House Bill No. 2 was as follows:

"Section 27. Parks and Wildlife Department: San Jacinto Lawsuit Settlement. In addition to amounts previously appropriated for the state fiscal biennium ending August 32, 20a5, if money is recovered under an agreed final judgment in

See \$20 million, page 6

## Galena Park Soccer winners



The Galena Park Galaxy Soccer Team won second place in the recent recreation department, city-wide soccer tournament that was held in the park beside Baggett Center. Recreation Director Ernesto Paredes presents the winners with a plaque at the last Council Meeting. Present were coaches Francisco Macias and Rolando Grimaldo, and players Fernando Mendoza, Aramatzi Macias, Eric Zapata, Nathan Gallegos, Axel Vazquez, Jesus Resendiz, Alejandro Grimaldo, and Nathan Macias. CONGRATULATIONS, GALAXY!

## Deputies apprehend three robbers

Gunfire, chase after 9-1-1 alert

EAST HARRIS COUNTY – On Saturday, July 11, 2015, Harris County sheriff's Office District 3 Patrol deputies were involved in a pursuit of three aggravated robbery suspects in east Harris County.

A caller stated to Harris County 911, that he was following three armed suspects, who had robbed two males in the driveway of a residence in the 900 block of Barbara Mae.

He described that two black males wearing black bandannas and armed with pistols fled to a gold colored Cadillac and sped away at a high rate of speed.

The witness followed the suspects alone the East Freeway towards Dell Dale. As the Cadillac tried to elude the witness, one of the males in the backseat leaned out the window and



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fired his handgun at his vehicle.

District 3 patrol units were able to catch up to the witness's vehicle and began pursuing the Cadillac.

As the suspects drove on Market Street towards the East Freeway, they struck a small SUV vehicle at the intersection. The suspects' vehicle suffered major

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## COMMUNITY PROFILE:

# Gallery Furniture opens huge new store on Grand Parkway



THE EXTERIOR FACADE of the new Gallery Furniture store on Highway 99 in West Houston presents a striking appearance from the highway.

WEST HOUSTON – Jim and Linda McIngvale started their successful furniture business in 1981, building it into the area's leading furniture outlets, and a phenomenon known

nationally for its success. Most of this business was conducted out of their first location, at 6006 I-45 North, a converted house that was replaced by a large modern store. In 2009

Jim McIngvale opened a second location on Post Oak Boulevard, to reach out to a new market, and

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## JC COUNCIL NEWS WRAP-UP:

# Jacinto City Council hears Jamail of Keep City Clean committee



Front right: Mayor Ana Diaz / Back left to right: City Manager Lon Squyres, Councilwoman Carmela Garcia, Councilmen Greg Robinson & Allen Lee. The wording on the signs: English: We Pick Up Trash, Junk, Limbs and Other Items on Saturdays. Spanish: Recogemos basura, chatarra, ramas de arboles y otros artículos los sábados.

(photo by Allan Jamail)

By Allan Jamail

Jacinto City, TX. June 25, 2015 - The Mayor and Council at the regular Council Meeting on June

11, 2015, displayed new signs for heavy trash pick-up with the hope it will encourage citizens to clean up their property.

Mayor Ana Diaz only eight months into her first

term as Mayor in May of 2013 made it her goal to return the city's health conditions back to the

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Rotary hears speakers on new laws passed by the 84th Legislature

Now that the Texas State Legislature has completed their Biennial session, new laws have come into affect or will soon, and citizens need to be aware of them, and their consequences.

That was the premise for two talks given recently at Rotary luncheons in Highlands, by Judge Don Coffey and State Representative Wayne Smith.

Judge Coffey said that the new Truancy regulations would go into affect on September 1st. They are a result of Senate Bill 106 by John Whitmire, and House Bill 2398 by Rep. Harold Dutton.

Both bills reflect Coffey's position, that he wanted to implement in his Juvenile Court, where truant students would be rehabilitated, and not punished as criminals.

With the new laws, this will be possible. The minimum age that they will apply has been moved up to 12, from 10 years old, and cutting class will now be a Class C misdemeanor, a civil penalty not a criminal penalty.

Coffey worked with the legislators to push the bills forward, he said.

Juvenile Court now will be able to prescribe rehabilitative sentences, such as classes and community service. School districts will be expected to have a truancy prevention program. No longer will they be able to file a "disruption of class" charge, but must detail the infractions.



JUDGE Don Coffey spoke to the Highlands Rotary Club about a new law passed by the 84th Legislature, that will affect how JP courts and school districts deal with the problem of truancy, and what level of penalty can now be assessed on a student with absences.



STATE REPRESENTATIVE Wayne Smith speaks at the Highlands Rotary Club about the legislation passed in the 84th session, and how it affects laws and life in his District 128.

State Representative Wayne Smith was able to point out three areas that will benefit the local area:

One, the return of \$20 million from the Waste Pits lawsuit, to be spent in the Highlands area to alleviate environmental problems;

Two, the widening of FM2100 to a 4 lane highway from Diamondhead in Crosby to FM1960 in Huffman, now 30% complete in the design stage. The whole project will top \$60 million project costs, he said. Costs are shared by TxDOT and Harris County Pct. 2.

Third, new legislation to discourage metal theft, by making it necessary to provide

vide ID to anyone trying to sell metal to a scrap yard. This is expected to reduce theft of copper wiring, such as occurred twice at the Little League park.

Smith said that this session of the legislature had over 6000 bills filed, that 1323 were approved and sent to the governor for action, and that 18 of those bills were authored or sponsored by Smith.

Smith spoke about the committees that he chairs, namely the Licensing and Administrative Procedures committee, and the Culture, Recreation and Tourism committee.

In the former, he considers such matters as the TABC or alcohol commission, gambling, lottery, racing, and auto dealers, as

well as his own profession, engineers and architects.

The latter commission deals with state parks, such as the San Jacinto Battleground and the Battleship Texas, historical sites, and Parks & Wildlife. He said that he was able to get an additional \$25 million this year for the Battleship.

The total biennial budget this year was \$209 Billion, \$11 billion was assigned to the Rainy Day fund, and an additional \$1.5 Billion was dedicated to expanding education needs.

Other important issues were Border security, Tax Relief, Open & Campus Carry of handguns, fracking, community colleges and drones.

## Over 24 arrested in cell phone store robberies

HARRIS COUNTY, TX- Harris County Sheriff's Office Robbery Division have announced the charging and arrests of over 24 adults and 2 juveniles in a series of aggravated robberies in the northeast Harris County and the city of Houston.

Investigators with the HCSO Robbery Division, the Houston Police Department Robbery Division, and Harris County District Attorney's Office filed more than 54 felony charges on the 24 adult and 2 juvenile defendants. Charges include aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon and engaging in organized criminal activity, aggravated assault on a peace officer.

The incidents took place in a variety of areas in northeast Harris County and also in the City of Houston. The defendants

would enter the businesses at gunpoint and demand iPhones and cash from the employees and customers. They would threaten to kill the employees, if they gave them iPhones with tracking devices.

A great cooperation between local law enforcement and the Harris County District Attorney's Office for bringing justice to all victims involved.

The following cases were closed from this arrest of these defendants:

- 09/29/2014 12600 Woodforest Boulevard Fed Ex Truck
- 09/29/2014 14500 Longview Fed Ex Truck
- 10/10/2014 12700 Hidden Castle Drive
- 10/10/2014 5800 E Sam Houston Parkway N
- 10/15/2014 4800 Wilson Road T-Mobile Wireless
- 01/29/2015 960 S Beglis Sprint
- 03/18/2015 9500 West Road Verizon Wireless
- 04/03/2015 5185 W. 34th Street Radio Shack
- 04/13/2015 600 Block Maxey Road
- 04/15/2015 15735 Wallisville Road Verizon Wireless
- 04/26/2015 2123 Crosby Freeway AT&T
- 04/27/2015 2500 Green Oak Drive T-Mobile Wireless
- 04/30/2015 12661 W. Lake Houston Parkway AT&T Wireless
- 05/08/2015 710 Kingwood Drive Verizon Wireless
- 05/08/2015 12661 W Lake Houston Parkway AT&T Wireless
- 05/11/2015 710 Kingwood Drive Verizon Wireless
- 05/16/2015 10222 Gulf Freeway Sprint Wireless
- 05/21/2015 566 W FM 1960 Sprint Wireless
- 06/16/2015 5001 Aldine Mail Road
- 06/18/2015 11818 Airline Boost Mobile

## Babin denounces President Obama's nuclear deal with Iran

Washington, DC – U.S. Representative Brian Babin (TX-36) spoke on the House floor today to condemn President Obama's announced "nuclear deal" with Iran, which falls short of preventing a nuclear-armed Iran and puts the security of the American people at risk. The transcript of his speech is as follows:

"President Obama has made a 'deal' with the Islamic Republic of Iran – a terrorist regime that regularly leads chants of 'Death to America', burns our flag, and has killed hundreds of American soldiers.

"In April, Energy Secretary Moniz said inspectors would have 'anywhere,

anytime access' to Iran's civil and military sites. Unfortunately, this deal sets forth no such requirement. Under the deal, inspectors can only ask for permission to access Iranian military sites, like their fortified underground facility in Fordow.

"Decisions about access will be left to Iran's leaders, who have said that inspectors will not be permitted to inspect military sites, even 'in their dreams'.

"This deal doesn't require the release of the American hostages being held by Iran's government. It has no acknowledgment by Iran of Israel's right to exist. These provisions would signal that



Rep. Brian Babin

Iran is serious about changing their ways. But they have said no. And that's why Congress should reject this bad deal. I yield back."

## HCSO Sheriff terminates costly jail ministry contract

HARRIS COUNTY, TX – Harris County Sheriff Ron Hickman has moved to terminate the costly contract awarded to Mike Barber Ministries, funded through the Harris County Jail's Commissary Fund under the previous administration.

In 2012, Mike Barber Ministries was awarded a contract to coordinate the network of volunteer chaplains, and chaplain services in the Harris County Jail. To date, Mr. Barber has been paid over \$1.1 million in funds collected through the profit of commissary sales to inmates.

In a move to impose reasonable cost controls throughout the Harris

County Jail System, Sheriff Ron Hickman terminated the Harris County Sheriff's Office business relationship with Barber by sending notice to his DeSoto, Texas headquarters.

In no way are religious offerings suspended in the Harris County Jail as a result of the decision to vacate the current contracted services with Barber. The Sheriff's Executive Director of Community Relations, Edwin Davis and the Harris County Sheriff's Office Chaplains have moved to supplant and replace any services offered by Barber with cost-free volunteers from the faith based community of Harris County.

"In a community the size of Harris County, faith based missions can offer many of the same services, and more," states Sheriff Hickman. "It's unconscionable to expend exorbitant amounts on contracted prayer, when a community of volunteers is ready and willing to provide ministry services. We must be better stewards of funds under our control."

The Harris County Jail Chaplaincy program is coordinated through partnerships with congregations of all faiths. In doing so, the Sheriff's Office has turned to a more cost effective coordination solution.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Summer Fun at Alvin D. Baggett Center

Kids ages 5-12 are invited to join fun this summer at the Alvin D. Baggett Community Center in Galena Park.

The program consists of: arts/crafts, reading time, swimming, movies. Games and activities both inside and outside. Summer Fun begins June 8, 2015 and ends August 14, 2015. Cost is \$25 per week/per child. Time is Monday - Friday 10 am - 2 pm.

**SWIM LESSONS:**  
Swim lessons, for ages 5 and up. Session 3: July 21 - Aug. 1. Call 713-674-1741 for more info.

Register at the Alvin D. Baggett Community Building, 1302 Keene Street. Call 713-674-1741 for more information.

### Summer Meals For Kids

Summer meals for kids will start on June 15 at 12:00 noon at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church located at 13125 Indianapolis St., Houston, Tx 77015

Children under the age of 18 and disable students under the age of 21. The program ends on August 15th.

### SATURDAY NIGHTS The Buckshot Jamboree

Enjoy Classic Country music every Saturday night from 7 pm - 10 pm with The Buckshot Jamboree at 7414 Hartman near Old Beaumont Highway. More info, call 281-458-0729 or 832-444-5000.

### MONDAYS Galena Park Senior Dance

Senior Dance is every Monday at the Alvin D. Building, 1302 Keene St., Galena Park. 7 pm - 9 pm. No cover charge. Live band Country music. Call for more information: 713-455-7335.

### 2nd & 4th THURSDAY San Jacinto Pilot Club meeting

San Jacinto Pilot Club meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays at noon at the Galena Park ISD Administration Building.

### JULY North Channel Library events

-Saturday, July 18, 10 am - 3 pm, Scrapbooking with Mia; 2 pm, Faithful Paws.  
-Monday, July 20, 2:30 pm, Suphero Craft (tickets required).  
-Tuesday, July 21, 10:30 am, Toddler Time; 1:30 pm Preschool Story; 4:30 pm, Teens-Duct Tape Wallets.  
-Wed., July 22, 10 am, Book Club; 2:30 pm & 3:45 pm, Exotic Vs. Native Animals Deussen Park (tickets required).  
-Thur., July 23, 10:30 am, Baby Time; 4:30 pm, Teens-Suphero Legos.

Library is located at 15741 Wallisville Rd., Houston, TX. 77049. Call 281-457-1631 for more information.

### JULY Galena Park Library events

-Friday, July 17, 3 pm , movie.  
-Monday, July 20, 3 pm, Teen Time: Superhero Badges.  
-Wed., July 22, 10:15 am, Microsoft Word Basic IV; 11 am, Children's Story Time; 1:30 pm, Microsoft Word Basics IV.  
-Thursday, July 23, 11 am, Baby Time; 3 pm, Domino's Pizza (tickets for this program available at the circulation desk)  
-Friday, July 24, 3 pm, Movie. Please call the library at 713-450-0982 for more details.  
The library is located at 1500 Keene St. Galena Park, TX. 77547.

## 25 Harris County schools to share \$650,000 in afterschool funding in 2015-2016

Twenty-five schools in Aldine, Alief, Galena Park, Houston, Pasadena, Sheldon and a state charter school will receive a share of \$650,000 in afterschool funding as the 2015-2016 school year begins. The program called the Partnership Project is administered by the Center for After-School, Summer and Expanded Learning for Kids, or CASE for Kids, a division of Harris County Department of Education. Funding is designated for economically disadvantaged children ages 4-12 and is provided by the Houston-Galveston Area Council, the Texas Workforce Commission and local foundations.

Harris County Department of Education commits local funds to supplement literacy and numeracy activities in quality, out-of-school time programming for youth. Those funds are matched with a commitment of federal childcare funds for quality improvement for school-age youth through the Texas Workforce Commission. HCDE provides a



Galena Park ISD Green Valley elementary school students Sarah Aguilar, Natalie Garcia, Carlos Nava and Kayla Thomas.

variety of resources such as training, site visits, scholarships and a lending library to the 25 selected sites.

"The goal of the Partnership Project is to invest in comprehensive after-school programs that have a primary focus on numeracy and literacy development," said CASE for Kids Director Lisa Thompson-Caruthers. "CASE will provide funded project support for numeracy and literacy integration into

academic and enrichment activities, as well as site-based coaching to improve overall program quality."

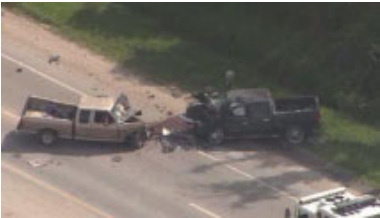
The following districts and schools will receive these funds:

Aldine—Goodman Elementary (77088) \$30,000; Raymond Academy (77039) \$30,000; Stehlik Intermediate (77038) \$30,000

Galena Park—Green Valley Elementary (77015) \$30,000

Sheldon—Monahan Elementary (77044) \$30,000.

## COMMUNITY WATCH



One person died after a head-on crash last Wednesday afternoon, July 8, 2015 in northeast Harris County. Two trucks crashed into each other near C.E. King and Highway 90. The investigation is continuing.

## Two women shot during a wrong drug deal

HOUSTON—Two women were shot outside an east Houston night club. According to the Houston Police Department, the

incident happened at about 2 a.m. just off the Interstate 10 East inbound service road near Federal.

Investigators said that three women were being chased by a man who had a gun. The women were in one car, while he was in another.

The suspect pulled up alongside of them, shooting at them several times, police said. The victim's car ended with bullet holes.

The bullets struck the driver and back seat passenger. Police said two women, 27-year-old and 28-year-old, in the car were hit by bullets—one shot in the arm and the other in the leg.

The two women were transported to the hospital and in serious condition.

The third woman was able to give police details about how this started. Investigators said it may have started with a drug deal.

## KEEP JACINTO CITY CLEAN,

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former days of better kept homes and yards. She said she was concerned with the unusual large amount of public nuisances throughout the city.

Since then Mayor Diaz recently asked for the city to have signs made to display throughout the city informing the citizens that each Saturday they could put on the curbside large items like furniture, building materials, building rubbish, old vessels capable of holding water, refrigerators, ovens and most anything else except tires. Tires will only be picked up twice each year and the city will put the dates of the free Tire Roundup in the city's quarterly newsletter.

The city picks up trash, kitchen garbage, tree limbs and brush twice each week. Tree limbs and brush is picked up without extra charges but only if they're tied and bundled small enough for easily lifting to place in the waste trash truck.

The city is enforcing health laws such as leaving a garbage container on the curbside after 8 PM on the day the garbage was collected. It's also unlawful for property owners or occupants of any structure or property to utilize the premises for the open storage of any abandoned motor vehicle, icebox, refrigerator, stove, glass, building material, building rubbish or similar items.

In the past few months a new effort for the enforcement of the requirement to have dogs and cats vaccinated to prevent rabies has increased with over 400 pets being brought into compliance.

Citizens can report violations in their neighborhood and problems with mosquitoes by calling city hall at 713-674-8424 or Public Works 713-453-7411.

At a previously council

meeting Allan Jamail, a former Councilman and Mayor who in 1973 founded the Keep Jacinto City Clean Committee (KJCC) said he and his wife Linda and the committee members would be working with the city to help improve the unhealthy conditions.

In April Jamail introduced to Mayor Diaz a resolution that the City Attorney Jim DeFoyd prepared designating annually the 2nd week of April as Keep Jacinto City Clean Week. Mayor Diaz placed it on the Council's agenda where it received unanimous approval.

The Council approved the first reading of a new city ordinance regulating the residency requirements for sex offenders. If a person is required to register on the Texas Department of Public Safety's sex offender database it's unlawful for that person and or a property owner to allow a sex offender to establish residency within two thousand (2,000) feet of any premise where children commonly gather. Citizens can use the following web site to locate the registered sex offenders in their neighborhood.

The Council issued a request for qualifications for an architectural firm to design a new police station. The city's police station over fifty (50) years old has had two fires recently and has had numerous roof and structural problems.

Mayor Ana Diaz said she wants the city to have two (2) community wide garage sale days' this year, the dates and details will be decided later.

City Manager Lon Squyres reported Fire Chief Rebecca Mier has recently been certified as a Code Enforcement Officer and she'll supplement the code enforcement efforts in the city.

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## Deputies apprehend three robbers,

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front end damage. The suspects kept fleeing from deputies, even as the hood of the vehicle folded up and obscured their view.

The suspects then drove along the feeder road of the East Freeway towards Sheldon road, where they ran into the front gate of a business. All three males attempted to run in to the container yard of the business.

A 15 year-old male was immediately taken into custody by deputies. A second suspect identified as Dantrell Stills (DOB 11/30/92) and an unidentified black male ran from deputies.

A perimeter was set up around the container yard with responding personnel. A witness told deputies, Stills and the male had jumped a fence and ran to a trailer park on

Dell Dale. A deputy found Stills hiding in the trailer park and was taken into custody without incident. The third male was not found in the search of the area.

HCSO Robbery investigators have charged the 15 year-old juvenile male with aggravated robbery, and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Dantrell Stills is currently charged with aggravated robbery three (3) counts.

The Houston Police Department has also charged Stills, with Capital Murder in a fatal robbery that occurred in the City of Houston in March of 2015.

HCSO District 3 patrol units exemplified true professionalism and diligence in the capture of both suspects.



OPINION PAGE

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MESSAGE FROM

REP. BRIAN BABIN



Supreme Court Should Live Under Obamacare Like the Rest of America

July 2, 2015 – The Supreme Court’s recent decision to ignore the letter of the law and uphold the Obama Administration’s unconstitutional rewrite of Obamacare undermines the American people’s trust and confidence in our nation’s highest court.

Justice Scalia summed up the Court’s actions rightly when he called them “absurd” and opined that “words no longer have meaning” under the Court’s ruling in King v. Burwell.

As a result, more Americans will now be forced into a broken health care system that has already failed millions of Americans; putting federal bureaucrats between patients and their doctor, driving up costs and hurting more American families and businesses.

Unfortunately, this is symptomatic of the larger problem in Washington – one where those of influence and power live under a different set of rules than average Americans. Case and point, the Executive Branch – which has written the rules for Obamacare – and the Judicial Branch – which is now a co-author of Obamacare – are both exempt from Obamacare. Yet, every other American is required to live under this disastrous law.

While Congress and its staff are required to purchase their health plans under Obamacare, such a requirement is not extended to the other two branches of government. This needs to change – and I am prepared to lead the charge, starting with the Supreme Court.

By upholding the President’s fundamentally flawed and unconstitutional health care law for the second time, the Court has essentially become co-authors and full partners in the implementation of Obamacare.

Justice Scalia perfectly described what unfolded at the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) by making the point in his dissent that “perhaps we should start calling this law SCOTUScare.”

As the co-authors and saviors of Obamacare, it’s important that these individuals understand the full impact of their decisions on the American public.

That’s why I introduced the SCOTUScare Act of 2015 (H.R. 2905) to require the Supreme Court and its employees to give up their Federal Employee Health Plan and enroll in Obamacare like the rest of America. This legislation simply extends the same provision of the law that requires Congress to sign up for Obamacare to include the Supreme Court. By eliminating their Obamacare exemption, it will put the Supreme Court on the same health care as the rest of America.

Since introducing the SCOTUScare Act, we have received a tremendous amount of support from across the country. We have heard from countless individuals who continue to feel more and more disillusioned with Washington and the judiciary, executive and legislative branches of government.

As elected leaders, we have an obligation to address these concerns and the SCOTUScare Act is a simple, but common-sense reform that we can – and must take. It will provide us an opportunity to take an important step forward on the pathway to restoring the American people’s trust.

By refusing to take action, it will only further the division and disconnection between the American people and its leaders in government. That’s why I introduced this much-needed legislation and it’s why I hope that my colleagues in Congress will join me in fighting for the SCOTUScare Act.



RECORD TEMPS CONVERT A NAYSAYER ...

Comptroller says state will not borrow to meet budget

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on July 7 announced his decision not to go the usual route to insure that Texas meets its budgetary obligations.

The state’s chief financial officer explained that every year for the past three decades the state has issued a Tax Revenue Anticipation Note to deal with “periodic mismatches” between revenues and expenditures during the fiscal year and “anticipated mismatches” that result from the state’s providing nearly 50 percent of its payments to local school districts in the first three months of the fiscal year.

According to the Office of the Comptroller, the state will not issue a Tax Revenue Anticipation Note for fiscal 2016 “as a result of strong fund balances, sound fiscal management and conservative budgeting.”

And, Texas will fully repay its current Tax Revenue Anticipation Note (\$5.4 billion borrowed last year to bridge budget gaps) on Aug. 31, the last day of the current fiscal year.

“People in Texas and across the country need to have confidence in the companies they depend on to insure their homes, health and property,” Paxton said. “Any company that overcharges and deceives its customers out of their hard-earned money must be held accountable and I’m pleased that Texas consumers will finally have closure in this case.”

Under the court order, a settlement administrator has been assigned to handle restitution to consumers. Notices about the settlement will be mailed within 60 days to people who may be eligible for a refund, according to the Office of the Attorney General.

**Sales tax revenue decreases**

Comptroller Hegar on July 8 said his office would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their July local sales tax allocations totaling \$609.8 million, an amount representing an increase of 1.2 percent compared to July 2014.

Hegar also said state sales tax revenue in June was \$2.2 billion, down 1.4

percent compared to June 2014.

“This slight decline was expected due to the slowdown in the oil and gas mining sector, and is in line with the biennial revenue estimate presented in January,” Hegar said. “Receipts from the construction, information, restaurant and services sectors continued to grow, however, which is a testament to Texas’ diverse and dynamic economy.”

This marks the first decline in state sales tax revenue following 62 consecutive months of growth.

**RRC offers toll-free number**

Texas Railroad Commission on July 6 publicized (844) 773-0305, its new toll-free telephone number for citizens to report emergencies to the oil and gas industry-regulating agency. In announcing the toll-free number, the agency also stressed the importance of calling 911 first in any emergency situation.

Commission staff are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week to answer emergency calls related to oil and gas exploration and production, intrastate pipelines and alternative fuels, including propane, said David Porter, chair of the commission.

“The new toll-free emergency line at the Commission is intended to provide additional support and make contact with our staff more streamlined and efficient, both during an event, and as part of any subsequent investigation,” Porter said.

Six steps to a good homecoming after vacation

- (NAPSI)—Having a relaxing summer getaway can, to some extent, be defined by how well you prepare your home before you leave town. To make sure your vacation isn’t dampened by emergencies at home, prioritize these six quick fixes that can easily save you money, energy and hassle to help ensure you come back to the same comfortable, clean house that you left.
1. Reach out to a friend: Before you depart, leave a key with someone you trust so he or she can check up on your house, water your plants or bring in the mail while you’re gone. If no one is available, put your mail on hold at the post office and temporarily stop subscriptions so material doesn’t pile up on the porch, proclaiming your absence.
  2. Seamlessly save on utilities: The average American household spends about \$2,500 on energy a year, yet approximately 30 percent of it is wasted, according to the experts at the International Association of Certified Home Inspectors. When your family is out of the house for a few days, there’s no reason to keep your air conditioner running at full speed. For every degree a thermostat is raised, homeowners save 2 to 3 percent on their electricity bill. Many smart thermostats even have the capability to detect when you’re away and adjust your home’s temperature accordingly. No matter the thermostat brand or manufacturer, the LG Dry Contact will communicate with your LG duct-free air conditioning system, so you can control simple thermostat functions to further increase energy savings.
  3. Refresh your fridge: If you’ll be gone for more than a few days, seize this opportunity to clean out your refrigerator. New, smart refrigerators allow you to set them in “vacation mode” to reduce energy consumption while you’re away. You’ll save on energy and come back to a nice clean fridge, ready for all that produce you bought at the farm stand on the way home. About a week before leaving for vacation, stop going on major grocery shopping trips; just purchase the essentials, such as milk and bread. Ask yourself, “Will I really eat this before the trip and will this still be good once we get back?”
  4. Vanquish the electricity vampires: Many electronic devices draw power even after they’re turned off. ENERGY STAR-certified TVs and monitors have very low standby modes, so they’re okay. Still, the average American household has dozens of these energy vampires. Unplugging mobile phone chargers and other devices before you go can save as much as 10 percent of your household energy use.
  5. Secure your home against intruders: According to statistics from the FBI, 61 percent of burglars use force to gain entry into a home. Before you leave, make sure all window and door locks are working properly, and notify your security company that you’ll be away. Remove any spare house keys you may have hidden around your property as well, so as not to risk entry by a stranger.
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THOUGHTS FROM  
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Uncommon Faith

By Dr. Mark Trice

It is an established fact that we can't please God without faith (Heb. 11:6); we see many instances where Jesus told people it was their own faith that had gained them answers to their prayers, and we know that the just shall live by faith (Heb. 10:38). With all of this in mind, let's take a look at what it takes to truly excel in your faith walk.

To move from common faith to uncommon faith you must...

1. Visualize your miracle. With the eyes of faith, look out and SEE what you are believing God for.
2. Get a Word from the Lord. Find a Scripture to stand on and STAND ON IT.
3. Learn to speak God's Word. Nothing happens in the Kingdom of God until the Word is spoken.
4. Never consider other

options, and never compromise. Few things can hinder your faith as quickly as making back-up plans or seeing compromise as an option.

5. Follow God's instructions. Do what He says, when He says, all He says, how He says.

6. Praise Him! NOW is the time to praise Him – praise Him for those things you cannot see!

7. Don't be afraid to go alone. Like David before Goliath and Peter on the water, you must have the courage to walk in faith when no one else is there to walk with you.

Now is the time for the church to move from glory to glory, and this movement takes faith. Let us all strive to move into that same type of uncommon faith that we see illustrated so clearly in what is known as The Hall of Fame of Faith in Hebrews 11.

We can, because with God all things are possible!

Garland Leroy Jones

Garland Leroy Jones, Sr., 77 of Cleveland, Texas, passed from this life on July 05, 2015.

Garland was born January 02, 1938 in Perryton, Texas to parents, James & Lenora Jones. Leroy served his country in the U.S. Navy and retired from Harris County Precinct 2 after 12 years, where he worked as a plumber. He was a member of the C.A. Fortner Masonic Lodge #1304 where he had served as a Worshipful Master and a 33rd Degree Mason.

He and his wife had lived and raised their family in the Cloverleaf area for 48 years before retiring to Cleveland where they have lived for almost 15 years. He loved spending time in Van Horn where he enjoyed bow hunting and fishing with family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents and by one sister, Patricia Jones, by grandson Joshua Von Kanel and daughter, Brenda Von Kanel. Leroy is lovingly survived by his



beloved wife of 56 years, Helen; by children, Karen Jackson, Leroy Jones, Jr., Jim Jones, and Jay Jones; by 7 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; as well as by numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and many friends.

Masonic Graveside Services were held at San Jacinto Memorial Park on Wednesday, July 8 at 11:30 a.m. under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

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BIBLE TRIVIA  
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Galatians in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Joshua 6, on the seventh day, how many times did the men of war march around Jericho? 1, 3, 5, 7
3. In His first recorded miracle, what did Jesus turn into wine? Goat's milk, Grape juice, Fig cider, Water
4. From 1 Chronicles,

what king was buried with his sons under an oak tree? Neco, Jehoash, Saul, Rezin

5. How many New Testament (KJV) books are named for a woman? 0, 1, 2, 3
6. In the story of creation, what did God call the darkness? Blackness, Night, Fourscore, Trinity

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) 7; 3) Water; 4) Saul; 5) 0; 6) Night

Wilson Casey's "Bedlam on the W. Virginia Rails," a firsthand true account of America's last moving train robber, is available from HistoryPress.net.

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OBITUARIES

Robert Bruce Damuth

Robert Bruce Damuth, Sr., 88, of Houston, Texas, passed from this life July 1, 2015.

Bruce was born March 23, 1927 in Archer City, Texas to parents, Willis Ray & Nettie Irene Damuth. He served his country during World War II in the U.S. Army and retired from Armco Steel 1984 where he worked as a heavy equipment operator.

He is preceded in death by his parents, by sister, Joyce Faye Slovak; by wife of 55 years, Myrtle Damuth in 2005 and by son, Robert Bruce, Jr. in 2012. He is survived by children, Barbara Damuth, Lowell Stanley Damuth and Melody Wells & husband, Mark and by daughter-in-law, Jane Damuth; by grandchildren, Ricky Damuth, Donald Damuth, Karen Wells and Andrew Wells; by great-grandchildren, Reagan Alexander Damuth, Sonoma Ryan Damuth, Jackson Graham Damuth, Piper Leigh Damuth, Marin Shay Damuth; and by his sisters, Virginia Jones and Nettie Mae McCaskill and stepbrother, Carl Madeley.




Friends were welcome to join the family for visitation from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday, July 6, 2015 at Carter Funeral Home.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at Channelview Church of Christ, 1301 Sheldon Rd., Channelview, Texas. Graveside services will follow at 3:00 p.m. at Oaklawn Cemetery in Somerville, Texas under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

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Canst thou draw out leviathan with an hook? or his tongue with a cord which thou lettest down? Canst thou put an hook into his nose... canst thou fill his skin with barbed irons? or his head with fish spears?... He maketh the deep to boil like a pot... he maketh a path to shine after him; one would think the deep to be hoary. Upon earth there is not his like, who is made without fear. Job 41: 1, 2, 7, 31, 32, 33



Detail of engraving from The Book of Job (1826) by William Blake

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LITTLE BIDDY BITS  
By Danny Biddy

Precious Moments

A four year old boy, named Chase came to the office one day with his grandmother. He walked toward the church secretary and asked, "Where is Brother Danny?"

"He is in his office," she responded, and right on in he came.

He said, "I'm here to help you." I sat him in my lap. We looked at the computer, talked a bit, and then he said he was tired and needed to go.

Later in the week he stopped by again. This time his brother was following. He raised up his brother's shirt and showed me a place on his back he had hurt while playing. I sat them in my lap, had a prayer, and they were off. Money could not buy the precious memory those moments were.

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me...for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

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elderly and revere your God.  
Leviticus 19:32



COMMUNITY NEWS

Pilgrimage, finding America in Texas

By Lewis Spearman

Looking out on the same scenes becomes stagnant and disturbing, sometimes we must go where we have never been to find what lies within.

Pilgrimages are common to all of the religions of the world, be they Abrahamic, Jewish, Christian and Muslim or Baha'i, Taoist or Buddhist. All the great spiritual leaders make journey to some shrine to find what lies there to discover.

Christians know of Jesus' 40 days in the Wilderness from the book of Matthew, where he was tempted and overcame. The Israelites in exile, in Exodus, the Biblical wilderness is a place of danger, temptation and chaos, it is also a place for solitude, nourishment, and revelation from God. These themes emerge again in Jesus' journey into the wilderness.

Substantially less of spiritual entity, a reporter took off for Amarillo, Texas in the heart of the Panhandle to find how quirky, thus individualist is America in a time when most Mom and Pop stores and other businesses have been taken over by franchises and conglomerates. So, two for the road with the knowledge that one's company would be laying off over 6,000 employees, we leave for points north.

In route with a full tank of gas our first stop ended up in Dublin, Texas. In 1885, in Waco, Texas Charles Alderton, a pharmacist invented a carbonated drink, called by customers at that time a "Waco." In 1891 a pharmacy owner named Morrison and new partner Robert Lazenby organized the Artesian Manufacturing and Bottling Company in order to sell Dr Pepper as well as other soft drinks.

That same year, while visiting Waco, a Texas businessman by the name of Sam Houston Prim tasted the fountain drink and knew he wanted to sell it through his new Dublin Bottling Works company. An agreement was made between Mr. Prim and Mr. Lazenby, and Dublin became home to the first facility to actually bottle Dr Pepper.

About a century later, three New York-area health food store owners created a unique apple soda they



Quirky stores on Route 66 include the artists' haven the 806 Coffee Shop.



A retrospective of the oldest bottling company in Texas that sells Black Cherry Cola today and a variety of others.

named Snapple. They began selling the original Snapple in health clubs in 1973. The Unadulterated Food Corporation, later becoming Snapple Beverage Corp. Cadbury Schweppes was formed in 1969 with the merger of Cadbury and Schweppes, and over the ensuing three decades the company amassed the third largest share of the North American beverage market through a series of strategic acquisitions. In 1995, Cadbury Schweppes purchased Dr Pepper/Seven Up, Inc. The acquisition brought Dr Pepper and 7UP, along with IBC Root Beer and the Welch's soft drink line, into the Cadbury Schweppes family. They tell me in Dublin they can no longer associate themselves with Dr Pepper.

On to Abilene, we encountered what became a common sight throughout the South but without mention in the national press. A protest drive, featuring folks with the Battle Flag of The Confederacy and Old Glory flying from the back of pickups and cars on the day the



Attention grabber in Dublin, a New York City company bought the Texas beverage.

South Carolina Governor ordered the Battle Flag lowered from the State Capital. It caused us wonder since, having seen these through-out the state in not so numerous a number how these protests had gone unreported. Few other protests had met the same silence that week.

Seems someone needed a press agent before anyone would take notice.

It was not hard to discern that not everything being reported encapsulated what was going on around, an interest to reporters.

Then north on Highway 6 is a broken road, no explanation is posted but a sign says, "Rough Road Ahead." Some six miles of bone jarring travel was meet and thankfully, few southbound travellers to encounter. Texas has some wonderfully designed roads, sections are out of science fiction pictures but the rough road makes for character, wonder and slower speeds.

The words of Jack Kerouac came to me then, "My fault, my failure is not in passions I have but my lack of control of them." and "I had nothing to offer anyone except my own confusion."

A giant amount of work

had been done on this journey by folks that had gone before me. I was lead to Palo Duro Canyon to behold the second largest hole in the ground in America.

Palo Duro Canyon State Scenic Park covers 16,402 acres of scenic geological strata and formations that have yielded artifacts from the earliest stages of life on Earth.

In March 1933, President F. D. Roosevelt authorized four Civilian Conservation Corps camps of about 200 men each to work in the canyon for a period of five months. The park acreage was increased to its present size to better accommodate the CCC crews, who built El Coronado Lodge and six other cabins of native stone. In addition, the CCC added a water system, several bridges and concrete river crossings, and various improvements in roadways and trails. A large stone reservoir, built at the park's north end and named for James O. Guleke, who suggested the name Goodnight Memorial Trail for the park road, was of short duration. The federal government and National Park Service spent about \$2 million on CCC construction. The CCC camps remained until December 1937."

It rained everyday we were in the desert and smoke poured in from Canada from flames that started in Oregon.

Looking out on the reds and greens so familiar for Western film fans, one feels a connection to those that farmed the rugged soil for thousands of years in a rough and unyielding climate without accommodations.

One has to feel some of the emotions Paul Bunyan wrote of in Pilgrim's Progress regarding enlightenment and pitfalls. Or again as Kerouac wrote, "My witness is the open sky."

Learning that my own openness was merely a boundary issue that I had to learn to wrangle before it led me to fatal error, I encountered Route 66, the Mother Road, the Trail of the Okies to California during the Depression, it is smothered on the backside of bustling Amarillo. "Accept loss forever," old Jack had warned.

Gallery Furniture's new store,

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Jim McIngvale with two daughters, Elizabeth at left, and Laura at right, welcome guests at the grand opening and explain the Green Living Wall behind them.



The Atrium includes birds, Koi fish, monkeys, and a variety of plants in a skylit environment with the Green Living Wall at one end.



One of many entertaining exhibits in the building is the 30,000 gallon fish tank, with live sharks.

also to buffer the loss caused by an arson fire at his first location.

In keeping with that original vision of serving the public, "Mattress Mack" as McIngvale styles himself, saw a need to move closer to new residential areas building up to the west of Houston, and he planned a large new store on Highway 99 Grand Parkway. On July 1st, McIngvale opened its third store to the public, and to the media. This large store, with 165,000 square feet, is a retail experience that is unique in character and what is included in the building.

Of course, there is a large inventory of Made in America furniture, but also an exclusive William Stubbs Collection, designed by acclaimed designer Bill Stubbs, one of Architectural Digest's top designers.

To further Mack's philosophy of capitalism with a cause, one of the main beneficiaries of this store is The Brookwood Community, a non-profit residential facility and vocational program for adults with disabilities. The McIngvales have donated an entire section of the store to the Brookwood citizens, to sell their personally crafted products.

The store also provides customers with a unique and entertaining shopping

experience, through featured amenities including:

- An Atrium of 20,000 square feet, with monkeys, birds, ever changing floral settings initially designed and installed by world renowned floral designer Jeff Leatham, and the largest indoor living wall in Texas with more than 11,000 plants.
- A salt-water aquarium of 30,000 gallons, featuring a variety of fish, including blacktip and zebra sharks.
- A full-service high-end restaurant, bar and bake shop, the Brick & Mortar Kitchen, with a separate entrance and outdoor seating. This restaurant is run by his daughter Laura and her husband Phillip Brown, with Eric Johnson from their Austin location as the Executive Chef.

One of the features of the Atrium space is a "Living Green Wall, a four and a half story high planted vertical wall, designed by GSky Director of Horticultural Design Deborah Kotalic. Kotalic worked with floral designer Jeff Leatham on the wall, part of the Atrium space that he was responsible for.

When asked at the opening why he built a third store, Mack answered "to better serve our customers, and to create jobs for more people."

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# Houston Symphony presents annual 4th of July Concert at Miller Outdoor Theater

By Gilbert Hoffman

HOUSTON – On a balmy night last Saturday, the Houston Symphony performed their annual 4th of July Salute at the Miller Outdoor Theater, to a large and appreciative crowd.

The concert was entitled “Star-Spangled Salute” and featured American traditional folk, Broadway, and Patriotic songs.

The orchestra sounded as good as this reviewer has ever heard, under the direction of Pops Conductor Steven Reineke.

Guest performers



4th OF JULY, celebrated at Miller Outdoor Theater.

NORTH CHANNEL STAR PHOTO

for the evening included vocalist Christopher Johnstone, well-known New York artist singing songs from *Man of La Mancha*, *South Pacific*, and *Les Miserables*.

In contrast, Texans football player and oft emcee and TV personality Chester Pitts narrated the iconic poem *Casey at the Bat* written by conductor Reineke.

The evening included the traditional songs, Sousa’s The National Game and John Williams Liberty Fanfare, saluting all the Armed Forces.

And of course, the Finale was a spectacular 20 minute fireworks display and the 1812 Overture, complete with cannon.



POPS Conductor Steven Reineke with the Symphony.



Chester Pitts narrated Casey at the Bat.

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**Harris County v. Waste Management of Texas, Inc.**, No. 2011-76724-A (295th Dist. Ct., Harris County, Tex. \_\_\_\_ 2014), and deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund, the amount of that recovered money that is deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund, but not to exceed \$10 million, is appropriated from that fund

to the Parks and Wildlife Department for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of transferring the money to Harris County. Funds may be transferred to Harris County under this section only in accordance with an agreement between the Parks and Wildlife Department and Harris County for use along the San Jacinto Riv-

er and in its watershed to mitigate the effects of environmental contamination and the effects of that contamination on natural resources and the public use of natural resources. Funds transferred under this section may be used only for one or more of the following:

1. dissemination of information pertaining to marine life, wild animal

life, wildlife values, and wildlife management;

2. scientific investigation and survey of marine life for the better protection and conservation of marine life;

3. propagation and distribution of marine life, game animals, and wild birds;

4. protection of wild birds, fish, and game;

5. research, manage-

ment, and protection of the fish and wildlife resources of this state;

6. expansion and development of additional opportunities of hunting and fishing in state-owned land and water;

7. purchase, construction, and maintenance of boat ramp on or near public waters; and

8. resource protection activities.

Inquiries that the *North Channel Star* newspaper have made to the TDPW and to Precinct 2 of Harris County have indicated that to date, no definitive list of projects has been generated or decided upon to make use of this money.

# Jim... What is the birthstone for July?



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# Man found shot to death inside truck

Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of a man at 13326 Joliet about 4:50 a.m. on July 10.

HPD patrol officers responded to a person down call. When officers arrived they found the victim, Craig

Anthony Coleman, 35, of Houston, unresponsive and sitting in the driver’s seat of a pickup truck parked in the driveway of the residence.

HFD paramedics arrived and pronounced Coleman deceased.

At this time, there are no known witnesses nor suspects.

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

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