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### **CHANNEL CURRENTS**

# Voters keep Galena Park dry

SATURDAY



#### Flood Issues Town Hall Meeting

WASHINGTON, DC -Congressman Gene Green invites Harris County residents to a Flood Issues Town Hall Meetings on Thursday, November 9, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at San Jacinto North Campus, 5800 Uvalde Road.

It has been more than two months since Hurricane Harvey damaged tens of thousands of homes and properties in Harris County. While many residents in the county are still waiting for inspectors to verify damage done to their properties, others are seeking more information on the Harris County Flood Control District Buyout Program.

"There's an estimated 69,000 properties in Harris County that were damaged by Hurricane Harvey and it's likely that figure is an underestimate," said Green." The truth is there are thousands of homes that have repeatedly flooded in the last few years but do not qualify for the buyout program. This has left Harris County residents full of questions and concerns about their future living situation. It's my hope that everyone who attends the town hall meeting will leave knowing more about what flood recovery options are available as we move forward together."

During the town hall meeting, the National Flood Insurance Program, Harris County Flood Control District, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the City of Houston will provide more information on Harris County flood issues, the buyout program, eligibility, and future flood control projects. Also, representatives from Federal Fmergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Small Business Administration (SBA) will be present to answer questions and help attendees register for federal assistance hich has been extended to November 30, 9017.

County-wide turnout low at 6.7%, but high in GP with 762 votes

GALENA PARK - Voters went to the polls in large numbers in this city, due to acute interest in only one issue, whether alcohol sales would be allowed in the city. Proponents of the measure said that it would bring and generate income. Op-

tory of alcohol sales in Ga-lena Park showed it attracted trouble from the wrong crowd, and would change the nature of the peaceful city.

Campaigning continued for weeks through the city, and citizens voiced their opinions at Council meetings and in social media. Signs against the issue could be seen throughout.

The final unofficial vote count, according to City lez, was 277 For votes, and 482 Against votes, defeating the Proposition. Early voting in person and by mail exceeded election day. 448 voted early, and 314 voted on election day, a total of 762 votes.

The other ballot was for state constitutional amendments. This year the legislature worked tirelessly to produce seven propositions. Some in detail seemed silly, others

ing the right thing.
Voters took them seri-

ously in Harris County Proposition One exempted the partially disabled veteran or surviving spouse of one from property taxes for a residence homestead that was donated the property by a charitable organization or sold for less than market value. The proposition harmonized provisions in the Texas Constitution. It passed in Harris County 110,111 to 15,776 or 87.47% to

<u>Proposition 2-</u> was about making stabilizing home equity loans. It was very serious and about needed clarification of home equity loans. It passed 96,812 to 27,981.

 $\underline{Proposition~3}~limited$ the time an appointee could hold office after his term of office was conclud-

See ELECTIONS, p8

# **EHRMC Hospital closed permanently**

Houston Regional Medical Center (EHRMC) has decided to permanently close its facility on I-10 near Uvalde, due to repeated damage from flooding of Greens Bayou, On November 3, 2017 the following statement was issued by Troy Villarreal, president of HCA Healthcare Gulf Coast Division: "HCA Healthcare Gulf

Coast Division is announcing today that East Houston Regional Medical Center, a campus of Bay shore Medical Center, will not reopen due to its history of flooding as well as recent extensive damage from Hurricane Harvey.

The hospital has been closed since all patients and staff were moved to safety two days before Harvev made landfall. Although it is equipped with



East Houston Regional Medical Center has announced its permanently closing.

flood gates designed to withstand three feet of water, East Houston Regional Medical Center took near-

the storm

The hospital is located in a low lying area, and prior to Harvey, was severely damaged by flood

waters in 2001 by Tropical Storm Allison as well as by Hurricane Ike in 2008. We considered potential ophowever, given this history and the likelihood of fu-ture flooding problems, we determined that the most prudent course is to close the facility. We have a long history of caring for the East Harris County community, and through nearby Bayshore Medical Center and Clear Lake Regional Medical Center, we will continue to do so

Physicians credentialed at East Houston Regional Medical Center have privileges to practice medicine at Bayshore Medical Center, and we will continue to assist those physicians interested in practicing medpatients at the facility.

For over 40 years, HCA has been treating patients

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# Waste Pits meeting reviews EPA decision

HIGHLANDS - About 100 persons joined elected officials and leading environmental activists last Monday night, at the Community Center, to get up to date information on the EPA final decision to remove the toxic waste from the San Jacinto River

The meeting was hosted by Pct. 2 and Commissioner Jack Morman, and had a festive atmosphere with snacks and drinks served. This is the first public meeting after the EPA announced that the

RPD or Record Of Decison had been signed, calling for the complete removal of the toxic material in the waste pits. Most of the attendees in the room had been in favor of that decision.

Officials that were present included County Attorneys Vince Ryan and Rock Owens, Bob Allen of the Harris County Pollution department, and Commissioner Morman and many of his staff.

Presentations on the status of the Superfund process were made by Jack-



Commissioner Jack Morman praised the efforts of THEA, but noted the responsible parties



County Attorney Vince Ryan contrasted the black ooze he saw on the site, with the THEA calendar promising a clean safe environment.

ie Young of THEA, Scott Foundation, and Rodrigo Jones of Galveston Bay

Aid. Also present and introduced was Nick Anderwell-known cartoonist, who had an interest in environmental issues, and is working with THEA on several initia-

In his remarks, Attor ney Vince Ryan expressed that EPA director Scott Pruitt's site visit was a good sign of the seriousness of the EPA decision, and that they are commit-

> See EPA decision, Page 3

# FOUNDATION BENEFIT GP/JC Rotary Club hosts Million Dollar Meal



THE GALENA PARK/JACINTO CITY ROTARY CLUB HELD THEIR ANNUAL MILLION DOLLAR MEAL on Wednesday, October 25. Seen above are Rotarians Maria Rodriguez, GPISD Superintendent Angi Williams, and Eileen Brightwell. The Million Dollar Meal is a worldwide event honoring major donors and Bequest Society Members, who donate or pledge at least \$10,000 apiece to the Rotary Foundation. The GP/JC Rotary Club had about 100 attendees at their luncheon, marking the world event.

# HONORING OUR VETERANS North Channel Chamber Salutes Veterans



THE NORTH CHANNEL CHAMBER held their annual Salute to Service Members and First Responders at Armento's last Thursday, Nov. 2nd. Included in the program were the weekly meetings of the North Shore Rotary, Galena Park/Jacinto City Rotary, and the San Jacinto Pilot Club. Also seen above is Adam Lund, chairman of the Chamber, and Bill Palko, emcee. Rotary District Governor, and a Veteran. The Colors as seen above were presented by the C. E. King HS AFJROTC members

# COMMUNITY NEWS

### Registration deadline for disaster assistance now November 30

AUSTIN, Texas – Texans affected by Hurricane Harvey now have until November 30, 2017, to register for federal assistance.

The deadline was November 24, however, an additional six days now gives survivors more time through

the Thanksgiving holiday. Federal assistance in-cludes help for temporary housing, rental assistance and repair or replacement of damaged homes for eligible individuals and families who have suffered losses as a result of the storm.

Additionally, grants may be available to help with other expenses such as medical and dental care, child care, funeral and burial costs, replacing essential household items, moving and storage, vehicle repairs and some clean-up items.

must be in a designated county to qualify for assistance. Those counties include: Aransas, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Brazoria, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cham-bers, Colorado, DeWitt, Fay-ette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Grimes, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Karnes, Kleberg, Lavaca, Lee, Liber-Newton, Nucces, Orange, Polk, Refugio, Sabine, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Tyler, Victoria, Waller, Walker and Wharton.

 $Survivors\ may\ register\ in$ 

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covery Center (DRC). Find the location of nearby DRCs

online at www.fema.gov/ DRC The following informa-tion is helpful when regis-

- tering:
   Address of the location
- where the damage occurred (pre-disaster address). • Current mailing ad-
- dress.
   Current telephone
- number.

   Insurance information.

   Total household annu-
- al income.

   Routing and account number for checking or savings account (this allows FEMA to directly transfer
- disaster assistance funds into a bank account).

  • A description of disaster-caused damage and loss-

# Crosby HS participates at Texas Renaissance Festival

HOUSTON (November 7-8, 2017) —Last Tuesday and Wednesday, Texas Renaissance Hospital hosted its annual School Days where Crosby High School participated in the music competi-

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The King and Queen of the Tex-as Renaissance Festival wel-comed private, public and home-school students, grades K-12, on Tuesday, November 7, and Wednesday, November 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the Festival's 13th Annual School Days. Last year, School Days broke records when over 66,000 students passed through the Festival's gates.

School Days is Texas Re-naissance Festival's two-day event that allows students to step back in time to experience the sights and sounds of New Market Village, an authentic recreation of a 16th century European village. Students will interact

with costumed characters representing the courts, cul-ture, art, science and literature of the Renaissance Period. This year, Emmy award-winning and worldrenowned 3D artist. Mark Kistler, will give drawing lessons to students at the

Students will have full access to the Festival grounds and have the oppor-tunity to experience all the Festival has to offer. Jousting knights, musicians, jest-ers and magicians are ready to perform on stages and arenas throughout the vilarenas throughout the vil-lage. Young lords and ladies will have the opportunity to learn courtly dances, the ancient art of falconry and the history of arms and armor. Students will also have the chance to compete in a range of contests including costume art, essay, poetry, music, theatre and tre-buchet. The musical competitions include choir, band

and orchestra. The theatre competitions are comprised of one-act plays, group or duet scenes and monologues. Also included are live demonstrations in pottery, glass blowing, blacksmithing, armor making and other arts and trades of this amazing period in his-

This two-day event is designed to be age-appropriate for all students. All events, shows and activities will be both educational and enter-taining. Tickets are \$9.00 per person, including same day ticket purchases at the gate. Patrons age four and under are admitted free. Lunch coupon books will be offered for \$10.00 per person, which includes one entrée, one drink, one dessert and bonus tickets to return to the Festival on a weekend. For more information, visit http:// www.texrenfestinfo.com/

# **HIGHLANDS ROTARY CLUB NEWS**



# **Hurrican Harvey** ravages Huffman **Methodist Church**

Highlands Rotary Club heard from Pastor Frank Coats of the Huffman United Methodist Church, last Tuesday, October 24. Pastor Coats was de scribing the devastation that his

church building suffered as a result of flooding from Hurrican Harvey. Coats is a slightly unusual pastor, bringing his message to the congregation in words and music, played on his banjo.

Coats has been a Rotarian, and was welcomed by the club. After a different career, he said he became a minister 15 years ago. He started at Huffman UMC in 2015.

When several inches of water ru-ined all the floors in the church buildings, and the sheetrock walls, the congregation met for a few weeks in the parking lot. That first service after the hurricane, when many were recovering personally, still had 140

attending.

Coats is looking at the flood as an opportunity to build anew. His motto: "RESTORE, REBUILD, TRANS-FORM." He is currently planing a new building that may cost as much as \$400,000, and would include a larger sanctuary for 280 persons, and a new childrens' wing, but raising the money for flood repairs is part of his effects are about forts currently.

Coats is relaxed and good natured, and he entertained the Rotary Club with two songs, "Down by the River-side" and "I'll Fly Away" played on his

long-necked banjo, and sung as well.

Coats quotes the nationally known minister, Rick Warren, "We don't want to waste a good disaster" and this positive attitude is what is carrying him and his congregation forward.

Pastor Coats welcomes any donations to help with the church rebuilding program. See the website, at www.lakehoustonUMC.com for more information.



Pastor Frank Coats uses a banjo in his worship services, and demonstrated for the Rotary



Flood waters on August 29th, as a result of Hurricane Harvey, inundated the church filling all the rooms and especially the sanctuary with several inches of water. The parishoners had no place to hold service that was dry and safe, so they held several services outside in the parking lot of the church.

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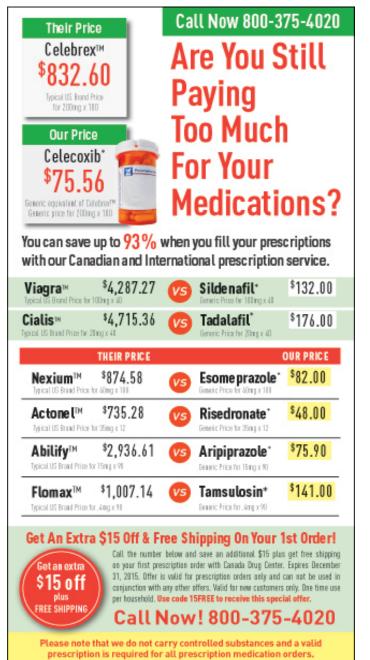
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# COMMUNITY/SCHOOL NEWS

#### GALENA PARK ISD

## Normandy Crossing Elementary Teacher named Classroom Champ

On October 18, Normandy Crossing Elementary (NCE) teacher, Ms. Angel Herring, was named a Classroom Champ by the Houston Dynamo and Kroger

Ms. Herring was one of five educators named a Classroom Champ for making a profound difference on their campus. She received a \$250 gift card from Kroger and a \$250 grant for NCE.

On Sunday, October 22, Ms. Herring was recognized at the Dynamo game for her hard work and dedication!

During Ms. Herring's introduction, Eddie Robinson, former Dynamo player, said, "Ms. Herring takes rookie teachers under her wing and teaches them the finer points of caring for their children, not just educationally but socially and emotionally, as well. We thank her so much for that."

Congratulations, Ms. Herring!



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sible for the clean-up, in-

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will hold a public meeting

in Highlands on Dec. 4th,

and urged all to attend to

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### EPA Decision,

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ted to the ROD. He admonished the group to keep working on cleaning up the river. He said "The harder you work the more we can keep this on schedule." To this end, Young asked evervone to send a letter to EPA asking for immediate action, which later in the meeting was a recurring theme of the questioning.

In her comments, Young pointed out that further negotiations with EPA had achieved a gain in the amount of material that would be removed, from 202,000 cubic yards to 212,000. Also, the standard of the pollution level to be achieved has been revised to allow for safer residual material.

At present, the removal process is expected to cost about \$115 million, and would be paid for by the PRP, or Potential Resonsible Parties. In this case, it is McGinnes Industrial Material Corporation, now a division of Waste Management, and Interntional Paper Company, who is the successor to Champion Paper Company, the mill that generated the waste.

It is expected that at least 17,000 truckloads of material would be removed from the site, and disposed of in an approved solid waste landfill. This work would commence in 2019. and continue for at least 18 months.

EPA has said they will require the PRP or their contractor to use "best management practices" to eliminate potential contamination to the sur-

rounding environment. Young explained that the process of removal would require steel cofferdams around the site, the material would be dewatered and removed dry, by excavation, not dredging.

At this point in the meeting, a video of Fox26 newsman Greg Groogan  $interviewing\ Scott\ Pruitt$ when he was in Houston, was shown. Pruitt said he was responsible for 1330 Superfund Sites around the nation, but would work to make sure the San Jacinto River site "was kept from languishing." He mentioned that damage done to the cap by Hurrricane Harvey, and his concerns for future storms. He said "People need confidence they are safe."

Young then updated the audience on recent problems with the cap, both pre-hurricane and posthurricane. In addition to the storm, there has been  $\,$ erosion on the east side of the site from weather, and barge traffic. Sampling of 14 sites found one site with 70,000 ppt of dioxin, when the standard is only 30.

She then showed a slide with four steps that she asked the attendees to include in their letter to  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{EPA}}$ 

and Pruitt.

These were: -- A dive team to make more underwater inspec-

-- More groundwater tests, dioxin has been detected in river water; -- Require the PRP to

 $develop\ an\ emergency\ plan$ in the event of a cap failure or subsidence; -- Require the PRP to

stockpile repair materials close to the site for rapid repair work.

Scott Jones of the Galveston Bay Foundation made a presentation of the history of the Bay, and the environmental dangers that have been detected in the river and the bay.

He discussed Seafood Advisories that were the reason for the GBF to become involved in the health of the bay, and concern about the waste pits site. He reviewed some of the proposals for reinforcing the cap and making it permanent, pointing out the problems of these, and their unpredictable nature.

Rodrigo Cantu, of Lone Star Legal Aid, reviewed the next steps that the EPA will be taking to implement the ROD. He pointed out that Congress passed a law, known as CERCLA, that prescribes the steps that EPA can take to make the PRP clean up the site, but pointed out that each step has a waiting period, and the

process will take time. Anxious to ask questions, members of the audience interupted several of the presentations.

Questions centered around the schedule, now

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

#### Revival

Bible Missionary Church will held its annual REVIVAL, November 10 -19, 2017, 10246 Fairfax Street, Jacinto City, TX 77029. Weeknights: 7 p.m., Saturday Evenings: 6 pm, Everyone wlecome. For more information, please call 713-

#### 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 - 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 Amegy Bank on I-10, at noon. For more information, please visit www.SanJacintoPilot.com.

### **Evening San Jacinto Pilot Club**

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.

#### Trip Israel

Join Wayne & Patsy Moss on a trip to ISRAEL! March 2018. Call for more information. 281-447-4307.

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# **OPINION PAGE**

### What you need to know about applying to college

(NAPSI)—Many students and their parents may be surprised to learn it but college application season doesn't have to be stressful. Here are some things students should know that can

First, it's now easier than ever for students to show their best work on the SAT. Accepted at all colleges and universi-ties, the SAT measures the few things needed for college success and reflects what students are already learning in

What's more, students prefer the new SAT to the old test by a 7 to 1 margin. Here's why:

- Gone are "SAT words"—words no one as seen before or will likely see again.
- There is no penalty for guessing. Students no longer lose points for wrong answers
- There is more time per question. Students have 43 percent more time than on the ACT.
- Only relevant math concepts are tested Students just need to know essential skills for college and career.

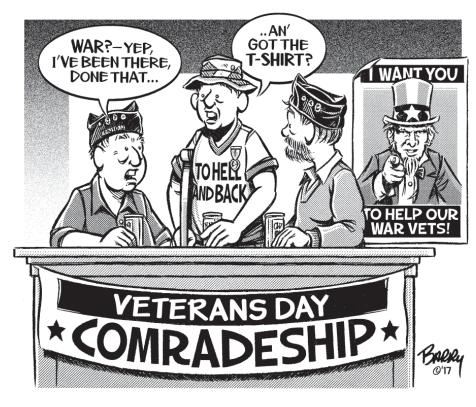
The new SAT is the only college admission test that comes with free, personalized, online study tools with Official SAT Practice on KhanAcademy (www.satpractice.org). Students have access to thousands of interactive practice questions, video lessons, test-taking tips, and strategies, including eight full-length practice

Recently released data about free Official SAT Practice show that nothing advances student opportunity and success like personalized practice. The data link 20 hours of practice using Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy to a 115-point average score gain from the PSAT/NMSQT to the SAT—an increase nearly double the average score gain of students who don't use

Just as students can take advantage of free test practice, they can also take advantage of free resources to navigate the college applica-tion and financial aid process. To begin building their college lists, students can use free resources such as the College Board's www.BigFuture.org or the CollegeGo app to search for and compare colleges; navigate the college application rocess from start to finish with deadline reminders, tips and guidance; find scholarships; and understand financial aid

That's important, because there are billions of dollars of financial aid  $available \ to \ help \ students$ college. for BigFuture.org includes a Scholarship Search tool for finding scholarships, other financial aid and internships from among more than 2,200 programs, totaling nearly \$6 billion.

There are many kinds of scholarships, with scholarships from colleges being the most common type. Additionally, with the PSAT/NMSQT or the PSAT 10, students have access to more than \$180 million in scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation and several other College Board scholarship partners.



# **Proclamation honors World** Series winning Houston Astros

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott proclaimed Nov. 3 as Houston Astros Day, honoring the American League champions for winning the 2017 Major League Baseball World

The Astros won their fourth game in the best-ofseven Series against the National League champion Los Angeles Dodgers on Nov. 1. It's the first World Series championship for the Houston Astros in the 55-year history of the fran-chise and the first for a Texas team. Players wore "Houston Strong" patches on their uniforms in honor of those affected by Hurri-cane Harvey's widespread cane Harvey's widespread devastation. More than one million fans lined the streets of downtown Houston Nov. 3 to see the players hoist the championship trophy during a victory pa-

rade.
"This victory is a great honor for the Astros and the Houston community, which has been severely impacted by, and contin-ues to recover in the after-math of, Hurricane Harvey. Like the Astros, Texans are known for their spirit and resolve, and in the wake of Harvey's devastation, we were able to see the persevering nature of Texans on full display. This championship will serve as inspiration to a city and state that is pas-

Abbott wrote.

Abbott on Oct. 24 continued the long tradition of governors by making a friendly wager with California Gov. Jerry Brown on the outcome of the Series. Abbott offered a six-pack of Houston-brewed beer and Texas barbecue. Brown offered a selection of wine from his state's Sonoma, Napa and Mendocino coun-ties that were impacted everely by recent wild-

### Flags to be at

half-staff
Gov. Abbott on Nov. 5 ordered that flags across Texas be lowered to halfstaff through sunset on Nov. 9 in memory of those who lost their lives in a mass shooting in Sutherland Springs, a town 20 miles southeast of San Antonio.

Some 26 people were re-ported killed and dozens injured when a lone gunman opened fire with an assault rifle in a church while members attended Sunday morning services on Nov. 5. The gunman, identified as Devin Patrick Kelley of New Braunfels, was found with a gunshot wound, dead in his truck several miles from the scene. Details continue to emerge in the shooting.

### Revenue total

comes in State Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Nov. 2 reported that state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.46 billion in October, an amount 6.9 percent more than he



reported in October 2016 Receipts from the min-ing and manufacturing sectors led sales tax reve nue growth, and most oth-er economic sectors also grew moderately compared to the same month last year. Hurricane Harvey does not appear to have had a significant net effect on state sales tax revenue, he added.

Also, Hegar said, total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in October 2017 was up 5.2 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Details on monthly sales tax collections can be found at the Comptroller's Monthly State Revenue Watch, which is accessible through the website comptroller.texas.gov.

### AG goes after

gougers Attorney General Ken Paxton's Consumer Protection Division on Oct. 30 sent notices of violations to 127 Texas businesses ac-



cused of price gouging dur-ing the state of disaster declared for Hurricane Harvey.
All of the cases involve

consumer complaints against gas stations that allegedly charged \$3.99 or higher for a gallon of un-leaded gasoline or diesel. The Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act prohibits anyone from taking advantage of a disaster declared by the governor and selling or leasing necessities for excessive prices. The Consumer Protection

Division received an esti-mated 5,500 complaints alleging price gouging by businesses. Many Texans emailed photos and receipts as evidence, Paxton

# Job count decreased The Lone Star State lost some 7,300 jobs in September, due largely to effects from Hurricane Harvey, the Texas Workforce Com-

mission reported.

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.0 percent, down from 4.2 percent in August, and remained below the national rate of 4.2 percent. Annual employment growth for Texas was cal-

culated at 2.1 percent.

"Texas' economic growth is boosted by the resilience of our employ-ers, who have added 230,300 private-sector jobs over the past year," said Ruth R. Hughs, the TWC commissioner who repre-sents employers. "TWC is committed to ensuring our state resources and services are provided to help get Texans get back to work after the devastating im-pacts of Hurricane Har-vey."

#### Depository site chosen Comptroller Hegar on

Nov. 3 announced the city of Leander as the future home of the Texas Bullion Depository, with construction to begin in early 2018. In its 2015 regular ses-

sion, the Texas Legislature created the depository as an agency within the Of-fice of the Comptroller.

The depository, according to the official statement of legislative intent, would be established "so the state, state agencies and private individuals would be able to store preous metal Texas-based depository to reduce reliance on out-of-state facilities and to insulate their assets from unstable market forces.

**Understanding** Education And Military Families

(NAPSI)—America's military service members make great sacrifices for our country-and for their own families-but are their kids getting what they need from our  $K_12$ education system?

A new national survey of service members, spouses and veterans looks at educational options for military families, their satisfaction and how their choices can play a role in whether a family accepts an assignment or even fac-tor into decisions to leave military service altogether. There are roughly 750,000 school-aged children in active-duty-member households today.

Data show military families are very interested in alternatives to district schools. According to a new EdChoice and Braun Research survey, we know 80 percent of them attend public schools today, despite the fact that more than 60 percent would prefer different schooling en-vironments for their children, such as private school, charter school, virtual school or home school.

In fact, once military and veteran families are informed of how school choice options work, their support for those programs increases dramatically.

Types of School Choice

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Military respondents were almost five times more likely to support ESAs than they were to oppose them.

Tax-credit scholarships allow families to choose private schools that best fit their needs. Nonprofit scholarship-granting organizations provide those scholarships and are funded by private charitable donations, for which donors are reimbursed through tax credits.

Sixty-three percent of military respondents support the concept of a taxcredit scholarship

School vouchers. School vouchers give parents the freedom to choose a private school for their children, using all or part of the public funding set aside for their children's education.

Nearly two out of three military households supool vouchers

Learn More

For further facts and figures on education choice opportunities, go to ww.edchoice.org.





### LIFESTYLE



#### Marvin Eugene Myers

Marvin Eugene Myers, 71, of Jacinto City, Texas, passed from this life on November 04, 2017.

He was born February 01 1946 in Voth Texas to parents, Earl & Justina Myers. He served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and worked as an ironworker most of his career and a member of the Ironworkers Union Local 84.

He is preceded in death by his parents and by his wife, Charlene Myers and by daughter, Sheila Matthews. He is survived by two sons, Jason Zataratous & wife, Teresa and Clifford Zataratous; by grandchildren, Jessica Zataratous and Vince Zataratous; as well as by brother, Dalton Myers and sister, Doris Stewart and other family and dear friends.



A visitation will be held Wednesday evening from 5-8:00 p.m. November 08, 2017at Carter Conley Funeral Home. A celebration of his life will be held 1:00 p.m. Thursday, November 09,2017 in the Carter Conley Chapel.

> Carter Conley Funeral Home 13701 Corpus Christi St. Houston, TX 77015 713-455-5100

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Obadiah in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From Matthew 9. after Jesus healed a paralyzed man, what did the man pick up and carry home? Brother, Bed, Mother, Cart

3. Which book begins, "And the Lord spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai"? Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

4. What is the largest number specifically mentioned in the Bible (KJV)?

Hundred thousand Thousand thousand, Two hundred thousand thousand, Thousands of millions

5. According to Acts 25, what title belonged to Agrippa? Priest, Apostle, King, General

6. In Exodus 7, what river was turned into blood? Red, Galilee, Marah, Nile

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Bed; 3) Numbers; 4) Thousands of millions (Gen 24:60); 5) King; 6)

#### BIBLE TRIVIA THOUGHTS FROM MARANATHA CHURCH

# The Bible App

Dr. Mark Trice

How many of us live with our phones in hand, actually turning around and driving back home if we discovered we've left them behind? It's not just because we're talking to people, either; it's because we've discovered a world of apps that make our lives easier, more productive. For many of us, smartphones have been game changers, revolutionizing our lives in ways we never expected.

What if we used our Bibles the way we use the apps on our smartphones consistently, enthusiastically, faithfully? What if, instead of just carrying them into church, using them as coasters, or even reading and marking in them, we truly applied them to our lives? What did Jesus say to the devil in the desert? "It is written..." This is our exam-

Think about what is being said in John 1:1-14. The Word IS Jesus. Jesus IS the Word. We cannot undervalue the importance of the Word of God in our lives. It is not simply inspiring words on nice paper. It is "...quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword..." (Heb. 4:12) This is power that too many of us take for granted. We read it. We hear it. We

Yet too often we don't do anything with it.

The Word of God says that "death and life are in the power of the tongue.' (Prov. 18:21) We've got the death part down. For example, as a people we tend to speak sickness over ourselves far too often ("I'm coming down with something."). It is time we paid attention to what God is saying here, and speak LIFE. It's time to "pull out our Bible app;" time to actually apply the Bible to our lives. Are you facing a situation in which you need God to intervene? Get a Word. Go to the "book of Concordance," find a single verse or passage that applies to your life, and start declaring it over yourself and your situation.

Believe me, God has covered everything in the Bible. No, it may not mention what you're going through specifically, but if you start digging you'll find far more than one verse that applies to you, that you can apply to your situation. For example, are you wondering where to go next, what path you should take? Start declaring Proverbs 3:5-6. Declare, "I will trust in the Lord with all my heart. I will refuse to rely on my own understanding. I will acknowlmay even think about it. edge Him in everything I



do. And He will direct my path!" Speak it. Truly think about the words Believe it. Then follow through, acting on what you're declaring. God's Word cannot fail. If you apply it, you will see its power in action.

But remember that, just like you have to keep going back to the apps on your phone, you have to keep going back to the Word. It's not a case of "declare it once and you're done." Keep the Word in front of you. Read it. Think about it. Believe it. Stand on it. Speak it. Act on it. Apply the Word of God, and it will revolutionize your

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# Diamond Jim: "What is "fluorescence" in a diamond?"



## **ASK DIAMOND JIM**

We've had a number of people ask about the characterisbe found in roughly 25-35% of diamonds. When you do come across a diamond that has fluorescence, it's important to have a good idea of what it is. and more importantly what it means for your diamond.

First of all, what is fluorescence?

Fluorescence is actually fairly simple when it comes to diamonds. Some diamonds reflect varying amounts of UV light, which most commonly comes from the sun and fluorescent lamps. The presence of this effect is usually not noticeable, or could even make your diamond look more desirable depending on the stone's color rating. Technically, fluorescence is considered an imperfection in a diamond. However, many in the diamond industry don't really consider it that way at all since it can actually improve the visual appeal of a stone.

How does fluorescence change how my diamond

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Will fluorescence be listed anywhere on my GIA report? Yes. The GIA displays your particular diamonds fluorescence grade on the report as either Very Strong, Strong, Medium, Faint, or None.

Will my fiancé know if the diamond has fluorescence? Will she care?

Most likely, no on both questions. If anything, she may notice the faint blue tint and think that the diamond actually looks better than a diamond without it.

In 1997, the GIA performed

a study that actually found that observers couldn't reliably tell which diamonds had fluorescence when viewing the diamonds face up on a table. In the rare instances that they could, the participants weren't able to agree on how strongly each stone was affected. From the GIA:

"For the average observer, meant to represent the jewelry buying public, no systematic effects of blue fluorescence on the face-up appearance of the groups of diamonds were detected. Even experienced observers did not consistently agree on the effects of fluorescence from one stone to the next." - GIA.com

This just further backs up what we previously mentioned - if you love a stone that happens to have fluorescence, ou should have no reservations in getting down on one knee and proposing with it! Conclusion:

While fluorescence can initially seem intimidating be-cause it is technically a flaw in a diamond, it really should be taken with a grain of salt. Many times, diamonds with fluorescence can actually lool better than ones without. Unless the fluorescence in a diamond is extreme, it should probably not be the deciding factor for you when shopping for a diamond.

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## San Jac College holds community resume and interview workshop

HOUSTON - As hiring managers and job applicants know, a resume is of-ten the first impression a company has about an applicant's qualifications and capabilities, and the job interview is an opportunity to expand upon professional strengths. But getting the interview can be difficult to accomplish if an applicant's resume does not stand out among others within the industry that an applicant is seek-ing employment. This is where the San Jacinto College career services department's upcoming "Career Crash Course: Re sume and Interviewing Workshop" can help.

The San Jacinto College career services de-partment will host the "Career Crash Course: Resume and Interviewing Workshop" on Monday, Nov. 20, at 6 p.m. The

workshop will feature current trends in resume development to help applicants get noticed in today's job market and in-terviewing strategies for a number of interview scenarios. Attendees are encouraged to bring their current resumes to reference as information is presented during workshop.

"Due to the increasing amount of changes in the economy over the last cou-ple of years, today's job market can be overwhelming with many finding the job searching process alone difficult to navigate," says Brittany Bonds, San Jacinto College career services coordinator. "Often, some of the largest hurdles for job seekers are understanding how to revise, update and structure their resumes for the jobs they

fectively interviewing once they are contacted by an employer. This is why the San Jacinto College's career services department is offering the 'Career Crash Course: Resume and Interviewing Workshop' to all students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members who feel that they need some additional assistance when it comes to these areas.

The San Jacinto College North Campus is located at 5800 Uvalde Road in Houston. Attendees are welcome to arrive by 5:30 p.m., to enjoy refreshments and networking prior to the workshop. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the San Jacinto College career services department at

career.centers@sicd.edu.

# Galena Park ISD hosts Ministers Luncheon



On October 27, Galena Park ISD Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Angi Williams, welcomed local pastors and church leaders to the annual GPISD Ministers Luncheon. This luncheon, held to recognize respected members

vides an opportunity for collaboration with each other and GPISD staff.

During the luncheon, Dr. Williams discussed the importance of partnerships with local organizations, such as area churches, and applauded the of the community, pro- ministers for the positive

impact they have within the community. The ministers were also given the opportunity to have discussions and ask questions about the community, schools and the bond.

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If you know a child who may be challenged with a disability, please contact the Crosby ISD Special Education office at 281 328-9200, Extension 1108. If the child is already a student in Crosby ISD, please contact the counselor at the child's school. The counselor will be happy

The special education personnel will coordinate efforts to evaluate the student and, if eligible, ensure that the student is provided with supports and services needed to benefit from instruction.

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#### Harris County Flood Control District Announces the Second Public Meeting for the Cedar Bayou Flood Risk Reduction Study

The Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) will hold its second public meeting of three for the Cedar Bayou Flood Risk Reduction Study in mid-November. Two meetings will be conducted in order to accommodate residents living in the Cedar Bayou watershed. While the location will vary for the meetings, the same information will be shared at both meetings. Residents should plan to attend one of the two meetings. The meetings will be held on:

- Monday, November 13, 2017 from 6:00 8:30 p.m.\* Crosby Community Center  $409~{\rm Hare~Road,\,Crosby,\,Texas}~77532$
- Thursday, November 16, 2017, from 6:00 8:30 p.m.\* Baytown Community Center 2407 Market Street, Baytown, Texas 77520

The purpose of these meetings is to inform residents about the status of the Cedar Bayou Flood Risk Reduction Study and share initial data that has been gathered. Please note that both meeting locations are near the Cedar Bayou watershed; however, both locations are situated just west of the watershed boundary. This is the second of three rounds of public meetings for this study. For questions, please contact the HCFCD Project and Study Information Line at 713-684-4040, or fill out the comment form online at www.hcfcd.org/CedarBayouStudy

st Registration will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by a presentation that will begin at 6:30 p.m.

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#### **Public Hearing**

Business US Highway (BU) 90U From Interstate Highway 610 to East of Mesa Road CSJ: 0028-01-067 Harris County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Houston District, as the lead agency, is proposing to widen Business US Highway (BU) 90U from Interstate Highway 610 to east of Mesa Road, in Houston, Harris County, Texas. The total distance of the project is apporoximately 1.2 miles. This notice advises the public that environmental documents are available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed project. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 28, 2017, at Furr High School, 520 Mercury Drive, Houston, TX 77013. Displays will be available for viewing at 5:30 pm with the formal hearing starting at 6:30 pm. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed

The project proposes to widen the BU 90U roadway from a four-lane undivided rural roadway to a six-lane urban facility with a continuous left turn lane. Sidewalks as well as a curb and gutter drainage system would be constructed as part of the proposed project. The typical width of the right-of-way (ROW) would increase to 120 feet from an exsiting typical width of 100 feet. The proposed improvements would potentially require approximately 3 acres of additional ROW. The purpose of the proposed project is to reduce congestion and enhance safety in northeast Houston. The proposed project would potentially displace approximately five businesses. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services for displacees, as well as information about the tentative schedules for ROW acquisition and construction, can be obtained from the TxDOT district office at the address listed below. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. The proposed project will encroach into the 100-year floodplain of Hunting Bayou.

Any environmental documentation or studies, maps showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the project are on file and available for inspection by appointment Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the TxDOT Houston District Office, located at 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007, and at TxDOT's North Harris Area Office, located at 16803 Eastex Freeway, Humble, Texas 77396. To schedule an appointment at the Houston District please contact Hamid Yousseff at (713) 802-5503, or at the North Harris Area Office contact Mr. John Elam, P.E. at (281) 319-6400. The project information can also be viewed online at TxDOT's website: <a href="http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-txd involved/about/hearings-meetings/houston/112817.html. This information also will be available for inspection at the hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the project are requested and may be presented at the hearing, or submitted in person or by mail to the TxDOT Houston District Office, Director of Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251, or via email to hou-piowebmail@txdot.gov. Comments must be received on or before December 13, 2017 to be part of the official

The hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, are encouraged to contact the TXDOT District Public Information Officer at (713) 802-5076. Requests should be made at least five days prior to the hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

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#### Barbers Hill Independent School District Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes n Fund Balances - Governmental Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

ne Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

199 Data Debt Service Codes **General Fund** REVENUES \$ 61,207,865 \$ 20,226,285 5700 Local and intermediate revenues 5800 State program revenues 13,645,298 117,274 5900 ederal program revenues Total revenues 5020 75,215,945 20,343,559 EXPENDITURES: Current: Instruction 31,967,767 0012 Instruction 0021 Instructional leadership 0023 School leadership 3,268,096 0031 Guidance, counseling, and evaluation services 1,847,792 0032 Social work services 76,093 0033 750,410 Student transportation 0034 1,300,794 0035 0036 2.418.653 Extracurricular activities
General administration
Plant maintenance and operations
Security and monitoring services
Data processing services
Community services 0036 0041 0051 0052 0053 0061 Debt service: 0071 Principal on long-term debt 11,410,000 0072 Interest on long-term debt 8,223,473 0073 Issuance costs and fees 6,850 Capital outlay: 0081 Facilities aquisition and construction Thergovernmental.
Contracted instructional services between schools
Payments to juvenile justice alternative education programs
Other intergovernmental charges 0091 16.535.657 0095 0099 6030 1100 Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures 4,187,170 703,236 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Capital-related debt issued (regular bonds) Premium or (discount) on issuance of bonds 7916 4,748 State revenue pursuant to tax refund 7949 1.469.046 (1,469,046) 7080 Total other financing sources (uses) 4,748 1200 33,250,509 Fund balances - beginning 8,967,420

\$ 37,437,679 \$ 9,675,404

Capital Projects Fund	Total Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$ 383,132	\$ 2,337,835	\$ 84,155,117
12,563	204,481	13,979,616
	1,479,378	1,842,160
395,695	4,021,694	99,976,893
1,163,494	1,138,869	34,270,130
75,041	-	703,829
12,940	44,979	925,369
-	-	267,761
13,496	-	3,281,592
2,346	-	1,850,138
10.040	300	76,393
10,340	-	760,750
864,307	0 (00 070	2,165,101
	2,638,873	2,638,873
258,632 26,203	-	2,677,285 2,492,120
288,785	-	
8,053	-	6,873,017 446,328
118,876	-	1,153,473
960	-	33,189
760	-	
-	-	11,410,000
-	-	8,223,473
218,209	-	225,059
13,379,102	-	13,379,102
_	-	16,535,657
-	-	68,800
-	-	475,464
16,440,784	3,823,021	110,932,903
(16,045,089)	198,673	(10,956,010)
13,860,000	-	13,860,000
1,358,209	-	1,362,957
-	-	1,469,046
_		(1,469,046)
15,218,209		15,222,957
(826,880)	198,673	4,266,947
22,783,998	500,877	65,502,804
\$ 21,957,118	\$ 699,550	\$ 69,769,751

# Jacinto City Heritage Hall presents Seniors Halloween Costume Contest



HERITAGE HALL Halloween Costume Judges and Staff. L – R: Costume Judge Irasema Salinas Vice-President Keep Jacinto City Clean (KJCCC), JC Heritage Hall staff, Elizabeth Flores Senior Program Director, Debi Bridgeman and Maria Espinoza Program Assistants and Costume Judges Teresa Arzapala KJCCC President, not pictured Rose Ortega and Paula Silva



JACINTO CITY Heritage Hall Seniors Halloween Costume Contest Winners and Participants. L - R: Pat LeCamus (60's Chic), 3rd - Place Dorothie Harding (An Aging Winch), 2nd - Place - Vivian Cole (A Slice of Cake), Lucila Moctezuma (A Mysterious Masquerade) and 1st - Place - Isabel Lira (A

## ELECTIONS,

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ed. It was worded like it was about term limits but had nothing whatever to do with it. It passed 96,812 to 27,981 or 77.58 % to 22.42%.

Proposition 4 allows the legislature to set a waiting period before the court may enter a judgement holding a statue unconsti-tutional. This passed 82,221 to 40,390.

Proposition 5 allows professional sports teams to have their charitable foundations to host raffles. It passed 81,195 to 39,785.

Proposition 6 provides an exemption from property taxes to surviving spouses of first responders spouses of instructions killed or fatally wounded in the line of duty. But if only crippled they need to pay in full. It passed 106,323 to 18,683.

The least popular proposition was <u>Proposition 7</u>. It allows financial institutions to award prizes by lot to promote savings. It passed 80,073 to 42,534 or 65.31% to 34.69%.

A bunch of money was spent to hold elections that determine the future of the area locally and only a stalwart few cast a ballot. It looks as if apathy is the overwhelming winner in the off candidate elections. More turn out to vote for representatives generally, which election is to be held

## East Houston Hospital Closed Permanently,

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at East Houston Regional Medical Center. Though the facility has been damaged in the past, we have rebuilt many times. We've endured three floods since 2000. Our team looked at every potential option for continuing to treat patients at the facility. In the interest of safety, we have determined there was no way to continue operations at this current site. It's just not the safest way forward for our patients or our employees. We remain committed to the East Harris County community, though. Patients may still seek care at our Bayshore Medical Center and Clear Lake Regional Medical Center facilities, both of which are close by.

In addition, manage ment and human resources teams are working closely with East Houston Regional Medical Center employees to identify career opportunities in one of the 16 facilities within the HCA Healthcare Gulf Coast Division and

throughout HCA.
HCA Healthcare Gulf Coast Division will work with a local realty firm to determine the future of the East Houston Regional

Medical Center property.

It was a difficult decision not to reopen East Houston Regional Medical Center, but one we are confident best serves our patient population. HCA Healthcare Gulf Coast Division remains firmly committed to the East Houston community and Bayshore Medical Center's essential role as a community hospital serving East Houston and surrounding commu-



FLOOD WATERS from Hurricane Harvey engulfed the East Houston Hospital, at left, the hospital parking lot at center, and the I-10 freeway at the right. Damage was too extensive to return to operation, they said.



