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## CHANNEL CHATTER

### HEALTH DANGER TO NORTH CHANNEL

## Jackie Young urges action on waste pits

#### GALENA PARK-JACINTO CITY CIP meeting

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2014  
Bring residents and students for Plant Show and Tell Night!  
5:45 - 7:00 p.m. - light dinner. Visit plant tables. 7:00 - business starts. Meeting adjourns by 8:15 p.m. At Alvin Baggett Recreation Building, 1302 Keene in Galena Park

#### NC Chamber Monthly Luncheon

The North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon is set for Friday, October 3, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. at San Jacinto College N., 5800 Uvalde Rd. Speaker is Roger D. Guenther, Executive Director-Port of Houston Authority. RSVP: 713-450-3600.

#### San Jacinto Pilot Spaghetti Dinner

The 27th annual SJPC spaghetti dinner is Saturday, October 11, 2014 from 11 am to 3 pm at Baldrée Building, 13828 Corpus Christi. Dinner tickets \$10, raffle tickets \$25. Visit www.SanJacintoPilot.com for more information and details. See also AD on page 3.

#### North Shore Rotary Memorial

The 2014 North Shore Rotary Mark Mulloy Memorial will be Thursday October 30th at Red Wolf Run Golf Course in Huffman.

In the last 5 years North Shore Rotary has donated over a million dollars back to the North Channel Community through their fundraising efforts. Come and help Rotary so they can help our community.

Contact Matt Davis at 281-682-1703 with any questions.

HIGHLANDS - On the eve of a trial that Harris County is pursuing against the companies that are responsible for the toxic waste pits in the San Jacinto River, environmental activist Jackie Young chose to hold a public forum to review the status of remediation efforts, and to push for more involvement from the community in government efforts to clean-up the river and the environment in general.

Young is vitally interested in this issue, because her family lived in Highlands for years, and suffered serious health issues which finally were blamed on toxins in their well water.

Now she works with Texans Together and the San Jacinto River Coalition, to educate the public and lobby for more government effort to clean up the environment.

Wednesday's meeting was



ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST JACKIE YOUNG leads a discussion about the current status of the San Jacinto River Waste Pits, and remediation schemes. She is shown with a slide of Houston Chronicle Cartoonist Nick Anderson, illustrating the idea that the perpetrators of the dump site are protecting themselves, not the public. Young was a resident of Highlands who suffered serious health problems from toxic well water. She feels that the waste pits in the river pose a serious threat to the public, and has joined two organizations that are working to eliminate the site and its toxins from the river.

attended by about seventy-five people, at the community center. On hand were many residents of the area that had experienced health problems and were seeking answers and help to deal with them. There was also a contingent of private lawyers, talking with people about their situations, and looking for potential clients.

Young explained to the audience that there is "No Quick Fixes" and that environmental suites and clean-ups take many years, and move slowly. She said there are three processes in progress to alleviate the waste pits: an EPA study for the best way to clean up the site; a lawsuit by Harris County to assess damages, pay for clean-up, and recompense some parties; and private lawsuits, for aggrieved parties to seek compensation for their suffering.

Also present at the meeting

was Lisa Gossett, a teacher at U of H Clear Lake, acting as a private citizen to monitor and advise on the waste pits.

Young explained that the lead agency was the EPA, and they had delayed the final report on remediation from September 2014 to April 2015, and asked the Corps of Engineers to make further studies of conditions in the river that might make the spread of toxins more serious. She said their recommendation would be made by mid-2015 and a final determination by the National Remedy Review Board.

Other issues discussed at the forum included whether Highlands as a community has a health problem. Young cited statistics that one health problem, multiple myeloma, usually occurs for 1 in 100,000 population, but in Highlands

See WASTE PITS, page 8

### GALENA PARK: National Night Out

The citizens of Galena Park Oaks are having a National Night Out on October 7, 2014 from 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm.

The event will take place at 1407 Holland, Galena Park, TX., 77547. They are expecting around 100-150 people to be in attendance. Police department, fire department, local school, nonprofits and various other groups will assist this event.

The Galena Park Oaks Subdivision is looking to bring the neighborhood and city together, so the community can be safer.

Come out have fun, enjoy music and food as well as giveaways.

Some of the activities and booths confirmed are the police department, fire department.



There will be also moon walks, live cartoon characters. LULAC Council 4703, Galena Park HS Interact Club, Galena Park High School LULAC Youth Council and SER Jobs For Progress will also attend.

There will be also voter registration and many other activities.

This event is being put together by residents of Galena Oaks. For more information please feel to contact Cruz Hinojosa at 832-434-1591 or Juan Flores at 713-553-6351.

## Career Fair held at San Jacinto College North



A WELL ATTENDED JOB FAIR was held Wednesday in the Monument Room of the Student Center at San Jacinto College North. Students looking for information or opportunities had about 50 exhibitor companies to talk to. In the view above, recruiters from BMW, Texas DPS, placement services, communications companies, computer programmers, and healthcare fields were all present to meet with prospective students and answer questions about their companies.

### JROTC CADETS RAISE FLAG: Flag ceremony marks opening of new bank



JROTC CADETS from Channelview High School helped mark the Opening Ceremony for the new Amegy Bank branch on I-10 near Federal Road. The ceremony took place on Wednesday morning of this week. Community leaders, Chamber members, Rotary members from North Shore and Galena Park/Jacinto City were on hand to join in the occasion. The bank took the opportunity to donate to local Not for Profit charity organizations, Mary's Food Bank, Youth Reach, and Channelview JROTC.

### CHANNELVIEW FOOTBALL: Offensive explosion leads Falcons to 70-49 district win over Port Arthur



Channelview quarterback Jalen Hurts makes a dash toward the end zone for a touchdown in a recent game. Hurts ran for 186 yards and five touchdowns and threw for 372 yards and four scores against Port Arthur Memorial. The Falcons posted 771 total yards of offense during the game.

See FALCONS, page 6

Photo by Mark Kramer, Channelview ISD.



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For more information about the events and entry forms, please visit  
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# SCHOOL NEWS

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

#### North Channel Library events

-Friday, Oct. 3 and Saturday, Oct. 4 Library Book Sale.  
 -Tuesday, Oct. 7, 10:30 am, Toddler Time; 1:30 pm, Preschool Story Time.  
 -Wednesday, Oct. 8, 4:30 pm, Strings Attached.  
 -Thursday, Oct. 9, 10:30 am, Baby time; 4:30 pm, Gulf Coast Sculpture  
**COMPUTER CLASSES**  
 -Introduction to Word, Lecture, Oct. 7, 10-12 pm.  
 -Introduction to Word, Practice, Oct. 9, 10-12 pm.  
 -Intermediate Word, Lecture, Oct. 14, 10-12 pm.  
 -Intermediate Word, Practice, Oct. 16, 10-12 pm.  
 Registration required.  
**CLASES DE COMPUTACION**  
 -Introducción a Word, Lectura, Oct. 6, 1-3 pm.  
 -Introducción a Word, Práctica, Oct. 8, 1-3 pm.  
 Se requiere registraci3n.  
 Library is located at 15741 Wallisville Rd., Houston, TX. 77049. Call 281-457-1631 for more information on other classes.

### OCTOBER

#### Galena Park Library events

-Tuesday, Oct. 7, 1 pm, Internet Basico II; 4 pm Internet Basics II.  
 -Wednesday, Oct. 8, 11 am, Children's Story Time; 4 pm, Frida Kahlo Collage Making.  
 -Thursday, Oct. 9, 11 am, Baby Time.  
 Please call the library at 713-450-0982 for more details.  
 The library is located at 1500 Keene St. Galena Park, TX. 77547.

### SATURDAY NIGHTS

#### The Buckshot Jamboree

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

### 2nd & 4th THURSDAY

#### San Jacinto Pilot Club meeting

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

#### North Shore Senior Dance

North Shore Senior Citizens hold a monthly dance the second Thursday of every month from 1 - 4 pm in the Baldree Building-Grayson Center, Corpus Christi street. They have live bands and refreshments. Cost is \$ 5/per person

## GALENA PARK ISD: District continues commitment to safe and secure Schools

As part of Galena Park ISD's continued focus on safety, Galena Park ISD has been a member of the Center for Safe and Secure Schools (CSSS) for the past twenty-five years. The Center is a collaboration of over 25 local school districts, led by the Harris County Department of Education and was founded in 1999 to advance safe and secure environments for learning and teaching. The Center assists in emergency management planning and operations, training and certification programs, and establishing criteria for standards and best practices in safety and security.

The Center also represents local school districts in the Harris County Emergency Operations Center during times of emergency. The CSSS at the Harris County Department of Education continually strives to provide valuable information and resources related to school safety, violence prevention and positive outcomes for students, teachers and communities. Galena Park ISD has benefited from the many trainings and seminars offered through the Center and has gained valuable equip-



Bryan Clements, GPISD Chief of Police, has been looking out for the safety of Galena Park ISD and surrounding communities for over 34 years.

ment as a result of grants obtained by the Center.

"The Center brings together the leading school safety professionals in Harris County to provide a forum which focuses on school safety. Over the past 25 years, the climate and culture of Harris County has changed, but the effort to continually improve the safety of our schools and students has remained at the forefront of GPISD and the CSSS," said Bryan Clements, GPISD Police Chief.

## Galena Park ISD receives financial recognition

Each year, Galena Park ISD produces a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending August 31. This year, just as in the past 3 years, GPISD's CAFR has received recognition from the Association of School Business Officials (ASBO). To receive recognition, a school district must comply with the highest standards for disclosure and provide pertinent accounting information beyond that which is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

The award was presented to GPISD Chief Financial Officer Sonya George and the business department. "Receiving this award reaffirms a long standing commitment to financial integrity. The Galena Park ISD community deserves to know their hard earned tax



Sonya George, GPISD CFO, diligently assesses large amounts of data and financial figures to ensure Galena Park ISD remains a good steward with the funds in which the District is entrusted.

dollars are properly accounted for. I am extremely grateful for the hard work by all support staff who made this prestigious award possible," George said.

## Sheldon ISD receives perfect finance score

For the second year in a row, Sheldon ISD scored 70 points out of a possible 70 on the School FIRST(Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas)rating. Dr. Giles congratulated the finance staff on this achievement at the last Sheldon ISD Board of Trustees' meeting. As required by law, a public hearing on this School FIRST rating will be held during the October 21 school board meeting.

School FIRST is a financial solvency rating system by the Texas Education Agency to measure the financial strength of public school districts and charter schools. This rating system allows TEA to identify districts or charters with financial problems or any potential problems to emerge in the near future. School FIRST evaluates and reviews fund balance, audit comments, student/employee ratio, along with several other compliance requirements.

## Diamond Jim... Why should I buy gold and silver?



### ASK DIAMOND JIM

This column does not allow a complete dissertation on the subject. So let me begin with a story about the value of gold.

In the 1800s the \$20 gold piece was struck. The value of the US coin was \$20. At that time a man could buy the finest suit of clothes he could wish for with that \$20 gold coin. Today, it would take approximately \$1217 (paper dollars) to buy that same suit of clothes... the same suit of clothes that could have been bought in the 1800s for that \$20 gold coin. So my question is this... if you knew then what you know now, and if you had the choice in the 1800s to own gold or dollars, which would you have chosen? The problem is that our government has inflated the dollar to such an extent through over-use of the printing press, and politicians have so eroded the value to such an extent through spending, and bankers in collusion with the politicians have so controlled the

amount, value, and interest of paper money... that it simply takes more of those cheap dollars to purchase the same amount of gold.

The gold has not gone down in value... the value of the dollar has. Now a bit about silver. Silver has historically fluctuated at 1/27th to 1/35th the value of gold. But today it is around 1/55th the value of gold. The production cost of silver is around \$24/troy ounce, but silver is trading at around \$17/troy ounce. Keep in mind that silver is also a strategic metal. By deduction, this artificial low valuation of silver means that silver is the best value in precious metals currently as far as I am concerned.

I believe silver will double in value relative to gold, as gold and silver both continue to climb with respect to the cheaper and cheaper dollars being printed. However, I would recommend that you

continue to purchase both gold and silver and take physical possession of it. Many experts are saying that we are coming to the end of a cycle; a cycle that will surely end in a currency collapse. Many economists are flatly stating that we are nearing the end of the dollar as the world's currency, and that the Chinese Yuan will take its place. So, would you rather have a wheelbarrow full of worthless dollars that no one wants or a wheelbarrow full of US dimes, quarters, and halves - 90% silver pre-1964 US currency - that will always be a "store of value"; thus always accepted as trade to put food on your table? So now ask yourself again "Why should I buy gold and silver?"

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).

## Harris County Department of Education Head Start to have ribbon-cutting for new center

Harris County Department of Education Head Start hosts a ribbon-cutting ceremony Oct. 9 from 2-4 p.m. at its new Sheffield Head Start, 14300 Wallisville Road, Houston, Texas 77049. The center officially opened its doors to the Sheffield community Sept. 15.

HCDE Head Start Director Venetia Peacock said the center serves 128 children and their families. Head Start promotes social and academic school readiness for children 3-5. Low-

income families and families of children with special needs benefit from services.

The open house includes a tour, activities and refreshments. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at 2:30 p.m.

"We ask the community to share our excitement as we open our new facility," said Peacock. "We look forward to continuing to be a good community partner. We're always looking to build new relationships

to better serve the community." HCDE Head Start develops relationships with school districts, social service agencies, local businesses, universities and other community entities to provide services to Head Start families. Centers include Sheffield, Barrett Station, Baytown, Channelview, Compton, Coolwood, Deer Park, Dogan, Fifth Ward, Fonwood, Humble, J.D. Walker, La Porte, Pugh, San Jacinto and Tidwell.

## San Jac College grad to appear on national quiz show

HOUSTON - Danira Garcia, who graduated in May from San Jacinto College, will appear as a contestant on the Hispanic College Quiz Show, which will be televised nationally during Hispanic Heritage Month (mid-September through mid-October). The quiz show will be broadcast in the Houston area on two dates - Sunday, Oct. 12, and Sunday, Oct. 19 - on station

K T X H , Channel 20. The 30-minute program will be aired on Oct. 12 and 19 at 12 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. on both days. The segment that includes Garcia could be broadcast during any one of the four time slots.



## Man hit and killed while crossing freeway

Last Friday night, Sep. 26 a man was struck by a car in east Harris County.

According to authorities, around 11:15 p.m. the unidentified man was trying to cross the 15500 block of Interstate 10 East from the south side to the north side when a man driving west in a Honda Civic hit and killed the man

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## 27th Annual San Jacinto Pilot Club Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, October 11, 2014  
 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Baldree Building - 13828 Corpus Christi

Dinner Tickets \$10  
 Raffle Tickets \$25  
 (Only 500 will be sold)

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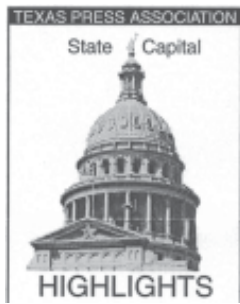
# OPINION PAGE

## STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

### Top candidates debate this week with election on horizon

AUSTIN — A debate scheduled Sept. 29 pits Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, and Dan Patrick, R-Houston, two state senators who are vying to succeed David Dewhurst as lieutenant governor in 2015. Van de Putte, a pharmacist in private life, has served in the Senate since 1999. Patrick, a radio talk show host, was first elected to the Senate in 2009. Whoever wins will preside over the Senate.

On Sept. 30, a second debate between state Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, and Republican Greg Abbott, Texas attorney general, gives voters another look at the two competing to succeed Rick Perry as Texas' next governor.



"Now is also a good time to check your registration to make sure you are prepared for Election Day on Nov. 4," Secretary of State Nandita Berry said Sept. 23. Unregistered voters have until Oct. 6 to get registered, she added, and some 13.6 million Texans already are registered to vote. An early voting begins Oct. 20 and ends Oct. 31.

#### Perry helps break ground

Gov. Rick Perry on Sept. 22 participated in a groundbreaking ceremony for the SpaceX Commercial Launch Facility near Boca Chica Beach, adjacent to Brownsville, which will launch commercial satellites into Earth orbit.

Perry said the groundbreaking "is the result of years of cooperation between Texas and SpaceX" and his office's Texas Enterprise Fund "was instrumental in bringing SpaceX to Texas, with a \$2.3 million grant in August that will bring 300 jobs and create \$85 million in capital investment in South Texas." The State of Texas also is offering \$13 million from its Spaceport Trust Fund to the Cameron County Spaceport Development Corp., Perry said.

Elon Musk, SpaceX chief executive and chief designer, said, "With today's groundbreaking at Boca Chica, we will begin an investment in South Texas that will create hundreds of jobs and over time contribute hundreds of millions of dollars into the local economy."

#### Governor will not appear

Visiting state district Judge Bert Richardson on Sept. 26 granted Gov. Perry's request to be excused from a pretrial hearing scheduled for Oct. 13.

Perry was indicted last month by a Travis County grand jury on felony charges of official oppression and abuse of office. The charges stem from the governor's threat to veto legislation funding the state's public integrity unit in 2013 unless Travis County District Attorney Rosemary Lehmberg resigned, following her arrest for driving while intoxicated. Lehmberg, who heads the unit, refused to resign and Perry vetoed the unit's funding.

#### Energy report is released

State Comptroller Susan Combs on Sept. 23 released a report that she said urges policymakers and elected officials "to discontinue costly subsidies and tax breaks driving development of new electricity generation and allow a more market-driven

approach to providing reliable power to millions of Texas consumers when they need it most."

In the report titled "Texas Power Challenge: Getting the Most From Your Energy Dollars," Combs also said she "challenges the wind energy industry to ensure taxpayers and ratepayers are not double-burdened with infrastructure costs and tax subsidies for power sources that are intermittent."

"It's time for wind to stand on its own two feet," Combs said. "Billions of dollars of tax credits and property tax limitations on new generation helped grow the industry, but today they give it an unfair market advantage over other power sources."

#### Searchers work in Brooks

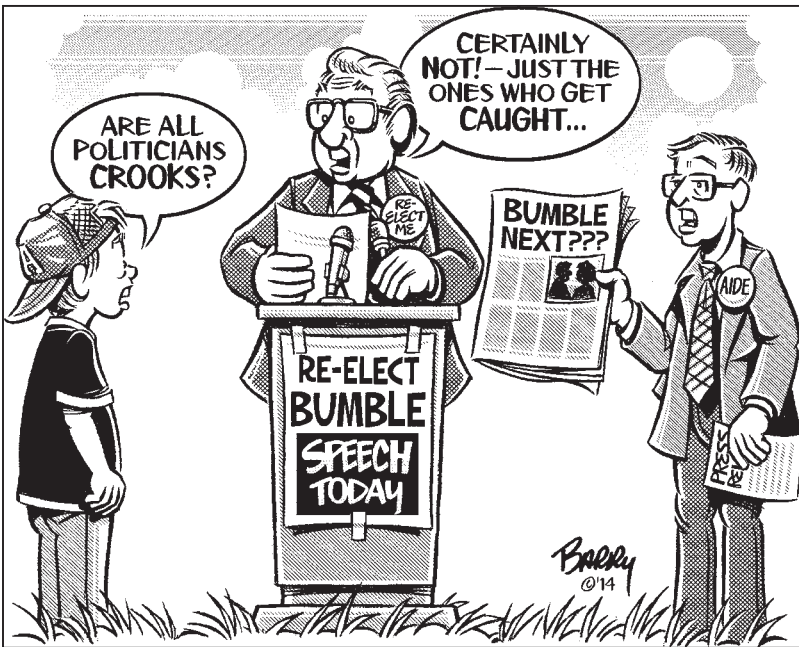
The Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas State Guard announced Sept. 19 they have special search teams to assist the Brooks County Sheriff's Office with locating and recovering human remains in remote areas north of the Texas-Mexico border.

According to the announcement, the majority of the remains are suspected to be those of illegal immigrants who died attempting to avoid detection while entering the United States. The first of these search missions began this week and will continue through the weekend.

#### 'No Child' waiver extended

Texas Education Commissioner Michael Williams on Sept. 22 announced the U.S. Department of Education granted his request to extend the state's conditional waiver from specific provisions of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (commonly known as the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001).

The extension will run through the 2014-2015 school year pending approval of the agency's proposal for new teacher and principal evaluation and support systems in Texas. The systems are a specific component of the federal waiver and are scheduled to be piloted in school districts and charters during the 2014-2015 school year.



## Wrong Medicare Decision Cost Me \$5000 a Year!!

**Hi Toni:**  
I attended one of your seminars and now I need help with my Medicare/Social Security issue.

I am 65 almost 66, "still working" and covered entirely by my company with an HSA insurance plan. I put about \$5,000 per year into a tax sheltered account for medical expenses.

When I went to the SS office to tell them this, they convinced me to sign up for Medicare Part A (hospital) although I really did not need it. Now I find out that since my insurance is an HSA, signing up for Part A may disqualify me for the tax free savings plan.

1. Does having Part A really disqualify me from contributing the \$5000 to my HSA Plan?
  2. Should I go to the SS office and stop Medicare part A?
  3. Will this hurt me in any way - can I get back into Part A when I retire?
- Thanks, John from West U area

#### Hello John:

Here is the rule about Medicare Part A and making contribution to a HSA. Social Security informed me that... Medicare Part A begins when Social Security knows you have turned 65 not Medicare. I would advise you or anyone who wants to delay their Medicare that they must be working full time as an employee not self-employed or a contracted worker and be covered under a group health plan based on current employment not an individual health plan.

## MEDICARE COLUMN By Toni King

Below are the answers to your questions:

1. Yes enrolling in Medicare Part A may disqualify you from contributing the \$5000 to your HSA. Always talk with your HR department, contact your insurance company when you are contemplating what to do with your Medicare coverage if it is different from the norm or you can always contact me at [www.Tonisays.com/ask-toni](http://www.Tonisays.com/ask-toni) and together we can explore all of your options.
2. Answering question #2 about stopping your Medicare Part A.

I would call Social Security at 1/800-772-1213 explain to the agent how you were misinformed since you have been enrolled and funded your HSA before you turned 65 and now you cannot contribute to the plan. Ask if you can appeal

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The Newport Municipal Utility District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2014 on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at 16703 Golf Club Drive, Crosby, Texas. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Wayne Scott, Don Cox, Robert Archer, Dale Glazner, Jim Hembree  
AGAINST the proposal: None  
PRESENT and not voting: None  
ABSENT: None

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year \$0.64000 /\$100 Adopted	This Year \$0.64000 /\$100 Proposed
Tax rate		
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.00000
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		0.00%
Average appraised value	\$120,307	\$128,791
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0	\$0
Average taxable value	\$120,307	\$128,791
Tax on average residence homestead	\$769.97	\$824.26
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$54.30
and percentage of increase (+/-)		7.05%

### NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

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Mary Lucille Swor Bullard



Mary Lucille Swor Bullard, 93, passed away Friday, September 26, 2014 in Houston, Texas. She was born September 2, 1921 in Zavalla, Texas to parents Allen and Sallie Swor.

Lucille graduated from Hudson High School, was an avid reader and loved history. She married John R. Bullard on March 23, 1940 and enjoyed many years together raising their children.

Lucille loved to spend time with her family and was very active in her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren's lives. Many wonderful memories were made while spending time together with her family and friends. Some of her favorite activities included; fishing, camping, shopping, and anything Astros or Oilers related. Although strong willed and Persistent, Lucille was always there to give kind advice and share her knowledge and experience to help others. She had the mind of a much younger person and fought to the very end.

Lucille is preceded in death by her parents; brother, A. W. Swor; sisters, Vera Lee Swor and Peggy Swor Oliver; son, Robert Edward Bullard; granddaughters, Sherri Coates and Felicia Bullard Pftzner West Phillips.

Left to cherish her legacy is her brother, James L. Swor and wife Nancy; son, John William Bullard; daughter, Patricia Bullard Wood Seay; grandchildren, Thurman Keith Wood and wife Mindi, Timothy Kirk Wood and wife DeNise, Kevin Allen Bullard and wife Gina, Stacey Lynette Pelfrey and husband Billy, Kyle Andrew Bullard and wife Melissa, Robert Daniel Bullard and wife Nicole and Keri Aminda Bullard; 25 Great-Grandchildren; 5 Great-Great-Grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members and dear friends.

Services will be held Friday October 3, 2014 at Uvalde Baptists Church, 901 Uvalde Road, Houston, Texas 77015. Viewing will be at 10:00am, funeral service at 12:00pm with a meal following in the church activity center at 1:00pm.

Grave Site Service will be at Aldredge Cemetery FM706/FM3250 in Lufkin, Texas on Saturday October 4, 2014 at 1:00pm under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

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Elizabeth Ann Skrla



Elizabeth Ann Skrla, 52, passed away on September 11, 2014. Liz was born on December 24, 1961, in Houston, TX, to Charles and Doris Bederka. Liz worked as an assistant payroll coordinator for Dayton ISD. In her spare time she enjoyed spending time with friends and family. Liz was a very loving mother and wife, who will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved her.

Liz is survived by her parents; husband, Pat; sons, Wesley and Kevin; and many other relatives and friends. Pallbearers: Pat Skrla, Wes Skrla, Kevin Skrla, Mike Skrla, Phillip Plocheck, Joey Krauskopf.

A visitation for family and friends was held on Sunday, September 14, 2014 from 7pm-9pm at The Crosby Church of Christ.

Funeral services were held on Monday, September 15, 2014 2pm at The Crosby Church of Christ 3737 Hwy 90 Crosby, Texas 77562.

Burial followed at Sterling-White Cemetery. Services have been entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, Texas 77562.

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

Crosby Brethren Church host "Blessing of the Quilts"



Sunday Sept 21, 2014 the Crosby Brethren Church conducted a service which included the blessing of a total of 22 quilts. Hand knit and crocheted afghans and bedspreads were included as well as three blankets the loved possessions of children. One had been made larger as the child grew. A hand crocheted tablecloth covered the altar. Cards were handed out after the ceremony with the date and the statement "This quilt has been blessed at Crosby Brethren Church".

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Chris Harper



On September 27th 2014 Chris Harper was finally laid

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Also present were Chris's Aunt Martha Crowder of Highlands, Husband Thomas Harper, Tarshira Harper, Robert Harper of Highlands, Brittney Standifer of Baytown Texas.

Pastor Troy McGilvray presided over the grave side services. Chris's remains now lay in between her mother, long time Highlands Star

reporter, Mona Feral Kirk, who wrote bylines by Feral Kirk, Blossom Skidmore grandmother and Albert Skidmore, Grandfather.

It was mentioned by Pastor Troy that this day will be on the minds of all who were present because they never had a funeral on the day of cemetery day. As you the Highlands residence know, Chris Harper past away April 15th 2014 her loss has affected a lot of our members of the Highlands Community; we the Harper Family thank all who have given your love to Chris and your friendship to her.

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Interested volunteers should contact Ms. Darcy Blackstock, RFL-HNC Event Chair, at 281-452-8008.



The Relay For Life of Houston North Channel is held at the beginning of every May and requires the help of many volunteers in a variety of different areas for this large scale event. The group is seeking volunteers to assist with the coordination of the 2015 event.

## Aggies face tough road test at MSU: Cowboys host Texans in battle of Texas

Conference play is heating up across the nation and this weekend the SEC takes center stage as Texas A&M visits a dangerous Mississippi State team, while Alabama will also receive a stern test when it plays at Mississippi.

In the Big 12, Baylor looks to extend its mini run against Texas, while Oklahoma hits the road once again to take on an improved TCU squad.

In the NFL, the Texans and Cowboys battle for bragging rights in the Lone Star State at AT&T Stadium in Arlington. While that game will attract a load of local interest, the best game on Week 5 in the NFL occurs on Sunday night when the undefeated Bengals pay a visit to New England in prime time.

This should be a good weekend for college football fans and NFL fans. Lots of key games dot both schedules and we'll take a look at some of those matchups.

Texas A&M head coach Kevin Sumlin probably knows this will be his team's toughest game thus far of the 2014 season. MSU has a veteran defense (the Bulldogs rotate 10 experienced defensive linemen and that bunch gave LSU fits in MSU's 34-29 win in Baton Rouge two weeks ago) and a veteran quarterback in Dak Prescott. The high-octane Aggie offense will get tested, but the same was said in the season opener at South Carolina and things turned out pretty well on that night for A&M (a 52-28 victory).

Baylor will be out to win for the fourth time in its last five outings against Texas when Art Briles' team visits Austin on Saturday. Charlie Strong's defense will have its hands full with the high-powered Baylor offense and the Bears will be out to send the rest of the Big 12 a message that they plan on defending their conference title.

Before we take a look at that game and a host of others, let's review last week's record. A 9-3 week (best to date) topped the season record to 32-16 (67%). Not too shabby!

Now, let's take a look at this weekend's games.

### NCAA

**Texas A&M at Mississippi State:** The Aggies will be entering a hornet's nest on Saturday when they visit Starkville. The Bulldogs opened a lot of eyes in the SEC two weeks ago when they dominated LSU (the final score was not indicative of MSU's domination) on the road. The veteran defense stymied the Tiger running game, while quarterback Dak Prescott threw for 248 yards and two touchdowns and added a 56-yard scoring run. The MSU defense will be facing a much better and experienced offense this week when the Aggies come to town. Quarterback Kenny Hill (1,359 yards passing, 13 touchdowns in his first four games) has been lighting it up and the Ags have three quality backs to run at the Bulldogs. I think this one is decided late, with the A&M offense making a couple of more plays than the MSU defense as Kevin Sumlin's team picks up a key conference road win. My pick, Texas A&M 36, Mississippi State 33

**Baylor at Texas:** After playing at Kansas last week, the Longhorns take a step up in competition when sixth-ranked Bears pay a visit to Austin on Saturday. The Baylor offense will be facing its first real decent defense this year, but if the last few years have proven anything, it's proven that Briles' offense can move the ball against anyone. Quarterback Bryce Petty should have another big day against a beat up UT secondary, and if Texas wants to hang around in this one, they will need to control the clock with their running game led by Malcolm Brown and Jonathan Gray. Sophomore quarterback Tyrone Swoopes is now the man under center because quarterback David Ash had to give up football because of complications from concussions. Swoopes had some moments three weeks ago in UT's tough loss to UCLA and will provide another running threat for the 'Horns. Look for UT to be in this one well into the second half, but the potent Baylor offense will pull away late to make it five out of six for Baylor against UT. My pick, Baylor 37, Texas 29

**Oklahoma at TCU:** The Sooners hit the road for the second time in three weeks to take on a TCU team that believes it will be a factor in the Big 12 race. We'll know more about Gary Patterson's team after this one. The Sooners picked up a big road win two weeks ago when they wore down West Virginia, 45-33. Freshman running back Samaje Perine led the way with 242 yards on the ground and four touchdowns as he replaced the injured Keith Ford, who was OU's leading rusher until he suffered an injury three weeks ago. Perine might not have that sort of performance against a decent TCU defense, but he won't need to because the Sooners also do a really good job in the passing game. Look for the Bob Stoop's team to send the Horned Frogs a message that they aren't ready to be prime time players as OU rolls to another Big 12 win. My pick, Oklahoma 38, TCU 20

**Alabama at Mississippi:** Nick Saban's team will be tested in this one when they take on an Ole Miss team that has steamrolled its first three opponents this year. The Rebels are a veteran team with talent on both sides of the football and have been improving every year under head coach Hugh Freeze. They will be facing an Alabama team that has yet to click on all cylinders. Sure, the Tide has rolled to an undefeated season thus far, but there have been glitches on both sides of the ball. Two weeks ago, Alabama beat Florida 42-21, but looked sloppy at times on offense, which did not sit well with Saban. Quarterback Blake

Sims had the second best passing day in Alabama history when he threw for 445 yards and four touchdowns. The Crimson Tide can also run the football and have three backs they can rotate and keep pounding at the Ole Miss defense. I think the Rebels give the Tide a game, but look for the Alabama to wear down the Rebs in the second half and escape Oxford with a hard-earned victory. My pick, Alabama 27, Mississippi 20

### NFL

**Chicago at Carolina:** The Bears are becoming road warriors with back-to-back wins at San Francisco and against the Jets before hosting the Packers last Sunday. It's back on the road this week with a trip to Carolina and the beat up Panthers. Two weeks ago, Jay Cutler and Co. jumped out to a double-digit lead and held on for a 24-19 win. The Chicago offense has a load of offensive weapons that the Carolina defense will have to contend with on Sunday and Cutler likes spreading the ball around to all of his weapons to keep them happy. The Bears will be facing one of the league's better defenses, but two weeks ago they gave up close to 250 rushing yards to the Steelers and big plays in the passing game en route to a 37-19 loss. To make matters worse, the Carolina offense is beat up as their three top running backs are already dinged up. Something tells me the Bears get another big road win and the Panthers start scrambling for answers after this one. My pick, Chicago 26, Carolina 22

**Houston at Dallas:** The Cowboys and Texans renew their in-state rivalry (it's hard to call it rivalry when they only play every four years in the regular season) on Sunday in Arlington. Two weeks ago, the Texans were dominated in New York as the Giants took advantage of three Ryan Fitzpatrick interceptions while the offense ran over and around the Houston defense on its way to a 30-17 victory. The Texans had better shore up the run defense this week when they take on DeMarco Murray, who has been one of the league's top running backs thus far in the season (now, if he could only knock off the fumbling woes!). Two weeks ago, the Cowboys overcame a 21-0 deficit at St. Louis and rallied for a 34-31 win. The Dallas defense is still suspect, and if Arian Foster is back, he should find success running the ball. Even if Foster misses another game with a hamstring injury, the Texans should be able to move the ball, but so should the Cowboys. Quarterback Tony Romo appears

## Galena Park loses 62 - 10 against Crosby

CROSBY - There remains two undefeated teams in district so far Crosby and C.E. King.

Galena Park was successful in scoring 10 points in the second quarter but nothing else.

Crosby scored first after about seven minutes into the game on a dash from D'onta Allen. Then Emmanuel Netherly snagged a pass from Tristan Cotton about a minute later for another touchdown.

Early in the second quarter Trevor Larkin landed a pass from Cotton for 25 yards to score a touchdown.

Three minutes of play later J.D. Duran would make a catch and dash that would get the entire beyond capacity crowd to their feet for another TD. The Cougars added two sections of portable stands. Galena Park was stopped cold 28 yards from the goal on a drive that started with an interception. They kicked in three points.



Cougar #2, D'onta Allen

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Although Galena Park would have more first downs throughout the game they fell short in each category.

## FALCONS,

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**PORT ARTHUR -** After trailing at halftime and part of the third quarter, there was no holding back the high-powered Channelview offense as the Falcons started District 21-6A play on a strong note with a 70-49 win over Port Arthur Memorial last Friday night.

Channelview, ranked No. 16 in the Houston area, ran their

overall record to 5-0 on the season and will face Beaumont West Brook (2-2, 0-1) at 7 p.m. this Friday in a Homecoming match-up at Ray Maddy Memorial Stadium.

Against Port Arthur, Channelview generated 771 yards of total offense, led by quarterback Jalen Hurts 186 yards rushing and 373 passing yards and nine touchdowns in the game. Runningback Chris Jefferson also was a thorn in the side of the Titan defense as he ran for 174 yards and three touchdowns.

Three Channelview receivers enjoyed 100-plus yard receiving games. Etterious Giles caught seven passes for 121 yards and a touchdown, while David Broussard had 108 yards and a score. Bryant Valentine had four catches for 100 yards and a touchdown and Lafayette Stephens had a touchdown reception.

Hurts is one of the area leaders in passing with 1,220 yards. In addition, he ranks among the top in scoring with 14 touchdowns on the year.

to be rounding into form and has a number of receiving options available to him. Of course, his top option is Dez Bryant, who is also off to a solid start. I think this will be a fun game to watch, but look for the Dallas offense to be the difference maker down the stretch in this one. My pick, Dallas 34, Houston 27

**Arizona at Denver:** Arizona won 10 games a year ago and won its first three games in 2014 before having their bye in Week 4. The quick start was not surprising, but doing it with backup quarterback Drew Stanton has been. Starting quarterback Carson Palmer started Week 1 and led the Cardinals to a win over San Diego, but he suffered a shoulder injury in that game and Stanton stepped in to lead the Cards to wins over the Giants and 49ers. Arizona takes a step up in class on Sunday when they visit Peyton Manning and the Broncos, who also had a bye in Week 4. The Cardinals have been getting it done with defense, and while that unit is one of the best in the league, they'll face perhaps the best offense in the league this week. Manning isn't putting up the gaudy numbers he did a year ago, but he's still capable of a big day. Something tells me he uses this game to get on one of his runs as the Broncos hand the Cardinals their first loss of the season. My pick, Denver 33, Arizona 16

**Cincinnati at New England:** A good one for the Sunday night crew of Al and Cris as the surging Bengals pay a visit to the struggling Patriots in prime time on NBC. Cincinnati got out of the blocks quickly this year, winning their first three games and looking dominating in their last two, easy wins over Atlanta and Tennessee. The Patriots, on the other hand, lost in Week 1 at Miami and then picked up an easy win at Minnesota before struggling to a seven-point win at home against Oakland. Tom Brady has not performed like his usual self (and of course, I have him in two Fantasy leagues!) and has struggled in the Red Zone. Things won't get any easier on Sunday night when he takes on a Bengal defense that is as good as any in the league. Cincinnati has a pretty potent offense as well led by quarterback New England. While the Pats have been so-so on offense thus far, their defense has played well and is forcing turnovers. Look for Brady to use his second straight appearance in prime time (NE played at Kansas City on Monday Night Football on Sept. 29) to get back on track and his team will need him to be his old self because the Bengals won't go down without a fight. My pick, New England 31, Cincinnati 27

**Seattle at Washington:** Week 5 concludes on Monday night with Seattle visiting the Redskins in a game Washington will want to use as a measuring stick. The Red-

skins think they have a team that contend for a playoff spot this year and they'll know where they stand after the Seahawks visit on Monday night. Seattle lost its first road game of the year at San Diego, so it will be interesting to see how they respond on the road this time around. They will have had an extra week to prepare for this one thanks to having their bye in Week 4 and the Redskins will have three extra days to prepare after playing the Giants on Thursday night. The Seattle defense has yet to look as dominating as it did in 2013, so I would not be surprised if Kirk Cousins makes some plays down field. But Seattle's offense should be licking its licks as it takes on a Washington defense that was carved up by the Eagles two weeks ago. Look for quarterback Russell Wilson to attack through the air to open up the running game for Marshon Lynch. I think the 'Skins hang around for a bit on Monday night, but look for Seattle to pull away in the second half for the win. My pick, Seattle 26, Washington 17

## Players, sponsors sought for Channelview scholarship tournament

It's time to pull out your golf clubs for a good cause. The Channelview Independent School District's Education Scholarship Foundation will host the 17th annual B.H. Hamblen Scholarship Golf Tournament on Oct. 13.

The Foundation is seeking teams and sponsors to participate in this year's tournament. Registration and lunch will be held from 10:45-11:45 a.m. The four-player scramble will begin at 12 p.m. Door prizes and award presentations will follow at the end of the event.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS CROSBY ISD'S State Financial Accountability Rating**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Chambers County Public Notice: Beach City Residents**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

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## Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

Harris County Fresh Water Supply District No. 47 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2014 on October 9, 2014 at 5 p.m., at 210 Brookview, Channelview, Texas. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

<b>FOR the proposal:</b>	Dennis Hamala, Jack Andries, G W Gunter, Jack Dauzat
<b>AGAINST the proposal:</b>	None
<b>PRESENT and not voting:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	None

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.96/\$100 Adopted	\$0.96/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$0.00/\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)	0%	
Average appraised value	\$61,660	\$66,587
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$6,166	\$6,659
Average taxable value	\$55,494	\$59,928
Tax on average residence homestead	\$532.74	\$575.31
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	\$42.57	7.99%

**NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION**

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election to be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

## Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The **Harris County Fresh Water Supply District 6** will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year **2014** on **Thursday, October 8, 2014, 12:00 PM** at **15902 Market Street, Channelview, Harris County, Texas**. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

**FOR** the proposal: Ronald Rushing, F. G. Davila, Paul Pendergrass and Gary O'Brian

**AGAINST** the proposal: None

**PRESENT** and not voting: None

**ABSENT:** Carl Green

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of Value)	0.23/\$100 Adopted	0.23/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$0.00/\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)	0.00 %	
Average appraisal Value	\$68,968	\$71,876
General exemptions available (Excluding senior citizen's or disabled Person's exemptions)	\$10,345	\$10,781
Average taxable value	\$58,623	\$61,095
Tax on average residence homestead	\$134.83	\$140.52
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if Proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	+\$5.69	+ 4.22012 %

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Questions concerning this notice can be directed to June Muth (281) 426-8156

# Rotary holds successful "Community Rally" in Galena Park

GALENA PARK – A successful "Community Rally" was held at Baggett Center last Saturday, Sept. 27. Hundreds of area residents attended, for fun, health screenings, and food distribution.

Maria Rodriguez, president of the Galena Park/Jacinto City Rotary Club, thanked all the supporters, including Galena Park ISD, Community Health Choice, Galena Park, Jacinto City, and Constable Chris Diaz for their partnership in this event.

The Rally included health screenings by several organizations, application help for CHIP and Medicaid, a Job Fair, Food distribution by the North Channel Ministries, Entertainment including GPISD performers, a drum line, a mariachi band, live DJ's, and more.

Also included were displays by local law enforcement agencies and a fingerprinting booth for kids' safety. The Coast Guard had a large Patrol Boat on display.

Rotarians assisting in the Rally included past president Ernesto Paredes, Olivia Paredes, Paula Henney, and many others from the club and the community.



A VERY SKILLFUL CHARICATURE ARTIST was on hand to leave you with a drawing of a familiar face -- yours.



NORTH CHANNEL ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES supervised the distribution of food from the Food Bank and their inventory.

# Galena Park/Jacinto City LULAC Council 4703 hosts annual scholarship banquet



LULAC Council 4703 awarded scholarships to 12 students at their Annual LULAC Scholarship Banquet. Students and their parents were treated to dinner at Don Chile Mexican Restaurant hosted by Owner/LULAC member Ernesto Cantu. Since 2001, LULAC 4703 has awarded over \$80,000.00 to over 130 students.

Their next fundraising event will be a Roast & Toast honoring Constable Chris Diaz & Jacinto City Mayor Ana Diaz on November 6th at Town Center in Jacinto City. Individual tickets are \$60.00 and tables of 8 are \$600.00. ABC 13's Sharron Melton will be the Mistress of Ceremonies.



CONSTABLE CHRIS DIAZ checks out the Coast Guard's river Patrol Boat, along with several coast guard personnel.



EAST HOUSTON MEDICAL CENTER had health screenings for cholesterol, blood pressure, eye exams, hearing tests, and information on other health resources, said Traci Dillard.

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it is 10 in 7600, a very high rate, she said.

Also raised by Young and members of the audience was the issue of labelling Highlands and Baytown as "cancer zones" and whether the local Chamber and Baytown officials were against any major remediation efforts.

Young said that tests on her water, and her body, had indicated an unusually high rate of "heavy metals" that could lead to cancer incidents. She urged citizens to be educated on these problems, and to organize to contact officials who can legislate changes in the environment.

The audience has a number of questions and comments. Many felt that clean-up efforts were too late and too little, and perhaps not going to happen at all. Some cited previous superfund sites in the Highlands area, that had not been cleaned up completely or properly and still pose a threat.

Resident Sam Sledge got angry, telling Young that the site she is working to clean up is not as dangerous as the site on the south side of I-10, near or under the Southwest Shipyard. When he failed to get a satisfactory answer, he stormed out of the meeting. Others wanted to know if the responsible parties would pay residents who are already sick, or even pay for relocation. Young cited the Love Canal project, where the responsible parties paid to relocate 800 families away from the toxins. But she said no promises have been made here.

The county trial will commence on Oct. 6 and she promised to report on results, and plans to attend all sessions.

She said the community should support the San Jacinto River Coalition, and stated that the next meeting would be Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 6:30 pm at Four Corners BBQ on Decker Drive at the I-10 off ramp. She urged citizens to keep up with the situation on the TexansTogether website, or on Facebook for the San Jacinto River Coalition. And be involved and active.

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