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CHANNEL CHATTER

Channelview HS graduation set for May 27

Graduation ceremonies for Channelview High School will be held at 7 p.m., Saturday, May 27 at the M.O. Campbell Center, 1865 Aldine Bender Road in Houston.

The graduation will be video streamed live on the Web by Aldine ISD. For those who would like to view the video of this year's graduation, log on to the Aldine ISD website at www.aldineisd.org, go to the Community link at the top of the home page, then click on the Graduation Video Feeds link.

For more information, contact the high school at 281-452-1450.

Galena Park - Jacinto City CIP meeting

Thursday, June 1, 2017. Tour of US Coast Guard Station at Ellington Field with USCG explaining its mission. Plus review of what Customs and Border Patrol does

- 5:00 p.m. - van leaves Alvin Baggett Recreation Building. The first 14 people who sign up now may ride Jacinto City van. Otherwise, leave from home/work and drive self or carpool with friends. To sign up call 281-326-5253.

North Shore in 6-A Region III baseball playoffs

North Shore (24-10) defeated La Porte in the quarterfinals on May 19, to advance to the semifinals this week.

Game 1 against Fort Bend Travis (29-6) will start Thursday at 7:30 at Rice University. Game 2 Friday 7:30, Game 3 Saturday 3:00. Both teams have a 6-1 playoff record.

North Shore will rely on strong pitching from Josh Larzabal, Aaron Celestino and Jacob Deese, according to coach Lee Martinez.

Rotary Fish Fry a great success

NORTH SHORE - The Rotary Club of North Shore held their 42nd Annual Catfish Fry and Crawfish Boil, and had thousands either turn out for the event, or come and pick up dinners.

The Fish Fry is a fund raiser for the club, who use the money for community projects such as the fire departments, scholarships, Pct. 2 park improvements, school awards programs, food pantry, and much more benefitting the public.

There are four major parts to the event: a limited draw raffle, to win a



THE LIVE AUCTION had many unique items, including this "Dia de Muertos" (Day of the Dead) sugar skull donated by the Rotary Club of Torreon, Mexico.

new Toyota truck or 19 other high value prizes; catfish and crawfish dinners; a live auction, and a silent auction.

The chairman for the event is always the president-elect, which this year is Adam Lund of Capital Bank. Last year it was Kim Gonzalez, who is now president. All 75 members of the club assist with the execution of the all-day event in some function.

Proceeds from the Fish Fry average \$300,000 to \$400,000 every year, most of which is available for community projects after expenses. For instance,



CLUB PRESIDENT KIM GONZALEZ, helped by Rotarians Mike Williams and Shawn Silman, draw the winning ticket. The Toyota truck was won by Dennis Adams.

this year the live auction raised \$131,700 dollars, the dinner tickets tens of thou-

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Mold inspection tour at Galena Manor Churchill

By Allan Jamail

Galena Park, TX. - May 23, 2017 after months of my writing news articles for the *North Channel Star* I felt it was time for me to have a first-hand look at the community center. I felt I owed it to both the citizens and the city to take a photo tour even though I knew I'd be entering an environment which could be a health hazard. The explanations given to the citizens by the city needed to be verified or found to be over exaggerated and without merit.

I contacted Robert Collins the Galena Park City Attorney and asked if it was okay for me to take a photo tour of the center. After a few days Collins

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Termite infested support columns outside the facility.



Photos by Allan Jamail

Mold residue covering kitchen cooking area.

Homeless Dog finds a caring owner



Photo by Allan Jamail

Dog lover Cynthia Flores with her pets.

By Allan Jamail

Jacinto City dog lover Cynthia Flores with Willie (left), a stray German Shepherd she gave a home to 4 years ago. Cynthia said Willie was roaming the streets and appeared to be in need of better care.

She took Willie into her home and then to a veterinarian for a health check-up and his vaccination shots. She enrolled him into obedience school; the

photo shows Willie loves his owner's loving care.

Cynthia decided Willie was bored and needed some dog company so she got Victoria, a 4 month old Shepherd. Victoria is so playful Willie gets annoyed but not mean towards his younger friend.

City Manager Lon Squyres says anyone wanting to adopt a dog from the city's dog pound should call the Jacinto City Public Works Department at 713-453-7411.

SHELDON ISD

C.E. King High School Class of 2017 Senior Parade



Graduating seniors at C. E. King High School spent the better part of the day loading and unloading off of nine school buses that toured them around the other campuses throughout the district. The purpose of the Senior Parade was not only for seniors to possibly visit their elementary and/or middle schools one last time...but to also act as role models for Sheldon ISD youth.

STUDENTS' MOTIVATION

Galena Park High School host first annual Senior Walk



Throughout the week of April 24, Galena Park High School took 50 graduating seniors to visit five elementary schools for their First Annual Senior Walk. GPHS started this event to motivate kids to stay in school and achieve their goals. The students from Woodland Acres Elementary, MacArthur Elementary, Jacinto City Elementary, Pyburn Elementary and Galena Park Elementary gathered in the halls with signs to cheer on the graduates as they walked in their caps and gowns. GPISD is so proud of the graduating seniors and wish them the best of luck in their future!

COMMUNITY NEWS

**COMMUNITY
CALENDAR**

Library Computer Class
Stratford Library - Highlands offers beginning computer classes every Monday night at 6:30 PM. The classes include Computer Basics, Email & Internet, Word, Library Apps, and Resume Help. No experience necessary! Space is limited and registration is required. Please call 832-927-5400 to sign up or with any questions. The Stratford Library is located at 509 Stratford Highlands, TX 77562, 2 blocks behind Food Town.

Crosby Alumni Asssoc. Mtg.
“The Crosby Alumni Association has announced the dates of the 4 meetings for planning the annual All-Classes CHS Alumni Reunion to be held on August 5, 2017 at the American Legion Hall.
The meetings will be held at the Crosby Community Center on Hare Road beginning at 6 pm. The dates are: May 16, June 20 and July 18. All graduates of Crosby High School are invited to attend these meetings regardless of year graduated.”

Support Ministry Group
First Responder Peer Support Group meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at Crosby Church, 5725 Hwy. 90, Crosby, TX. 77532. This is a safe venue within fire, law enforcement & EMS to discuss openly the realities of what you have experienced on the streets or over the phone or radio. For questions, please call 281-328-1310.

Clean up your Town
Highlands and Baytown area, if you have heavy trash that your regular trash company will not pick up, or the entire block of the street it seemed every other house had items that had sat there in front of their homes forever, like old TV's and the alike, contact Commissioner Jack Mormans office at 713-755-6220.
Just call, and they will ask for your name & address, and just describe the issue you are calling about, and within a week, you will get a phone call from the crew, double checking & letting you know they are coming out.
So please, everyone let's clean up our towns, and make it easier on our eyes and also on our pocket-book, since it is a FREE service.

Trail Ride illustrates local Western heritage on US 90



TRAIL RIDING IN CROSBY is becoming more of a common site, as horse owners organize riding events to appreciate the rural beauty and tranquility of the Crosby area. These riders were recently seen near U.S. 90, illustrating the point that Harris County is not far removed from the days of western lore.

Two county buildings renamed for renowned locals

NORTHEAST HARRIS COUNTY – The Baytown Courthouse Annex #8 and the Crosby Branch Library are undergoing re-naming following decisions by the Harris County Commissioner's Court.
The Crosby Branch Library will become the Edith Faye Cook Cole Harris County Branch Library as soon as lettering can be accomplished based on a ruling on May 23. The Commissioner's Court also approved the Courthouse to become Clinton F. Greenwood Courthouse after Assistant Chief Deputy Clinton Greenwood, the Precinct 3 Deputy that was murdered near the steps of that courthouse on April 3 in his designated parking space.
“It's a done deal,” said Precinct 3 Constable Sherman Eagleton on May 22, “Justice Don Coffey and I presented the idea to Precinct 2 Commissioner Jack Morman and the Harris County Commissioner's Court passed the measure unanimously.”
A re-naming ceremony is planned for the month of July, vendors and contractors will have to schedule the changing of all signage.
As reported on April 6 in the Star-Courier, re-naming the library in Crosby in honor of one of the outstanding leaders in bringing a public library to Crosby will be remembered by naming the local library in her honor.
According to Head Librarian Diane Barker “It is in honor for her support of the community.”
Under the lettering for Harris County Public Library will be the Crosby Edith Faye Cook Cole Branch then the address, 135 Hare Road as it is accomplished by Precinct 2 Commissioner Jack Morman's vendors and contractors. Crosby Church of Christ, Crosby Historical Society, The Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce and Friends of the Crosby Library submitted letters in request of the name change to Harris County Commissioner's Court.

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TOP SCHOLARS

GALENA PARK ISD TOP STUDENTS



Galena Park High School Top 10 Students:

Annabella Espinosa, Angelica Torres, MacKenzie Swanson, Angelica Rodriguez, Sailene Salinas, Alana Perez, Daniel Nieto, Carla Benevides, Jessica Diaz and Juliana Martinez.



North Shore High School Top 10 Students:

Daniela J. Diaz, Nathalie C. Diez, Jose M. Galdamez-Melara, Joissy F. Grimaldo Hernandez, Mabel M. Idicula, Kenny R. Ma, Zulma E. Mejia Vasquez, Richard Mendoza, Genesis R. Rios-Garza and Isaias A. Tristan.

SHELDON ISD TOP STUDENTS

Introducing C. E. King HS Class of 2017 Valedictorian, Salutatorian

The C. E. King High School Class of 2017 has named its valedictorian and salutatorian for the 2016-17 school year.

Senior Amy Trevino, left, is the Valedictorian, and senior Parris Carmouche, right, is the Salutatorian.



Families take to the stage at San Jacinto College Spring Commencement

PASADENA, Texas – The 2017 San Jacinto College Commencement was a family affair. Friends, siblings, parents and their children walked across the stage at NRG Stadium on May 13, 2017, to receive college degrees and certificates for the next chapters of their lives.

"We pushed each other every step of the way," said Rebekkah Aguilar, who graduated with her mother, Ruby Aguilar. "We'd keep each other off the phone and talk about how our day went at school. We knew what each other was going through because we were both college students."

Ruby Aguilar graduated with her associate degree in medical laboratory technology and already has a job lined up at Bayshore Medical Center. Rebekkah Aguilar graduated with an associate degree in general studies and plans to transfer to a university. Ruby Aguilar also plans to earn her bachelor's degree at the University of Texas Medical Branch with her friend Khadija Tabiola. Tabiola walked at commencement, earning her associate degree in medical laboratory technology and has an interview scheduled for employment.

"This is my second degree from San Jacinto College," said Tabiola, who commuted to her classes each day from her southwest Houston home. "I love San Jac. The staff and faculty understand what it's like to go to college while also



Photo by Jeannie Peng Mansyur/San Jacinto College

Steven Taff (right) received his associate degree in construction management, while his daughter Rian Taff (left) received her degree in paralegal studies on the same night at the San Jacinto College Commencement at NRG Stadium on May 13, 2017.

having a family. They are there for you, and they know what it takes to get to this point."

Steven Taff received his associate degree in construction management, while his daughter Rian Taff received her associate degree in paralegal studies on the same night. When Rian graduated from high school and started attending San Jacinto College, her father knew he had some unfinished business to pursue in college.

"My kids inspire me," said Steven Taff. "I thought that maybe I was too old or just busy raising the kids but then I thought, 'why not?' I've been in construction for 25 years already, and this will rein-

force my career and help me move up in the ranks of management."

In addition to his daughter attending San Jacinto College, Steven Taff's three younger children will attend San Jacinto College this coming fall. Ryan Taff was inducted into the Lambda Epsilon Chi (LEX) national honor society and will soon take her National Association of Legal Assistants (NALA) exam. She plans to earn her bachelor's degree and attend law school.

San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer had the opportunity to congratulate Juan Vargas, her son-in-law, on stage as he received his associate degree in engineering design graphics.

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OPINION PAGE

Sun Protection
Myths And Facts

(NAPSI)—Sunscreen is an important part of protecting your skin. However, some information about sunscreen can be confusing, making it difficult to know how to best protect the skin you're in. Seeking shade when the sun is especially strong (from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.), wearing clothing that protects your skin as well as hats and sunglasses, and separating myth from fact about sunscreen are three key steps you can take.

Here are a few facts on sun care you should know:

Myth: Skin cancer is not a common problem.

Fact: 1 in 5 Americans will be diagnosed with skin cancer in their lifetime.

Myth: Protecting your skin from the sun is time-consuming and not worth the trouble.

Fact: Sunscreen is a simple solution to address this problem. You should use sunscreen regularly and reapply often. It only takes a short amount of time to protect your skin.

Myth: Sunscreen SPF labels can't be trusted.

Fact: Coppertone's commitment to the quality, safety and effectiveness of its products has helped it earn the trust of consumers for more than 70 years. This is especially true when it comes to product labeling. In fact, Coppertone recently opened its doors to an independent firm to conduct testing of Bayer's sunscreen. The report found that the products reviewed complied with internal and all applicable external requirements to ensure the quality, safety and efficacy of its products. You can be confident that when you use Coppertone, your skin is well protected.

Myth: There's no evidence that sunscreens lower the risk of most forms of skin cancer.

Fact: Not only is this false, it is a dangerous message. When used regularly with other sun protection measures, a broad spectrum sunscreen with

SPF 15 or higher can decrease the risk of skin cancer.

Myth: I only need sunscreen for long days in the sun and don't need to reapply.

Fact: Sunscreen should be used year-round for any sun exposure, regardless of weather conditions. Reapplication of Coppertone after 80 minutes of swimming or sweating, immediately after towel drying and at least every two hours is important to ensure effective sun protection.

Myth: I don't get a lot of sun or my skin doesn't burn.

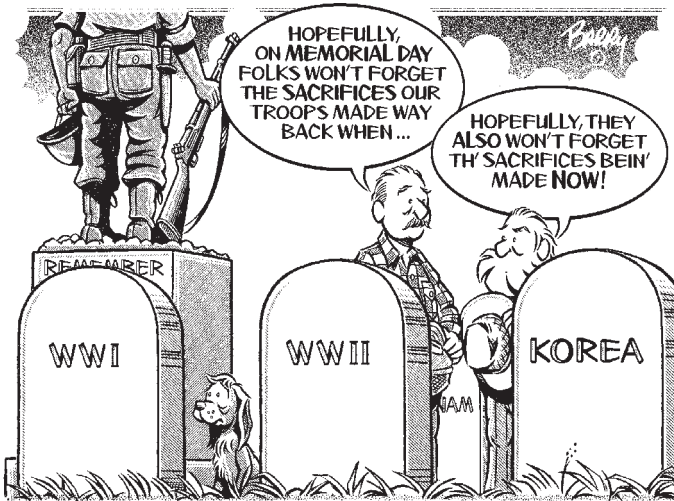
Fact: Incidental sun exposure is the kind of sun exposure that you may not be aware of. It builds up over the years from brief everyday activities, such as dog walking and commuting. Sun damage occurs even when skin doesn't turn red, and all skin types carry risk of skin cancer.

Myth: There's SPF in my makeup and moisturizer so I'm protected from the sun.

Fact: Although makeup and facial moisturizers with sunscreens have adequate SPF levels, the products typically don't provide the same amount of protection because they are generally not reapplied. People also don't take quantity into account, and often they don't apply enough to fully protect their skin from the sun.

Myth: When it comes to sun protection, all sunscreen is the same.

Fact: At Coppertone, the company that introduced the first commercial sun care product in the U.S. in 1944, researchers are always hard at work creating innovative sunscreens that provide transformative ways to stay protected in the sun. For example, Coppertone just introduced a new form of sun protection—Coppertone Whipped Sunscreens, that feel great on skin while providing trusted broad-spectrum protection.



MEMORIAL DAY IS MONDAY, MAY 29.

State budget bill
moves forward

AUSTIN — Texas Senate and House budget conferees met frequently last week and on May 20 managed to reach compromise on a \$218 billion state budget for fiscal years 2018-2019.

However, Senate Bill 1 must gain final approval from both the House and Senate in order for the budget to continue on to the governor's desk. But as pressing a matter as the budget may seem, the bulk of time in weekend floor debates was used on a variety of other measures, such as property tax reform, municipal annexation, school bathroom accommodations for transgender students and religious conscience considerations for government employees.

Disagreements among Republicans, who hold majorities in the House and Senate, and the rivalry between the lieutenant governor and the House speaker continue to slow the customary end-of-session rush of bills. Also, the usual talk about the need for a special session to take care of unfinished business has arisen as the May 29 end of the 140-day session approaches.

One bill that did pass and is headed to Gov. Greg Abbott's desk is House Bill 62, a statewide ban on texting while driving. Authored by former speaker and dean of the House Tom Craddick, R-Midland, the bill was sponsored and amended in the Senate by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, who offered companion legislation, SB 31. The House concurred in Senate amendments.

"Awareness of the dangers of texting while driving has been growing, and an April poll found that 90 percent of Texans support a statewide prohibition. Accordingly, it is time for Texas to join the 46 other states that already have banned this deadly habit," Zaffirini wrote.

DPS to hold Memorial Service during Police Week

The Texas Department of Public Safety on May 16 held a memorial service in conjunction with National Police Week to honor the state troopers, special agents and Texas Rangers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

The Texas Governor's Mansion was lit with blue lights on May 17 as part of the commemoration, as a sign of solidarity with the Dallas community, that day honored officers killed in the line of duty during a

STATE CAPITAL
HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling



terrorist attack last July.

Jobless rate unchanged

The Texas Workforce Commission on May 19 announced the state's economy expanded in April with the addition of 30,400 seasonally adjusted non-farm jobs, but the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.0 percent.

Employment in the education and health services industry recorded the largest private-industry gain over the month with 10,400 jobs added, while manufacturing employment grew by 8,100 jobs and professional and business services expanded by 7,400 jobs.

The Amarillo Metropolitan Statistical Area recorded the month's lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 3.0 percent, followed by the Austin-Round Rock, College Station-Bryan and Lubbock MSAs with a rate of 3.2 percent.

West Nile case reported

With the state already on alert for the Zika mosquito-borne illness, the Department of State Health Services on May 16 announced Texas' first West Nile illness of the year.

An adult woman from Montgomery County developed the neurologic form of the disease was diagnosed in late April, the agency said.

As mosquito counts climb, the state of Texas is appealing to the public to help with the effort to stop mosquito-borne diseases by preventing mosquito bites and eliminating areas where mosquitoes can reproduce.

Paxton writes letter to EPA

Attorney General Ken Paxton's office sent a letter dated May 15 to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, urging the suspension, review and reconsideration Obama-era EPA regulations that Texas challenged in 12 lawsuits that are still pending against the federal agency.

One example pointed out in the letter is the EPA's "Clean Power Plan," which Paxton's office alleges would raise electricity costs while weakening the nation's power grid. The letter also mentions the Paxton's lawsuit against an EPA rule on carbon and methane that he said would harm oil and gas production in Texas and across the nation.

HHS receives opioid grant

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission on May 19 announced that Texas would receive a \$27.4 million federal grant to combat opioid-use disorders.

The increasing rate of opioid use continues to be an issue nationwide, and of the more than 33,000 opioid-related deaths in the U.S. in 2015, 1,186 were in Texas. The grant funds will be used for prevention, training, outreach, treatment and recovery support services and will directly help an estimated 14,000 people over a two-year period, according to the agency.

Creighton
passes Jones
State Forest Bill

Senate Bill 1964:
Save Jones State Forest

Austin — May 16, 2017 - Senator Brandon Creighton (R-Conroe) passed legislation to protect 100% of the W.G. Jones State Forest.

"This bill could not have passed without my constituents feedback, involvement and support for full protection of the forest," said Senator Creighton. "I greatly appreciate the important conversations we had this session regarding the treasured Jones State Forest in Senate District 4."

The W.G. Jones State Forest is a working forest owned by the State of Texas and administered by the Texas A&M Forest Service. The forest was purchased by the Texas Legislature in 1926 for \$9,792.60 for the use and benefit of Texas A&M in its reforestry demonstration to educate landowners, loggers and forestry students about what is now termed sustained yield forestry.

The legislative intent is to protect the entire forest and prevent any development. The bill specifically clarifies that all 1,722 acres will be protected and that the forest must remain in its current natural, scenic, open-space and undeveloped state in a manner that maintains the tree canopy cover of the forest.

"I could only change the statute to restrict Texas A&M from the right to develop the forest during a legislative session," concluded Senator Creighton. "I appreciate that we have established the will of the legislature and the Senate has approved the additional protection for Jones State Forest."

Senate Bill 1964 passed out of the Senate chamber unanimously. The bill will now be sent to the Texas House of Representatives.

Senator Brandon Creighton represents Senate District 4, which encompasses Chambers, Jefferson and parts of Montgomery, Harris and Galveston Counties.

Lt. Governor
Dan Patrick:
Bill 21 contains
over a half-billion
dollars in funding
for schools

AUSTIN - Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick issued this statement today following the passage of House Bill 21 on Sunday night:

"I want to make sure our colleagues in the Texas House are aware that the Texas Senate has added over a half billion dollars for schools to HB 21 including \$200 million for Additional State Aid for Tax Reduction (ASATR), \$200 million in new funding for the Foundation School Program and a \$100 million for facility funding to school districts and charter schools. The bill also includes Education Savings Accounts for children with disabilities. As I said last week, it is hard for me to believe any Texas lawmaker would vote against a half billion dollars for public schools, as well as voting against children with disabilities, simply to oppose school choice.

"I ask the House to seriously consider concurring on this important legislation."

If the House concurs on HB 21, the lieutenant governor has also agreed to move legislation that will push back the official start date for A through F campus ratings until 2019 and make 2018 scores another sample year.

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LIFESTYLE

Sheldon ISD Teachers of the Year honored at May 16 Board meeting

Members of the Sheldon ISD school board had the pleasure of publicly honoring the district's Teachers of the Year at the May 16 school board meeting in the Ney Administration Building Board Room.

Pictured (from left) are Fred Rivas, Sheldon ISD School Board President; Brenda Romero, C. E. King High School; Leslie Balthazar, Sheldon Early College High School; Quilindria Dotson-McGee, Null Middle School; Karel Anderson-LaFluer, Carroll Elementary; Ernestine Jackson, Shaunte' Kemp, Garrett Elementary; Monahan Elementary; Melanie Holmes, Sheldon ECA; Javier Velazquez, Royalwood Elementary; Barry King, Sheldon Elementary; and Sheldon ISD Superintendent King Davis. Not pictured are Kathie Cussen, Cravens ECA; and Shenitra Davis, C. E. King Middle School.

Also, Shaunte' Kemp was named the Sheldon ISD Elementary Teacher of the Year, and Brenda Romero was named the Secondary Teacher of the Year. These teachers will represent Sheldon ISD as nominees for the Region 4 Teachers of the Year.



SHELDON ISD Board recognizes students of the Month for May 2017

Members of the Sheldon ISD school board recognized the district's Students of the Month for May at the May 16 school board meeting in the Ney Administration Building Board Room.

Pictured (back, from left) are Fred Rivas, School Board President; Auden Herrera, C. E. King Middle School; Melissa Garcia, KASE Academy; and Halley Werts, Royalwood Elementary; King Davis, Sheldon ISD Superintendent; and Belen Leal, Monahan Elementary(front) Hannah Teagle, Garrett Elementary; Destinee Bobs, Cravens ECA; Zayla Samlalsingh, Shelton ECA; and Halley Cooper, Sheldon Elementary. Not pictured are Albert Aguirre, Carroll Elementary; Kimberley Hernandez, Sheldon Early College High School; and Darion McClinton, C. E. King High School.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Evening San Jacinto Pilot Club Meeting

This newly chartered club meets on on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Woodforest Presbyterian Church. For more information, see the Facebook page entitled Evening San Jacinto Pilot Club or call 832-264-1565 / 832-289-4762.

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.

North Shore Senior Dance

North Shore Seniors holds a dance every Thursday from 1 - 4 pm at the Grayson/Baldree Building, Corpus Christi street. Live bands and refreshments. Cost is \$ 5/per person. For more information call 713-455-3660.

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.

San Jacinto Pilot Club meeting

The Club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at Lyondell-Basell on Sheldon Road at noon. For more information, please visit www.SanJacintoPilot.com.

Woodland Acres Middle School 70 year reunion

Alumni of the Woodland Acres Middle School will gather on Thursday, May 25 from 5pm to 7pm for a class reunion. There will be speakers, a band, and refreshments.

An informal lunch social will precede the reunion, at Golden Corral on I-10 at 2pm.

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Companies look to apprenticeships to build talent pipeline



Dr. Sarah Janes, associate vice chancellor of Continuing and Professional Development at San Jacinto College, welcomes companies and representatives from colleges, high schools and local agencies to the Spring Apprenticeship Forum at the Houston-Galveston Area Council. Photo credit: Jeannie Peng Mansur, San Jacinto College marketing, public relations and government affairs department.

The Spring Apprenticeship Forum held at the Houston-Galveston Area Council and featured panelists from industry

PASADENA, Texas – Companies and representatives from colleges, high schools and local agencies gathered recently to discuss ways to recruit and train more people for the workforce during the first Spring Apprenticeship Forum at the Houston-Galveston Area Council.

“We have a crisis in our workforce, and apprenticeships are one part of the solution,” said Nick Morgan with Adaptive Construction Solutions, which developed an apprenticeship program one year ago.

Morgan served on a panel of speakers alongside David Barron with Texas Carpenters and Millwright Training Trust, Tammy Newman with JP-Morgan Chase, Michael Proctor with INEOS and Stephen Dodd with IBM. They addressed the issue of recruiting talent for the workforce shortage and how to recruit more veterans for apprenticeships.

Apprenticeships help prepare and train workers for a career in a skilled trade or craft, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. They combine supervised on-the-job training with job-related, classroom instruction. INEOS developed its apprenticeship program approximately nine years ago.

Proctor said the apprenticeship group is diverse in age and taught multiple skill sets including computer skills and tested for competency on specific job skills. Barron said Texas Carpenters and Millwright Training Trust, which started its apprenticeship program four years ago, has testified before the Texas Legislature for increased support of the industry's workforce needs. Newman said Chase's apprenticeship began last month in partnership between the U.S. Department of Labor and Houston Community College.

San Jacinto College partnered with Dow Chemical for its apprenticeship program that provides salary and tuition for training and books in petrochemical-related programs. Students study full time for the first year and fulfill their apprenticeship hours while studying part time in the second and third years.

“We want high schools and colleges to work with industry to develop these pre-apprenticeships and apprenticeship programs and allow more people to enter into the workforce pipeline and have careers that will provide them with good pay, benefits and job growth,” said Dr. Sarah Janes, associate vice chancellor of Continuing and Professional Development at San Jacinto College.

The Spring Apprenticeship Forum concluded with

a panel of apprentices from INEOS and Texas Carpenters and Millwright Training Trust. The forum also served as a kickoff for National Apprenticeship Week, Nov. 14-18, 2017. The Houston Area Apprenticeship Advisory Committee will host a road show for companies to share their apprenticeship opportunities with local high school students.

“We attended this forum to learn and share these opportunities with our students,” said Inga Gibbons, technical education counselor with Brazosport High School. “It's about knowing what's out there for them after high school. Apprenticeships are a great way to get on board with companies.”

About the Continuing and Professional Development division

This division at San Jacinto College provides continuing education and training for both current and future employees in the professional and technical job sectors, as well as provides the public with noncredit open enrollment course options to enhance their lives. Professional and technical training is available through contract training, open enrollment and grant funding. For more information, call 281-476-1838 or visit the Continuing and Professional Development division website.

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The bids will be opened and publicly read in the Council Chamber, 10301 Market Street at the Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on June 8, 2017.

The city reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids, to waive any/or all technicalities and to Accept any bid or part thereof which in the opinion of the City Council is most advantageous to The city.

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Notice of Public Meeting

SH 146 Subregional Study

Houston-Galveston Area Council invites the local citizens, business owners and elected officials to attend a public meeting to share your transportation issues, needs and ideas on the SH 146 Subregional Study.

Tuesday, June 6, 2017
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Living Hope Church
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Baytown, Mont Belvieu, H-GAC and TxDOT are working together to identify and analyze the mobility issues in the study area. The study will result in recommendations to address the mobility issues identified at this meeting.

For more information, visit hgacmpo.com/SH146

The meeting will consist of a brief presentation followed by public input session beginning at 6:00pm. The Steering Committee and project team will be present to answer questions. English and Spanish speakers will be available to gather input and answer questions. The facility is handicapped accessible. H- GAC will provide for reasonable accommodations for persons attending H-GAC functions. Requests from persons needing special accommodations should be received by H-GAC staff 24 hours prior to a function. Requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should be made at least two working days prior to a function. Please call 713-993-2471 for assistance.

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1 Nuclear energy source

5 Pigpen

8 Hairdresser's item

12 Pop

13 Raw mineral

14 Hawaiian feast

15 Desert-like

16 Painting, sculpture, et al.

18 Conifer exudation

20 Lascivious

21 Two, in Tijuana

22 Owns

23 Hodgepodge

26 Reception amenity

30 Coop dweller

31 Ewe's mate

32 Altar affirmative

33 Tram, usually

36 Otherwise

38 Grecian vessel

39 Supporting

40 Pedro's pal

43 TV schedules

47 Oscillation rendering

49 Locate

50 Picture on a PC

51 Zero

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1 Pronto, on a memo

2 Spelling of TV

3 Valhalla VIP

4 Got by somehow

5 Couches

6 Stumble

7 Longing

8 Contract section

9 What we share

10 Dillon or Damon

11 Not idle

17 Verve

19 "Help!"

22 That guy

23 Resistance measure

24 Garland for 14-Across

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San Jacinto Pilot Club awards scholarships



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North Shore Fish Fry,

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sands, and the raffle tickets about \$120,000. There is also support from corporate sponsors. The Live Auction was run by Auctioneer Ed Phillips, with Rotarian Scott Stephens, and a number of spotters from the Crosby Rodeo. The auction always has a number of unique and sometimes expensive prizes, many of them donated. Some examples in-

clude special quilts, tickets to Astros, Dynamo, Rockets and Texans games, autographed sports memorabilia, concert tickets, one night to one week stay in exotic resorts, fishing and hunting trips, golfing outings, guns and knives, and a huge fireworks package. Other of the special items included a Shih Tzu dog, a signed Willie Nelson

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Mold Inspection,

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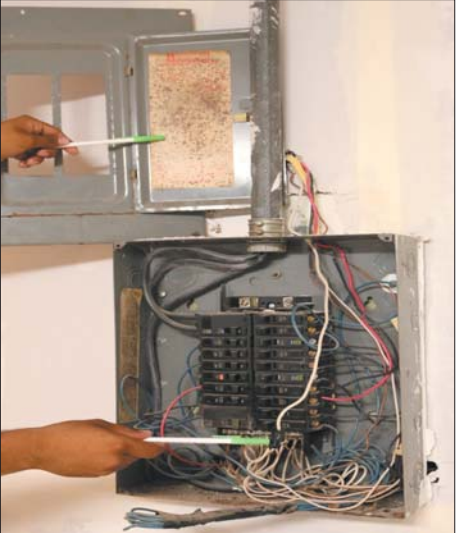
said I could contact the City Secretary Mayra Gonzales and she'd make the tour possible.

Tuesday morning May 23rd I called Gonzales and she said I could go take the tour. I went to the closed community center and was met by Commissioner Barry Ponder and Gustavo Mendez a recreation department employee.

We entered the facility and I immediately could smell a musty odor. The appearance of the inside looked like a typical remodeling job that was stopped in progress before completion.

I observed and photographed mold, termites, rotten supporting studs, dangerous electrical wiring in the breaker box, the broken emergency rear exit door to name a few things to make the place appear a very long ways from being used again.

I could have taken thousands of photos but my personal health was of a concern since my throat was already beginning to feel sore. I hope these photos will help everyone



Fire hazard electrical wiring not within code with dangerous mold growing inside the cover door (upper portion of photo)

be better informed for I'm not involved politically to help or hurt anyone. I'm not going to point the finger or blame anyone for the disastrous condition I saw, that's not my interest.

As a former mayor of Jacinto City I knew from

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