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## CHANNEL CURRENTS

### Man found dead on Wallisville Rd.

Houston police are awaiting autopsy results in the death of a man found at 12800 Wallisville Road about 8:25 a.m. on Monday, October 16.

According to Houston Police Officials, a motorist driving on Wallisville Road saw what he believed to be a body floating in Greens Bayou as he crossed a bridge. The passer-by then called police. HPD Dive Team personnel responded to the scene and recovered the body.

An autopsy conducted by The Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences positively identified the man as Mario Garduno, 58, reported missing on October 14.

The cause of death of Garduno is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

No foul play is suspected at this time.

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600.

### GP/JC CIP meeting Nov. 2

The Community-Industry Partnership (CIP) meeting, Thursday, Nov. 2, 2017, 5:45 p.m. at Alvin Baggett Recreation Building, 1302 Keene in Galena Park. Host plant: Kinder Morgan Galena Park Terminals.

### North Channel Salutes Nov. 2

The North Channel Chamber of Commerce will host its annual event on Thursday, Nov. 2 from 10 am - 2:00 p.m. at Armentas Restaurant & Banquet Hall located at 832 Sheldon Rd., Channelview, TX 77530. Ad, page 8.

### Galena Park Senior Dance

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

### North Shore Senior Dance

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

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## Alcohol Sales on Ballot in Galena Park

By Allan Jamail

The Galena Park Mayor and Commissioners after receiving a citizen petition with 327 voter's signatures required them to conduct an election where voters will decide whether or not the city would issue license for the sale and consumption of alcohol in the city. The election dates are October 23rd. through Friday, November 3rd. for Early Voting and Election Day Tuesday, November 7, 2017 from 7 AM to 7 PM. After three days of voting (October 25th.) according to City Secretary and Election Judge Mayra Gonzales there's only been about



NEIGHBORHOODS IN GALENA PARK are displaying signs that read Vote Against Cantinas, Beer Joints & Liquor stores. Local election on this issue is November 7, but early voting started Oct. 23.

124 votes cast.

The two voting locations for both Early Voting and Election Day are at the Alvin Baggett Community

Building located at 1302 Keene Street for voting precinct 081 or at City Hall located at 2000 Clinton Drive for voting precincts

208, 857 and 860.

North Channel Star writer Allan Jamail reached out to each of the elected officials and asked how they'd be voting, Commissioners Eric Broussard, Barry Ponder and Oscar Silva Jr. didn't give their decision.

Mayor Esmeralda Moya said she didn't want to influence voters either way and she'll honor the voter's decision regardless of the outcome. She said, "If the sale of alcohol is approved I'll make sure all the laws and regulations are being obeyed and the citizens will be safe and their well-being will be maintained."

Commissioner Rodney Chersky said, "I'm highly

in favor of the legal sale of alcohol in the city. In the event it passes we've already put laws and zoning regulations in effect to make sure no beer joints, cantinas, night clubs or sexually oriented businesses will be allowed in the city. I will personally vouch for this; rest assured it will not happen."

Chersky stated if alcohol sales are approved there are only about three places that'll qualify to apply for a license. If the store or gas station is within 300 feet of a church (religious establishment), school or hospital they'll not be eligible. He said restaurants

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## Additional repairs required for San Jacinto Waste Pits Superfund Site



EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt at right, discusses EPA's recent finding of damage at the San Jacinto River Waste Pits, with activist Jackie Young, left, and Harris County attorneys Vince Ryan and Terry O'Rourke.

the east side of the cap to prevent future undermining of the armored cap. The temporary armored cap has not been damaged in this area.

Since the hurricane, the survey of the San Jacinto riverbed found erosion of the river bottom up to 12 feet deep near the cap. The total area of river bottom eroded in the vicinity of the cap was over 20,000 square feet. The stabilization work approved today includes placement of a geotextile fabric layer covered with at least three feet of

See More Repairs for Superfund Site, page 6

## Jacinto City hires new Officer Perez

By Allan Jamail

Jacinto City, TX. – Thursday, October 12, 2017 the city council approved City Manager Lon Squyres' and Police Chief Joey Ayala's recommendation to hire Christopher Dakota Perez.

Perez has two years experience as a Trinity County Deputy Sheriff and graduated from the University of Houston's Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Academy. He's familiar with the Jacinto City – Galena Park area having graduated from Galena Park High School.



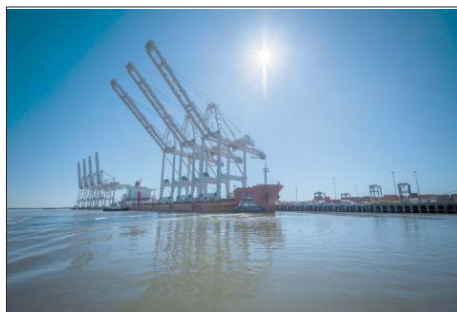
Jacinto City Mayor Ana Diaz administering the oath of office, Police Chief Joey Ayala, Officer Christopher Perez hand on the Bible, his father Dakota Blate and mother Alicia Perez.

Photo by Allan Jamail

## Port of Houston continues to grow

HOUSTON – September container activity at Port of Houston's Barbours Cut and Bayport facilities increased twenty-two percent, Executive Director Roger Guenther reported Monday.

Additionally, all Port Houston facilities handled 28.8 million tons of cargo year to date, a nine percent increase over the first three quarters of 2016. Container volume alone recorded an eleven percent increase versus last year,



Three More Super Post-Panamax Cranes have been delivered to Barbours Cut to handle larger ships.

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By Pct. 3 Constable Sherman Eagleton

Automobile Theft Prevention

With the holidays quickly approaching I wanted to give you some pointers so your vehicle is not broken in and stolen. Do you know that the first step of violent crime and high impact crime often begins with a stolen vehicle?

Criminals will steal your vehicle to commit robberies, home invasions, shootings. Homicide, drug trafficking, and terrorism. I will provide you with a few pointers to keep you and your vehicle safe:

1. Keep your vehicle locked at all times, even while driving.
2. When parked, never leave your keys in the car. Close all the windows and the sunroof.
3. Never leave your car running and unattended.
4. Avoid leaving valuables inside your vehicle where passersby can see them.
5. Do not leave your vehicle title in the car. Too often a car thief is pulled over and gets away from the police because he or she can produce the auto registration. (If multiple drivers use the vehicle, the best suggestion would be to hide the registration in a secret location in the car that only the owners know.)
6. Know where you're going. Avoid known high crime areas even if the alternate route takes longer.
7. Install an anti-theft system in your vehicle if it doesn't have one. Thieves are reluctant to steal vehicles if they know the cars can be recovered quickly. Many insurers offer discounts for the types of systems listed below.
8. Thieves prefer to work in the dark. Be particularly cautious at night about where you park your car. Park it in a well-lit area if possible.
9. Look around. Be aware of your surroundings, especially in garages, parking lots and gas stations.
10. Have your car's vehicle identification number (VIN) etched on each of the windows. Car thieves want to get off cheap. They don't want to go to the expense of replacing all the glass.
11. On an incline, leave your car in park or in gear with the wheels turned toward the curb or some other obstruction. This makes it harder for thieves to tow your vehicle.
12. If confronted by a carjacker, do not resist. Cars can be replaced; you can't.

Types of Anti-Theft Systems

- A mechanism that locks onto the steering wheel can be a very visible sign that you've taken steps to protect your vehicle
- Ignition cut-off systems that prevent a car from being started
- Some new cars come with passive alarms that activate automatically when the key is removed from the ignition
- One system emits a signal that can be tracked by the police

Who you're dealing with Professional Thieves

- Professionals commit the majority of auto thefts
- They prefer high-performance cars, as well as less exotic, more popular models whose parts are interchangeable
- These thieves usually turn the cars they steal over to "chop shops," which dismantle them and sell the parts
- They also steal cars for export to other countries, often "stealing to order" to fulfill requests for certain types of vehicles

Joy-Riders

Joy-riders favor high-performance or luxury cars. These cars are usually recovered but often suffer significant damage.

"Bump-and-rob"

Carjackers may bump your car from the rear, then steal it when you get out to look for damage. When stopped at a traffic light, leave room to maneuver around the vehicle ahead if you need to.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## More Repairs for Superfund Site,

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rock with a median diameter of eight inches. It is anticipated that construction will take about three weeks to complete, weather and tide permitting.

### EPA Administrator Pruitt Commits to Dioxin Cleanup in meeting with County Attorney Vince Ryan

At a meeting hosted by Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt committed to using the full authority of the EPA to remove dioxin from the San Jacinto River Waste Pits.

Ryan, members of the County Attorney's Office, and other stakeholders met last Thursday with Pruitt to discuss the clean-up. Last week Pruitt signed a Record of Decision that approved a \$115 million cleanup plan of the toxic site that will remove highly contaminated material and secure the less contaminated areas.

Pruitt said that the EPA would be negotiating with the responsible parties to design a remedy. If the parties fail to develop a plan acceptable to the EPA, the agency can impose a solution. "I can assure you from the EPA perspective that we are going to use every bit of jurisdiction, every tool under the statute to get this area remediated," Pruitt said.

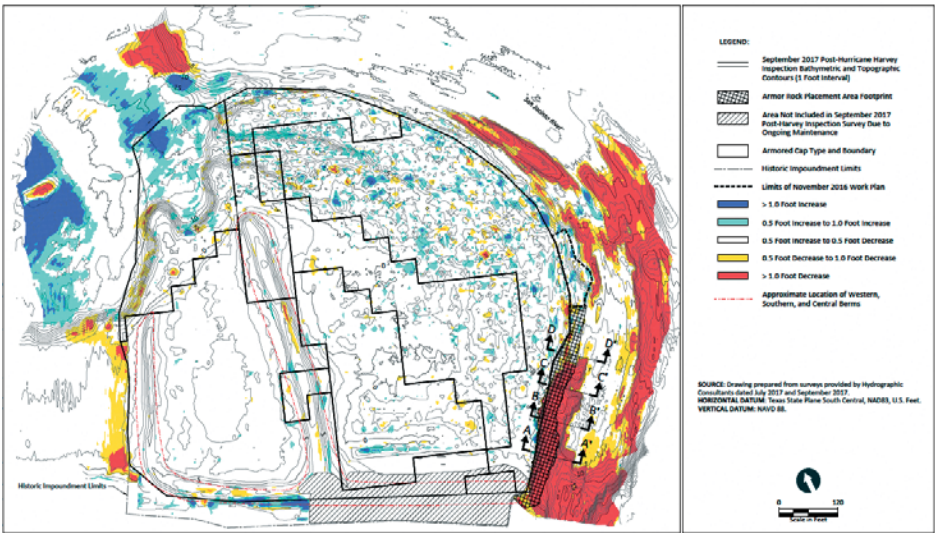
Pruitt also said repairs will begin in about four

weeks to stabilize an area on the east side of the cap that was damaged in Hurricane Harvey. EPA dive teams earlier reported collecting samples after the flooding caused by Harvey that showed that the protective cap over the waste site "had been damaged and the underlying waste material was exposed." The EPA found that one of its samples showed dioxins at 70,000 parts per trillion; EPA's clean up level for the site is 30 parts per trillion. Construction is expected to take about three weeks to complete, weather permitting.

"We are deeply appreciative of Administrator Pruitt's personal commitment and his visits to the site and to Houston. We want to work with him to get this site cleaned up," County Attorney Ryan said.

Pruitt met for about an hour with Ryan and representatives of the Galveston Bay Foundation, the San Jacinto River Coalition, Commissioner Jack Morgan's Office, the Port of Houston Authority and the Harris County Pollution Control Department.

The EPA decision will require the companies that deposited the waste to remove it at the companies' cost. The approved plan would require removal of an estimated 212,000 cubic yards of material contaminated with dioxin at the I-10 bridge. The plan will ensure no chemicals are released during this process and that the contaminated material will be put



into a secure, stable, inland permitted facility.

Join us November 6 (MONDAY) at 6:30 PM at the Highlands Community Center to discuss all updates and the Superfund process moving forward.

#### Background:

On September 28, shortly after Hurricane Harvey, EPA received preliminary data from sediment samples collected by EPA's dive team from 14 areas at the site. Samples from one of the 14 areas confirmed the protective cap had been damaged and the underlying waste material was ex-

posed. Repairs to add armored rock to the cap were completed shortly after the sampling was conducted. All repairs to the damaged cap from the storm are now complete. EPA directed the potentially responsible parties to collect additional samples near the damaged area, and sampling has also been completed. Six additional samples were collected and preliminary results did not show elevated levels of dioxins in nearby sediments. Final quality-assured data should be available within two weeks.

On October 11, 2017, the EPA announced the cleanup plan the potentially responsible parties are taking to address highly

toxic dioxin contamination at the site. The selected remedy should protect human health and the environment by removing highly contaminated material from the site and securing less contaminated areas site ([www.epa.gov/newsreleases/san-jacinto-waste-pits-superfund-site-cleanup-plan-approved](http://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/san-jacinto-waste-pits-superfund-site-cleanup-plan-approved)).

EPA added the San Jacinto Waste Pits site to the National Priorities List of Superfund sites in 2008, after testing revealed contamination from dioxins and furans near the waste pits. The Superfund site consists of two sets of im-

poundments, or pits, built in the mid-1960s for disposing solid and liquid pulp and paper mill wastes that are contaminated with polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins (dioxins) and polychlorinated dibenzofurans (furans). In 2011, the impoundments were covered with an armored cap as a temporary way to contain the contaminants. EPA is the lead agency for addressing the site and ensuring that the potentially responsible party cleans up the contamination, with support from several state partners and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

## Hotel stays for Harvey survivors extended

New checkout date is Nov. 7

AUSTIN, Texas – Hurricane Harvey survivors who need more time to find housing are getting an extension to stay temporarily in hotels while they look for an alternative place to live.

The Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA) program, which pays for short-term hotel stays, has been extended. The new checkout date is two weeks away on Nov. 7. Participants eligible to continue in the program will receive a phone call telling them what they need to do to remain at their current hotel or find a new hotel. Applicants must meet certain requirements to remain eligible.

Hurricane Harvey survivors who recently applied for assistance will be notified automatically of their eligibility. To be considered for TSA eligibility disaster survivors must be registered with FEMA for disaster assistance.

FEMA pays the hotel for the room and any applicable taxes (including non-refundable pet fees – up to the maximum allowable room night charge). Applicants are responsible for all other incidental costs (meals, transportation, etc.). Hotels require a government issued photo ID at time of check-in, survivors must adhere to any hotel check-in requirements and may be re-

quired to provide a credit card for incidental expenses.

A household of four or fewer members is authorized one hotel room and a household of five or more will be authorized additional rooms (limit four people per room). One member of each household, 18 years or older, must reside in each room.

TSA-eligible applicants must find and book their own hotel rooms. The list of participating hotels is available at [DisasterAssistance.gov](http://DisasterAssistance.gov) under the Transitional Sheltering Assistance Program link or by calling FEMA at 800-321-3362. For 711 or Video Relay Ser-

vice, call 800-621-3362. For TTY, call 800-462-7585.

Applicants with disabilities or who have access and functional needs should check with hotels to ensure appropriate accommodations are available. Those with pets must check with the hotel to see if the hotel accepts pets.

## Alcohol election,

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will be allowed to apply but they must be a legitimate restaurant and not a cantina. The majority of their sales must be at least seventy-five (75%) percent derived from food items and not alcohol. Chersky said, "we might get new restaurants and stores such as

HEB and Fiesta who's expressed an interest."

"There's someone in the city mailing false propaganda and making false statements to create a false fear in people. Those mailings and statements are false and completely wrong" Chersky said.

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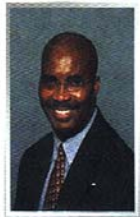
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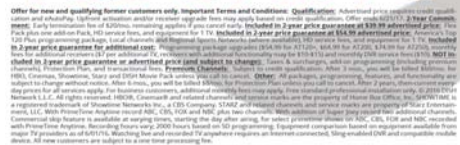
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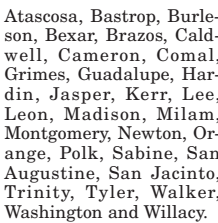
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**By Ed Sterling**



### Abbott suspends rules

Gov. Abbott on Oct. 16 extended for 30 days a temporary waiver suspending vehicle registration and inspection rules for victims of Hurricane Harvey.

The extension allows Texans who reside in any of 48 counties included in the federal disaster declaration to avoid penalties for failure to timely register a vehicle or obtain a vehicle inspection.

### Debris removal continues

The Texas Division of Emergency Management on Oct. 20 reported that nearly 7.5 million cubic yards of Hurricane Harvey debris had been collected so far.

The Texas Department of Transportation, individually, reported on Oct. 16 that its employees had removed more than 10 million cubic feet of debris in the four districts most impacted by Hurricane Harvey since landfall Aug. 25.

From Corpus Christi to Beaumont and towns in between those cities, TxDOT crews, composed of more than 600 employees working in weekly rotations, have worked to help

AUSTIN — Texas Education Commissioner Morath on Oct. 17 announced that school systems needing instructional materials — either because of enrollment of students displaced by Hurricane Harvey or from property damage caused by the hurricane — can create an online list for donors to access.

Potential donors can find the lists through the Texas Education Agency's Instructional Materials Assistance web page [tea.texas.gov/Academics/Hurricane\\_Harvey/Instructional\\_Materials\\_Assistance/](http://tea.texas.gov/Academics/Hurricane_Harvey/Instructional_Materials_Assistance/).

"From the initial days of the hurricane, many people have stepped forward wanting to help. The TEA Instructional Materials Assistance web page provides a way to see what school districts truly need and then allow for those needs to be met," Morath said.

Morath called the electronic system a type of "wedding registry" where school districts can post their instructional materials needs. Donors can elect to fulfill a district's needs list completely or in part, and the agency's educational materials ordering system updates the list to help avoid duplication of supply donations.

To date, 14 school districts have created needs lists in the system. The materials on those lists total approximately \$1.2 million.

The system has paired three potential donating districts with three districts in need. One district has already indicated all its identified needs are filled.

**Declaration is renewed**

Gov. Greg Abbott on Oct. 20 issued a proclamation renewing his ongoing disaster declaration for 60 Texas counties impacted by Hurricane Harvey, which struck the Lone Star State in late August.

Disaster counties include: Aransas, Austin, Bee, Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Harris, Jackson, Jefferson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kleberg, Lavaca, Liberty, Live Oak, Matagorda, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Victoria, Waller, Wharton, Wilson, Angelina,

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October 20, 2017 – Halloween is creeping up on us. The rush is on to find the perfect pumpkin, the spookiest costume, and the best candy for trick-or-treaters. However, along with all this excitement comes potential fire hazards related to seasonal decor and costumes. Fortunately, fire risks can be avoided by following the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) Halloween safety precautions.

"Halloween brings out creativity in people of all ages. Children enjoy dressing up and going door-to-door collecting candy, and adults go all out decorating their homes with spooky accents," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "The festivities, however, can be dampened if the proper safety measures are not put in place ahead of time and while out canvassing the neighborhood for treats."

From 2011-2015, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated average of 840 home structure fires per year that began with decorations. These fires caused an average of 2 civilian deaths, 36 civilian injuries, and \$11.4 million in direct property damage, per year. Fire can start when candles are too close to decorations or when long, trailing costumes come into contact with candles.

To safely enjoy the Halloween holiday, NFPA has created a Halloween safety video that emphasizes preparedness and the importance of flame-resistant costumes and decorations. NFPA also offers parents and teachers tip sheets, kids' activities, a pumpkin-carving template and more at the Sparky the Fire Dog® website. NFPA's simple Halloween fire safety tip graphic is also great for sharing on social media so that people can enjoy a spooky and safe Halloween.

To ensure that your loved ones and home are free of fire this Halloween season, follow these safety guidelines:

Candles

- Refrain from having an open flame.

- Use battery-operated candles or glow-sticks in your jack-o-lanterns.

Costumes:

- Choose the right costume. Try to stay away from long or flowing fabric, and remain vigilant of extraneous costume pieces.

Decorations:

- Avoid flammable decorations including dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper that are highly flammable.

- Keep decorations away from open flames and other heat sources, including light bulbs and heaters.

Exits:

- Remember to keep all decorations away from doors so that they are not blocking any exits or escape routes.

Smoke Alarms:

- Make sure all of your smoke alarms are working and up to date.

• Provide flashlights to children or have children carry glow sticks as part of their costumes.

- Make sure if a child is wearing a mask that the eye holes are large enough so he or she can see out of them.



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Carolyn Ann Frick



Carolyn Ann Frick, 68, went to be with the lord on Friday, October 20, 2017. She was born on September 22, 1949 in Lake Charles, Louisiana to Sam and Lois McAlister. Carolyn worked for many years as a Head Bank Teller and retired from Cooler Graphics. She was mar-

ried to her husband, Jim Frick for 39 years. Carolyn was a tough, loving, and wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother. She enjoyed baking brownies and cookies, and loved animals dearly, especially her cats and parrot, Big Boy. She was a member of the Crosby Quilt Class, which fellow-shipped together weekly to quilt and visit with friends and the Happy Scrappers in Beaumont. Carolyn will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her. She is preceded in death by her parents, Sam and Lois McAlister; sister, Sammy Unruh. Carolyn is survived by her beloved husband of 39 years, Jim Frick; son, John Frick and wife Kirstie Frick; grandson,

Chance Morris; sister, Pamela Holmes; niece, Lori Leger. A visitation for family and friends will be held on Monday, October 23, 2017 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, with a 7:00 pm rosary at Sterling-White Funeral Home. A mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:00 am on Tuesday morning, October 24, 2017 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 915 Runneburg, Crosby, TX. Interment to follow in Sterling-White Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd., Highlands, Texas 77562. To offer condolences to the family, please visit [www.sterlingwhite.com](http://www.sterlingwhite.com).

Homecoming Day at Northside Baptist, Highlands

October 29, 2017 Northside Baptist Church of Highlands will celebrate Homecoming Day and their 56th Anniversary. Beginning at 10:45am they will enjoy music from Gene Littlejohn; The Parrish Singers; Karen Bascom & others. There will also be congregational singing

from the Baptist Hymnal. Pastor David R. Brum-below will preach. Old-Fashioned Day is the theme. If possible, you are encouraged to dress old-fashioned with long dresses, bonnets, overalls, suspenders, hats. Bring old time tools,

cars, horse & wagon, etc. for display. Butter will be churned the old-fashioned way after the service. Dinner-on-the-Grounds after the Worship Service. Northside is located at 317 Barbers Hill Road, Highlands, TX 77562. Everyone invited.

HIGHLANDS ROTARY CLUB NEWS



Rotarians display their team spirit with Astros shirts



ROTARIANS LARRY WHITE, DIANA WEAVER, ANDY SCOTT, AND TRICIA SCOTT DISPLAY THEIR VARIOUS ASTROS SHIRTS, ON TUESDAY JUST BEFORE THE FIRST WORLD SERIES GAME BETWEEN THE ASTORS AND THE LOS ANGELES DODGERS.

Rotary gets tips on membership

Beckie Cobb, a Rotarian from Deer Park, visited the Highlands club last week, to share some advice on recruiting and retaining members. Cobb is the District 5890 membership chair, and also a member of the Deer Park Rotary Club since 1994. She is also a representative for healthcare insurance. Cobb's advice included inviting spouses to join, invite students in Rotaract clubs, hold a social or special event each month to attract guests, and make cold calls. For the latter, don't be afraid of rejection, its part of the process. Rotary is looking for new members, especially younger ones 25-55 years old. If interested, call 281-426-3558 for more information.



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Psalm: 46:1

Red Ribbon at San Jacinto Elementary



Photo by Carrie Pryor-Newman  
(from left) Penelope Pacheco, Adrian Amezcua, Emily Aguilar, Ja'Zhire Burns and Victoria Maldonada, students at San Jacinto Elementary give a "thumbs up" to Red Ribbon Week, taking a stand against drugs.

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Leviticus 19:32



# ASK THE EXPERT

## Fishing banned in waters near the San Jacinto River Waste Pits

EAST HARRIS COUNTY – Concerned about the potential release of toxins into the San Jacinto River from the Superfund Waste Pits, Pct. 2 official Jeremy Phillips has ordered a “NO FISHING” ban in popular fishing spots around the waste pits site.

Phillips told the newspaper that his decision came after EPA revealed that their tests of the site and the surrounding waters indicated higher levels of the toxic substance Dioxin, a known carcinogen causing cancer in humans.

The tests came after the Hurricane Harvey had made the river flood, and disturbed the cap over the waste material. Visual inspection, and 14 probe tests of the pits indicated that the cap had been disturbed and was leaking.

Phillips has posted 12 signs at and around small ponds and inlets in parks around the pits, saying No Fishing and No Crabbing allowed. The signs are posted in Meadowbrook Park, Moncrief Park, Rio Valley Nature Trail, and River Terrace Park.

Phillips said that law enforcement officers and Park patrol officers will be asked to help enforce the ban. They will warn people that they see fishing that there is a ban, and advise them non to fish there.

Phillips said he was concerned about the “potential impacts” that fishing and crabbing could have to people’s health after a breach of the cap, and the danger could be both upstream and downstream from the waste pits, especially if another storm such as Harvey hits the river or surrounding areas.

## STEM Expos for Communities in Schools

As part of San Jacinto College’s STEM outreach and service learning, the College will host three STEM Expos for students with the Communities in Schools afterschool centers. Each year, the expos bring approximately 500 elementary school students and parents to the campuses for an evening of activities related to the areas of science, technology, engineering and math. The STEM Expos host Pasadena ISD, Galena Park ISD, Pearland ISD and South Houston. A collaboration grant from the American Chemical Society, the Greater Houston Section of the American Chemical Society, Kuraray, Texas Dow Employee Credit Union and Jegon Special Welding help fund the events. Each expo features more than 30 STEM stations, 30 faculty members and 100 San Jacinto College student volunteers.

## Diamond Jim: "How do you tell the difference between a genuine Rolex and a fake?"



### ASK DIAMOND JIM

#### Top ten ways to spot a fake Rolex

**1. The Price**  
If you’re looking at a Rolex and its being sold for three hundred dollars then you can almost guarantee that the watch is a fake. The simple truth is that Rolex watches are expensive at retail and tend to retain their value even when used a lot. An easy way to check is to find the watch on our website inventory or on eBay and see the price. If its way below what watches are selling for on eBay or our site then it must be a fake. People don’t sell things to lose money.

**2. The Location**  
Just like in real estate “Location, Location, Location” is very, very important with Rolex watches. If you’re buying a Rolex on a side alley or at a local swap meet the chances are a lot higher that this watch is a fake. You are much better off buying a watch from a reputable business that, if anything, has a reputation to uphold. Even eBay can be questionable as sellers can appear and then disappear very quickly. You want to buy your Rolex from a business that you can hold accountable for their actions. Before ordering your Rolex call the place you’re buying the watch from and make sure there are actual people there, hopefully in the United States. All of this should help you ensure your Rolex is genuine.

**3. The Magnification**  
Once you have the Rolex on you and you can view it with your own eyes, there are a lot more ways to tell if it’s genuine or fake. On Rolex watches with a date (Datejust, Submariner, etc...) the date has to be very small to work properly. So Rolex adds a magnification glass to allow the wearer to see it more clearly. On all Rolex models the magnification is 2.5X so with the proper 2.5x magnification of a Rolex the date really jumps out at you. On fake Rolex watches the magnification is often 1.5X so the date looks kind of small. This is a huge tell-tale sign of a fake Rolex.

**4. The Resilience to Water**  
Although Rolex Submariner watches are the only watches designed for deep sea diving, all Rolex models are waterproof and perfectly sealed. Once you have the watch, dip it in a cup of water for a few seconds and take it out. If there is any leaking of water into the watch on the dial or crystal, the watch is definitely a fake. All Rolex watches are 100% water tight.

**5. The Model Number Compared to the Metal**  
Oftentimes, Rolex counterfeiters will try to cheap out by making a normally expensive model in cheaper metals to gain more profit. You should always check

the model number of the Rolex you are buying online to make sure that it matches up with the type of metal in the watch you are buying. A rule of thumb with the commonly counterfeited Rolex President: All Rolex President watches with the day (Monday, Tuesday...) and the date (21,22,23...) are made of platinum or gold, not stainless steel and not two tone. If someone tries to sell you a stainless President they are cheating you.

**6. The Writing on the Dial**  
Everything on a Rolex is made to perfection. Without having to open up the watch it is easy to see this from the writing on the dial distinguishing the model and other features. With a magnifying glass examine all the lettering on the dial. The writing should be convex (outward) and there should be no bubbling. It should be relatively pristine. If the writing is far from perfect then you know you are not dealing with a genuine Rolex.

**7. The Case Back** (the part of the watch opposite to the face)

Another easy way to spot a fake Rolex is that many have case backs that are made out of glass, plastic, or crystal so you can see the inner workings of the watch. Almost all Rolex watches do not have clear case backs. The only reason we have to say almost is there are two extremely rare models of Rolex from the 1930s that did in fact have case backs made of glass. So if you are buying a relatively modern Rolex with a clear case back it is a fake. Also Rolex does not engrave anything on the case back’s exterior. However things are engraved on the interior.

**8. The Engraving**  
Again, everything on a Rolex is perfect there are no mistakes or misspellings. The engravings are a perfect example of this. The engravings are a little harder to reach sometimes. (This is why this is number 8 on the top 10 ways to spot a fake Rolex.) There are usually some on the interior of the band of the watch towards the actual face, but to see the engravings for the serial and model number you have to take off the band. Taking off the band is relatively simple.

You just need a thumb tack with which you can push in the joints holding the band to the watch through the holes on the side of the watch, or the bottom of the watch if there are no holes. Once you have it open you should examine the engravings with a magnifying glass. They shouldn’t appear sandy or misshapen. They should be perfectly cut. Also you should use this model number when you look up the watch to check if it’s the right one. The model number is on the 12 o’clock side of the watch.

**9. The Inner Workings**  
You need special tools to view this one. With special Rolex tools you can unscrew the case back and view the gears and inner workings of the watch. Everything should generally be different colors and again everything should be perfect. There should be an engraving on the inside of the watch that says something like Geneva Switzerland, the metal type, and the model number. This engraving should be perfect as well.

**10. Ticking**  
Listen closely. If you hear loud ticking from your watch, this “Rolex” is a definite fake. Rolex watches do not make the ticking noises common with other watches. Counterfeiters can’t often perfect the gears of a Rolex and so a ticking noise is made which can really help you spot fakes quite easily.

Misconceptions: One of the biggest misconceptions is that the second hand of Rolex watches is a perfect sweep. This is not true! Most models of Rolex tick at eight ticks or movements per second, so it is not a continuous sweep. Also some models move at slower speeds.

If you want a real Rolex you can always find them at [www.PineforestJewelry.com](http://www.PineforestJewelry.com) where you can trade, sell, or buy pre-owned Rolex watches at great prices. If you have any questions or want to know if your Rolex is fake or genuine, give us a call at 713-451-1321 or email [dmills@pineforestjewelry.com](mailto:dmills@pineforestjewelry.com) and we’d be glad to help you out.

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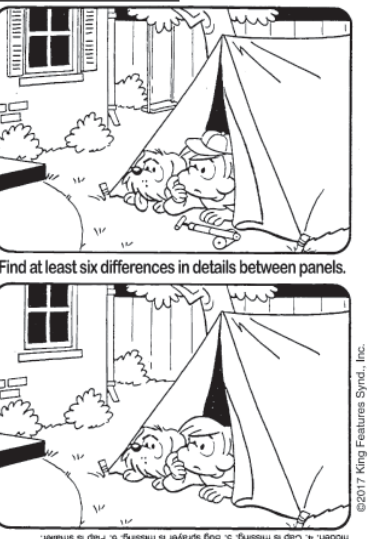
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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. SCIENCE: What is the first element on the Periodic Table?

2. MYTHOLOGY: What was the name of King Arthur's sword?

3. ASTRONOMY: Which planet in our solar system has the most moons?

4. GEOGRAPHY: Which U.S. state is host to the Mount Rushmore National Memorial?

5. CHEMISTRY: What two elements is the alloy bronze usually made of?

6. GAMES: In Scrabble, what is the value of the letter Z?

7. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of Hawaii?

8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many time zones are in the world?

9. GOVERNMENT: How many electors are in the U.S. Electoral College?

10. INVENTIONS: Where was inventor Alexander Graham Bell born?

Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

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COMMUNITY

Channelview Homecoming Royalty

Channelview High School announced its 2017 Homecoming King and Queen during the halftime of its football game against Goose Creek Memorial last Friday. Leslie Montes was named the Homecoming Queen and Devyn Turner was chosen as Homecoming King. The football game was also cause for celebration as well as the Falcons defeated GCM 51-13 at Ray Maddry Memorial Stadium.



Galena Park High School crowns Homecoming Queen and King

On Friday night, October 20, Galena Park High School held their homecoming game against Santa Fe. During halftime, Sheila Alvares and Lloyd Simon were announced as the 2017 Homecoming King and Queen. Alvares enjoys volunteering at the Food Bank and spends much of her time reading. She plans on attending San Jacinto College and will transfer to the University of Houston to become a veterinarian. Simon is president of FFA and raises cows, pigs and chickens. He plans to attend Texas A&M or Tarleton State University to pursue a degree in animal science. This week, the Yellowjackets will take on Galveston Ball at the Galveston ISD Stadium at 7 p.m. Congratulations to the Homecoming King and Queen!



Port Growth,

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and in September surpassed the 1.8 million twenty-foot equivalent unit mark. "We remain confident of continued growth in the container sector, both on the import and export side, during the remainder of this year and into 2018," Guenther said. Terminal operations recovered very well following the events of Hurricane Harvey, the executive director reported to the Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority, during the regular monthly meeting. "We anticipated that we would receive most of the cargo that was initially diverted following the storm...and we did," he stated. General cargo facilities handled nearly 400 thousand tons of steel, "which is a large volume as we caught up for the week or more of time lost due to the storm," Guenther shared. "Port Houston's results remain strong overall for the year," he added. Port Commission Chairman Janiece Longoria

lauded the support given by industry and Port Houston employees following the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. The commission also acknowledged Hurricane Harvey Relief efforts and relief funds donated by other ports and agencies. Those relief supplies were provided in four twenty-foot equivalent containers and sent to Houston by that port. A portion of those supplies were made available to Port Houston employees impacted by Harvey, and the balance of those items was donated to local relief agencies. During the meeting, Port Houston employees were also recognized for their donation of about \$120,000 to the Employee Catastrophic Assistance Fund for their fellow employees adversely impacted by the historic weather event. The commission authorized an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the construction and operation of a rail spur across Texas State Highway 146 and

Red Bluff Road, to facilitate in a phased approach future intermodal service to the Bayport Container Terminal. The Commission also approved an Industry Track Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad for track and switch modifications at the Bayport Terminal. Construction of the spur and crossing and the track agreement support the development of Phase One of the Bayport Master Rail Plan, as well as rail service to the 56-acres being developed at Bayport South. Finally, the Port Commission was pleased with Monday's delivery to Port Houston of three super post-panamax wharf cranes. These new cranes bring to seven the total number of cranes with this size and capacity operating at Barbour's Cut, and are part of a \$700 million modernization program underway at the terminal to further its increase cargo handling efficiency and capacity.



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