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OPINION POLL

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Goose Creek ISD will collect Galena Park ISD taxes

On June 1, 2018, the Galena Park ISD (GPISD) Tax Office officially merged tax collections with Goose Creek CISD Tax Services. Galena Park ISD taxpayers will continue to make payments, receive tax receipts, get copies of their statements and have any questions answered at the Galena Park ISD Tax Office located at the GPISD Administration Building (14705 Woodforest

With this new partnership, Galena Park ISD taxpayers now have the ability to make their tax payments at Goose Creek Tax Office, Crosby ISD Administration Building and City of La Porte Hall. Online payment services are also available via the GPISD or Goose Creek CISD websites. Tax Payments can also be mailed to Goose ${\it Creek\ ISD\ Tax\ Services}.$

The mission of the Galena Park ISD Tax Office remains the same, which is to provide the community with exemplary support and assistance with their local tax-

JACINTO CITY MARKET BY NIGHT

Saturday, July 14th, 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm, 1025 Oates Rd. at Town Center Plaza, Jacinto City

BBQ FUNDRAISER

Hosted by LULAC Council 4703 Galena Park, Saturday, July 14, 2018, 11 am -3 pm, 307 Holland (Mechanic Shop). Brisket or chicken, sausage and all the trimmings. \$10 a plate. For questions call 832-434-1591.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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Old River Terrace United Methodist Church and Iglesia Revive

July 23-26, 5:30 - 9:00

4 yr olds - 11 yr olds 16102 East Freeway Channelview, TX 77530 Call 281-452-2861 for

Jacinto City Police recognized for robbery arrests



Jacinto City Police Department Personnel receiving recognition plagues. L - R: Lt. D. Walker, Patrolman O. Elizondo, Cpl. A.J. Seydler, Dispatcher Esther G. Perez, Chief J. M. Ayala, Sgt. B.J. Silva, Sgt. E. Ramos, Patrolman A. Kamali and Patrolman T. Hodges.

By Allan Jamail

Jacinto City, TX. – June 28, 2018 at the Jacinto City Council Meeting Lt. D. Walker, Sgt. B.J. Silva, Sgt. E. Ramos, Cpl. A.J. Seydler, Patrolman O. Elizondo, Patrolman T. Hodges, Pawere recognized for their outstanding service to the city. Police Chief Joey Aya-la commended them for their quick action in two separate armed robberies between April and May

trolman A. Kamali and that cumulated in the fel-Dispatcher Esther G. Perez ony arrest of eleven rob-

bery suspects. Chad Burke, President of The Economic Alliance Corporation for the Houston Ship Channel region in which the city is a member gave their annual report. Allan Jamail founder of tioned how building work at 10902 Lane Street on a home was allowed for six months without a valid building permit. City Manager Lon Squyres said cur-rently a Stop Work

the Keep Jacinto City Violation Red Tag has been Clean Committee quesplaced on the building and the owner has been noti-fied of the violations to the city's building code and the requirement to obtain a building permit before any future work can continue

Guards block access to Immigrant Kids Facility

By Allan Jamail Edited by NCS staff

CHANNELVIEW, TX. -North Channel – Friday, June 29, 2018 — State Senator Sylvia Garcia and State Representative Ana Hernandez went to Casa Montezuma, a child detention facility in their district, to check on migrant children being housed there. The children have either been separated from their parents who immigrated to the United States seeking political asylum from violence and persecution, or else they arrived without parents.

Armed officers in uni-forms bearing the name Fort Bend County Patrol swarmed Garcia and Hernandez, stopping them and telling them they could not enter to see the children even though they both proved they were elected



Armed guard, Chief G. Fuentes blocks State Senator Sylvia Garcia (left) and State Representative Ana Hernandez from entering the children's detention facility in their district.

state officials.

Allan Jamail, a photo-journalist for the North Channel Star, accompanying the state officials, had his camera grabbed by an officer whose uniform identified him as Chief G. Fu-

entes. Fuentes told the visiting group that the area is private property and offlimits to visitors and photo-taking.

See Access Blocked,

Wet Independence Day doesn't dampen celebrations



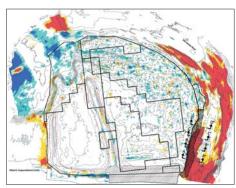
July 4, 2018 - Galena Park and Jacinto City had their annual 4th of July celebration, earlier parts of Harris County recorded record setting rains of 10" inches for this Independence Day. The 2 cities share the cost for the fireworks display which brings thousands of celebrants to the area to see the 25 minute show

Waste Pits need additional repairs Toxic material exposed, cap membrane missing

EPA Directs **Additional** Repairs for san Jacinto **River Waste Pits** Superfund Site

DALLAS - (June 29, 2018) EPA is directing the potentially responsible parties of the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund site in Texas to take immediate action to address damage to the protective cap. Initial repairs will begin shortly at the damaged areas where the protective rock was missing. Upon completion, EPA will inspect the final re-

EPA received preliminary data from sediment samples collected by EPA's dive team from twenty-two small areas measuring up to 50 square feet at the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund site. Samples from twenty-two of the areas confirmed the protective cap is absent and the



San Jacinto Riverbed scouring image post Hurrican Harvey. Gridded areas of riverbed labeled A. B. C. D will be repaired. as well as exposed toxin area in Northwest corner (dark

underlying waste material was exposed. The preliminary sample showed dioxins up to 60,500 ng/kg. EPA recommended clean up level for the site is 30

EPA has directed both International Paper and Industrial Maintenance Corporation, the potentially responsible parties

(PRPs) for the San Jacinto Waste Pits Superfund site in Harris County, to take steps to ensure that the exposed waste material is isolated and securely covered. The dioxin in the waste material does not dissolve easily in water, but it can migrate further out into the surrounding sediments.

oped an Operations, Monitoring, and Maintenance Plan un-der Federal Order by the EPA and completed work to prevent wastes from continuing to migrate to adjacent areas including the San Jacinto River in July 2011. The Order allows the Agency to require additional measures and investigations deemed necessary by the Agency from its periodic inspection of the protective cap. EPA is exercising that authority today. EPA divers determined that additional mea-

The PRPs devel-

sures were necessary. The PRP conducted similar repairs in December 2015 and September 2017. EPA selected long-term remedy for the site has 150,000 cubic

See Waste Pits need Repairs, PAGE 8

EPA CHIEF PRUITT **RESIGNS**





The beleagured head of the Environmental Protection Agency, Scott Pruitt, resigned his position last week. on July 5th, only one day after attending a 4th of July event at the White House, President Trump accepted his resignation, and said that his assistant, Andrew Wheeler, would take over EPA as Acting Administrator.

Pruitt had befriended local Houston environmentalists such as Jackie Young of the SJRC, and Scott Jones of the GBF. It remains to be seen whether the new administrator will be as open and helpful on their local issues.

Pruitt had become wellknown in Houston environ-

See Pruitt Resigns, PAGE 8

COMMUNITY NEWS

Harris County Flood Control District responds to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Harvey Recovery Work Plan

Army Corps of Engineers released a summary of their work plan for studies and construction projects related to funding provided in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, which was passed and signed into law on February 9 of this year. The Harris County Flood Control District is pleased to report that many of our requests are included in the posted work plan. Studies, which are at full federal expense, include:

- \$3 million for the Sec tion 216 Study led by the Corps, which will evaluate the existing Addicks and Barker reservoirs and rec-ommend operational operational changes and/or physical projects to improve the effectiveness of the reservoirs in reducing flood risks upstream and down-
- stream; and
 \$3 million for a county-wide drainage study to look at Harris County's drainage infrastructure as a system, identifying potential inadequacies and potential improvements to the overall system. Also included is federal

funding to complete ongo-

ing construction of four active federal flood risk reduction projects that the Flood Control District is currently working on with the Corps. These construc-

tion projects include:
• \$75 million for the
Brays Bayou Federal Project, consisting of around 21 miles of channel improvements, 11,400 acre-feet of stormwater detention volume, and 30 bridge replacements or modifications

• \$295,165,000 for the Clear Creek Federal Project, which includes 15 miles of channel improvements and around 1,400 acre-feet of additional stormwater detention vol-ume in several basins;

- \$65 million for the Hunting Bayou Federal Project, which calls for around 4 miles of channel improvements, 1,000 acrefeet of stormwater deten-tion volume, and 17 bridge replacements or modifications; and
- \$45 million for the White Oak Bayou Federal Project, consisting of over 15 miles of channel improvements and almost 3,000 acre-feet of stormwater detention volume.

The timing of the re-lease of funding and important procedural details still need to be addressed in the near future, but the fact that these investigations and projects were specifically named and have targeted funding is "very positive news," said Russ Poppe, Executive Director of the Flood Control District.

"The Corp's work plan announcement is great news for us as we have been advocating for project funding of these critical projects for many years," Poppe said. "This secured funding will allow us to complete these projects in a much shorter timeframe - as compared to the un-certainty of annual appropriations - and will reduce flood risks for thousands of Harris County residents.

The work plan also includes short-term funding for repairs to damaged drainage infrastructure, and while several projects within Harris County are listed exact dollar amounts have not yet been allocated

Highlands Rotary helps with Hurricane relief



HIGHLANDS ROTARIANS Trisha and Andy Scott (above right), with granddaughter, are seen at Lowes with Beau and Davida Rosser. The Rotary club from Highlands, with the help of the Rotary Club of Franklin, North Carolina have been aiding families that were devastated by the floods that followed Hurricane Harvey last September. The club purchased an entire kitchen appliance package for this family, and has helped others.

FEMA grants \$76 million to **Texas General Land Office**

AUSTIN, Texas - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded \$76.7 million to the Texas General Land Office as a reimbursement for the management and execution of the Partial Repair and Essential Power for Sheltering (PREPS) program following Hurri-

cane Harvey.
The PREPS program provided emergency repairs and power restoration to single-family, owner-occupied homes. These repairs made the home safe, sanitary, and secure so that the homeowner could return home, rather than shelter in a hotel or rental property, while they continued to

work on their full recovery. The measures taken during the PREPS repair process provided only the minimal and essential repairs necessary to make the home safe and sani-

tary.
This FEMA grant of \$76 million requires a 10 percent non-federal match. or \$8.5 million, of the nearly \$85 million award. The total cost of the PREPS program, with previous reimbursements, was more than \$170.5 million.

This funding comes from FEMA's Public Assistance grant program which reimburses state agencies for actions taken during response and recovery from disasters, such as Hurricane Harvey. Eligible applicants include states federally recognized tribal governments, U.S. territo-

and certain private nonprofit organizations.
FEMA obligates fund-

ing for these projects directly to the state. It is the state's responsibility to ensure that the eligible final recipients receive these awards. Following the state's review process and upon receipt of appropriate documentation, they will provide funds to the final recipients on a reimbursable basis

For additional information on Hurricane Harvey and Texas recovery, visit the Hurricane Harvey disaster web page at www.fema.gov/disaster/ 4332 or the Texas Division of Emergency Management website at https:// www.dps.texas.gov/dem/.

Baytown Family Wellness Expo set

Baytown, TX - Holy Family Catholic Church is putting faith forward for the City of Baytown. On July 21, it will host the 2nd annual Family Wellness Expo. The event kick off is at 10 am. It will be a funfilled day dedicated to activities and an enjoyable experience for the whole

The event has confirmed partnerships with Baylor College of Medicine, OffBeat Eatz Food Truck, City of Baytown, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Kona Ice, UPS Stores Bay-

town, and many more.
The event is free to the public. There will be hourly features, performances, door prizes, games, ven-dors, and exhibitors. Families will come together for a day and focus on physical, mental, and spiritual

well-being.
All vendor fees and onsite donations will be colAbout the organization: Holy Family Catholic

program to benefit the

Church is a community of faith that welcomes all. They are creating a new opportunity to engage and serve the greater Baytown area through hosting an event that gathers and promotes local businesses and an overall focus on wellness in the city.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FM 2100

FM 2100 from Huffman-Cleveland Road (North) to FM 1960

CSJ: 1062-02-009

Harris County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), as the lead agency, is proposing improvements to Farm-to-Market (FM) 2100 from Huffman-Cleveland Road (North) to FM 1960 in Harris County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting a Public Hearing on the proposed project. The hearing will be held on Thursday, August 2, 2018, at Hargrave High School, 25400 Willy Lane, Huffman, Texas 77336. Displays will be available for viewing at 5:30 p.m. with the formal hearing starting at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project

The proposed project area includes 4.5 miles of existing roadway and proposes to reconstruct and widen the existing facility from a two-lane roadway to a four-lane divided roadway with a raised median. The proposed improvements would accommodate expected traffic demand and growth in the region, while enhancing safety by providing a divided highway with raised medians and dedicated left turn lanes at select intersections and cross-streets. The proposed roadway design would include one 12-foot travel lane and one 15-foot outside shared-use lane in each direction, as well as sidewalks in each direction. Additional design features would include a storm sewer drainage system and detention ponds.

The proposed roadway improvements would be constructed primarily within the existing 150-foot right-of-way (ROW). Approximately 34 acres of additional ROW would be required for drainage, corner clips, and accommodation of the approaches to the bridge crossing at Luce Bayou. Although additional ROW is required, no residential or commercial structures would be displaced. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for ROW acquisition may be obtained from the district office at the address listed below.

The proposed project would impact wetlands and would require an Individual Permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The proposed project would encroach upon the floodplain, however, the base flood elevation would

Any environmental documentation or studies, maps showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the TxDOT Houston District Office, 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007. To schedule an appointment at the Houston District, please contact Ms. Wahida Wakil at (713) 802-5513. Information will also be made available for viewing at the North Harris County Area Office, 16803 Eastex Freeway (US 59), Humble, Texas 77396. To schedule an appointment at the North Harris County Area Office, please call (281) 319-6400. This information also will be available for review at the hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be presented at the hearing, or submitted in person or by mail to the TxDOT Houston District Office, Attention: Director of Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251-1386. Comments must be received on or before Friday, August 17, 2018, to be part of the official hearing record. Comments may also be submitted electronically to hou-piowebmail@txdot.gov or https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/houston/080218.html.

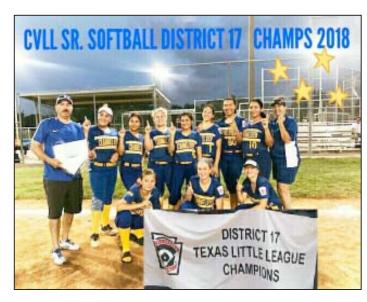
The hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending who have special communications or accommodation needs, such as the need for an interpreter, are encouraged to contact the TxDOT Houston District Public Information Office at (713) 802-5076. Requests should be made at least two days prior to the hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the hearing, please contact the TxDOT Houston District Public Information Office at (713) 802-5076.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and TxDOT.

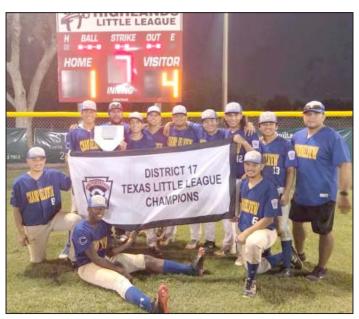
COMMUNITY NEWS

2018 Channelview Little League's Accomplishments





International Baseball 10/11/12 year olds



International Baseball Seniors are District 17 Champions





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Trying to do business without advertising is like winking at a pretty girl through a pair of green goggles. You may know what you are doing, but no one else does. ~Cyrus McCormick

OPINION PAGE



Paxton sends letters to cities that passed bag ban ordinances

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on July 2 notified 11 Texas cities that their ordinances against plastic shopping bags had been knocked down by the Texas Supreme Court.

Paxton said he issued letters to the cities of Austin, Sunset Valley, Port Aransas, Laguna Vista, Fort Stockton, Eagle Pass, Corpus Christi, Brownsville, Kermit, Freer and South Padre Island "to ensure awareness of the recent ruling and waste management responsibilities Texas law places on municipalities

In January, the state Supreme Court heard arguments in the City of Laredo v. Laredo Mer-chants Association and on June 22 the court struck down the bag ordinance. The city maintained it was not a bag ban but "an incremental implementation plan towards a cleaner

However, the Supreme Court upheld an appeals court ruling siding with the merchants association in finding that the state's Solid Waste Disposal Act preempts the city's ordinance, and no city

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

ordinance may conflict with

Request for aid

granted

Gov. Greg Abbott's federal disaster request for individual assistance for Cameron and Hidalgo counties following recent severe weather and flooding has been granted, the governor's office announced July 6.

Abbott made the request to the Federal Emergency Management Agency on June 26 after visiting Edinburg, where local officials briefed him on the flooding and response and recovery efforts following a storm that hit South Texas June 18-22. The weather event and its aftermath are being referred to as "The Great June 2018 Flood." The National Weather Service has estimated that the event's breadth and

impact could turn out to be greater than that of Hurricane Dolly in 2008.

"I thank the president and his administration for their swift response to aid Texans in the Rio Grande Valley as they continue to recover from these devastating floods. Going forward, the state of Texas will continue to work with local leaders to ensure the needs of those affected by the floods are being met. Abbott said.

Illnesses tied to

parasite The Texas Department of State Health Services on July 2 announced some 56 cases of illness caused by the microscopic parasite Cyclospora had been identified since the beginning of May.

Cyclosporiasis is an intestinal illness caused by the consumption of food or

water contaminated with Cyclospora. The main symptom of the illness is watery diarrhea lasting from a few days to a few months.

State and local health agencies are working to determine if there is a common source for the infections. They recom mend thorough washing of all fresh produce.

Revenue total

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on July 3 announced state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.77 billion in June, an amount 13.7 percent more than reported for the month of June 2017. _Sales tax revenue increased for almost all major economic sectors, Hegar said. "The strong revenue growth was led by collections from the mining and manufacturing sectors. The construction. wholesale and retail trade sectors also saw strong gains," he added. _Also, total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in June 2018 was up 12.4 percent compared to the same period a year ago.

Sales tax revenue is the

Some residents in high-risk areas must maintain flood coverage or risk missing out on future aid AUSTIN, Texas - If disaster strikes once, it can strike again. Make sure you're prepared — and remain eligible for assistance from the

for repeat assistance

Flood aid recipients: Get

insurance to stay eligible

flood insurance. If your community participates in the National Flood Insurance Program and your property is in a high-risk zone known as a special flood hazard area (SFHA), you are required by law to purchase and maintain flood insurance if you have received federal disaster assistance for flood damage. Otherwise, when disaster strikes again, you will be ineligible for federal assistance for flood damage to your home or its contents.

federal government — by buying and maintaining

Homeowners in SFHAs who receive disaster assistance must maintain flood insurance for as long as the property address exists. If the home is sold, the insurance requirement is passed to the new owner; therefore buyers should thoroughly research the history of their property before closing.

Renters in SFHAs who receive federal disaster assistance for flood-damaged personal property also must maintain flood insurance

on the contents of their home for as long as they live at that location. The insurance requirement, however, ends once the aid recipient moves away

People in an SFHA who receive flood assistance through FEMA's Individuthrough FEMA's Individuals and Households
Program (IHP) may
qualify for a Group Flood
Insurance Policy (GFIP).
The group policy is paid
with IHP grant funds for
survivors who receive
disaster assistance and
lack required flood
insurance. To receive a insurance. To receive a group policy, you must have applied for a U.S. Small Business Adminis-tration disaster loan and been found ineligible, among other require-ments. A group policy expires at the end of 36 months, but the require ment to maintain flood insurance continues.

To learn more about flood insurance and the National Flood Insurance Program, call 800-427-4661, visit www.fema.gov/ business/nfip or contact your insurance agent.

For information on Hurricane Harvey and Texas recovery, visit the Hurricane Harvey disaster web page at www.fema.gov/disaster/ 4332 or the Texas Division of Emergency Manage-ment website at www.dps.texas.gov/dem/

largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 58 percent of all tax collections. Revenue from other major taxes on motor vehicle sales and rentals, motor fuel and oil and natural gas production also rose in June 2018, Hegar said.

More details are available online via the Comptroller's Monthly State Revenue Watch at comptroller.texas.gov

Inspection totals released

The Texas Department of Public Safety announced some 7,980 commercial inspected in Roadcheck 2018, a national commer cial motor vehicle safety effort conducted June 5-7.

Commercial vehicle enforcement troopers, specially trained highway

patrol troopers, civilian inspectors, compliance review investigators and local partner agencies participated in the effort. in which 1,975 of the 18-wheelers, buses and other commercial vehicles inspected were placed out of service for a variety of safety violations until appropriate repairs could be made. Issues with brakes and defective tires were among the most common infractions that led to out-of-service violations.

Drivers also were checked for compliance with state and federal laws, and 301 drivers were placed out of service. Among the violations were failing to have the proper type of driver license for the vehicle being driven and violation of hours-ofservice limits

In all, 1,258 citations and 18,178 warnings were issued, the DPS said.

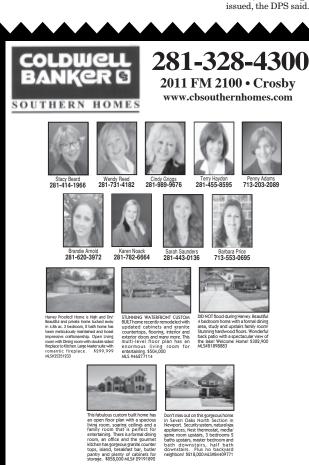


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Johanna Emma **Busch Reese**



Johanna Emma Busch Reese, 87, of Crosby, Texas, passed away on July 2, 2018. She was born on Jan-uary 9, 1931 in San Antonio, Texas to Willy Curt

Sturzenegger Busch. Johanna loved her family and would host gatherings at her house for them. She enjoyed painting, crafting, and gardening. She took great pride of her garden, especially her flowerbeds. Johanna will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.
She is preceded in death

by her beloved husband, George Roy Reese, Jr; parents, Willy and Emma Busch; brothers, John Busch and Oscar Busch; and sisters, Evelyn Busch Long and Doris Busch Sod-

Johanna is survived by her sons, Edward Reese and wife Belinda, and Donald Reese and wife Elaine; brother, Willy Busch and wife Carolyn;

sister, Margaret Busch Wenzel and husband Floyd; five grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; and a host of extended family and friends. A visitation for family

and friends will be held on Sunday, July 8, 2018 from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Sterling-White Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am on Mon-day, July 9, 2018 also at Sterling White Funeral Home. Interment will be in Sterling White Cemetery. Arrangements 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.

daughters, Misty and Maria Holman; brother, Darrell

Alvin Albert



Franta

Alvin Albert Franta, 94. passed away peacefully on July 1, 2018. He was born on November 22, 1923 to Rudolph G. Franta and Hermina Marek Franta. Alvin was raised in Crosby and graduated from Crosby High School in 1941. He served in the US Army as a Sargeant and was honorably discharged in 1946. In 1947 he married the love of his life, Steazie Kovalcik, and together they raised a family. Alvin retired from the ExxonMobil Refinery as a Planner after 35 years service. He was a longtime and faithful parishioner of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Crosby where he was a dedicated member of the Knights of Columbus

and served as a Lector and an Usher. Alvin was a longstanding member of the American Legion, R.V.O.S. and SPJST. Alvin and his wife, Steazie loved dancing and took great pride in leading Czech and Polish wedding marches in the surrounding areas. He enjoyed his yardwork, gardening and barbequing for his family. He cherished his family and was a devoted husband, father, grandand grandfather. Alvin touched the lives of many people with his kind and fun-loving heart and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is preceded in death by his devoted wife of 56 years, Steazie M. Franta; parents, Rudolph and Hermina Franta; sisters, Doris Warzon and Irene Franta; and brother, Robert Fran-

Alvin is survived by his daughters, Linda Tward-owski and husband Leonard, Shirley Buell and husband Carl, and Annette Bielamowicz and husband Raymond; son, Randy Franta and wife Judy; grandchildren and their spouses, Eric and Rachel Twardowski, Kristen and Neal Carlson, Brandon and Rachael Buell, Phillip Buell, Justin and Mary Kay Bielamowicz, Darren and Natalie Bielamowicz, Laura Bielamowicz Ostermann, Jared and Amanda

Bielamowicz, Ryan and Krista Franta, and Amanda Franta and Matt Fenoglio; greatgrandchildren, Wade, Kate, Elyse, Elena, Kaitlyn, Hannah Claire, Corbin, Brooke, Haley, Jay, Jack, James, Mary Blake, Olivia, Dylan, Alex, Claire, Emma, Sofia, Haygen, Cope, and Adalyn; and a host of extended

family and friends.
Serving as Pallbearers will be: Ryan Franta, Dar-ren Bielamowicz, Brandon Buell, Eric Twardowski, Justin Bielamowicz, Jared Bielamowicz, Phillip Buell, and Neal Carlson.

A Visitation with a Rosary will begin at 10:00am on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 915 Runneburg Road, Crosby, Texas 77532. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11:00 am. 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. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Alvin's memory to Sacred Heart Catholic School, 907 Runneburg Rd, Crosby, TX 77532, www.sacredheart schoolcrosby.org, 281-328-

The family would like to extend a special "Thank You" to the staff at St. James House and Dr. Chris Havs for the care and comfort given to Alvin.

6. In Acts 22:28, who said, "But I was free born"? Paul, Bernice, Nicodemus,

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Liberty; 3) Truth; 4) Romans; 5) 0; 6) Paul

Robert Eugene Holman



Robert Eugene Holman. 56, passed away June 23, 2018 with his family by his side in Channelview, Texas. Robert was born on April 10, 1962 to parents Lonus and Eva (Collins)

Holman in Sidney, Ohio. He moved from his home state of Ohio to escape the cold and he found and en-joyed the warmth Texas. Robert worked in mainte-nance with the Channelview School District for 12 years. He was a kind hearted and generous man. Rob-ert showed everyone respect and was glad to try and help anyone who was in need. He loved the thrill of riding choppers, four-wheelers, and Nascar racing. Robert enjoyed his rock-and-roll and country music, along with his cigarettes and beer. He was a true collector of all things but he especially treasured collecting skulls and dragons. Robert will be sincere

ly missed by those who

in death by his parents; Holman. He is lovingly survived by his wife, Anna Garza; children, Robert E. Holman, Jr. and wife Crystal, and Victoria Jeffreo: sisters, Judy Stauffer, Suzy Rodeheffer, Kim Wilhem; brothers, Virgil Russell and Chip Russell; 10 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; as well as numerous extended family members and friends.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casev

1. Is the book of Libitaria in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. In Galatians 5:1, "Stand fast therefore in the ... wherewith Christ hath made us free"? Light, Liberty, Redemption, Resurrec-

3. From John 8:32, "And ye shall know the ..., and 'it' shall make you free"? Word, Truth, Love, Forgiveness

4. In which book's 6:7 does it say, "For he that is dead is freed from sin"? Isaiah, Daniel, Mark, Romans

5. How many times is the word "independence" mentioned in the Bible (KJV)? 0,

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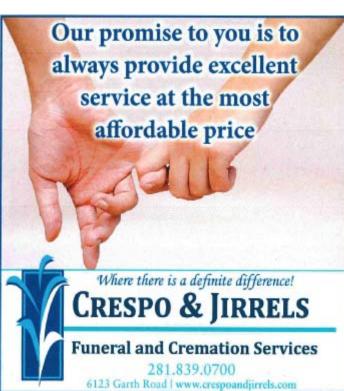
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Diamond Jim: "What is Common Sense?"



The Death of Common Sense

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was. since his birth records were long ago lost in bu-

reaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

Knowing when to come in out of the rain; Why the early bird gets the worm: Life isn't always fair, And maybe it was my fault.

Common sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults are in charge not children). His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of an 8 year old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate, teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch, and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student, but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses, and criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault. Common sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common sense was preceded in death, by His parents, Truth and

His wife, Discretion His daughter, Responsi-

bility His son, Reason He is survived by his 4 stephrothers

Î know my rights I want my rights I want it now I'm a victim.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you're struggling to understand all of this...that's alright...it's just Common

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OBITUARIES

Fred Norman **Thamm**

Fred Norman Thamm, 78, of Crosby, Texas, formerly of Channelview, Texas, passed from this life on June 8, 2018 Crosby, Texas. He was born in Houston, Texas on April 5, 1940 to parents, Fritz and Elnora Thamm.

Fred grew up in North East Houston graduating from Galena Park High School. He joined the U.S. Army after high school serving for 3 years. He and his wife Nelwyn married in 1962. Fred worked for Armco Steel for 18 years until they closed in 1984 as a Rigger & Fabricator. He then worked for Merichem as a Fabricator Foreman until he retired in 2005. Fred had many hobbies over the years. Trains, oil painting, drawing, photography, and autocad to name a few. He excelled at all of them. A very hard worker, some of his hobbies even turned into second jobs. Fred was not known as the greatest speller! He once drew and painted a huge billboard constructed of at least 8 sheets of plywood. Fred, Nelwyn and the kids drove out, excited to see the finished sign. Once there they looked up at the large sign which read "Lindsey's Equp-ment". Fred had left out the "I" in equipment. They all laughed. When you leave Bush airport driving east on Will Clayton, be sure to look at the large yellow metal sculpture. Fred was one of the men who built it in 1976 at Armco Steel. His name is welded on one of the legs

Fred loved to travel. His

family has many great memories of the places

they visited. He would

have loved traveling to

Canada and taking pic-

tures of his grandson's



wedding. He was a good

family man. Fred is survived by his wife of 56 years, Nelwyn Thamm; his daughter Kelli & son-in-law Byron Jones; son, Kevin Thamm; grand-son Kendall Thamm and wife, Danielle; as well as by brother, Warren Thamm and wife, Patricia; by numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and other family members. Fred is preceded in death by his parents, Fritz and Elnora: and two brothers, Paul and Robert Thamm. The family would like to thank his caregivers Donna Hackney, Evelyn Cottee, Marie Holmes, LaShanda Conley, Joan Mitchell, Neece Johnson, neighbor Don Daniels and

Comfort Hospice.
A brief visitation and service was held on Saturday, June 16, 2018 at Carter-Conley Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 10:00 am. until 12:00 Noon with services to celebrate his life at 12:00 Noon. He was laid to rest in San Jacinto Memorial Park immediately after services under the direction of Carter-Conley Funeral

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It's beginning to feel like....

CHARLOTTE'S

By Charlotte Jackson

Perhaps you are like me. Children are grown. There is always too much to do and rarely enough time to ponder on what needs to be on your "Bucket List" yet, you realize that you need to stop and enjoy life. During the past few weeks, I have found my list getting longer and longer of things that need last minute details covered as well as too many dates to add to my daily plan-

When you work fulltime and your children are grown, you tend to finally find time to get involved in the things that you have looked forward to for many years. Some of my friends have gardens and others pets that keep them busy. Other friends travel and still others are at a place where all of their "free? time is spent taking care of aging parents and relatives. I tend to take vacation time to volunteer with some of the many non-profit organizations that are near and dear to my heart. I spent six days in New Orleans recently attending the national convention for the National Alliance on Mental Illness and two days assisting with football camps for

I am blessed that my oldest son and his wife live very close and in the evenings, my daughter in law and I are able to spend time together running errands. This last weekend, in spite of rain, we were able to do most of the back to school shopping for supplies. This week she and my granddaughters ventured out to Kingwood to visit a high school classmate's new business Kingwood Taco Shop. Spending time with the granddaughters, ages 5

children.

and 10, was priceless. To hear their laughter as we drove home and they waved at total strangers and even to the many trees along the route reminded me to laugh.

Last night at dinner, my son and I talked about how we need to plan something fun for the holidays. What? Holidays? Let me explain. I have three adult children, two of whom are married and three grandchildren. From October until January, we have eight birthdays as well as Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's and MLK Day, not to mention all of the time off for the holidays. I have never been one to spend money for presents. I already know we all have way more than we will ever need. Instead, I try to plan time to be in the presence of each other. One year, it was Breakfast with Santa at the Aquarium and one year it was the Thanksgiving Day Parade with a huge extended family. We typically set aside one evening to go out of our neighborhood to see Christmas lights. And we try to make it to the Heights to spend time when it is Holidays in The Heights. We drove up to College Station and enjoyed Santa's Wonderland last year. Now that they little ones are at the "fun ages of five, six and ten, it is time to plan

some overnight trips. And as we are doing these activities, we are able to share with the children the values of love, compassion and listening. We have also tried to teach them about respecting others and demonstrate these values by sharing with the less fortunate. It is never about presents but always about

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The Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 50 is proposing to construct a new Package Wastewater Treatment Plant to serve existing portions of the District as well as new development. The project includes a new 90,000 gallon a day package wastewater treatment plant, influent and effluent lift stations, force mains, and gravity sewer work

This project is eligible for CWSRF funding; therefore, the following requirements apply:
• This contract is contingent upon release of funds from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB).

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Copies of the bidding documents may be obtained from www.CivCastUSA.com: Search Harris County MUD No. 50 Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 2. Questions deadline is July 27th at 10:00 AM. Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download specifications, and plans for this project. There is NO charge to view or download docume

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EPA CHIEF PRUITT RESIGNS.

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mental circles, having visited the San Jacinto River Waste Pits in person, and placed their disposal on his Top Ten" list of projects to receive his attention.

Pruitt's tenure at the EPA was controversial from the beginning, and as he made a number of questionnable choices in his style of administration, he became a contant source of embarrassment to the President and his administration.

He had been questionned by Congressmen and the media about high travel spending, security team costs, dealings with lobbyists who he would have to rule on later, and misuse of government resources.

Even as his resignation took affect, the President wrote on Twitter "he has done an outstanding job."

Trump was pleased with Pruitt's efforts to reduce or eliminate regulations that the White House said curbed business growth. But opponents and environmental activists said that these roll-back of regulations endangered the environment and the $health\ of\ the\ population.$

Reportedly Pruitt resigned of his own accord, telling the president that because of the controversy around him, he didn't want to be a distraction to the administration.

Trump moved immediately to name his successor, Deputy Administrator Andrew Wheeler. Wheeler

had only been an executive at EPA for a little more than two months.

Wheeler promised to continue Trump's agenda to roll back environmental regulations to the benefit of industry.

Industry observers said they did not expect any significant changes in the direction of the EPA, although Wheeler's style might be more methodical and slower to change.

Wheeler is a former Senate staffer and EPA employee. He also has been a lobby ist for the coal mining and energy industry for a period of over a decade, casting doubt on his objectivity in these Pruitt had been the At-

torney General for the state of Oklahoma prior to his appointment to the EPA chief. Records show that he spent most of his time at the EPA meeting with industry representatives in businesses that he regulated.

Pruitt also challenged most of the scientific data on climate change.

Wheeler has promised to be more transparent and outgoing with the public, noting his work on the Community Right-to-Know Act.

In an interview with the Washington Post, when asked how he feels about his new job, Wheeler said "I really do think that my background, at this point in time, that this is the right job for me."

must first make an ap pointment by phone to vis-it the facility," but when Garcia and Hernandez told Fuentes they've called for days but no one will answer the phone, Fuente then said, "I know because they don't want any visitors, so they're not going to answer the phone."

Not easily persuaded to

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Fuentes said, "Visitors

leave without first check-ing on the welfare of the kids, for almost an hour a standoff with security in over 100 degree scorching heat, finally Fuentes agreed to allow Garcia and Hernandez to go to the front door to make an ap pointment for a visit on

another day. The door was locked and no one inside would come to the door or answer the intercom system, so after numerous attempts Chief Fuentes said, "You need to leave because no one is going to come talk to you or allow you inside. They don't want visitors."

Fuentes said he was only doing his job, but Garcia and Hernandez responded and told him he was preventing them from doing their jobs to check on the welfare of children in their District. Senator Garcia said, "If

there is one positive to behavior come out of President strengthen our commit-Trump's disastrous family eparation policy, it's that it has helped shine a bright light on the treatment of immigrant children in the custody of the federal government. No longer will institutions like the Southwest Key Programs facility in Channelview operate in the shadows. While they may have blocked us from observing their operations today, we will be back again and again until we can be certain that the children in their care are being treated humanely. They may try to shut us out, but they won't shut us up. Our voices will be heard. We demand full transparency of this operation and others like it, and insist that any child in here that has been forcibly removed from their parents be reunited with their family immediately."

State Representative Ana Hernandez said, "The Channelview facility's refusal to work with lawmakers and allow us entrance is a red flag and a clear signal that the safety of the children in its care is secondary to protecting



Allan Jamail a photojournalist for the North Channel Star had his camera grabbed by armed guards in an attempt to prevent him from taking photos.

the Trump Administration and its enablers from the sunlight of scrutiny. This

will only

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ment to the strict regulation and closure of these

operations. "The Trump Administration's executive actions have done nothing to end the spread of detention centers like this facility. They have only replaced baby jails with family internment camps," Hernandez said. "These facilities are an insult to the basic principles upon which our nation was founded. The time for words ended a long time ago. Direct action is the only answer to stop the imprisoning of entire families seeking asylum from violence."

Representative Hernandez has worked to aggressively push back against the spread of detention centers, recently writing to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to halt the licensing of such facilities under state over-

President Donald Trump has begun a new immigration policy of zero tolerance for those seeking asylum. This new policy ramped-up border arrests, and has left officials un-

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able to account for thousands of children in custody because the new policy includes taking children away from their parents. Child psychologist are

saying it is inhumane to forcibly take kids away from their parents at a young age because they cannot understand why it has happened, and most will never recover from the brain trauma they have experienced by doing this. These children need to be able to go run and play outside and not be locked up, confined as they are.
The facility located at

 $15101~\mathrm{IH}~10~\mathrm{East}~\mathrm{Frontage}$ Road in Channelview is a part of Southwest Key a national nonprofit organization founded in 1987 They have contracts with government agencies and private foundations to operate three types of programs throughout the country: youth justice programs, charter schools for kids in underserved neighborhoods, and shelters for immigrant youth. They operate programs in 7 states: Texas, Arizona, California, Georgia, New York, Wisconsin and Florida. Their national headquarters is located in Austin, Texas.

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