

CHANNEL CHATTER



North Channel Veterans Salute

Service to our country & community. Business & Health EXPO. Thursday, November 5 at Armenta's Banquet Hall, 823 Sheldon Rd. Channelview, 77530. 10 am - 2 pm. Call 713-450-3600 to purchase your ticket.

SJ Pilot Club Facebook auction

San Jacinto Pilot club will be conducting a Facebook auction, similar to an Ebay auction, on the San Jacinto Pilot Club Facebook page from November 7-14. Make sure you are a member of the page, then be sure to add your friends to the page, so everyone can have a chance to bid on the awesome auction items. The more people they have as members of that page, the more people have the opportunity to support the club and community.

Rabies Vaccination Clinic set Nov. 7

On Saturday, November 7, 2015, Harris County Public Health & Environmental Services (HCPHES) Veterinary Public Health Division will sponsor a low-cost rabies vaccination clinic at the North Shore Rotary Pavilion, 14350 Wallisville Rd., Houston, TX 77049. 9:00am - 1:00pm. The rabies vaccination will cost \$5.00. County pet licenses will also be available. All dogs must be on a leash and ALL cats are contained on leashes or in pet carriers. For more information call HCPHES Veterinary Public Health at (281) 999-3191.

RECOGNITION

Former NFL Player, Super Bowl Champion awards C.E. King High School with Gold Football

A special award was given to C. E. King High School at Thursday's football game against Kingwood Park, a gold football from the National Football League. The NFL's gold football is one of the many ways the NFL is celebrating Super Bowl 50. They're sending gold footballs to every high school in the world that's had a player or coach that's made it to the Super Bowl. On Thursday, October 29, 2015, former C. E. King High School graduate and NFL player, George Wright, presented the prestigious football to high school principal, Demetrius McCall. "This dedication is a true testament of the spirit and pride of C. E. King High School," McCall said. "We want to thank Mr. George Wright for this amazing honor. It is a great day to be a Panther!" Wright graduated from C. E. King High School in 1965. "It's good to be back, but I can't believe how much changed since I've been gone," Wright said.



C. E. King High School Principal Demetrius McCall, left; George Wright, center, former C. E. King High School graduate & former NFL player & Super Bowl champion; and Jim Twardowski, right, Director of Athletics & Physical Education at the presentation of the Gold Football.

After graduation, Wright played college football at Sam Houston State University. He would go on to play for the NFL, playing three seasons with the Baltimore Colts and Cleveland Browns. According to the NFL, he was drafted by the Colts in the ninth round of the 1970 NFL Draft. Wright was also a member of the team that won Super Bowl V. As for kids who want to follow in his footsteps, Wright's advice is simple. "It takes a lot of hard work and dedication, a whole bunch."

NORTH SHORE FOOTBALL

Mustangs clinch 21-6A Title

Friday night the North Shore Mustangs faced off against the Bulldogs of LaPorte in an important game - the winner would become the district champion. Windy weather added only added to teams tension as both teams drove down the field on their first possessions, only to miss the field goal attempt. The score was 0-0 at the end of the first quarter. However, things picked up for the Mustangs in the second quarter as they scored 17 points - a field goal by Aaron Cuevas, a 15 yard TD pass from Bryant Badie to Isaiah Henry, and a four yard rushing TD by Carl Guillory. In the third quarter the Mustangs kept rolling with QB Bryant Badie scrambling for a seven yard TD run. Then, as the Bulldogs center



Isaiah Henry caught the ball and left a defender on the ground before scoring a touchdown for the Mustangs.

snapped the ball over the head of their quarterback, the Mustangs fell on it in the end zone for a safety, adding another two points to their commanding lead. The final score of the game came on a four yard rushing touchdown by QB Maciah Long. In a game that

had important implications regarding playoff seeding, the Mustangs dominated on offense, defense and special teams. Next up, North Shore plays Port Arthur Memorial November 6 at Port Arthur Memorial Stadium in Port Arthur, TX.

HEAVY RAINS INUNDATE NORTH SHORE, CHANNELVIEW AREAS

NORTH CHANNEL – During this past weekend rainstorms and tornadoes struck the Houston area. East and Northeast Harris County were particularly hard hit by rainfall where up to 13 inches fell in some neighborhoods. In the greater Houston area, six tornadoes were reported from Freeport to Highlands. In Jacinto City, and along the East Freeway near Federal Road, high water caused closing of frontage roads. No deaths or serious injuries were



40 homes, and cars were under water in the Channelview area, according to the Harris County Office of Emergency Management.



HOMES in some neighborhoods were completely flooded, as were streets and cars. Frontage roads along I-10 East were closed by authorities most of Saturday.

ELECTION RESULTS:

Voters pass Props & San Jacinto bond; HERO dead, mayor in runoff

HARRIS COUNTY – Local voters showed support for their elected officials and passed every proposition in the state, county, and City of Baytown on Tuesday. In Harris County, all seven Propositions passed. Proposition 1 for road improvements at about \$700 M. passed by 73% to 27%. Proposition 2 about funding improvements to parks passed 64% to 36%. Proposition #3 for an improved animal shelter passed 62% to 38%, the lowest of all county percentages. Proposition 4 for flood control work passed 74% to 26%. So the county can spend \$64 M. to drain the areas. One Proposition that did not pass was the City of Houston, Proposition 1, the HERO proposition was voted down

39% to 61% on election day. For Mayor of Houston, Sylvester Turner had 32% and Bill King had 25% while Adrian Garcia had 15%. Turner and King will face each other again in a run-off election in December. San Jacinto College bond passes by 67.51 percent Based on preliminary figures from the Harris County Clerk's office, voters in the San Jacinto College District have given their approval for the College to move ahead with a \$425 million bond measure to fund new construction and renovation projects throughout the District. See VOTES Continued on Page 8

COMMUNITY PROFILE

15th Annual "Roast N Toast" honors Joe Stephens

LULAC Council #4703 held their 15th Annual Roast N Toast last Thursday evening, and the honoree was local businessman, former basketball star, and president of the Galena Park school board, Joe Stephens. The dinner and roast were held at the Jacinto City Town Center. Roasters & Toasters for the evening were State Rep. Ana Hernandez, Pct. 9 Constable Chris Diaz (also an honoree last year), Galena Park's John Moore and Crystal Murray, and Joe's cousin Dr. Cedrick Smith. As in any Roast, Joe's foibles were exaggerated, but his accomplishments far outshone them. He was a basketball star in the GP 1991 state champion team, and later spent 4 years in the NBA with the Houston Rockets. He now concentrates on activities involving mentoring youth, and he received high praise from his Toaster for this quality. He wants to continue work with youth, as a Justice of the Peace to follow Judge Mike Parrott next year, he says. Joe was grinning, and grimacing, most of the evening as he heard of his life's foibles, from childhood to today. He also was grinning because he was just a new father a few days before, his third daughter.



LULAC president/founder Cruz Hernandez, Jr. was the official host for the Roast, as Joe Stephens grins.



Cathy Hernandez of KPRC was the Mistress of Ceremonies



Who's taller than Joe? Well, Gene Green on a chair, I suppose.



# COMMUNITY PAGE



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### May Community Center Nov. special events

**Childrens Story Time:** Tuesday, November 10 at 10 a.m. Create a lasting memory with a child at May Community Center's monthly children's story time. Volunteer Dedra Doyle brings "Tiggers Family Tree" by Isabel Gaines to life. Following the story plan to stay and make a related craft and refreshments. A \$2 suggested donation per child helps defray the cost of supplies.

**Blood Pressure/Sugar Check:** Tuesday, November 17 at 9 a.m. Keeping a healthy lifestyle means keeping blood pressure and blood sugar in check.

**Craft Class**

- Thursday, November 5 at 10 a.m. Project: Pumpkin Brick. A \$5 suggested donation defrays the cost of the supplies needed for this craft class.
- Thursday, November 19 at 10 a.m. Project: Pumpkin Turkey-A \$8 suggested donation defrays the cost of the supplies needed for this craft class.

May Community Center is located at 2100 Wolf Road, Huffman 77336. (713) 274-2434.

### Turner team wins Golf match

Two Mondays ago the Turner Chevrolet Team played at the Plus 4 Credit Tournament in Aldine at the Wildcat Golf Course.

The Turner crew won the event that was a feature entry of the Cody Stephens Memorial Go Big Or Go Home Fundraiser's Live Auction purchased by David Mendez



### Harris County Precinct 2 North by North Trips

Trip sign-up is on a first-come, first-served basis and must be paid for in advance. Contact information below:

- The Brookwood Community, Brookshire, Thursday, November 12 at 9:30 a.m.; Cost is \$3 – lunch not included; Departing May Center; Contact Center Staff at 713-274-2434.
- Bryan Museum, Galveston, Friday, November 6 at 9:45 a.m.; Cost is \$9 – lunch not included; Departing Crosby Center; Contact Center Staff at 281-462-0543
- Danish Heritage Museum, Danevang, Tuesday, November 17 at 8 a.m.; Cost is \$13, lunch not included; Departing Crosby Center; Contact Center Staff at 281-462-0543
- Liberty Opry, Liberty, Saturday, December 19 at 5 p.m.; Cost is \$18 – dinner not included; Departing Crosby Center; Contact Center Staff at 281-462-0543.

### Crosby-Huffman CC luncheon

The luncheon will take place on Thursday, November 19th, at Crosby Church. Crosby Church is located at 5725 Highway 90. Lunch will begin at 11:30am.

Please RSVP by November 17th. You can call 281-328-6984, email [chamber@crosbyhuffmanc.org](mailto:chamber@crosbyhuffmanc.org).

Speakers will be John Foley, President and CEO of KMCO who will speak on updates, and Jeff Weems, Manager of Walgreens who will discuss health issues.

### Quilt Guild meeting

The Crosby Quilt Guild meets the Second Monday of every month. Location is 5202 1st street behind the Brethren Church in Crosby in the gym. Social time is at 6:30PM and the meeting starts at 7:00PM. Everyone is welcome to visit us and enjoy our speaker and show and tell. For information call/text Mary Jo Terrell at 832-259-3410.



### GCM Pink Ribbon:

Goose Creek Memorial High School "Pinks Out" for Breast Cancer Awareness and to celebrate the survivors.

Photo by Carrie Pryor-Neuman

### Health Fair

Hallmark Hospice, Nexion Baytown, Balance Chiropractic, and Innovative Health Services are teaming up to sponsor a Health Fair on Tuesday, November 10, 10am - 1 pm at Crosby Brethren Church Activity Center.

Blood pressure checks will be made by East Houston Regional Hospital and flu shots will be available by Walgreens.

Seniors are invited to a monthly luncheon on the second Tuesday of each month which includes a brief presentation on topics of interest to senior health.

For more information you may contact Linda Williams, coordinator at 832-489-2139 or Larry Koslovsky, pastor at 281-328-2442. Crosby Brethren Church is located at 5202 First Street at the corner of First and Church, just off of FM 2100.



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Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
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Join us in celebrating our heroes!  
A special commemoration is planned this year for All Our Veterans.

PATRIOTIC COMMUNITIES RALLY

Presented By Crosby ISD & Eastside Veteran's Celebration  
on November 5th, Thursday - 6:30 pm at Crosby Cougar Stadium

A Spectacular Evening filled with Honor & Patriotism!

### Parade 10:00 am Saturday

(Parade route is starting and ending at Crosby High School)

**Opening ceremonies Saturday at 11:30 am.**



## BBQ

Cook-Off  
Starting Friday  
November 6th & 7th

**11:30 am Saturday, November 6th**  
Opening Ceremonies  
Crosby American Legion  
David H. McNorney Post 658  
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Crosby, Texas

**Dinner Will Be Served After The Opening Ceremonies**  
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**Bake-a-Yummy-for-a-Vets-Tummy**  
Baking Contest  
All desserts feed our veterans.  
Entries will be accepted  
November 7th, Saturday  
between 9:00 - 10:30 am.  
Crosby American Legion Hall

For more event details visit [www.EastsideVeteransCelebration.com](http://www.EastsideVeteransCelebration.com), also  "like" us on facebook



# SCHOOL NEWS

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### GP JC CIP meeting

Thursday, November 5, 2015. 5:45 p.m. - light dinner. 6:15 p.m. - business starts. Meeting adjourns by 8:15 p.m. At Alvin Baggett Recreation Building, 1302 Keene in Galena Park. Topic: Workforce Development Programs in Schools, with a Focus on Maritime Jobs. RSVP by noon on Fri. Oct. 30. Please RSVP to Anne Gowan, annelsgowan@gmail.com or 281-787-9239.

### Cook-Off Fundraiser & Silent Auction

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Chili Cook-off Fundraiser and Silent Auction, 13125 Indianapolis St., Houston, TX 77015. Saturday, November 7, 2015, from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Admission is \$3.00 adults, \$1.00 for children 3 and up. \$5.00 bowl of homemade chili. \$5.00 Frito Pie. Bake sale with goodies.

### Veterans Day at the Library

Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at:

•Galena Park Library, 3:00 - 4:00 pm, 1500 Keane St., Galena Park, TX. 77547.

•Jacinto City Library, 4:30 pm - 5:40 pm, 921 Akron, Jacinto City, TX. 77021.

Come meet guest speaker LCP. Gary T. Denton, former Marine and Veterans Advocate.

### 2nd THURSDAY North Shore Senior Dance

North Shore Senior Citizens hold a monthly dance the second Thursday of every month 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.

### 2nd THURSDAY San Jacinto Pilot Club

San Jacinto Pilot Club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Mr. Gatti's on Uvalde at noon.

### SATURDAY NIGHTS The Buckshot Jamboree

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

### MONDAYS Galena Park Senior Dance

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

### NOVEMBER Jacinto City Library

-Frid, Oct. 6, Clases de Ingles Usando Mango, 1 p.

-Sat., Oct. 7, Children's Movie Theater, 12:30 pm.

-Tue., Oct. 10, Word, 10:30 am; Word Básico, 4:30 pm.

-Wed., Oct. 11, Baby Time, 10:30 am; ESL Class, 12:30 pm; Veterans Day Speaker and Presentation, 4:30 pm.

Jacinto City Branch Library, 921 Akron, Jacinto City, TX. 77029. For more information on these and other programs at the library, please call 713-673-3237.

### NOVEMBER Galena Park Library events

-Wednesdays, Story Time, 11 am (ages 18 months - 4 yrs. old).

-Thursdays, Baby Time, 10 am (ages newborns - 18 months).

-Monday, Nov. 16, Teen Time, 4 pm.

Please call the library at 713-450-0982 for more details. The library is located at 1500 Keene St. Galena Park, TX. 77547.

### GALENA PARK ISD

## Local teacher receives award on Live TV



Courtney Perna (left) surprised Angel Herring (right) on live television during Great Day Houston.

Courtney Perna, a TV personality for Great Day Houston, surprised kindergarten teacher Angel Herring on October 21 - on live TV! As Courtney, a camera, and a host of happy supporters surged into her classroom, happy chaos ensued. "This is very exciting. I'm very shocked," a teary-eyed Herring said. "She is awesome," said school principal Irene Benzor. "She's always very creative with the kids. They're always making something, always creating something, always hands on...and we truly appreciate all she does for Normandy Crossing and our students," she added. Herring, no stranger to ac-

colades, is inspired by her students. "I love children. I love to see their smiling faces," she said.

The KHOU Red Apple Award, sponsored by Star Furniture, is given monthly to deserving teachers during Great Day Houston, hosted by Deborah Duncan.

## Mini job fairs to be held at San Jacinto College

HOUSTON - The San Jacinto College North Campus will host several mini job fairs from Nov. 3 through 11.

Students and the general public are invited to attend several days of mini job fairs, each with industry-specific employers. On Tuesday, Nov. 3, the Business and Professions mini job fair will include business office technology, international business, maritime and logistics, computer information technology, criminal justice, and entrepreneurship. On Wednesday, Nov. 4, the Construction mini job fair

will include electrical, HVAC, construction management, drafting, welding, and pipefitting. On Wednesday, Nov. 11, the Customer Service mini job fair will include culinary, cosmetology, real estate, economy, diesel, and auto repair.

All mini job fair events will take place at the San Jacinto College North Campus, located at 5800 Uvalde Road, in Houston, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., in building N17. For more information, contact Darlene Leal at 281-459-7159 or darlene.leal@sjcd.edu.

## COMMUNITY WATCH

## Man struck by car, suspect wanted

Crime Stoppers and Accident Investigators with the Harris County Sheriff's Office need the public's help in identifying a suspect responsible for a Failure to Stop and Render Aid Fatality accident in the 1900 block of Sheldon Rd. in Harris County, Texas.

On Friday, October 16, 2015, Mr. Jose Ortega was pushing a bicycle along the edge of the roadway in the 1900 block of Sheldon Rd. An unknown vehicle also traveling southbound struck Mr. Ortega. Mr. Ortega fell down half in the roadway and half on the shoulder. Mr. Ortega died at the scene from injuries he sustained in this crash. The striking vehicle fled the scene making no attempts to stop or render aid.

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$5,000 for information leading to the charging and/or arrest of the suspect(s) in



Mr. Jose Ortega, struck by a car.

this case. Information may be reported by calling 713-222-TIPS (8477) or submitted online at www.crime-stoppers.org. Tips may also be sent via a text message by texting the following: TIP610 plus the information to CRIMES (274637) or via our mobile app (Crime Stoppers Houston). All tipsters remain anonymous.

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### GALENA PARK ISD:

## Perfect Attendance Pays Off

As a reward for having perfect attendance through the first nine weeks, North Shore Senior High School Assistant Principal Kenneth Bryant arranged for Houston Rocket Dwight Howard to visit with students. More than 1,000 students listened intently as Howard encouraged them to stay in school, focus on their goals, and remain drug free.

Looking up at Dwight Howard who stands at 6'11", it's hard to imagine, growing up he was told he was too small; he would never be in the NBA. "All I heard was people telling me I couldn't do something... I didn't listen, because my goal was to make it. My goal was to be successful." He also told a story of one of his teammates who was drafted to the NBA, but is now in prison. "This guy was a great basketball player, but now he has to live the rest of his life behind bars because of decisions he made by being around the wrong people," Howard said. The highly successful Rocket did offer encouragement to the students, stating, "Just make sure whatever you do, stay focused on your goal. If you have a dream, hold on to

it. Don't let anybody tell you you can't be who you want to be. "But he also gave a warning, "You only get one life. If you mess it up with drugs... if you mess it up with drinking... you ain't gonna make it," he said.

As an avid user of modern technology, Howard warned them about social media and the disruption it can cause. "We live in a crazy social media driven society. I don't want you guys getting caught up in what's around you... caught up in the Internet and social media because it can distract you from what your purpose is in life," he said. "Social media is great... but sometimes put that phone down. Get to know the person next to you. Push that person to be greater than what they are right now. The more you do that, the better you all will become," he added. He followed this with a story of classmates he grew up with who were



Houston Rocket standout Dwight Howard visited with students at North Shore Senior High School, encouraging them to stay focused on their goals.

just as good as he was at basketball. "The difference is, they just weren't as focused. They allowed everything else to distract them from making it to where they could have been," he said. To complete his visit the NBA superstar took questions before heading off to practice.

The students were buzzing with the excitement of having an NBA superstar talk to them, encourage them, and speak to their hearts. For more than 1,000 students at North Shore Senior High School, perfect attendance paid off.

### CHANNELVIEW ISD:

## Bus drivers take to the roads with safety in mind

During any weekday while school is in session, you are likely to see Channelview ISD's bright yellow buses transporting students to school in the morning and to the comforts of home in the afternoon.

Drivers in the 80-bus fleet transport more than 6,000 of the district's 9,297 students. Last year, CISD buses travelled approximately 155,338 miles to destinations inside and outside of the district.

CISD Director of Transportation Jared Diehl said the district prides itself on well-trained drivers that keep the safety of students and others in mind.

"The school bus is the safest means of transportation for all students," he said. "We want to ensure that the welfare of the students riding our buses is a top priority."

Channelview's bus drivers participate in a variety of training workshops during the school year. Some of the major trainings include driver recertification,

driver safety, student management and accident avoidance.

Stacy Lawhorn, a 30-year CISD bus driver, said the sessions provide helpful information that she can put to use.

"I've been driving buses for a long time and I still learn something new when I attend workshops and training sessions," Lawhorn said.

This past summer, Lawhorn received her certification to train other drivers through the Region 4 Driver Trainer Academy.

"I love my job and the kids," she said. "There's always something new to learn and I like to be able share that information



Channelview ISD Director of Transportation Jared Diehl congratulates 30-year CISD bus driver Stacy Lawhorn on obtaining her driver trainer certification from Region 4. As part of the Transportation Department's commitment to safety, drivers participate in a variety of trainings and workshops throughout the year.

with others."

CISD Transportation staff members also participate in CPR, fire safety and evacuation trainings.

"We want to equip our drivers and staff with the knowledge and resources they need for any type of situations that may arise," Diehl said.

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OPINION

It's time to check  
your health care  
coverage for 2016

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public affairs officer/U.S.  
Centers for Medicare &  
Medicaid Services

Now's the time to check  
your health care coverage  
for 2016 or sign up for the  
first time.

About 9 million  
Americans, including  
1.2 million Texans, got  
coverage through the  
Health Insurance  
Marketplace during  
last year's open enroll-  
ment period.

This year's market-  
place open enrollment  
began on Nov. 1.

If you bought a  
health plan last year,  
you'll want to review it  
to make sure it still  
meets your needs.  
Every year, insurers  
make adjustments to  
premiums, out-of-  
pocket costs and  
benefits. You should  
have received a letter  
from your insurance  
company explaining  
how your costs and  
benefits will change for  
2016.

Even if you're  
satisfied with your  
current coverage, it'll  
be smart to log into  
your marketplace  
account at  
www.healthcare.gov  
and update your  
information on house-  
hold income and family  
size. You may also  
contact the market-  
place call center at 1-  
800-318-2596 to do  
that.

Updating your  
personal information is  
important, because you  
may be eligible for  
lower costs than last  
year. About eight in 10  
people who enroll in  
health coverage  
through  
www.healthcare.gov  
qualify for financial  
help to make their  
monthly premiums  
more affordable. The  
average monthly  
assistance amounted to  
\$270 this past year.

Generally, if you  
bought a plan last year  
and do nothing this  
year, you'll be automati-  
cally re-enrolled. Yet  
as tempting as "doing  
nothing" sounds, you  
could be missing out on  
a better deal. Consumers  
who shopped and  
switched plans during  
the last enrollment  
period have saved  
about \$400 in premi-  
ums over the year.

Texans can choose  
from an average of 50  
health plans, though  
the exact number will  
vary from county to  
county. Rural areas are  
likely to have fewer. By  
comparing all the  
available plans in your  
area at  
www.healthcare.gov,  
you may find one that  
saves you more money,  
offers more services or  
includes more doctors  
in its network of  
providers.

The open enrollment  
season runs until Jan.  
31. But if you want any  
changes in your cover-  
age to take effect on  
Jan. 1, you must act by  
Dec. 15.

This year's open  
enrollment also gives  
the uninsured the

chance to obtain  
coverage through the  
marketplace. The  
private health plans all  
cover a comprehensive  
set of benefits, includ-  
ing doctor visits,  
hospital stays, preven-  
tive care, pregnancy  
and prescription drugs.

Health plans sold  
through the market-  
place must treat you  
fairly. Insurers can't  
deny you coverage  
because you have a  
medical issue, such as  
cancer or diabetes. Nor  
can they charge you  
more than they would  
someone who's in good  
health.

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www.healthcare.gov,  
you'll find out if you  
qualify for savings you  
can use right away to  
lower your premiums  
and out-of-pocket  
medical expenses. The  
application process has  
been streamlined so  
that it requires less time  
and work.

The marketplace  
simplifies your shop-  
ping for coverage by  
letting you make  
convenient compar-  
isons of health plans. A  
new "out-of-pocket  
calculator" will give  
you an estimate of your  
total yearly costs for  
each health plan, based  
on factors like your  
age, gender, income,  
ZIP code and how much  
health care you expect  
to use. Then you can  
enroll in the plan that  
best fits your needs and  
budget.

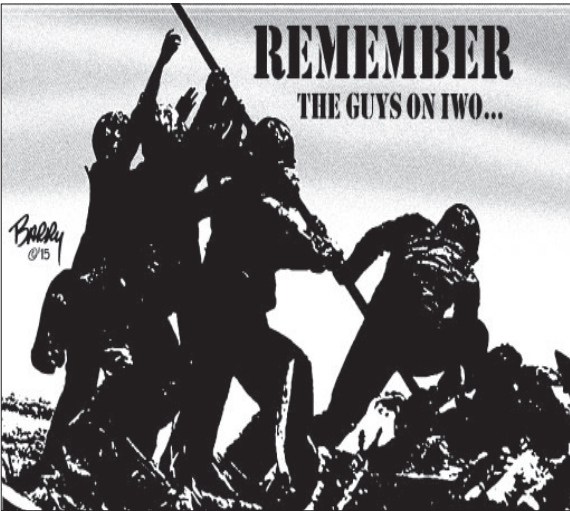
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quent doctor visits or  
need regular prescrip-  
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pick a plan that has  
higher monthly premi-  
ums but pays more of  
the costs when you  
require care. If you  
don't foresee many  
visits through the year,  
you may prefer a plan  
with lower premiums.

Also, before you buy  
a plan through the  
marketplace, check  
whether your doctor is  
in the plan's network.  
Your out-of-pocket  
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most direct way to find  
out is to call the insur-  
ance company's cus-  
tomer service line. You  
can get the number  
through  
www.healthcare.gov.

The website has  
been improved over the  
last year so that it's  
faster and smoother for  
consumers to shop,  
compare and enroll. If  
you like, you'll be able  
to access the website on  
your cellphone and sign  
up for coverage.

Another option is to  
contact the market-  
place call center at 1-  
800-318-2596 and  
speak with a customer  
service representative.  
You can also visit  
localhelp.healthcare.gov/  
to locate the organiza-  
tions in your commu-  
nity that will assist you  
in signing up for  
coverage.

For most people, the  
open enrollment period  
from Nov. 1 to Jan. 31  
is the only time during  
the year when you can  
buy health insurance  
through the market-  
place. So don't delay.  
Start shopping today.



Governor rails against Dallas  
sheriff's detention policy

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg  
Abbott on Oct. 26 wrote to  
Dallas County Sheriff Lupe  
Valdez, saying her "case-by-  
case immigrant detention  
plan will no longer be toler-  
ated in Texas."

Under the sheriff's cur-  
rent policy, an undocumen-  
ted person who committed  
minor offenses is not held  
past their release date an  
extra 48 hours for federal  
immigration authorities.

Abbott accused Valdez "of  
refusing to automatically  
detain all criminal immi-  
grants pursuant to the U.S.  
Immigration & Customs  
Enforcement's (ICE) federal  
detainer program, which  
is designed to prevent dan-  
gerous criminals from being  
released into communities."

The governor said actions  
the State of Texas could take  
to combat such policies are:  
- Passing laws that pro-  
hibit any policy or action  
that promotes sanctuary to  
people in this state illegal-  
ly.

- Enacting laws that  
make it illegal for a sheriff's  
department to not honor a  
federal immigration detain-  
er request.

- Evaluating the extent to  
which local taxpayers  
should foot the bill for local  
decisions that increase costs  
for Texas' health and educa-  
tion systems.

- Amending the Tort  
Claims Act to ensure coun-  
ties are fully financially re-  
sponsible for the actions of  
any illegal immigrants who  
are released because the  
county's sheriff failed to  
honor an ICE detainer re-  
quest.

AG seeks to  
intervene

Last week, the Texas At-  
torney General's Office filed  
court papers requesting to  
intervene in the City of Aus-  
tin's lawsuit against the

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STATE CAPITAL  
HIGHLIGHTS  
By Ed Sterling

Travis County Appraisal  
District.

In its lawsuit filed Aug.  
25, the capital city is appeal-  
ing "systematic undervalua-  
tion" of certain commercial  
properties by the county  
appraisal district.

The city alleges the ap-  
praisal district's action  
shifts the tax burden to res-  
idential homeowners and  
thus is in violation of the  
state constitution.

According to an Oct. 29  
news release by Texas Attor-  
ney General Ken Paxton,  
"Austin is attempting to in-  
validate Texas' non-disclo-  
sure law, which prevents  
taxing authorities from forc-  
ing property owners to dis-  
close personal information  
regarding purchases and  
sales. Doing away with this  
protection would affect all  
Texas property owners, com-  
mercial and residential  
alike."

Further, the news release  
said, "The district court  
barred Texas homeowners  
from intervening in the law-  
suit. Because the city is at-  
tempting to rewrite Texas  
tax law and taxpayers are  
entirely unrepresented, the  
Texas Attorney General's  
Office is asking to inter-  
vene."

The appraisal of the Cir-  
cuit of The Americas race-  
track is a prominent bone of  
contention between the city  
and the appraisal district.

The lawsuit is styled as  
City of Austin, Plaintiff, v.  
Travis Central Appraisal  
District; Individual Prop-  
erty Owners Who Claim C1

Vacant Land or F1 Commer-  
cial Real Property Within  
Travis County, Texas; and  
Glenn Hegar, in his official  
capacity as Texas Comptrol-  
ler of Public Accounts, et al.,  
Defendants.

TxDOT awards  
grants

More than \$20 million in  
federal "TIGER" grants was  
awarded by the Texas De-  
partment of Transportation  
on Oct. 29 to improve trans-  
portation services for rural  
populations.

TIGER stands for Trans-  
portation Investment Gen-  
erating Economic Recovery.  
The state agency said the  
funding would help replace  
325 vehicles located  
throughout the state that  
are used to transport rural  
residents. Funds also will go  
toward updating or con-  
structing transportation fa-  
cilities in or near the cities  
of South Padre Island, Ear-  
ly, Weatherford and Cedar  
Creek.

According to TxDOT, the  
Lone Star State has the  
largest rural population in  
the U.S., with more than 6  
million residents living out-  
side urban areas. Between  
2000 and 2010, TxDOT re-  
ported, the state's rural pop-  
ulation grew by 7.5 percent.  
Also, many areas served by  
rural transportation serv-  
ices have populations that  
are proportionally older, have  
lower income and often have  
a higher percentage of peo-  
ple with disabilities.

CORRECTION:

Board gets new chief  
Gov. Abbott on Oct. 21  
appointed Bobby Jenkins of  
Austin as chair of the Texas  
Higher Education Coordin-  
ating Board. Jenkins re-  
places Harold Hahn of El  
Paso as chair.

Jenkins, president of  
ABC Home and Commercial  
Services, has served as vice  
chairman of the coordinat-  
ing board since September  
2013.

The agency's mission is  
"to promote access, afford-  
ability, quality, success, and  
cost efficiency in the state's  
institutions of higher educa-  
tion."

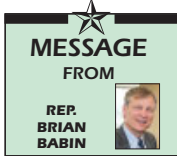
EDITOR'S NOTE: In last  
week's column, the writer  
erroneously reported that  
Jenkins succeeded  
Raymund A. Paredes as  
chair. Paredes serves as Tex-  
as Commissioner of Higher  
Education and is a member  
of the Texas Higher Educa-  
tion Coordinating Board.

Election results to  
come

Early voting ended Oct.  
30 and Election Day was  
Nov. 3.

Seven proposed amend-  
ments to the state constitu-  
tion were on the ballot.

Statewide results will be  
recorded in next week's col-  
umn.



This budget  
deal continues  
the path of  
fiscal suicide

Last week, when most  
Americans were sound  
asleep, President Obama  
and a few Congressional  
leaders rolled out a massive  
144-page "bipartisan"  
budget deal that was  
negotiated in secret.

On top of a giant \$1.5  
trillion debt-ceiling  
increase, this so-called  
"Bipartisan Budget Act of  
2015" also grew govern-  
ment spending by an  
additional \$80 billion over  
the next two years.

This alone was offensive  
enough to earn my NO vote.  
But, as the details of the  
agreement were slowly  
made available, it was clear  
that the rest of the bill was  
just as bad for hardworking  
taxpayers and America's  
future generations.

Before I was sworn into  
office nine months ago,  
Washington had already  
accumulated \$19 trillion in  
debt. It's unfathomable  
that this Administration  
would ask for a blank check  
to go on another spending  
spree on bloated and  
unaccountable government  
programs that we don't  
need and cannot afford.

Under the passage of  
this budget deal and  
President Obama's legacy  
of unprecedented debt and  
spending, the U.S. will  
accumulate as much debt in  
his eight years as President  
as was accumulated over  
232 years under all of the  
Presidents before him.

Simply put, the United  
States is on a path of fiscal  
suicide – and this recent  
budget deal only feeds the  
problem. Just as hard-  
working families and small  
businesses across the U.S.  
struggle to do more with  
less, it is time for Washing-  
ton to follow suit. It's a  
stark and serious reminder  
of why Congress must pass  
a Constitutional Balanced  
Budget Amendment to get  
this fiscal mess under  
control.

Unfortunately, this  
irresponsible budget  
agreement – which was  
jammed through Congress  
without any opportunity to  
amend it or adequately  
scrutinize its contents –  
fails to make the tough  
decisions needed to put  
America back on a path to  
fiscal sanity.

In addition to busting  
spending caps by \$80  
billion, this budget is filled  
with Washington account-  
ing and budgeting gim-  
micks that hide its real  
costs on the American  
taxpayer.

It also imposes \$30  
billion in new taxes and  
fees on the American  
people, which will go to  
support the President's  
liberal domestic agenda  
that seeks to grow govern-  
ment and empower  
runaway federal agencies,  
like the EPA and IRS.

As the grandfather of 12  
grandchildren, I will have  
no part in Washington's  
continued addiction to  
overspending, which has  
now burdened America's  
future generations with a  
mountain of unconscionable  
debt.

According to the  
Congressional Budget  
Office (CBO), if Congress  
had simply held the line on  
spending between 2012 and  
2015, our budget would be  
close to balancing this year  
instead of facing a \$439  
billion annual deficit.

Balancing our budget  
and paying down the debt  
will require that we make  
hard choices about what we  
can and cannot afford.  
Washington's problem is  
not that it does not tax  
enough, but rather that it  
has an addiction to  
spending money it does not  
have.

As the representative of  
Texas' 36th Congressional  
District, I remain focused  
on tackling these problems  
by cutting wasteful  
spending, opposing tax  
increases and bringing our  
budget into balance.

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LIFESTYLE

Carrol Gene (Bud) Riley



Carrol Gene (Bud) Riley was born on January 30, 1936 in Houston, Texas to Ernest Ezekiel and Hazel Alice Rogers Riley. He served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. On July 25, 1958, he married his wife of 57 years, Ruby J. Galbraith, at the First Baptist Church, Galena Park. A 5th generation Texan, Bud was a lifelong Galena Park resident until he moved to Katy four years ago. He was a Master Mason in the Galena Park Masonic Lodge and served on the Galena Park City Council. Bud passed away on Saturday, October 31, 2015, in Katy, at the age of 79 years. He is survived by his wife Ruby J. Riley of Katy; children, Rachel Mancill and her husband Michieal of Katy, Suzan Riley of Galena Park, Laura Malone of Fair Oaks, California, and Kevin Riley of Galena Park; five grandchildren, Stephen Mancill and his wife Rory, Hannah Mancill, Sam Mancill and his fiancée Ali Andrews, Lindsey Harrison, and Lily Malone; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Della Mae Wigley. A memorial service will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 7, 2015, at the Schmidt Funeral

Home – Grand Parkway Chapel, in Katy, with Dr. Charles Wisdom officiating. A reception will follow. Those wishing to make memorial gifts may do so to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 6977 Main Street, Houston, TX 77030.

Funeral services held under the direction of Schmidt Funeral Home 1344 W. Grand Parkway South – Katy, Texas 77494 (281) 391-2424

Melvin L Whiddon



October 14, 1926 - October 24, 2015 Melvin Louis Whiddon left this earth on Saturday, October 24, 2015. He was born in Wrightsboro, TX, on October 14, 1926. He was a longtime resident of Crosby, TX, where he and wife Margaret had a family owned restaurant business known as “Whiddon’s Seafood”. Melvin and Margaret retired and moved to High Island, TX, and would spend many years to enjoy fishing which was a passion of Melvin’s. Their grandchildren would spend many summers at the beach fishing and having family fish and shrimp cook outs. Melvin was a simple and quiet man, sometimes hard to get to know but was always there when someone was in need. He always had the most productive garden and was

quick to share his crops with others. He was known for having the most beautiful tomatoes and could grow just about anything. Melvin had a self taught engineering degree in diesel mechanic and carpentry. He would draw his own patterns and made many family treasured wooden benches. Melvin served in the United States Army, he was quick to brag about his two grandsons that served in the Army and Marines. He was baptized years ago at First Baptist Church in Crosby and a few years ago rededicated his life to Christ. Melvin was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Pearl Whiddon; brother J. L. Whiddon; sisters Maxine Gentry and Janice Kooi and his son-in-law, Timothy J. Parsley. He is survived by his dear wife Margaret of 58 years, their daughters and husbands, Phyllis and Alan Worrell; Linda and Mike Tucker; grandchildren and their spouses, Crystal Chesser; Donnie and Amanda Woods III; Jeremiah and Natalie Parsley; Amber and Heath George. Great grandchildren, Chloe and Claire Chesser; Kylie, Kellie and Jarrett Woods; Bryce Parsley; Tyler, Madison and Jensen George. Since March 2015 Melvin has been a resident of Allenbrook Healthcare Center in Baytown, TX, with the last few weeks in Hospice Care. The family would like to give their thanks to each facility for their love and caring support for Melvin. Melvin’s wish was to be cremated and there will be a celebration of his life on Saturday, November 14, 2015, 3:00 pm at First Baptist Church, 615 Kunneburg, Crosby, TX. 77532. Family and friends are invited to attend.

Bobbie Joe Swanner



Bobbie Joe Swanner, age 84, went to be with the Lord on Saturday October 24, 2015. She was born in Center, Texas on January 17, 1931 to Omie Victoria Bishop Bridwell and Otto Vance Bridwell. She enjoyed crocheting, loved baking and was known for her cakes and cookies, caring for and spending time with children from the neighborhood, spending time with her own family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a photo collector, and had an avid collection, she was a very organized and immaculate person who never met a stranger and will be deeply missed by all who knew her. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Arlen Russell Swanner; her daughter, Melody Parker Staudt; her brothers and sisters, Warren, Aron and James Bridwell; Clara Martin; Clio Long and Sarah Ann Walker; her grandson, Stephen Swanner and her great-grandson, Cody Curry. Bobbie is survived by her children, Arlen R. Swanner Jr. (and wife, Lee Ann); Raymond “Mike” Swanner (and wife, Joy); Rickey Swanner (and wife, Sandra) and Chris Swanner (and wife, Tammy). Also survived by 12 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, other relatives and many friends. A

visitation for family and friends will be held at Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, on Thursday evening October 29, 2015, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Graveside services will be held in Sterling-White Cemetery on Friday morning October 30, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. Arrangements entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, Texas 77562. To offer condolences to the family, please visit [www.sterlingwhite.com](http://www.sterlingwhite.com).

Charles Melvin Howard

November 24, 1926 – October 29, 2015

Funeral services for Charles Melvin Howard, age 88, of Groveton, formerly of Houston, passed away on Thursday, October 29, 2015 to be with our Lord. Services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, November 2, in the Pennington Baptist Church at Pennington, with Brother Lewis Jones officiating. Interment will follow in Pennington Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Groveton Funeral Home on Sunday, November 1. He will be escorted to his final resting place by his pallbearers: Buddy Blackstock, Coty Blackstock, Brady Blackstock, Ethen Richardson, Tyler Engeling, Cody Morrison and Landen Howard. Charles was born on November 24, 1926 to James and Beatrice Howard in Rock Island, Oklahoma. Charles served in the United States Navy as signalman 3rd class during WWII. He loved sports and especially enjoyed running. He coached youth sports for many years and attended Uval-

de Baptist Church. He grew up in Bentley, Oklahoma in Atka County. He lived in numerous states such as Oregon, California, Oklahoma and Texas. He retired from General Foods where he served as the general manager. Survivors include his loving wife, Christine Howard; daughter and son-in-law, Linda Blackstock and Blackie; daughter, Wanda Howard; son and daughter-in-law, Darrell Howard and Kim; son and daughter-in-law, Joshua Howard and Misty; grandchildren: Buddy Blackstock and wife, Belinda, Lisa Quinn and husband, Wayne, Michael Maynard, Kristin Howard, Ethen Richardson, Landen Howard, Rachael Gerson, Sarah Morrison, Austin Huff, Tyler Huff and Victoria Huff; great-grandchildren: Coty Blackstock and wife, Jenny, Brittany Blackstock, Melanie Bartch, Kasi Bartch, Tyler Engeling, Avery Shielle, Julie Morrison, Luke Morrison, Caleb Morrison, Makayla Blackstock and Pennington, with Brother Lewis Jones officiating. Interment will follow in Pennington Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Groveton Funeral Home on Sunday, November 1. He will be escorted to his final resting place by his pallbearers: Buddy Blackstock, Coty Blackstock, Brady Blackstock, Ethen Richardson, Tyler Engeling, Cody Morrison and Landen Howard. Charles was born on November 24, 1926 to James and Beatrice Howard in Rock Island, Oklahoma. Charles served in the United States Navy as signalman 3rd class during WWII. He loved sports and especially enjoyed running. He coached youth sports for many years and attended Uval-

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OBITUARIES

EARL PORTER

Funeral Services Earl Porter Visitation: Monday, November 2, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Funeral: Tuesday, November 3, at 10:00 a.m. The visitation and funeral will both take place at Mont Belvieu, First Baptist Church.

Earl Porter, 91, of Mont Belvieu, Texas, went to meet our Lord on October 31, 2015. Earl was born March 28, 1924, in Winfree, Texas. He was the son of Charlie and Doris Porter, both of whom preceded him in death. Earl was a lifelong resident of Old River-Winfree and Mont Belvieu. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Mont Belvieu for 62 years. Earl attended Barbers Hill schools, and the day after graduating from Barbers Hill High School he joined the service, serving in the U.S. Army Air Forces and was a member of the 47th Bomber Group, 12th Air Force, 86th Bomb Squadron. He served in England, Africa, Italy, France and Corsica. Earl flew as a bombardier/navigator in A-20 and A-26 bombers flying 132 bombing missions because he was always willing to fill in when another crew was missing a member. This was an amazing feat since at that time the average crew member flew 50 missions. Multiple times his planes were shot down, and Earl had to bail out. Once, after bailing out over France, he was hidden in a French family's cellar, and he travelled at night for over a week to get to friendly territory. Earl was awarded the Purple Heart after being wounded, but he never stopped or missed any time during his service to the USA. He earned the EAME Campaign medal with 7 bronze stars, Good Conduct medal, and many others. Earl married Marian Payne of Saratoga, and they recently celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary. Earl served as Fire Chief of the Barbers Hill Volunteer Fire Department, several terms as a city councilman, and was the third mayor of Mont Belvieu. He also served several terms as Chambers County Commissioner. Earl has been instrumental in creating, or helping create, the incorporation of the City of Mont Belvieu, the Veterans Memorial Park, the Barbers Hill Homecoming & Scholarship Association, and the Barbers Hill Sports Hall on Honor. He and his wife, Marian, have given

many hours of community service providing barbeques, fish fries, ice cream suppers, and other events too numerous to count to benefit community and school organizations. In honor of his many years of selfless community service, the City of Mont Belvieu appropriately renamed the street where he and Marian lived for over 50 years to Earl Porter Drive. Also, Earl received the honor of being named the West Chambers County Person of the Year. He was a member of Old River Masonic Lodge #1442 and 33rd degree Master Mason. Earl has three children, Robbie Forehand of Baytown, Rodney and Carol Porter of Mont Belvieu, and Morgan and Patti Porter of Sulphur Springs, Texas. He has five grandchildren, Lance Fogtman, Kaci Clark-Porter, Jake Porter, Jennifer Gardener, and Clay Porter; eight great-grandchildren, Hallie Eppley, Drew Fogtman, Julia Gardner, Mitch Gardner, Matthew Lowry, Michael Lowry, Reese Gardner and Paige Gardner. He has a sister and brother-in-law, Terry and Erma Adams of Cypress, a brother and sister-in-law, Earcel and Tince Porter of Mont Belvieu, and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents Charlie and Doris Porter, brother Earnest Porter, sister Eylvlee Green, and Everett Soileau. Visitation was Monday evening from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Mont Belvieu located at 10110 Eagle Drive in Mont Belvieu. The funeral was at First Baptist Church of Mont Belvieu on Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. Interment followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Dayton. Pallbearers were Clayton Porter, Lance Fogtman, John Taylor Payne, Charles Johnson, Gordon Speer, Ray Nelson, Henry Adair, and Phil Dutton. Honorary pallbearer is O.J. Pomykal. In lieu of flowers the family is asking for memorial gifts to be made to the Barbers Hill Homecoming Scholarship Association in honor of Earl Porter. Gifts can be sent to P.O. Box 904, Mont Belvieu, TX, 77580. The family would like to thank Sandra Vargo, Stacy Eligon, Paula Green and all the wonderful, loving staff at St. James House in Baytown for their compassionate care and love.

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All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:4

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Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. Leviticus 19:32



# SPORTS, CLUBS

## Local student-athlete selected for the 2016 Under Armour All-America High School Football Game

The American Family Insurance Selection Tour for the 2016 Under Armour All-America High School Football Game visited North Shore Senior High School October 28 to formally present senior Eric Monroe with an honorary game jersey commemorating his selection to the 2016 Under Armour All-America Game presented by American Family Insurance. Monroe is one of the top ranked safeties in the nation and has committed to LSU.



Eric Monroe and North Shore Mustang head football coach Jon Kay.

The ninth annual Under Armour All-America Game is slated for Saturday, Jan. 2 at the Orlando Citrus Bowl and will be televised live on ESPN2 at noon ET.

## Channelview clinches long-awaited playoff berth

The Channelview Falcons clinched a playoff berth with a convincing 49-25 win over Baytown Sterling at Ray Maddy Memorial Stadium on Friday, October 30.

The victory was extra satisfying for the Falcons, as they will be heading to the postseason for the first time in 21 years. Channelview is in sole possession of the fourth playoff spot, as the Falcons improved their record to 7-2 overall and 3-2 in District 21-6A play.

However, a Channelview win over La Porte could move the Falcons up in the standings – as La Porte lost to North Shore this past week and Port Arthur Memorial upset Beaumont West Brook. The Falcons will face La Porte at 7 p.m. Friday at Bulldog Stadium.

Channelview jumped out to an early 14-0 lead after quarterback Jalen Hurts ran for two touchdowns. Sterling answered back with a touchdown, but failed on the two-point conversion. After a

Hurts touchdown pass to Eterrious Giles and extra-point put the Falcons ahead 21-6, the Rangers pulled close again with a touchdown and extra point to narrow the score to 21-13 at halftime.

That was as close as it would get for the Rangers, as the Falcons scored 21 points in the third quarter, courtesy of two touchdown runs by Hurts as a 29-yard reception for a score by Giles.

Sterling scored once in the third quarter and again in the fourth, but a 37-yard touchdown run by running-back Demontre Tuggle put the game out of reach and put the Falcons in the postseason.

Hurts and Tuggle created a dominating rushing attack by both rushing for 227 yards. Hurts ran for four touchdowns, while Tuggle added a score. Giles was the recipient of two touchdown passes from Hurts and ended the game with 79 yards receiving. On the evening, Channelview had 562 yards of total offense.



Channelview Falcon defensive end Robeldo Maldonado (95) hugs one of the assistant coaches as the Falcons celebrated clinching a District 21-6A playoff berth with a 49-25 win over Sterling. This is the first time in 21 years that Channelview has qualified for postseason play. (Photo courtesy of FalconView Sports)

## OBITUARIES

### John Roland Scott

John Roland Scott, 80, of Houston, Texas passed from this life October 30, 2015.

He was a 1954 graduate of Liberty High School. After serving in the U.S. Army, he graduated from Lamar University of a Bachelors degree. He retired from Armo Steel after 22 years where he worked as a supervisor in the Plate Mill. He was a past member of Uvalde Baptist Church and a current member of New Life Baptist Church, as well as an avid Texas Longhorn fan.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Hammond & Eula Scott, as well as by 6 siblings.

He is lovingly survived by his wife of 44 years, Janice Holt Scott; by children, Randy Scott Jeffcoat & wife, Cheryl; Dr. Sheila Scott Jeffcoat; Kimberly Harmon & husband, Nick; and by special son, Michael Arrington; by two sisters, Alnet Scott Bailless and Lucette Scott Johnson; and by 5 grandchildren,



Kristal Ganatra & husband, Jay; Michael Bitzer, Cody Harmon, Christen Jeffcoat and Garrett Jeffcoat.

A visitation and service is set for Thursday, November 5, 2015 at Carter Funeral Home with military honors. Visitation will be from 10-11:00 a.m. with services starting at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be observed privately in the Houston National Cemetery.

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### CHANNELVIEW ISD:

## Falcon Marching Band earns superior ratings at Region

The 300-member Channelview High School Falcon Marching Band's performance routine "Alcatraz" earned superior ratings from all four judges at the Region 19 University Interscholastic League 6A Marching Band Competition on October 17 at Galena Park ISD Stadium.

The Falcon Band has received top marks from the judges every year since 2006. According to University Interscholastic League rules, Area advancement alternates every year between Class 6A and 5A divisions. Schools competing in the 5A division will be eligible for advancement to the Area round this year.

"Our students have a lot of pride and it showed in the quality of their performance," CHS Band Director Aaron Allison said. "I'm extremely proud of them



Falcon Marching Band

and their outstanding efforts this year."

Allison said the strong support of the band program has helped to motivate the students.

"The community is always there to cheer us on and we have parents that are a great help," he said. "We also have a very

strong support system of teachers and administrators that have always made sure we have everything we need to help the students be successful. And, of course, we wouldn't be successful without our great band staff working from sixth grade to 12th grade."

Allison's assistant band directors include Jeri Collins and Tyler Worley, along with color guard director Ashley Shearmen. Providing support from the junior high levels are Jennifer Tunink and Robert Sturdy (Aguirre JH) and Mark Santos and Amanda Tieman (Alice Johnson JH).

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## HOUSTON'S MAYOR RACE HEADED TO RUNOFF WITH SYLVESTER TURNER AND BILL KING



Photo by Allan Jamail  
VICTORY CELEBRATION: At the George R. Brown convention center's ballroom Sylvester Turner pitches his campaign slogan, "If we can dream it, we can do it" among hundreds of cheering supporters. Left to right: State Representative Ana Hernandez, Ashley Turner (Sylvester's daughter) Sylvester Turner, Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, State Representative Armando Walle & State Representative Alma Allen. Turner now faces a run-off election with Bill King, in December.

By Allan Jamail

Houston, Tx. -- Nov., 3, 2015 – Houston's next mayor came closer to being decided Tuesday night when voter's narrowed the field from 13 candidates down to two by casting 31 percent of the 260,661 votes cast for Sylvester Turner giving him more votes than any other mayoral candidate. Longtime State Rep. Turner will be facing off with second place finisher and former Kemah mayor Bill King with 25 percent. Former Harris County Sheriff Adrian Garcia came in third with 17 percent.

Seven undecided city council positions will join the mayoral race in a December 12th runoff. Political consultants say the unusual high amount of runoffs for the council seats is because of Proposition 1 on the ballot which divided the candidates.

Voters soundly rejected by 61 percent (257,309 votes cast) Proposition 1 the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance (HERO) tagged "the bathroom ordinance" which had been supported by term-limited Mayor Annise Parker and some members on the council up for re-election.

Mayor Parker says HERO was defeated because it had been wrongly identified as "the bathroom ordinance" by those opposing it. The tagged "bathroom ordinance" got its name because opponents focused their campaign on one part of the ordinance related to the use of public bathrooms by transgender men and women that they alleged would open the door for sexual predators to go into women's restrooms. They said

the wording made it possible for those who only claimed to have had a transgender operation to change their gender so they could use a restroom of the opposite sex even though they may not have actually had a transgender operation.

Proponents claimed it offered increased protections for gay and transgender people, as well as protections against discrimination based on sex, race, age, religion and as many as 15 other various forms of discrimination.

Voters passed by 65 percent Proposition 2, as relating to term limits for city elective offices. The question to voters was, Shall the City Charter of the City of Houston be amended to reduce the number of terms of elective offices to no more than two terms in the same office and limit the length for all terms of elective office to four years, beginning in January 2016; and provide for transition?

At the district level, seven of the nine incumbents running for re-election Brenda Stardig – District A, Jerry Davis – District B, Ellen Cohen – District C, "Dwight Boykins – District D, "Dave Martin – District E, Robert Gallegos – District I, and "Larry Green – District K were victorious by large margins avoiding a runoff, "in three cases running unopposed.

In addition, Greg Travis won the open District G. Two incumbents, District F's Richard Nguyen (34 percent) and District J's Mike Laster (44 percent), were forced into runoffs against challengers Steven Le (40 percent) and Jim Bigham Sharpstown Civic Association President (21 percent), respectively.

Also going to a runoff is the open seat contest in District H, where Karla Cisneros finished first (35 percent) followed by Jason Cisneros (23 percent).

The five at-large races featured three incumbents running for re-election and two open seats. The one at-large incumbent who will not need to worry about campaigning between now and Dec. 12 is Michael Kubosh, who in a four-candidate race garnered 60 percent of the vote. Kubosh's colleagues, David Robinson was the only candidate in his 5 candidate contest to clearly state his support for HERO (33 percent) and Jack Christie (46 percent) were not so lucky, and will have to go to a second round runoff against Willie Davis a pastor and foe of HERO (23 percent) and Sharon Moses (25 percent), respectively. In the two open at-large runoffs, Amanda Edwards (35 percent) will compete against Roy Morales (17 percent), and Mike Knox (24 percent) will go head-to-head with Georgia Provost (15 percent). Morales narrowly edged out Laurie Robinson for the second spot in the at-large Position 4 contest, while Knox and Provost bested Griff Griffin (13 percent) and Tom McCasland (12 percent) for the second spot in the at-large Position 1 race. The at-large elections all featured a high degree of under voting, with between 28 and 33 percent of voters opting to not cast a ballot for any candidate in these contests.

Houston's City Controller position had 6 candidates will be decided in a runoff between Bill Frazer with 31 percent of the votes to Chris Brown's 25 percent.



## Get Your Affairs in Order for an Orderly Estate

You may be quite willing to plan an investment strategy for your retirement years. After all, it can be enjoyable to think about traveling the world, pursuing your hobbies or participating in any of the activities you've associated with an active retirement. However, once you do retire, you'll need to "shift gears" somewhat to focus on your legacy. Specifically, to protect your loved ones and ensure your intentions are clear and carried out, you'll need to do some more planning – and you'll need to share your thoughts with your family.

Here are some moves to consider:

- List your assets and debts. Your family needs to be aware of your assets and debts, so share this information with them while you are alive and well.
- Create a durable power of attorney. Give a trusted friend or family member a durable power of attorney to pay bills and make financial choices on your behalf if you are unable to do so.
- Choose an executor. An executor is the person or entity you name in your will to carry out your wishes. An executor has a variety of responsibilities, so pick someone who is honest and capable of dealing with legal and financial matters. Talk with an attorney about how best to name your executor.
- Update your will. You

### ASK THE EXPERT By Edward Jones

might have written a will many years ago, but, over time, many aspects of your life may have changed. Review your will with your attorney to ensure it reflects your current wishes.

- Review benefits of a living trust. A simple will may not be enough to accommodate your estate-planning needs. You might want to consider establishing a living trust, which provides you with significant flexibility in distributing your assets and can help you avoid the time-consuming, expensive and public process of probate. To create a trust or other estate-planning documents, you will need to work with a qualified legal professional.
- Review your beneficiary designations. The beneficiary designations on your financial accounts (401(k), IRA, etc.) and your insurance policies can even supersede the directions on your will, so it's essential that you update these designations to reflect events such as divorce and remarriage. And make sure your beneficiaries have the facts they need to claim their benefits.
- Share location of your legal documents. Your loved ones should know

where you keep documents such as your birth certificate, will and living trust. If you keep these items in a safe deposit box, tell your family where you keep the key.

- Encourage two-way communication. It's obviously necessary to communicate your final wishes to your family members – but listen to their wishes and concerns, too. For example, ask your children to agree on who gets those objects of special concern to them, such as furniture, mementos and heirlooms.

As you can see, you'll need to take several steps to fulfill your intentions – and the above list is certainly not exhaustive. So plan carefully, engage the appropriate team – financial advisor, attorney, tax professional – and put your plans in motion. By being proactive, you can greatly ease the burden on your loved ones in the future.

*This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.*

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### Photo Album - GALENA PARK Halloween Festival

Thursday night, Oct. 29, 2015 - 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Now in its fifteenth year, several thousand kids and adults from Galena Park and Jacinto City attended this three hour Family Festival, featuring games, costumes, and 2500 Candy Apples.

GP Parks Director Ernesto Paredes welcomes everyone.

The Black Phantom

Popular attractions - The Haunted House, and the Hayride

Sickle-Man

Whew - Spooks Taggy & Robert, caught

Three Little Princesses in line for Candy.

## FLOODING,

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reported, but a great deal of property damage from flooding was sustained.

There have been reports of flooded homes in Highlands and Channelview near the San Jacinto River, in Crosby and in Cloverleaf near Carpenters Bayou.

There have been reports of structural damages due to high winds from tornadoes that touched down in areas including Pasadena, La Porte, Highlands and Friendswood. White's Cemetery in Highlands took a major blow from a EF-0 tornado, toppling trees and tombstones, tearing up lawns and bringing down power lines. Sheriff's deputies had to close FM2100 through Barrett Station for most of Saturday afternoon and evening.

### REPORT FLOODING/ DAMAGES

It is not too late to report damages to your home or property. Below are resources and contact information for residents affected by flooding and wind damage.

- Affected Harris County residents are urged to report house flooding by completing a Flood Survey as soon as possible at the Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management's website at [www.readyharris.org/go/survey/1829/1178/](http://www.readyharris.org/go/survey/1829/1178/)

- The Harris County Flood Control District is also available to take flooding reports at 713-684-4000 from 7:30 am - 4:30 pm.

- If you live in the City of Houston city limits, you can also report flooding to the 3-1-1 phone system.

- The City of Galena Park is urging residents to report flooded structures to 713-674-

8424 or [Flood@jacintocity-tx.gov](mailto:Flood@jacintocity-tx.gov)

• East-side residents who live in unincorporated Harris County who need assistance can also contact Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Jack Morman's office at 713-455-8104 (regular operating hours) or 713-274-2050 (after hours). Precinct 2's website is [www.hcp2.com](http://www.hcp2.com)

### SHELTER / DISASTER RELIEF AID

The American Red Cross Texas Gulf Coast Region has set up a shelter for anyone impacted by severe weather and flooding. Volunteers are at the shelter to assess needs and offer support at Channelview High School, 1100 Sheldon Road, Channelview, TX 77530. 713-526-8300.

REMINDER: When faced with a flooding situation: STAY PUT wherever you are, unless your life is threatened or you are ordered to evacuate and do not drive or walk into high water areas.



## Diamond Jim: "Why don't wedding rings appear on financial statements?"

I sat next to a fellow and his girlfriend at a wedding reception dinner last week. We had a discussion lasting several minutes concerning the value of diamond wedding rings, expensive watches, expensive jewelry in particular, and how high-quality diamonds appreciate in value so much. He was deep in thought... and then looked me straight in the eye. With a sincere face he asked me, "Why don't wedding rings appear on financial statements?" I told him that it was because there is NO banker or other lender who would be brave enough to try to take a diamond ring off a woman's hand, or a Rolex off her arm. And,

### ASK DIAMOND JIM

furthermore, I said I knew of NO judge that would be that brave either. I told him that everyone knows that regardless of the value of a woman's jewelry, especially a wedding ring, a lender would never expect to recover a woman's personal jewelry to absolve debt... and neither should her husband. He simply shrugged his shoulders as if to agree entirely. Another woman at the table simply pursed her lips, nodding in agreement.

Now he knows the rules. I think he will be in next week to purchase an engagement ring. 'Nuff said.

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

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## VOTES,

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The unofficial count of Tuesday's election saw nearly 68 percent of voters in the College's taxing district approve the capital improvement bond program, with a vote of 17,247 for the referendum, and 8,300 against. This year's voter turnout totaled more than five times the number of total votes cast in the 2008 bond election. The votes will become official after the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees canvasses the election on Nov. 16.

According to Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, "Tex-

ans have spoken loud and clear by voting all seven propositions into law today from property tax relief to transportation.

"Rest assured, today's vote on property tax relief is only the first step in providing property owners real tax relief. I wanted a huge margin victory to give us the clout to do more property tax relief next session. I think today's win should end the opposition by some who opposed reducing property taxes last session.

"Texans have also spoken for significantly improving transportation funding for Texas' roads and highways. Government transparency will be increased as well as

veteran benefits and our right to hunt and fish will be placed in our constitution. These are all steps in the right direction. However, we're still not done.

"All seven constitutional amendments are important and affect us all. Thanks to everyone who voted today: as a result, Texas is a better place."

Many initiatives were predicated upon property taxes and keeping them low. The county tax rate remains the same but as the county population grows the demand is higher so the evaluations will grow as properties sell for higher amounts. The valuations will also grow so by that factor taxes may also grow. Nobody talked about that.