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Undefeated Mustangs crush West Brook in 55-7 win

By Allan Jamail

Friday, October 26, 2018 – Houston, TX- Galena Park ISD Stadium the undefeated number one state ranked Northshore Mustangs scored eight touchdowns against the visiting Beaumont West Brook Bruins, ending in another lopsided victory with a score of 55 to 7.

The Mustangs stingy defense kept the Bruins scoreless until late in the game when Coach Jon Kay pulled his starting defense players from the game, the Bruins lone touchdown came with 40 seconds re-

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Photo by Allan Jamai

Mustang junior running back Zach Evans races 74 yards for his first of three touch downs in the game's first score as he outruns the West Brook Bruin's defensive team.

A close win 58-54 for Channelview vs. C.E. King in Homecoming game

By Allan Jamail

Channelview, TX. – On Friday, October 26th time ran-out on the hosting Channelview Falcons as the visiting C. E. King Panthers squeaked out a victory 58 to 54.

In the back-and-forth scoring contest both teams accumulated 1,109 offensive yards and 16 touchdowns scoring together 112 points to provide the fans of the two neighboring communities lot's of excitement.

The close-call victory gives King 6 wins and 2 losses with 2 games remaining in their regular season schedule. Channelview moves to 3 wins and 5 losses with 2 games remaining.

maining.
The Panthers host the Baytown Sterling Rangers Friday, November 2nd at 7 PM. The Falcons will host the La Porte Bulldogs Friday, November 2nd at 7 PM.

Channelview will end their regular season playing in the IH-10 Showdown against their arch-rival Northshore at the Mustangs' stadium Friday, November 9th at 7 PM. The Mustangs have already played and shutout C. E. King 58-0. Coach Jon Kay's undefeated Mustangs ranked number one in the state is averaging 55 points per game.

points per game.

High school football brings communities together in a healthy way with family members and friends many times rooting opposite each other as fans of their favorite team. Players learn valuable lessons of life in losing and wining in sports and other contests.

N C Star writer says, 'No one can win every contest whether in sports or a political campaign, what really matters is how one reacts after an emotional loss. It's important to get back-up after a loss and dust yourself off and be proud you competed and gave it your best. As the old saying goes, if at first you don't succeed try and try again."

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Photo submitted by CHANNELVIEW ISD

Channelview High School named its Homecoming King and Queen during the halftime of the football game against C. E. King at Ray Maddry Memorial Stadium. Julian Sanchez was named Homecoming King and Hailey Walker was selected as Homecoming Queen.

Nathan Frazier, new Jacinto City Officer



Photo By Allan Jama

Left to right: Jacinto City Police Chief Joe Ayala with newest police officer Nathan Frazier.

By Allan Jamail

Jacinto City, TX.
Thursday, October 25,
2018 the Jacinto City
Council approved City
Manager Lon Squyres'
and Police Chief Joe
Ayala's recommendation to hire Nathan R.
Frazier as a patrolman.

Officer Frazier has an Advance Police Certification from the Texas Commission of Law Enforcement Standards. He's a resident of Houston and a 1980 graduate of Stephen F. Austin High School. He completed his police certification education and training from North Harris Montgomery College System.

CIP Tour examines workings of TranStar

HARRIS COUNTY— The Galena Park CIP organization (Community Industry Partnership) held their monthly meeting at the TranStar building last month, and were given a VIP tour of the facilities.

Tour guide Ben Gillis, assisted by David Wade and Misty Gunn, showed the 30 members of the group all the control rooms, monitoring stations, and other equipment that the facility has.

Houston TRANSTAR was established in 1993, and is a formal partnership with transportation and emergency management agencies in Harris County.

These include TxDOT,

METRO, Harris County, and the City of Houston.

The goals of the transportation part of TranStar are to save drivers time, increase driving speed and minimize delays, and through those activities save money and help the environment.

The goals of the Emer-



CIP Facilitator Diane Sheridan, center, and others of the CIP group listen to Ben Gillis, tour guide for TransStar, as he explains the functions and facilities in the TransStar building on old Washington Road near I-10. In the background are live television monitors, showing traffic throughout the area.

gency Management part of TranStar are to save lives and provide help to those in distressed situations. Since 1979, there have been 46 federally declared disasters, averaging more

that one per year. These include hurricanes, floods, and other natural and manmade incidents, and manage public safety at major public events such as the Super Bowl LI at NRG Stadium and the World Series at Minute Maid Park.

In Harris County, there are 4.7 million



TranStar facility includes two control rooms. The one above is for normal traffic. On the left are monitors and operators for the Metro bus system, and the light rail network. On the right, are operators controlling the traffic signs throughout the greater Houston area, and in the lower right are dispatchers to help in emergencies or traffic jams. See photos of the other control room on Page 8.

people, 34 cities, 56 fire departments, and 125 law enforcement agencies. The purpose of TranStar is to facilitate communication and coordination between these entities, according to OEM head, Judge Ed

The CIP group was given a complete tour of the 3 story building and its various departments, with

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Chamber hosts a Night at the Races

The Crosby Huffman Chamber of Commerce hosted a Night At The Races at the Crawfish Shack Oct. 20 as a fundraiser to bolster operations. The country was like the Darby comes to Crosby.



Newly elected board members of the Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce from the last election luncheon. Pastor Keenan Smith of Crosby Church, Eric Jennings of Doc Resources and Brittany Samprey of Community Resources Credit Union and two from Huffman.

Crosby Cougars fall to Barbers Hill 49-30

By Allan Jamail

Crosby, TX. – Friday, October 26, 2018 the home team Cougars fell behind the Eagles 9 points within the first two minutes of the opening kickoff. Crosby fought back and gained the lead 14 to 9 before the end of the first quarter.

Both teams swapped the lead in the first half several times, the Eagles led at halftime by 5 points, 29-24.

Barbers Hill took the game away from Crosby in the second half outscoring the Cougars 20-6 with a 49-30 final score. Last year Barbers Hill led at halftime but Crosby outscored them in the second half to win the game.

Crosby's record of 5 wins and 3 losses has a district game against the Nederland Bulldogs Friday, November 2nd 7:30 PM at the Nederland ISD Stadium.

The Cougars final regular season game is a district home game against the 3-5 Baytown Lee Ganders Friday, November 9th at 7:30 PM

"Battleship TEXAS WWI Commemoration"

Join Texas Parks and Wildlife in commemorating the 100th Anniversary of World War I armistice aboard Battleship TEXAS, the last remaining U.S.battleship to have served in World War I and the largest remaining artifact from World War I in the State of Texas.

On Saturday, November 10, 2018, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., visitors may participate in a number of family-friendly activities that commemorate the World War I Centennial, including special guided tours, a community "Flanders Field" poppy mural, and a presentation by University of Sheffield (England) professor Dr. Jonathan Rayner. These and other hands-on activities and ex

hibits are free with paid general admission.

Saturday, November 10th, at 6:30 p.m., in the San Jacinto Monument Theater, Texas Parks and Wildlife, First Texas Volunteers, and the University ofSheffield will offer a free screening of "The Battle of the Somme." This film is an iconic British World War I documentary and war propaganda film that captures the first day of the Somme Offensive on July 1, 1916. Be aware that this movie may not be appropriate for childrenviewer discretion is advised. Admission with tickets only—tickets available at

www.facebook.com/events/ 253683055285333/

In addition to Saturday's activities, the gener al admission to Battleship TEXAS will be free on Sunday, November 11th inhonor of Veterans Day and the continuing WWI Centennial Commemoration. On Sunday, the 11th, there will be a public commemoration ceremony from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the ship's bow that will include a presentation by San Jacinto College's Webb History Club.

Battleship TEXAS is owned and operated by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The Battleship TEXAS is permanently moored adjacent to the San Jacinto Monument, 3523 Independence Parkway, in LaPorte, Texas.

GCM Pinks out with Pink Ribbon

Goose Creek
Memorial High
School students
and staff "Pink
Out" for Breast
Cancer Awareness
Month in honor of
faculty members
and friends who
have had breast

Photo by Carrie Pryor-





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Events include: PARADE 10 AM — Saturday

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NEWS COMMUNITY

Galena Park Education Foundation Prize CHANNELVIEW ISD Posse gives \$18,500 in teaching grants

On October 23, the Galena Park ISD Education Foundation Prize Posse loaded a GPISD school bus on a mission to deliver innovative teaching grants to unsuspecting educators at various campuses throughout the district.

Much earlier in the year. educators throughout the district were given the op-portunity to apply for a grant to fund innovative instruction for their classroom, department or cam-pus. The Education Foundation Grants Selection Committee carefully considered each application and selected the recip-

Six grants totaling over \$18,500 were awarded at four GPISD campuses. The grants will be used to fund educational resources ranging from iPads to robotics equipment to supplies for theatre arts. This year's grants were all increased by \$1,000, thanks to the partnership with



Galena Park ISD Prize Posse

Chevron's Fuel Your School program.

Congratulations to Lynzi Montemayor and Kaneice Washington from Galena Park Elementary; Kathryn Mosely, Alma Escamilla, Nancy Sanchez, Trina Donalson and Jenniffer Kelley from MacArthur Elementary; Penny Taylor and Montana Hardin from North Shore Senior High 9th Grade Center; and Veronica Stell, Montana Hardin, Enrique Collazo, Adam Bendorf and Ryan Rogers from North

Shore Senior High School.

Crenshaw Elementary students meet their favorite authors

Forty-five students from Crenshaw Elementary school squealed with excitement on Saturday, October 13th from seven to four! This delight was not directed towards athletes, but at their favorite authors.

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The "Tweens Read Festival" is one of the nation's only literary gatherings explicitly aimed at middle school students. The twenty-seven authors attending this year appeared on the South Houston high school stage. This event is designed to celebrate a love of reading that includes students communicating with their favorite authors.
Students were given the opportunity to

ask the authors questions about their books, including why they had written each of their books. Most of the questions were presented in panel format so that everyone had a chance to ask a question. Erick Guzman, a fifth-grade student at Crenshaw Elementary, was so excited to be able to ask Margaret Peterson Haddix why a particular character in her book, Among the Hidden, had died. Erick had recently read the novel in Ms. Stringer's class, and he was curious to know the answer.

After meeting their favorite authors, stu $dents\ had\ the\ opportunity\ to\ purchase\ books$

from their favorite authors and also from new authors that interested them while attending the event. There was also an opportunity for pictures with the authors, and to get their books signed. As the old saying goes



Students and staff of Crenshaw Elementary enjoyed a full day of excitement with their favorite authors.

reading is power and with their interests peaked, they now have a new appreciation for reading a

GALENA PARK ISD

Anheuser Busch Teamsters donate money to three Elementary Campuses



Galena Park, MacArthhur and Jacinto City Elementary schools receive grants.

Anheuser- Busch International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 919 donated \$2,700 to be split among three Galena Park ISD (GPISD) elementary schools on Friday, October 26. Galena Park Elementary, MacArthur Elementary and Jacinto City Elementa ry each received a \$900 check to purchase school supplies, books and technology for the classrooms.

"We will be using the money to purchase books for our library," Ms. Maria Munoz, MacArthur Elementary principal said. "We want to make sure our students have plenty of

books to take home to enjoy with their families."

The Teamsters have been giving back to the GPISD community for many years and want to make sure the students at

our campuses have the books, technology and resources they need to fur-

ther their education. "In recent years, there has been a lot of growth in our area," Jim Osborn, principal officer said. "We want to make sure our kids have the supplies and resources they need at school.

We would like to thank the Teamsters Local 919

Channelview High School Falcon theatre presents Shrek - The Musical JR.

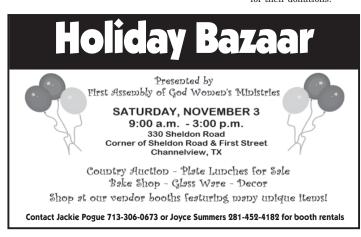
Channelview High School will open several performances for the community to watch our performing arts students perform Shrek -The Musical Junior. This year's performance is based on the Dream-Works Animation Motion Picture and the

Book by William Steig. Beauty is in the eve of the ogre in Shrek The Musical JR., based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film and fantastic Broadway musical. It's a "big bright beautiful world" as everyone's favorite ogre, Shrek, leads a cast of fairvtale misfits

Everyone's favorite ogre is back. Shrek the Musical Junior will warm the hearts of the entire family.

on an adventure to restrue acceptance. Part romance and part twisted fairy tale, Shrek JR. is an irreverently fun show with a powerful message for the whole family.

Showtimes are Nocue a princess and find vember 1st, 3rd, and 5th. Curtain time is 7:00 p.m. The hour-long show will be held in the Channelview High School Auditorium. Admission is \$5.00.





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OPINION PAGE



Social Security Matter

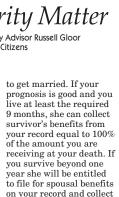
by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor Association of Mature American Citizens

Ask Rusty – Should I Marry My Girlfriend?

Dear Rusty: My girlfriend of nine years will be 66 on June 4th next year. It was her plan to begin taking half of her ex-husband's SS at that time allowing hers to grow until she reached 70 at which time her benefit. would slightly exceed half of her ex's. Three months ago, I was diagnosed with an illness that may very well shorten my time here significantly. So, I'm thinking if we get mar ried she would qualify for 100% of my SS after one year, which would be only four months later than when she could begin taking half her ex's. So, I guess, in that instance she would just begin taking half of my benefit The big question is, what happens if I pass on before we've been married for a year? Is she stuck then at her own reduced rate or can she go back to claim her ex's and allow her own to grow until age 70? I was delaying collecting my own benefits until age 66 in January but began collecting in August after my diagnosis. Thanks for any insight you can offer. Signed: Providing for my Girlfriend

Dear Providing: I'm very sorry to hear of your health situation, but I applaud you for tending to your partner's future during this difficult time To start, I'd like to clarify that spousal benefits and survivor benefits are two distinctly different things in Social Security. Spousal benefits refer to benefits given while both spouses are living, while survivor benefits refer to those given when one spouse predeceases the other. While you and your new wife would need to be married for at least one year for her to collect spousal benefits from you, you would only need to be married 9 months for her to be eligible for survivor benefits. The distinction, of course, is that as your spouse while you are living she'd be eligible to collect up to 50% of the benefit you're entitled to at your full retirement age, but as your survivor marriage) she'd be eligible to collect 100% of the Social Security benefit you were receiving at your death.

girlfriend get married now, she loses her ability to collect only spousal benefits from her exspouse while you are living, because she cannot collect ex-spouse benefits while she is married. But once she is no longer married that ability is restored. So, if you were to pass before you are married for 9 months she would still have the option (because she was born before 1954) of claiming only Social Security spousal benefits on her ex-spouse's record while allowing her own SS retirement benefit to grow by 8% per year until she reaches age 70. At that time, she would switch to the higher benefit on her own record. So, I believe there is little or no risk to your girl-friend's future Social Security benefits for you



50% of your FRA benefit

while you are living and

then switch to survivor

benefits when you pass. But if your prognosis is not good and you do not survive for the required 9 months of marriage, your new wife will still have the ability (provided she has not yet filed for her own benefits) to file a "restricted application for spousal benefits only" on her living ex-husband's Social Security record and allow her own benefit to grow. Once again, I'm so sorry to hear of your failing health, but glad to be able to provide you with some Social Security guidance and, hopefully, ease your anxiety at least on this matter. My best wishes go out to you at this difficult time.

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Texas receives grant to help fund anti-terrorism measures

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on Oct. 24 announced \$55.5 million in funding from the federal Homeland Security Grant Program to support state and local efforts to prevent terror attacks and crack down on terroristic activity in Texas.

ty in Texas.

These awards, according to a governor's office news release, will go toward local anti-terrorism efforts across the state, including 227 different State Homeland Security Program projects and 134 Urban Area Security Initiative projects.

Initiative projects.

"Texas is confronted with a wide range of threats that pose a risk to our safety and security each day, and as governor, my first priority is to ensure the safety and security of all Texans. These grants will enhance state and local officials' efforts to not only confront, but also prepare for and prevent, attacks before they happen," Abbott said.

Most of the grant is to be meted out as follows: — \$19.9 million for

— \$19.9 million for equipment, training and exercise support for local, regional and state-level response teams such as SWAT, bomb, HAZMAT and search and rescue teams, and for other law enforcement and fire and emergency medical services personnel:

es personnel;

— \$12.1 million for state, regional and local planning and preparedness efforts;

— \$8.1 million to sustain and enhance operational communications capabilities;

capabilities;
— \$3.7 million to support state and regional "fusion centers" that promote intelligence and informa-

STATE CAPITAL
HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

tion sharing capabilities among federal, state and local partners.

Agencies conduct exercise

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Oct. 25 announced the Dallas, El Paso, Houston and San Antonio divisions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Texas DPS would lead a statewide training exercise Oct. 28-

The DPS said the purpose of the "Full-Scale Training Exercise" is to "examine the ability of federal, state, local, tribal and territorial jurisdictions to respond to complex terrorist attacks with a focus on integrated response planning among law enforcement, medical services, emergency management and other whole-community stakeholders."

Host cities for the exercise include Greenville, Brenham, San Antonio and El Paso.

Safety Week is observed In promoting Texas Safe Schools Week, Oct. 21-27, the Texas Education Agency and the Texas School Safety Center encouraged schools to take a comprehensive approach to school safety.

A comprehensive approach means school staff, students, parents, first responders, mental health professionals and commu-

nity stakeholders working together to ensure safe and secure learning environments.

"School safety practices should be a priority every day in our schools," said Texas School Safety Center Director Kathy Martinez-Prather. "Prevention and preparedness efforts play a critical role in fostering a safe school climate. Having regularly reviewed emergency plans developed with local first responders, as well as regular training and drilling in emergency procedures, ensures that responses are well-executed in the event

of an actual emergency." Early voting begins

The Office of the Secretary of State posts early voting cumulative totals for the Lone Star State's 30 most populous counties.

Sizable numbers of voters in those counties cast ballots between Oct. 22 and Oct. 26, the first five days of the 12-day early voting period that will end Nov. 2. For the five most-populous counties, numbers were reported as follows:

Harris: of 2,338,460 registered voters, 380,266 (16.26 percent) voted in person or by mail;

Dallas: of 1,335,313 registered voters, 272,062 (20.37 percent) voted in person or by mail;

Tarrant: of 1,122,597 registered voters, 219,947 (19.59 percent) voted in person or by mail;

Bexar: of 1,098,257 registered voters, 193,521 (17.62 percent) voted in person or by mail;

Travis: of 775,950 registered voters, 181,739 (23.43 percent) voted in person or by mail.

Election Day is Nov. 6.

Pablos refers complaint

Texas Secretary of State Rolando Pablos on Oct. 22 confirmed that the agency had received a complaint regarding "pre-filed voter registration applications" sent to Texas residents who are ineligible to vote and that his office referred the complaint to the Texas Attorney General's office for investigation.

Pablos said some Tex-

Pablos said some Texans may have received potentially fraudulent materials from third parties prompting them to register to vote despite being ineligible to do so.

"We continue to urge all Texans to be vigilant when receiving registration or ballot-by-mail materials from third parties, and my office will continue to work to ensure that Texans and Texas voters are protected from any illegal activity," Pablos said.

Information about procedures for voting in Texas are available at votetexas.gov.

Preparing for Holidays

Have you turned on the heater yet? Winter is still a ways off come December 21, 2018. First frost is around November 29 or there bouts to December 10th. Depends on what source you are reading. Come the first Sunday in November it's time to turn the clock back an hour. Move to Arizona and the state does not observe Daylight Saving Time. And there are about 7 more weeks until Christmas which reminds me; I picked up your gift last night while out and about. Got you the same thing I got you last year.

With another year of crop failure, the garden of weedin has shut down for 2018 as there was no crop to speak of. With little production since moving to the new place on another creek, a decision to retire from farming has been reached. Thanks to Joe V's which played a part in the decision process?

2018 was a fast summer or so it seemed. Me & the Mrs. made it to Montana for a week and it was a sight to see Our tour guide, host and cook was my Georgia cousin. Sites included Lewistown which included a train ride with prime rib dinner They staged a train hold up then the robbers and a bunch of saloon gals came on the train. The ladies were hugging all the men and I found out later one planted a big red lipstick print on my forehead.

Appears to be a casino on every corner and Cuz took us to Virginia City where we visited the oldest saloon in Montana called BALE OF HAY known as Montana's Oldest Watering Hole. Old Cuz parked at another place down the road and showed us a two story outhouse and a cabin with a grass roof. Ain't no way you would catch this Georgia boy in the first floor of that outhouse, crappy, eh?

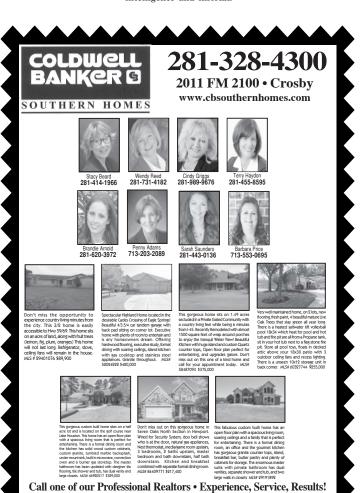
From there we went on to Ennis and Big Sky. In Ennis we went to the Long Branch Saloon that replicates the TV series saloon. There were lots of photos of the Gunsmoke series saloon and the cast of characters including Matt, Kitty, Doc, Festus, Chester and others. Of course the place was surrounded with one arm bandits and we got to meet Dub Taylor's grandson if you know who Dub Taylor...that's Buck Taylor (Newly' son.

Checked out the Grizzly and Wolf Center in West Yellowstone that was truly a sight to see and behold.

One evening Old Cuz prepared an elk roast for us with all the trimmings. A first for us to ever eat elk and it was simply divine. One outing we had mountain oysters and that too was a treat if you like beef with a nutty flavor Most evenings were martini time as Cuz acquired the taste for such. One was much surprised that the Mrs. actually had a martini and finished it.

Summer included trips to Baton Rouge, San Antonio, Woodville, Canton and Winnie, Texas. Let me say that time flies when you are having fun.

Summer has gone and the chill of fall is once again in the air.



IFESTYLE

Gary Lynn Hendry Sr.

Gary Lynn Hendry Sr., affectionately known as "Bird", was born on August 8, 1948 to William L. and Helen M. Hendry in Camden, TX.

He was the youngest of three sons. He graduated from Furr High School in Jacinto City, TX. He met the love of his life, Blanca Dalia Juarez at the young age of 16 years old. He went on to join the United States Army where he honorably served his country in the Vietnam War from 1970 to 1971. When he returned, he and Dalia were united in marriage on December 13, 1974.

Gary had a love for cars, fishing and the outdoors. He was a very well respected employee and friend to many at Hendry's Paint and Body Shop in Channelview, TX



where he worked for many years. On October 17, 2018 Gary joined his Lord and Sav-

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, as well as his brother, Larry Gene Hendry. He leaves to cherish his memory, his lov-ing wife of 44 years, Blanca Dalia Hendry; brother Ronnie

L. and Linda Hendry, his be-loved children, Gary Jr. and Paris Hendry, Andrea and Troy Rogers, Holli and Glen Gilbert, Mandi and David Salazar; 11 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, relatives, friends and military brothers.

The family invites you to

join them for a visitation on Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at Carter-Conley Funeral Home. Inurnment with military honors will be held at 2:30 p.m. October 25, 2018 at Houston National Cemetery.

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St. Martin's Bazaar success



Ahead of Saturday's Bingo Tourney Shirley Simien and Patricia Reed receive guests to the Parish Hall. On Sunday, owing to delicious barbecue and a multitude of activities, the Church was at capacity by 4:00 p.m.

Keith David Carden

Keith David Carden, age 67, of Crosby, Texas went to be with the Lord on Sunday, October 21, 2018. Keith was born on January 26, 1951 in Kingsville, Texas to Louis Bruton Carden and Augusta Mavoureen (Stroup) Carden.

Keith is preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Betty Rose Davis and Louise Norseen. Keith leaves behind his loving wife of nine years, Mary Carden. Keith is also survived by his son Brian Carden and wife Olivia, and their children Samantha, Abram, Cali and Lainey; daughter Angela Carden Arminski and husband David, their children Brittany O'Donnell, Alexandra Arminski, Nicole Newman and Thomas Arminski; and step-son Shawn Latta and wife Nikki and their children Caleb and Jackson Latta, Along with extended family and friends, Keith leaves behind his sister



Mary Ann Parker and hus-

band Ronny. Keith attended Texas A&M University, where he went on to earn his HVAC Certifications. This paved the way for Keith to start Carden Air. Keith has pursued his HVAC passion for the last 39 vears as he proudly served Crosby and the surrounding communities. Keith's legacy is held in a high regard for his fair business practices, honesty and integrity known throughout the area

As much as Keith enjoyed the day to day tasks at work, he was known to spend time outdoors. Keith had a passion for hunting, fishing and rais-ing animals; while these activities brought him joy, he was a devoted family man. Of all of Keith's hobbies, he enjoyed spending time with family and friends most of all.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to at-tend the visitation at Sterling-White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd., Highlands, Texas on Friday October 26, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held at First Baptist Church of Crosby, 615 Runneburg, Crosby, Texas on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Interment to follow at Sterling-White Cemetery

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Priceless

Am I dating myself that I remember learning the song "Deep in the Heart of Texas" in school? Mind you, I'm not saying I remember much of the song beyond "The stars at night are big and bright deep in the heart of Texas," but I do remember learning it. I wonder if they even teach songs like that these days. Regardless, you really don't have to be from Texas to appreciate the majesty of the night sky. Just get out into the country, away from all the city's light pollution, kick back, and look up.

Really, how many things are as impressive as a clear night sky that's absolutely filled with stars? And if you happen to catch a meteor shower? You can't pay for that kind of entertainment! But then, if you dig into NASA's photo files, you from Earth is only the smallest

glimmer of what's out there. God's star collection is... pardon me... astronomically impressive! It is unimaginably massive in not only size, but variety.

Yes, I said God's star collection. That's really what it seems like, after all. He filled the universe with this glorious diversity, and He did it while giving special attention to each and every one of the stars He created. How do I know? Psalm 147:4 tells me so. It says, "He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name. (NKJV) Isaiah 40:26 agrees: "Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing. (NIV)

Impressive, right? Okay, "impressive" is an understate ment. But here's the truly impressive thing: This very same God who delights in His astounding universe also delights in us, in each of us as individuals. He knows OUR

names! In Matthew 6:26 Jesus talks about birds, how God takes care of them and will take even better care of us. Then, in Luke 12:6-7. He addresses the birds again, how even the sparrows men consider near worthless are always under God's watchful eye. He also reveals that God knows exactly how many hairs each of us has on our heads at any given moment. Seriously! Read it!

God made us in His image and after His likeness (Genesis 1:26) He has plans for our lives. (Jeremiah 29:11) He loves us so much He sent His son to die for us. (John 3:16) He makes us new. (2 Corinthians 5:17) He knew us before we were in our mothers' wombs. (Jeremiah 1:5) He calls us His children. (1 John 3:1) I could go on for days, showing you in Scripture how important you are to the Creator of Everything. If you grasp only one truth this week, let it be this You, truly, are priceless to Him.

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ASK THE EXPERT

"What are the birthstones for November?" NOVEMBER BIRTHSTONES



Individuals born in November can choose begemstones to brighten up this chilly month. November's birthstones, topaz and citrine, are both known for their calming energies, bringing warmth and fortune to those who wear them. Topaz and citrine look so similar, in fact, that they've often been mistaken for one another throughout history. They are actually unrelated minerals, and topaz occurs in a wide spectrum of colors far beyond yellow. Both of November's birthstones are fairly abundant and affordably priced, even in large sizes, which means everyone can find a way to fit topaz and citrine into their budget.

TOPAZ OVERVIEW

Through much of history, all yellow gems were considered topaz and all topaz was thought to be yellow. Topaz is actually available in many colors, and it's likely not even related to the stones that first donned its name. The name topaz derives from Topazios, the ancient Greek name for St. John's Island in the Red Sea. Although the yellow stones famously mined there probably weren't topaz, it soon became the name for most yellowish stones. Pure topaz is colorless, but it can become tinted by impurities to take on any color of the rainbow. Precious topaz, ranging in color from brownish orange to yellow, is often mistaken for "smoky quartz" or "cit-rine quartz," respectively-

ASK DIAMOND JIM

although quartz and topaz are unrelated minerals.

The most prized color is Imperial topaz, which features a vibrant orange hue with pink undertones. Blue topaz, although increasingly abundant in the market, very rarely occurs naturally and is often caused by irradiation treatment. The largest producer of quality topaz is Brazil. Other sources include Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, Russia, Australia, Nigeria, Germany, Mexico and the U.S., mainly California, Utah and New Hampshire.

Measuring 8 on the Mohs scale, topaz is a rather hard and durable gem. Its perfect cleavage can make it prone to chipping or cracking, but when cut correctly, topaz makes very wearable jewelry. Topaz is a soothing stone that has been said to calm tempers, cure madness and eliminate nightmares.

CITRINE OVERVIEW

November's second birthstone, citrine, is the variety of quartz that ranges from pale yellow to brownish orange in color. It takes its name from the citron fruit because of these lemon-inspired shades. The pale yellow color of citrine closely resembles topaz, which explains why November's two birthstones have been

so easily confused throughout history. Citrine's yellow hues are caused by traces of iron in quartz crystals. This occurs rarely in nature so most citrine on the market is made by heat treating other varieties of quartz-usually the more common, less expensive purple amethyst and smoky quartz-to produce golden gems.

Brazil is the largest supplier of citrine. Other sources include Spain, Bolivia, France, Russia. Madagascar and the U.S. (Colorado, North Carolina and California). Different geographies yield different shades of citrine. With a hardness of 7 on the Mohs scale, citrine is relatively durable against scratches and everyday wear-andtear-making it a lovely option for large, wearable jewelry. Citrine is sometimes known as the "heal-ing quartz" for its ability to comfort, soothe and calm. It can release negative feelings, spark imagina-tion and manifest fresh beginnings. It's even called the "merchant's stone" for its tendency to attract wealth and prosperity.

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the greatest privileges we have is the right to vote. Early Voting started on Monday, October 22 and will continue until Friday, November 2. If you are a Registered Voter and do not make it to the polls by 7 p.m. on Friday, you will have an opportunity on Tuesday, November 6 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. to vote. This election is important as Texans have the opportunity to elect a United States Senator, a United States Representative, the Texas Governor, the Lieutenant Governor Attorney General and so many more including local ISD Board Members

in some communities. I remember being a Senior at North Shore High School and within the first week of school, Ms Mary Lou Dillard, my Government Teacher, had passed out Voter Registration Applications. She wanted us to fill them out except for our signature. She then carefully filed all of them in date order as to when we would turn 18 and on Day 31 before our birthday, she had us sign the application and into the mail it went. She stressed almost daily how important it was to vote.

CHARLOTTE'S WBB By Charlotte Jackson

As I moved off to the University of Texas at Austin, my dad made sure I completed an application to vote by mail. And sure enough, when the day came to mail the actual ballot, he called to ask if I had mailed it.

As I was taking a class

at UT that combined American Government and American History that was taught by one very conservative Republican and also by one very liberal Democrat, for the first time I began to understand the difference es between the political parties. As time passed, I found myself getting a little more involved and certainly by the time I was a mother at 24, I had some areas that I truly believed in enough to take a stand no matter who it offended. Sometime in my thirties a friend asked me if I would work at the local polling location and I laughed. I

told her that was for old folks Little did I realize that any registered voter can apply to work and get paid for it.

As life continued and there seemed to be a decline in civic engagement, I had another friend ask me to consider serving as an elected Precinct Chair. Over the years, it has provided an opportunity for me to meet some interesting people, both candidates and neighbors. We must all be ready for change. Sometimes, the change is what we believe in and what we stand for. Sometimes, it is not. But in spite of it all, we must agree to disagree and keep working together to make the community a better place.

So, in closing, I am asking, have you voted yet? If not, please do it Not for me, not even for you, but for those who are looking up to us to set examples.

GALENA PARK

Defensive battle gives Yellowjackets a win over Patriots 13 - 6

By Allan Jamail

Baytown, TX – Friday, October 26, 2018 the visiting Galena Park Yellowjackets defeated the Goose Creek Memorial Patriots ISD Stallworth Stadium. In a low scoring 3 touch-

down defensive game both teams only scored in the first quarter.

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In determining whether to designate the Reinvestment Zone, the Board will consider whether the Reinvestment Zone (i) meets the criteria for the creation of a reinvestment zone as set forth in the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act, as amended, and (ii) is reasonably likely to contribute to the expansion of primary employment in the Reinvestment Zone, or attract major investment in the Reinvestment Zone that will be a benefit to property in the Reinvestment Zone and to the District and contribute to the economic development of the region of this state in which the District

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Galena Park ISD celebrates **National Principals Month**



Attendes at the Galena Park ISD special luncheon where principals were recognized. Rep. Ana Hernandez also attended

of October, Galena Park ISD has been celebrating School Priority Month by focusing on three areas including recognizing and rewarding excellence, communicating what's important in education and

highlighting community engagement. One of our School Priority Month celebrations included hosting a special luncheon to recognize and honor principals during

Principals Month. Local elected officials and community leaders were invited to attend the event to visit with principals. The principals had the opportunity to showcase all of the great things happening on their cam-

Texas Governor Greg Abbott declared October 2018 to be Principals Month for the State of Texas. Each principal received

a copy of his Principals Month proclamation. Within the proclamation, he acknowledged all elementary, middle and

high school principals for setting the academic tone for their schools and working collaboratively with teachers to set high curriculum standards for stu-

Representative Ana Hernandez thanked the principals for their dedicapresented them with a certificate of recognition from the House of Representa-

We would like to thank Representative Ana Hernandez, Dr. Bill Raffetto from San Jacinto College-North, Linda Sherrard, Joyce Zotz, Corporal Reed Clark and Deputy Ricardo Rodriguez from Constable Christopher Diaz' Office for attending the luncheon.

Catch the Channelview Spirit,

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Band Director Aaron Allison pictured with Captain Brandon

By LaKeisha LeBland

Homecoming in Channelview Independent School District provided opportunities for the students, staff, and community to show their pride. This year, schools across the district joined Chan-nelview High School in creating lasting memories during the festive week. From dressing like a tacky tourist to participating in the homecoming parade, the community joined forces to celebrate our great school district!

Captain Brandon Thompson of the Elberta, Alabama Fire Department, surprised band director, Aaron Allison during pregame highlights. The captain is recognized as the friend who repelled 50 feet to the bus wreckage and stayed by Mr. Allison's side after the bus crash. "Seeing Brandon after six months was an amazing

surprise," said Mr. Allison "We talk and text often but there is nothing like seeing your hero in person again! I can't thank everyone involved enough.

The Falcons lost a hardfought game against the C.E. King Panthers. The game was highlighted on KTRK ABC 13 as the game $\,$ of the week. The game did not disappoint, it was full of ups and downs for both teams and was not decided until the final second ran off the clock. The Falcons offense woke up against the Panthers. The Falcons offense totaled over 500 yards of offense, led by Kadarius Taylor's 233 yards of rushing. The Falcon defense created a fumble and held the Panthers to 53 yards of passing. The Falcons play their last home game against La Porte Friday, November 2nd. Come out and support the Falcons as they play to keep their playoff hopes alive.

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the guides explaining how they work. A second floor conference room had a glass wall overlooking the transportation control room, which is in operation 24/7. The group was able to observe about 30 work stations actively managing the parameters of the traffic in the county.

TranStar provides a variety of travel information for the public. It maintains a network of 130 traffic cameras for Harris County, and 761 cameras for TxDOT, which are available on their website for the public to view. Transtar also maintains traffic maps which indicate roads in the county that have slowdowns or blockages that should be avoided.

TranStar was especially important during Hurricane Harvey with life-saving information and aid to stranded people. Other services include MAP, to help motorists on freeways, and Tow n Go, a new program to help you off the freeway if you have car trouble.



This Emergency Control Room is operated only when there is a Hurricane, Flood, or other area-wide disaster. At that time, all the Public Safety agencies will send representatives to this room, to work together to insure the safety of the public. There are 40 seats in the room, occupied by TxDot, HC Office of Emergency Management, City of Houston, Harris County, fire departments, police departments, sheriff's office, Metro, and other agencies. The activities in this room are under the direction of the head of Emergency Management, Harris County Judge Ed Emmett. His view is the same as you see above.

Undefeated Mustangs,

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Number 9, Mustang sophomore quarterback is tripped at the goal line by West Brooks Darrell Hawkins but not before he falls across the goal line for a 36 yard scoring run.

the defense has only allowed 47 points to be scored on their team.

Northshore's offense has scored 421 points in 8 games, averaging 53 points a game. They moved up to number one in the state with the Maxpreps computerized tabulations that utilize the huge number of game results stored in the MaxPreps database. Generally, the more a team wins the higher the ranking, but the system also

maining in the game. In takes into account quality the eight games played, wins (against other highly ranked opponents) and strength of schedule.

The Mustangs running game compiled 273 yards with 270 yards passing Junior running back Zack Evans had 10 carries for 126 yards, averaging 12.6 yards per carry with 3 touchdowns. Sophomore quarterback Dematrius Davis completed 93 percent of his 14 of 15 pass attempts.

The Mustangs touchdowns were made by, Zach

Evans (3), Dematrius Davis (1), Zorhan Rideaux (1), Chance Pillar (1), Ajani Carter (1), and Roger Hagan (1).

Northshore has 2 games remaining on their regular 10 game schedule, next they travel to Beaumont United and play the Timberwolves for a 6A Region III District 21 contest on Saturday, November 3 at 2 PM. They'll finish the season at home against their arch-rival Channelview Falcons in the IH-10 Showdown Nov. 9th at 7 PM.

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