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CHANNEL CURRENTS

Galena Park-Jacinto City CIP Meeting

TOUR OF SAN JACINTO COLLEGE MARITIME TRAINING ACADEMY - Thursday, August 2, 2018. 5:00 pm - vehicles leave Alvin Baggett parking lot if you sign up to take the bus or offer a ride to others. Seats on bus or in carpools are first come, first served.

At San Jacinto College Maritime Training Academy, 3700 Old Highway 146/Broadway, La Porte 77571

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North Channel Area Chamber Monthly Luncheon

Friday - August 3, 2018 at 11:30 am.
Jacinto City Town Center
1025 Oats Rd, at Challenger 7, 77029

Speaker: State Representative Ana Hernandez - District 143.

Casino Night Scholarship Fundraiser

CASINO NIGHT Friday, August 10, 2018 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Jacinto City Town Center, 1025 Oates Rd. @ Challenger 7, Jacinto City, 77029. Contact Blanca@ncachamber.com for more information.

Galena Park firefighters train for emergencies

By Allan Jamail

Bryan, Tx.- Disaster City, Monday, July 23, 2018 Galena Park Fire Chief Paul Gregory took a group of his firefighters to Texas A & M College Station that's in its 89th year of Fire Training and Emergency Responders Training to upgrade emergency responder's training and certification.

Chief Gregory one of five-hundred Instructors there said, "There's about 1,800 emergency responders here from all over Texas who'll have five days of extensive training and testing in various fields of firefighting, emergency rescue, hazardous materials and Emergency Medical Training."

Disaster City is located in College Station, Texas on a 52-acre training facility that delivers the full array of skills and techniques needed by today's emergency response professionals. The site has a building collapse area, rubble pile area, technical



Training firefighters battle a mock railroad car disaster with hazardous material burning.

skills training area, and a transportation disaster training area to name a few. The training is realistic, large-scale, and hands-on and attracts more than 45,000 emergency responders from all 50 states and more than 45 countries each year.

The mock community features full-scale, collapsible structures designed to simulate various levels of disaster and wreckage which can be customized for the specific training needs of any group. Training requires climbing

into mangled steel and glass that was once a bustling passenger train or building, search and rescue teams using dogs to sift through a building's rubble left from a terrorist attack or natural disaster hoping to find survivors.

Chief Gregory says the

cost for his firefighters training is provided through a grant from the Texas Forest Service and other sponsors.

See Emergency Training, page 8

Galena Manor Seniors placed 2nd at Bean Bag finals



Photo by Allan Jamail

Galena Manor Seniors left to right Annie Mae Murphy, Diann Cotton, Taggy Hall, Senator Sylvia Garcia, Elizabeth Anderson, Lupe Valdez, Delores Blate, Mattie Walker and Juanita Walls.

By Allan Jamail

North Channel - July, 2018. The Ultimate Bean

Bag Playoff took place at the East Harris County Activity Center. The four playoff finalist were the North Channel Galena

Manor Seniors, North by

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Washburn Tunnel closed until August 2 for improvements

HOUSTON, Texas - The Washburn Tunnel will be closed for 10 days, beginning at 7 a.m. on Monday, July 23rd to 7 a.m. on Thursday, August 2nd. During this time, crews will be conducting in-depth maintenance to the Tunnel lining, as part of the Washburn Tunnel Concrete Repairs project.

Drivers are reminded to use alternate routes during the closure. Alternate routes include I-610 East Loop Freeway, Sam Houston Parkway, and Highway 146.

"The Tunnel is nearly 70 years old, and this main-

tenance has to take place as necessary from time to time to keep it safe and sound," said Commissioner Jack Morman.

Construction on the \$670,000 project began in April. While most of the work is conducted during normal Washburn Tunnel maintenance hours, the project is expected to be complete in the first quarter of 2019.

Be sure to monitor www.hcp2.com, or like "Harris County Precinct 2" and "Washburn Tunnel - Harris County Precinct 2" on Facebook for updates on this project.

POLITICS

Senator Sylvia Garcia resigns Texas Legislature

Seeks TX-29 Congress seat

State Senator Sylvia Garcia has submitted her resignation in a letter to Governor Greg Abbott, earlier this week.

Garcia is running for the seat that was vacated by Congressman Gene Green, Texas District 29. Her name will be on the November ballot, as well as a Republican opponent, Phillip Aronoff.

In her letter to Abbott, she said "It has been an unbelievable honor for me and my family to serve the diverse, proud, working class constituents of Senate District 6 who contribute immensely to our state and want nothing more than to provide



SYLVIA GARCIA

a good life for their family."

Her term will end Jan. 2, 2019. She asked Abbott to call an election to fill her seat in the next election in November.

COMMUNITY WATCH

Investigators need tips for arson fire at Mosque



The Harris County Fire Marshal's Office and Crime Stoppers need the public's assistance in providing any information regarding a fire at the ISGH Northshore Mosque, located in the 13800 block of Brownsville St, Houston, TX 77015.

The incident occurred on July 19 at approximately 4:30 a.m. An unidentified person or persons placed ignitable liquid on door of the mosque and set the door on fire. The fire was limited to the door because of the quick actions of the grounds keeper.

Harris County Fire Marshal's Office fire investigators also found a car owned by a mosque leader with all four tires slashed. Investigators believe both incidents are related.

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$5,000 for information leading to felony charges or an arrest of the suspect(s) in this case. Information may be reported by calling (713) 222-TIPS (8477) or submitting tips online at www.crime-stoppers.org. All tipsters remain anonymous.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Dana Kratky new Crosby Elementary Principal

CROSBY, Texas - Crosby ISD is proud to announce Ms. Dana Kratky as the new Crosby Elementary School Principal for the 2018-2019 school year. Ms. Kratky is replacing Ms. Christy Erb, who left the district to serve as principal in Humble ISD. Last Thursday, July 19, 2018, the Crosby ISD Board of Trustees approved the hiring of Ms. Kratky who had previously served as assistant principal at Crosby Elementary School from 2015-2018 and at Charles R. Drew Elementary School from 2009-2015. Ms. Kratky brings 13 years of teaching experience from Charles R. Drew Elementary School in Crosby, Texas, Bonne E'cole Elementary School in Slidell, Louisiana, and A.L. Smith Elementary School in Sterlington, Louisiana. Her years of experience in education have also garnered Ms. Kratky an impressive list of accolades including the following:

- Top 5 finalist for Region IV Teachers of the Year
- Crosby ISD Elementary Teacher of the Year
- Charles R. Drew Elementary Teacher of the Year
- St. Tammany Parish 1st Runner Up ELKS



Teacher of the Year

- Bonne E'cole Elementary ELKS Teacher of the Year
- A.L. Smith Elementary Teacher of the Year

Ms. Kratky is a longtime Crosby resident and 1994 Crosby ISD alumnus. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from Stephen F. Austin University and her Master's Degree of Education in Administration with a Principal Certification from Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas.

"I am eager to continue serving my district and community as the Principal of Crosby Elementary School," said Ms. Kratky when asked about her promotion. "This is a special community and I consider it an honor to have been chosen as the Crosby Elementary Principal. Crosby Elementary has made great strides in recent years and, as a team, we will continue to work hard for our students."

San Jacinto River Coalition Meeting Dr. Garland reviews Waste Pits after Hurricane Harvey

Post Harvey TCRA Cap Survey and Sampling Results: Implications for Cap integrity and Release of Waste to the San Jacinto River and Environs

Presented by Dr. Kathleen Garland
June 20, 2018
Highlands Community Center

In the wake of Hurricane Harvey's floods, both the EPA and the Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) conducted activities at the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund site in order to determine how the floods had affected the armored cap, and whether contaminated waste materials had been exposed by the floods and escaped into the river. These activities focused on the north site, located adjacent to the 1 10 river bridge.

Site activities included physical surveys of the cap surface both above and below water level, probing of the entire site on a 30' by 30' grid pattern using steel rods, physical examination of areas of the cap by EPA divers, and sediment sampling and analysis in areas of interest. The PRPs' contractors conducted the initial physical survey and sampling. EPA staff accompanied the contractors during the probe survey and later sampling activities.



DR. GARLAND displays a typical Geotextile used in the cap of the Waste Pits.

ties. PRP contractors were also present during EPA's dives on the site.

Using the physical survey data, the PRPs created a map of the cap surface that shows the differences between the shape and elevation of the surface as mapped in July 2017 and in early September 2017 after floodwaters receded. This map, reproduced as Figure 1 in this report, shows areas of erosion in yellow and red, and areas of deposition in blue and green. Areas in white showed less than 1 ft. of elevation difference between the two mapping events. This map shows that some areas of the cap experienced erosion (called "scour" in this report) and other areas experienced deposition of additional sediment (called "fill" in this report). Scour and fill features typically form when currents and eddies affect a streambed. These currents and eddies pick up sediment from some areas of the streambed and deposit it in other areas. The map produced by the PRPs indicates that small scale scour and fill took place across the armored cap while it was submerged by the floodwaters. Overall, the waste pits had the same configuration after the floods as they did before, indicating that the site as a whole remained intact during the floods.

Two areas of the site identified on this map caused particular concern to the EPA. The first of these is on the southeast side of the site, outside of the cap and waste pits, and appears in red on Figure 1. This area experienced significant erosion, and raised concerns that future events could erode into the waste pits on that side of the site. The EPA required

a repair plan, and the PRPs installed additional rock armoring in this area to protect that side of the pits.

The second area of concern is on the northwest side of the site. This area has never been protected by a geotextile because the slope is too steep to allow rock armor to stay in place if there is a geotextile liner underneath it. Instead of geotextile, this area has an aggregate rock layer on top of the waste, and then rock armor on top of that. The aggregate rock layer is made of mixed sizes of gravel laid down in a thick sheet over the underlying waste. This layer is designed so that smaller pieces of gravel will fill in the spaces between larger pieces, creating a more cohesive and erosion resistant surface. Large rock armor is then placed on top of this mixed rock layer. The aggregate layer helps hold the larger rock armor in place. This area has undergone repairs in the past, as this construction is more easily damaged due to its composition and the steep slope in that area. EPA focused their dive team investigation and sampling on this part of the cap.

The probe survey of the cap covered the entire site, and identified 38 areas of interest where the thickness of the rock armor was less than required, and/or where the geotextile liner was exposed. Based on the map and the probe survey, EPA calculated that damaged areas totaled 6700 square feet, distributed across the entire site. The probe survey confirms the conditions indicated by the site mapping: local currents and eddies thinned the rock armor, and in some areas scoured out the rock down to the underlying

ing geotextile. Some of these scour features remain. In other areas, these scours were filled back up with new sediment. Elsewhere on the cap, the armor and geotextile remained in place and were buried under several inches to a few feet of new sediment. The underwater environment at this site was extremely dynamic, as one would expect during a flood of this magnitude.

Sampling by the EPA, and duplicated by the PRPs, took place in the northwest areas of the cap and focused on locations where cap materials were missing and soft sediments were exposed at the surface. EPA also sampled downslope of these soft areas in order to determine if waste materials washed downslope from the exposed areas and was redeposited at the toe of the slope.

Testing of these samples identified one location where waste materials were exposed at the surface.

Both the EPA and PRP samples produced extremely high dioxin concentration measurements. Samples taken by both EPA and the PRPs downslope of this location also found dioxin concentrations consistently elevated above background levels by a factor of 10 20. Samples taken elsewhere on the site did not exceed background concentrations. Sampling and analysis confirms that waste materials were released locally from the site during the floods, but this release was small. Some of these materials were redeposited locally at the toe of the slope, within the site boundary.

Post Harvey investigations of the SJRWP Superfund site confirm a small release of dioxin contaminated waste, and highlight the inherent risk posed by this site and the need for EPA to expedite its chosen remedy of complete removal of this waste from the river. Although Hurricane Harvey floods were severe, a hurricane accompanied by storm surge could potentially cause greater damage to this site. The only way to eliminate the threat this waste poses to human health and the environment is to completely remove it from this dynamic river system.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

LyondellBasell celebrates employee innovation at awards ceremony



LyondellBasell employees are celebrated for their innovation in technology during the 2018 Patent Awards Ceremony which honors employees who have obtained a patent for new or enhanced technologies they invented on behalf of the company. Back row, left to right – James Guilfoyle, Gabriele Mei, Sandor Nagy, David Rampage, Bruce Maskell, Paul Augustowski. Front row, left to right – Barbara Kimmich, Debra Jackson, Lei Zhang, Shao Hua Guo, Daniel White.

HOUSTON, July 24, 2018 -- LyondellBasell, (NYSE: LYB), one of the world's largest plastics, chemicals and refining companies, recently honored 60 employees and former employees during the company's 2018 Patent Awards Ceremony. Held at LyondellBasell's Houston Technology Center in Channelview, the event recognizes these pioneers for the advancements and innovations they developed to create or enhance company technology.

"Imagine how tough it is to come up with an idea that no one has ever had before," said Michael Stonebrook, intellectual property senior counsel for LyondellBasell. "The Patent Awards are one way to thank our trailblazers for the extra effort and dedication it takes to obtain these achievements. When you consider the large number of patents held by the staff here, you really begin to appreciate their technical prowess and innovative spirit."

Each year, Lyondell-Basell invests a significant amount in research and development (R&D) as part of its continued growth strategy and in a highly competitive industry, patents protect new or improved technologies. With each patent, the company preserves investments, strengthens market position and assures its freedom to operate which all drive the competitiveness and sustainability of its assets.

Dan White, associate director, R&D global manufacturing support, has developed more than 20 patents. He knows Lyondell-Basell puts a premium on its talented staff who push forward with creative solutions.

"Being recognized for work that is innovative, novel, of value and provides a solution to a challenge or problem that exists is extremely rewarding," White said. "Developing such solutions was a strong motivation in my becoming a scientist in the first place."

LyondellBasell currently holds approximately 5,800 patents for its technologies. Individuals recognized at the awards ceremony included those who filed for their first patent, received their first patent, those who had been awarded patents for 2016 and 2017, and those who had hit milestones of 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 or more patents. One of the company's top inventors, Sandor Nagy, was honored this year for having obtained 83 patents for his cutting-edge work.

"When you look at my patents, you will see more than my name," Nagy said. "I am surrounded by colleagues who are inspired to always do better, to constantly search for the next big concept and turn it into a real-world process. The teamwork is what makes our success possible and moves our company forward."

CHANNELVIEW ISD No charge for student meals

Channelview Independent School District is pleased to announce the implementation of the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for the 2018-2019 school year.

Mr. David Bienvenu, Director of Nutrition Services, credits the success to key decision making partners: "We are fortunate to have supportive administrators and a Board of Trustees who put students first."

The Community Eligibility Provision, a key provision of The Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010, allows qualifying districts and schools to serve meals at no charge to ALL students. CEP gives food service professionals more time to focus on preparing nutritious meals their students will enjoy, and gives students more time to eat meals by cutting down time spent in the lunch line. Most importantly, by offering all students a nutritious breakfast and lunch at no cost, CEP helps boost participation, helping schools ensure more students come to class well-nourished and ready to learn. "I would like to thank Mr. David Bienvenu for completing the validation process and partnering with the region to provide nutritious meals for students in the Channelview community," said Mr. Ollis, Channelview ISD Superintendent. "I believe this is a wonderful opportunity that will benefit our community tremendously." For more information, visit: www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/community-eligibility-provision



The Early Childhood Center in Channelview Independent School District is prepared to welcome over 400 students into the newly designed cafeteria.

Authorities seek escapee from halfway house

Crime Stoppers and the Office of the Texas Attorney General's Fugitive Apprehension Unit need the public's assistance locating a convicted sex offender.

Jerry Don Seib is a fugitive wanted for a parole violation on the original charge of a sex crime.

Seib escaped from the halfway house located in the 10900 block of Beaumont Highway in Houston, Texas. The fugitive was convicted of five counts of Indecency with Child in Kerr County, Texas and is considered a high risk Sex Offender.

The fugitive has violent tendencies and a history of narcotics use.

The fugitive is a white male, 53 years-old, 5 foot 11 inches tall, approximately 200 lbs., bald, blue eyes, scar on his left eyebrow area and a tattoo on his right ankle.

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$5,000 for information leading to the charging and/or arrest of the suspect(s) in this case. Information may be reported by calling 713-222-TIPS (8477), submitted online at www.crime-stoppers.org or



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OPINION PAGE

Are you prepared for Hurricane Season and other storm emergencies?

(StatePoint) Hurricane season is in full swing, running from June through November. Unfortunately, no one can stop a tropical storm or hurricane from happening and both types of weather events are increasingly impacting larger portions of the U.S. However, there are steps you can take that will help you weather a storm and better ensure the safety of your family.



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The experts at Freddie Mac recommend doing the following.

- Know where to go in the event of a local area evacuation. Your area's emergency management agency can provide this information.
- Gather and protect important household documentation, including birth certificates, passports, marriage licenses, mortgage statements, deeds, insurance policies and medical files.
- Protect your valuables and family mementos by storing them in a safety deposit box, fire- and water-proof safe or moving them to higher ground where they are less likely to incur damage.
- Download an app for your smartphone that allows your friends and family to know if you are safe. The American Red Cross has a free hurricane app as do many for-profit organizations. Other apps that are available include weather tracking apps, and apps that can help

victims of storms find each other to pool resources and offer one another assistance. Be sure to keep your phone fully charged as long as your home has power and consider having an external battery pack on hand as well.

- Assemble an emergency supply kit that includes water, flashlights, non-perishable food, first-aid supplies, batteries, a radio and medication.
- Create a family emergency plan and make sure everyone knows what to do and when.
- Prepare your home for heavy rainfall and strong winds by cleaning up lawn debris, loose furniture and lawn items that will not be able to sustain strong winds. Secure loose rain gutters and ensure all gutters are clear from debris to keep water flowing and prevent further damage.
- Consider building a safe room, if you are a homeowner, that meets Federal Emergency Management Agency criteria to provide at-home protection during extreme weather.

More hurricane tips and information can be found at freddiemac.com/blog.

The devastation of last year's hurricane season was an important reminder that being prepared for a worst-case scenario is crucial. Before the next storm heads your way, be sure your family and home are protected.

HEADER: COMMUNITY

Giving back on your summer vacation

(StatePoint) Hitting the road this summer and want to do something good for the world along the way? Consider using your summer road trip as an opportunity to give back to the communities you visit. For some inspiration, check out these great ways Americans are re-thinking vacations to include a touch of philanthropy.

Driving for Good

All those miles you log on the road can be for a good cause, if you look in the right places. Check out organizations and brands hosting fun fundraising or volunteer opportunities on the road. For example, "MINI Takes the States," a biannual rally for MINI Cooper owners, gives participants an opportunity to explore America's beauty while raising money for Feeding America, the nation's largest hunger relief organization dedicated to fighting domestic hunger through a network of food banks. This year's rally saw participants kick off in either Orlando, Fla. or Portland, Ore. and converge in Colorado, passing through some of America's most interesting and beautiful sites and cities.

A portion of each registration fee is

Transform Your Road Trip

America's parks need your help, particularly its hiking trails. Volunteer opportunities abound for those who wish to combine a road trip with trail stewardship. After traveling to your favorite park, join a volunteer crew in order to build or maintain a trail, increasing accessibility to America's most beautiful natural wonders.

Or, be someone who brakes for animals -- animal volunteer opportunities that is. Many animal sanctuaries welcome vacationing volunteers to provide extra hands. From socializing dogs to feeding horses, certain opportunities even include lodging to those giving their time.

By giving back to the places you visit, you can take the concept of the ultimate summer road trip to new heights.

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT ALL THOSE VOTER POLLS?

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"I love the polls — I only vote for who is ahead!"	"If th' polls ain't reliable — why bother with 'em?"	"If they poll me, I'll tell 'em what the polls say I think!"	(VIA CELL) "Polls? WHAT polls?"

Mental health experts inform school violence & security panel

AUSTIN — Psychological prevention and treatment for students is the best way to head off school violence, mental health professionals told a panel of state lawmakers on July 18.

This was the third in a series of interim hearings for the Senate Select Committee on Violence in Schools & School Security, a panel named by Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick in response to the shooting at Santa Fe High School in May.

Dr. Andy Keller, president of the Meadows Foundation in Dallas, told panel members:

- It is a challenge to predict which students might turn into mass shooters;
- Some 2 million children and teenagers have been diagnosed with mental health disorders;
- Of those, perhaps 20,000 have a diagnosis associated with a slight increase in violent behavior; and
- Of the 20,000, fewer than 1,000 are considered high-risk for violent behavior.

Keller added that doesn't mean those 1,000 children are more likely to commit a mass shooting.

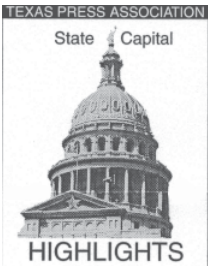
Dr. Clifford Moy, director of Behavioral Health at the TMF Health Quality Institute in Austin, said professionals "should be focusing on the broader group of students who are at risk" in order to intervene for their and others' safety.

Dr. Iram Kazimi, director of the Inpatient Pediatric Bipolar Program at UT Health Harris County Psychiatric Center, said children's exposure to violent media changes their perception of how others think about them. "Unless we start addressing how kids actually think about the world around them, I think we're going to be at a loss," Kazimi said.

After its final hearing on July 24, the committee will present a final report

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling



Bush seeks input on Harvey

Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush on July 16 announced additional Hurricane Harvey outreach efforts to gather local and regional input for \$137 million in Community Development Block Grants for Disaster Recovery funds available for local, regional and state planning.

The outreach by the Texas General Land Office will include a survey requesting input and encouraging regional planning coordination to help mitigate and lessen the impact of future disasters.

The survey will be distributed to citizens, local officials, councils of government and river authorities to request input for planning topics including:

- Flood control;
- Drainage improvements;
- Resilient housing solutions;
- Economic development;
- and infrastructure improvements.

RRC wraps up restoration

The Texas Railroad Commission on July 16 announced its Abandoned Mine Land program completed restoration of an eight-acre abandoned uranium mine in Karnes County.

Known as the Hackney Site, it was last mined in 1963 and sat abandoned for 54 years. It was selected for remediation because of the safety hazard abandoned pits posed to the public, as well as "elevated naturally occurring radiation levels." The four-month project reduced radiation to safe levels and restored the area to its natural state, the agency said.

West Nile cases confirmed

The Texas Department of State Health Services on July 17 announced it had confirmed three cases of West Nile disease reported by health departments in Austin, Dallas and Galveston.

Humans can be infected by West Nile virus through the bite of an infected mosquito. Last year, some 135 cases of West Nile illness that resulted in six deaths in Texas. There have been more than 3,500 illnesses and 167 deaths in Texas over the last 10 years, the

Research reveals recycling is increasingly popular

(NAPSI)—Here, for a change, is good news about the environment: Americans are recycling their food and beverage cartons more than ever and continue to look to brands to actively help drive the recycling of their products' packages, according to a new survey.

What The People Want

The national study commissioned by the Carton Council of North America showed that 61 percent of respondents report they always recycle their food and beverage cartons, up 11 percentage points from when the survey was last conducted two years ago. Nearly all—94 percent—think recycling is important and 74 percent believe recycling should be made a priority.

People also have high environmental expectations for the brands they buy. Consumers overwhelmingly expect food and beverage brands to be committed to recycling. More than nine out of 10 said brands should take an active role in helping to increase the recycling of packages. And 56 percent said their loyalty to a food or beverage brand is affected by the brand's engagement with environmental causes.

How To Tell Whether Something Is Recyclable

The survey showed that packaging remains the top source for determining recyclability, while friends and family as well as the news gained momentum. Nearly two-thirds of respondents said that if a package did not have a recycling symbol or language indicating the item is recyclable, they would assume it's not.

One help is that now food and beverage cartons can carry the standard "Please Recycle" logo. The ability to use the label is based on the milestone that more than 60 percent of U.S. households have access to carton recycling, a threshold set by the Federal Trade Commission green guidelines for packaging.

However, just because a package doesn't have a recycling symbol, doesn't mean that it's not recyclable. To find out, consumers should call their local community or visit its website.

"The survey findings highlight that as more Americans have gained access to food and beverage carton recycling, awareness that cartons are recyclable has also increased," explained Jason Pelz, vice president of recycling projects for the Carton Council of North America and circular economy director for Tetra Pak. The Carton Council works to deliver long-term collaborative solutions to divert valuable cartons from the landfill.

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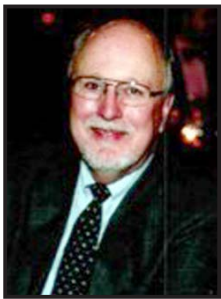
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OBITUARIES

Benjamin Moses



Shirey II

A memorial service for Benjamin Moses Shirey II, 71, of Canton is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at First Baptist Church in Canton with Bro. Mike Roberson officiating.

Ben was born March 23, 1947 in Mineola, TX to Benjamin Moses Shirey and Billie Novelle Smith Shirey.

He passed away July 20, 2018 in Tyler, TX.

Ben grew up in Rusk and Highland, TX. He graduated from Baytown High School before receiving his Bachelors Degree from North Texas State University and attending Southwestern Graduate School of Banking. Ben married Laura Leigh Peete June 29, 1974. The two lived in Dallas and Longview before settling in Canton. Ben worked in

banking over 40 years and served as President of First National Bank Canton for 25 years. Some of his favorite hobbies included golf, collecting antiques, visiting First Monday and restoring his grandfathers 1951 Chevy truck. Ben was an active member of First Baptist Church in Canton since 1990. He was also very active in his community serving in Lion's Club, Canton Economic Development Corporation and the Chamber of Commerce, where he was voted Citizen of the Year in 2014.

Ben is survived by his wife of 44 years, Laura Leigh Shirey; Daughter, Summer & Kyle Norman; Daughter, Heather & Lee Axtens; Son, Jason Shirey; Daughter, Laura Beth Shirey; 6 Grandchildren: Benjamin, Kylee, & Brady Norman, Gabriel Evan, & Tori Axtens; Mother, Billie Shirey; Sisters: Angela Terry, Jill Casey, & LeAnne Barron; and Brothers: Lance Shirey and John Shirey.

He is preceded in death by his Father, Benjamin Moses Shirey.

Family will receive friends Tuesday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Gideons International or Soul Harvest Missions PO Box 1149 Keller, TX 76244.

Go Big or Go Home fundraiser set for August 25

The Cody Stephens Go Big or Go Home Memorial Foundation fundraising event will be August 25, 2018. The event will include dinner, victory stories, a live and silent auction, and end with live music by Cody Kuba. The past 5 events have sold out, so please let the foundation know if you need a table or ticket soon.

Various levels of corporate donations are also available and sponsors are needed. For more information on sponsorship, please see the website codystephensfoundation.org or search "Go big or go home foundation" on Facebook.

The administration takes no salary from the foundation and at this point, and Dr Thomas DeBauche reads the ECGs at no cost. Stephens' own company, Scott Stephens

and Associates, Inc., is a platinum sponsor of the fundraiser. It's passion, not profit that motivates the Stephens.

Each level will come with recognition at the banquet including the now popular foundation belt buckle and knowledge that you are helping to find those that may need lifesaving intervention. If the percentages are correct, based on what has been seen so far, there are 1,000 students in Texas that need heart surgery TODAY. Says Stephens, "Let's find them! Go BIG or Go Home AND "screen 'em all".

Scott may be contacted at 713-451-3600 or scottstephens@gmail.com. Your donations and attendance are greatly appreciated.

Special events at Eastgate Church

Great upcoming events at Eastgate Church.

Ryan Bruss on Wednesday, August 1st at 7 p.m.

Ryan is the Director of "IT'S SUPERNATURAL" Bible School which is part of Sid Roth's TV program. And on Sunday, August 5,

Dr. Randy Caldwell will be with us at 10:30 a.m. Randy is a great Bible teacher and also brings us up-to-date information on Israel. Eastgate Church is located 6 miles east of Huffman on FM 1960, then turn right at the Shell Station on CR 611.

BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Haman in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Genesis 21, Abraham banished Hagar and whom else to the desert? Laish, Haman, Ishmael, Laban
3. By reasonable numbering which commandment is, "Thou shalt not kill"? 4th, 6th, 8th, 10th
4. Samson was put into prison as a political enemy of ...? Romans, Israelites, Philistines, Assyrians
5. From Matthew 17, whom did Jesus send fishing to find tax money? Andrew, Peter, Paul, Thomas
6. After her first husband died, who did Ruth marry? Isaiah, Ahab, Boaz, Jehu

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Ishmael; 3) 6th; 4) Philistines; 5) Peter; 6) Boaz

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Had it not been the Lord who was on our side when men rose up against us, then they would have swallowed us alive, when their anger was kindled against us; then the waters would have engulfed us, the stream would have swept over our soul; then the raging waters would have swept over our soul.

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ASK THE EXPERT

Diamond Jim: "Do you have any "proposal" ideas?"

You've found the right person. You've found the right ring. Now you have to find the right moment to pop the question. So how do you make your proposal turn out flawlessly? We have plenty of tried-and-true tips to help you, but overall, it all comes down to just one thing: effort. Putting in real effort, thought and love into your proposal makes all the difference. Remember, your proposal doesn't have to change the world. It just has to show your partner that they mean the world to you. Here are a few tips that will help you along the way:

KNOW THE ANSWER
Your proposal should be surprising, but it shouldn't come directly out of left field. Before you pull a ring out, have a good idea how your partner will respond. "Will you marry me?" shouldn't be your first discussion on the subject.

RULES OF THE ENGAGEMENT (RING)
Here's where a little bit of effort goes a long way. The history of the diamond as an engagement ring first became popular in the 1930's, but the idea of an engagement ring has been around for centuries.

ASK DIAMOND JIM

If you're still deciding on a diamond engagement ring, consider doing some window shopping with your partner prior to making a purchase. If you want to keep things more secretive, talk to your partner's friends and family to get a feel for their taste. Another option is to use a standing ring for the proposal. Perhaps you can use their great grandmother's diamond engagement ring, and then take your partner shopping later. (A trusted jeweler can tell you everything you need to know about how to buy a diamond and will take the time to help educate both of you).

PEACE-OF-MIND
Do your homework before buying the engagement ring. Most importantly, find a jeweler you trust. And, since you're making such a big investment, make sure you insure the ring as soon as you purchase it. Your knowledgeable jeweler should be willing and able to discuss this with you. One option is

that you may be able to insure it for an additional cost under your homeowner's or tenants insurance policy.

ASK PERMISSION, NOT FORGIVENESS
Before you take a knee, take the time to speak with your partner's parents first. Asking permission is a tradition carried since the Roman times, and it's a great way to make a good impression on your future in-laws.

Keep it Traditional
In an intimate setting, preferably one with family and friends waiting nearby, drop to one knee and let your heart do the talking. Then, Celebrate. You did it! Consider toasting your engagement with a night on the town, a glass of bubbly or a celebration with friends and family.

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What Matters

If you were asked what matters about our community, what five things would you name? Certainly our neighbors, churches, schools, service organizations and what would you include as your fifth choice? I was recently talking to a couple who just moved to 77015 and they were asking what they should know about the community.

Good thing they had some time on their hands. I explained to them how this is a community that has deep roots. Those roots are in a foundation of caring for one another. Those roots were created by a long list of founding neighbors. They asked if Woodforest Bank had anything to do with the Woodforest neighborhood. That question in itself led to a 15 minutes discussion on Dr Gerald Cobb. I explained that many people knew him as the legendary Galena Park Coach while others remember him as the Superintendent of Galena Park ISD. Others would tell you he was an amazing Sunday School Teacher and golfer. Others might tell you about his love for Rotary and the Chamber.

They asked about San Jacinto College. They said that they noticed so many cars in the parking lot of their apartment with "student" parking stickers. My smile got even larger and I told them about my second home. I found myself telling them about each of the streets on campus that was named after a community leader and then I moved on to tell them about the names

CHARLOTTE'S WEB
By Charlotte Jackson



of various buildings on campus. They asked if San Jac had any "famous" alumni. I started telling them about the Gators Baseball Team and moved quickly into telling them about our only Campus President who happened to be not only a San Jacinto College Alumni, but a North Shore Senior High Alumni as well. And just as God would have it, before I finished that glass of tea, one of the many former students who participated in Rotaract walked over to speak. I asked him to tell them more about Dr Charles Grant. His smile was so big, I realized the impact Dr Grant had upon him.

They asked about where to register to vote. Bingo. I just happened to have a voter registration card in my backpack. I explained how blessed we are to have a large percentage of current elected leaders who are active not just for elections but when we need something. I shared with them how Judge Joe Stephens was a product of our community who went on to play professional basketball before opening his own insurance company. I shared about how when he decided to run for the Galena Park ISD School Board, he was inundated with volunteers who had watched him grown up, grown up with him, knew him

from his time in the NBA and many who were ready to jump in and get him elected. Then they moved to perhaps one of the most difficult questions. They asked if I knew of any "good" churches they should visit. I laughed and told them how even though I am a member of St John's Downtown, there are many Sundays that I get back to North Shore to attend another service at any of many churches. I shared about my own journey from St Andrew Catholic Church, to Woodforest Baptist Church, to Christian Tabernacle and even a brief stint at North Shore Community Fellowship of Faith Church. I explained that they would have to be difficult to please if they could not find a church out here. There are smaller ones, such as New Frontier Church to middle size churches such as Fellowship of Purpose. There are churches with pastors who were trained up in Woodforest Baptist Church such as Fellowship of the Nations and River Pointe Church. And what I love the most is that the churches do not compete for members. The conversation ended with a promise to meet again. And with the question of what is the fifth thing I want to share with people about our area. Let me know your thoughts..

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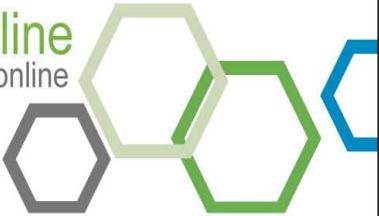
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Bean Bag Finals,

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North Seniors, Inter City St. Patrick's Young at Heart and South Channel Astros which came from the Annual Pct2gether Senior Olympics competition.

The 1st round of play Galena Manor Senior's defeated South Channel Astros and moved on to the final game with St. Patrick's Young at Heart. Taggy Hall, of the Galena Manor Senior's said, "We lost the final game by one point, we had fun, made new friends and all of us were winners!"

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