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## CHANNEL CHATTER



### SAN JACINTO PILOT CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

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### NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MEETING

Congressman Gene Green invites the community to the North-east Neighborhood Safety Meeting this Monday, March 23, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at HPD East Freeway Storefront (next to Burlington Coat Factory) 12001-A east Freeway, Houston, TX. 77029.

The City of Houston, Houston Police Department, Department of Neighborhoods, area residents and other agency representatives will discuss neighborhood safety, improvement initiatives, and community projects.

Other discussion topics include the Annual North Channel Area Community Clean-up / Keep Houston Beautiful Project and the 13th Annual Job Fair.

For more information, please call 281-999-5879 or 713-330-0761.

## JACINTO CITY, GP TO BAN ALL ILLICIT DRUGS

New Ordinance expands enforcement power, definition of Designer Drugs

Last week Jacinto City council passed an ordinance on first reading, that will give the police authorities in their jurisdiction more ability to arrest people that have illicit drugs in their possession.

In a like move, Galena Park council on Tuesday of this week had the first reading of a similar ordinance, that will also give local police the authority to remove these drugs from the community.

The proposed ordinance was read for the record by City Attorney Jim DeFoyd, and each council will take a final vote at their next meeting, adopting the measure.

At last Thursday's council meeting in Jacinto City, police chief Joe Ayala distributed a brochure on various types of illicit and illegal drugs that his department has had to deal with recently.

These include synthetic drugs with street names such as Kush, K2, Smiles, Spice, Bath Salts, Blizzard, N-Bomb, Fake Weed, and Black Mamba. Kush is a derivative form



CONSTABLE CHRIS DIAZ AND JACINTO CITY POLICE CHIEF JOE AYALA display some of the illicit drugs such as "Kush" that were confiscated in the area. New ordinances in Jacinto City and Galena Park will give officers more authority to remove these drugs from their communities.

of marijuana.

Synthetic drugs are created using man-made chemicals. They are known as designer drugs, and there chemical state is slightly altered, to avoid being classified as an illegal drug. This ordinance is designed to cover these variations, making it possible for law enforcement agencies to apprehend and prosecute those who possess the designer drugs.

Chief Ayala said that the problem occurs in Jacinto City and Galena Park when dealers and users move in, away from more restrictive prosecution in Houston and other jurisdictions. Ayala said this has been an increasing problem for his department, and he welcomes the ordinance. If found guilty of possession, the new ordinance will provide for a fine up to \$2000. This is meant to discourage the establishment of new smoke shops within the city limits.

Councilwoman Carmela Garcia told the story of a friend who used "Kush" and due to the after affect committed suicide.

## Galena Park to have Gateway Plaza

GALENA PARK -- City Council met at their regular meeting last Tuesday, and voted to proceed with the Gateway Plaza project.

This will be a landmark in a new plaza next to City Hall, if current plans are finalized. Originally the monument was to be at an entry to the city, but a suitable site was not found, and the plaza concept was developed instead.

Council approved \$25,000 for landscape design. The whole project is expected to cost about \$125,000, and the Economic Alliance is funding \$75,000 and the H-GAC (Houston Galveston Area Council) funding \$25,000. Surrounding cities also have sim-

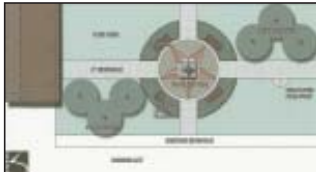
ilar landmark monuments, according to City Manager Robert Pruett.

Council also approved the lease/purchase of a new fire engine, a pumper that will cost about \$520,000. \$218,000 of this will be provided by the Texas Forest Service, and the remainder will be paid by a note at about 2% for the city. The new engine is expected in a few months, Chief Gregory said.

The city also approved the lease/purchase of a regenerative air street sweeper, to be used to clean Clinton Drive and other city streets. Pruett indicated some chargebacks to industries that generate the dust and debris will be possi-

ble. Some objection to this purchase was voiced at the meeting by a citizen, Barry Ponder, who thought it was not money well spent.

In other business, two new ordinances to control the spread of illicit designer drugs, and the regulation where registered sex offenders can reside, a required distance from schools, churches and playgrounds, was read for final action at the next council meeting.



PLAN OF GATEWAY PLAZA, in front of City Hall.



PRELIMINARY DESIGN STUDIES for the Monument.

Art Courtesy Krudson, LP

### NORTH SHORE ROTARY

## Harris County Sheriff's Office: Solving Cold Cases

NORTH SHORE -- Rotarians heard from Harris County Investigator Bobby Minchew on how his department pursues so-called "cold cases".

Minchew is one of two officers assigned to his department, which was restarted in 2009 by Sheriff Garcia. It was initially constituted in 1998. They work with the three homicide squads, following up on cases that have had no leads for over two years. Then they are turned over to he and his partner Eric Clagg, for another look with a fresh perspective.

He said that there are currently over 540 open cases in their cold case files, some of them dating back to the 1960's and 1970's. When an old case is referred to them, they review the file and make a decision whether to pursue it farther. However, even if they don't work the case, it remains open.

Changes in the way the Sheriff's office investigates a case have helped them, he said. In the 90's DNA became a useful tool, especially on older cases where it wasn't used before. Also, in 2007 a new electronic date base was initiated, making it easier to inves-



HARRIS COUNTY DEPUTY BOBBY MINCHEW presents a slide to the North Shore Rotary, describing how his office investigates Cold Cases.

tigate the available information.

Minchew's CCC (cold case unit) studies DNA in a data base known as CODIS, firearms evidence files, with a national registry known as IBIS, and fingerprints, known as AFIS.

The work of his unit has resulted in clearing 22 murders, and charging 25 suspects.

When they decide to investigate a case, it is usually be-

cause of new tips, information from family or friends, or DNA database matches.

After they develop facts and put them into a presentation to the District Attorney, the DA makes a determination on whether to accept a case for prosecution. Minchew says their success rate has been very high, over 90%.

One of their recent cases just now going to trial is Channelview serial killer, Hobbs.

### SAN JACINTO COLLEGE:

## 3 women's basketball players honored for achievements

Howard, LeJune, Wilson led team to outstanding turnaround season

HOUSTON - Three San Jacinto College women's basketball players have been recognized for their accomplishments during the 2014-2015 season.

The team's leading scorer, sophomore guard Kendra Howard (Dallas / Cedar Hill High School) was named to the All-Region Team. Freshman guard Miranda LeJune (Pearland / Pearland High School) was named to the All-Conference Team and earned the Region XIV Co-Freshman of the Year honor. Freshman forward Kaelynn Wilson (San Antonio / Wagner High School) earned All-Conference Honorable Mention recognition.

For the season, Howard led the team in scoring at 15.5 points per game, shooting 40 percent from the field, and 63.9 percent from the foul line. She averaged 1.9 assists and 2.8 steals per game. LeJune averaged 9.7 points per game, with a 32.9 field goal shooting percentage, and a 75.3 percent free throw shooting percentage. She led the team and na-



From left, San Jacinto College women's basketball players Miranda LeJune, Kendra Howard, and Kaelynn Wilson earned post-season honors for leading the team to a remarkable turnaround season.

Photo by Rob Vanya/San Jacinto College

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Goose Creek CISD launches mobile App

Goose Creek CISD Launches Mobile App to Keep Community Informed and Involved  
Goose Creek CISD recently launched an official mobile app designed to enable parents, staff, students and the community to stay informed and up-to-date on important issues, information and activities underway within the school community. The free app, which proudly displays the district's logo, can be downloaded for Apple iOS and Android operating system.

Developed in partnership with SchoolMessenger, a provider of communication solutions for education, the new app will provide families with 24/7/365 access to calendars, lunch menus, directories, events and more. New information feeds will continue to be made available in the app throughout the school year.

"Our new, official mobile app empowers everyone in the community to stay connected and up-to-date on the information that they want and need directly from their mobile device," said Randal O'Brien, Goose Creek CISD's acting superintendent. "It's another example of our commitment to communication, as we know



Parent trying for the mobile app for Goose Creek CISD.

that in order for families to get involved in school activities and functions, they must first be informed of them. We are excited about how our new app will help us communicate more effectively, and we know it will lead to a stronger, more connected school community overall."

Highly secure and flexible, the school's new app is built on a communication platform that permits the district to manage and share content easily. Key features include:

Lunch menus, School websites, Parent Portal, Student Portal, Substitute information, Calendars, Social media, Secure access to online systems and Staff directories.

With budget limitations a reality for schools throughout the nation, SchoolMessenger was able to partner with the district to deliver this affordable new communication channel. In addition, the company will manage hosting and technical updates and provide 24/7 support.

"We look forward to continuing to work with Goose Creek CISD to help reach its goals for effective and accessible communications throughout the entire school community," said Nate Brogan, vice president of marketing for SchoolMessenger. "Parents today are busier than ever and rely on their mobile devices to connect them to the information that matters most. SchoolMessenger allows schools and community members to stay connected through a robust mobile platform that will continue to evolve based on their needs."

## Governor Abbott partakes in Texas homemade pie day

Local pie legend, Helen Smith of Baytown, gifted Governor Greg Abbott with homemade pecan pie and peach cobbler. In 2013, Rep. Wayne Smith authored legislation to name February 16 as Texas Homemade Pie Day in Texas in Helen Smith's honor.

AUSTIN, TX - Not everyone can say they have baked for the Governor of Texas, but Baytown resident Helen Smith has proudly baked for two of the state's top officials. In honor of the first official Texas Homemade Pie Day on February 16, 2015, Helen Smith worked with State Representative Wayne Smith to ensure Texas Governor Greg Abbott was able to fully partake in the celebratory day. His pie preferences: Pecan and peach cobbler.

During the 83rd Legislative Session in 2013, Rep. Smith authored legislation to designate February 16 as Texas Homemade Pie Day in honor of Helen Smith's birthday and legacy as a pie extraordinaire. Helen Smith is known as the Texas Pie Lady and one of the nation's best pie bakers, as proclaimed by famed chef Emeril Lagasse on "Good Morning America" when Smith was featured on the program in 2011. Mrs. Smith began her journey to pie stardom as a single mother of three children who took a risk to create a professional opportunity for herself. Mrs. Smith built a business from providing pies for Baytown area restaurants and eventually took out a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) loan to open her own pie shop. She was able to expand her business to include frozen pie



Texas Governor Abbott with Ms. Helen homemade pecan pie.

crusts, which sold across Texas, Mississippi and Louisiana, before finally becoming available across the country through a large chain store. In honor of her efforts and business finesse, the SBA chose Mrs. Smith as "Woman Advocate of the Year."

Following the proclamation last session, Mrs. Smith presented then-Governor Rick Perry with one of her homemade apple pies. This session, she was thrilled to be able to bake for newly-elected Governor Abbott as well. An avid

fan of Mrs. Smith's pies, Rep. Smith was more than happy to honor Mrs. Smith with her official Texas day of distinction, as well as ensure Gov. Abbott was able to experience one of Mrs. Smith's baked treats.

"As a Baytown resident, I have had the privilege of partaking in Helen Smith's delicious pies for years," Rep. Smith said. "It was an honor for me to be able to thank her in this special way. She is truly a pillar of our local community and as delightful as one of her homemade pies."

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# COMMUNITY, SCHOOL NEWS

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### 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.

### MARCH

#### North Channel Library events

-Saturday, March 21, 10 am - 3 pm, Scrapbooking with Mia; 2 pm, Faithful Paws.  
-Tuesday, March 24, 10:30 am, Toddler Time; 1:30 pm, Preschool Story Time.  
-Wednesday, March 25, 10 am, Book Club; 4:30 pm, Tween Time.  
-Thursday, March 26, 10:30 am, Baby Time; 12-4 pm, AARP Tax Help.  
-Monday, March 31, 6 pm, STEAM Camp: Engineering.  
-Tuesday, March 31, 10:30 am, Toddler Time; 1:30 pm, Preschool Story Time.

### COMPUTER CLASSES:

-Introduction to Excel, Lecture, March 24, 10-12 pm.  
-Introduction to Excel, Practice, March 26, 10-12 pm.  
-Intermediate Excel, Lecture, March 31, 10-12 pm.  
-Intermediate Excel, Practice, April 2, 10-12 pm.  
-How to scan documents, Part 2, March 25, 6-7:45 pm.

### CLASES DE COMPUTACION:

-Introducción a Excel, Lectura, Marzo 23, 1-3 pm.  
-Introducción a Excel, Práctica, Marzo 25, 1-3 pm.  
-Intermedio Excel, Lectura, March 30, 1-3 pm.  
-Intermedio Excel, Práctica, Abril 1, 1-3 pm.  
\*Se require registrarse.

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

### MARCH

#### Galena Park Library events

-Thursday, March 19, 3:30 pm, Movie Time.  
-Wednesday, March 25, 11 am, Story Time; 1 pm, Internet Básico; 3:30 pm, Internet Basics; 3:30 pm, Board Game Day.  
-Thursday, March 26, 11 am, Baby Time.  
Please call the library at 713-450-0982 for more details.  
The library is located at 1500 Keene St. Galena Park, TX. 77547.

### 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.

#### Wetland Field Day at Sheldon Lake State Park

The Sheldon Lake Prairie Wetland restoration represents a new, unique freshwater wetland systems. Join the Field Day with:

-Presentations by local experts, Site visit to restored wetlands, Lunch provided and CEU certificates available.

Thursday, April 16, 2015 from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm, 14200 Garrett Road, Houston, TX. 77044.

## PORT BRIEFS

### Tonnage continues upswing in new year

PHA Executive Director Roger Guenther reported at the February 24th Port Commission meeting that tonnage continues to be strong. In January, import steel was up by 35 percent over the same month in 2014, but Guenther noted high steel volumes are expected to taper off. Container cargo volume has continued to strengthen as well, with a constant upward trend in full import boxes. PHA attained a healthy overall 2.9 million tons for the first month of the year.

All of this activity in January returned operating revenue of \$24 million, up 18 percent from the prior year.

The Port Authority generated \$7 million in net operating income and \$12 million in cash flow, critical elements to funding its aggressive capital investment plan for the next five years.

Also at the meeting, Guenther emphasized that PHA is ready to capture increased container cargo demand throughout the region. He cited four new wharf cranes destined for the Barbours Cut terminal, which are expected to arrive from Korea in early May. The Port Commission also approved the purchase of nine new rubber tired gantry cranes for the Bayport terminal. (Taken from the PORTREPORT Feb. 2015)

### CHANNELVIEW ISD

#### District's School Safety publication earns top honors

Channelview ISD's Office of Public Relations earned a Best of Category award, two Gold Star Awards and two Silver Star Awards for writing, photography and publications at the Texas School Public Relations Association's Annual Conference in Austin recently.

More than 1,000 award entries from communications professionals in small and large districts statewide were submitted for TSPRA awards.

District Public Relations Officer Mark Kramer earned Best of Category honors for the district's School Safety Special Edition of its External Newsletter, ChannelViews. Kramer also won a Gold Star in the Writing category for the

School Safety newsletter and for Sports Photography of an action shot of Falcon baseball pitcher Seth Campbell.

Kramer captured Silver Star Awards for Published News/Feature on CHS student Yvette Leos' experience at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Calf Scramble and in the Brochure category for the district's annual report.

TSPRA is a non-profit, professional organization dedicated to promoting public schools through effective communications. With more than 800 members, TSPRA is comprised primarily of public information and communications professionals who serve the public school districts and education organizations of Texas.

## Early College Open House

It's never too early to plan for your child's future!

Sheldon Early College High School Invites you to our Open House  
March 26, 2015  
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tion in assists with 8.1 per game and averaged 1.8 steals per game. Wilson was second on the team in scoring at 11.8 points per game, with a 47.2 field goal shooting percentage, and a 69.3 free throw shooting percentage. She averaged 5.3 rebounds per game.

San Jacinto College women's basketball Head Coach Brenita Jackson described the turnaround season as "truly a blessing to experience." "I am very proud of our team's dedication and relentless effort to buy in to winning on the court, in the classroom, and in life," she commented. "To go from 3-

27 last season to 23-9 this year is outstanding. We finished the season nationally ranked, advanced to the semi-finals at the regional tournament, and established ourselves as an elite team in this country."

A women's basketball awards banquet and ceremony will be held at the San Jacinto College North Campus on Sunday, March 29 at 2 p.m. The event will take place in the Monument Room, located in the Slovacek Student Center, 5800 Uvalde Road in Houston. The ceremony is open to the public, and tickets cost \$20 per person. To reserve seats, please email Jackson at brenita.jackson@sjcd.edu.

For more information about the San Jacinto College women's basketball program, please visit sanjaesports.com.



### SHELDON ISD:

## KMS and NMS Bands Win Sweepstakes Award

Congratulations to the Null Middle School and C.E. King Middle School bands for receiving top honors at the UIL Band Contest in Channelview ISD! The varsity and non-varsity bands at both schools, all received division one ratings in the concert and sight reading portions of the contest. All four bands were given the UIL Sweepstakes award! This is the highest award a band can receive. Congratulations, Stallions and Panthers!

## San Jacinto College Board of Trustees cancels May election

### No contested races prompts cancellation

PASADENA, Texas - The San Jacinto Community College District has canceled the election scheduled for May 9, 2015, after the filing deadline passed with no contested races.

Board of Trustees Positions 5, 6 and 7 were to be filled in the May election. The incumbents, Mr. Dan Mims (Position 6), Mr. John Moon, Jr. (Position 5), and Mr. Keith Sinor (Position 7), will be sworn in for another six years following the election canvassing in May.

Mr. Mims first joined the Board of Trustees in 2002, replacing 31-year Board member Dr. John Nichols. For more than a decade he has served in various leadership roles on the Board, including the last two as the Board Chairman. Mr. Mims also serves on the Board's Building and Finance Committees, and previously was Chairman of the Building Committee. Mr. Mims is president of Mims Investment, Inc., a Houston-area leasing and warehouse business. He served as president of Mims Meat Company prior to its sale in 2010. An active member of the community, he has served on committees for UniPro Foodservice, a food service purchasing cooperative, as Board Secretary of the Greater Houston Restaurant Association, and as president of the North Shore Rotary Club. Mr. Mims has also served since 2005 as a volunteer member of the Houston Live-

stock Show and Rodeo, and is currently a Vice Chairman of the Judging Contest Committee.

Mr. Moon was first elected to the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees in May 2009. He is no stranger to the San Jacinto College, however, as he attended the College upon graduation from Sam Rayburn High School. Mr. Moon went on to receive a Bachelor of Business Administration from Southern Methodist University and a Master of Science from the University of Houston - Clear Lake. A life-long resident of the area, Mr. Moon is the Executive Vice President of Moon Credit Corporation, and has been working in banking or investments since he was 15. He has been an adjunct professor at San Jacinto College and is a certified public accountant. Mr. Moon and his wife, Sheressa, have four children, John, Robert, Donovan, and Kaylei. Mr. Moon serves as the Board of Trustees Secretary, and on the San Jacinto College Finance Committee.

Mr. Sinor is a Pasadena native and Deer Park resident, and graduated from Sam Rayburn High School. He is a former San Jacinto College student who went on to attend Texas A&M University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in accounting and finance, as well as a Master's of Business Administration. He is also a certified public accountant. After a two-year stint in public account-

ing with Arthur Andersen, Mr. Sinor joined Sinor Engine Company, Inc., where he is currently a co-owner and chief financial officer. Mr. Sinor is actively involved in the community, previously serving on boards of the Deer Park Rotary Club and Deer Park Chamber of Commerce. He is married to Rae Sinor, and they have twin boys, John and Michael. In June 2011, he filled the remaining four years of Position 7, previously held by Mr. Wayne Slovacek, who retired from the board in December 2010 after 38 years of service. Mr. Sinor serves as the Board of Trustees Assistant Secretary, and sits on the San Jacinto College Building Committee.

"San Jacinto College is fortunate to have all three of these incumbents returning for another term to continue their service to our community," said Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer. "Their vision and leadership, along with the entire Board of Trustees, has made San Jacinto College a leader in higher education and workforce training."

The cancellation of the election will save San Jacinto College approximately \$100,000. Elections for the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees occur every two years, in odd numbered years. Members of the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees are elected in numbered at-large positions, 1 through 7, and serve six-year terms.

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CAPITOL UPDATE

BILL 17

Senate passage of open carry

Senate Bill 17 Strengthens Second Amendment Rights for Texans

AUSTIN - March 17, 2015 - Senate Bill 17 on Open Carry passed in the Texas Senate by a vote of 20-10. Senator Brandon Creighton (R-Conroe), co-author of the bill, issued the following statement regarding its passage:

"Our state is only one of six that doesn't permit their law-abiding citizens to openly carry a handgun in public under any circumstance. We can carry long rifles and shotguns openly without a permit, yet we can't openly carry handguns. Texans respect the Second Amendment and deserve much more than the restrictions New York, Illinois, and California hold on their citizens."

"I'm appreciative of our deliberative floor discussion on open carry. There is a strong sentiment in the Texas Legislature, and across the state, to strengthen the Second Amendment this session and that is what we accomplished today with the passage of Senate Bill 17. Today's vote is a victory for Texas and its law-abiding citizens."

S.B. 17, authored by Senator Craig Estes (R-Wichita Falls), would

authorize open carry of modern handguns in Texas by anyone with a license, so long as the handguns are carried in shoulder or belt holsters. Applicants would have to meet the same requirements that they currently do to obtain a concealed handgun license.

In the forty-four states that allow some form of open carry, there are two groups: Thirty states allow open carry without a license. The remaining fourteen allow open carry by people have satisfied a licensing requirement.

SENATOR BRANDON CREIGHTON represents District 4, which encompasses Chambers, Jefferson and parts of Montgomery, Harris, and Galveston Counties. He currently serves on the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water and Rural Affairs, the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, the Senate Committee on State Affairs, and as the Vice-Chairman of the Senate Committee on Business and Commerce.

Passage of Open Carry Gun Bill

AUSTIN - March 18, 2015 - Texas Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick congratulated Senator Craig Estes and supporting senators for the final passage of Senate Bill 17 (SB 17) with a vote of 20 - 10.

SB 17 proposes the following:

•Relating to the authority of a person who is licensed to carry a handgun to openly carry a holstered handgun; creating a criminal offense; providing penalties.

"In the history of the Texas Senate, this is the first time an open carry bill has

made it out of committee and onto the Senate floor. I am very proud of the fact that today, we made Texas history.

"We've worked tirelessly on the issues that are most important to Texans. I applaud the good work our senators have put forth on making sure our Second Amendment Rights are protected, never ignored and properly enforced.

"The passage of (SB 17 - Estes) demonstrates that the Texas Senate is focusing on our citizens' priorities and our right to freedom," concluded Patrick.



Lawmakers seek to control elements of state spending

AUSTIN - Debates over the Texas House and Senate versions of the state budget lie ahead, and movement toward setting budget controls to blend into a final, agreed-upon budget for 2016-2017 emerged in low-numbered bills filed last week.

SB 20 by Senate Finance Chair Jane Nelson, R-Grapevine, would strengthen state agency contract reporting requirements, require agency heads to sign off on contracts worth more than \$1 million and require agencies to post a list of all contracts on their state website, according to a report posted by the Senate's in-house news service. "These contracts are paid for with taxpayer dollars," Nelson said. "We must ensure that they are awarded with the highest degree of ethics and transparency." Nelson said her committee would vote on SB 20 this week.

SB 9 by Sen. Kelly Hancock, R-North Richland Hills, would tie the state spending cap to population growth, plus inflation, rather than stick with the current benchmark, personal income growth, to devise a boundary for state spending. The state constitution limits the growth of the state budget to no more than the growth of the state economy.

In other news, the Senate Select Committee on Government Facilities examined deferred maintenance at state agencies, meaning the costs of upkeep that get put off due to lack of funding. Select Committee Chair Kevin Eltife, R-Tyler, said state agencies need \$1.5 billion to fix state facilities, up from \$400 million in 2006. "If you don't fix the roof, it's not just

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling



the cost of the roof five years out, it's the cost of the walls. It's the cost of the carpet and repairs." Eltife said, and called for a four-year plan, including a special account, to catch up with deferred maintenance.

Bill-filing deadline passes

Friday, March 13, marked the 60th day of the 84th regular session of the Texas Legislature and was the final day for state lawmakers to file non-local legislative bills and proposed constitutional amendments.

True to form, bill filing reached tsunami proportions in the last week of bill filing, with more than one third of the total rolling in a matter of days. Statistics kept by Texas Legislative Council show 4,114 House bills, 1,226

Senate bills, and 133 House and 65 Senate joint resolutions (proposed constitutional amendments) were filed. And those, in addition to concurrent resolutions and congratulatory and memorial resolutions submitted by members of both bodies came to a grand total of 7,989 bills.

With 80 days left in the 140-day session, lawmakers must move with all possible speed to get their bills assigned to committees for consideration. An intensive schedule of committee hearings has begun. From here on, it's a race against the clock. In the second week of May, a string of deadlines ensue that will cut down the number of bills that have some chance of entering the final stages of the maze before June 1, the 140th and final day of the regular session.

Sales tax revenue increases

State sales tax revenue in February was \$2.46 billion, up 11.7 percent compared to February 2014, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced March 11.

"This marks the 59th consecutive month of year-over-year growth - an encouraging sign that Texas' diverse economic engine continues to drive spending growth in households and businesses all over the state," Hegar said.

Receipts from manufacturing and wholesale and retail trade grew and tax receipts from the oil and natural gas sector were up sharply over last year, despite a decline in oil and natural gas prices, Hegar added.

Cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts will receive March local sales tax allocations totaling \$590.1 million, up 6.7 percent compared to March 2014.

Governor certifies disaster

Gov. Greg Abbott on March 9 issued a disaster proclamation certifying that drought conditions continue to pose a threat of imminent disaster in 95 of Texas' 254 counties.

While this 30-day drought proclamation is in effect, rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat are suspended for the duration of the state of disaster, as authorized by state law.

TAX TIPS

Four Tax Filing Tips For Investors

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Be Prepared

Having all your forms and information beforehand makes tax time easier and faster for everyone, but especially for investors. Gather all your Form 1099-Bs from brokerages, other tax forms (W-2s, other 1099s, etc.), plus any documentation about your transactions.

If you're still waiting for 1099s or other investment information, Dolmage recommends preparing as much of your return as possible now but wait to file until you receive it to avoid amending your return.

DIY tax filing solutions often import transactions directly from brokerages or provided data files. TaxACT also offers a spreadsheet-style entry tool for Form 1099-Bs for fast entry and review of up to 2,000 transactions.

Investors with a lot of transactions can also obtain Form 8949, Sales and Other Dispositions of Capital Assets, from their brokerage or a service that generates the form. Simply submit it with your return.

Double-check Your Form 1099s

Depending on how long you've held the asset and where it originated, your Form 1099-B may not list your cost basis and date acquired. If your cost basis and acquisition date aren't on your Form 1099-B, you still need to report it on your return. Without a cost basis, proceeds are taxed as a capital gain.

Verify Your Cost Basis

The cost basis is the purchase price of an asset adjusted for stock splits, dividends, return of capital distributions and any other basis adjustments. Using the correct cost basis is key to accurately reporting and calculating a capital gain versus a loss, the difference between the asset's sales proceeds and the cost basis.

Even if your cost basis is reported on Form 1099-B, check your investment records to verify that it's correct. Your reported amount is based on the information available to your brokerage, which may not include all the data needed to calculate the true cost basis.

For instance, the sale of certain employer stock options may be reported on your Form W-2 and Form 1099-B. If you don't adjust your cost basis for this, your sale may be taxed as ordinary income and as a capital gain.

To report adjustments to cost basis amounts on your tax return, enter the adjusted amounts and an adjustment code for each that explains the reason for the change.

Purchase Date Matters

Assets held for more than 12 months are considered long-term and benefit from reduced capital gains tax rates of 0 percent, 15 percent and 20 percent based on your tax bracket. Conversely, short-term gains for assets held for less than 12 months are taxed at ordinary rates.

Verify the asset's purchase date before selecting the short-term or long-term reporting category for the transaction on your tax return. (Remember, the date acquired may not be on Form 1099-B.) Incorrectly reporting the term may result in overstating or understating your total tax liability.

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OBITUARIES

Eulalia H. Dean



Eulalia H. Dean went home to live with our Lord and her husband Oscar Jay Dean, Sr., on March 11, 2015 in Houston, Texas.

Lala was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 58 years, Oscar, and her youngest son, Raymond Edward. She is survived by her children, Louise (David) McKinney, Oscar Jay, Jr. (Peggy Joe) Dean, Linda Sue Cramer, Peggy Hellen Isacson, Sarah May (Michael) Walker; her honorary daughter, Elizabeth (Elkins) King; her grandchildren, Myles (Krystal) Adams, Christina Adams, Michael (Isabel) McKinney, Collin McKinney, Richard (Sandra) Dean, Glenn Dean, Angela Dean, Tiffany (Will) Smith, William (Jennie) Cramer, Samantha (Matthew) Roth, Jason (Hilary) Isacson, Derek (Jessica) Isacson, Ethan (Mary) Rangel, Joshua (Kennedy) Rangel, Matthew Rangel, Daria Dean, Gabriel Dean, Gloria Dean; her great-grandchildren, Adrienne (John) Flores, Brett (Christa) Adams, Kayla Underwood,

Bryar Underwood, Nichole Adams, Brandon McKinney, Jonathon McKinney, Ryan McKinney, Stephanie Jarzombek, Ashley Dean, Stephen Bartz, Celeska McKinney, Gavin McKinney, Zachary Roth, Dominic Isacson, Lillian Smith, Reverie Rangel; and her great-great grandchildren, Giselle Flores and Melina Flores, Coraline Flores.

Lala immigrated to the United States with her family at the age of 4. Her father never intended to remain in the U.S. He was only planning to escape the bandits temporarily and return home; but he was killed in a car wreck when she was 8 years old. The family remained here, in the Fort Worth area, where she grew up and met her husband, Oscar. They married in 1942 during World War II and she waited for him there while he fought in the war. Lala bore and raised 6 children. The family moved to Houston in 1951 and she has been a member of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Galena Park ever since. Her eldest son is a Eucharistic Minister there today.

Lala became a Naturalized Citizen of the United States in 1962. Lala was a very bright child and, after failing the first grade because she couldn't speak English, she was skipped from the 5th to the 7th grade. Since her mother believed her only job as an adult would be to be a wife and mother, she removed her from school after the 7th grade. Lala worked hard and earned her GED in 1969 when she was 45. Lala was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease in 2004. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to Houston Hospice.

A Vigil will be held at Carter Funeral Home on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with the Rosary to begin at 7:00 p.m. A Funeral Celebration Mass will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 1705 8th St, Galena Park, TX 77547 on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 11:00 a.m., followed by the Rite of Committal at San Jacinto Memorial Park, Houston, Texas, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

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Edgar Joe Wotipka



Edgar Joe Wotipka, 88, of Highlands, Texas died March 10, 2015 in Baytown, Texas. Edgar was born March 28, 1926 in Plum, Texas to Edward and Carrie Zaskoda Wotipka.

Edgar grew up in a very large family with four brothers and three sisters when times were very hard. The entire family worked many jobs to help make ends meet. Later, the family lived in the Willow Springs-Fayetteville area. As a youth, Edgar loved to hunt squirrels, rabbits, etc.

with his brothers. Sundays were spent in the woods or swimming at the creek.

He was called into the U.S. Army at age 18 and served in Okinawa and Saipan, which was then known as Occupied Japan. Upon Edgar's discharge, the Wotipka family moved to Baytown. In August 1947, Edgar went to a dance in Crosby where he met his future wife, Evelyn. They were married on October 16, 1949 at the Czech Moravian Church in Crosby. Edgar and Evelyn resided in the Baytown-Highlands area for 65 years, where they raised two children, Johnny and Cynthia. Edgar worked at Wilkenfeld's Furniture in Baytown and then Humble Oil & Refining where he retired in 1983 after 31 years of service.

Edgar was an avid fisherman, shrimp and loved boating out in waters along the Houston-Galveston area. Edgar and Evelyn shared a passion for deer hunting, which brought them to Cat Spring, Texas, an area that they thoroughly enjoyed. They moved to Cat Spring in 1983 and remained there for 7 years before returning to Highlands.

Edgar and Evelyn also loved to dance together with the waltz being their favorite. They also enjoyed dancing polkas at country dance halls, festivals and celebrations. Edgar once said that he couldn't dance until he met Evelyn.

Several years ago, Edgar began reading a lot of books, with Westerns being his favorite. In May 2013, Edgar remarked to Evelyn that he never had a Bible. She offered hers, but he wanted to get his own and he began reading the Bible in its entirety. He completed that task in January 2015 at which time he asked, "What am I supposed to do now?" Evelyn said, "Start all over again.", which he did, ending up through Exodus 11.

Edgar was preceded in death by his parents and all of his siblings. His brothers were Leo Wotipka and wife

Mary; Adolph Tydlacka and wife Aurora; Edwin Wotipka and wife Nina; and Ben Wotipka. His sisters were: Lillie Tydlacka Buchanan and husband James; Edna Wotipka Liska and husband Joe; Bessie Wotipka Reynolds and husband Albert.

Edgar is survived by his wife of 65 years, Evelyn; son Johnny Wotipka and wife Donna of Baytown; Daughter: Cynthia Wotipka Boland and husband Michael of League City. Grandchildren: Stephanie Wotipka Manning and husband Mike of League City; Tara McKinney of Lewisville and Monica McKinney of Orlando, Florida. He is survived by three great-grandchildren: Hannah Riser, Camden Manning and Keira Manning, all of League City. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Kathryn Wotipka of Highlands and numerous nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed by all, including his faithful companion, Smokey.

Pallbearers: Calvin Kotrla, Mike Wotipka, Richard McKinney, Stephen Orsak, Greg Wotipka, David McCarty. Honorary Pallbearers: Edward Orsak, Scott Liska and Lonnie Buchanan.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Friday, March 13, 2015 from 5-8 p.m. at Sterling-White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Road, Highlands, Texas 77562. Services will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2015, 10 am at Sterling-White with interment immediately following at Sterling-White Cemetery. To send the family condolences please visit [www.sterlingwhite.com](http://www.sterlingwhite.com).

For those wishing to honor Edgar's memory with a charitable donation, the family suggests two organizations: 1) Paws Across Texas, c/o Malba Smesny, 13602 Bohemian Hall Road, Crosby, TX 77532 or 2) Stratford Branch Library-HCPL, 509 Stratford St., Highlands, TX 77562.

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By Danny Biddy

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BIBLE TRIVIA  
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Damascus in the Old or New Testament or neither?
  2. What did Paul's writings say that those who refused to work should be kept from doing? Worshipping, Speaking, Eating, Marrying
  3. From Matthew 27, the "potter's field" also was known as the field of what? Blood, Sorrows, Pagans, Idols
  4. What priest of Midian was the father-in-law of Moses? Jethro, Melchizedek, Eleazar, Nadab
  5. From Jonah 1, who were afraid and threw their wares into the sea? Slaves, Mariners, Zealots, Carpenters
  6. Jesus called Himself the bread of "what"? Salvation, Hope, Love, Life
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## OBITUARIES

### Roy Donald Land

Roy Donald Land, 87, passed away Monday, March 16, 2015 in Houston, Texas. Roy was born June 27, 1927 in Wheelock, Texas to parents Albert and Ruby Land. He proudly served his country in the United States Airforce. He retired from Armco Steel after 32 years of dedicated service. Roy enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time outdoors with his family. He will also be remembered for his ability to fix anything electrical; many placed their trust in him as their "handyman". Roy is lovingly survived by his wife, Lucille Land; children, Donny Land and wife, Regina, Ross Land and wife, Karla, Phyllis Brockermeyer and husband, Dan, Brenda Overton; step-children, Sammy Jones and wife, Mary, Billy Jones; grandchildren, Wendy Avant and husband, Bill, DeeDee Truss and husband, Brandon, Donny Land, II, Laura Newsom, Richard Persky and wife, Amy, Krystol Wheeler and husband, Brandon, Leslie Sanders and husband, Steven, Daniel Overton, Brandi and husband, Justin, Chase and wife, Kristi; great-grandchildren, Alexis, J.J., Martin, Darrell, Mike, Ciara, Robby, Cody, Emily, Brady, Owen, Olivia, Ethan, Haley, Shey, Maci, Kassidi, Brileigh; step-grandchildren, Robert, Elizabeth, Brad, Bryant; as well as numerous extended family members and friends. Friends joined the family from



5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, 2015 for visitation at First Baptist Church North Channel, 13817 Force St., Houston, Texas 77015. Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 19, 2015, also at First Baptist Church North Channel, officiated by Roy's brother-in-law, Pastor Newton Hambrick. Graveside services followed at 2:00 p.m. at Pennington Cemetery in Pennington, Texas, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home. In lieu of usual remembrances, the family suggests memorial contributions may be made in Roy's name to Houston Hospice at 1905 Holcombe Blvd., Houston 77030.

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## GALENA PARK-JACINTO CITY CIP MEETING

Meeting will take place Thursday, April 2, 2015 with a high dinner at 5:45 p.m. and business starts at 6:15 p.m. Meeting adjourns by 8:15 p.m. at Alvin Baggett Recreation Building, 1302 Keene in Galena Park

Topic for this upcoming meeting is about Panama Canal Expansion and Impacts on the Community  
•The Panama Canal's new lock is scheduled to open to traffic 2016. Bill Diehl, Executive Director of the Houston

Port Bureau, will explain what the expansion is about and the impacts, both positive and negative, it may or may not have on this area. Diehl is a former US Coast Guard Captain of the Port and was stationed in Panama at the time that nation was determining whether to expand the canal.  
•Diehl will also describe the mix of vessels calling on the Port of Houston and how low oil prices may influence the vessel forecast for regional ports over the next few years.

## RELAY FOR LIFE

All cancer survivors are invited to join the American Cancer Society Relay for Life for the ceremonial Survivors Victory Lap and other festivities. Cancer Survivors are our honored guests!

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WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND? A cancer survivor is defined by the American Cancer Society as anyone who is living with cancer, from the date of diagnosis. If you have ever heard the words, "You have cancer," we invite you to participate as a survivor. Whether you're a survivor or caregiver, getting involved in your local Relay for Life event can introduce you to others who are facing the same challenges, and provide opportunities for learning, sharing and friendship. We don't face cancer alone and neither should you!

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## Chamber welcomes new member

The North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce welcomes new member Taqueria Melissa's with a ribbon cutting. Taqueria Melissa's is located at 2100 Clinton Dr. in Galena Park, Texas.



## Galena Park Alumni Spotlight

Meet Jonathan Zalamea, a former student of Cunningham Middle School, the 2008 valedictorian of North Shore Senior High School, and a third year resident at the University of Texas Medical School at Houston.

Jonathan earned his bachelor's degree in Biology, with a minor in Theology, from the University of St. Thomas where he graduated Summa Cum Laude. He shared the primary reason he chose to attend UST was due to the fact that they offered Theology classes, which aren't a part of the public school curriculum. He explained that he was interested in learning more about religion. He was also more intrigued by the conflict of interests between science and religion. While attending UST, not only was he surprised that he was among other valedictorians, he was also surprised by how many priests were on campus each day. Even though it was a cultural adjustment for him, Jonathan truly enjoyed the college atmosphere, great support network, and a great group of friends.

After obtaining his degree, Jonathan decided to continue his education at the University of Texas at Houston and pursue his goal of becoming a doctor. During his high school years, he visited his grandparents in the Philippines for the first time. His grandpa, whom he had never met, had a stroke and he was thankful to the doctors who had saved his life. This was a life changing experience which helped him realized that he, too, wanted to

become a doctor so he could save the lives of others, allowing them to spend more time with their love ones.

Once he graduates from medical school in May 2016, Jonathan plans on completing his residency at a well-known hospital such as Texas Children's Hospital, preferably in Texas or California. He is seeking the primary care field with pediatrics as his main focus. His desire is to establish a career at an academic medical center where he can work and also teach.

During his first two years of medical school, he assisted with the Med Kids Program by educating second and fourth grade students about medicine, and high school students, at Camp Cardiac, about the heart. After one of the sessions he had heard a student say he wanted to become a doctor just like him and that inspired him to teach. He then proposed the idea to begin a program in GPISD so students here could have the same opportunity to learn and expose them to more options regarding their professional goals. He approached Mr. John Moore, his former principal at Cunningham Middle School and also at North Shore High School Ninth Grade Campus, whom he considers his mentor, with the idea of beginning the Future Doctors Program. Jonathan was excited to learn that this idea was approved, and he is scheduled to visit GPISD's 9th and 10th grade students at NSHS during the first two weeks in July. He will teach a run through of Anatomy and



Jonathan Zalamea

Physiology, and he will also conduct an overview on the steps to get into medical school upon completion of high school. In April 2016, he will teach five different sessions about the human body at Harvard Elementary. He plans to return in a few years to finish educating the other campuses!

Although he is devoted to his busy schedule, Jonathan is currently involved in the Catholic Student Association and Sports Medicine Associations. He has a passion for shoes and is a huge football fan who roots for the Houston Texans.

We are very proud of Jonathan, and we look forward to him returning to GPISD to enlighten the rest of our students and help them prepare for their future careers.

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# Nadolneys celebrate 80 years in Cloverleaf

Frank and Carmen Nadolney are celebrating the 80th anniversary of the founding of Cloverleaf this year. This subdivision community with over 3800 homes, is the result of the vision of Frank's father and mother, Romanus F. and Frances Nadolney.

The Nadolneys arrived in the North Shore of Houston in 1935.



FRANK NADOLNEY displays memorabilia from his father's football career, and the development of Cloverleaf Farms, in his office in Cloverleaf.

Originally R. F. was from Michigan, and Frances was raised in Sweetwater, Texas. They had met at her employer's, Western Union, and married in 1929. After an illustrious but short career with the Notre Dame football team, and the Green Bay Packers, R. F. had gone to California, New Mexico and elsewhere to develop housing subdivisions.

As a football player, R. F. was known as "Peaches" by his teammates, which included playing for the famous Knute Rockne at Notre Dame, and Green Bay in 1922, and four seasons with the Milwaukee

Badgers of the early NFL. His football teammates included George Gipp, and Curly Lambeau. As a result, Nadolney was later enshrined in the U. P. College Football Hall of Fame.

Nadolney started Cloverleaf Farms by buying about 1000 acres from the Hornberger interests. As time passed, Nadolney sold lots in the subdivision from Manor Street on the east, working westward until they finally built out Freeport Street and Evanston Street, and lots were built out with modest homes for the workers in the shipyards, refineries and defense industries near the port, it became necessary for the school district to build a school for all the new children. So in 1942 the Nadolneys donated 6.5 acres of land to the Galena Park school district, for a new elementary school named Cloverleaf Elementary. It opened with 256 children, and now has almost 1000 with



CLOVERLEAF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL in 1943, the first year it housed six classes.



CLOVERLEAF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL in 2002, the year that Frances Nadolney died.

successive additions.

Although R. F. or Romanus Frank "Peaches" Nadolney died in 1963, his wife Frances continued their benevolence after his death, and in 1975 donated

ed the land on which the North Shore Little League built their playing field. It is named R. F. Nadolney Field. Today their son Frank continues this generosity to the community they founded, by supporting the North Shore Little League for the last 52 years, and the North Shore Rotary Club and their youth projects.



Frances Irene Nadolney 1907-2002



R. F. NADOLNEY in 1922 Green Bay Packer uniform.



R. F. NADOLNEY in 1955 in downtown Houston.

Galena Park ISD received a federal grant of \$50,000, announced by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, from the defense public works fund for construction of the school. The the district under the direction of superintendent Dr. Walter Hinds voted to issue \$15,000 in matching bonds for the school construction. The school was built with six classrooms, on Goose Creek Road at Clover Leaf Farms, according to old newspaper clippings.

In December 2003 the Galena Park school district named a library Frances I. Nadolney Library in her honor. Present at the dedication ceremony



"PEACHES" NADOLNEY played on Knute Rockne's Notre Dame squad, along with Curly Lambeau and George Gipp.

were superintendent Dr. Shirley Neeley, and the school board headed by Jeff Miller, and the principal of the Cloverleaf Elementary Ofelia Garza. Mrs. Nadolney had died in 2002, at the age of 96. R. F. Nadolney died in 1963.



THE NADOLNEYS HAVE SUPPORTED the North Shore Little League for 52 years. The LL field was built on donated land in 1975.

## Rep. Hernandez hosts the Comcast "Digital Connectors" at the Capitol



Rep. Hernandez with HD 143 students participating in Comcast Digital Connectors Program.

Representative Hernandez welcomed students from HD 143 participating in the Comcast "Digital Connectors" program through Neighborhood Centers-Ripley House. It was a pleasure to have these 15 students at the Capitol to celebrate their achievement in completing this program.

The Comcast Digital Connectors program offers digital literacy courses for students throughout the year. The program also offers them a chance to learn about the cable business industry and the opportunities that Comcast provides as well as the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education.

Representative Hernandez is extremely proud to have these students in House District 143 and she looks forward to hearing more about their continued success!

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Carter Funeral Home, 13701 Corpus Christi St.  
San Jacinto College North, (2) Student Center & Library  
Fonteno Court House, Wallisville Rd  
East Houston Hospital, I-10  
Foodtown, Uvalde Rd  
Sellers Brothers Market, Uvalde Rd  
YMCA, Wallisville Rd  
Fiesta Market, I-10  
HPD Substation, I-10  
Federal Road Barber Shop, Uvalde @ Halifax  
Panera Restaurant, Beltway 8 @ Wallisville  
CiCi's Pizza, Uvalde @ Woodforest  
Kroger's, Woodforest @ Beltway 8  
Fuddruggers, Normandy Rd  
Walgreens, Maxey Rd @ Woodforest  
Senator Sylvia Garcia office, in Woodforest Bank Bldg  
North Channel Library, Wallisville Rd  
North Shore High School, at Wallisville Rd  
Walgreens, 15511 Wallisville Rd  
United Comm. Credit Union, Normandy  
United Comm. Credit Union, Wallisville

**SHELDON**  
Sheldon ISD Admin Bldg.  
C. E. King High School, Tidwell Rd  
Kroger's, Normandy at Woodforest  
Parkway Feed, CE King Blvd  
Community Bank of Texas, Tidwell Road  
**CLOVERLEAF**  
HC WCID #36, Hollywood St  
Grayson Community Center, Corpus Christi St  
Galena Park Admin Building, Beltway 8 at Woodforest  
CommunityBank of Texas, I-10 E @ Freeport  
Gatti's Pizza, Uvalde  
North Channel Assistance Ministries, Bonham @ Freeport

**JACINTO CITY**  
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JC Police Dept., Market St  
Market Street Feed Store, Market St

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Channelview High School, Sheldon Rd  
Woodforest Bank, Sheldon Rd  
Channelview Admin Bldg, Sheldon Rd  
Food Fair, Sheldon Rd @ I-10  
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**GALENA PARK**  
Baggett Community Center, Keene St  
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