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CHANNEL CHATTER

BUILDING A BRIDGE OF TRUST TOWN HALL

The town hall meeting will take place at St. Matthews Baptist Church, 119 Fidelity Street, Houston, TX. 77029 on Thursday, July 30, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Open to the public, including Clinton Park, Clinton View, Fidelity, Galena Manor and Pleasantville and anyone from East Harris County. Officials and guest speakers are invited. Voice phone: 832-819-2990.

HIRING FAIR

•August 5, 9 am - 2:30 pm. Workforce Solutions. 4308 Garth Road, Suite C, Baytown, TX. 77521.

On-site interviews will be conducted, and job offers will be made, at this hiring fair. Apply in person. For more information, please call Donna Sonnenburg at 713-393-5836. See ad on page 6 for more details.

NORTH CHANNEL AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Luncheon

FRIDAY - AUGUST 7, 2015 at San Jacinto Town Center, 1025 Oats Rd. @ Challenger Seven Drive, Jacinto City, TX. 77029, 11:30 a.m.

SPEAKER: State Rep. Ana Hernandez. RSVP to 713-450-3600.

BUCKLES & BIRDIES CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Houston Metro Go Texan Committee Jacinto City/ Galena Park presents the BUCKLES & BIRDIES CLASSIC on Friday August 7, 2015 at Newport Golf Club, 16401 Country Club Drive, Crosby, TX. 77532.

Please help support this great cause! \$207,000 was awarded to 2013-2014 Galena Park ISD High School Graduates.

The NCA Chamber of Commerce is participating in the golf tournament.

If you would like more information or would like to register a team, please contact Paul Drexlet at 281-850-5484. Register or donate on line at www.eventbrite.com.

Cruz Hinojosa appointed new GP Councilman

GALENA PARK – At a special called Council Meeting last Monday, the City Commission or Council acted to fill the empty seat of Council Position #2, Fire and Police Commissioner.

This had been vacated on July 21 when Councilwoman Lois Killough resigned, blaming the Mayor for creating a circus atmosphere at council meetings, and refusing to run a legal council meeting as prescribed by law and training.

At Monday's special meeting, each council person and the mayor nominated a candidate. Moya nominated Taggy Hall, Mariela Serna nominated Carol Thompson, and Danny Simms and Juan



CRUZ HINOJOSA is president of the local Lulac chapter, and now will be sworn in as the new Councilman for the City of Galena Park, replacing Lois Killough who resigned last week as a protest to the way Mayor Moya conducted meetings and tried to run the city. Hinojosa was a candidate for Mayor in the May 2014 election, as seen in this photo from the Candidates Forum.

Flores nominated Cruz Hinojosa. Then a vote was called. Only the commissioners voted, and Hinojosa received all three votes. Therefore he will assume the open council seat until the next election, in May 2016.

Cruz Hinojosa was one of four candidates for Mayor in the election of May 2014. He said at the Candidates Forum that he had worked in city government for 23 years, in the water department of the City of Houston. He also was a Houston Police supervisor. Hinojosa is active in the Hispanic community, having helped found Lulac, the political action group for Latinos. He said the local chapter has been active in funding scholarships, to

the amount of \$6000.

He has been active also in government related functions, such as seminars with Smart Growth U.S. His position as a mayoral candidate included improving the air quality by using federal money and initiatives, working with the Port Authority more closely, improving traffic flow, and reducing truck traffic and dirt on Clinton Drive.

His platform also called for attracting new commercial development such as a major grocery store, and using Rotary and CIP to connect with industry for improvements.

Other points he made included making the GP

See HINOJOSA, page 8

GP/JC Rotary installs presidents - not 1, but 4

GALENA PARK – In a somewhat different procedure, the GP/JC Rotary Club installed not one but four new presidents for the coming year in a ceremony last Wednesday, July 15th. Installing officer was Derrill Painter, Rotary 5890 Assistant District Governor. Also on hand were ADG Bill Palko, and Governor-Elect Eric Liu.

The unusual 4-person presidency was occasioned by the last minute inability of the president-elect, Paula Henney, to take office for personal reasons. The board of the Rotary club decided to ask four past presidents, who were familiar with the training and responsibilities of the office, to each take 3 month terms for the coming year.

This arrangement promises to add variety and freshness to the coming year, according to outgoing president Maria Rodriguez.



OUTGOING PRESIDENT Maria Rodriguez welcomes 3 of the 4 new presidents: Ernesto Paredes, Abby (Ibrahim Abou-Awdi), and Ramon Garza. Not able to attend was James Beesley, out of town. SEE MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 3.



ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR honors went to Joshua Moreno, receiving the Glass Award from Maria Rodriguez. This award is voted on by the membership, and signifies outstanding work on behalf of the club.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Tax free weekend August 7, 8, 9

This year's Sales Tax Holiday is Aug. 7 - 9. As in previous year, the law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend.

Subject to some criteria, all sales of qualifying items made during the holiday period qualify for the exemption, including items sold online, or by telephone or mail. Lay-away plans can be used again this year to take advantage of the sales tax holiday.

The dates for the sales tax holiday are set by the Legislature.



What items are exempt and what are taxable? It gets a little complicated. For example, some sports gear like golf cleats and track shoes are taxable, but tennis shoes and swimsuits are exempt. Headbands and helmets are taxable, but baseball caps are exempt.

Backpacks

See TAX-FREE, page 6

COMMUNITY PROFILE:

North Shore graduate Santillana serving the Nation



Petty Officer 3rd Class Hector Santillana. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jamie Hawkins/Released.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Hector Santillana, a hospital corpsman and a 2012 North Shore Senior High School graduate and Houston native, is a full time support Navy Reservist serving with Navy Operational Support Center Kitsap in Bremerton, Washington in the U.S. Navy, which protects and defends America on the world's oceans. The Navy Reserve is celebrating its Centennial anniversary. Congress authorized the establishment of the Federal Naval Reserve on March 3, 1915.

Initially, the only Sailors eligible to enroll were enlisted Navy veterans. On Aug. 29, 1916, with the prospect of America's entry into World War I looming, the Navy Reserve reorganized to allow the enrollment of non-veterans and designated as the U.S. Naval Reserve Force. Since Sept. 11, 2001, there have been more than 70,000 Selected Reserve mobilizations, along with an additional 4,500 deployments by Full Time Support Sailors, including more than 8,000 who have done a second combat tour. Since its establishment in 1915, there have been five U.S. presidents who have served in the Navy Reserve.

CITY GOVERNMENT

A Clean Sweep for Galena Park streets



GALENA PARK has invested in a new Street Sweeper, to clean the streets and parking lots of the community, and improve the air quality in the environment as well as the appearance of the city, according to City Manager Robert Pruett. The TYMCO 435 Regenerative Air Sweeper is a "state-of-the-art" machine made in Waco, Texas. It uses an air blower to dislodge debris, and brushes and a vacuum to remove litter such as leaves, dirt, sand and rocks. This system cuts down on the amount of water that must be sprayed to control dust in the air, according to TYMCO. The machine is now in service, as shown with operators Terry Bullock and Jay Jones, and under the supervision of Public Works Director David Binning. Galena Park is using a lease/purchase arrangement to buy the machine, which costs about \$130,000. Pruett noted that it will pay for itself by replacing a lot of manual labor that was required previously for cleaning and sweeping.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Crosby man charged for Dayton robbery

DAYTON —Calhoun’s Country Store was waiting on communicating customers early Sunday, July 19 when they reported a man having robbed them at gunpoint to the Dayton P.D.

An 8:00 a.m. call told dispatchers that a man had put some items at the register but then produced a pistol and demanded all the register cash. The call described the man as pointing a gun at the store owner that he had pulled from a concealed location in his waistband.

The man was said to have run out of the store then get into an argument with the driver of the vehicle in which he had arrived.

Meanwhile, the store owner got his own firearm and went outside to have another confrontation. The

shop keeper pointed his weapon at the suspect and demanded that he drop his weapon.

Instead, the man then dropped the money bag and scrambled behind the store inside the 6600 block of SH321.

A short search by Dayton P.D., Liberty County Sheriff’s Department, Texas Department of Public Safety and Texas Department of Criminal Justice bloodhounds netted a Crosby man.

Trooper Chris McCarty of Texas D.P. S. found the suspect.

Rhett Christopher Mason, 19, is suspected of aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon. He was confined in Liberty County Jail.

Crosby woman dies in single car accident

CROSBY – According to reports from the Sheriff’s office, an early morning single vehicle accident on Wednesday in Crosby killed one woman after she lost control of her vehicle.

The victim identified as Marlene Hawkinson was driving a 2004 Nissan 350Z traveling north in the 19500 block of Dallas Road in Crosby Texas at approximately 5:09 a.m.

Hawkinson’s vehicle left the roadway and her right side tires went onto the

grass on the east side of the roadway, according to a report provided by the Harris County Sheriff’s Office.

She then over corrected back onto the roadway and crossed over into the southbound lane of Dallas Road where she then exited the roadway into the grass on the west side of the roadway and struck a tree.

Hawkinson died at the scene due to injuries sustained during the crash.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May Community Center events

Quilting: Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. Take this opportunity to quilt, share ideas, and enjoy the fellowship of other quilters. Quilters of all experience levels can attend these sessions.

Dominoes and More Dominoes!: Wednesdays at 1 p.m. Enjoy a friendly game of dominoes and meet players with similar interest.

May Community Center is located at 2100 Wolf Road, Huffman 77336. For more information regarding classes or other Center programs please call (713) 274-2434.

Crosby Community Center's programs

Sit and Sew: Mondays at 9 a.m. Take this opportunity to quilt, share ideas, and enjoy the fellowship of other quilters. Create donation quilts for local needs.

Yoga: Mondays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Certified instructor Cindy Roberts teaches yoga at the Center.

Beginning Line Dancing: Mondays at 10:45 a.m. These volunteer-led classes teach the basic steps of country-and-western line dancing.

Oil Painting: Fridays at 12 p.m. Professional artist and instructor Anne Vandagriff teaches composition, design, color and contrast using a variety of subject matter.

Quilting: Fridays, July 10 and 17 at 12:30 p.m. Take this opportunity to quilt, share ideas, and enjoy the fellowship of other quilters. Quilters of all experience levels can attend these sessions.

Senior Pinochle: Tuesdays at 1 p.m. Players score points by trick-taking and also by forming combinations of cards.

Yoga: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m. Certified instructor Cindy Roberts teaches yoga at the Center.

Mainstream and Plus Square Dancing: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Volunteers Debbie and Brice Hesche instruct the intermediate and advanced square dancing.

Decorative Painting With Cindy: Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Master decorative artist Cindy Forsythe teaches the art of decorative painting.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings: Wednesdays at 10 a.m. TOPS provides weekly educational and nutritional facts necessary to control weight.

Crosby Ladies and Lords Chorus: Wednesdays at 11 a.m. Enjoy singing your heart out at the Center and performing at area community events.

Crosby Community Center is located at 409 Hare Road, Crosby 77532. For more information regarding classes or other Center programs, please call (281) 462-0543.

Crosby Band ranks at State, Makes History!

The Crosby High School Symphonic Band has ranked at the State level of the TMEA 5A Honor Band Contest! After advancing from Region, their recordings took first place at Area to advance to State. Only Crosby and Nederland advanced. Port Neches-Groves, Barbers Hill and three others at Area did not advance. At state, Crosby took 11th out of 16. Our Cougar Band ranked above the powerhouse bands from Roma (12), McKinney North (13), McCallum (14), Ridge Point (15) and Nederland (16). Crosby has not advanced past Region since 1966 when the district was 3A. Congratulations to Kevin Knight and the Crosby High School Symphonic Band!



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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God's Blessings.
Mrs. Gladys Schilhab,
Channelview

Summer Meals For Kids

Summer meals for kids 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 281-458-0799 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

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

AUGUST Galena Park Library events

-Friday, July 30, 3 pm, movie.
-Monday, August 3, 3 pm, Teen Time-Superhero Fusion Fun.
-Wednesday, August 5, 10:15 am, Computación Básica; 11 am, Children's Story Time; 1:30 pm, Computer Basics.
-Thursday, August 6, 11 am, Baby Time; 3 pm, Boom Puff Art.
-Friday, August 7, 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.

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.

2nd THURSDAY North Shore Senior Dance

North Shore Seniors will hold a Hawaiian Dance Thursday, August 13 from 1 - 4 pm at Grayson/Baldree Bldg., Corpus Christ. Live band and refreshments only \$ 5/pp for more information call 713-455-3660.

10th ANNIVERSARY

Join Representative Ana Hernandez in celebrating her 10 year anniversary of working for the people of District 143. Thursday, September 3, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Cadillac Bar, 1802 Shepherd, Houston, TX. 77007.

SHELDON ISD: Coach Price featured in 'Texas Coach Magazine'

A coach from Sheldon ISD is featured in the August 2015 issue of "Texas Coach Magazine."

Don Price is the head football coach for the C. E. King High School Panthers. His career spans decades, starting back in 1974 at Levi Fry Junior High in Texas City, TX. He came to Sheldon ISD in 2012 and has been coaching the Panthers to victories ever since.

Price has inspired many throughout the years, including the author of the article, Keith Grady. The piece, titled "Don Price and My Coaches," recounts what Grady learned from Price and the other coaches while playing football in Hawkins, TX from 1981-1984.

"We are blessed to have Coach Price working for us. He continues to mold young boys into men," said Jim Twardowski, Director of Athletics and Physical Education. "He is also shaping the next generation of coaches who will continue teaching the things he teaches."

You can read the full article in the August 2015 issue of Texas Coach Magazine.



Coach Don Price

Galena Park/Jacinto City Rotary Club Installation



Assistant District 5890 Governor Derrill Painter, left, installs the new board and officers of the GP/JC Rotary Club. Pictured: Ernesto Parades, I. A. Awdi - "Abby", Ramon Garza, Olivia Parades, Carol Thompson, and Joshua Moreno.



Ramon Garza, center, was honored by the club for his donations to help eliminate polio worldwide. Presenters were Maria Rodriguez and Bill Palko.



The club honored Dr. Alan Lambert for his 60 years of perfect attendance. We apologize for an incorrect headline in last week's Star.



With the help of 5890 First Lady-elect Sandy Liu, Outgoing president Maria Rodriguez thanked all the club members that helped make her term of office a success.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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 North-

ern 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.

Rep. Hernandez comments on the 50th Anniversary of Medicare and Medicaid

AUSTIN, TX-Thursday, July 30, will mark the 50th anniversary of the signing of both Medicare and Medicaid into law by Texas-born President Lyndon Johnson.

"Medicare and Medicaid form part of the bedrock of the American Dream," Hernandez said. "Medicare delivers on the promise that hard-working Americans deserve security in their golden years, while Medicaid keeps young, growing families healthy

and strong."

"Economic health is tied to personal health. Healthy young adults are the backbone of our workforce and key to our competitiveness in the global market. By repeatedly turning down a \$100 billion federal investment in Medicaid expansion, the Governor risks Texas falling behind other economies that make cost-effective healthcare available to all workers."



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TWO CENTS WORTH

By Charlie A. Farrar



Time for fall crops

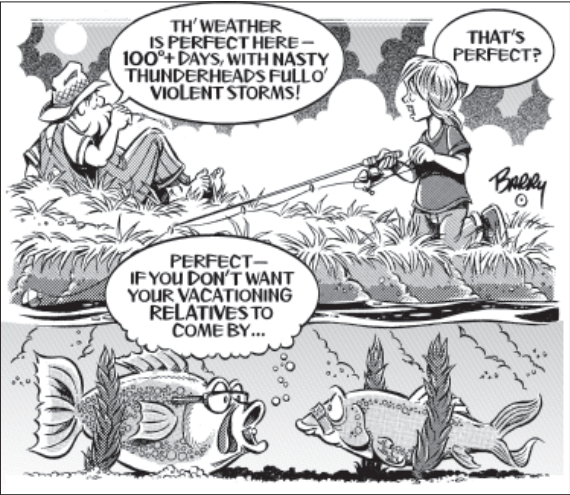
Believe it or not in all this heat it is time for fall crops and our little garden out back is in the running. Nothing but leftover tomato plants from the spring crop. The bottom leaves are gone but lots of green on top with some blooms and with an occasional early morning drink hopefully they will make. There are several bags of mulch around the roots with should help hold moisture. The chili pequin plants are coming on, at least one is loaded with the little fiery balls.

We took a road trip to the Carolinas in June making our usual pit stops down the road. Went through Atlanta in record time as it was an early Sunday morning and a piece of cake it was, not one delay or slow down. Then we took Sherman's route out I-20 making 3 pit stops on way to Columbia, South Carolina: one for petrol, Bojangles for some grits the Mrs. needed for breakfast to keep the peace and peaches in South Carolina @ exit 44. South Carolina peaches are as good as or better than Georgia peaches one has always heard. Too bad Blue Bell is out of season during peach season.

It's a sight to go to a grocery store in that part of the country. One would think prices would be a lot better than in Texas but NOT! Back when there was Blue Bell it was higher there than at Kroger here in Texas. One could not afford to eat steak as it starts at ten bucks. Produce too, good grief at the high prices. Thank God for Texas prices.

Thought I'd never see the day but old brother-in-law is losing his mind as Alzheimer's has knocked on his door and entered. Be watching a game and ask who is winning or what's the score and get a, "I don't know reply". Hate to see what the future will bring for the family but it will not be a pretty sight. Even heard Alzheimer patients forget to chew or forget to eat...

While in Georgia we tried to take my 92 year old aunt to dinner one of two nights as is usual when we hit town. She had to decline saying she had dates both nights. She busted her pelvic bone months ago and uses a walker. Betcha they don't go dancing even if there was someplace to go, but she's still out there at her age.



Governor says family of woman who died in custody deserves answers

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on July 22 issued a statement regarding the arrest and death of Sandra Bland, a 28-year-old Illinois resident who had driven to Hempstead in response to a job offer from Prairie View A&M University.

On July 10, Bland was pulled over by a state trooper, arrested and placed in the Waller County jail in Hempstead. Three days later Bland was found dead in her jail cell. Local authorities conducted an autopsy and reported suicide as the cause of death. Bland's family ordered an independent autopsy.

"Our hearts and prayers remain with the Bland family for their tragic loss. The family deserves answers. The Texas Rangers, working in coordination with the FBI, will conduct a full and thorough investigation that will deliver those answers and work toward the ultimate goal of ensuring justice in this case," Abbott wrote.

On July 21, Texas Department of Public Safety officials briefed state leaders on the investigation. "DPS has been working closely with the family of Ms. Bland during this investigation and the department extends our sincere condolences for their tragic loss," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "It is important that her family has confidence in the efficacy of this investigation, which is why the Waller County Sheriff's Office and District Attorney originally requested investigative assistance from the Texas Rangers; and it's also why DPS requested the FBI assist in this investigation."

The DPS posted on its website the state trooper's dash camera video from the traffic stop. Also, video footage showing activity in the jail at the time of the discovery of the body was widely broadcast.

Court dismisses coercion charge

Texas' 3rd Court of Appeals on July 24 dismissed one count of a two-count felony indictment handed down in August 2014 by a Travis County grand jury against Rick Perry for actions he took as governor in 2013.

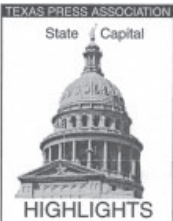
The court threw out the count of official coercion against Perry for demanding the resignation of the head of the state's Public Integrity Unit, Travis County District Attorney Rosemary Lehmberg, in the spring of 2013 after she was arrested and jailed for drunken driving. Lehmberg apologized for her actions but refused to resign. Perry then vetoed the unit's \$7.5 million in state funding.

Texans for Public Justice, an Austin-based government watchdog organization, filed the original criminal complaints against Perry. The other count, alleging abuse of power, remains pending

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling



and could be set for a court date later this year.

Ag chief opposes rule change

A rule change made by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service in late June lifted a ban on the importation of beef from Northern Argentina and 14 of Brazil's 27 states.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller recently spoke out against the federal agency's action because, he said, those areas have a known history of foot-and-mouth disease.

"The U.S. has not suffered from a case of foot-and-mouth disease since 1929, in part because of our nation's bans against animal and meat imports from countries dealing with the disease," Miller stated in a July 21 news release.

Unemployment rate decreases

Texas Workforce Commission on July 17 announced Texas marked its third straight month of seasonally adjusted job growth with the addition of 16,700 nonagricultural jobs in June.

And, the state has added jobs in 56 of the last 57 months, including a total of 53,600 positions in the first half of 2015. Over the year, Texas has seen an increase of 269,900 jobs.

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.2 percent in June, down from 4.3 percent in May, the lowest rate of unemployment for the state since July 2007, according to the agency.

Rep. Babin votes to crack down on Sanctuary Cities

Washington, DC – U.S. Representative Brian Babin (TX-36) voted today to pass the Enforce the Law for Sanctuary Cities Act (H.R. 3009), legislation he has cosponsored to cut off federal funding for sanctuary cities, which purposefully ignore federal immigration laws and threaten the safety of our communities.

"The tragic killing of Kathryn Steinle at the hands of a five-time deported criminal illegal alien in San Francisco



should have never happened. Sadly, this has become too common as the federal government and cities across America refuse to enforce our immigration laws," said Rep. Babin. "I am pleased that the House has taken action today to restrict federal funding for sanctuary cities and other localities that ignore the letter of the law and allow criminal aliens to roam free. This vote sends a clear message that these irresponsible and dangerous policies will not be tolerated. While this is an important first step, more must be done to restore the rule of law and ensure the safety and security of the American people from illegal criminal aliens."

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Carl M. Leatherwood

Carl M. Leatherwood 86, of Crosby, Texas went to be with the Lord on July 26, 2015. Carl was born on July 17, 1929 in Lamesa, Texas to Thomas and Myrtle Leatherwood.

Carl worked as a millwright for Armco Steel and after he retired he enjoyed fishing, hunting, wood-working, being outdoors, playing 42, going to church and most of all spending time with his family and friends. Carl was kind and helpful man who will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Tommie Leatherwood; sisters, Viola Ferrell and Iris Hunter.

Carl is survived by his loving wife, Jean Leatherwood; sons, Lonnie Leatherwood and wife Karen, Darrell Leatherwood and wife Janet, Walter Leatherwood and wife Becky; daughter, Pamela Johnson and husband Ronnie; grandchildren, Troy Leatherwood and fiancé Renee, Brandon Leatherwood and wife Jackie, Kristy McCrary and husband Justin, Aaron Leatherwood and wife Connie, Kenny Johnson and wife Kelly, Keith Johnson and wife Brandilyn, Krystal Johnson, Katie Leatherwood, Paige Leatherwood; great grandchildren, Lonnie Cabe Leatherwood and wife Megan, Hayden Leatherwood, Sarah



Leatherwood, Sean Leatherwood, Logan McCrary, Carter McCrary; sister, Margaret Ferguson and husband Bill; brother, OW and wife Juanita; sister, Janet Ellingson; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A visitation for family and friends will be held on Wednesday, July 29, 2015 from 5-8pm at Sterling-White. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, July 30, 2015 10am at First Baptist Church in Crosby, Texas with burial following at Sterling-White Cemetery in Highlands, Texas. Services have been entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, Texas 77562.

To send the family condolences please visit www.sterlingwhite.co

Sterling White Funeral Home & Cemetery 281-426-3555

Robert Lee Frazier, Jr.

Robert Lee Frazier, Jr., 51, of Channelview, Texas, passed away Thursday, July 23, 2015, surrounded by his family in Houston, Texas.

Robert was born February 16, 1964 in Jacinto City, Texas. He loved fishing and had a great imagination. Robert enjoyed telling big stories of the fish he caught and other adventures he found himself in. He also enjoyed cooking and spending time with his family.

He is preceded in death by his father, Robert L. Frazier, Sr.; grandparents, Melvin and Margie Miller of Palestine, Texas, Edith and James Herrington of Channelview, Texas; as his companion, Lydia.

Robert is lovingly survived by his parents, Gary and Cornelia Herrington of Channelview, Texas; children, Crystal Frazier Pilcher and husband Aaron, Ashley Frazier Muir and husband Tim, Brandi Frazier, Christian Frazier; grandchildren, Cadence Pilcher, Corbin Pilcher, Logan Muir, Mackenzie Muir, Luke Muir, Dustin Frazier; sisters and brother, Lisa (Sissy) Frazier Gilbert, Cary Herrington Lyons and her husband Wasey, Daniel Herrington; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, family members and friends. Friends joined the family Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. for visitation prior to the funeral service which began at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel of Carter Funeral Home.



Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, 2015 at Tennessee Colony Cemetery, near Palestine, Texas, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, a benefit account has been established at Austin Bank in Palestine, Texas.

Carter Funeral Home 13701 Corpus Christi St. Houston, Texas 77015 713-455-5100 www.CarterFuneral-Houston.com

Linda Ruth Sheffield

Linda Ruth Sheffield, 78, of Channelview, Texas, went home to be with her Lord on July 22, 2015. She was born February 07, 1937 in Angelina County, Texas to parents, Linwood & Ruth Aileen Forrest. She married H. Donald Sheffield on December 15, 1956 and had retired from Gordon Jewelry after 18 years.

She is preceded in death by her parents and is lovingly survived by her husband of 58 years, Don Sheffield; son, Robert Sheffield & wife, Tina; daughters, Donna Bilger & husband, Alan and Marjorie Adams & husband, Dennie; by 8 grandchildren, Jeremiah Fox, Chelsie Bilger, Chris Arellano, Daniel Arellano, Dalton Sheffield, Brandon Sheffield, Brittany Sheffield, and Ainsley Sheffield; by 3 great-grandchildren, Malori & Sabrina Arellano and Miranda Gauman; as well as by sister-in-laws, Monica Forrest and Gracie Forrest; by other family and by many friends.



A visitation will be held Sunday, July 26, 2015 at Dell Dale Avenue Baptist Church, 402 Dell Dale Avenue, Channelview from 5:00 p.m. with services at the church, 10:00 a.m., Monday, July 27, 2015. Interment will follow in Brookside Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

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James E. Carrell, Rotarian

James E. Carrell

July 29, 1933 - June 17, 2015
Resided in Livingston, TX



Jim was born in Leggett, Texas on July 29th, 1933 to Earsel and Letha Carrell. A few years later, his younger brother, Raymond was born. In 1943, the family moved to Baytown where Jim graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1950 at the age of 16. After high school, he attended Lee College and worked for the Baytown Sun as a proof-reader and local sportswriter. After one year at Texas A&M College, he joined the U.S. Army in 1952 and served in the occupation of Germany. His artillery battalion deployed atomic cannons on the Czech border. Following his service, he returned to Texas A&M and graduated with a degree in Journalism.

He married Peggy Franta Carrell on April 30th, 1960. Jim and Peggy's son, Jay, was born in 1961.

In 1965, he went to work for his father-in-law, Albert Franta, at his car dealership in Highlands. He joined and later became President of the Highlands Rotary Club. Jim became a Rotary District Governor in 1979. He led two Rotary Group Study Exchange teams to India in 1987 and 1995 traveling around the world on both trips.

Jim and Peggy worked tirelessly in the early 90's to help set up the curriculum by which Rotary trains its incoming club Presidents for the entire State of Texas. Jim was the Chairman of the program, known as Lone Star PETS in 1992.

Later he joined the River Oaks, Heights and

Humble Rotary Clubs. He was nominated twice to be a Director of Rotary International. He was a Paul Harris Fellow and was very active in Rotary throughout the world until 2002.

Professionally, in 1986, Jim and Peggy bought the insurance agency his parents founded in Livingston. He and son, Jay, worked together in the agency for the last 29 years.

Great sadness befell the entire family on May 24th, 1996 when wife, Peggy Franta Carrell died suddenly. Jim never gave any thought to remarrying. Peggy was the only true love of his life. In his eyes, no one could ever compare to Peggy.

In December of 2005, he was diagnosed with prostate cancer. After treatment elsewhere, he went to M.D. Anderson for treatment in February of 2008. Jay had to move in with him full time to care for him starting in April of 2008. He was put in the hospital on May 28th and was not expected to live more than a few months. He had lost 75 pounds in 6 months. Not only did he recover to see his 75th birthday, but went to A&M football practice in August and back to Austin in October to his favorite bar! Over the next few years, he continued to recover. He had a 10% chance to survive another two years. Two years after that,

Jim's doctor said his recovery was miraculous.

The years from 2005 to 2014 flew by with Jim's quality of life being very good. Jay was always there to take 24 hour a day care of him as Jim's house and the insurance office are only 15 feet apart.

In April of 2015, Jim had surgery in Houston. His recovery progressed and he steadily got better. Unfortunately, his care was not constant. Sadly, Jim passed away in a Houston hospital an hour before he was to be released to return home to Livingston.

Jim is preceded in death by his wife, Peggy Franta Carrell; his parents, Earsel and Letha Carrell; brother, Raymond Luther Carrell; father-in-law, Albert Franta and sister-in-law, Karen Franta Hawkins.

Jim is survived by his son, Jay Carrell ; beloved mother-in-law, Rosa Lee Franta; sisters-in-law Peggy Campbell Carrell and Rosalyn Franta Boehme; brother-in-law, Pete Hawkins along with nephews , Raymond Carrell Jr., Jarrod Boehme, Bryan Boehme ; and nieces, Martha Carrell, Allison Sampson, Heather Kubiak and Joanna Boehme.

A memorial visitation was held from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm on Saturday, July 18, 2015 at Navarre Funeral Home in Baytown.

To view the online obituary or to post a tribute for the family, go to www.navarrefuneralhome.com

Arrangements are under the direction and personal care of Navarre Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 2444 Rollingbrook Dr., Baytown, TX, 77521 (281) 422-8111.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Rep. Hernandez responds to Legal Argument on Issuing Birth Certificates

AUSTIN, TX - Last Wednesday, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton's office, as the attorney for the Texas Department of State Health Services, defended the agency's unconstitutional acts of refusing to accept foreign passports or consular documents when issuing birth certificates to the parents of American-born children.

"The Department's ID policy is a violation of the 14 th Amendment, and punishes American-born children," Hernandez said. "Any legal argument defending this practice or seeking the dismissal of a lawsuit resulting from it cannot possibly pass muster in court. The state is simply wasting taxpayer money on frivolous litigation."

"Like the Governor's lawsuit against the President's executive action last year, leadership has once again chosen the wrong side of history, electing to divide and harm hard-working Texas families."

Rep. Ana Hernandez represents District 143 in the Texas House of Representatives and is serving her fifth term. She serves on the House Committee on Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence and the House Committee on Pensions. District 143 includes part of Houston, Channelview, Cloverleaf and the cities of Galena Park and Jacinto City.

Items that are tax-free Aug. 7-9

The following is an all-inclusive list of qualifying school supplies (if priced less than \$100):

- * Binders
- * Backpacks for use by elementary and secondary students
- * Book bags
- * Calculators
- * Cellophane tape
- * Blackboard chalk
- * Compasses
- * Composition books
- * Crayons
- * Erasers
- * Folders; expandable, pocket, and manila
- * Glue, paste and paste sticks
- * Highlighters
- * Index cards
- * Index card boxes
- * Legal pads
- * Lunch boxes
- * Markers
- * Notebooks
- * Paper; loose leaf ruled notebook paper, copy paper, graph paper,

- tracing paper, manila paper, colored paper, poster board, and construction paper
- * Pencil boxes and other school supply boxes
- * Pencil sharpeners
- * Pencils
- * Pens
- * Protractors
- * Rulers
- * Scissors
- * Writing tablets

Clothing Items

- * Baby clothes
- * Belts (with attached buckles)
- * Blouses
- * Boots - cowboy, hiking, knitted
- * Caps/hats - baseball, fishing, golf,
- * Coats and wraps
- * Diapers - adult and baby
- * Dresses
- * Gloves (generally)
- * Gym suits and uniforms
- * Hooded shirts and hooded sweatshirts

- * Hosiery
- * Jackets
- * Jeans
- * Jerseys - baseball and football
- * Jogging apparel
- * Leg warmers/Tights
- * Neckwear and ties
- * Pajamas
- * Pants and trousers
- * Raincoats and ponchos
- * Robes
- * Shirts
- * Skirts
- * Shoes - sandals, slippers, sneakers, tennis, walking
- * Socks (including athletic)
- * Shorts
- * Suits, slacks, and jackets
- * Sweatshirts
- * Sweat suits
- * Sweaters
- * Swimsuits
- * Ties
- * Underclothes
- * Vests
- * Work clothes and uniforms

The exemption does not include luggage, briefcases, athletic/duffle/gym bags, computer bags, purses or framed backpacks.

This list does NOT include all items that qualify for exemption during the sales tax holiday. It provides examples only.



What does “dipping” my ring mean?

Rhodium plating or “dipping” is an electrochemical reaction done on yellow gold or white gold to make an item white. Rhodium plating is also done over silver on occasion to prevent tarnishing. Plating can be done over other metals, including costume jewelry and jewelry that was previously plated. The cost for plating depends upon the size, condition, and intricacy of the piece, because each piece is cleaned, polished and sometimes restored before plating. Rhodium is white, highly reflective, extra hard, and resists tarnishing. All of this makes it a perfect choice for plating yellow or white gold jewelry to protect it and make it bright white.

Rhodium plating is used most often for white gold. White gold is yellow gold with alloys (different metals) added to it to make it white. But it is akin to adding milk to orange juice—it stays pale yellow, never getting fully white. So virtually all white gold is rhodium plated. A recent trend is to rhodium plate

ASK DIAMOND JIM

silver jewelry. Since rhodium resists tarnishing, you won't have to polish this jewelry! Also, for those that have allergic reactions to silver, this creates a barrier, protecting your skin from the silver. How fast rhodium plating wears off depends upon how hard you are on your jewelry, your body chemistry, and the type of jewelry that is rhodium plated. For example, plating will wear off most quickly on rings, compared to bracelets, earrings and necklaces, because rings touch and hit surfaces more. You'll know your rhodium plating is wearing off when you notice the back of your ring looking a bit dull, and tinges of yellow on the tips of your prongs.

Rhodium plating lasts an average of 3 - 5 years on a ring you wear daily, although the length of time can be much shorter or

longer. On the other hand, you may never need to rhodium plate your necklaces and earrings again! Certainly you can rhodium plate yellow gold... but I don't recommend it. When the rhodium wears off just a tiny bit, you'll see the bright yellow underneath. After the frustration of time and money spent in plating and replating, you might wish that you had chosen to remake your ring in white metal (such as white gold, platinum or silver). On the other hand, dipping yellow gold earrings or a necklace will last much longer. You can also replate a plated item (one that is not made out of gold).

If you have questions pertaining to jewelry, watches, diamonds, precious stones, precious metals, and other questions related to the jewelry industry, email jmills@pineforestjewelry.com.

TAX-FREE,

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Backpacks priced under \$100 sold for use by elementary and secondary students are exempt dur-

ing the sales tax holiday. This includes backpacks with wheels, provided they can also be worn on the back like a traditional backpack, and messenger bags.

The exemption does not include items that are rea-

sonably defined as luggage, briefcases, athletic/duffle/gym bags, computer bags, purses or framed backpacks. Ten or fewer backpacks can be purchased tax-free at one time without providing an exemption certificate to the seller.

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budget more transparent and available to the public, reducing taxes for seniors, collecting more overdue back taxes, and increasing street repairs.

Hinojosa also wanted our Galena Park police officers to ride along with the code enforcement official, in an effort to clean up the

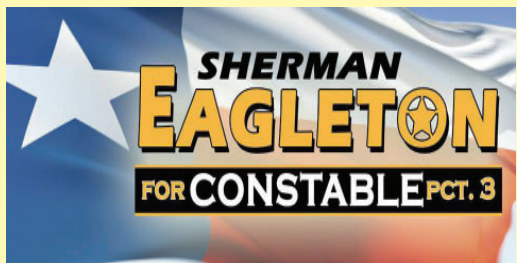
city to a greater extent.

In general, he thought that City Hall must listen more closely to the citizens and their needs. He suggested block walking was a good way to meet and listen to the public. He also thought citizens had more responsibility to ask questions of their officials, and force more transparency and accountability.

Asked about the chang-

es in ethnicity of the city, he encouraged using the parks to let people mingle and meet, and let the city be more inclusive. He wanted food trucks, music and events in the park.

The next Council meeting will be held on August 4, and Hinojosa will be sworn into office and take his turn at working with the other council members and the Mayor.



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