NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
Crime prevention in North Channel Communities

By Allan Jarnot
Houston, TX – October 28, 2018 – Sue Blackburn, a resident of Houston West Shad- ores I and Warren Lewis, President of Wood Shadows III Civic Club, want doors to be knocked on by black housing community members gathered in their neighborhood to participate in a concerted effort to discuss ways they can help each other prevent falling victim to crimes.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Winning Falcons dominate Deer Park 36-27

By Allan Jarnot
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Cougars punch Pirates

Jaiden Howard pulls a keeper to get outside of the hard charging Pirates on Sept. 26.

VIDOR — Two unbeaten teams went head to head on turf that had been lost to a coin flip. Somehow the Cougars were able to overcome a 6 point deficit and dominate before the Pirate fans at halftime.

The Cougars were behind 25 points at half time because the Pirates had out run, passed and fumbled the ball but the team couldn’t hold the 14 yard lead to the 20 and 16 yard lines. The Pirates had come out and put a smashing run on the Cougars using gang tackles. At this point Coach Riordan would say “Our guys were never gloomy and Jaiden Howard had come up leaving the game. Coach Riordan would say “Our guys were never out of the game because they believe they can win”. The Cougars were down but certainly not out.

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The Crosby High School Symphonic Band is one of only five high school bands from the entire nation selected to play at the Midwest Clinic. The band travels to Chicago this December to perform for over 1,500 audience members. The Midwest Clinic is the largest and most prestigious instrumental music education conference in the world. There will be over 13,000 in attendance from all 50 states and over 30 countries. To this end the Vidor ISD Pirates donated over $1,000 to the Cougars during this tight time.

The Crosby Middle School football team is undefeated, (4-0) only the Crosby Cougars and the Half Price Child Care. They have a lead 22-28 after a two point conversion and a pick-off. It is the third time they played the Pirates.

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Standing, L- R: Organizer Sue Blackburn (pink), Linda Jamail (red), Community Liaison of Rep. Ana Hernandez with Wood Shadows I neighbors visiting each other and enjoying neighborhood friendship to make neighborhoods safer. They can be seen playing cards, reading, gaming and music to increase cross-awareness about police programs in communities, such as drug prevention, neighborhood watch and other anti-crime efforts. Jacinto City had five separate locations for citizens to get crime prevention literature, food, refreshments and meet police officers. The events are typically organized by block leaders. They can be as simple as cookouts with food, games and music to increase awareness about police programs in communities, such as drug prevention, neighborhood watch and other anti-crime efforts.

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Galena Park Yellow jackets fall to Port Arthur Titans

By Allan Jamail

Port Arthur, TX. - September 28, 2018 the Galena Park Yellowjackets lost their first 5A-1 Region III District 9 game on the road against the Port Arthur Titans 35 to 7. The Yellowjackets has 6 more district games, their next district game they'll be hosting the New Caney Eagles Friday, October 5th at 7 PM.

BEAUMONT WEST BROOK CRUSHED C. E. KING 55 – 7

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX. – September 28, 2018 at the Shelton ISD J.H. Crenshaw Memorial Stadium the Beaumont west Brook Bruins trounced the C. E. King Panthers 55 to 7 in a district game. The Panthers Crenshaw Memorial Stadium located at 8540 C. E. King Pkwy has been recently updated to include artificial rubberized turf, a new video board, and new track. The stands have been painted and updated for easier access for people with physical disabilities. The entrance to the stadium has been updated as well. The Panthers with a 3 win and 1 loss record travels to play the Galena Park North Shore Mustangs who has 4 wins and no losses, Thursday, October 4 at 7 PM in a district game.

NOTICE OF TAX REVENUE INCREASE

The Harris County Emergency Services District No. 12 conducted public hearings on September 21, 2018 and September 26, 2018 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the Harris County Emergency Services District No. 12 from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 10.13 percent.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised last year’s tax rate of $0.0477 for each $100 of taxable value was $1,443,361.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of $0.0500 for each $100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is $1,586,995.

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The Board of Harris County Emergency Services District No. 12 is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in a tax increase at a public meeting to be held on October 16, 2018 at Cloverleaf Fire Station No. 1, 911 Hollybrook Ct., Houston, TX at 6:00 PM.

The Board of Harris County Emergency Services District No. 12 proposes to use the increase in total tax revenue for the purpose of emergency services operations.

NOTICE OF TAX REVENUE INCREASE

The Harris County Emergency Services District No. 50 conducted public hearings on September 21, 2018 and September 26, 2018 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the Harris County Emergency Services District No. 50 from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 17.10 percent.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised last year’s tax rate of $0.0485 for each $100 of taxable value was $2,152,399.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of $0.0505 for each $100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is $2,747,626.

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The Board of Harris County Emergency Services District No. 50 is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in a tax increase at a public meeting to be held on October 15, 2018 at 1210 Dell Dale Ave., Channelview, TX 77530 at 6:00 PM.

The Board of Harris County Emergency Services District No. 50 proposes to use the increase in total tax revenue for the purpose of emergency services operations.
Dear Rusty:

I am writing to ask for your assistance with a matter involving Social Security. Specifically, I am wondering if there is any way to change my mind after claiming Social Security benefits of last year (2017). I've heard that if you claim benefits of this nature, you cannot withdraw them. However, I am now in a situation where I believe that I want to reconsider my decision.

I understand that once you claim Social Security benefits, they are generally non-reversible. However, there are some conditions under which you might be able to withdraw your claim. It's worth checking with your local Social Security office to see if there are any options available in your case.

I hope this information is helpful to you, and I appreciate your assistance with this matter.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name]

Social Security Matter

by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor
Association of Mature American Citizens

Abbott, Valdez present views on Texas in one hour forum

Austin — Greg Abbott and Lupe Valdez met on Sept. 28 to appear together on television in 60 minutes in the only scheduled gubernatorial debate of the 2018 campaign by the Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library and Museum on the University of Texas campus.

A Republican and former Texas attorney general, Abbott is seeking re-election as the state's chief executive. His challenger, Guadalupe “Lupe” Valdez, a former Dallas police chief and Democratic candidate for governor in 2014, is running for his second term as a county attorney.

The short answer to the question of whether Social Security has a “do over” option, which allows those who claim benefits to withdraw that application within one year, is that it is sometimes financially circumstantial change. Frequent changes in personal or family circumstances, such as those examples you provide, do not typically void the entirety of the Social Security benefit. And that is a big but that you have to pay back absolutely everything that you have collected, including any withheld taxes, Medicare premiums, and any spousal or other dependent benefits that may have been paid on, to or from your account over the past year. Of course, it is not as simple as that. If you should act with haste to cancel Social Security 521 (Request for Withdrawal of Application), because you’re coming up on your six-year anniversary of your original application.

However, since you have already reached your full retirement age of 66, you have another financially painful option available to you which you may want to consider. You can simply suspend your current benefits, which will allow you to earn a maximum benefit credit equal to $320 a year (or 85 percent of the amount that you would have otherwise earned) for the 1st year after you reached age 62, but that may be less traumatic for the individual from a financial aspect, and the 4th year after you will have reached the amount of Social Security benefits you are entitled to receive by age 70. The benefit amount will be adjusted to $320 higher than it is in 2020. Thus, you gain a significantly increased benefit by the time you reach age 70. You will have lost that initial $65 benefit growth, but you will have obtained the value of $320 a year you would have otherwise earned.

For the proposal: Dennis Hamala, Jack Dauzat, Alan Wolok, G W Gunter, Nick Shamble

Against the proposal: None

Present and not voting: None

Absent:

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead this year to taxes proposed on the same property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

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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 49.3301, Water Code.

The Harris County Fresh Water Supply District No. 47 proposes to use the rollback savings for the purpose of making improvements to the water and wastewater system.

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

Harris County Fresh Water Supply District No. 47 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2017 on October 11, 2018 at 5 p.m., at 210 Breckinridge, Channelview, Texas. Your individual taxes may vary 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.
Quilt to be auctioned at Czech Fest

A beautiful couple was engaged in the Pumpkin Patch at LHUMC last year.

Lake Houston UMC Pumpkin Patch opens soon

This handmade quilt will be on a giant auction at the 78th Annual Czech Fest this Sunday, October 7, 2018 at the Crosby Fairgrounds beginning at 11:00 a.m. Pictures are below who helped make the quilt: Sue Matthews, Kathy Roder, Joni Hord, Merlinda Canada, Katie Hamz, Marilyn Sikora, Josephine Svoboda and CiCi Hodges.

May Community Center hosts Fall Festival and Pumpkin Patch

May Community Center’s Annual Fall Festival and Pumpkin Patch, a family festival and fund-raiser, Saturday, October 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This event includes carnival games, children’s crafts, concessions, pumpkin carving and painting, information on domestic violence prevention, divorce, live entertainment, event shapes with homemade products, live cotton candy sponsored by the Lone Club, craft and gift market, vendor booths and much more.

Exhibits and Shows Include: Houston Texans Cheerleaders, H – E – B, Horticulture the Elder, Crocodile Flatwater, Houston County Voluntary Fire Dept., Harris Co. Sheriff’s Office and Huffman EMS.

May Community Center is located at 4110 Wall Road, Huffman 77336. For more information, please call (281) 274-2814.

The Pumpkin Patch opens Monday, October 8, 2018. Each year for the last 17 years, Lake Houston United Methodist Church has been home to a large Pumpkin Patch with over 1,000 pumpkins with a wide variety of shapes and sizes. Before the opening of the Patch, LHUMC members and friends both young and old, spend the week unloading the truck once it arrives and participate in setting up. Once the Patch opens, folks come from all over to pick out their perfect fall pumpkin. The Pumpkin Patch will be open 7 days a week until Halloween (October 31). Patrons are invited to bring kids, family and cameras for fun fall photo opportunities.

The Patch is located at 10955 Eagle Drive Huffman, and is open Monday through Friday, 3-7 pm; Saturday 9 am until 7 pm; and Sunday noon to 7 pm. For more information contact the church office at 281-324-1541 or visit www.lakehoustonumc.com.
Opal

The name “opal” originates from the Greek word “opallin,” which means “to change color.” The Romans, benighted and silly, played the word opalescere when they said that opals were a kind of talisman which could transform the colors of any stones. Opal’s characteristic “play of color” was noted when scientists discovered that it consisted of two different silicon oxides that differ slightly in density, displaying various colors of the rainbow. These flashy gems are also called “precious opals,” those without play-of-color are “common opals.”

Opals are often referred to by their origin. Black opal is mined in Australia and Boulder opal is mined in Australia also. Some other varieties of the gemstone are also internationally recognized. Opals are one of the most popular gemstones. Tourmaline is another gemstone. Tourmaline comes from the Sinhalese word tura mali, which means “electric.”

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Opal stands apart from other gems in that even though it is a type of quartz, it is not as tough as other quartz varieties. Opal is a very delicate gem that can crack or shatter when it is hit. This is why it is important to take extra care when handling opal. Opal is also a very soft gemstone, with a Mohs hardness of 6.5 to 7.5. This means that it is prone to scratching and can easily be damaged.

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The Gem’s Kaleidoscopic Play

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters of Administration for Docket No. 468,881 Estate of NORMA H. BENNETT, Deceased; In Probate Court No. 2, of Harris County, Texas, Deceased, were issued on September 19, 2018.

CYNTHIA L. BENNETT PROCTOR

The residence and business in the above named is in Highlands, Texas. The mailing address is 5223 Garth Rd., Baytown, TX 77521.

All persons having claims against this Estate which are current or in the nature of a present debt, including but not limited to, medical bills, labor, shortages, taxes, and any other claims now due or which may hereafter become due, are required to present and file their claims with the undersigned administrator either in person, by mail, by Fax, or by email, at grafikstar@aol.com.

Dated this September 25, 2018.

by WESTON COTTEN

Attorney for the Estate

NOTICE OF 2018 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR CITY OF GALENA PARK

A tax rate of $1.17339 per $100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Galena Park.

PROPOSED TAX RATE $1.17339 per $100

PRECEDING YEAR’S TAX RATE $1.03745 per $100

EFFECTIVE TAX RATE $1.17339 per $100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Galena Park from the same properties in both the 2017 tax year and the 2018 tax year.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

property tax amount = (rate) x (taxable value of your property) / 100

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

Ann Harris Bennett
Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector
City of Galena Park tax assessor-collector
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able housing tax credits for working families.

Pastor Robert J. Dixon. He made the North Shore Community Fellowship of Faith Church building available for the meeting so the church members and citizens can come hear and learn about Medicare, Social Security and citizen issues.

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Senator Garcia will be the Democratic Party’s nominee to replace retiring Democrat Congressman Gene Green of the 29th District. The district has a high number of Democrats and she’s favored to be elected if Democrats turn out in large numbers.

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Senator Garcia’s Town Hall meeting includes Galena Harbor Aerobics Class, Civic Clubs, Community Leaders and citizens.


"Clyburn said: "Congressman Green respected the 2018 Medicare Trustees Report projects that Medicare Hospital Insurances (HI) Trust Fund will bring in less revenue due to changes made in the Tax Cuts Act (commonly known as the ‘Trump tax cuts.’)

"Clyburn said: "It’s important for voters to turn out and vote for candidates who will work towards restoring the American values that’s been eroding in recent years. I’m confident Garcia will make us all proud of our supporting her.”

Green has a free “Pay for College Workshop” scheduled for Monday, October 15th, at 7 PM in the North Shore Senior High School Gymnasium, 3551 North Castlegary, Houston, TX 77069.

Ms. Diana Carter Retirement Party

Noted left to right at Ms. Carter Retirement Party are Durwood Radican, Jr., Diana Carter, Yvonne Harris (Diana’s mother), Concey Dwein (Diana’s sister) and Frank Hostetler.

"The Funeral’s Home Therapy Dog, Ax1, was also present at the retirement party to wish well to Ms. Carter and her attendees.”

Ladies Night Out in Baytown: Positively Pink for Breast Health

THURSDAY, OCT. 18, 2018
5:30-7 P.M.
Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital
4401 Garth Rd. | Conference Center Classroom | Baytown, TX 77521

Join us for a fun evening dedicated to breast care — from early detection to advanced treatment of breast cancer — presented by Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital and Houston Methodist Breast Care Center.

Join us for food, games and giveaways!

Free parking at rear of hospital enter from W. Baker Road.
A limited number of mammograms will be offered on-site from 8 PM.
Please call in advance to schedule your mammogram at 844.454.PINK (7468).

Visit houstonmethodist.org/events or call 281.458.2273 to RSVP for the event.