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CHANNEL CHATTER

SJC Foundation Anniversary

The San Jacinto College Foundation 20th Anniversary Golf Tournament & Reception featuring retired Major League Baseball great Andy Pettitte is on Tuesday, October 13, 2015. To be held at Golf Club of Houston, 5860 Wilson Road, Humble, Tx. 77396. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. Proceeds will benefit the Promise for Their Future Scholarship Fund. For more information, please call 281-998-6104.

Pink Ladies Healthy Night Out

Join East Houston Regional Medical Center for a Pink Ladies Healthy Night Out, Thursday, October 15, 2015; 4 pm - 6 pm, at the Center's Radiology room, 13111 East Freeway, Houston, TX. 77015. To RSVP, call 713-393-2622. Get informed about healthy issues facing women.

Old River Terrace United Methodist Church FALL FEST

Saturday, October 17, from 9 am - 3 pm. There will be Yard Sale, Silent Auction, Food, Vendor Booths, Bounce Castle, Games, Car Wash and much more. Event to take place at 16102 East Freeway, Channelview, TX. 77530.

2015 North Channel Salutes

Service to our country & community. Business & Health EXPO. THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 5 at Armenta's Banquet Hall, 893 Sheldon Rd. Channelview, 77530. Contact: Blanca@nca-chamber.com DIAMOND SPONSORSHIP: \$1,000 Corporate Sponsorship: \$500. Booth: \$950 - Members \$350 - Non-Member-Lunch tickets: \$15. Call 713-450-3600 for details.

North Channel communities observe National Night Out

Neighborhoods throughout the North Channel area, and greater Houston, observed National Night Out on Tuesday evening, an annual event to promote public safety and community involvement."

In Galena Park, city councilmen Juan Flores and Cruz Hinojosa led the event, with a gathering at the Shafaii parking lot on Holland Avenue. Present were firemen, police, and EMS with their equipment, LULAC, and many other organizations. Music, food, games, moonwalk, raffles, and friendship were abundant,

with over 200 hot dogs served to the crowd.

In Jacinto City, the main event was held at City Hall on Mercury, with councilmen and Mayor Diaz hosting. Crowds consumed the food, played games, and had a good time. Also elsewhere in the city, neighborhoods held their own parties. At least eleven sites were listed on an official handout, including the home of City Manager Lon Squyres, Councilman Allan Lee, the Library, Second Baptist Church, Munn Street Baptist Church, Big Bass Resort, and Jacinto Palms Apartments, to name only



ABOVE, Jacinto City Mayor Ana Diaz with city officials at the NNO event. LEFT, Galena Park Councilman Cruz Hinojosa, and LULAC vp Raul Rodriguez. (File photo)

a few. Rep. Ana Hernandez released the following statement for National Night Out: "Since 1984, National Night Out has helped build relationships between communities and the law enforcement agencies that serve them," Hernandez said. "Policing and public safety are community-wide efforts. I hope that this year's National Night Out helps to strengthen ties between families, first-responders, and community institutions as we work together to build a crime-free environment for our children."

Dramatic rescue of worker under ship channel bridge



HOUSTON FIREMEN from Stations 42 and 18 attempt to rescue a maintenance worker, dangling from a safety line. The scene was under the Ship Channel bridge on Wednesday at 4 pm. The man was

inspecting the underside of the bridge, when he slipped off a catwalk and was left dangling by his safety harness. Unable to reach him by ladder, as seen in this photo, they eventually stopped traffic on the roadway

above, and used a pulley lowered through a manhole in the pavement to reach him and pull him to safety. The rescue took about an hour, and the worker was said to be uninjured but scared.

Photo courtesy KPRC/KTRK

NORTH SHORE Three Women escape house fire



Smoke coming out from the roof of the house located on Colvin St. and Wallisville Rd.

Photo courtesy KPRC

HOUSTON, October 5, 2015 - A house got on fire on Colvin Street and Wallisville Road in northeast Houston last Monday.

A grandmother, mother and daughter living in the house were able to make it out safely, reports stated.

When firefighters ar-

rived, the fire had spread to the attic as the above picture shows fire coming out from the roof of the house.

The fire was under control within 20 minutes of arrival. No injuries were reported and the fire still under investigation.

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS SET UP \$100,000 dedicated to Galena Park HS Students



(L-R)Brandi Couch, GPHS Academic Advisor; Tony Gardea, GPHS Principal; Linda Sherrard, GPISD Education Foundation Secretary; Wanda Heath Johnson, GPISD Trustee; Louise Glenn, Larry Glenn, Hugh McCulley, and Dr. Angi Williams, GPISD Superintendent of Schools.

On Monday night, October 5, the Galena Park ISD Board of Trustees held its monthly meeting. During the meeting, the Board, along with Superintendent of Schools Dr. Angi Williams, recognized the generosity of Louise

Armstrong Glenn, the daughter of the late Orville "Jack" Armstrong, a 1945 graduate of Galena Park High School. Armstrong grew up in the Galena Park community, and, in his memory, Ms. Glenn created the Orville A.

"Jack" Armstrong Scholarship fund. She has contracted to donate a total of \$100,000 over the next 20 years to fund one \$5,000 scholarship per year to a deserving Galena Park High School student.

SAN JACINTO COLLEGE Board of Trustees approves 2015 property tax rates

PASADENA, Texas — The San Jacinto College Board of Trustees approved the 2015 ad valorem property tax rates for the College District during its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, Oct. 5, 2015.

The rate approved by the Board is 17.5783 cents per \$100 valuation of taxable property located within the San Jacinto Community College District. This rate is nearly one cent lower than the rate that was adopted in each of the last three years.

The tax rate is comprised of an assessment for maintenance and operations (12.9194 cents) and a separate assessment for principal and interest due (4.6589 cents) during the coming year on outstanding general obligation bonds. The proposed debt service rate of 4.6589 cents is lower than last year's rate of 5.8557 cents, due to the increase in certified

values as compared to last year.

Based on certified property tax values for 2015 from the Harris County Appraisal District's (HCAD) on Aug. 28, 2015, the adopted operating rate is expected to result in current year tax collections of \$58.02 million for maintenance and operations, which represents approximately 36.7 percent of the College's unrestricted operating budget. San Jacinto College, like all Texas community colleges, is funded based on three major revenue sources: taxes, state appropriations, and tuition and fees.

The total taxes imposed on a residence homestead at the current year's average appraised value of \$118,805 (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) at the proposed rate will be \$200.05. In 2014, the average homestead appraised value was

\$109,265, and the 2014 property taxes on that value were \$193.52. A taxpayer owning a homestead residence and claiming the over 65 or older or disabled exemption would incur no taxes (\$0.00) to San Jacinto College on a residence taxed at the current year's average market value.

"The San Jacinto College Board of Trustees remains committed to providing an affordable and quality education for residents and taxpayers in our community," said Mr. Dan Mims, San Jacinto College Board of Trustees Chairman. "As taxpayers ourselves, we are careful about the impact that each decision we make has on our students and community. The value of a certificate or associate degree is real and tangible, leading to higher earning potential, and we are committed to helping students take their education to the next level."

COMMUNITY NEWS

Crosby HS Marching Band earns 2nd place at Galena Park ISD Marching Invitational



French Horn Section

Front (l-r): Haylee Snyder, Kaylee Morales, Valeria Flores, Dani Marroquin
Rear (l-r): Dayton Berezoski, Elizabeth Slusher, Sarah Nelson, Michael Weaver, Cydney Rudolph, Cameron Glenn.



Student of the week Mercedes Garcia

The Big Red Machine competed in the Galena Park ISD Marching Invitational on Saturday, October 3. Of the 14 class 5A bands competing, Crosby earned 2nd place. Way to go Big Red Machine!

The Big Red Machine would also like to introduce you to their section of the week, and student of the week! The French Horn section was selected as this week's section of the week, and Freshman trombone player Mercedes Garcia was selected as student of the week. Band leadership chooses the section and student of the week based on enthusiasm, preparedness, time management, and, of course, awesome music and marching skills! Congratulations to the French Horn section, and to Mercedes!

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Shriners Benefit Bar-BQ Cook-off trailride

Oct. 9, 10 & 11 the benefit for the Shriner's Burn Hospital will be held at the Crosby Fairgrounds this weekend and awards begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by a live auction. Trailrides are \$25 for adults and \$10 for kids under 12 accompanied by an adult. For more information contact John Orn at 713-628-3170.

K of C Golf Tournament

St. Philip the Apostle - Knights of Columbus 9794 - Saturday Oct. 10, 2015 at Red Wolf Run golf club - Huffman, Texas. Contact - Bruce Meyer at 281-831-2072.

REL class reunion

The Robert E. Lee High School Class of 1955 is hosting a reunion lunch on Saturday, October 10 at the Monument Inn Restauramt from 1 to 4 pm. Reservations are required. Cost is \$15.00 per person.

And on Sunday, October 11, at 9 am the Class of 55 will meet at El Toro, 5810 Garth Road for breakfast (meal not included, individual pay).

For more information call Allen Dunn at 281-422-7751, Maxine Beck Baker at 281-427-4454 or Sherrill Davis Po-teet at 713-304-9991.

Senior Luncheon

Age 65 & Older Food, Fellowship, Guest Speaker, & Door Prizes. Tuesday, October 13, 2015, Noon - 1pm at Crosby Brethren Church, 5202 First Street. For more information call, Larry Koslovsky 713-594-4518.

Halloween Party Luncheon

Friday, October 16 at 11:30 a.m. Mike the Magician with the Rhythm of Magic will perform amazing magic tricks. Wear your "scary" best to get in the Halloween mood! Lunch includes Baja chicken soup, salad, iced tea, coffee and desert. A \$5 suggested donation helps defray the cost of food. Call or stop by May Community Center to sign up by Tuesday, October 13th.

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

AARP Safe Driving Program

Crosby Community Center offers a half day informational workshop Friday, October 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. that helps drivers refresh their driving expertise, reduce the risk of traffic violations and accidents, and qualify for an auto insurance discount up to 10 percent. Join expert instructor Benny Beck as he shares helpful tips for driving the nation's highways and byways. Pre-registration is required. This program cannot be used for ticket dismissal. For more information and to sign up, please call (281) 462-0543.

Country Chic

Open House

Saturday, October 17, 2015

3:00PM – 7:00PM – 18302 NOYCE ROAD, CROSBY, TX

WEDDINGS – PARTIES – EVENTS

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LEGAL NOTICE

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Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Crosby Municipal Utility District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2015 on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 5:30 PM at 103 West Wahl Street, Crosby, Texas 77532. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Robert Fivecoat, Steven Schreiber, William Wilkinson and Wesley Zarsky

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: Charles F. Murray

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in the 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)	\$ 0.55/\$100 Adopted	\$ 0.55/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.00/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		0.00 %
Average appraised Value	\$ 85,684	\$ 89,780
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Average taxable Value	\$ 85,684	\$ 89,780
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 471.26	\$ 493.79
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if Proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		+\$ 22.53
And percentage of increase (+/-)		+4.7808%

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 water 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

Question regarding this notice should be directed to June Muth (281) 426-8156.

HIGHLANDS FIRE DEPT. EMS

68th Annual BBQ And Raffle

Saturday October 10, 2015 From 11am to 5pm

Highlands Fire Dept. Sta. 17 123 San Jacinto St.

Raffle Tickets are \$2 each BBQ Plates are \$10 each

1st \$1,000 Visa/Master Card Plates include: beef,sausage

2nd \$750 Visa/MasterCard beans, potato salad, and all the fixin's

3rd \$500 Visa/Master Card

4th \$250 Visa/Master Card

THE HIGHLANDS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WISHES TO INVITE YOU TO JOIN US AT OUR ANNUAL FUND RAISER AT 123 SAN JACINTO, HIGHLANDS, TX. ON OCTOBER 10, 2015 FROM 11am to 5pm.

During the annual BBQ, several activities will take place:

Some of the best tasting BBQ, of course, A raffle with great prizes, and don't forget the silent auction. You will surely find an item you just don't want to leave without. Item goes to the highest bidder at the closing of the auction. So come join us and have a great time and once again Thank you for supporting The Highlands Volunteer Fire Department

SCHOOL NEWS

COMMUNITY EVENTS

OCTOBER 8, THURSDAY Halloween Dance

North Shore Seniors will hold a Halloween Dance Thursday, October 8 from 1 – 4 pm at Grayson/Baldree Bldg., Corpus Christi. Live band and refreshments. Only \$ 5/ per person for more information, call 713-455-3660.

2nd & 4th THURSDAY San Jacinto Pilot Club

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

SATURDAY NIGHTS The Buckshot Jamboree

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

MONDAYS Galena Park Senior Dance

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

OCTOBER Jacinto City Library

-Friday, Oct. 9, Clases de Inglés usando Mango, 1 pm.
-Sat., Oct. 10, Children's Movie Theater, 12:30 pm.
-Tue., Oct. 13, e-mail, 10:30 am; indoor exercise, 2 pm; email básico, 4:30 pm.
-Wed., Oct. 14, baby time, 10:30 am; ESL Class, 12:30 pm.
-Thur., Oct. 15, Word, 11 am; Children's Story Time, 1 pm; Gulf Coast Reads: Discussion and Movies, 5:30 pm.
Jacinto City Branch Library, 921 Akron, Jacinto City, TX. 77029. For more information on these and other programs at the library, please call 713-673-3237.

OCTOBER Galena Park Library events

-Monday, Oct. 12, Gulf Coast Reads Book discussion, 11 am.
-Wed., Oct. 15, Word Básico II, 10:15 am; Children's Story Time, 11 am; Word Basics II, 1:30 pm; Get Active, 4 pm.
-Thur. Oct. 15, Baby Time, 10 am; Family Movie Time, 3:30 pm.
Please call the library at 713-450-0982 for more details. The library is located at 1500 Keene St. Galena Park, TX. 77547.

OCTOBER North Channel Library events

-Sat., Oct. 10, Ask A Lawyer, 11 am; Pokemon Club, 3 pm.
-Mon., Oct. 12, STEAM Camp: How does it work?, 6 pm.
-Tue., Oct. 13, Toddler Time, 10:30 am; Preschool Story Time, 1:30 pm.
-Wed., Oct. 14, Gulf Coast Reads Children's Craft: sea-shells, 4:30 pm.
-Thur., Oct. 15, Baby time, 10:30 am; Gulf Coast Reads: MeeTeen: Survival crafts, 4:30 pm.
Library is located at 15741 Wallisville Rd., Houston, TX. 77049. Call 281-457-1631 for more information.

Heritage Hall Senior Center

-Exercise class: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays at 9 am.
-Strenght and Balance class: Tuesdays at 9 am.
Heritage Hall Senior Center is located at 1025 Oates Road, Jacinto City, TX. 77029. 713-675-4487.

CHANNELVIEW ISD: Road naming honors longtime administrator Harvey Brown

Harvey Brown was so admired by his colleagues and the community during the course of his 41-year career as a Channelview ISD educator and administrator that an elementary school was named in his honor.

Now, the road traveling past the main entrance of the campus also shares his name.

"This certainly isn't something that happens to you every day," Brown said with a grin on his face. "I'm very honored and so blessed to be a part of this great community."

Harvey Brown School Drive, built by Harris County Precinct 2, will serve as a route for parents to take their children to school and the entrance into the newest portion of the Rancho Verde subdivision.

"It's only fitting that Mr. Brown was honored by this gesture," Channelview ISD Superintendent Greg Ollis said. "He played an important role in the community and the district."

After a brief stint in Houston ISD, Brown began his teaching career in Channelview in 1961 as a fourth grade teacher at DeZavala Elementary. He also taught fifth grade and was promoted to assistant principal. In 1970, Brown became principal of Schochler Primary (now Schochler Elementary), before being named assistant superintendent later that school year.

Brown served in the assistant superintendent's spot until his retirement in 2002. "I worked with so



Longtime Channelview ISD administrator Harvey Brown stands in front of the street sign that displays Harvey Brown School Drive in the Rancho Verde subdivision in Channelview. The road also runs past the front entrance of the elementary school that shares his name.

many great people in Channelview," he said. "They are what made my job so enjoyable."

Brown said he takes pride in seeing the growth of the area that Harvey Brown Elementary has served since it opened in 2005. "Being able to watch the important role that the school is playing in the community gives me a great feeling," he said. "It pleases me very much to

see their success."

The Channelview ISD Board of Trustees also recognized Brown at their September meeting by presenting him with a replica of the street sign including his name.

"Mr. Brown cares very deeply about this district," Ollis said. "His strong commitment to the community, parents and children of Channelview will always be remembered."

Good nutrition gives students boost in CISD classrooms

The Channelview Independent School District's Nutrition Services Department is fueling learning in the classrooms through good nutrition.

"We are focused on providing students with healthy choices," said David Bienvenu, Channelview ISD's Director of Nutrition Services. "It is our goal to provide meals that enhances the ability to learn among our students."

Nutrition experts have said that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. With that in mind, CISD campuses offer free breakfast to all students.

"This is just one way we are able to give back to the students and the community," Bienvenu said. "We were one of the first districts in the region to provide this service."

According to Bienvenu, 40 percent of Channelview ISD students are participating in the complimentary breakfast program.

Over the past year, several changes have been made to the breakfast program. For students to participate, they must select a fruit or juice with each breakfast. Per federal and state guidelines, all bread products are whole grain and no products contain trans fat. In addition, every item is low in sugar, sodium and fats.

While breakfast is important, Bienvenu wanted to remind parents that the district also provides no cost lunches for those students that have qualified for reduced price meals.

Bienvenu said that the lunch offerings on the campuses are well received, with 80 percent of students opting to eat items offered in the school cafeteria.

For those not on the re-

duced price meal program, costs for lunch are \$1.75 for students in pre-kindergarten through fifth grades and \$2 for junior high and high school students.

More fresh fruit, a variety of chicken selections, French bread pizzas and enchiladas are some of the wider offerings on the school menus this year.

Meals in a welcoming atmosphere

The food is not the only area where there is a renewed sense of flair, as all campus cafeterias have been refurbished.

"We wanted to provide a fresh look that provides a pleasant and welcoming atmosphere in our campus cafeterias," Bienvenu said. "Our campuses have re-

ceived many positive comments."

Some of the cosmetic changes to the cafeterias include bold splashes of color throughout, while a few have chosen themes. For example, Alice Johnson Junior High's cafeteria is now set in a nautical theme and De Zavala Elementary's cafeteria is set in a Robin Hood theme. In addition, all of the cafeterias are now equipped with electronic menu boards.

Bienvenu encourages parents to utilize the district's online meal payment system through the Nutrition Services website at www.channelviewmichoice.com. The service allows parents to deposit funds into their child's meal account.

GALENA PARK ISD: Boy Scouts award the Silver Beaver to Beesley

James Beesley, Galena Park ISD Director of Transportation, was selected to receive the Silver Beaver Award from the Sam Houston Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Silver Beaver Award was introduced in 1931 and is a council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. The Award is presented to those Scouters who have made an impact on the lives of young people through "noteworthy service of exceptional character...within the territory under the jurisdiction of this [regional] council." The announcement of the award surprised Beesley, a volunteer Scouter for nearly 40 years and current committee chair for Raven District.

"It's humbling to receive something like this. We [Scouters] are not in it for the awards, we're in it for the kids. [To me, Scouting] is all about taking care of the youth in our community," said Beesley.



James Beesley

The term "giving back" bares its true meaning with Beesley, who grew up in a single parent household. "My father died when I was very young. Scouting helped give me direction and gave me many critical life skills," recalled Beesley. As a volunteer Scout, Beesley has been positively affecting the lives of countless children, giving them direction and critical life skills, much like he received when he was a child. The Silver Beaver Award was well earned.

CLUBS EVENTS

San Jacinto Pilot Club Facebook auction

San Jacinto Pilot club will be conducting a Facebook auction, similar to an eBay auction, on the San Jacinto Pilot Club Facebook page from November 7-14. Make sure you are a member of the page, then be sure to add your friends

to the page, so everyone can have a chance to bid on the awesome auction items. The more people they have as members of that page, the more people have the opportunity to support the club and community.

East Houston Democrat group meeting

Recently there was an Organization Meeting held to form a Democratic Club in the North Channel Area. During the meeting, those in attendance voted on By-Laws as well as a name for the group. With 22 residents in attendance, the name East Houston Democrat was selected. The group decided to schedule meetings for the third Thursday

at 6:30 p.m. Election of Officers will be held at the November Meeting.

The group will meet on Thursday, October 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Fuddrucker's, located at 855 Normandy, Houston TX 77015.

For additional information, please contact Damella Wilkerson@yahoo.com or Charlotte Jackson at 832-896-1633.

REVIVAL

October 11 - 18, 2015

Bible Missionary Church

10246 Fairfax Street
Jacinto City, TX 77029

Evangelist: Rev. William E. Whited, Jr.

For more information contact:
Pastor Mark S. Blauvelt
713-671-3500

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Sunday Morning ~ 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening ~ 6:00 p.m.

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HIGHLANDS JAMBOREE

“Hometown Heroes”



Prince's Roller Rink won Best of Show, and Best Commercial Entry for this interpretation of police cars and fire engines.



Miss Highlands 2014 Katlyn Burns gets to ride in the parade for the last time.



Cedar Bayou 4-H had a float that paid homage to veterans and First Responders.



Posing with their trophies are winners in the 2 to 3 year old category of the Little Miss & Mr. Highlands competition.



ZXP's float honored military and veterans, teachers, and law enforcement officers.



Boy Scout Troop 107 carried the Flags at the front of the Parade.



Carol Forrest and Chrissa Teel talk with parade judges, Joy Copley, Cindy Alford, and Cheryl Belcher.

FUN RUN WINNERS:

- K & 1ST GRADE
1st - Samuel Green, 37 min
2nd - Zayne Dew, 55 min
3rd - Jayden Flores, 1.23 min
3RD GRADE
1st - Callen Tittle, 27 min
2nd - Abraham Green, 28 min
3rd - Jeff Yancy, 34.25 min
4th - Ethan Earls, 34.27 min
5TH GRADE
1st - Cody Beek, 28 min
2nd - Cash Hill, 38 min
10TH GRADE & ADULT
1st - Rudy Rocha, 15 min
2nd - Sierra Gustavus, 24 min
3rd - Greg Green, 28 min

PARADE WINNERS:

- BEST OF SHOW - Prince's Roller Rink
NON-COMMERCIAL - First Assembly of God
COMMERCIAL - Prince's Roller Rink
SCHOOL SPIRIT - Goose Creek Memorial Band

CHILDRENS' PAGEANT:

- Little Mister:
0-6 MONTHS - Brigg Bogie
18-24 MONTHS - Tristian Cole Kelley
Little Miss:
6-12 MONTHS
1st - Cassie Wilburn
12-18 MONTHS
1st - Ramryn Marsh
18-24 MONTHS
1st - Jayden Boenke
2nd - Tenley Thomas
3rd - Arie Nicole Kelley
2-3 YEARS
1st - Kaesyn Custer
2nd - Vickie Lynn Mercer
3rd - Raylynne Jo Dykstra
3-6 YEARS
1st - Aubrey Chandler
2nd - Lili Morin
3rd - Livie Vazquez
6-9 YEARS
1st - Haldyn DeLeon
2nd - Britni O'Daniel
3rd - Asghana Clay

JAMBOREE,

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Next was the traditional parade, with Highlands Fire Chief Harvey Little as the Parade Marshal in the lead car.

After the parade, the crowd moved to the Highlands Elementary School, where the Children's Pageant was held, as well as a silent auction and crafts booths. A large crowd was present, almost filling the multi-purpose room, as children from 0 to 9 years of age competed in the Lil' Miss & Mister Highlands Childrens' Pageant.

★ OPINION PAGE ★

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Governor requests border help from Washington

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on Sept. 30 wrote a letter to U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson, requesting immediate action to address “the significant increase of illegal border crossings.”

Nearly 10,000 immigrant families and unaccompanied children were detained after illegally crossing the U.S.-Mexico border in August, an increase of more than 50 percent over August 2014, Abbott said, quoting official reports.

Abbott mentioned the strain on state coffers and urged the immediate input of federal assistance to:

- Assign 250 more U.S. Border Patrol agents to Texas;
- Provide five more tethered surveillance blimps to watch for cross-border smuggling activity;
- Provide a list of conditions under which individuals would be released to relatives or to private organizations in Texas communities; and

- Continue supporting the working relationship of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Department of Justice and the State of Texas in maintaining the capabilities of two detention centers in Texas.

Medicaid cuts explained

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and Senate Finance Committee Chair Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, cosigned a letter dated Sept. 30 to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to emphasize the Texas Legislature's decision to cut Medicaid therapy costs from the

current budget.

Patrick and Nelson followed up their letter with a clarifying statement, saying: “Anyone claiming the Legislature arbitrarily instructed HHSC to save taxpayers \$100 million by eliminating waste, fraud and abuse without consideration of the potential impact on Texas’ most vulnerable citizens — is just flat wrong.”

“The 84th Legislature overwhelmingly passed a

budget with bipartisan support that included Rider 50. Rider 50 charged HHSC with saving Medicaid dollars by addressing waste, fraud and abuse for therapy services, while preserving access to those in need,” they stated.

Patrick and Nelson, suggesting the Legislature's action was in line with the federal government's, noted: “In our nation's Capitol, the Health and Human Services Inspector General is also calling for a crackdown on excessive Medicare therapy services.”

Officials give opinion on oil

U.S. Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Houston, and Christi Craddick, a member of the Texas Railroad Commission, co-wrote an opinion piece published Sept. 25 by the Houston Chronicle. McCaul and Craddick voiced their opposition to the federal ban that prevents the exportation of crude oil.

They called on President Obama to lift the ban. Doing that, they said, would “allow energy powerhouse states like Texas, for whom oil and gas contributes to more than 40 percent of its total economy, to fully drive the U.S. toward reaching its true oil-producing potential.

“Around the world, our friends and allies are looking for the same thing we are here at home: a stable and reliable supply of American energy,” they added.

Texas gets schools waiver

The U.S. Department of Education on Sept. 29 notified Texas Education Commissioner Michael Williams that the state's request for renewal of flexibility from specific provisions of the Elementary and Secondary

Education Act or “No Child Left Behind Act” has been granted through the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

Williams welcomed the approval, but said the state is not changing its position on allowing local school districts to make decisions on using teacher and principal evaluation systems of their choosing.

“Our state believes strongly in local control of our schools. As a result, we will continue discussing this specific point with the U.S. Department of Education,” Williams said, “but they should not expect any shift in Texas’ position.”

Flu vaccinations encouraged

The Texas Department of State Health Services on Sept. 30 posted a reminder that influenza vaccine is widely available now and it's a good idea to get vaccinated.

“Everyone 6 months old and older should get vaccinated. People age 65 and older, pregnant women, young children and those with chronic health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease, lung disease or kidney and liver disorders are more susceptible to serious influenza complications, so flu vaccine is especially important for them,” the agency recommended.

Voter registration ends

Oct. 5 was the final day for Texans to register to vote in the Nov. 3 constitutional amendment election.

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LIFESTYLE

THOUGHTS FROM MARANATHA CHURCH

From Temptation to Triumph

By Dr. Mark Trice

We know temptation is common to man; the question is, "What do we do about it?" How do we resist the devil's schemes, the devices he uses to try to get us to back away from God? How do we learn to rule and reign over our flesh? How do we turn temptation into triumph?

Fortunately for us, we have a High Priest who was tried and tempted just like we are tried and tempted. Or, if we're honest with our-

selves, the temptations He faced make ours look like child's play. In spite of it all – in spite of the devil's face-to-face challenge, in spite of the Pharisees and Sadducees, in spite of the unfaithfulness He saw among His own disciples – He lived a totally sinless life.

Have you ever considered that particular fact? He didn't just die for you. He lived a sinless life for you. In doing so, He not only experienced what we experience and felt what

we feel, but He proved that we are capable of overcoming as He overcame. Jesus, The Greater One, lives inside of us (1 John 4:4) and we can do all things through Him. (Philippians 4:13)

What do we do with the devil and his temptations? According to James 4:7, we...

1. Submit to God.
 2. Resist the devil.
- And when we do, we get to watch the devil run away!

Birthday World War II Veteran surprised by American Legion



Raymond Holub, 91, above is surrounded by his Legion friends at the David H. Mc Nerney American Legion Post 658 on Monday to celebrate his birthday coming up on Oct. 17. Holub is a familiar face about the area whenever veterans' affairs comes up. Raymonds easy smile and humble grace wins over the most ardent to the most cynical to his side. His distinguished military career includes serving in World War II from D-day until the end of the war and being called back in for the Korean War in 1950. He had been part of Eisenhower's Honor Guard and among those called into Berlin to haul the atrocities of the Solviet Communists on German children just after the Nazi surrender. Holub recounts being a heavy equipment operator during WWII and when he was dispatched to Korea, "No one knew what do with me but when official papers came in they made me an instructor."

School hosts bilingual/ESL parent breakfast

Goose Creek CISD's Bilingual/ESL Department provided a breakfast recently at the Goose Creek CISD Administration Building for parents of Bilingual/BSL students to inform them about the program services and support. Community Resource Credit Union and Lee College helped sponsor the event. The Goose Creek Memorial High School Orchestra, under the direction of Reuben Chance, entertained as the guests arrived.

Pilar Moreno-Recio, director of Bilingual/ESL, and Bilingual/ESL specialists Susana Castro, Araceli Garcia and Ahime Ornelas, along with secondary ESL specialists Jennifer Fierro, Joseph Rodriguez and Migdalia Trevino discussed topics, such as the Bilingual



Pilar Moreno-Recio, Bilingual/ESL director for Goose Creek CISD, welcomes Lamar Elementary parents (from left) Lizbeth Perez, Felisa Trejo and Maria Garcia to the recent Bilingual/ESL Department Breakfast to provide information about the program and services.

ESL Department Team and Feeder Patterns, Bilingual and ESL Programs in Goose Creek

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Psalms 122:1 reads, "I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'" Get the connection?

Historical Market dedication set Oct. 10 in Crosby

The Capt James Asbury Tait chapter of the USD1812 will be dedicating the 1812 Veterans Marker for Humphrey Jackson on Oct. 10, 2015 at 10 a.m.

Representatives from the chapter, the Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce, and the Crosby Historical Society will be present.

Mr. Monte Parks, lead educator for the Parks on Trails, HC

PCT 4 has also expressed an interest. The monument is behind Alliance Properties in old downtown Crosby off of Wahl Street.

For background information, there are 2 Texas State Historical markers on Highway 90 and by the monument for Humphrey Jackson. Humphrey Jackson was also part of Austin's Old 300 Colonists.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

CAPITOL UPDATE

Rep. Hernandez writes letter to Judge Pitman on birth certificate case

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is being sued by several families after administrators declined to issue birth certificates for the plaintiffs' US-born children. Representative Ana Hernandez has sent to following letter to Judge Robert L. Pitman, on behalf of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus.

October 5, 2015

Judge Pitman, I understand that the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is being sued by several families after administrators declined to issue birth certificates for the plaintiffs' US-born children. This is a major departure from prior practice in counties across the state, as parents have previously been able to obtain a copy of their child's birth certificate by providing their passport or a consular ID from their country of national origin in lieu of a US-issued ID.

The legal rationale for this denial is questionable at best. No section under Texas's Health and Safety Code mandates that the Department require verification of immigrant status or national origin before the issuance of a birth certificate to the parents of an American-born child. This practice also runs counter to the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution, which grants citizenship to all children born in the United States, regardless of whether their parents are citizens. For these reasons and others, local Texas law enforcement and the Mexican government have already spoken in support of the validity of the "matricula consular" as a form of legal identification.

By denying birth certificates to the parents of these American children, the Department is endangering each child's ability to enroll in school, prove their legal identity, and receive all rights and privi-

leges due to them as citizens of the United States. In effect, the Department is treating one group of American-born minors differently due to the national origin of their parents. This inequitable execution of the law is highly unlikely to survive courtroom scrutiny, and could force the state to enter into long-term litigation at Texas taxpayers' expense, well beyond current courtroom proceedings. Worse yet, this practice is immoral, unconstitutional, and un-American.

Thank you for your consideration. The Mexican American Legislative Caucus and I stand ready to assist the court in any way that we can.

Sincerely,
Ana Hernandez
Legal Counsel, Mexican American Legislative Caucus
State Representative (HD 143)

North Channel Area Chamber welcomes new member



The newly renovated Southside Clinic located at the Galena Park Community Resource & Training Center located at 1721 16th St. Galena Park, Tx. 77547.

SAN JACINTO COLLEGE Cosmetology program earns high national, regional and state rankings

HOUSTON — The San Jacinto College cosmetology program is ranked eighth in the nation, fifth in the South, and first in Texas by a research website called Best Beauty Schools based on facilities, curriculum, faculty profiles, job placement rates, and other factors.

The Best Beauty Schools website employs an objective ranking system of 1,634 cosmetology programs in the United States, 837 in the South, and 131 cosmetology programs in Texas (under the category of "general cosmetology programs"), with the conclusion "the best beauty programs in Texas are offered by San Jacinto College. The school has a good general cosmetology program: three-star rating for curriculum and four-star rating for teaching." According to the site, Texas has the most general cosmetology colleges in America, followed by California (130), Florida (107), Illinois (81), and North Carolina (80).

The Best Beauty Schools site rankings are compiled from the most recent data collected from the schools and issued by the U.S. Department of Education. The data is public, and the site provides their ranking re-

sults as a guide for students and parents looking for college information. Their ranking algorithm is based on proprietary formulas that involve 61 academic, financial, and organizational factors and metrics, as well as faculty profiles, student retention rates, and alumni job prospects. The factors are each weighted differently and are then scored to reflect program ratings. Consideration is also given to other characteristics of each college, such as the student body enrollment and past ranking history.

The site's ranking system examines five areas of each college's cosmetology program: general cosmetology, esthetics and skin care, nail technology, hairstyling and management and instruction. San Jacinto College's cosmetology program had high national, regional, and state rankings in four of the five categories: general cosmetology (8th in America, 4th in the South, 1st in Texas); esthetics and skin care (9th in America, 5th in the South, 1st in Texas); nail technology (8th in America, 5th in the South, 1st in Texas); and management and instruction (6th in the nation, 4th in the South, 1st in

Texas). San Jacinto College did not rank in the hairstyling and barbering category, but that is due to the structure of the College's credentialing system. All San Jacinto College cosmetology students are thoroughly trained in hairstyling and haircutting, but the College does not offer any credential that is limited strictly to just hairstyling and barbering.

Judy Hendley, consumer services department chair at the San Jacinto College North Campus, says the high national, regional, and state rankings show the College emphasizes quality at every level of cosmetology training. She says the College's training is also comparatively affordable. "Students registering in private beauty schools for cosmetology are paying up to \$18,500 for tuition," she said. "San Jacinto College offers the same training for \$2,394 for in-district students, plus they earn transferable college credit, in case a student wants to go beyond a one-year certificate to earn a cosmetology associate degree."

For more information about cosmetology courses and degree plans at San Jacinto College, please visit sanjac.edu/career/cosmetology.

Charles 'Sonny' Albert Parker



Charles 'Sonny' Albert Parker, Sr., age 80, went home to be with His Lord and Savior on October 2, 2015 in Huntsville, TX. Sonny retired from Parker Automotive located in Jacinto City, TX where he was owner for 40 years.

Sonny was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Ethel Parker, brothers - Ray, Raymond, Robert and sister, Wanda.

OBITUARIES

Sonny is survived by his devoted and loving wife of 60 years, Barbara Parker; sons - Charles A. Parker, Jr. and wife Donna, David N. Parker and wife Carol; daughter Patty Parker; five grandchildren - Jennifer, Amanda, Samantha, Devin and Chloe; great grandchild - Alyssa; brothers - Eddie, Gary, Clyde; sisters - Marilyn, Julia and Karen; many nephews, nieces, cousins, family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, October 9, 2015 in the chapel at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. The family will receive friends from 10:00 AM till 11:00

AM prior to the service at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. Interment will be at 2:00 PM on Friday, October 9, 2015 at Forest Park Lawndale in Houston, Texas.

Full obituary may be viewed and memorial condolences made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that a donation be made to the American Diabetes Association.

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

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Tourmaline

Tourmaline has become a favorite gemstone among jewelry designer, and gem collectors the world over. Since it is available in a wide variety of colors, it is ideally suited to almost anyone's taste. Tourmaline also is known for displaying several colors in the same gemstone. These bi-color or tri-color gems are formed in many combinations; gemstones with clear color distinctions are highly prized. One multi-color variety is known as watermelon tourmaline, and features green, pink, and white colors bands; to resemble its namesake, the gem-

stone is cut into thin slices having a pink center, white ring, and green edge. Tourmaline is found in many localities including Brazil, Afghanistan, East Africa, and the USA.

Opal

The name opal derives from the Greek Opallos, meaning "to see a change (of color)." Opals range in color from milky white to black with flashes of yellow, orange, green, red, and blue. An opal's beauty is the product of contrast between its color play and its background. Opal is a formation of non-crystalline silica gel that seeped into crevices in the sedimentary strata. Through time and nature's heating and molding processes, the gel hardened into the form of opals. The opal is composed of particles closely packed in spherical arrangements. When packed together in a regular pattern, a three-dimensional array of spaces are created that give opal its radiance.

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Will You Be Ready for Retirement?

National Save for Retirement Week is observed Oct. 18 – 24 this year. And this week has some weight behind it, as it is recognized by the U.S. Senate for its importance in encouraging Americans to prepare themselves financially for retirement. Are you doing all you can?

Many of your peers aren't. About a third of working adults have no retirement savings or pension, according to a survey by the Federal Reserve. And more than half of workers report that the total value of their household's savings and investments, excluding the value of their primary home and any defined benefit plan (such as a traditional pension), is less than \$25,000, according to the Employee Benefit Research Institute's 2015 Retirement Confidence Survey.

Such figures help explain why many people are unsure if they'll ever be able to retire. Nearly 40% of the respondents in the Federal Reserve's study either have no intention to retire or plan to keep working for as long as possible.

Of course, if you enjoy your career, or just simply like to work, you may be in no hurry to retire. But you may want to put yourself in a position someday when work is optional – not mandatory. To reach that point, consider taking these steps:

- Estimate your cost of retirement. At what age do you plan to retire? When you do retire, will you stay home and pursue your hobbies, or will you travel the world? Will you do some consulting or other part-time paid work, or will you volunteer? By answering these and other questions, you can at least estimate your costs during your retirement years.
- Contribute to your 401(k). Contribute as much as you can afford each year to your employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as a 401(k). At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered. A 401(k) or similar plan is a great way to put money away for retirement, because your earnings can grow on a tax-deferred basis. And you may have a dozen or more investment vehicles within your 401(k), so you can build a portfolio that's appropriate for your goals and risk tolerance. In 2015, you can contribute up to \$18,000 to your 401(k), or \$24,000 if you're 50 or older.
- Fully fund your IRA. Even if you participate in a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, you're probably still eligible to contribute to an IRA as well. In 2015, you can contribute up to \$5,500 – or \$6,500, if you're 50 or older – to an IRA. A traditional IRA offers tax-deferred earnings, while Roth IRA earnings can grow tax free, provided you don't start taking withdrawals until you're 59½ and you've had your account at least five years. Plus, you can fund your IRA with virtually any type of investment you choose. Try to "max out" your IRA every year.
- Control your debts. Control your debts as much as possible. Every dollar that doesn't go into a debt payment could be invested for your retirement. These aren't the only steps that can help you move toward a comfortable retirement – but they can certainly help get you on the right path.

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