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Jacinto City, Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 8 AM – 1 PM @ 1025 Oates Rd. / WWW.JACINTOCITY-TX.GOV

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

North Channel Area Community Clean-Up sponsored by Congressman Gene Green 29th District. Saturday, April 14, 2018, Kick-off @ 9:00am, North Shore Community Fellowship of Faith, 444 Maxey Rd. Houston, TX 77013. To report areas to be included in the cleanup call 281-999-5879.

GP/JC ROTARY CLUB CAKE AUCTION

April 17, 2018, 11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. Live Auction. at Heritage Hall, 1025 Oates Rd. Houston, TX 77029.

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Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 10 AM, 10346 Fairfax, Calvary Baptist Church of Jacinto City, everyone welcome.

EPA announces San Jacinto River Waste Pits cleanup agreement

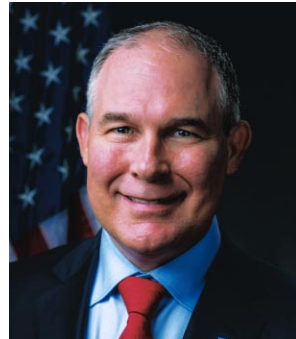
EAST HARRIS COUNTY – Environmental activists and residents of the areas around the San Jacinto River Waste Pits praised the announcement Monday that the PRP (Potential Responsible Parties) had come to an agreement with the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) to start the engineering design work required to implement the ROD (Record Of Decision) that called for the removal of all of the toxic waste from the site.

The EPA press release announcement read as follows:

DALLAS – (April 9, 2018) Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced

that an agreement has been reached with International Paper Company and McGinnes Industrial Maintenance Corporation to perform a remedial design for the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site selected remedy. The selected cleanup action addresses the potential dangers posed by dioxin contamination at the site in Harris County, Texas.

“This agreement marks the next step in my commitment to the people of Harris County to expedite the remediation of the San Jacinto Waste Pits site,” said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. “EPA will ensure that the remedial design removes all the



SCOTT PRUITT
EPA ADMINISTRATOR

contamination as quickly and safely as possible and permanently protects the health and safety of the surrounding communities and the San Jacinto River.”

The EPA’s cleanup plan, with support from state partners and the U.S.

Army Corps of Engineers, includes installing engineering controls before excavating approximately 212,000 cubic yards of dioxin contaminated material for disposal. The estimated cost for the remedy is \$115 million, representing a reasonable value for the cost incurred.

The agreement is a result of expedited negotiations between EPA and representatives from both International Paper Company and McGinnes Industrial Maintenance Corporation for design of the cleanup. The remedial design is estimated to take about 29 months to complete to ensure waste is safely and properly contained during construction

and removal. The design work will be performed by the companies under the oversight of EPA and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The current quarterly cap inspection and maintenance program will continue while the remedial design is being completed.

EPA’s decision is based on extensive studies of the contamination, and human health and environmental risks of this site. The final cleanup plan considers the ever-changing San Jacinto River, which encroaches on the site, while protecting important downstream re

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GP/JC CIP displays Emergency equipment & planning

By Allan Jamail

GALENA PARK – Unknown to most Harris County residents, representatives from cities and county governments meet monthly with industries to plan for an emergency disaster event on how to better protect the citizenry.

The Galena Park-Jacinto City Community-Industry Partnership (CIP) met with Diane Sheridan CIP

Pictured to the right, David Wade Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (Harris County), - Southeast Texas Regional Advisory Council Philip Cutler, Chris Collier, Mayor Esmeralda Moya & Austen McMillian. Mayor Moya said, “I fully support the Galena Park-Jacinto City Community-Partnership (CIP) which if there’s a disaster it will protect and save citizens lives. It’s all about the citizens.” In the background is a portable emergency hospital and in a time of need it can be quickly erected in less than an hour with 16 hospital beds to treat victims and to provide doctors and medical personnel with everything needed to stabilize victims until they can be transferred to a hospital.



Photo by Allan Jamail

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Channelview FFA auction highlights successful show

The 55th annual Channelview FFA Livestock Show celebrated another successful year as the auction highlighted the conclusion of the event at the Allen Hall Fairgrounds on April 7.

Many livestock, horticulture and craft exhibits were featured during the week. Auction highlights included the bidding of the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion steers. Madisyn Beach’s Grand Champion Steer earned \$5,500 with a winning bid by Channelview Glass. Colton Taylor’s Reserve Champion Steer was purchased for \$8,000 by Yates Remodeling.

Other major winners and their buyers included:

Grand Champion Hog: Cori McCloskey
Buyer: Cedillo Tax, \$2,000

Grand Champion Goat: Madisyn Beach
Buyer: Russell Marine, \$1,250

Grand Champion Horticulture: Leonardo Velasco Alvarez
Buyer: Community Bank of Texas, \$600

Grand Champion Meat Pen Rabbits: Cori McCloskey
Buyer: Kenneth Willis, \$1,900

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The annual Channelview FFA Auction was held on Saturday, April 7 at Allen Hall Fairgrounds. The ceremonies opened with the Presentation of Colors by the Channelview FFA Officers. One of the highlights of the auction was the bidding of the Madisyn Beach’s Grand Champion Steer, left, Channelview Glass secured the steer with a winning bid of \$5,500.

(Photos by Mark Kramer, Channelview ISD)

Domecoming: Public parties in the Astrodome

HOUSTON – Fans of the Astrodome brought their memories to a large party Monday night, inside the famed Dome.

The Astrodome Conservancy held the party, and at least 25,000 fans showed up, to hear music, eat some food truck grub, and mostly just stare at the cavernous space and relive their memories of the last time they saw a game or event there.

It was the 53rd Anniversary of this so-called Eighth Wonder of the World, which is about to gain a new life as an indoor park and event space for the County.

Commissioner’s Court in February approved a \$105 million plan to reno-

vate the Dome, and work will start in the fall, so this is the last time the Dome would be available to see it the way it was when it opened in 1965.

Phoebe Tudor, chair of the Astrodome Conservancy, said that this event was so popular that the 25,000 tickets sold out in less than two hours. Tickets were free, too.

Fans remembered when the Dome was the home of the Astros, from 1965 to 1999, and the Oilers from 1968 to 1996. In 2009 building inspectors ruled the building unsafe, and it has been closed since then.

The revitalization plan calls for an underground parking garage, with 9

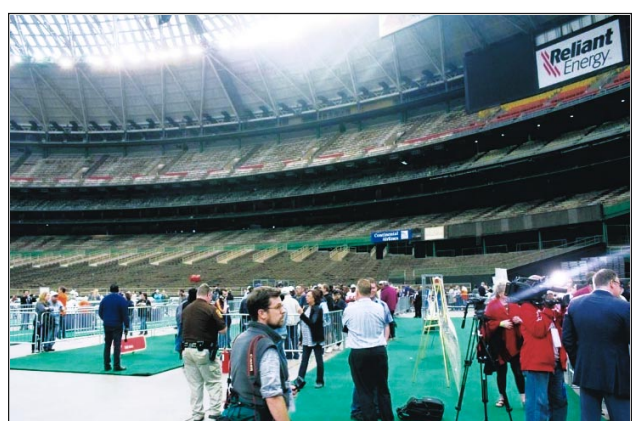


25,000 Fans gathered for the Dome tour.

acres of park space above at street level.

The new Dome will be available for festivals, conferences, and commercial

space, according to County Judge Ed Emmett. It will also be a passive and recreational park, under an air-conditioned dome,



Some new, some old fans gazed up at the space.

another first for the city and the country. Emmett also envisions that the space can be used as an adjunct to NRG center, for

boat shows, auto shows, and the Rodeo. Construction will start in October, and last for 17 months.

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ON 15TH HOLE in cul-de-sac! Split level home with large living room, formal dining (currently being used as office), open breakfast and kitchen with a spacious master bedroom with French doors leading to balcony overlooking the 15th Hole. \$184,900

STUNNING WATERFRONT CUSTOM BUILT home recently remodeled with updated cabinets and granite countertops, flooring, interior and exterior doors and many more. This multi-level floor plan has an enormous living room for entertaining, spacious master bedroom and bathroom, 3 oversized bedrooms and game room. The spacious kitchen has plenty of cabinet space and countertops. \$624,900

Property nor structure DID NOT flood during Harvey. Beautiful 4 bedroom home with a formal dining area, study and upstairs family room! Stunning hardwood floors. Wonderful back patio with a spectacular view of the lake! \$324,900

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The 21 acres separated by a natural drainage ditch. 11 acres on the west side with 5' field fence around the perimeter with cross fencing and gates. Has an equipment barn 40' x 16' with two nice stalls. Fields are planted with premium Argentine Bahia grass, great for grazing or hay baling. \$795,000 MLS# 59613227

Home boast an open kitchen with island that flows seamlessly to eating and living area, great for entertaining. This home has extra Ethernet ports throughout, is pre-wired for security system and 5 cameras, is Home Axiom Capable, sprinkler system, and has 2 220 Volt Plugs in the 3 car garage for all of your power needs. \$205,000 MLS# 36835898

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Greens Bayou Coalition names LyondellBasell employee Ronnie Antley 2017 Volunteer of the Year

CHANNELVIEW, Texas – April 9, 2018 – The Greens Bayou Coalition recently named Lyondell-Basell Channelview Complex employee Ronnie Antley, Jr. its 2017 Volunteer of the Year for his work in transforming the Greens Bayou watershed.

“It’s been very rewarding working with Greens Bayou Coalition to create purposeful parks with amenities for residents to enjoy in their communities,” said Antley. “It is an honor to accept this award, and I do it on behalf of everyone who has spent time making this watershed a great place for outdoor enthusiasts to enjoy.”

Antley has leveraged his work at the Channelview Complex and his passion for volunteering into an opportunity to help improve the paddling and walking trails along Greens Bayou. In the last four years, the senior health, safety and environmental specialist has donated countless hours of time to ensure the community can enjoy the beauty and benefits of the watershed. He currently serves as a member of the Coalition’s Board of Directors and contributes to its South Reach Committee.

“Greens Bayou Coalition would not be successful without the many hours of selfless service provided to us by individual volunteers and Ronnie Antley has been instrumental to that success since he first became involved,” said Kelly Snook, executive director for



Kelly Snook, executive director of Green's Bayou Coalition, presents LyondellBasell employee Ronnie Antley, Jr., with the 2017 Volunteer of the Year Award.

Greens Bayou Coalition. “We are grateful for Ronnie’s dedication of time, labor and resources over the years to aid in fulfilling our mission to enhance the quality of life for Greens Bayou residents.”

For the past three years, LyondellBasell’s Channelview Complex chose Thomas Bell Foster Park as the location of its annual Global Care Day event, a day where teams of employees perform community projects around the world.

“It is volunteers like Ronnie Antley who are at the heart of Lyondell-Basell’s community outreach,” said Kim Foley, site manager for the LyondellBasell Channelview Complex. “His contributions to our community truly exemplify our company’s mission to be a good neighbor and we are proud to support his efforts.”

The event at Thomas

Bell Foster Park was especially timely and significant this past year in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. The park was flooded with 12 feet of water and left with eight inches of silt, turning the normally lush greenspace into a barren, debris-laden landscape. With the support of LyondellBasell, the Houston Parks Board and the Coalition’s South Reach Committee, Antley coordinated an immense clean up that made the park even more picturesque than before the storm. LyondellBasell volunteers utilized heavy equipment to help in the initial cleanup and on Global Care Day, volunteers showed up to clean, mulch, gravel driveways and restore the park and kayak launch. The restoration project had the park ready for the Coalition’s 2nd Annual Regatta fundraiser less than two months after Harvey hit.

Aguirre named AVID National Demonstration School



Aguirre Junior High teachers and staff participants in rigorous instructional strategies.

Aguirre Junior High has earned the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program’s highest level of certification as the campus was named a National Demonstration School.

The hard work and efforts of teachers, students and administrators has helped Aguirre become one of six schools in the Houston area and 44 in Texas to be designated as the top 200 programs nationwide. In 2017, Aguirre was honored as an AVID School-wide Site of Distinction.

AVID is a program designed to enhance college and career readiness skills among students through pre-advanced placement programs, enrichment opportunities, individual support and tutorials.

“The AVID schoolwide

system and has been very influential in providing reinforcement and instructional guidance to ensure our students have a solid foundation,” Aguirre Principal Eric Lathan said. “Our young scholars have grown academically as well as emotionally through the efforts of our staff and the opportunities provided through this program.”

Aguirre teachers and staff have participated in rigorous training in AVID instructional strategies that emphasize higher-level thinking skills among the students.

“Our motto is: “Never leave a Bulldog behind.” This is a guiding principle that many of our students boldly declare,” Lathan said. “As part of AVID, our students are an active part

of the instructional practices at Aguirre as they share their thoughts with us about what helps them learn. From that open line of communication, it helps us to develop methods to better support their learning.”

As a National Demonstration School, Aguirre will host professional learning opportunities and campus tours for schools across the state and nationwide that are involved in the AVID program.

“It is exciting to see how the AVID program at Aguirre Junior High has become a model for other districts to follow,” said Greg Ollis, Channelview ISD superintendent. “It’s the reflection of teachers, students and parents all working together together to create a culture of suc-

13 year old evades shooting charge

CHANNELVIEW – A man was fatally wounded by a pistol in the hands of a 13 year old after a fight broke out between an ex-husband with a husband.

The 13 year old was the husband’s younger brother and has evaded arrest by deputies as of press time on Tuesday.

Statements to law enforcement describe an escalating argument began and as push became shove; the 13 year old pulled a pistol from his pocket and shot the ex-husband, David Jimenez, 24.

Jimenez was loaded into the back of a car and driven to a gas station on Interstate 10 near Magnolia Drive where he expired from his gunshot injuries.

It was explained by the driver, a relative, that the exit was seeking medical attention and to get away from the scene.

The relative explained that Jimenez was picking up his oldest child and after the altercation started he was shot. It is not known how severe the argument or fight was that resulted in the shooting.

At the gas station by-standers were attempting to help the wounded man but he died there.

Currently, a 13 year old pistol packing suspect that cannot be named or described is on the lamb from the law and allegedly no one knows where he is located.

Harris County Sheriff’s Deputies worked the case that happened on April 6 and probably need as much information as they can get on the incident.

Waste Pits Clean Up,

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sources including the Galveston Bay estuary.

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

or pits, built in the mid-1960s for disposing solid and liquid pulp and paper mill wastes that are contaminated with dioxins and furans.

While the remedial design is ongoing, the U.S. Department of Justice and EPA will begin negotiations with the potential responsible parties to enter

into a consent decree regarding construction of the remedy.

The San Jacinto Waste Pits site is included on EPA’s Superfund Task Force list of sites targeted for priority action. These sites require timely resolution of specific issues to expedite cleanup and redevelopment efforts.

Livestock Show,

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Grand Champion Broilers: Madisyn Beach
Buyer: Woodforest Bank, \$1,200

Grand Champion Lamb: Cori McCloskey
Buyer: Superior Nation Wide Logistics, \$1,900

Grand Champion FCCLA Sweetheart Cake: Reagan Pledger
Buyer: Yates Remodeling, \$250

Reserve Champion Hog: Bailey Fingleman
Buyer: Superior Nation Wide Logistics, \$2250

Reserve Champion Lamb: Madison Hall
Buyer: Russell Marine, \$1,500

Reserve Champion Broilers: Alexis Brown
Buyer: Talmadge and Ladonna Taylor, \$1,600

Reserve Champion Horticulture: Leonardo Velasco Alvarez
Buyer: Channelview Glass, \$600

Reserve Champion Market Goat: Madison Hall
Buyer: Eddy and Tracie James, \$1,750

Reserve Champion Meat Pen Rabbits: Madisyn Beach
Buyer: Brian and Dawn Brown, \$800

Reserve Champion FCCLA Scholarship Cake: Rylan Pledger
Buyer: Superior Nationwide Logistics, \$300

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OPINION PAGE

THEA's 3rd Anniversary

April 9, 2018 – Today, Texas Health and Environment Alliance, Inc. celebrates its 3rd anniversary.

Additionally, the Environmental Protection Agency released an announcement stating they've reached a settlement agreement with the Waste Pits' Potentially Responsible Parties for the \$115 million removal remedy of the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site. THEA's primary program, the San Jacinto River Coalition has fought tirelessly for removal of the Pits. The EPA's announcement is a huge step in the right direction - thank you to all who have worked by our side.

The past three years have been an extremely challenging, but rewarding experience. We often find ourselves in David vs. Goliath fights. We have taken on corporations 1,000

times larger than us, and won. We are one of the region's smallest environmental organizations, but one of the most effective. THEA consistently punches above its weight.

However, the fight is only just beginning. The Houston metropolitan area has the highest density of Superfund sites and groundwater contamination in the State. These sites are a threat to water quality and public health. THEA is the only entity in the region solely dedicated to improving and safeguarding drinking water quality. Join us in our journey over the next three years, 10 years and beyond in our efforts to protect current and future generations.

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Decision to send troops to border draws mixed reactions

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on April 4 welcomed the announcement by Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen that the federal government would deploy some 4,000 National Guard personnel to the U.S.-Mexico border to assist in stemming the flow of illegal immigration.

“Today’s action by the Trump Administration reinforces Texas’ longstanding commitment to secure our southern border and uphold the rule of law and I welcome the support,” the governor said. “Going forward, Texas will continue to implement robust border security efforts and this partnership will help ensure we are doing everything we can to stem the flow of illegal immigration.”

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn of Texas said using the National Guard in a supportive role “is a commonsense way to temporarily assist law enforcement along the border. It’s critical that the Administration continue to work in close consultation with state and community leaders to

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

ensure the border region can remain safe and prosperous.”

Cornyn noted that the decision to deploy troops is consistent with actions taken by President Obama in 2010 and President George W. Bush in 2006.

But state Rep. Cesar Blanco, D-El Paso, reacted differently. “Trump’s deployment of the National Guard to our border communities is unjustified, irresponsible and dangerous,” Blanco said. “In 2017, apprehensions for illegal border crossing hit a 46-year low — a 23.4 percent drop from 2016. Some of our border communities, such as El Paso, are consistently ranked as some of the safest communities in the country.”

State Sen. Jose Rodriguez, D-El Paso, also questioned the

deployment.

“The President and other Republicans have manipulated the fears of Americans, many of whom know very little about life in on the border, into a potent political weapon,” Rodriguez said. “In his latest anti-immigrant action, Mr. Trump proposes to use the U.S. military as actors and the border as a stage to create electoral theatre in hopes of appeasing his political base.”

Miller asks for workers

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller on April 4 asked the federal government to allow an increase in temporary workers to help meet the Lone Star State’s need for labor in various agricultural sectors and in the Gulf shrimp industry.

Miller wrote a letter to Homeland Security Secretary Nielsen and Labor Secretary Alexander Acosta requesting action. “Currently, many agricultural and related entities are making final decisions on this season’s production efforts. Your action on this matter will determine the economic success of many of these businesses and the jobs they create,” Miller wrote.

“As commissioner of agriculture for the state of Texas, I am encouraging the Trump administration to take immediate action and open the petition process under the H-2B Nonimmigrant Temporary Worker Program. This is critical for our agricultural economy, as well as the small and seasonal businesses that rely on the temporary workers provided through the H-2B program in Texas,” Miller added.

Currently, the H-2B program allows U.S. employers, after meeting certain criteria, to bring foreign workers to the United States to fill temporary nonagricultural jobs.

Pensions face shortfalls

The two funds that provide retirement benefits and healthcare to public school teachers and other state employees may need reforms to maintain solvency in the future, according to members attending an April 4 hearing of the Senate State Affairs Committee.

“It’s just a cold, hard fact that we can’t keep doing things the way we’re doing it,” Senate Finance Committee Chair Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, said of funding strategies for the Teachers Retirement System and Employees Retirement System. “We can’t keep going down this path.”

Over the last 20 years, Nelson said, investments have only returned about 7 percent and the gap between anticipated and actual returns is where potential unfunded liabilities arise. The board of the Teachers Retirement System will meet on April 20, expecting to decide whether to make adjustments based on the how much the fund is earning.

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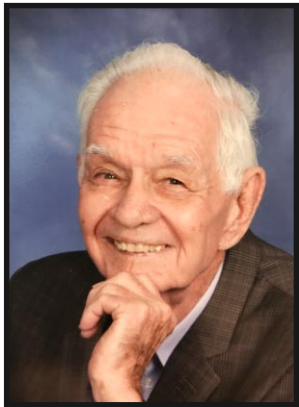
Gilbert Curtis Roeder

Gilbert Curtis Roeder, 89, passed away peacefully on April 6, 2018 surrounded by his family. He was born August 20, 1928 in Fayetteville, Texas to Arthur and Elizabeth von Roeder, moved with his family to Crosby in 1934, and lived almost all of his life on the farm on which he grew up, a testimony to his love of and loyalty to the land.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Billie LaJune Wilson Roeder; his daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Bill Hoosier of Vidor, Texas; his son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Christy Roeder of Dayton; and his daughter, Susan Roeder of Humble; along with 6 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two sisters, Alice Skrabanek and Earlene Skarpa; three stepdaughters, Kathryn and Marshall Limpic, Pam and Jim Hammonds, and Dee Ann and Troy Giles; and three stepsons, Duane and Wendy Chennault, Darrel and Debra Chennault, and Dale Chennault.

He is preceded in death by Wanda Akin Roeder, his first wife and mother of his children; and also by his second wife, Dorothy Jean Chennault Roeder.

Gilbert was known his whole life as a man of his word, as someone who could be counted on to show up, work hard, do the right thing, honor his commitments, be of help, be able to build or to fix almost anything, and to do all of these things with a good sense of humor and some fun teasing. He learned the values of frugality, self-sufficiency and high standards growing up in the Great Depression, but was overly generous to others with his time, his



many talents, and his patience for teaching how to do what he could do. He spent over thirty years of his career at Shell Chemical, rising through the ranks to ultimately be supervisor over a large resin unit. He was able to retire in his mid-50's and was blessed with good health and an abundance of energy until his final years. He spent his retirement enjoying travel throughout the American West and Alaska with varying assortments of his family in tow, or tinkering with a myriad of projects in his workshop. His legacy of morality, commitment, honor and humor will outlive him for generations. A visitation for family and friends will be held at Sterling-White on Monday, April 9, 2018 from 5:30pm-8pm. Funeral services will be held at Sterling-White on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 10am with burial to follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Baytown. Flowers are welcome, or in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the First Nazarene Church missions fund, 2409 N. Main Street, Baytown, TX 77520. Services have been entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, Texas 77562. To send the family condolences please visit www.sterlingwhite.com

OBITUARIES

Gordon L. Young SR

On April 02, 2018, Gordon L. Young SR, 69 of Channelview, Texas passed away unexpectedly. Gordon was born in Jackson, Michigan to Fred and Elizabeth Young. Later the family moved to Florida, Gordon always called Tampa, Florida home.

Gordon was a loving and hardworking man who did not let anything slow him down. He devoted his life to his community. This first started 1968, when he joined the United States Army and was sent to Vietnam. While in the Army, he met Phyllis Puckett and they were married on November 12, 1970. Upon Honorable Discharge from the Army, he settled down with his family in Tampa, Florida. He moved his family to Channelview, Texas in 1976. He worked as Channelview ISD bus driver for a few years then moved on to Metro Transit in Houston for the next 34 years. Also during this time, he was part of the Channelview Volunteer Fire Department. He dedicated over 30 years to the CVFD as a firefighter and EMT.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Phyllis and his son Lee Young, and his daughter Deborah Tiller and son-in-law Jason Tiller, six grandchildren: Aerial, Nathan, Ava, Ashley, Davis and Parker and two great-grandchildren: Jerimiah and Isabella. Gordon never knew a stranger and this is evident by all the friends he



left behind including Carlos Manzano and his family, Howard Crenshaw, Patrick Smith and his family and many many more.

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal. Love leaves a memory no one can steal. Join us for a celebration of Gordon Young life, a life lived well. The memorial service will be held on April 14th at Noon at the old Channelview Fire Department Station 3 on 904 Dell Dale with a graveside service following at 4 pm in Shepherd Texas at Farley Cemetery (6431 FM 2666 Rd; Shepherd, Texas 77371.) We ask for flowers to be sent to 16404 Pecan Street Channelview Texas 77530 or have donations made to Channelview Fire Department in Gordon's honor.

Ruthie Geraldine Cole, born

Ruthie Geraldine Cole, born May 14, 1923 to Thomas and Nellie (Stokes) Nelson in Nacogdoches, Texas, passed away on April 4, 2018 in Longview, Texas, at the age of 94 years.

Ruth's loving family includes; son, Larry Van Cole Tidwell; daughters, Sharon Cole Hocut and Gale Cole Creel; five grandchildren, six great grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren; and numerous other relatives and a host of friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Rev. Thomas Lafayette and Nellie America Stokes Nelson; brothers, William Richard "Floyd" Nelson, Johnny D. Nelson; sisters, Onie Bell Tidwell, Myrtle Lee McNeil, Frances Delilah Emmanuel, Uretha Bruce, Ruby Ivy; granddaughter, Julia Denise Creel-Hunt.



A Visitation will be held on April 7, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to Service. Celebration of Ruth's life will begin at 1:00 p.m. at Pace Funeral Home in Livingston, Texas with Rev. Larry Cole Tidwell officiating. A private interment to follow at the Isabel Chapel Cemetery in Mount Enterprise, Texas.

Pallbearers will be Trinity Masonic Lodge #14 AF&AM, Livingston, Texas.

To send your online condolences, please go to www.pacefuneral.com

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Crosby HS Alumni Meeting dates fpor 2018

The CHS Alumni Committee announces the dates of the planning meetings for the upcoming 36th Annual All Classes Alumni Reunion. The meetings will be held on Wed. April 18, Wed. May 23, Wed. June 20 and Wed. July 25. The meetings are held at the Crosby Community Center on Hare Road and begin at 6 pm. All graduates of Crosby High School are invited to attend, regardless of year graduated.

Tees-N-Tails Golf Tournament

Crosby/Huffmand Chamber of Commerce 26th Annual Golf Tournament, Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at Red Wolf Golf Resort, 27350 Afton Way, Huffman, TX 77336, 10:30 am registration. Questions? Please contact the Chamber Office at 281-328-6984.

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2018 San Jacinto Day Festival and Battle Reenactment

Celebration marks 182nd Anniversary of San Jacinto Battle and Texas's Independence from Mexico

Houston, TX — The largest battle reenactment in the state is the centerpiece of the admission-free San Jacinto Day Festival, to be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the grounds surrounding the San Jacinto Monument. The reenactment recreates the events leading up to Texas winning its independence from Mexico 182 years ago at the decisive Battle of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836

On Saturday, reenactors from across the state become figures in Texas history, for the day. Visitors can wander freely among the Mexican and Texian camps to learn what the soldiers and their families were doing prior to the battle in 1836. At 3 p.m., the official (and historically accurate!) reenactment of the Battle of San Jacinto begins. With hundreds of history reenactors, this reenactment—complete with cannons, horses and pyrotechnics—is the largest in the south-west United States.

Sponsored by the San Jacinto Museum of History Association, the festival is a full day of entertainment, vendors, food, family activities, cultural exhibits, games and fun set



Renactment

amidst living history: music and dancing on three stages featuring country-western bands, flamenco dancers, Native American presentations, square dancers and much more; 15+ food vendors; make-and-take activities and crafts for children; children's train; petting zoo; medicine wagon show; birds of prey; weavers, spinners, blacksmiths and other demonstrators; and dozens of unique hand-crafted items for sale.

All festival activities are updated regularly on the San Jacinto Museum of History website: www.sanjacinto-museum.org and facebook.com/sjbattlereenactment.

The Official State of Texas Ceremony Commemorating the 182nd Anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto will take place at 10a.m. on Saturday, April 21. This annual event will take place inside the monument at the Jesse H. Jones Theatre.

Organizers recommend guests come early and follow directions from TPWD and other parking staff. There will be no drones or hoverboards allowed on park/festival grounds.

For more information, visit www.sanjacinto-museum.org, facebook.com/sjbattlereenactment or call 281-479-2421.

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ASK THE EXPERT

In The Shadows

We all know people who prefer to live in the shadows rather than be recognized for all they have done. I recently asked in a post on social media if my friends could think of those who have impacted lives, sometimes even multiple generations, and have never wanted to be in the spotlight.

One of the first names submitted was that of Ms. Vivian Dancy, who currently serves as the Athletic Director for Galena Park ISD. She has been a cornerstone of the athletic program for many years and has been encouraging and motivating young people throughout the District.

It does not matter if you speak to one of her Administrative Assistants, Coaches, co-workers, student athletes, and colleagues from across the state, parents or former student athletes, you will ALWAYS hear about her dedication to the youth. When you look out on the football field or across the basketball gym, you see

CHARLOTTE'S WEB

By Charlotte Jackson



her face locked on the current plays and steadily walking. When summer rolls around and Cory Redding, North Shore Graduate and retired NFL player, is hosting his Annual 3D Sports Camp at the GPISD stadium, she seems to take on yet another role. Sort of like a proud aunt, watching "her kids" come back and give to the community. Some of the ones who assist with the camp each summer are former athletic trainers, some are former athletes, and some are the parents of former athletes. And with each one, she has a smile and a hug ready to greet them.

When Coach Dancy has the opportunity to see a second or third generation of students succeeding in athletics, it truly makes

her proud. Recently when Allyn Stephens, daughter of Joe Stephens was playing in the 2018 Drive, Chip and Putt Finals, Coach Dancy was surely proud and will file away the details in her amazing mind. She seems to remember every player and what they participated in.

Another one of those in the shadows in our community that wears more hats that we can begin to think about is Ms. Darcy Blackstock who serves as the Administrative Assistant to Channelview ISD Superintendent Greg Ollis. A graduate of Channelview High School herself, Darcy takes pride in the District and represents the community well with her involvement with Texas Educational Support Association.

She is currently serving as the President-Elect of this amazing organization and like so many of us, has learned that if you are doing something right, the enemy will try to throw you off. Yet, in spite of the tragic accident that the Channelview Band experienced this past March, Darcy was calm throughout that day and the many days since the accident. She is a woman of faith who no doubt called on God before she even made those first phone calls to the members of Channelview Ministry Team on March 13, asking for their prayers and as she moved forward connecting resources not only for the students stranded in Alabama but for the families here in Channelview. As an active member of Sagemont Church, Darcy is an awesome addition to the Channelview Ministry Team. She already has a very full job with CISD, but goes above and beyond helping with many programs and events in our community.

Again, I am so very thankful for the precious people who are never out for recognition and always ready to help. We are truly a blessed community.

ASK DIAMOND JIM

Diamond Jim: "What is the Gemological Institute of America (GIA)?"



The Gemological Institute of America, or GIA, is a nonprofit institute dedicated to research and education in the field of gemology and the jewelry arts. Founded in 1931, GIA's mission is to protect all buyers and sellers of gemstones by setting and maintaining the standards used to evaluate gemstone quality. In 1953 the GIA developed its International Diamond Grading System and the Four Cs (cut, clarity, color, and carat weight) as a standard to compare and evaluate the quality of diamonds.

Today, the institute is headquartered in Carlsbad, California and operates out of 13 countries, with 11 campuses, 9 laboratories and 4 research centers worldwide.

GIA is actively engaged in research to advance the science of gemology. Historically, research has focused on developing methods and technologies to accurately identify and characterize gems. This research has produced significant advances in the ability to differentiate gems and identify simulants (particularly diamond simulants). GIA was also responsible for the first modern diamond grading reports, where it introduced grading methodologies for diamond color and diamond clarity.

The GIA Laboratory provides a variety of gem grading and identification reports. Diamond grading reports for unmounted natural and synthetic diamonds determine their key characteristics: color, clarity, cut and carat weight. GIA issues two types of reports, the more complete being the Diamond Grading Report (a briefer and less expensive version is called a Diamond Dossier). The reports contain a number of measurements, including of carat weight as well as a diagram of where and what types of inclusions are located in the diamond. Diamond grading reports are now demanded by most

consumers purchasing diamonds over a certain size, typically for over 0.5 carat (100 mg), and almost always for over 1.0 carat (200 mg), and are considered an important tool in guaranteeing that a diamond is accurately represented to a potential buyer.

GIA offers several programs and courses online through an interactive eLearning format, and through its 12 campus locations around the world. The institute also offers corporate training programs and works with trade organizations worldwide to provide technical training in gemstones and jewelry.

The Graduate Gemologist (G.G.) diploma offers a comprehensive education in gemology. Graduates of the program receive the Graduate Gemologist diploma as well as Graduate Diamonds and Graduate Colored Stones diplomas. Students can also earn an Accredited Jewelry Professional diploma with the addition of one more course, which can also be taken independently. The Graduate Pearls diploma program provides a comprehensive foundation in pearl identification and grading.

Additionally, GIA's Carlsbad campus offers several programs in jewelry arts. The Applied Jewelry Arts Program (AJA) diploma covers jewelry design, wax carving, mold making, casting and CAD/CAM. The Graduate Jeweler diploma program teaches the fabrication, repair and stone setting skills to become a professional bench jeweler. Other jewelry arts classes are held on campus in Carlsbad and New York.

Diamond Jim is a diamond dealer and precious metals broker of NTR Metals. See more at: www.pineforestjewelry.com.

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(AYISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

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(A los votantes registrados de la Ciudad de Galena Park, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., May 5, 2018, for voting in a general election to elect a Mayor and four Commissioners.

(Notifíquese, por la presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 5 de Mayo de 2018 para votar en la Elección General para elegir Un Alcalde y cuatro Comisionados.)

Locations of Polling Places
(Direcciones de las casillas electorales)

Precinct 208, 857 & 860: 2000 Clinton Dr. Galena Park, TX 77547

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Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at
(La Votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

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Estrella Moya
Mayor (Alcalde)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters of Administration for Docket No. 463,782 Estate of MANUEL THOMAS LAMB, JR. Deceased; In Probate Court No. 1, of Harris County, Texas, Deceased, were issued on March 14, 2018.

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The residence address of the administrator is in Harris County, Texas. The mailing address is:

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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 April 6, 2018.

by WESTON COTTEN
Attorney for the Estate

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NOTICE OF GENERAL TRUSTEE ELECTION

To the Registered Voters of Barbers Hill ISD, Chambers County, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 5, 2018, for voting in a general election, to elect three trustees for a full three-year term, electing one trustee each for positions designated as Places 5, 6, and 7.

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES

Precinct No. 4 and 10 C. T. Joseph Conference Center

Precinct No. 5 Beach City Community Building

Precinct No. 8, 11 and 15 Cove Community Building

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:

Barbers Hill ISD C. T. Joseph Conference Center
9600 Eagle Drive, Mont Belvieu, Texas 77580

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., beginning on April 23, 2018 and ending on May 1, 2018. On April 24 and May 1, 2018 early voting hours will be extended from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Barbers Hill ISD, c/o Lesa Hall
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Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 24, 2018.

Issued this the 29th day of January, 2018.

Benny May, President, Board of Trustees

AVISO DE ELECCION DE ADMINISTRADOR

A los votantes registrados del Barbers Hill ISD, Chambers County, Texas:

El aviso se da por este medio que los lugares de la interrogación enumerados abajo estarán abiertos de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. el 5 de mayo de 2018 para votar en una elección general para elegir a tres administradores para un término de tres años completo, eligiendo a un administrador cada uno para las posiciones señaladas como lugares cinco (5), seis (6) y siete (7).

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To the right some of the vehicles are emergency command centers and aerial snorkel firefighting trucks that provide excellent fire ground maneuverability, articulating boom mobility for firefighting and rescue operations, and operator-friendly controls. The unique articulating aerial has been able to go up, over and out to provide greater rescue and firefighting capability. The concept of aerial firefighting is, "if you can get eyes on it, you can get water on it."



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facilitator and heard reports on local plant conditions and how the plant would collectively respond to an emergency. The attendees learned the industry and community capacity for managing major industrial fires, explosions and toxic releases and then toured and learned how the emergency equipment can be used.

Allan Jamail, writer for the North Channel Star and former *Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) of Jacinto City said he's proud of the improvements made to protect the communities since he served in the 1980's. "Today with the advance technology of emergency equipment and the coordination of governments and industry planning it will mitigate or lessen the severity of the impact on communities should a disaster occur in Harris County, Jamail said."

The East Harris County Manufacturers Association (EHCMA) announced the release of a new CAER Online member alert notification system. This new system will provide a simpler, more intuitive website for EHCMA member companies to post informa-

tional and alert messages to the membership and general public. Community members can visit this website to view posted messages online from EH-CMA member and non-member facilities or local offices of emergency management.

This new system also supports iPhone and Android Smartphone devices with mobile applications available on the Apple Store and Google Play Store. Search for “EHCMA CAER Online” for the application and download it today to have access to alerts and other information about the CAER Online system on your Smartphone device.

Messages provide emergency and general information about facility, rail car, tanker truck or pipeline incidents or other information about flaring, smoke, noise, firefighter training or minor incidents not requiring public protective action.

Government Officials present, Esmeralda Moya, Mayor (Galena Park), Jorge Flores,* EMC (Galena Park), Lon Squyres City Manager and *EMC (Jacinto City), David Wade Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (Harris County),

Linda Jamail Community
Liaison (for State Repre-
sentative Ana Hernandez).

Industry Representatives present, Chevron GP Terminal - Ray Harshbarger, Gulf Coast Authority - Phyllis Frank and Brad Peck, Houston Cement - Kim Schuenemann, LyondellBasell Refinery - Jason Chamberlain, Pasadena Refining - Ron Sommers, PCI Nitrogen - Scott Lange, Charles Hensley & Skip Fullbright, Shell Lubricants - Josh Elkins, Targa - David Clark & Joseph Cooper.

Emergency Equipment
staff present, Chris Collier - Southeast Texas Regional Advisory Council (SETRC), Philip Cutler - SETRC, Austen McMillian - SETRC, David Gray - Channel Industries Mutual Aid (CIMA), Gerald Sherman - CIMA, Keith Purvis - CIMA, Gilbert Pequeno - CIMA, Rick Gonzales - Galena Park Police Chief (GPPD), James Tidwell - GPPD, Cynthia Jimenez - GPPD, Colin Rizzo - Port of Houston Authority (PHA).

R. Jefferson - PHA, R. Crosby - PHA. The attendance records were provided by Ania Borski, CIP Secretary.

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