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CHANNEL CURRENTS

SPOOKTACULAR PARTY - FALL FESTIVAL

Calling all ghouls and goblins to join Harris County Sheriff's Office for a Spooktacular Party, Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at the Jim Fonteno Courthouse located at 14350 Wallisville Road, Houston, TX 77049 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Kids are encourage to dress up in a costume. There will be games, candies and refreshments.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Fellowship of the Nations Church will be hosting a National Night Out "New Beginning" on Wednesday evening, October 3, 2018, 13305 Woodforest Blvd, Houston, TX 77015.

This is a FREE event for the entire family. There will be free hot dogs, pizza, popcorn, paletas.

Live Christian artists Genesis, Shaqua, JB the Hope Man Blanco with special guest appearances by former Houston Rockets Eric Reed, pro wrestler Booker "T" Washington, Judge Joe Stephens, Sheriff Ed Gonzales and many more.

GALENA PARK SENIOR DANCE

Seniors Dance is every Monday at the Alvin D. Building, 1302 Keene St., Galena Park. 7 pm - 9 pm. No cover charge. Live band Country music. Call for more information: 713-455-7335.

San Jac's New Cosmetology and Culinary Center



Photo by Melissa Trevizo / San Jacinto College

PRESENT AT THE NORTH CAMPUS GROUNDBREAKING for the new San Jacinto College Cosmetology and Culinary Center were from right to left: Brenda Jones, provost, South Campus; Teri Zamora, vice chancellor, fiscal affairs; Jeanette Liberty, program director, legal assistant; Heather Rhodes, dean of business and technology, North Campus; Dr. Bill Raffetto, provost, North Campus; Dr. Laurel Williamson, deputy chancellor and college president; Marie Flickinger, chair, Board of Trustees; Dan Mims, vice chair, Board of Trustees; John Moon, Jr., member, Board of Trustees; The Honorable Congressman Gene Green (TX-29); Teri Crawford, vice chancellor, marketing, public relations and government affairs; Mike Cade, representing Harris County Commissioner Jack Morman; Dr. Allatia Harris, vice chancellor, strategic initiatives, workforce development, community relations and diversity; and Van Wigginton, provost, Central Campus.

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C.E. King wins over Clear Brook 53-35



C.E. King Panther Ulysses Bentley IV scores on one of his five rushing touchdowns against the Clear Brook Wolverines September 21, 2018, Panthers won 53 to 35.

By Allan Jamail

Friday, September 21, 2018, Homecoming at the Clear Creek Independent School District Challenger Columbia Stadium the visiting Sheldon Independent School District's C. E. King Panthers defeated the hosting Wolverines 56 to 35.

Seniors Ulysses Bentley IV and Roderick Crumedy led the Panthers rushing

attack with the two combining for 329 in the first half. At game's end Bentley rushed for 292 yards and Crumedy had 271 yards.

C. E. King's running game racked up 604 yards, Bentley made 5 touchdowns and Crumedy made 3.

The Wolverines in the first half stayed close tying the game 3 times, but in the third and fourth quar-

ter it was all Panthers.

The Panthers first district game is at their Crenshaw Memorial Stadium with the Beaumont West Brook Bruins on Friday, September 28 at 7 PM, 8540 C E King Pkwy, 77044.

King will attempt to advance on its 3-0 season record. The Bruins enter the game with a 2-1 record after their 28-14 non-district win over Houston Lamar.

State representatives host Senior Citizens at Annual Dance



Several hundred Senior Citizens Dined and Danced.



All attendees had their picture taken in the Wanted Frame.



State Representatives Armando Walle and Mary Ann Perez hold a drawing for free gifts.

STATE REPRESENTATIVES Ana Hernandez and Mary Ann Perez helped Armando Walle hold his 10th annual Seniors Dance last week, at the Pct. 1 Hardy Seniors Center. Visiting guests included Congressman Gene Green and Commissioner Rodney Ellis. Several hundred seniors attended this event, and enjoyed good BBQ food, good company, and even a chance to dance a little. Walle thanked his staff, Myriam Saldivar and Rahul Sreenivasan, for making the arrangements, and Myriam's family for the decorations.

Gene Green recognized for flu shot campaign



Photo by Allan Jamail

L - R: Walgreens Management Dominique Beale, Jacinto City's Walgreens Pharmacy Manager, Congressman Gene Green, Store Manager Temika Verdine and Christopher Magee District Manager.

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX. Congressman Gene Green was honored and presented a gift basket from Walgreens for his support of the Annual

Flu Shot Program in the North Channel area.

This past August the free immunizations for children program marked 23 years of preventative health initiatives sponsored by Walgreens, Con-

gressman Green and with the help of several Rotary clubs.

"Immunizations are one of the most important disease prevention steps we can take to protect our children," said Green.

Chamber hears latest news about Port of Houston

The keynote speaker at last month's North Channel Chamber luncheon was Garret Berg, Assistant Manager of Community Relations, Port of Houston Authority.

Berg gave an overview of the importance of the Port and the Ship Channel to the Houston and Texas economy, and then brought the audience up to date on improvements and changes taking place at the various port facilities.

He spoke about the growth of the economy both locally and nationally, which is driving much of the construction and rebuilding of facilities at the Port of Houston.

The Ship Channel is over 50 miles long, he said, with 190 industries along its shores. It handles 9000 ships per year along with 230,000 barge movements. The Port has two Container Terminals, and 7 General Cargo facilities. It also has an active FTZ, or Free Trade Zone.

He noted that a current



GARRET BERG, Port of Houston Authority

project is to dredge the channel to a depth of 45' to accommodate larger ships that can now reach Houston through the Panama Canal, which has been enlarged.

30% of the business is with Asia, a change in just a few years from 1%.

Expansion projects are underway at the two Con-

tainer Terminals. Barbours Cut, now 40 years old, is getting a \$577 million enlargement. BayPort Terminal, 10 years old, is getting a \$600 million expansion for more containers and larger ships. It's old cruise terminal has been converted to an Auto Terminal, for inbound shipments of new cars.

COMMUNITY NEWS

HARRIS COUNTY Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Saturday, September 29, 2018
8 am – 11 am
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PLEASE NOTE: This event is limited by the number of pounds the truck can transport. Harris County Residents will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis.

For more information, please call 281-560-6200. Para Espanol llame 281-560-6232.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The Newport Municipal Utility District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2018 on Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at 16703 Golf Club Drive, Crosby, Texas 77532. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: R. Gary Hasse, Earl B. Boykin, Margarette Chasteen, Deborah L. Florus, DeLonne L. Johnson

AGAINST the proposal:
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: None

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Tax rate	\$0.59000 /\$100 Adopted	\$0.59000 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.00000
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		0.00%
Average appraised value	\$160,482	\$167,109
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0	\$0
Average taxable value	\$160,482	\$167,109
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 946.85	\$ 985.94
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$ 39.10
and percentage of increase (+/-)		4.13%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

Should you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact the tax office at 281-482-0216.

Chamber Picnic offers Welcome



Bob's Burgers were expertly grilled to perfection last Thursday as the Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce Board sponsored a Picnic in the Park as a way to welcome members, new members and prospects to join the local merchant's support group. Bob Ward can flip a burger we found as Huffman Fun Day and Churches United in Caring offered their upcoming events and stories. Otherwise marketing groups included Edith Faye Cooke Cole Crosby Branch Library bestowed knickknacks, Patient's Emergency Room, and Crosby Lion's Club were on hand to tell of their good deeds. It was a chance for everyone to fellowship over a grand idea of outdoor cooking. Eastside Veterans are having an outstanding patriotic event the weekend of the 100th anniversary of the signing of the armistice that ended World War One.

Board member resigns from Crosby ISD Board of Trustees

CROSBY, Texas - Cathi Hughes, who represents Single-Member District 2 on the Crosby ISD Board of Trustees, has resigned her position on the Board effective immediately. Hughes tendered her resignation this morning by letter to Dr. Scott Davis, Board President, Carla Windfont, and the Board of Trustees. Below is the letter from Hughes:

Carla Windfont, Board President
Dr. Scott Davis, Superintendent &
CISD Board of Trustees
706 Runneburg Rd.
Crosby, TX 77532

Dear Mrs. Windfont, Dr. Davis & Board of Trustees:

It is with regret that I tender my resignation from the Crosby ISD Board of Trustees effective immediately. After a lengthy effort by my husband and I to find a home in Crosby,



Cathi Hughes

by, we have officially asked our realtor to stop looking in Crosby. My sole reason for not running for re-election was that I no longer resided in District 2. Although, after my marriage and moving to my husband's home, it was our intent to return to Crosby – it has not happened. Due to the recent circumstances that have come to light and the

crucial decisions that need to be made in order to repair this great community and District, I do not feel it is prudent for me to have a voice in those decisions - not living in the District.

I am grateful for having the opportunity to serve this great community alongside each of you for the last (almost) four years and I offer my prayers and best wishes to each of you and the entire CISD. I will continue to be supportive of efforts to improve this great district & community. My heart will continue to be in Crosby as it has been for the last 28 years as now my grandchildren will begin their educations within CISD - just as my five children did. May God continue to guide each of you as well as Dr. Davis as leaders in the success of CISD. Crosby Proud!

Sincerely,
Cathi Hughes



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COMMUNITY & SCHOOL NEWS

SAN JACINTO COLLEGE

Foundation tees up for 23rd annual golf tournament

HOUSTON – The San Jacinto College Foundation will host its 23rd annual golf tournament on Tuesday, Oct. 2, at the Golf Club of Houston, home to the prestigious PGA Tour's Houston Open.

The annual charity event provides scholarship funding for San Jacinto College students through event sponsorships and a tournament raffle. Last year's tournament raised nearly \$100,000 benefiting emergency funding for students impacted from Hurricane Harvey, along with general scholarships and student success program support.

This year's tournament will honor the San Jacinto College Foundation's 2018 Legacy Award recipient, Frank Nadolney, a long-time San Jacinto College Foundation board member and past chair, and one of the original founding members of the Foundation. Nadolney has been an active and celebrated member of the North Channel and greater Houston communities, having operated Nadolney Enterprises for more than 50 years. Nadolney's years of service to Foundation continue to change students' lives through access to education.

"The San Jacinto College Foundation is proud to recognize Frank Nadolney as this year's legacy award winner," said Ruth Keenan, San Jacinto College Foundation executive



The San Jacinto College Foundation will host its 23rd annual golf tournament on Tuesday, Oct. 2, at the Golf Club of Houston, home to the prestigious PGA Tour's Houston Open. Photo credit: Jackie Welch

director of advancement. "Frank's famous phrase 'Play Ball,' is this year's theme for the 23rd annual golf tournament at Golf Club of Houston. This premier event is a fitting venue to honor one of our founding board members, past board chairman, and dedicated community member who has served the community for more than 50 years."

Major tournament sponsors include Albemarle Corporation and Albemarle Cares Foundation, PVF (Pipe Valve and Fitting) Roundtable and Texas Citizens Bank. Raffle tickets for a \$5,000 and two \$2,500 drawings are

available courtesy of Texas Citizens Bank, along with a number of additional prizes valued at \$100 or more. Raffle tickets are \$20 each or six for \$100 and can be purchased from the San Jacinto College Foundation office.

The 23rd annual San Jacinto College Foundation golf tournament takes place on Tuesday, Oct. 2, at the Golf Club of Houston located at 5860 Wilson Road in Humble, Texas. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch and a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Foundation at 281-991-6104 or visit sanjac.edu/foundation.

Galena Park ISD hosts Retired Educators Luncheon



On Friday, September 21, Galena Park ISD hosted a retired educators' luncheon to share all of the excellent things going on at GPISD schools this year. Once a year, GPISD hosts the retired educators' luncheon to thank retired educators for their instrumental work in our community and schools. Through their years and decades of dedication to GPISD, these retirees have helped shape the district into what it is today and continue to make a huge impact on the community. During the luncheon, they learned about exciting things that will happen during the 2018-2019 school year. "This event is near and dear to my heart," said Charmaine Hines, GPISD retired educator. "It's so nice to remain a part of a school community that is progressive and keeps the community involved." We are so thankful to have the retired educators as a part of our family and are extremely grateful for their years at GPISD.

GPISD Community member selected as "Heroes for Children" honoree

On Friday, September 14, Mrs. Aidedad "Ida" Rocha, Galena Park ISD volunteer, was recognized in Austin for being selected as a 2018 Heroes for Children honoree by the State Board of Education!

The Heroes for Children award recognized 15 honorees for their volunteerism in the public schools in their community. Rocha received a plaque recognizing her service to Galena Park ISD, and her name is also engraved on a permanent display at the Texas Education Agency.

After Hurricane Harvey devastated our area, Rocha created an "Adopt a Child" initiative, which coordinates with social service workers to help students whose families are facing financial hardship. This initiative provides students with clothes, shoes, glasses and registration fees for activities.

Galena Park ISD would like to thank Ms. Rocha for her years of dedication to GPISD and congratulate her on winning this prestigious award!



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WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The HARRIS COUNTY W.C.I.D. #36 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2018 on October 9, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at 903 Hollywood, Houston, TX 77015. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Gerardo Parra, Ronald S. Holder, Maria E. Koukoulakis, Felix Eddy, Edbert Cantu

AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: None

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$.35000/\$100	\$.35000/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$.00000/\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)	.00%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 60,761	\$ 64,031
General homestead exemptions available	\$ 12,152	\$ 12,806
(excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)		
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 48,609	\$ 51,225
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 170.13	\$ 179.28
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	\$ 9.15	
and percentage of increase (+/-)	5.37%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

Bob Leared Interests 713-932-9011

WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The HARRIS COUNTY W.C.I.D. #84 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2018 on October 9, 2018 at 7:00 PM at 15900 Bear Bayou Drive, Channelview, TX 77530. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Allen Hall, Edna Ponder, Hugo Arriaga, Bud Mills, and Tomas Fernandez

AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: None

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$.60000/\$100	\$.60000/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$.00000/\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)	.00%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 136,885	\$ 143,099
General homestead exemptions available	\$ 0	\$ 0
(excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)		
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 136,885	\$ 143,099
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 821.31	\$ 858.59
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	\$ 37.28	
and percentage of increase (+/-)	4.53%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

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OPINION PAGE

Cruz & Beto hold first debate for U.S. Senate seat

DALLAS – Last Friday night, the candidates for the U. S. Senate from Texas held a televised debate, and each delivered a feisty and factual speech.

Senator Ted Cruz is the incumbent, seeking this second term at a Senator from Texas. Beto O'Rourke is a Congressman from El Paso, and wants to replace Cruz as Senator. Cruz is the Republican candidate, and Beto the Democratic challenger.

The campaign for this seat has drawn national attention, because this is one race where the Republicans might lose a seat, and possibly the majority vote in the Senate. Polls over the last few weeks have shown Cruz leading by several points, but Beto notes that each poll has shown his followers increasing their position.

Beto has attempted to draw support from a popular base, by visiting all 254 counties in the state, on a driving tour. He has appeared locally at a number of events, including a Town Hall in Channelview, and a Rally at the Stampede Club in Aldine where a huge crowd yelled their support.

Friday's debate had an audience, and at times they applauded one or the other candidates. It was hard to tell which had the most support, but Beto seemed to have the loudest.

Both candidates were extremely good debaters, and as the intensity grew, they sometimes attacked the other.

Candidates mostly spoke on domestic issues, and their will be a two later debates on a broader agenda.

They disagreed on immigration policy, freedom of speech as witnessed by the NFL players kneeling, second amendment



gun rights, marijuana legalization, police-involved shootings, and the hearings for Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh.

On immigration, Beto said he wanted a way to legalize undocumented immigrants, and opposed Cruz's position of deporting them, including "Dreamers." Cruz's response was "Legal Good, Illegal Bad," which drew a negative reaction from the audience.

In several ways, Cruz tried to portray Beto as anti-law enforcement, citing events that Beto has commented on. Beto charged that Cruz was changing the facts, and slandering him.

On Kavanaugh's appointment, Cruz said that Beto showed a pattern of supporting liberal activist judges that will

not follow the Constitution.

Beto said that Cruz was a part-time Senator, missing one-quarter of the votes in 2015, and one-half of the votes in 2016. Cruz countered by saying he has been in the field during every disaster or shooting in Texas.

On school shootings, Cruz said that we have "removed God" but Beto said that he supports the second amendment gun rights, with opposed making military-style guns available to the public.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Future of TRS health care hinges on lawmakers' support

AUSTIN — Retired teachers facing the unwelcome prospect of paying higher monthly health insurance premiums received better-than-expected news last week.

The Teachers Retirement System board of trustees on Sept. 21 voted not to increase premiums because the TRS staff negotiated a better rate and other cost savings with its health insurance provider, while keeping plan and pharmacy benefits the same.

The TRS Care fund balance had been projected to be \$410 million in the red at the end of 2021. To address the shortfall, the Texas Legislature in 2017 directed TRS to increase premiums by \$50 per year over the next four years.

But TRS's successful negotiations improved the projected fund balance to minus \$238 million, an amount the Legislature can include in the appropriations process during its 2019 session, which begins in January. Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick said he is "confident that the Senate will support additional funding for TRS Care" and "hopeful the next speaker of the House will follow our lead on this."

AG's office cautions AISD

The Texas Attorney General's office on Sept. 21 cautioned Austin Independent School District "against changing its facilities use policy to ban churches with traditional Christian beliefs from renting its facilities after school and on weekends."

A letter from the attorney general's office warned the school district that the proposed actions are not neutral toward religion and violate the First Amendment and Texas' Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

"We caution you to reconsider these changes and be respectful of the religious liberty protections afforded churches under the Constitution and Texas law," stated the letter addressed to AISD Superintendent Paul Cruz and signed by First Assistant Attorney General Jeff Mateer.

In an Aug. 25 AISD web post, Cruz said, "The use of district properties by outside organizations does not create an endorsement of, or an association of that organization with the district. In addition, funds collected from the Performing Arts Center rental will be dedicated to our district-wide efforts to ensure we support an inclusive, welcoming environment for all students and staff including our LGBTQ students and staff," Cruz added.

Current Austin ISD policy expressly permits churches to rent school facilities on the same terms as all community organizations.

The AG's office said members of the district's board of trustees are on record saying they're against renting AISD's performing arts center to an area church because of its stance that marriage is between a man and a woman.

Opponents meet in debate

Incumbent U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz on Sept. 21 met U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke in the first of three scheduled debates in the weeks leading up to the Nov. 6 midterm election.

O'Rourke, D-El Paso, is seeking to unseat Cruz, R-Texas, who is running for a second six-year term. The two faced off in a televised, 60-minute debate at Southern Methodist University in Dallas co-moderated by Gromer Jeffers of The Dallas Morning News and Julie Fine of the NBC-TV Dallas affiliate.

Cruz challenged O'Rourke on his personal life and attempted to characterize the Democrat as tax-friendly and pro-regulation. O'Rourke brought up Cruz's record of missing Senate floor votes while campaigning for the presidency in other states and not welcoming well-intentioned immigrants with a path to citizenship.

The two candidates have agreed to debate again on Sept. 30 in Houston and on Oct. 16 in San Antonio.

Flores wins runoff election

Republican Peter P. "Pete" Flores of Pleasanton won a Sept. 18 special runoff election for the Texas Senate District 19 seat.

The resignation of state Sen. Carlos Uresti after he was convicted of felony charges in June created the vacant Senate seat. In July, eight candidates vied in a special election to fill the post. Since no candidate received 50 percent of the vote, a runoff resulted between the top two in the field of eight: Flores and Democrat Pete Gallego of Alpine.

Returns posted by the Texas Secretary of State's Elections Division showed Flores received 23,576 votes, or 57 percent of the total number of votes cast in the runoff election, while Gallego received 20,911 votes, or 43 percent.

Flores retired as a game warden for the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department at the rank of colonel in 2012. Gallego, an attorney, served 11 consecutive terms as the representative for state House District 74, from 1991 to 2012, and one term as a U.S. representative for Texas Congressional District 23, serving from 2013 to 2015.

Sprawling SD-19 consists of Brewster, Crockett, Dimmit, Edwards, Frio, Kinney, Maverick, Medina, Pecos, Real, Reeves, Terrell, Uvalde, Val Verde and Zavala counties and parts of Atascosa and Bexar counties. An estimated 840,000 people reside in the district, an estimated 478,000 of whom a



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September 29, 2018"

The ASCS Gulf South 2018 season is coming to an end on September 29th in Highlands Texas at their home track, Battleground Speedway. Along with the 360 Sprint cars, we can now confirm we will have the Factory Stocks, Dwarfs, Street Stocks IMCA Modifieds, Ecos and the IMCA 305 sprints too.

If you're a fan of dirt track racing or have never even attended a sprint car race before, now is the time to come see them run.

Highlands Texas hometown resident, Channin Tankersley piloting the 17 of the Griffith Truck and Equipment sprint car and the current point leader is going for his 6th win this year to capture the title of the 2018 ASCS Gulf South Champion. So for a fast pace, fun filled family night, make it out to Battleground Speedway, 10625 FM 2100 Highlands Texas.

Grandstand gates open at 6 pm.

Adults \$15.00.

All Military, Seniors, First Responders, and kids 6-12 years old - \$10.00

Kids 5 and under are free.

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LIFESTYLE

OBITUARIES

Vernon “Slim” James Eilers

Vernon “Slim” James Eilers, 82, of Crosby, Texas, gained his angel wings on September 19, 2018. Vernon was born on December 13, 1935 in Highlands, Texas to Ervin Charles and Justine Pauline (Evans) Eilers.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Ervin and Justine Eilers; brother, Charles Eilers and wife Berna; sister, Joyce Kratky; and infant brother, Donald Eilers.

Vernon is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Johnelle; daughters, Deana Bartholow and husband Ralph, and Mary Eilers; sons, Vincent Eilers and wife Vicki, Aaron Eilers, Patrick White and wife Kathy, and Michael White and wife Eve; grandchildren, Jessica Wiley and husband Cody, Lauren Mangum and husband Caleb, Jacob Bartholow, Ty Bartholow, Nathan White, and Andrew Eilers; greatgrandchildren, Kaylee Wiley, Taylor Wiley, and Lane Wiley; brother, David Eilers and wife Martha; fur babies, Rosie and Sophie; and of course his beloved donkey, Burrito.

Vernon graduated from Crosby High School in 1954 as Mr. CHS. He received a scholarship from Houston Fat Stock Show and went on to attend and graduate from Sam Hous-



ton State University with a bachelor's degree in Agriculture. Slim served his country and was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army.

Slim worked on his family's dairy farm for many years and then later worked as a ranch hand on the Barnhart Ranch. He owned Eilers Mobil station in Crosby for many years before retiring from Sysco Food Services. During his retirement, Slim kept busy while working for Crosby Office Supply, Equipco Rental, and most recently has been serving the community as an Ambassador at Sterling-White Funeral Home.

Slim has been an active member in the Crosby community for many years. He was a member of the Crosby Go Texan Committee, Lonestar Farmers Association, the Texas Dairy Famers Association, and a lifetime member of Crosby Fair and Rodeo. He was a devoted member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church where he was a member of the Knights of Columbus

for 63 years, participated in the St. Vincent de Paul Society and served as Chairman of the Crosby Czech Fest for 5 years.

In his free time, Vernon enjoyed raising cattle, woodworking, gardening and watching westerns. Vernon loved to dance, spend time napping at the beach and traveling. Slim loved to spend time in Bolivar with his wife, family and, of course, Rosie and Sophie.

Slim was a very kind, loving and gentle gentleman who will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Monday, September 24, 2018 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Sterling-White Funeral Home; A rosary will begin at 7 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 915 Runneb-urg Road, Crosby, Texas on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 11 a.m. Interment will follow at Sterling-White Cemetery. Services have been entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Road, Highlands, Texas 77562. To send the family condolences please visit, www.sterlingwhite.com

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FREE Mental Health Seminar

According to Mental Health America, 1 in 5 adults have a mental health condition. That is over 40 million Americans; more than the populations of New York and Florida combined. There are various forms and levels of mental illness that go undiagnosed and untreated every day. In fact, someone you may know, or even possibly you yourself, may be struggling with indicators of depression, Alzheimer's, PTSD, and/or more. As there is a growing awareness in our country of mental illness, we want our community to be empowered to confront it and not ignore the signs or symptoms.

Join us Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 9am – 1pm at Mt. Rose Church, 1300 Crosby Lynchburg Rd., in Crosby for a FREE Mental Health Seminar. The seminar will equip you with tools that will enable you to better understand mental illnesses, prepare you to interact with individuals who struggle with mental illness and/or get connected to resources that can help you manage the challenges that come along with the respective diseases.

For more information, contact Mt. Rose Church “The City of Refuge” at 281.328.1314 or visit www.mtrosecogic.org.

Crosby-Huffman CC welcomes new members



The Crosby-Huffman CC welcomed another new Chamber Member, Crosby Vinyl & Craft Supply. They are located at 105 Kennings Rd, Suite 105-4 in Crosby, Stop in or call them at 936-402-0369 for your craft and vinyl needs. They will be happy to help! Pictured are Vernon Reed, Samantha Turner, Margarette Chasteen, Gilbert Vasquez and Angi Richey.



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Psalm: 46:1

Maisie Ruth Roder

Maisie Ruth Roder went peacefully to her heavenly home surrounded by family, friends, and pets on Tuesday, September 4, 2018, aged 87 at her home in Belle Isle, Florida.

Ruth was born November 10, 1930 in Patterson, Louisiana. She is survived by her loving spouse, Captain Anne Gray, PHSCC ret.; brother-in-law Robert Gray (Christie); nieces and nephews, Dianne (Roder) Ball, Sandra (Roder) Ewell, Pamela (Roder) Marek, Debra (Roder) Clark, Ernest Downing Roder, Jr., Charles Hubert Roder, Jr., James Gray (Diane), Elizabeth Gray (Michael) and Catherine Gray (Pedro),



Amelia Drury, and Talleen Stroud (Michael); as well as great, great nieces, nephews and many close friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Ernst and Euberta Roder; brothers, Ernest Downing Roder (Cap) and Charles Hubert Rod-

er (Charlie); sisters-in-law, Betty Jo Roder (Jo) and Juanita Roder (Nita); brothers-in-law, Henry Gray (Joan), Lt. Colonel Russel W. Gray Jr. USAF ret. (Louisia).

After graduating from Tulane University, Ruth was a practicing RN, ARNP for over 50 years. She was an avid gardener, bowler and phenomenal cook. There will be a huge void in this world without this wonderful lady.

Maisie Ruth Roder will be truly missed by all who knew and loved her.

A funeral mass will be held on Saturday, October 6th, 2018 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Crosby, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the American Cancer Society.

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1 Corinthians 16:13

Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God.
Leviticus 19:32

ASK THE EXPERT

San Jac College Groundbreaking,

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HOUSTON, Texas – The San Jacinto College North Campus held a groundbreaking for its state-of-the-art Cosmetology and Culinary Center, on Friday, Sept. 21, 2018.

The facility was made possible by community support of a \$425 million bond referendum in 2015. The referendum will allow the College to build new facilities, update infrastructure and security, and remodel nine buildings that are at least 30 years old.

“At San Jacinto College, we are continually looking at how we can better serve our students with new facilities that meet both the needs of our industry as well as today’s modern student,” said Dr. Laurel Williamson, San Jacinto College vice chancellor and college president. “I want to thank our community members for supporting us and approving the bond so that we can better serve our community.”

The center will feature updated classroom space and modern labs to enhance the training for those interested in a cosmetology or culinary career.

It will also house a full-service salon and spa and a bistro dining area open to the public.

“This facility is going to be a great resource not only for our students, but our community as well,” said Heather Rhodes, dean of business and technology. “Texas has one of the highest employment levels in cosmetology, and culinary is expected to grow 10 percent by the year 2026. We are excited to help fill that pipeline through our training programs.”

Senator Ted Cruz sent a letter of congratulations to the College in recognition of the groundbreaking event that read in part, “The fusion of academic rigor with hands-on experience has transformed lives and given Texans the opportunity to quickly discern and pursue their path in life. I join the students, leadership, faculty and staff in celebrating the remarkable difference this new building will make for students who are ready to find their path and launch a career in Cosmetology or Culinary.”

The center is slated to be completed in the spring of 2020.

PILOT & ROTARY CLUBS
Two Texas Governors from North Shore celebrate the end of their year of service



Bill Palko of Rotary District 5890, right, and Connie S. Hernandez, left, of the Texas District of Pilot International, celebrate the end of successful years, 2017-2018, as Governors of their respective community service organizations. Ironically, both served this past year in notable and significant organizations within districts in the state of Texas while both were living in the North Shore community

CHARLOTTE'S WEB
By Charlotte Jackson



At What Point

Earlier this week, in a neighborhood group on social media, one member posted a link to located registered sex offenders. I understand that the member was being proactive in wanting to share with neighbors that there is a way to check to see if there are any registered sex offenders living near their homes. Several members went on to post about how they checked and they know which houses to avoid in their neighborhood.

Someone else pointed out that we have all witnessed many flaws in the justice system. There are many young men who were charged with a crime which left them labeled as a sex offender when in reality, the “victim” was a girl under the age of 18 who had presented herself as older. There have been cases of young teenagers accusing stepparents, coaches, Sunday School Teachers and others of misconduct and when the case went to trial, the jury believed the young teenager.

In the post, I mentioned that if someone has been found guilty and served their sentence, is it right that we still make them identify for the rest of their lives for a mistake or crime they made? People had opinions and examples which were varied. I also mentioned that since courts do this with sex offenders, some have suggested that the courts should

do something like this with those found guilty of a driving while intoxicated charge. If you saw a sticker on a car that identified the driver as someone with a history of irresponsible driving, maybe you could use caution and say in another lane or take a different route.

Another member of the group then asked did we then need to identify people by their choice of religion or sexual orientation? Imagine, some cars or homes would then be cluttered with identifiers and I personally think that would add to the current state of uneasiness in our country. My question of “At what point do we quit labeling people?” brought a few different opinions but many of them went back to the feeling that we already have too many others telling us what to do. It is time to take personal responsibility and especially parents, need to teach their children about using caution, about making healthy choices, about respecting everyone. Instead of wondering who to respect, why do we not just accept, respect and treat others with kindness. And even at some point, if that other person does not treat us with the same respect, instead of throwing stones or condemning them, why not take the time to encourage them or perhaps pray for them? At some point, we have to be the change we want to see in others.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Public Meeting
Harris County's Method of Distribution (MOD) for the Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Round 1 funds for the Hurricane Harvey and the allocation of 2000 Clinton Drive to the city. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

The City of Galena Park will host a public meeting to review allocated Harris County \$1.115 billion in CDBG-DR funding through the Texas General Land Office (GLO) and has developed a MOD to allocate funding to local cities. The City is seeking input on the community needs resulting from the Hurricane Harvey and the projects needed to assist with recovery within the city.

The meeting will be held:
City of Galena Park – City Hall Council Chambers
2000 Clinton Drive
Galena Park, TX 77547
October 16, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

The venue is accessible for persons with disabilities. The City of Galena Park will provide for reasonable accommodations for persons attending the function. Requests from persons needing special accommodations should be received by Madam City Secretary, Mayra Gonzales 48-hours prior to the function. The meeting will be conducted in English and requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should be made at least 72-hours prior to a function. Please call 713-672-2556 or email Mayra@cityofgalenapark-tx.gov for assistance or additional information about this posting.

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