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**CHANNEL CHATTER** 

#### WOMAN **CHARGED IN** KILLING AFTER **BODY FOUND IN CHANNELVIEW**



Lindapone Phanprasa has been charged with cap

The body of Sara Nelson was found around 8:47 a.m. on May 8, 2015 by two fish-ermen in the 15800 block of Walllisville Road, according to Harris County Sheriff's

After the body was found, the fishermen noti-fied a security guard who then called authorities.

Investigators have not released details on Nelson's death but have confirmed that Phanprasa is being held without bond.

#### **CONFERENCE TO EMPOWER EAST** HARRIS COUNTY **WOMEN & GIRLS, SEPT. 25 & 26**

HOUSTON - 9/8/2015 -East Harris County Empowerment Council is proud to announce the 2015 Mpow-erMe! Women's & Girl Power Conference on Septem-ber 25th & 26th at San Jacinto College located at 5800 Uvalde Rd, Houston, TX 77049. The 2015 MPowerMe! Annual Women's Confer-ence theme is "Moving For-ence theme is "Moving For-ward: The Next Chapter."

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This two day, women & girl's experience includes: passionate presenters, mind-shifting exercises, breakfast and lunch, a networking hour, door prizes, and so much more. The outcome of the conference is to engage, enlighten and empower women and girls to lead their best lives yet! "It is our goal to provide practical tools, tips, attitudes and habits that will make a lasting impact on the passionate presenters. make a lasting impact on the lives of women and girls across our community.

This is truly the premiere women and girls event of the year," said Terence Nar-Executive Director of

EHCEC.
"I am very excited to be afforded the opportunity to take part in the lives of women and girls. I truly believe they will excel if and when given the opportunity to do so." states Australia Ediphorso," states Australia Edinborough, 2015 Conference Co

Registration is now open

Registration is now open at www.mpowerme2015 .eventbrite.com. Vendor opportunities are available, for more infor-mation please call Bobby Durst at 832-721-8275.

#### **NORTH CHANNEL CHAMBER LUNCHEON TALK:**

## Morman: Waste Pits must go; major expansion of Beltway 8

Precinct 2 county com-missioner Jack Morman missioner Jack Morman was in good form last Friday, as he addressed a friendly crowd and brought them up to date on activities in East Harris County. Morman started by noting the death of Deputy Darren Goforth that week with a moment of silence

Then he moved on to some lighter fare, chiding NC Star publisher Gil Hoffman for commenting n his "East Harris Coun-



COMMISSIONER MORMAN poses after his talk, with Chamber board members and staff. L to R, Christie Gates, Shalonda Dawkins, Commissioner Morman, Kim Gonzalez, Adam Lund, and Margie Buentello.

suitcoat.

But Morman's talk contained some serious business, stating that despite the state's reluctance to remove toxic material stored in waste pits in the San Jacinto River, his opinion was that the pollution had to be completely removed, and he felt the county and his own position would support that. He said that the TDEC studies did not adequately account for catastrophic events such as Hurricanes and storm surges, that could dislodge pollutants and further endanger res-

See MORMAN, page 6

#### STATE SAYS "NO" TO MORE **CANCER STUDIES**

Residents along the San Jacinto River, in Channelview and Highlands, and who live near the Toxic Waste Pits, were disappointed this week to learn that the Texas Department of State Health Services had decided that they would not conduct an indepth study of clusters of rare childhood cancers that have been documented near the polluted river. A panel of health experts from the state has been studying the request since an earlier study released in June revealed pockets of "greater-than-expected" incidences of several cancers in the areas surrounding the river.

The panel included See CANCER STUDY, p. 6

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# HS football: one rout, one close

#### Falcons soar past South Houston in 56-15 rout



Channelview Falcons wide receiver Etterious Giles makes a leaping touchdown catch on a 20-yard pass from quarterback Jalen Hurts in their 56-15 win over South Houston. Giles was the leading receiver in a Falcon offense that piled up 529 yards. The Falcons host Vidor on Friday at 7 p.m. at Ray Maddry Memorial Stadium.

The Channelview Fal-cons' high-powered offense was true to form as they easily defeated South Houston 56-15 last Friday, Sept. 4 at Ray Maddry Memorial Stadium. Channelview improved its record to 2-0 on the sea-son and will host Vidor at 7 p.m. on Friday. 6 p.m. on Friday. 6 total of-fense with a balanced run-8 See FALCONS, page 8

Mustangs Fall short against Mavericks



North Shore QB Maciah Long breaks and evades numerous tackles en route to a potentially game winning touchdown. Final score, however, was 40-43 in favor of Manvel. [Photo courtey Jonathan Frey, Galena Park ISD]

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(Photo courtesy Jonathan Frey, Galena Park ISS))

manding start, forcing turnovers and a punt on the Mavericks first three possessions.

However, as both teams' offenses got into a rhythm, the defenses had their hands full stopping the potent passing attacks of the opponent. The Mustangs

See MUSTANGS, page 8

#### **SCHOOL HISTORY** Historical Scrapbook Donated to **Woodland Acres Middle School**

Galena Park ISD's Woodland Acres Middle School (WAMS) welcomed a group of historical visitors on Friday. Pat (Bowles) Cooper and her entourage, all students at Woodland Acres Junior High as it was known back in the 1940is when they attended, kept a scrapbook chronicling news articles attended, kept a scrapbook chronicling news articles and other goings on at the school and community. "There's just a lot of histo-withing of a better place for the book than right here where it all started," she added. The book consists of numerous photos and news articles, including the first teachers and principal, various extracurricular groups such as football, band and track, and student photos.

and student photos



Woodland Acres Middle School Principal Lee Ramirez (right) enthusiastically accepts a scrapbook of the school from the enthusiastically accepts a scrapbook of 1940's from Pat (Bowles) Cooper (left).

See HISTORICAL SCRAPBOOK, page 6

### TRADITION BACK IN TOWN Blue Bell Ice Cream fans come to Highlands



Michelle and Larissa Theriac came from Orange Texas to purchase Blue Bell Ice Cream at the Foodtown in Highlands. Gallery Furniture and other stores also had special promotions. Photo

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**



#### Bench project

David Mendez and Eddie Foster load Mendez's new bench made by Eddie Foster to go into Mendez's hunting grounds later this month. The pair intend to make more of the tailgate and bumper project.

#### Annual Jared Jamail Memorial Golf Tournament set for Oct. 10



The 17th Annual Jared

The 17th Annual Jared Jamail Memorial Golf Classic will be held at the Newport Golf Club on October 10, 2015.

This year registration is at 7:00 a.m. Tee time is 8:00 a.m. Lunch & Awards to follow the tournament. Jared's death was a sudden, devastating shock for his family and friends; they didn't want Jared's memory to be about his death, but about his life. The Jared Jamail Memo-The Jared Jamail Memorial Fund was established to celebrate his life by helping others. As a result, family and friends of sult, family and friends of Jared have been able to help others by providing scholarships to graduat-ing Crosby High School students. Kelsey Fuchs, Amari Miller, Tristan Ly-ons, Victor Villafuerta, Matt Lalor and Ally Will-



iams received the Jared Jamail Scholarship last May.

The jaredjamail

scholarship.com website has most information others may need.

ers may need.
Sponsorships are Eagle \$750 Includes 4 person team, lunch, cart, company banner displayed at the tournament, 3 hole sponsorship, 4 caps, advertisement in our program, and on enour program, and on en-try forms. Birdie \$500, includes 4 person team, lunch, cart, 2 hole spon-sorship, 4 caps, advertise-

ment in our program and our entry forms. Par \$300, includes 2 players fee, lunch, cart, 2 hole sponsorship, 2 caps, advertisement in our program and on our entry forms.

Prizes will be awarded for: 1st, 2nd & 3rd place teams, closest to the pin, and longest drive. Tournament fees will be Individuals: \$75, 4 Person Team: \$260. Prices include green fee, lunch and cart. Credit Card accepted. Donations may be tax deductible: 501(C) 26-2878379

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#### Student who protected deputy's back appears in Crosby



Captain Jasen Rabalais commends McKinley Zoellner for rendering back-up for Precinct 3 Constable Deputy Tommi Jones Kelley as she pumped gas in North Shore. The North Shore student had asked "Is it okay if I stand here while you pump gas?" The incident was after Deputy Darren Goforth was murdered on West Rd. on the other side of the county.



Both Zoellner and Deputy Kelley were interviewed inside The Crawfish Shack in Crosby at the prayer vigil held for fallen officers last Sunday, Sept. 6. Officer Kelley wrote on her Facebook page that "With all the terror going on nationwide, this reassured me there are still some pretty awesome individuals out there."



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### SCHOOL NEWS

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

#### ATURDAY NIGHTS The Buckshot Jamboree

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

#### First Responders Appreciation Day

Saturday, September 12, Community First Responders Appreciation Day, 10:00AM -2:00PM, Barrett-Lee Early Child-hood Center, 911 Sheldon Rd, Channelview, 77530.

#### Rep. Hernandez Town Hall

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Join State Representative
Ana Hernandez on:
•Tuesday, September 15,
2015 from 6:45 pm - 8:30 pm
at Neighborhood Centers, Inc.
Ripley House, 4410 Navigation,
Houtson, TX. 77011.
Come get an update on
new laws passed during the
84th Legislative Session.
For more information call
713-675-8596.

#### Preserving Hispanic Culture

Come learn about Mexican Culture through its music. Thurs-day, Sep. 17, 2015. 6 pm - 7:30 pm at Jacinto City Branch Li-brary, 921 Akron, Jacinto City X. 77099. Refreshments villy be served. For more information, please call 713-673-3237.

#### ONDAYS 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-

#### SEPTEMBER Jacinto City Library

-Sep. 12, Sat., 12:30-2:30 pm, Childrens' Movie Theater. -Sep. 15, Tue., 10:30-11:30 am, Power Point; 2 pm, Indoor exercise; 4:30 pm, Power Point Rásico.

Básico.
-Sep. 16,Wed., 12:30 pm, ESL
Class; 3:30 pm, Aztec Masks.
-Sep. 17, Thur., 11 am, Word; 1
pm, Children's Story Time; 5

pm , Children's Story Time; 5 pm, Ebook devices. Jacinto City Branch Library, 921 Akron, Jacinto City, TX. 77029. For more information on these and other pro-grams at the library, please call 713-673-3237.

#### SEPTEMBER Galena Park Library events

Sep. 16, Wed., 10:15 am, Ratón y Teclado; 11 am, Children's Story Time; 1:30 pm, Mouse & Keyboard; 4 pm, Get Active. -Sep. 17, Thur., 10 am, Baby Time; 3:30 pm, Family Movie Time

Time.
Please call the library at 713450-0982 for more details.
The library is located at
1500 Keene St. Galena Park, TX.

#### SEPTEMBER North Channel Library events

-Sep. 12, Saturday, 11-12:30 pm, Ask a Lawyer. -Sep. 14, Monday, 4:30 pm, Monday Movie

pm, Monday Movie Madness. -Sep. 15, Tue., 10:30 am & 1:30 pm, For the Children/Para los Niños "Loving Limits". -Sep. 16, Wed., 4:30 pm, Hispanic Heritage Celebration.

-Sep. 17, Thur., 10:30 am, Baby Time; 4:30 pm, Teens: Blanket Program.

Library is located at 15741 Wallisville Rd., Houston, TX. 77049. Call 281-457-1631 for

### Companies seeking industrial technology graduates for jobs across oil and gas industry

PASADENA, Texas – What is happening with oil and gas prices and employment on the upstream side of the industry means a very different situation for those working downstream. The industry may have made headlines in recent months but companies continue to experience a workforce shortage.

Technicians and operators are in short supply today," said Dan Odle, commercial development director for Monument Chemical and Houston Chemical Association's Board of Directors vice president. "It's been this way for several years, and there doesn't appear to be any relief of this in the near future."

Shaquille Anderson of Liberty, Texas, is about to start his paid internship with Chevron Phillips, following his recent graduation from the San Jacinto College process technology program and several interviews and job offers from other refineries. He will work as a process technician intern for three months, shadowing operators on the job before his evaluation to become hired as an employee.

What is happening on the upstream side doesn't really affect what I'll be doing," said Anderson. "There's a big demand for new people, like myself, to the start of the process that are undervay will continue, and that work like myself, to the process of the proc



Mike Magnotta, recruiting manager at Konecranes, visits students in the San Jacinto College industrial technology programs to discuss career opportunities with the company. More than half of Konecranes' business is with the More than item of North Performance and Industry.

Photo by Jeannie Peng-Armao, San Jacinto College.

region but is facing the reality of more than 50 percent of its current employee base approaching retirement over the next few years. In fact, just six months ago, Anderson's uncle retired from his job as a Chevron Phillips operator.

Jou as a Chevron Finnings opera-in looking for workforce re-cruits, representatives from Konecranes recently visited San Jacinto College to interview stu-dents training in the electrical, nondestructive testing, welding, and instrumentation programs. The company specializes in the repair of electric overhead cranes, which can require vast knowl-edge of a variety of craft trades.

More than half of the company's business is conducted within the petrochemical industry.

"We will look at a technician to see if there is a need at one of our locations for whichever program they graduated from, but they have to be willing to learn they graduated from, but they have to be willing to learn the rest of the craft for what is needed," said James Terry, Konecranes project manager and a San Jacinto College graduate and former adjunct professor. Technicians can start working the company at the \$22-\$24 per hour range. Any technicians who understand welding and electrical have an advantage. We're seeing more crames automated or semiautomated, so someone will PLC (programmable logic controller) and electronics training could find a place for work with us as well."

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"Noviking on overhead cranes
in ot something people think of
when thinking about a career,
said White. "Were a supporting
company to industries like petrochemical, automotive, manufacturing – wherever product is
being moved. I need about 25 people working in the field, and I
need 15 people immediately. Peo-

### responders invited to special halftime ceremony

The Channelview Independent School District will honor the services of area veterans, active military and first responders in a special halftime ceremony during the Channelview vs. Vidor football game at 7 p.m., Friday Sept. 11 at Ray Maddry Memorial Stadium, 828

Active military, first

Sheldon Road.
All veterans, active members of the military and first responders will receive free admission into the game that evening.
If you have any questions, please call the district's Public Relations Office at 281-452-8080.

#### Youth Ambassadors from Taiwan to perform at North Shore Senior High School

The International Youth Ambassadors from the Republic of China (Taiwan) will perform on stage to demonstrate the authenticity, benevolence, and sophistication of their country, and present its natural environment and cultural horizone. This will cultural heritage. This will allow international audi-

cultural heritage. This will allow international audiences to gain a better appreciation of the spirit conveyed by the theme of the delegation - Youth from Taiwan, Compassion for All"- as well as the vitality of modern Taiwan.

The performance, entitled Energetic New Taiwan, is divided into 12 acts and focuses on six main aspects: natural environment, Lifestyle of Health and Sustainability, cultural heritage, cuisine, cultural creativity, and warmth.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of China (Taiwan) has conducted the International Youth Ambassadors Exchange Program since

2009. This program allows talented Taiwanese youth to participate in international affairs and broaden their horizons while increasing understanding of their country's development among various sectors of the host countries. tors of the host countries. On the tour, the ambassa-dors will visit 41 cities in 35 countries where they will attend meetings and seminars and give performances that combine dance and music. With a spirit of professionalism and teamwork, they aim to friends from around the world, convey the essence of this year's theme, and represent all that Taiwan has to offer.

Date: Tuesday, Septem-

Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2015

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Location: North Shore Senior High School Auditorium, 353 North Castle-gory, Houston, TX 77049. Admission is FREE.

#### Do You Have a Small **Business Retirement Plan?**

If you're a small-business owner, you've always got a lot to do: marketing your products or services, hiring employees, paying your bills, coping with competition – the list goes one and on. But there's one task you may be overlooking: establishing your own retirement plan. And that's not something you want to ignore – because, one day, ou may want to trade in the title of "business owner" for that of "retiree."

Fortunately, when choosing a retirement plan, you've got some good choices. Although the various plane have different requirements and contribution limits, they all offer tax-deferred earnings, which means your money has the potential to grow faster than if it were placed in a vehicle on which you paid taxes every year.

Here are some of the most

if it were placed in a vehicle on which you paid taxes every year.

Here are some of the most popular retirement plans for small-business owners:

Owner-only 401(k) — This plan, which is also known as an individual or "solo" 401(k) is available to self-employed individuals and business owners with no full-time employees other than themselves or a spouse. You may even be able to choose a Roth option for your 401(k), As the owner, you can contribute to your plan as both an employer and an employee; your total contribution limit for 2015 is \$53,000, or \$59,000 if you are 50 or older.

SEP IRA — If you have just

\$53,000, or \$59,000 it you are 50 or older.

SEP IRA — If you have just a few employees or are self-employed with no employees, you may want to consider a SEP IRA. You'll fund the plan with tax-deductible contributions, and you must cover all eligible employees. (Employees themselves cannot contribute.) You can contribute up to 25% of compensation, up to \$53,000 annually. (Contributions for a self-employed indi-

vidual are limited to 25% of compensation minus one-half of self-employment taxes.) And you can fund your SEP IRA with many different types of investments. Plus, you can establish a SEP IRA for 2015 until April 15, 2016.

Defined benefit plan — Pension plans, also known as defined benefit plans, are still around — and you can set one up for yourself if you are self-employed or own your own business. This plan has high contribution limits, which are determined by an actuarial calculation, and as is the case with other retirement plans, your contributions are typically tax-deductible.

SIMPLE IRA — A SIMPLE

calculation, and as is the case with other retirement plans, your contributions are typically tax-deductible.

SIMPLE IRA — A SIMPLE IRA, as its name suggests, is easy to set up and maintain, and it can be a good plan if your business has fewer than 10 employees. Still, while a SIMPLE IRA may be advantageous for your employees, it's less generous to you, as far as allowable contributions, than an owner-only 401(k), a SEP IRA or a defined benefit plan. For 2015, your annual contributions are generally limited to \$12,500 or \$15,500 if you're 50 or older by the end of the year. You can also make a matching contribution of up to 3% of your compensation.

A SIMPLE IRA must be set up between Jan. 1 and Oct. 1 of any year, so if you're interested in this plan, you may have to wait until 2016 to get started. But if you'd like to set up any of the other retirement plans we've looked at, don't delay. The sooner you put your plan into place, the quicker it can start working for you to help you reach that day when you no longer have to work at all.

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### **OPINION PAGE**



## Lineage

Heavy spring rains did their number on the red clay backroads in Milam County. Driving the pickup down the rough road, we've straddled deep erosion gullies when we could but now we are as far as we can go. The road is impassable.

For the final half For the final half mile of the trek, me, my brother, and my eleven year old son make the final walk through the oak overstory and yaupon brush that flanks the road until we reach the Sand Point Cemetery.

Sand Point Cemetery.

The cemetery is remote but, considering the amount of rain that fell over Texas in the spring, is fairly tidy. We are here to connect with the past in order to understand from whence we came and, hopefully, gain some insight as to where we're headed. I open the gate and we wade through the rough grass and search for the gravesite of my great grandparents and my son's great, great grandparents.

This trip is the

This trip is the culmination of detective work set forth by my brother back in the spring. With the help of ancestry.com, he's been researching our paternal lineage. We both, of course, knew our grandfather before died in 1993 but after that, we hadn't much of a clue. Therefore, Bubba sought answers. culmination of detec

Standing behind a makeshift chain link fence, we find the graves of John and Mary Graves - my grandfather's parents. We stand for a minute while I explain to my eleven year old that he is here because they (pointing at the graves) were here. I can tell by the look on his face that he sort of under-stands but the gravity of the moment escapes him. One day, he'll understand why this trip is important.

Being the last male of our line of Graves, he is the lone bearer of a name whose family's been a part of Texas since 1830.

since 1830.

While we stand there, Bubba tells me that John was born in 1866 and lived until 1935. His wife, Mary however, died a week shy of a year after our grandfather was born. Our cell signals are scant so we can't call our father or any of our aunts or our lone uncle to find out how their grandmother died. grandmother died.
Unless they were told,
they probably don't
know either as she died long before any of them were born.

Before John, there was his father James and HIS father James who came to Texas before there was a Texas - back around 1830. Thanks to Bubba, we found our lineage passing through Kentucky from Virginia - the point from which our ancestors first came to the continent during the pre-revolutionary times. From his research, we know we have direct descendants who fought in the dants who fought in the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, and we think the battle for Texas Independence although we haven't been able to definitely prove that.

prove that.

Before our people came to North America, the lived on the British Isle and our name started as De la Grevis but eventually morphed to Graves. In all, he traced our paternal lineage to the 1400's England.

It's humbling to think that one slip up in that entire, unbro ken chain of human history, we don't exist. Bubba and I talk about it for a bit but don't burden Ryan with the complexity of the thought. He's just happy exploring the woods around the cemetery and being the next of a long line of Graves boys.



### Abbott orders flags to halfstaff to honor slain officer

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott ordered Texas flags across the state be lowered to half-staff in honor of slain Harris County Dep-uty Sheriff Darren Goforth on Sept. 4.

Abbott also asked that

Abbott also asked that law enforcement officers turn on their patrol vehicles' red and blue flashing lights for one minute at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 4, the start time for Deputy Goforth's funeral.

Goforth, 47, reportedly was targeted for wearing a uniform. He was gunned down on Aug. 28 while refueling his vehicle at a convenience store in the Houston suburb of Cypress. Surveillance video helped law enforcement trace, capture and arrest a suspect, Shannon J. Miles, 30. Investigators retrieved a .40 caliber handgun at the suspect's residence. Ballistics testing matched the handgun to ammunition used in the shooting. The suspect has been charged with capital murder.

2 honored posthumously Gov. Abbott in an Aug. 26 ceremony at the Gover-nor's Mansion posthu-mously awarded the Texas Legislative Medal of Hon-Legislative Medal of Honor, the highest military decoration that can be awarded to a member of the state or federal military forces by the State of Texas, to two Texans: U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer Chris Kyle and Lt. Col. William Edwin Dyess. Kyle's medal was presented to his wife, Taya Kyle. Dyess's medal was presented to this sister, Elizabeth Denman. Kyle, a U.S. Navy SEAL from 1999 to 2009, served

from 1999 to 2009, served four tours in Iraq and four tours in Iraq and earned many prestigious medals for his service as an elite sniper. After return-ing to civilian life, Kyle wrote a best-selling book, American Sniper, recount-ing his service experienc-

### STATE CAPITAL **HIGHLIGHTS** By Ed Sterling



es. A fellow military veter-an shot and killed Kyle and a friend, Chad Little field, at a shooting range in Erath County on Feb. 2, 2013. Kyle, 38, was buried with honors and ceremo-nies in the Texas State

nies in the Texas State Cemetery in Austin on Feb. 12, 2013.

Dyess was a fighter pilot and later an infantry officer in the Pacific Theater of World War II. He was captured by Japanese forces in the Philippines in 1942 and survived the Bataan Death March. He and other prisoners escaped a penal colony on the island of Mindanao and aided by Filipino guerrillas island of Mindana and aided by Filipino guerrillas boarded a U.S. submarine in mid-1943. He was returned to the states. He resumed flying and in December 1943 died attempting an emergency landing in a P-38 Lockheed Lighting find the release in Celining fighter plane in Cali-fornia. He was 27. Dyess Air Force Base near Abilene is named in his honor.

DPS releases gang report
A Texas law requires an annual report bringing to-gether information from multiple law enforcement and criminal justice agen

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cies to be submitted to the governor and the state Legislature assessing the threat posed by statewide criminal gangs. The Texas Department

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Aug. 31 announced the release of its 2015 Texas Gang Threat Assessment, an overview of gang activity in this activity

Threat Assessment, an overview of gang activity in this state.

DPS Director Steven McCraw said the document, 57 pages in length and posted online at txdps.state.tx.us, "delivers valuable information about the gangs operating in our state and is a proven tool in law enforcement's fight against these dangerous groups." dangerous groups." According to the report,

current gang membership across the state may ex-ceed 100,000 individuals.

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"These organizations were involved in and profited from the recent influx of illegal aliens crossing the border in the Rio Grande Valley in 2014. Gang members involved in human trafficking, including commercial sex trafficking and compelling prostitution of adults and minors, exploit their vicficking and compelling prostitution of adults and minors, exploit their victims through force, fraud or coercion, including recruiting and grooming them with false promises of affection, employment, or a better life," according to McCraw's news release.

Energy agency goes social

Texas Railroad Commission on Sept. 1 announced its launch of social media accounts "to increase transparency and more effectively communicate with the public and stakeholders about the activities and responsibili-

stakenoiders about the ac-tivities and responsibili-ties" of the agency. Those social media ac-counts include Twitter (#TxRCC) and Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.

Blue Bell returns to Capitol
Gov. Abbott on Aug. 31
announced the return of
Blue Bell ice cream at the
state Capitol, the day the
popular, Brenham-based
brand was made available
in select markets after a
multi-month shutdown.
"On behalf of all Texans, I
want to welcome Blue Bell want to welcome Blue Bell back and wish them luck as they continue to ramp up production," Abbott

said.

Blue Bell stopped operations in the spring, after four deaths in Kansas were attributed to listeria-contaminated ice cream.



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# **OBITÚARIES**

#### Gail Ann (O'Brien) Franks

Gail Ann (O'Brien) Franks
Gail Ann (O'Brien) Franks, 52, of
Highlands, Texas passed Friday August
28, 2015 at San Jacinto Methodist Hospital. Wife of the late Bud Franks.
She is survived by three sons: David
Rose, Douglas Frasier and Dwight
Franks; brothers William O'Brien, Leo R.
O'Brien, Michael O'Brien and Richard
O'Brien and sisters Rosemarie O'Brien,
Mary Louise O'Brien, Catherine Vanluven
and Linda Hansen.
She is also survived by John Hagensick, and her kitties. She was the daughter of the late Louise (Newcomb) O'Brien.
Gail and John were planning on getting
married in October of this year.
Memorial Service for close friends and
family will be at Second Baptist Church
in Highlands on Saturday, September 12,
2015 at 3:00 p.m.





GOOSE CREEK CISD

### Staff recognized with awards

Goose Creek CISD employees (from left) Brigitte Clark, director of finance; Margie Grimes, chief financial officer; and LeAna Dixon (right), controller, receive the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the district as well as the Award of Financial Reporting Achievement, presented to the Business Services Department, both from the Government Finance Officers Association. Also pictured is Albert Garcia from Start, Garcia and Stanley, independent auditors for Goose Creek CISD.

### **Highlands United Methodist** prepares for Fish Fry and auction



reeter Diane Walters, head cook Denny Roberts, and chairperson Bill 'Neal stand by the church sign announcing the Fish Fry, to be on Sat. ept 12 from 11 am to 2 pm. Highlands UMC is located at 107 W. Houston Highlands. For more info, call 281-426-3614.

In Highlands. For more info, call 281-426-3614.

Plans are being completed for Highlands United to the fish Fry and Auction, to be held on Saturday, Sept 12.

The public is invited to come and enjoy the catifish dinner for \$10 a plate, the desserts at the Sweet Shop, and bid on the unique items in the Silent Auction and Live Auction. Chairpress of the Companion of the Companion

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#### Uh Oh!

It seems one of the first phrases a child learns is, "Uh, oh." My youngest granddaughter is no different. My wife was holding her while

she was playing with a small toy. Alexa was about 10 months old at the time. She would drop the toy and say, "Uh, oh" over and over. Of course, it's not an "Uh, oh" if it's done on purpose.

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### SPORTS, ENTERTAINMENT

## Texans open 2015 against Chiefs: Cowboys host Giants in prime time affair

The 2015 NFL season begins on Thursday night when the New England Patriots open defense of their Super Bowl title against the Pittsburgh Steelers on NBC in prime time.
While those two teams will have the night to themselves, three

the night to themselves, thr days later the league will kick into high gear with 13 games and Week 1 concludes on Monday night on ESPN with their annual doubleheader.

night on ESPN with their annual doubleheader. Locally, the Texans begin Bill O Brien's second year at home against the Kansas City Chiefs, while later that evening Dallas hosts the New York Giants on Sunday Night Football at AT&T Stadium in Artington. The league's season opener picked up a huge dose of star power when a federal judge nullified Tom Brady's four-game suspension for his role in Deflategate on Sept. 3. Those cheers you heard were from NBC Sports executives who now have a season-opening, prime-NBU Sports executives who now have a season-opening, prime-time game that features two of the game's top OBs in Brady and Ben Roethlisberger. The Steelers will have Big Ben under center, but will be without star running back Le Veon Bell who will serve a two-game suspension for violating the NET's substance abuse policy. suspension for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy. Big Ben won't have Bell or another top weapon, wide receiver Martavis Bryant, who will sit out the first four games the season because he also ure season because he also violated the league's substance abuse policy. But he will have one of the game's top wide receivers, Antonio Brown, to throw to on Thursday night in Foxborn.

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While the NFL kicks off its season, this weekend mark Week Two of the college season, with the marquee game taking place in East Lansing, MI where No. 5-ranked Michigan State will take on No. 7-ranked Oregon. Rice will travel to Austin hoping to pick up a huge road win against the Longhorns, while Oklahoma treks to Tennessee to take on an improved Volunteers—team in what should be an interesting battle between the

interesting battle between the Big 12 and SEC. The beginning of the NFL season is always an exciting time for is always an exciting time for football fans, and it adds three more days of viewing as well. So, without further ado, let's take a look at what this weekend has

Rice at Texas: The Rice Owls

travel to Austin to take on former Southwest Conference foe Texas in a game David Baliff's team should be competitive in. Baliff has built a solid program on South Main and has led the Owls to three straight bowl appearances. Rice finished 8-5 a year ann and refurns. year ago and returns quarterback Driphus Jackson (2,842 yards passing, 24 touchdowns) to lead the way offensively. The Owls would like offensively. The Owls would like nothing more than to return from Austin with a victory over UT, and that fact will help Charlie Strong prepare his Longhorns for what could be a difficult home opener. UT will also be coming off a tough opener at Notre Dame, but should have the edge in talent in this one. Look for the Texas defense to slow down Jackson as the offense does just enough to get the win for the 'Homs. My pick, Texas 24, Rice 16

Oklahoma at Tennessee:
Bob Stoop's Sooners travel to
Knoxville to take on an up-andcoming Tennessee team that has
improved in each of head coach
Butch Jones' first three seasons.
Last year, the Vols finished 7-6
and earned a bowl bid and many
expect them to be in the SEC
East race in 2015. Tennessee is
led hy soohomore running back Oklahoma at Tennessee:

East race in 2015. Tennessee is led by sophomore running back Jalen Hurd, who rushed for 899 yards and scored five touchdowns as a true freshman. Tennessee's changes to improve on their seven-win season will depend on how well quarterback Joshua Dobbs (1,206 yards passing, 9 TDs) performs this season. OU has handed the starting OB in the former walk-on passing, 9 I US) performs this season. OU has handed the starting OB job to former walk-on Baker Mayfield, who left Texas Tech after starting as a true freshman in 2013. Mayfield beat out former starter Trevor Knight for the starting spot, so Stoops must have seen something in him to make that move. This will be a tough one for the Sooners due to the raucous crowd they will encounter, and an improved Tennessee 180, Oklahoma 27 Oregon at Michigan State: No. 7 Oregon travels to East Lansing to take on No. 5-ranked Michigan State in what should be the game of the week in college football. The winner of this one takes the early-season lead in the but of the contraction.

football. The winner of this one takes the early-season lead in the hunt for one of the four playoff spots up for grabs at the end of the season. A year ago, MSU led at Oregon early, but the Ducks steamrolled the Spartans, 47-26, and used that win as a springboard to a 13-2 season



and a spot in the national title game. The Spartans will be out for revenge this time around and are led by one of the best quarterbacks in the country in Conner Cook (3,214 yards passing, 24 touchdowns). Oregon will be without Heisman Trophy winner Marcus Mariota, who is now in the NFL. His replacement is Eastern Washington transfer Vernon Washington transfer Vernon Adams (10,438 yards, 31 Adams (10,438 yards, 31 touchdowns in three years at EWU), a talented quarterback who is making the leap from Division II football to Division I Division II Tootoal to Division I football. He has plenty of talent around him to allow him to settle into the job. He has a strong running game led by Royce Freeman (1,365 yards, 18 touchdowns), but he'll be facing one of the best defenses in the country when he takes on MSU on Saturday. Look for Sparty to have the last leach this time. on Saturday. Look for Sparty to have the last laugh this time around as MSU extracts revenge after last year's spanking at Oregon's hands. My pick, Michigan State 34, Oregon 20

Pittsburgh at New England: As stated earlier, the NFL opens the 2015 season with last year's the 2015 season with last year's Super Bowl champions hosting a team that has Super Bowl aspirations of its own in the Pittsburgh Steelers. Now that Brady is playing, the Patriots will have their top gun to take on the Steeler's top gun in Steeler's top gun in Judge Richard M. Berman's decision. Roethilsberger threw decision. Roethilsberger threw Judge Hichard M. Bermans decision. Roethlisberger threw for close to 5,000 yards and 32 touchdowns in 2014, while Brady threw for 4,109 yards and 33 touchdowns en route to leading the Patriots to their Super Bowl victory over Seattle. Head coach Bill Belichick will have his team repeared for this one. He's an prepared for this one. He's a prepared for this one. He's a master game strategist and he'll come up with some way to keep his team in this one. Look for Big Ben to have a big night throwing against a re-built New England secondary, but something tells

me the Patriots will make one more big play down the stretch to earn a very big season-opening victory on Thursday night. My pick, New England 26, Pittsburgh 24

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Kansas City at Houston: This one should be a defensive struggle as two of the AFC's best defenses do battle in the season opener at NRG Stadium on Sunday. The Texans will count on JJ. Watt to apply plently of pressure on KC quarterback Alex Smith, while Chief's linebacker Justin Houston will be called on to do the same against Texan's QB Brian Hoyer. Don't expect a lot of offensive frieworks in this one, but what offensive highlights there are will probably be provided by KC running back Jamaal Charles. Charles is a dangerous runner and receiver and will be called on to keep the Houston defense off balance on Sunday, Texan head coach Bill O'Brien will call on Hoyer to manage the game, protect the football and take advantage of scoring chances when they present themselves. Look for wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins to be a key in this one as the talented third-year receiver ascends to the No. 1 receiver talented third-year receiver ascends to the No. 1 receiver slot now that Andre Johnson is with the Colts. My pick, Housto 20, Kansas City 17

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New York Giants at Dallas:
The Giants and Cowboys open the season once again on Sunday Night Football with the season once again on Sunday Night Football with the Giants hoping to turn things around after a 6-10 season in 2014. The Cowboys, meanwhile, look to improve on last year's 12-4 mark and trip to the division round of the NFC playoffs, where they lost a heartbreaker at Green Bay. The Dallas offense, led by quarterback Tony Romo and wide receiver Dez Bryant, should be potent once again. Romo has plenty of targets to throw to besides Bryant, but its the running game that will be the biggest question mark on that side of the ball heading into the 2015 season.

DeMarco Murray, the NFL's leading rusher in 2014, signed with division-rival Philadelphia as a free agent this spring, leaving the Dallas running game in the hands of oft-injured Darren McFadden and Murray's two backups, Joseph Randle and Lance Dunbar. The good news for the running game is that Dallas has perhaps the best offensive line in lociball and should open things up for Dallas has perhaps the best offensive line in football and should open things up for whoever is called on to carry the football. But Dallas must prove it can run the ball successfully to keep Romo from being a sitting duck. The Dallas defense made a huge leap last season and while they still aren't one of the top defenses in the league, they should be even more improved with the addition of defensive end Greg Hardy (who will miss the first four games as he serves a league suspension), rookie defensive end Randy Gregory and the return of middle linebacker Sean Lee. The defense should get a good test against a Giants team that is still led by quarterback Eil Manning, Anning has a budding star in wide receiver Odell Beckham, Jr., who made some electrifying catches as a rookie. This should be a high-scoring game, but look for Rom to outduel Manning in what should be a fun game to watch Sunday night. My pick, Dallas 34, New York Giants 30.

SAN JACINTO COLLEGE National Hispanic Heritage Month events scheduled

PASADENA, Texas – National Hispanic Heritage Month is just around the corner and San Jacinto College has scheduled a list of events that are open to students and

list of events that are open to students and the public.
From Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, the following events will take place in celebration of the histories, cultiures and contributions of pepile from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.
Central Campus
Tropicante performance
Time: 1145 a.m. to 1 p.m. Date: Sept. 23
Location: Student Center, building 14.
Movie - John Valdez
Time: 1145 a.m. Date: Oct. 12. Location: Student Center, building 14.
Trivia

Trivia
Time: 11:45 a.m. Date: Oct. 13. Location
Student Center, building 14

South Campus
Guest Speaker: Phil Martin. Time: 10:10
a.m. to 11:35 a.m. Date: Sept. 16 Location:
S.1.117

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\*Consejos: Words of Wisdom\* Latinola Fac-ulty Panel for Students

Time: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Date: Sept. 24 Lo-cation: S.1.210

\*Richard Rodriguez, Hunger of Memory, book discussion

Time: 10:10 a.m. to 11:35 a.m. Date: Oct. 6 Location: S.7.143

\*Guers Speaker: Dr. Maria Gonzalez, Pro-fessor with University of Houston

Time: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Date: Oct. 14, Loca-tion: S.6. 152

tion: 5.6.152
Morth Campus
Snack Attack-Sweet Breads
Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Date: Sept. 15.
Location: N8 Lobby
Grifo Fest
Time: 1130 a.m. Date: Sept. 16. Location:
Fine Arts Center
Cesar Chavez Presentation
Time: 1130 a.m. Date: Sept. 22. Location:
TBD
Loteria

IBD Loteria Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Date: Sept. 23 Location: Student Center Lobby, N12 Taco USA - A student presentation Time: 11:30 a.m. Date: Oct. 15. Location: TBD

#### MORMAN, Continued from Page 1

idents in Channelview, Highlands, and other river communities nearby. He noted that environmental studies of the river were continuing, with the Galveston Bay Foundation conducting a fish study, and a well water feasability study also underway. Morman mentioned the bond issue that will be on the ballot in November. He

morman mentioned me bond issue that will be on the ballot in November. He noted that their were four issues to vote on, and that Precinct 2 would receive \$160 million toal for roads and drainage, parks, and other needed improvements. He emphasized that if passed, it would NOT mean an increase in the tax rate for the county. Some of the projects that would be funded include a widening of FM2100 from Crosby

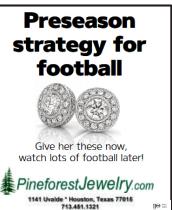
north to Huffman, which has been a very deadly stretch of roadway. Also planned is a widening of the Beltway & East, from 4 lanes to 8. This will match up with a new Toll Bridge over the ship channel, with 4 lanes in each direction. This bridge, however, is not in the bond package, and the \$900 million it will cost will come from federal highway funds, Morman said. It is expected to be complete in 2021.

Another project in the bond package is an overpass on Federal Road, over the railroad tracks, which are now a major traffic bottlengel.

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Also included is \$15 mil-lion for parks improve-

ments.
Asked about more sheriff's patrols, by Mike Williams, Morman promised more "boots" will be funded, especially in the park patrols.



#### **CANCER STUDY**

Continued from page 1

eight experts consisting of sci-entists, epidemiologists, toxi-cologists, a physician and a stat-

cologists, a physician and a statistician.

On making the announcement, DSHS spokesperson Chris Van Deusen said that some of the cancers did not provide enough case studies to design a correct test, and to prove a link to the polluted environment. However, the state did agree to publish additional data on cancer incidends in the river area.

Local resident Jackie Young was one of the eight panelists, and she said that the methodology for the panel was flawed. The eight only met by conference telephone call, and that call only lasted 90 minutes, she said. Seven of the panelists voted not to conduct an in-depth study, and only Young dissented.

Young was quoted in the

people sleep at night knowing they are lying and people are dying."

The state's previous study

was only a statistical compila-tion of two decades of cancer data for Eastern Harris County. High levels of childhood eye

High levels of childhood eye cancer, and a type of brain cancer, and a type of childhood brain stem cancer were noted as above expected levels. The panel noted that even though state investigations have been conducted in at least 260 cluster studies, in the last decade, only one in four has identified out of ranse cashas identified out of range cases, and national experts have said that very few nationally have been tied to an environmental cause.

mental cause. Even though the state con-tends that most childhood can-cers studied have not been linked to environmental caus-Young was quoted in the media as saying "I wonder how expects to continue her work.



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#### Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Harris County Municipal Utility District #50 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2015 on Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 6:00 PM at 12,900 Crosby Lynchburg Road, Barrett Station, Texas 77532. Your individual taxes may increase of decrease, depending on the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Martin Lemond, Simone Green, Alice Dangerfield, Daryl Johnson and Andrew Sonnier

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

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.

Total tax rate (per \$100 of value) \$1.12/\$100 \$1.12/\$100 Adopted Proposed

Difference in rates per \$100 of value

Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-) 0.00%

\$49,558 Average appraised Value \$48,485

General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions) \$ 0.00

\$ 0.00 \$48,485 \$49,558 Average taxable Value Tax on average residence homestead § 543.03 \$ 555.05

Annual increase/decrease in taxes if Proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)  $\pm$  12.02 And percentage of increase (+/-)  $\pm$  2.21350%

#### 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

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



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Sapphire is a variety of the gem species co-rundum and occurs in all colors of the rain-



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Ruby is the red variety of corundum.

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### MUSTANGS,

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re fatigued with each

more fatigued with each play.

QB Maciah Long, who ended the night with three passing and two rushing touchdowns, led the offense down the field quickly and into scoring play, with all receivers covered and pressure coming, Long broke away from tackles and powered into the end zone.

Instead of tying the game and going to overtime, Coach Kay, in his second year as the Mustang's head coach, opted to go for two against the way defense. It was certainly a gutsy call, yet most would not argue against it. However, as the play unfolded and pressure was building on Long, he threw an interception that was returned the distance for a score, adding two more points for the Mays and an interception that was returned the distance for a score, adding two more points for the Mavs and giving them a three point lead... and the ball. Seeing victory in hand, the Mavericks ran out the clock and won the game 40-43.

As bitter as the loss was, there was no time to lament. In a short week, the Mustangs take on the Spring Westfield Mustangs at home on Thursday night.



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### FALCONS,

ning and passing attack. Quarterback Jalen Hurts threw for 236 yards and two touchdowns and also ran for two scores. Andrew Baker was Channelyiew's Baker was Channelview's leading rusher with 90 yards and a touchdown, while Demontre Tuggle, Cristian Ramirez, Ashton Turner and Hurts helped account for the Falcons' 247 yards on the ground.

Etterious Giles was the Falcons' leading receiver with seven catches for 93 yards and a touchdown. Anthony Means snagged two touchdown catches on the night and Bishop Ozan caught a touchdown pass. Overall, the passing game was spread out among seven different receivers on the night.



Channelview running back Demontre Tuggle breaks loose for a 20-yard run during the first half of the Falcons' game against South Houston on Sept. 4.

(Photo by Mark Kramer, Channelview ISD)

### **HISTORICAL** SCRAPBOOK,

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This will be proudly displayed for all to see, so our Hornets can learn what made this school what it is today," said Ramirez.

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Through the years, to account for growth, safety and various repairs, the building has gone through a number of upgrades and additions; however, upon

receiving a tour by Ramirez, Cooper said, "Glad to know the old building is still here... if the walls could talk."

Well, the walls can't talk, but fortunately for the Hornets, they now have a book saying plenty about the rich history of their school.

