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CHANNEL **CURRENTS**

EPA updates community on Waste Pits dioxin sampling, cap repairs

Sen. Garcia endorsed by Reps. Hernandez and Green

HOUSTON, TX- State Representative Ana Hernandez endorsed Sylvia Garcia for the Democratic nomination for Congressional District 29, following the announcement by incumbent Congressman Gene Green that he would not be seeking re-election.

"Our community deserves leadership that honors Congressman Green's legacy of service while standing up for our values. From City Hall, to the Harris County Commissioners' Court, to the Texas Senate, Senator Garcia has been an unapologetic advocate for hard-working Texas families,"Hernandez said. "I'm proud to support her campaign for Congress and am ready to get to work ensuring she is elected to represent us in Washington."

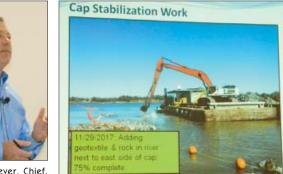
Rep. Gene Green endorses Sen. Sylvia Garcia for Congress!

It's an honor to have the support of Congressman Green in our bid for Congress. Gene's record of exemplary constituent services, dedication to working families, and staying rooted in the district we call home is an inspiration. There's no doubt it will be hard to fill his shoes, but I'm pleased he has the confidence in me to come after him. His endorsement will add even more energy to our already exciting campaign.

Congressman Gene Green has represented TX29 since 1993. Senator Garcia would be the first Latina to represent the district that covers much of Houston and eastern Harris County.



ask questions of the EPA staff present. Superfund Remedial Branch made a presentation to a full A slide presentation was made by John Meyer, EPA house last Monday night at the Highlands Community chief of the Superfund Remedial Branch. Also



WORK BARGE has been in the San Jacinto River for several weeks, operating day and night to repair the textile membrane and rock cover over the cap, and replace material that eroded in the channel during the flood from

staff, including the director of Region 6 Superfund sites, Carl Edlund. Others in the room represented TCEQ, Texas public health, Harris County Health department, solid waste department, and County Attorney Rock Owen.

Topics covered by Meyer included the ROD (Record of Decision), selected remedy, future activities, river channel stabilization work, and timetables.

The major points made by Meyer were that the ROD had changed in response to the almost 7000 public comments; the crite

See EPA MEETING, p.6

Jacinto City hosts annual Christmas Parade



L-R Councilmen Mario Gonzales, Gregg Robinson, and Allen Lee, Mayor Ana Diaz, State Representatives Armando Walle, and Ana Hernandez, Senator Sylvia Garcia, Helen Green, Congressman Gene Green, Pasadena Councilman Sammy Casados, Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, Sheriff Ed Gonzalez and Constable Chris Diaz. Foreground: Police Chief Joe Ayala



Santa's Helpers, dressed in Christmas colors with decorated wrapped

See more photos of Christmas Parade, page 8

Santa Claus treats Galena Park children

By Allan Jamail

present were other EPA

Saturday, December 2, 2017 the streets of Galena Park were running wild with hundreds of kids eager to meet Santa Claus (Raul Mejia). He traveled the city on the fire truck with its sirens blaring escorted by Fire Chief Paul Gre-





L – R: Mayor Esmeralda Moya, Anita Torres, Santa Claus, Mayra Gonzales with kids. Galena Park Children gets early visit

North Shore Mustangs advance Buckshot Jamboree still kickin' to State 6A Quarterfinals



The North Shore Mustangs football team defeated the Lamar High School Texans this past Friday and has advanced to the State 6A Quarterfinals!

They will take on the Katy Tigers on Saturday, December 9 at NRG Stadium. Game time is $2\,$ p.m. Presale tickets, which are 6 for students and 11 for adults, are available at the GPISD Athletic Office through Friday, December 8 at 6 p.m. All tickets at the gate will be \$15. Parking at NRG will be \$12. Go Mustangs!

with country music



BUCK AND SHIRLEY SLOAN and the Buckshot Jamboree continue to play country classics every Saturday night at 7 pm at their theater at 7414 Hartman, off Old Beaumont Highway near South Lake Houston Parkway. New players Charles Kirk and Roger Mann have joined regulars Dusty Stewart and Jerry Orvis to entertain the crowds. Don't miss this fun and thoroughly entertaining evening of old fashioned music

COMMUNITY NEWS

State sales tax revenue totaled \$2.8 Billion in November

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said today that state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.78 billion in November, 11.1 percent more than in November 2016.

"The double-digit growth in sales tax revenue compared to last were also up, reflecting

year was fueled, in part, by increased collections from oil- and natural gas-related sectors," Hegar said. "Recent higher oil prices have spurred increased well drilling and completion. Collections from retail trade and restaurants

growth in consumer spending."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in November 2017 was up 9.5 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax revenue is the largest source of state funding for the state

budget, accounting for 58 percent of all tax collections. Motor vehicle sales and rental taxes, motor fuel taxes and oil and natural gas production taxes also are large revenue sources for the state.

In November 2017, Texas collected the following revenue from those taxes:

• motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$415.3 million, up 9.2 percent from November 2016 (vehicle purchases to replace cars damaged by Hurricane Harvey continued to boost those tax collections);

• motor fuel taxes — \$308.2 million, up 1.7 percent from November 2016; and

• oil and natural gas production taxes — \$354.6 million, up 39.9 percent from November



TxDOT reports 1 in 4 Holiday crash fatalities involve drunk drivers

TxDOT's 'Plan While You Can' campaign aims to reduce crashes, save lives during holiday season

AUSTIN – During last year's holiday season,* approximately one in four deaths on Texas roadways were alcohol-related. In an effort to reduce these fatalities, the Texas Department of Transportation's "Plan While You Can" campaign reminds drivers to make planning a sober ride part of their holiday celebrations.

"Tragically, there are many families who experience the holidays without a loved one due to a drunk driver," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "We need to remember that each time someone dies or is seriously injured on our

roadways, it affects a family and an entire community. Don't make a bad decision that could cause heartache for your family and others. Make a plan to get home safely. It could save lives."

In 2016, there were 2,321 alcohol-related crashes in Texas during the holiday season.* Those crashes killed 82 people and seriously injured another 199.

The "Plan While You

The "Plan While You Can" campaign includes a statewide tour featuring an interactive dodgeball game where participants avoid incoming "snow balls" as virtual drinks are added to the screen. As more drinks are added, participants experience how drinking can slow their reaction times as onscreen avatars begin re-

sponding more slowly to their players' movements. The experience will visit eight Texas cities during December.

While drivers under the influence of alcohol risk killing or seriously injuring themselves or others, they also face up to \$17,000 in fines and fees, jail time and loss of their driver's license. As always, TxDOT strongly encourages everyone to plan for a sober ride before going out. Visit SoberRides.org to find alternatives to drinking and driving such as:

- ing and driving, such as:

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- driver.

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- ride-share service.

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Crosby man arrested for burns and injuries to a dog and a kennel



Edwin Jermaine Stewart

Harris County -- On Nov. 16, Crosby Fire Department requested investigators with the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office assist with a fire in the 12600 block of Crosby Lynchburg Rd. that injured a dog.

dog.

"Investigators determined Edwin Jermaine Stewart started a dog kennel on fire with an ignitable liquid while the dog was inside," said Chief Investigator Dean Hensley. "The canine sustained generalized scarring, lacerations, and ulcerations to 60 percent of its body. On Nov. 30, Stewart was charged with cruelty to a non-livestock animal."

"Thanks to tips from the public and Crime Stoppers, Steward was arested and booked into Harris County Jail," said Chief Investigator Dean Hensley. Crime Stoppers received multiple tips on Steward's location."

Stewart had an open, no bond warrant for his arrest.

The Harris County Fire Marshal's Office Investigations Division is responsible for fire, arson, and explosion investigations in unincorporated Harris County.

COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY EVENTS

End of the Year Celebration

Youth Mentoring Youth, Inc. will celebrate its 17th End of the Year Celebration. Saturday, December 9, 2017 at Christian Tabernacle, 13334 Wallisville Rd., Fellowship Hall in Main Bldg., Houston, TX 77049 from 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm.

Short program, children's certificates, awards, year end birthday celebrations, goodie bags given out. Dinner with

P.S. If you are bringing children please call or text Mrs. Tilda Scott at: 832-542- 9724; tell her how many. Please rsvp by Thursday, December 7th.

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-

North Shore Senior Dance

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

The Buckshot Jamboree

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

San Jacinto Pilot Club meeting

The Club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at Amegy Bank on I-10, at noon. For more information, please visit www.SanJacintoPilot.com.

Evening San Jacinto Pilot Club

This newly chartered club meets on on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Woodforest Presbyterian Church. For more information, see the Facebook page entitled Evening San Jacinto Pilot Club or call 832-264-1565 / 832-289-4762

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice of public sale of property to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale to be held at www.storagestuff.bid beginning at 6:00 am on December 22, 2017 and will conclude January 5, 2018 at 5:00 pm. All sales to the highest bidder; subject to additional terms noted on website.

Sierra Ranch Storage 8720 Sierra Ranch Dr Houston, Tx

Tenant Name: Framal Furtado. General description of property: bed, couch, folding chairs, mattress, stool, vacuum, baby items, bags, boxes, floor lamp, household items.

Galena Park ISD Community **Holiday Open** House

The community is invited to the Galena Park ISD Community Holiday Open House

Friday, December 8 , 2017 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at Galena Park ISD Administration Building (Board Room), 14705 Woodforest

Blvd., Houston, Texas 77015. Refreshments, student performances and Santa

Channelview ISD to host holiday **Open House**

The Channelview Independent School District will host its annual Christmas Open House and Wassail from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 14 at the Joyce Hendrix Educational Support Center, 828 Sheldon Road. The public is invited to this holiday event.

Musical entertainment will be provided during the day by elementary, junior high and high school students. Santa and Mrs. Claus will also be in attendance at

Santa & Kids,

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Santa greeted the kids who sat on his knee telling him what they want for Christmas, while Santa's helpers Rocio Moreno and Anita Torres passed out candy.

Mayor Esmeralda Moya, City Secretary Mayra Gonzales and Economical Development Director Jorge Flores visited with the parents at each stop. "Saturday, December

9th at 11 AM the city will have its 2nd Annual Christmas parade, Flores said.

The parade will start at Cana Tire, 2233 Clinton Drive, travel down Clinton, Main and 16th Street to the pavilion where there will be food, refreshments, and arts crafts vendors

North Shore Rotary News





Dr. Charles Grant presents a Rotary club banner from the Shanghai West Rotary club that he visited during his recent trip to China, to Adam Lund, president of the North Shore Rotary Club

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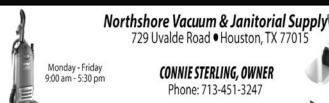
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OPINION PAGE

DPS reminds Texans of winter weather safety tips

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) encourages Texans in all regions of the state to make preparations for winter weather as we enter the cold weather

"While we've all heard the joke about Texas only having two seasons – hot and hotter – all Texans need to prepare now for the serious threats that the upcoming winter could bring," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Every year, Texas faces the dangers of winter weather conditions, including freezing temperatures, ice, sleet, and even snow. Texans are urged to stay informed about changing weather in their area and to take steps now to help stay safe during the coming months."

Texans should winterize their vehicles by checking the battery, windshield wipers (including appropriate freeze resistant-fluid), tire pressure, tire tread, fluid levels, and lubricate door and trunk locks to prevent freezing. In addition, here is a list of emergency supplies drivers can keep in their vehicle:

- Blankets/sleeping bags, extra clothing, gloves and a hat.
- · Cell phone, radio, flashlight and extra
- First-aid kit and pocket knife.
- High calorie, non-perishable food and bottled water.
- · Bag of sand or cat litter to provide traction for tires.
- Windshield scraper, tool kit, booster cables, tow rope and a shovel.

DPS offers the following additional tips for staying safe during possible winter weather:

- · Monitor local weather broadcasts and follow up-to-the-minute weather conditions, athttp:// www.weather.gov/.
- Purchase an allhazards weather radio for up-to-date warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information.
- Sign up for your local emergency notification system.
- · Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before any trip, and keep your gas tank full.

- On icy roads, drive slowly and increase distance required for stopping, and avoid using cruise control.
- · Watch for downed trees and power lines across roads. If power is out, treat all intersections as four-way stops.
- Allow extra time when traveling in inclement weather.
- Avoid traveling when sleet, freezing rain or snow is predicted, and monitor road conditions by visiting www.drivetexas.org or by calling 1-800-452-9292.
- Insulate outside faucets and pipes near outer walls.
- Make sure that furnaces, heaters, fireplace es and wood stoves are clean, well-ventilated and in good working condition.
- To prevent carbon monoxide poisoning, NEVER operate genera-tors and other fuelpowered devices inside a home or an enclosed space, such as a garage. The deadly odorless, colorless gas is produced any time a fossil fuel is burned, with sources including motor vehicle engines, generators and fuel-burning appliances or heating systems. Consider installing a carbon monoxide detector
- Make arrangements for proper shelter and an emergency supply of food and water for your pets
- Stock up on firewood and supplies, including canned goods and bottled
- If you will be away from home for a long period of time, set your thermostat to 55 degrees or higher and open cabinets under sinks.
- Make sure you have inclement weather contact numbers for schools and
- · Check on friends and amily members whose health or age may put them at greater risk from cold weather.

During the winter season, residents can contact 2-1-1 Texas, the state's free 24-hour helpline, to check on possible community-established warming centers or related services in their area. No matter where you live in Texas, you can dial 2-1-1 or 877-541-7905 for community



Highway fund, Rainy Day fund receive hefty infusions

AUSTIN — State Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Nov. 29 announced the transfer of \$1.47 billion into the State Highway Fund and the Economic Stabilization Fund, with \$734 million going into each fund.
The transfer was

enabled by Texas voters, who in the November 2014 constitutional amendment election passed a measure allocating at least half of the state's oil and gas production severance taxes to the "Rainy Day Fund" and the remainder to the State Highway
Fund for use on non-toll highway construction maintenance and right-of-way acquisitions.

The transfer brought the new balance of the Rainy Day Fund to \$10.98 billion. "The Rainy Day Fund is an impor-tant tool for our state because it allows us to maintain solid fiscal footing even during unforeseen circumstances, such as those our state encountered during Harvey," Hegar said.

"The governor and Legislature will deter-mine how best to use this important asset, but I think all Texans are glad this tool is in place. Similarly, the transfer into the State Highway Fund will continue to allow the state to address growing transportation needs to keep our economic engine running smoothly," Hegar added.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Cognizant to open

site
Gov. Greg Abbott on Nov. 30 announced Cognizant would open a new regional

technology and service delivery center in Irving in early 2018. Cognizant

is a Fortune 500 multinational corporation providing information technology, consulting and business

HIGHLIGHTS process services. The company has more than 3,600 employees in Texas

The governor's office made a Texas Enterprise Fund grant offer of \$2.1 million to Cognizant and said the firm plans to create 1,090 new jobs based out of the new facility. The company made a capital invest ment of more than \$8 million, according to the governor's office.

Effort aims for

safety
The Texas Department
of Transportation on Nov.
30 said that during last year's holiday season, about one in four deaths on Texas roadways were alcohol-related.

From Dec. 1 through Jan. 1 this year, TxDOT's "Plan While You Can" campaign is reminding drivers to make planning

a sober ride part of their holiday celebrations. "Tragically, there are many families who experience the holidays without a loved one due to a drunk driver," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "We need to remember that each time someone dies or is seriously injured on our roadways it affects a family and an entire community. Don't make a bad decision that could cause heartache for your family and others. Make a plan to get home safely. It could save lives."
In 2016, there were

2.321 alcohol-related crashes in Texas from Dec. 1 to Jan. 1. Those crashes killed 82 people and seriously injured another 199, TxDOT said.

Fund grows by billions The State Board of

Education on Nov. 30 announced that the Texas Permanent School Fund has reached a record high value of \$41.44 billion.

Already the nation's largest educational endowment, the Texas Permanent School Fund gained \$4.16 billion in value in fiscal year 2016-2017, which ended Aug.

31.
"During the 2018-2019
"Dermanent biennium, the Permanent School Fund is projected to distribute \$2.5 billion to Texas schools," said State Board of Education chair of the board's

Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund. "This is the largest distribution in the

Fund's 163-year history

State

and is \$400 higher than the distribution made in the 2016-2017 biennium," he added.

Paxton joins court briefs Texas Attorney

General Ken Paxton on Dec. 1 announced that he has joined a 12-state effort led by West Virginia to defend the right of states to prohibit abor-tion after 20 weeks of pregnancy. Paxton said Texas also joined a 20-state coalition led by Wisconsin to prevent discriminatory abortion based on disability,

gender and race.
"States have a valid interest in protecting the dignity of human life and defending human life at all stages of development. No society should tolerate brutal abortion proce-dures or killing an unborn child based on discriminatory beliefs regarding disability, gender or race," Paxton

Trees go up in Capitol House Speaker Joe

Straus's office on Nov. 27 announced the display of a 23-foot Christmas tree in the House Chamber. On Nov. 30, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick announced the display of a 24-foot Christmas tree in the Senate Chamber.

Ornaments from each of the state's 150 House districts were used to decorate the House tree. used for the Senate tree.

Top five tips to stay fit this Holiday Season

(NAPSI)—While visions of sugarplums may be dancing in your head, don't let your fitness and diet goals get pushed to the side during

For many, it is the season of overindulgence-from holiday parties complete with decadent sweets and cocktails, to unexpected dinners out with friends and family However treats should be balanced with nutritious options and a healthy fitness routine. Don't let shortterm temptation derail you from achieving your long-term health goals in 2018.

Sims Corbett, certified national trainer with SilverSneakers, the nation's leading fitness community for older adults, offers the following tips to enjoy yourself this holiday season while keeping your fitness goals top of mind:

- 1. Make treats exactly that, a treat: Avoid hovering by the dessert table all night. Allow yourself one treat per holiday party and then seek out healthy options, such as a veggie tray. Or, better yet, split desserts with friends so that you can enjoy all the flavors while staying on track with calories.
- 2. Make time for exercise: While the holidays are a busy time, set time aside each week to exercise. If you have family in town, gather the group together and go for walks each morning. You can catch up with each other as you get your steps in, and set an example for your young est family members.
- 3. Don't skip meals: Don't starve yourself in preparation for the big holiday dinner. Breakfast is an important part of your day to kick-start metabolism. Further, eat healthy snacks throughout the day to boost your metabolism.
- 4. Try a new exercise class: The excitement of trying something new can spark even more motivation to work out. Make the holiday season the time to try a class you've been thinking about. \\
- 5. Recruit a workout buddy: It's much harder to skip a workout when you have a friend who is relying on you to participate. Find a friend who can share your fitness routine during the holiday season and keep you accountable to your

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LIFESTYLE



William "Bill" Floyd Nash Sr.

William "Bill" Floyd Nash, 72, of Crosby passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, November 26, 2017, surrounded by family following a long, courageous battle with Parkinson's disease

He is preceded in death by his father, Woodrow Wilson and mother Norma Ray Nash Terry of Louisi-

He leaves behind his be loved wife of 49 years, Diana of Crosby; his son William "Billy" Floyd Jr., wife Shannon and grandchildren Meagan, Madison and Trey of Crosby; his son Mark Sr., wife Wendy and grandchildren Mark Jr., Blake, Michael and Ashlynn of Atascocita; brother Melvin "Bo" Nash of Cleveland, sister Nan Peterson of Phoenix, Arizona, and brother Robert "Bobby" Nash, wife Pam of Trinity; and numerous

nieces and nephews. Born March 5, 1945, in Pasadena, Texas, Bill grew up hunting in the bayous with his childhood friend. He and Harold "Doc" Wagers were known as the "Last of the Mohicans" for using longbows to hunt as kids. He enjoyed fishing and bird hunting as an adult, and some of his greatest memories were those he made while helping his boys with their show animals.



Bill had many accomplishments during his time here, but next to being a loving husband and father, few were as important to him as serving the youth of the community. He served as the Crosby 4H Club Manager, was the Project Swine Leader, the President of the Crosby Sports Association and was a youth baseball coach Bill also served as the Assistant Cub Master under Carl Coleman for Crosby Cub Scouts Pack #264 and was a member of the Optimus Club of Crosby which supported the Boys & Girls Harbor of LaPorte. He was a lifetime member of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and was a charter member of the Crosby Go Texan committee under Don Nichols. Bill was a member of the Sampson Mason Lodge, and the Crosby American Legion Hall. He

also taught classes at San Jacinto Community College. Bill made a living as a Piping Designer and Supervisor and retired from Brown & Root.

Bill was proud to serve his country in the Navy on the USS Midway and was a Vietnam Veteran. He was deployed to Japan, Korea, Okinawa, the Philippines, Taiwan, and orth and South Vietnam. He received an Honorable Discharge on June 10,

The family wishes to thank his caregivers, Virgie Green, Dianna Sabala and Denise Wise for their love, kindness, and service

Serving as Pallbearers are Jason Douglas, Shane Borom, Robert Nash, John Hynes, Stephen Hynes and Allen Hynes.

Visitation will be held Friday, December 1, 2017, from 5-8 p.m. at Sterling-White Funeral Home at 110011 Crosby Lynchburg Rd., Highlands. Funeral services will be Saturday, December 2, 2017, at 10 a.m. at Sterling-White Funeral Home, and graveside services will be at 1:30 at Ryan Cemetery on 321 between Dayton and Cleveland.

He lived out the dash between his birth and death dates to the fullest as a loving husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, and community member. He leaves behind a legacy of service and love and will be greatly missed by family and friends.
"What matters is how

we live and love, and how we spend our dash." - Linda Ellis

Albin Frank Kulak



Albin Frank Kulak, 88 passed away peacefully at his home in Crosby on No vember 30, 2017. Born January 28, 1929, Albin was raised in Crosby and graduated from Crosby High School in 1947. He served in the US Army, received a draftsman degree from Lee College in Baytown, and was employed by Ashland Oil and Exxon Chemical,

where he retired in 1993. He was a longtime and faithful parishioner of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Crosby. Albin was the only son of Frank and Lydia Marek Kulak and the beloved husband of Lillian Frances Smesny. He will forever be remembered by his devoted wife of 66 years; their beloved children and spouses Dianne & Leonard Vvoral. Janis & Marshall Loftin, Gail & Alan Mason, Lori & Allen Shamblin, and Alan & Julie Kulak; 14 grand-children and 4 great grandchildren; and loving caregiver Barbara Ringo.
Albin touched the lives

of many people with his kind heart and giving spirit. Friends and family are invited to attend a memorial service on Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 1:00PM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 915 Runneberg Road, Crosby, Tex

BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

- 1. Is the book of Matthew in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. Where did the angel Gabriel appear to Mary saying, "Blessed art thou among women."? Nazareth, Tyre,
- 3. From Luke, the reason Jesus was born in Bethlehem was that His "father" had to attend ... ? Feast, Fast, Sacrifice, Census
- 4. Who was Herod's information source as to where the Christ Child was to be born? Joseph, Reuben, Micah,
- 5. For the journey to Bethlehem, how did Mary and Joseph travel? Bible not specific, Walked, Rode donkey,
- 6. Of these, which wasn't a gift from the wise men (Magi)? Silver, Myrrh, Gold, Frankincens

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Nazareth; 3) Census; 4) Micah; 5) Bible not specific; 6) Silver



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ASK DIAMOND JIM

Once a year, millions of children around the world eagerly wait for a plump, bearded man dressed in red and white to bring them presents. Known as Santa Claus, his origins are mysterious and his very existence has been disputed. Some people believe that he lives and works in the North Pole, employs a group of elves to manufacture toys, distributes the gifts annually with the aid of flying reindeer, and regularly utters "ho ho ho" in a

commanding voice.
But is Santa Claus man or
myth? Santa believers argue that
he is commonly sighted at
shopping malls, that the
disappearance of milk and
cookies left for him is evidence of
his existence, and that, after all,
those Christmas gifts have to
come from somewhere.

Santa skeptics argue that no one man could deliver presents to millions of households in one night, that his toy factory has never been located in the vicinity of the North Pole, and that Christmas presents are really purchased in secret by parents.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy... He lives and he lives

forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood." (New York Sun editorial, Sep. 21, 1897)

Mountains of historical data

and more than 50 years of NORAD tracking information leads us to believe that Santa Claus is alive and well in the hearts of people throughout the world... Based on flight profile data gathered from over 50 years of NORAD's radar and satellite tracking, NORAD concludes that Santa probably stands about 5 feet 7 inches tall and weighs approximately 260 pounds (before cookies). Based on fighter-aircraft photos, we know he has a generous girth (belly), rosy cheeks from sleigh riding in cold weather, and a flowing

white beard.

NORAD can confirm that
Santa's sleigh is a versatile, all
weather, multi-purpose, vertical
short-take-off and landing
vehicle. It is capable of
traveling vast distances without
refueling and is deployed, as
far as we know, only on
December 24th (and sometimes briefly for a test flight
about a month before
Christmas)." (North American
Aerospace Defense Command
(NORAD), Dec. 2014)

"Science has long shown that Santa Claus is real, and those who claim otherwise are invariably in the pocket of the big toy companies, who don't want people thinking they can get free playthings and so will pay for their products. But the evidence is beyond any reasonable doubt, and the arguments of the Santa deniers have been repeatedly debunked...

Admittedly, the whole 'flying

reindeer' thing does seem very far-fetched, and this is a fair accusation. Investigations suggest that the flying reindeer image is a distortion of the truth, in that reindeer are native to the Arctic so Santa may well keep reindeer on his premises and perhaps they did pull his sleigh originally. But there is substantial evidence now to suggest that Santa powers his sled with the energy obtained from a precisely controlled quantum singularity. Basically, Santa has access to a small black hole, which he uses to perform his duties." (Dean Burnett, PhD (neuroscientist), "Santa Claus Deniers: Why Do They Get So Much Airtime?," The Guardian

website, Dec. 11, 2014)
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had been reduced from 200 ppt (parts per trillion) to 30 ppt, representing a much safer final environment; the design of the "dry" excavation will now include cofferdams to prevent any releases; therefore cost had increased from \$97 million to \$115 million, and construction time had increased from 19 months to

27 months; damage to the site from flooding after

Hurricane Harvey had been evaluated, with 1000

survey points, and sampling of debris for toxins.

The major affect that the flooding had was erosion of the rock cover, exposure of the textile lining, and the "scouring" of the river bed on the east edge to a depth of 10 feet. However, Meyer said, only one sample site exceeded allowable tolerances, and no dioxin leaks were detected

in the river water.

Meyer said that a total of 6500 square feet were

repaired on the cap surface, and 200 square feet below waterlline. Repairs were also required on cameras and fences

eras and fences.

An area outside the cap, in the river channel, also required repair to keep the cap from slipping into the channel. New geotextile was installed, with a rock cover 3 to 8 feet thick. Meyer showed a map of these areas, and a cross section drawing of how the rock fill would stabilize the cap.

Meyer reviewed a Path

to Clean-up, and a timeline. He said the whole process will take 2 to 2-1/2 years, including Remedial Design, negotiations with the Responsible Parties, a request for an from the PRP to conduct the cleanup, and another 6 to 12 months of negotiations. A Question and Answer

A Question and Answer period followed, with about 25 attendees asking for information.

It was noted that a large contingent from Galveston

had attended, concerned about toxic releases that would travel down the bay and pollute their water quality, and also about environment problem sites in their vicinity. They strongly requested that EPA hold a public meeting in Galveston to address some of these concerns.

Several of the questions stated that the public wants the schedule shortened, and some work started now. Meyer assured them that with EPA director Scott Pruitt directly involved, including his site visit on September 15, that as much attention and effort as possible was being exerted on the timeline.

Scott Jones of the Galveston Bay Foundation made one of the most notable remarks of the meeting, stating "the next storm could be worse than Harvey," emphasizing the need for a quick resolution.

Questions from the audience:



Audience attendee



Jon Powell, candidate



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The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Barbers Hill ISD's rating on the State's financial accountability system.

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GOOSE CREEK CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Data Control Codes		General Fund		Debt Service Fund		Capital Projects Fund		Non-Major overnmental Funds	G	Total Sovernmental Funds
Coucs	REVENUES:	runu		runa		runa		Tulius		Tunus
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 130,755,538	\$	29,106,747	\$	847,307	\$	6,547,757	\$	167,257,349
5800	State Program Revenues	82,527,114		735,411				3,003,646		86,266,171
5900	Federal Program Revenues	3,368,239				-		20,928,753		24,296,992
5020	Total Revenues	216,650,891		29,842,158		847,307		30,480,156		277,820,512
	EXPENDITURES:					,				
Cu	rrent:									
0011	Instruction	118,204,221				2,865,879		10,522,054		131,592,154
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	2,082,320		-		1,378,515		5,809		3,466,644
0013	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	2,061,224				-		2,523,604		4,584,828
0021	Instructional Leadership	3,888,379		-		-		206,196		4,094,575
0023	School Leadership	12,298,384				-		-		12,298,384
0031	Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	6,354,569				-		548,359		6,902,928
0032	Social Work Services	891,129								891,129
0033	Health Services	1,922,297								1,922,297
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	8,830,218		-		1,730,780		-		10,560,998
0035	Food Services	-		-		-		12,839,437		12,839,437
0036	Extracurricular Activities	4,382,008		-		-		1,063,396		5,445,404
0041	General Administration	6,354,047		-		-				6,354,047
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	26,019,681		-		1,012,227		307,094		27,339,002
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	2,648,769		-		189,976		-		2,838,745
0053	Data Processing Services	3,435,750		-		22,452		-		3,458,202
0061	Community Services	147,764		-		-		1,632,997		1,780,761
	bt Service:									
0071	Principal on Long Term Debt	589,442		16,060,000		-		-		16,649,442
0072	Interest on Long Term Debt	97,547		20,637,271		-		-		20,734,818
0073	Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-		20,800		-		-		20,800
	pital Outlay:									
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	389,649				40,215,182				40,604,831
Int	ergovernmental:									
0095	Payments to Juvenile Justice Alternative Ed. Prg.	19,800						-		19,800
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges	1,177,179		-		-		-		1,177,179
6030	Total Expenditures	201,794,377		36,718,071		47,415,011		29,648,946		315,576,405
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)									
	Expenditures	14,856,514		(6,875,913)		(46,567,704)		831,210		(37,755,893
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):									
7915	Transfer In	299,000		6,500,000		3,501,793				10,300,793
8911	Transfers Out (Use)	(10,001,793)		-		(299,000)				(10,300,793
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(9,702,793)		6,500,000		3,202,793				
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	5,153,721		(375,913)		(43,364,911)		831,210		(37,755,893
0100	Fund Balance - July 1 (Beginning)	68,078,793		28,402,648		113,980,186		4,012,213		214,473,840
3000	Fund Balance - June 30 (Ending)	\$ 73,232,514	e	28,026,735	•	70,615,275	æ	4,843,423	æ	176,717,947

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement



French Limited Superfund Site **Public Notice** cy, Region 6

December 2017

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6 (EPA) has completed the Fifth five-year review of remedy implementation and performance at the French Limited Superfund site (Site) in Crosby, Texas. Between 1950 and 1973, site uses included sand mining and industrial waste storage and disposal. Site facilities were permitted to accept industrial wastes from 1966 to 1971.

Site activities contaminated groundwater, surface water, soil and sludge with hazardous chemicals and heavy metals. The site-wide remedy included in-situ biodegradation of sludges and soils in a lagoon, stabilization of residues and on-site disposal, surface water discharge to the San Jacinto River after treatment, backfilling of lagoon and contouring, groundwater pump and treat, to prevent human exposure.

The five-year review concluded that the remedy for the Site is protective in the short term because there is currently no exposure to human health and the environment. The five-vear review specifies the actions that need to be taken for the remedy to be protective over the long term.

EPA completed the five-year review for the Site in September 2017. The next five-year review is required by September 2022. A copy of the 2017 Fifth Five-Year Review can be viewed at the following document repository

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The Fifth Five-Year Report is also available at https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/06/100003584

Site status updates are available on the Internet at https://www.epa.gov/superfund/french-ltd

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