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HUOUSTON, TX: State Representative Ana Hernandez and State Senator 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.

“Gene was an eloquent, articulate, and compassionate advocate for hard-working Texas families,” Hernandez said. “I’m proud to support his campaign for Congress, and am ready to get to work ensuring he is elected to represent us in Washington.”


It’s an honor to have the support of Congress- man Green in our bid for Congress. Gene’s record of exemplary constituent services, dedication to working families, and deep 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 Texas since 1993. Senator Garcia would be the first Latina to represent the Houston and eastern Harris County.

HIGHLANDS – The EPA (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency) held a much-anticipated Community Involvement Meeting last Monday night at the Highlands Community Center. Over 500 people from both sides of the San Jacinto River and over 20 municipalities gathered to hear the latest news about the Superfund Remedial Project.

A slide presentation was made by John Meyer, EPA Chief of the Superfund Ben- efit and Compensation Branch. Also present were other EPA

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Santa Claus treats Galena Park children

By Allan Jamail

Saturday, December 2, 2017 the streets of Galena Park were run- ning wild with hundreds of kids eager to meet Santa Claus (Raul Mejia). He traveled the city on the fire truck with the parade Marshal, escorted by Fire Chief Paul Gog- gory.

North Shore Mustangs advance
to State 6A Quarterfinals

The North Shore Mustangs football team defeated the Lamine High School Toucans 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. Praise tickets, which are $10 for students and $15 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 $15. Go Mustangs!

Buckshot Jamboree still kickin’ with country music

BUCK AND SHIRLEY SLOAH and the Buckshot Jamboree continue to play country classics every Saturday night at 7 p.m. at their theater at 7414 Hartman, off Old Beaumont Highway near South Lake Houston Parkway. New players Charles Kirk and Roger Meal have joined the band. The four members of the band are: Steve Sloan, Buckshot (vocals and guitar); Shirley Sloan,键盘手; Charles Kirk, guitarist; and Roger Meal, bassist. The band will be playing the following songs:

- “On the Wings of a Dove”
- “Tennessee Whiskey”
- “Forty-Five”
- “On the Corner of 14th and Green”
- “Goin’ Back Home”
- “Heaven and Hell”
- “Ain’t No Drinkin’”
- “Last Thing on My Mind”
- “It’s Okay”
- “Sittin’ by the Fire”
- “My Heart’s in the Wild”

Stay tuned for more information about the Buckshot Jamboree and their upcoming performances. You can also follow them on Facebook for more updates.

EPA updates community on Waste Pits dioxin sampling, cap repairs

The major points made by Meyer were that the cap was removed, they will repair the cap, and replace material that eroded in the channel during the flood from Hurricane Harvey.

The EPA’s John Meyer, Chief, Superfund Remedial Branch, gave a presentation to a full house last Monday night at the Highlands Community Center.

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Santa Helpers, dressed in Christmas costumes with decorated wrapped presents.

Santa Hats & Kids, page 2

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Santa helpers at the Galena Park Museum.

Santa Hat, page 2

Santa Helper, dressed in Christmas costume with decorated wrapped presents.
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 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 were also up, reflecting 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 — $354.6 million, up 39.9 percent from November 2016; and oil and natural gas production taxes — $134.6 million, up 39.9 percent from November 2016; continued to boost those tax collections; oil and natural gas production taxes — $134.6 million, up 39.9 percent from November 2016;

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**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**End of the Year Celebration**
Youth Mentoring Youth, Inc. will celebrate its 17th End of the Year Celebration on Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 15760 Wilcrest Drive, Houston, TX 77095. Children will enjoy games, presents, and a Christmas pageant. Refreshments to follow. Call 713-451-1733 for more information.

**North Shore Senior Dance**
North Shore Seniors hold a dance every Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Cypress/Baird Building, Cypress Christi Street. Live bands and refreshments. Cost is $5 per person. For more information call 713-455-7320.

**San Jacinto Pilot Club meeting**
The Club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 12:00 noon. For more information, please call 281-447-0729 or 281-447-1500.

**Trip Israel**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**
Notice of public sale of property to satisfy a landlord’s lien. Sale to be held at www.storageseektebidders.com beginning at 6:00 am on December 22, 2017 and will conclude on January 5, 2018 at 5:00 pm. All sales to the highest bidder, subject to additional terms noted on website.

**Santa & Kids**
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**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.


## Emergency Safety

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) encourages Texans in all regions of the state to make preparations now for the dangers of winter weather. With freezing temperatures, ice, snow, and high winds expected, Texans are urged to stay informed about changing weather in their area and to take steps now to help ensure they’re prepared for “THE COMING WINTER.”

### Winter Weather Safety Tips

- **Prepare a winter emergency kit**
  - Include items such as food, water, clothing, a flashlight, and a radio.
  - Don’t forget essentials like medications and necessary documents.

- **Check the weather forecast**
  - Stay updated on the latest conditions and forecasts to plan ahead.

- **Stay informed**
  - Use trusted sources like National Weather Service (NWS) alerts.

- **Use indoor heat wisely**
  - Don’t overheat your home to avoid high costs and potential electrical issues.

- **Know your area’s winter weather patterns**
  - Understand the specific risks for your location.

### Driving Safety

- **Drive safely**
  - Slow down, increase following distance, and allow extra time to react to changing conditions.

- **Use a winter tire**
  - Ensure your tires are suitable for the conditions.

- **Avoid driving during the storm**
  - Plan ahead to avoid being caught in dangerous situations.

### Home Preparedness

- **Keep your home safe**
  - Check for and fix any potential hazards before the season starts.

- **Prepare an emergency plan**
  - Have a plan in place for yourself and your family.

### Community Resources

- **Stay informed**
  - Use resources like the National Weather Service (NWS) for up-to-date information.

- **Support local organizations**
  - Consider volunteering or donating to local groups.

### Personal Preparedness

- **Stay warm and hydrated**
  - Dress in layers and stay hydrated to maintain your body’s warmth.

- **Check on neighbors**
  - Look out for those who may need extra assistance.

- **Plan ahead**
  - Make sure you have enough supplies to last you through the winter.

DPS reminds Texans of the important steps they can take to prepare for the upcoming winter could到来. It is crucial to start preparing now to ensure you are ready for the challenges that winter weather brings. Stay informed, stay prepared, and stay safe throughout the winter months.

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**Letter to Santa,**

Dear Santa,

Thank you for your kindness during this season of giving. I hope you have a wonderful holiday and a happy New Year! I would like to ask for a few things for my family.

1. I would love to have a new set of winter clothes, especially warm mittens and a hat.
2. For my younger brother, I would appreciate a new book to read during long winter nights.
3. For our pet, we would love to have a new dog bed and some new toys.
4. For myself, I would love a new game to play on my tablet.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to help make your job easier. Thank you so much for all that you do.

With gratitude,

[Your Name]
Albin Frank Kulak, 89, passed away peacefully at his home in Crosby on Saturday, December 2, 2017. He was a Vietnam Veteran. He was born in the USS Midway and served on the AEF during World War II. He died at home in Crosby on November 27, 2017.

The family wishes to thank their caregivers, Dave, Marie and Brian for their love, kindness, and service to Bill.

Serivings will be held Friday, December 1, 2017, from 5-8 p.m. at Sterling-Hunt Funeral Home in Crosby, Texas. The family will receive friends from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, December 2, 2017, at Sterling-Hunt Funeral Home in Crosby, Texas.

A service to celebrate Bill’s life will be held Saturday, December 2, 2017, at 10 a.m. at Sterling-Hunt Funeral Home in Crosby, Texas. Burial will be at Texas Cemeteries in Texas City, Texas.

He lived out the rest of his life with great success and a loving family and children.

Bill had many accomplishments during his lifetime and was a charter member of the钢琴设计 and Supervised and retired from the South Dakota.

Bill was proud to serve his country in the Navy on the USS Midway and was awarded the Vietnam Veteran. He was deployed to Japan, Korea, Okinawa, the Philippines, Taiwan, and the US for their love, kindness, and service to Bill.

Serving as Pallbearers: Aran Douglas, Shane Barrow, Robert Nash, John Byers, Stephan Byrnes and Allan Byrnes.

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“Diamond Jim...Is There Really a Santa Claus?”

Once a year, millions of children wait expectantly for the jolly, bearded man dressed in red and white to bring them presents. Known as Santa Claus, his single is mysterious and his very existence has been a subject of debate for many. It is generally accepted that he lives and works in the North Pole, an area of vast lands where he is thought to reside. But is Santa Claus as firmly established as many believe?

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questions from the audience:

1. "Why do people continue to believe in Santa Claus, even though there is no definitive proof of his existence?"

2. "Is the existence of Santa Claus supported by any scientific evidence?"

3. "What role does Santa Claus play in the Christmas season and its traditions?"

4. "Is the image of Santa Claus accurate, or has it been exaggerated over time?"

5. "What impact has the depiction of Santa Claus had on popular culture and society?"

6. "How have perceptions of Santa Claus changed over time?"

7. "Are there any scientific studies or research on the effects of believing in Santa Claus?"

8. "What evidence is there to support the traditional story of Santa Claus, and how does this relate to modern interpretations of his role?"

9. "How has the portrayal of Santa Claus evolved in media and advertising over the years?"

10. "What role does the story of Santa Claus play in the celebration of the Christmas holiday?"
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

TO DISCUSS BARBERS HILL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT’S STATE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING

Barbers Hill ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m., Monday, December 18, 2017, in the C. T. Joseph Conference Center, 9600 Eagle Drive, Mont Belvieu, TX.

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

Barbers Hill ISD is requesting bids for Internet Access and Internal Connections. Additional information is available at www.crwconsulting.com/rfp. Bids will be opened 1/4/18 at 2:00 pm at the BHISD Technology Building.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters of Administration for Docket No. 459,854; Estate of KATHLEEN KOSE, Deceased; In Probate Court No. 2, of Harris County, Texas, Deceased, were issued on October 5, 2017.

LOGAN WILSON

The residence address of the administrator is in Harris County, Texas. The mailing address is: c/o Weston Cotten 5223 Garth Rd. Baytown, TX 77521

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated this November 27, 2017.

by WESTON COTTEN

Attorney for the Estate

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters of Administration for Docket No. 459,855; Estate of JAMES RAYMOND STEWART, Deceased; In Probate Court No. 2, of Harris County, Texas, Deceased, were issued on October 30, 2017.

THOMAS JACOB STEWARD

The residence address of the administrator is in Harris County, Texas. The mailing address is: c/o Weston Cotten 5223 Garth Rd. Baytown, TX 77521

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated this November 30, 2017.

by WESTON COTTEN

Attorney for the Estate

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters of Administration for Docket No. 459,856; Estate of WESLEY RAYMOND BARKS, Deceased; In Probate Court No. 2, of Harris County, Texas, Deceased, were issued on November 1, 2017.

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Attorney for the Estate
Jacinto City Christmas Celebration

Jacinto City Elementary, "WE ARE JC TIGERS" choir entertaining with Christmas carols.

Galena Park High School Jacketeers (Best Marching & Walking)

Mireya Aguilar receives a gift from Santa Claus (Blake Cooper)

All photos by Allan Jamail

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Jacinto City Christmas Celebration

Mayor Ana Díaz with trophy recipients:
L - R - Most Original Float - JC 3 year old Pre-School - Sofia Garcia
Mayors Choice Float - JC 4 year old Pre-School - Karina Miranda
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