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CHANNEL CURRENTS

Constable takes school safety action

The recent school shooting in Parkland, Florida has caused a slight uptick in calls and inquiries from concerned parents whose children attend several of the different schools that Harris County Precinct 3 Deputies patrol and provide security. Constable Sherman Eagleton's Office provides security for Sheldon ISD, Galena Park ISD, Channelview ISD, Dayton ISD, and Crosby ISD.



Recently, a juvenile was detained at one of those schools after officials alerted the campus deputy of a threat made by the student.

Constable Eagleton is committed to the safety and welfare of the students and staff at the five school districts within his precinct. "Children are our most precious gift, it is incumbent that parents be involved, and monitor the activities of their children, especially on social media. Ultimately, safety is everyone's responsibility," said, Constable Eagleton.

The current climate has caused anxiety for many parents, but Constable Eagleton has implemented enhanced safety measures on all campuses. All deputies assigned to patrol schools are trained to respond to emergency situations, including active shooters, and each district has an established plan in place, for emergency situations. Visibility of law enforcement has increased, due to close patrols. Citizens are urged to contact dispatch to report any suspicious activity by calling 281-427-4791.

Jacinto City gets new ambulance

By Allan Jamail
Jacinto City, TX. – February 19, 2018 Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee and Jacinto City officials came together for a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the acquisition of the city's latest addition to their emergency fleet. Lon Squyres, City Manager of the city and former fire chief said, "The new unit was purchased from



Photo by Allan Jamail
Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, Fire Chief Rebecca Mier, City Manager Lon Squyres, Senator Sylvia Garcia, Jacinto City officials and citizens at ribbon cutting for the new ambulance.

It's Rodeo time in Houston

Trail Riders, Parade, BBQ cookoff, Entertainers, and professional Rodeo events



Last Saturday's Rodeo parade in downtown Houston marked the beginning of three weeks of rodeo events at NRG stadium. The parade included 13 trail riding outfits, and Mayor Sylvester Turner. The opening day of the two week program was Tuesday, Feb. 27 with the popular Garth Brooks as the opening act, and also will be the closing act on March 18.

Richard Gonzalez takes oath as new Galena Park Police Chief



Photo by Allan Jamail
Galena Park Mayor Esmeralda Moya gives the oath of office to Police Chief Richard "Rick" Gonzales and Zeke Cavazos holds the Bible.

By Allan Jamail
Galena Park, TX. – February 23, 2018 Galena Park Mayor Esmeralda Moya gave the oath of office to Richard Gonzales as Galena Park's new police chief. Interim Police Chief Reese Martin resigned after 11 months as acting Chief in order to take a job in Montana as Emergency Management Di-

rector. Martin said his moving will put him with his family and allow him to pursue his goal of working in the field of Emergency Management. Richard "Rick" Gonzales was born and raised in Houston's Denver Harbor. He began his law enforcement career in 1982

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SHOP LOCAL Jacinto City introduces Market Days



Photo by Allan Jamail
Market Days Chairwoman Rebecca Mier with display of fresh fruits and vegetables, jars of honey, canned vegetables and arts and crafts.

By Allan Jamail
The City of Jacinto City's first Market Days event will take place Saturday, March 10, from 8 AM to 2 PM. It will continue on the 2nd Saturday of each month from

March to June at Jacinto City Town Center plaza located at 1025 Oates Rd. Jacinto City, TX 77029. Jacinto City is committed to providing a local venue to help create and foster a healthy community through providing the residence with direct

access to local producers. As well as offering support to local consumers, farmers, artists and entrepreneurs. Local residents with

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GALENA PARK COUNCIL MEETING Candidates report stolen campaign signs

By Allan Jamail
Galena Park, TX. – February 20, 2018 at 6 PM Mayor Esmeralda Moya called the meeting to order and after a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag the Council unanimously approved the previous meeting minutes. The Accounts Payable agenda item failed after Commissioner Barry Ponder made a motion with Commissioner Eric Broussard seconding the motion. The motioned failed because Broussard who seconded the motion voted against his own seconded motion along with Commissioner Oscar Silva Jr. therefore



Photo by Allan Jamail
Juan Flores, mayoral candidate said, "Citizens have told me they've seen city workers out campaigning, putting up signs and taking down my signs during the city workday and today I saw it myself."

creating a tie vote and preventing a three vote majority to pass the motion. The Mayor and four Commissioners are all able to cast votes, it takes three

of the five voting members to constitute a majority to pass or defeat a motion. However with Commissioner Rodney Chersky absent it left only four voting members present. Mayor Moya said because the motion failed to get a three vote majority to pay the bills, the city employees will not get paid. A Special Council meeting was called by Mayor Moya for February 26th with Broussard and Silva absent and a majority vote approved the Accounts Payable to prevent the shut-down of the city.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Cantu running for County school board

Richard Cantu, a well known figure in the Aldine community, has announced that he is running for Position 3 on the county wide school district (HCDE).

Cantu is currently the Deputy Executive Director of the East Aldine Management District, but also has a long record of advocacy in educational activities, and in local Democratic politics.

Cantu's educational experience includes his recent appointment as chairman elect of the Aldine Education Foundation, and previously chaired the successful \$798 Million Bond Election for new facilities in the Aldine school district.

His political experience includes work in the Mayor's office, Parks Department, and BakerRipley. He has been a Precinct Chairman for over 24



RICHARD CANTU

years.

Cantu has campaigned for many other Democratic candidates over the last three decades, most recently helping Connie Esparza to be elected to the Aldine school board.

His public service, and commitment to improving the Northside community, go back to his 24 years as a public servant. In 2008 he joined the East Aldine Management District, where he has helped pro-

vide a cleaner and safer neighborhood. He has also served on a number of volunteer boards and groups, including educational, civic, and safety organizations. He holds political management degrees from three colleges.

His position in running for HCDE is to "expand critical educational services for the needs of our diverse and growing community." He says "I will demand that HCDE administration manage resources to get the most of every taxpayer dollar, and not be afraid to recommend cuts." He is committed to serving "the most vulnerable" members of our community.

Early voting starts on February 20th through March 2nd. Registration to vote ends on February 5th, and Primary Election day is Tuesday, March 6th.

Goose Creek CISD Employees Kick Off Go Texan Day With Horses



Photo by Carrie Pryor-Newman

Fred Miller (left), maintenance foreman, shows students his spurs before mounting his quarter horse Cody for a horseback riding demonstration at Bowie Elementary, while Charlie Miller, maintenance director, shows off his miniature horses Sweet Treats and Beaucyphus. The horses and their owners traveled to four elementary schools to kick off the rodeo season on Go Texan Day.

Go Texano Day

Pictured from left, Peyton Rogers, Rudy Holguin, Julian Alvarez and Noah Leiva, kindergarten students at Bowie Elementary, are ready for the rodeo.



Photo by Carrie Pryor-Newman

By Susan Passmore

Sharing their love of horses comes naturally to Charlie Miller, Goose Creek CISD maintenance director, and Fred Miller, maintenance foreman. The two employees were pleased to help kick off Go Texan Day at four elementary schools with a little help from their four-legged friends.

Traveling to Clark, Carver, Bowie and Austin elementaries, Charlie Miller introduced his miniature Palomino horses, Sweet Treats and Beaucyphus, to the students. He explained that these horses

were bred smaller to pull carts of coal out of coal mines, since normal size horses were too large to go down into the tunnels.

"In England, they became popular, so kings, queens and princesses had miniature horses as pets," said Charlie Miller.

Charlie Miller owns four horses, and they are a hit with his grandchildren, who like to run and play with them. They also attend some family birthday parties.

"The more people interact with them, the better they are around kids," Miller said.

Fred Miller showed students his chaps and spurs and demonstrated maneuvering Cody, his quarter horse.

"I work cows, hunt from him and do trail rides and parades," Fred Miller said.

At the end of the presentation, the students passed by the horses, gently petting them before returning to class. For all the students, whether they are planning to go the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo or not, this was the perfect introduction to the rodeo season, and they learned a little about horses due to the generosity of the horses' owners.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

CHANNELVIEW ISD

Ceremony celebrates groundbreaking of Brown Elementary SPARK Park



Students and district officials at the groundbreaking of SPARK Park.

Students, district officials and dignitaries celebrated the start of construction of a new SPARK Park on the Brown Elementary campus during a special ceremony and groundbreaking on Feb. 13.

Brown is one of 30 Houston area schools that are receiving new parks through a \$5 million contribution to SPARK from the Houston Endowment and the Kinder Foundation. In addition, Brown has held several fundraisers that have generated more than \$36,000 to go toward the project, far surpassing their original goal of \$5,000.

The SPARK Park organization was founded in 1983 by former Houston City Council member Eleanor Tinsley. Since its inception, SPARK has built over 200 community parks in twelve different school districts throughout the Houston area. Each park is designed based on ideas and needs of the school and surrounding neighborhoods.

“This project is something our school and the community strongly supports,” said LaKeisha LeBlanc, Brown Elementary principal. “We are excited to see work already beginning and look forward to this park being a place for

our students and the entire Channelview community to enjoy.”

SPARK Park Executive Director Kathleen Ownby said the area near Brown Elementary was identified in a Trust for Public Land study that described the area as a “park desert.” A park desert is defined as an area where no parks are located in a half-mile radius or resident cannot access green space within a 10-minute walk.

“I am looking forward to the day that we officially cut the ribbon and officially open this space and see the playground full of neighborhood children,” Ownby said. “It is going to

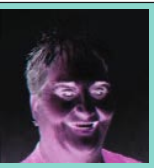
be an exciting time.”

Officials are working toward having the facility completed toward the end of the school year in May.

Channelview ISD Superintendent Greg Ollis thanked LeBlanc, Brown students, staff and parents, the Kinder Foundation and the City of Houston for helping the park project become a reality.

“This project is the result of the shared vision and hard work of so many people,” Ollis said. “This park is going to transform this area into a place where families will be able to share memorable experiences for years to come.”

CHARLOTTE’S WEB



Elections Bring About Change

This morning as I was getting prepared for the day, I began to think about all of the changes I have experienced in the past year. Several loved ones passed away and many of the people I know welcomed new babies and new spouses. Hurricane Harvey brought much devastation to our lives and yet, the World Championship Houston Astros brought a celebration second to none to the city.

This past year brought about announcements from Senator Ted Poe and Congressman Gene Green concerning their decisions not to run for re-election. This will impact thousands of voters. With the March Primary Election just days from now, candidates are scrambling around looking for endorsements.

Texas Governor Greg Abbott introduced legislation which passed the Senate to eliminate “straight party voting”. Unless this is overturned, we may see some life-altering changes in our state. If voters do not take the time to research candidates and know which ones support their values, they may not bother to vote for a candidate and we could experience a shift like never before.

Perhaps the greatest change that needs to come from us, is to sit down and talk with young voters as well as those who only vote in Presidential Elections and explain the importance of researching and getting involved in campaigns. During every election, there are opportunities to

work with candidates, to volunteer as Deputized Voter Registrars and to also get paid to be an Election Worker. Please take the time to share this with others. There are too many voters who do not even know the rich history that Harris County has concerning late elected leaders such as US Representative Barbara Jordan, Houston Councilman Judson Robinson, Jr and Congressman Mickey Leland. These individuals are the reason why so many others entered politics.

Today we have Senator Borris Miles, Senator Sylvia R. Garcia, State Representatives Senfonia Thompson, Ron Reynolds, Armando Valle, Harold Dutton, Jr and we certainly cannot forget our Mayor Sylvester Turner.

Sometimes people will ask me why it is important to vote....the answer is simple. Do you want people to represent you who have no idea of who you are or what matters to you? Do you want judges who cannot understand that not everyone has the same foundation? Do you want elected leaders lining their pockets with donations from big businesses who do not care about the community? Do you want to elect someone who understands what preservation is about and why it is important to US?

As we near Tuesday’s Primaries, take the time to stop and think about the changes YOU want to see in your community. Let those changes begin with you.

Complaints,

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A unanimous vote approved the adoption of the Personnel Policy Manual and Handbook of 2018.

A unanimous vote approved the adoption of the Tier-1 Racial Profiling Report for 2017. Interim Chief Reese Martin stated the city had not received one racial profiling complaint for 2017.

Carlos Romero and Juan Guajardo water department meter readers were hired as full-time employees.

At the close of the meeting former Commissioner Robert Clowers complained the city is breaking several laws. He said the city doesn’t have the

authority to change the City Charter by passing resolutions or ordinances as is being done. He also said some candidates are violating the Texas Election Law by not having on their signs the required campaign disclosure on them. After the meeting Allan Jamail the NC Star writer covering the meeting inspected signs all over the city and didn’t find any campaign signs without the legal required disclosure.

Juan Flores, former commissioner and candidate for mayor complained to the council about city employees removing his campaign signs. “Citizens

have told me they’ve seen city workers out campaigning, putting up signs and taking down signs during the city workday and today I saw it myself. That is a waste of tax payer money, not fair and illegal. City officials need to do their job and keep an eye on their workers,” Flores said.

Maria Rodriguez, candidate for commissioner complained after the meeting of her campaign signs disappearing.


Jamal Humphries, candidate for commissioner said, “If I get elected I want to create programs that are going to help the youth. College is not for everyone, we need to bring job corps programs for our kids that are graduating from high school who cannot attend college. We have an obliga-

tion to serve everyone no matter what.”

Humphries complained about the recent law the city passed which discriminated against him and others that prevented him for getting on the election ballot for over a week.


Robert Collins, City Attorney said, “no one has been denied to be a candidate.”

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OPINION PAGE

Supreme Court declines to decide fate of ‘Dreamers’ just yet

By JESSICA GRESKO

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Monday rejected the Trump administration’s highly unusual bid to bypass a federal appeals court and get the justices to intervene in the fate of a program that protects hundreds of thousands of young immigrants from deportation.

The announcement means the case affecting “Dreamers” will have to work its way through the lower courts before any Supreme Court ruling is possible. The case could also become moot if Congress takes action in the meantime. Right now, however, efforts to address the issue in Congress have hit a stalemate.

The Supreme Court’s decision for now to stay out of the case on the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, wasn’t surprising. It’s highly unusual for the Supreme Court to hear a case before a lower appeals court has considered it.

But DACA supporters hailed the decision as a significant — if only temporary — win. Trump said the case would now be heard by an appeals court and “we’ll see what happens from there.”

“You know, we tried to get it moved quickly because we’d like to help DACA. I think everybody in this room wants to help with DACA,” he said to visiting governors. “But the Supreme Court just ruled that it has to go through the normal channels.”

DACA has provided protection from deportation and work permits for about 800,000 young people who came to the U.S. as children and stayed illegally.

In September, Trump argued that President Barack Obama had exceeded his executive powers when he created the program. Trump announced he was ending the program effective March 5 and gave lawmakers until then to come up with a legislative fix.

But in recent weeks, federal judges in San Francisco and New York have made Trump’s deadline temporarily moot for people who have sought and been granted renewals; the rulings do not extend to people who are applying for the first time. Judges issued injunctions ordering the administration to keep DACA in place while courts consider legal challenges to Trump’s termination. As a result,

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services resumed accepting and processing DACA renewals in January, just as it had before Trump’s September announcement.

The Trump administration has not tried to block the injunctions that force it to continue operating the program. Though the March 5 date is now moot, Greisa Martinez, policy and advocacy director for United We Dream, said DACA supporters planned to demonstrate in Washington on that day in part to continue to pressure Congress to act.

The Senate two weeks ago blocked a bipartisan bill offering Dreamers potential citizenship and providing \$25 billion for President Donald Trump to build his proposed border wall with Mexico. A more conservative House proposal that sharply reduces legal immigration and imposes other restrictions has languished short of the GOP votes it would need to pass, leaving its fate in question.

The Supreme Court’s announcement Monday that it wouldn’t step in to the case now means the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit will likely be the first appeals court to weigh in on the topic, the step before the case would return to the Supreme Court.

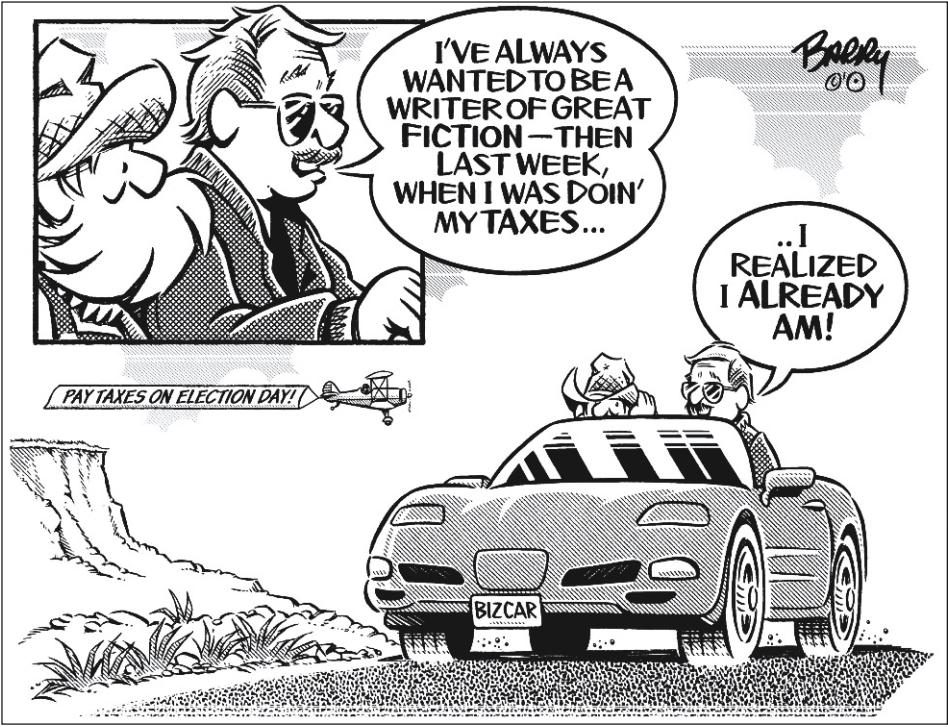
California Attorney General Xavier Becerra, who has led the multi-state lawsuit in California to keep DACA in place, cheered the Supreme Court announcement Monday.

“It’s a victory for all Dreamers, certainly a great victory for California,” Becerra said during a phone call with reporters. “It’s a victory for the rule of law and it’s a victory for our economy.”

The Ninth Circuit has set no date to hear arguments but has given lawyers dates by which they must file briefs that run through April. Andrew Pincus, an attorney who represents more than 100 businesses that intervened in support of DACA, said June is probably the earliest that the court would rule.

Trump on Monday didn’t seem to hold out much hope of winning at the Ninth Circuit, criticizing the liberal-leaning court by saying “nothing’s as bad as the Ninth Circuit.”

“I mean, it’s really sad when every single case filed against us in the 9th Circuit we lose, we lose, we lose and then we do fine in the Supreme Court,” he said.



Governor orders action to address safety at schools

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on Feb. 21 sent a letter to Texas Education Agency Commissioner Mike Morath ordering immediate action to ensure the safety of children in Texas schools following the multi-fatality shooting at a Parkland, Florida, high school on Feb. 14.

Abbott listed steps for Morath and other state education leaders to take to respond to and prevent such tragedies, including:

— Catalog and share all available information from the Texas School Safety Center on school safety programs and distribute this information to all school districts, charter schools and education service centers across the state;

— Ensure that all Texas public schools have completed their statutorily required school safety audits and have submitted confirmation of these audits to the Texas School Safety Center;

— Publish on the Texas Education Agency website and via agency press release a list of any school districts that have not completed the statutory requirements referenced in point two above within 45 days; and

— Work with the Texas School Safety Center, the Texas Department of Public Safety and the governor’s office to draft recommendations to the Texas Legislature on changes to the school safety architecture of our state.

“All of Texas grieves the tragedy that occurred in Parkland last week. As governor, I take seriously the safety of all Texas residents, and as an American, I mourn the loss of 17 Floridians in a cruel and senseless act of violence. Immediate steps must be taken to keep our students and communities safe, with the understanding that more will be expected in the future,” Abbott said.

State laws allow marshals

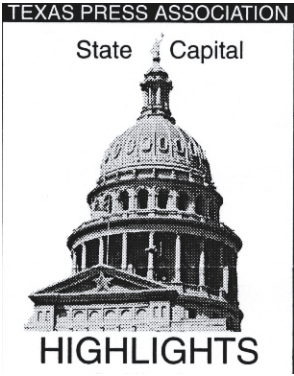
Acknowledgement of the threat of school shootings came years ago in the form of House Bill 1009, a law passed by the 83rd Texas Legislature in 2013.

The law allows public school districts and open enrollment charter schools to appoint school marshals.

In 2015, the 84th Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 386, to include public two-year junior colleges in the list of institutions that can appoint school marshals.

And, in 2017, the 85th Texas Legislature

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grant funding or seized funds.

AG pursues elder fraud

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Feb. 23 announced that his office joined the U.S. Department of Justice and the National Association of Attorneys General in “the largest coordinated sweep of elder fraud cases in history.”

The multi-state actions charged a variety of fraud schemes, ranging from mass mailing, telemarketing and investment frauds to individual incidences of identity theft and theft by guardians.

“Anyone can be a victim of fraud, but senior citizens are targeted more often by scammers seeking to exploit someone for a quick buck,” Paxton said. “Today’s action is one of many steps my office has taken in the fight to protecting elderly Texans whose financial well-being is compromised by nefarious characters,” he added.

Joining Texas in the coalition are the U.S. Department of Justice, Alabama, Florida, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New York, North Dakota, Oregon and South Dakota.

Abbott spares prison inmate

Shortly before state prison inmate Thomas Bartlett Whitaker, 38, was scheduled to die by lethal injection on Feb. 22, Gov. Abbott signed a proclamation commuting the death sentence to life in prison without possibility of parole.

Abbott, in making the proclamation, agreed with a recommendation by the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles.

Whitaker was convicted and sentenced in 2008 for conspiring to kill his parents and brother, but he did not shoot the gun that caused the murders of his mother and brother.

DPS drone program debuts

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Feb. 15 announced the launch of its “unmanned aerial systems” program.

Small, unmanned aerial vehicles, generically referred to as “drones” will be used for a variety of public safety missions across Texas, including flight missions related to officer safety, search and rescue, disaster support, aerial observation support, crash reconstruction, crime scene photography and communication tower inspections.

So far, the DPS said, the program’s fleet includes 17 unmanned aerial systems costing the state an estimated \$70,000 and paid for with existing funding,

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LIFESTYLE



Elementary Principals of the Year

Michelle James (second from right), principal of Crockett Elementary, is recognized as Goose Creek CISD's Elementary Principal of the Year at a recent meeting of the Goose Creek CISD board of trustees. Pictured are (from left) Agustin Loredó III, board vice president; Macie Schubert and Yvonne Silva from Community Resource Credit Union, who presented James with an iPad, and Randal O'Brien, Goose Creek CISD superintendent.



Secondary Principal of the Year

Dr. Joseph Farnsworth (second from right), is recognized as Goose Creek CISD's Secondary Principal of the Year at a recent meeting of the Goose Creek CISD board of Trustees. Pictured are (from left) Agustin Loredó III, board vice president; Macie Schubert and Yvonne Silva from Community Resource Credit Union; Farnsworth and Randal O'Brien, Goose Creek CISD Superintendent. Farnsworth was presented with an iPad from CRCU.

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According to the Agriculture Council of America, the national organization charged with promoting National Ag Day, this year's theme is Agriculture: Food for Life. It demonstrates the incredible responsibility and commitment farmers and ranchers share in meeting the ever-growing and changing food and fiber demands of consumers.

To learn more about National Ag Day and how America's agricultural producers proudly lead the way in providing the essential Food for Life to the world, visit www.agday.org.

BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

- 1. Is the Book of 2 Peter in Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. From Matthew 4, how many days and nights did Jesus fast before his temptation(s) by Satan? 3, 12, 40, 70
- 3. Who said, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away"? Satan, Adam, Job, Haman
- 4. From Proverbs 6, what is held up as an example to the lazy man? Bee, Flea, Locust, Ant
- 5. How old was Abram

when Hagar bore Ishmael? 19, 39, 68, 86

6. From Acts 13:1, where was Lucius from? Cyrene, Zion, Sodom, Canaan

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) 40; 3) Job; 4) Ant; 5) 86; 6) Cyrene

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

When he was in distress, he entreated the Lord his God and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers. When he prayed to Him, He was moved by his entreaty and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem to his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the Lord was God.

2 CHRONICLES 33: 12,13

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Diamond Jim:
"What is the birthstone for March?"

MARCH BIRTH-STONES
For the lucky individuals born in March, two birthstones are associated with this early spring month: aquamarine and bloodstone.

Both stones are very different from one another in appearance, but each share a similar symbolism of preserving or enhancing the health of the wearer. Learn more about each March birthstone by browsing the links below.

AQUAMARINE
The serenely colored aquamarine invokes the tranquility of its namesake, the sea. In fact, the name aquamarine is derived from the Latin word aqua, meaning water, and marina, meaning the sea.

Aquamarine is most often light in tone and ranges from greenish blue to blue-green; the color usually is more intense in larger stones, and darker blue stones are very valuable. This gemstone is mined mainly in Brazil, but also is found in Nigeria, Madagascar, Zambia, Pakistan, and Mozambique. Not only is aquamarine one of the March birthstones, it's also used to celebrate 19th wedding anniversaries. It's a beautiful stone with little or no yellow in it, so it looks great in many settings with different colored metals and gemstones.

The stone is also considered to be a great addition to mental health and is used widely as a symbol in Tarot as well as a meditation aid and is said to help one cultivate more inner tranquility. It is also considered by some to be a great aligner of the spiritual and the physical, for those who feel out of harmony or alignment with oneself. No matter how you use

aquamarine, either as a piece of jewelry or as an aid in a spiritual journey, its cool, tranquil color is the perfect complement to any skin tone or setting.

BLOODSTONE
The second birthstone for March is bloodstone, a dark-green stone flecked with vivid red spots of iron oxide. Generally found embedded in rocks or in riverbeds as pebbles, primary sources for this stone are India, Brazil, and Australia.

For those looking for a good quality bloodstone, it is generally considered that a solid green color with visible veins of red is best. It also comes in many shapes and cuts including traditional cuts like emerald, oval, and cushion.

Many people cherish bloodstone as a lucky charm or amulet and is prized by athletes or those who wish to increase their personal strength. Some believe it helps with mental clarity or increasing creativity or even boosting overall energy.

No matter how you use or wear bloodstone, it's a unique stone great for everyday use when you want to look good or even feel good.

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New Ambulance,

Frazier Ambulance Company. The grant enabled us to purchase a state of the art unit made for the Gulf Coast climate. Rather than relying on a typical automotive AC system this unit has a 110V HVAC system powered by on board generator. In fact the generator provides primary power for the patient compartment then the truck's standard 12 volt system supplies back up power if needed. The stretcher is hydraulic so we don't risk patient or staff safety trying to lift patients in to the unit. All lighting is LED so there is very little power drain on the unit.

"The ambulance cost was \$165,000 but \$90,000 was funded by a federal grant that Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee located and secured. I would have loved to have this unit when I was young medic," Squyres said.

Congresswoman Lee said, "Jacinto City now has a new ambulance with modern equipment that will provide for the well

being of city residents. This is an important asset to ensure their safety and security. It's an example of government's helping government's."

City Manager Squyres stated, "Our city deeply appreciates Congresswoman Lee's assistance in securing the grant. In today's world of budgetary constraints and ever increasing costs, this grant allowed our city to purchase this Mobile Intensive Care Unit that will serve our city and surrounding area without increasing the tax burden on our citizens."

Allen Lee the city's fire and police liaison councilman thanked Congresswoman Lee for helping the city acquire the modern 911 emergency ambulance.

Fire Chief Rebecca Mier said, "because of Congresswoman Lee and city officials working together the department now has a high technologically equipped emergency rescue unit that'll provide citizens with the most advance life saving equipment on board."

New Police Chief,

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as a Deputy Reserve Officer for Constable Precinct 6 until 1984 when he became a Houston police officer until he retired with 30 years of service. He's worked in the anti-gang division, patrol division and before HISD had their own police force he worked in the schools and focused on reducing truancy, drug use and gang activity. His last 2 years he worked in the Homeland Security Division.

Chief Gonzales said, "My vision is to make the community and schools safe for the kids and to have a good relationship with the Galena Park citizens. I want to make sure the police officers are well trained and have the resources they need to give the city the best police protection possible."

Market Days,

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backyard gardens with seasonal produce from their garden may participate in a community booth at no charge. Fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers, other agricultural and horticultural products, honey sales are included, there's limited booth spaces available.

Chairwoman Mier said, "Come out and join us as we start this new adventure for our first Market Days event. Local produce growers, natural skin care products, quality hand-crafted arts and crafts and much more will be available."

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Attorney for the Estate

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters of Administration for Docket No. 462, 540 Estate of RICHARD OLNEY BELTZ, Deceased; In Probate Court No. 4, of Harris County, Texas, Deceased, were issued on February 5, 2018.

MARY ANN BELTZ

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

c/o Weston Cotten
5223 Garth Rd.
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