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House & Wassail

The Channelview Independent School District invites the community to the Annual Christmas Open House and Wassail. The occasion will highlight unique musical selections from CISD choirs and bands. Wassail and cookies will be served to all guests, and Santa will be present for special greetings and photos. The event will be held on December 13, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at CISD Joyce Hendrix Educational Support Center.

Holiday Open
House

Rep. Ana Hernandez invites you to her annual Holiday Open House, Thursday, December 6, 2018 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the District Office, 1233 Mercury Dr. 77029. Light refreshments will be served.

The district will also be collecting new, unwrapped toys to donate to a child this holiday season. Donations will be accepted until Friday, December 14, 2018.

For more information call 713-675-8596.

Early voting set for
Senate candidates

Early voting has started in Harris County, for a candidate to replace Sylvia Garcia in the state Senate, District 6. Candidates include Democratic State Representatives Ana Hernandez and Carol Alvarado, Democrat Mia Mundy, and Republican Martha Fierro.

The County Clerk has posted the following times and locations for Early Voting:

Hours of Operation
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**November 26th -
November 30th**
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

December 1st
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

December 2nd
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**December 3rd - December
7th**
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

VOTING LOCATIONS:

6. Galena Park Library
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7. John Phelps Courthouse
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Ana Hernandez, Carol Alvarado

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5. Hardy Senior Center
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PLAYOFF GAME NORTHSORE vs KATY is Nov. 30
Mustangs crush Gators 65 – 21

By Allan Jamail

Friday, November 23, 2018 at 1 PM at the Galena Park ISD football stadium the Northshore Mustangs took the bite out of the Dickinson Gators, eliminating them from the state football playoffs 65 to 21.

Mustang Coach Jon Kay's offense and defense played like a team hungry



Photo by Allan Jamail

Mustangs Demetrius Davis goes airborne, leaping across the goal line on a 59 yard quarterback keeper play for the game's first score.

**See Mustangs Win
PlayOff Game, Page 8**

Sheldon ISD breaks ground
for new elementary school



Pictured (from left) are Sheldon ISD Board President Fred Rivas, Board Vice President Latricia Archie, Board Member Debbie Kolacny, Board Member Angela Cormier and Superintendent King Davis at the groundbreaking site for the new Sheldon ISD elementary school which took place last month.

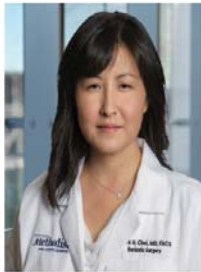
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Third Annual Highlands Junior School College and Career Day

Fabiola Moreno (left) Lee College Cosmetology student, sprays eighth-grader Chloe Bradford's hair during the Third Annual Highlands Junior School College and Career Fair. The event is to promote College and Career Week and to match colleges and careers to the different endorsements since eighth-graders will make their selections within the next few weeks.



Highlands Junior School eighth-graders (from left) Alyssa Bernal, Hannah Lee and Ashlie Allen work with a model of a dog, assisted by Leia Vinson (right) and Andrea Garcia (front right), ninth-graders in the Vet Tech program at Stuart Career Tech High School. The students were attending the Third Annual Highlands Junior School College and Career Fair, designed to help eighth-graders make decisions on endorsements.



Clayton Fullbright, an eighth-grader at Highlands Junior School, visits with Bobbie, a toy schnauzer, and (from left) Kristian Foreman and Dr. Amy Chou from Abshier-Meuth Animal Hospital at the Third Annual College and Career Fair. The event helps students match colleges and career to the different endorsements they will choose among in the next few weeks.



Highlands Junior School eighth-graders (from left) Vernon Duke, Saul Chavez, Alan Urenda, Alexander Hebrank and Christopher Hernandez look at a map at the Texas Department of Transportation booth at the Third Annual Highlands Junior School College and Career Fair. The event is to promote College and Career Week and to match college and careers to the various endorsements so that students can make informed decisions on endorsements before the end of the semester.



Photos by Susan Passmore

HIGHLANDS ROTARY CLUB NEWS



Rotarian Palko recounts his tough year as DG

HIGHLANDS – Bill Palko, last year's District Governor of Rotary District 5890, presented a review of his year to the Highlands Rotary Club last Tuesday. District 5890 comprises the greater Houston area, with 61 clubs and 3000 members.

Palko said that his year started out normally, in July 2017, and he was in the midst of visits to the 61 clubs, when a hurricane changed everything.

Hurricane Harvey hit the Texas coast on August 25th, and then again the following weekend, leaving a downpour and immense flooding throughout the area. Eventually, authorities would determine that 30,000 homes were affected in Harris County. Many of these ended up homeless for an extended period.

This flood, and the recovery effort conducted by individual clubs and the District, occupied Palko's agenda for most of the year, interrupting the normal business.

In the next few months, Palko became the "catastrophe manager" in his own words. Offers of help and money came from Rotarians all over the nation and the world, he said.

Much of the relief work was conducted unheralded. Some was immense, such as the North Carolina District 7710 that came to the NRG stadium in just a few days, and cooked 30,000 meals every day for weeks. And their was a club from San Diego that permanently donated a Suburban style vehicle, for the local Rotarians to use for hauling supplies.



Past District Governor Bill Palko

In all, District 5890 donated nearly \$200,000 to local Harvey Relief and Recovery projects.

In addition, during Palko's term the Rotary 5890 District raised money for targeted donations which went to a VA hospital in San Antonio, Polio Plus, the RI annual fund, and others. In all, the District contributed \$1,092 million to work of the Rotary Foundation.

Palko pointed out a number of awards that the District achieved during his term, including 18th place worldwide for giving to Polio Plus, and 1st place in Zone giving for a number of Polio Plus categories.

Also during this time, the District and some individual clubs continued their work on international projects, such as the eye clinic in Guerrero. For the last 15 years, poor local residents have received free cataract surgery, and

surgery to correct cleft palates.

The district has other projects in Central America, and especially in Nicaragua. A foundation is helping what are known as the "children of the dump" to improve their living conditions. They have also sponsored a school for the blind, and a home for pregnant girls. A workshop teaches skills in woodworking, metal working and more.

The district has a project known as Books for the World, and has collected and sent 350 pallets of books to various countries worldwide.

Palko said the District was honored to host Rotary International president Ian Riseley, from Australia, during his term.

The District also raised a huge sum of \$3.6 million during the annual Million Dollar Dinner, a major gift event benefitting the R.I.

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Hearts of Parents Endure (HOPE) will hold its 17th annual candlelight ceremony at 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 6, at San Jacinto College North Campus, 5800 Uvalde, for parents, family, and friends to remember children who have passed away.

The ceremony will be held at The Christmas Box Angel Memorial Garden. The public is welcome to attend. Anyone who has lost a child is invited to join us and lay a white flower in memory of their child.

GP-JC CIP Meeting

Save the Date - Next Meeting is Wed, Jan 9th.

Due to the holidays, the next meeting is Wednesday, January 9th.

RSVPs will be requested closer to the meeting date. Happy Holidays!

5:45 – light dinner. 6:15- business starts. Meeting adjourns by 8:15 p.m.

At Alvin Baggett Recreation Building in the conference room by the south door, 1302 Keene in Galena Park. Host plant: LyondellBasell Refinery

“State of the Plants” & Program Planning for 2019

- Each plant will have 2-3 minutes to describe its 2018 achievements and 2019 goals and plans
- Members are interested in plant environmental and safety performance as well as business information, including any expansions underway or planned.
- Brainstorm and prioritize meeting topics. Form Program Planning Committee to draft Program Plan from this input.

Evening San Jacinto Pilot Club

This newly chartered club meets on on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Woodforest Presbyterian Church. For more information, see the Facebook page entitled Evening San Jacinto Pilot Club or call 832-264-1565 / 832-289-4762.

C. E. King High School announces first STEM ambassadors



By Becky Zalesnik

The C. E. King High School STEM Academy has recently announced the selection of their first ever STEM ambassadors. These students are part of the new high school STEM Academy that started this year with 74 members. These 13 ambassadors were selected to represent the STEM program as spokespersons and leaders on the campus and for all community events. Each student had to apply for the ambassadorship and then interview with the administrative staff to be selected. Some of the duties as ambassadors will be to participate in community events to promote the Sheldon ISD STEM Program and to assist with both recruitment and mentoring of students in the elementary and middle schools in the district. These students will work closely with the teachers and administrative staff to help grow, expand and improve the program as it works on completing the Texas Education Agency (TEA) blueprint to hopefully become a T-STEM Designated Academy for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. The teachers and administrative staff are very excited about this group of STEM Academy students and are eager to watch them on their pathway to success over the next 4 years as they complete both high school and college credit courses (15-30 hours), industry certifications, and an endorsement in the areas of Math, Science, Computer Science or Engineering.

er Science or Engineering. These students are “freshmen today and leaders tomorrow!” The KHS STEM Academy is led by the academy principal Mr. Tommie Lee, counselor Ms. Melanie Jones, secretary Ms. Arredondo, and district level personnel Ms. Annette Clark, Coordinator of Innovative Programs and Becky Zalesnik, Director of Innovative Programs. STEM Academy teachers include Mr. Arce-neaux-SS, Mr. Frease-Math, Ms. Rosales-Science, Ms. Turner-ELA, Mr. Netherland-Engineering and Mr. Whitely, Computer Science.

San Jacinto Pilot Club meeting

The Club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at Amegy Bank on I-10, at noon. Please visit www.SanJacintoPilot.com.

Buckshot Jamboree

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info, call 281-458-0729 or 832-444-5000.

North Shore Seniors Dance

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OPINION PAGE

Avoid the Naughty List:
Don't Let the Holidays
Ruin Your Credit

(StatePoint) Looking for the “perfect gifts,” paired with enticing retail discounts and deals, can pressure holiday shoppers to spend more than they can afford. As a result, consumers may max out credit card limits or miss payments, negatively affecting credit scores. In addition, store credit cards may offer instant discounts that are tempting at the register - but that new application could decrease your credit score.

Not having enough money for presents and the strain holiday shopping puts on their finances are big causes of anxiety for many consumers, according to a recent Experian survey. However, many of these same consumers seem to be on the right track: in the survey, respondents listed several smart financial resolutions, including 28 percent who want to improve their credit scores, while almost 50 percent said saving more was a New Year's resolution.

But understanding how your credit score is calculated is critical. With this mind, here are some key factors:

- **Payment history:** Accounting for roughly a third of your credit score, paying loans on time is crucial; too many late payments can decrease your score.
- **Balance:** You never want your credit card balance to be higher than 30 percent of your credit limit -- on a single card and across all of them. Keep balances low to keep your score high.
- **Credit history:** Those who've never used credit before will likely have a low score, or no score at all, while credit accounts that have been active for a long time reflect positively on your score, as does a healthy mix of accounts, such as

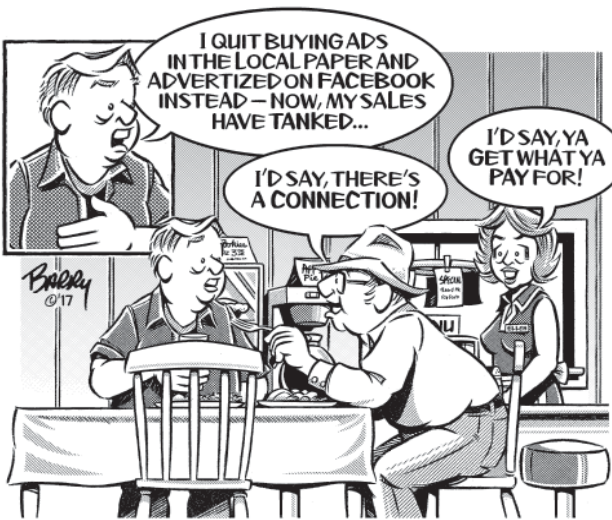
having a mortgage, a few credit cards and auto loans.

- **Staying out of hot water:** Many people believe that financial transactions like rent, utility and telecommunications payments impact credit scores, but in fact, these are not factored in by many scoring companies. However, if you don't pay bills and they get turned over to a collection agency, this could affect your credit score. Severely delinquent accounts are often reported to the credit bureaus.

“While it's fun to give to others during the holidays, make sure to give yourself the gift of not getting into debt,” says Rod Griffin, director of Public Education at Experian. “Stick to a shopping budget. Only use credit cards for an amount you can pay off and pay the bill in full on time. You'll lose your cheer quickly after the New Year if you face a mountain of debt.”

A positive credit profile and history of using credit smartly can open up financial opportunities, like getting a car loan or home mortgage. There are clear benefits to building your credit file, but if you don't build it responsibly those gains won't be felt. To plan for the holidays and 2019, visit experian.com/education for information about credit scores, as well as personal finance tips.

“Credit is a tool to be used wisely,” adds Griffin. “If you check your credit score regularly and make strategic decisions on when and how much credit to use in the short-term, it will benefit you when you absolutely need credit to make a large purchase or for an emergency expense.”



Texas unemployment rate
hits lowest level since 1976

AUSTIN — Texas has its lowest unemployment rate in more than 42 years.

The Texas Workforce Commission on Nov. 16 announced that Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 3.7 percent in October, down from 3.8 percent the prior month.

It is the lowest level of unemployment the state has seen since January 1976.

The Texas economy added 32,300 seasonally adjusted non-farm jobs in October. Annual employment growth was 3.1 percent, marking 102 consecutive months of annual growth.

Still, job opportunities abound. “The jobs are out there, and I encourage all job seekers to contact their local Workforce Solutions office for assistance with job training and placement,” said Julian Alvarez, the TWC commissioner representing labor.

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area recorded the month's lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs in October with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 2.1 percent. That was followed by the Amarillo MSA and the Odessa MSA, which tied for second lowest with a rate of 2.5 percent. The Austin-Round Rock, College Station-Bryan and

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

Lubbock MSAs tied for third lowest with a rate of 2.7 percent.

Abbott comments on rate

Gov. Greg Abbott welcomed news of the record-low unemployment rate, attributing it to the state's “lowering taxes, removing regulatory barriers and investing in our workforce and education system.” “As governor,” Abbott added, “I remain committed to ensuring that Texas stays the most prosperous state in the nation.”

SBOE votes to hike funding

The State Board of Education, which oversees the Texas Education Agency, voted Nov. 20 to increase the funding in the 2020-2021 biennium for school operations, instructional materials and technology.

The SBOE's preliminary spending decision would give schools \$172 million more than currently allotted. The figure includes \$55 million that the School Land Board agreed to provide.

But the funding is tied to budget decisions lawmakers must make in the coming year. The 86th Texas Legislature is set to convene on Jan. 8, 2019.

An estimated \$60 billion of the state's current \$217 billion budget is for public education. Only Medicaid, at \$62.4 billion, takes a greater slice of the budget.

More Harvey funds to come

Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush on Nov. 19 announced an additional allocation of \$652 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to help address unmet housing recovery needs for Texans affected by Hurricane Harvey.

“We look forward to working with our partners in communities across the region to leverage these resources efficiently and effectively to benefit Texans affected by Hurricane Harvey,” said Bush, the chief executive of the Texas General Land Office, the state agency that administers the federal hurricane relief funding.

The \$652 million will supplement some \$5 billion in current Hurricane Harvey programs being implemented by the GLO, as well as additional programs in Harris County and the City of Houston.

Spending discussion will wait

The Legislative Budget Board met Nov. 16 to review the items of information and methodology required to set the Article VIII constitutional limit on certain appropriations for the 2020-21 fiscal biennium.

House Speaker Joe Straus announced the

board would take up the spending cap at a later time.

After the meeting, Straus explained that the price of oil, an uncertain price tag for Hurricane Harvey relief, and the potential for a school finance solution make it unwise to set a spending limit now.

Straus's successor will be elected on Jan. 8, opening day of the 86th Texas Legislature. Straus suggested the next House speaker would need time to think through the options, and that the discussion can wait until the state comptroller's next revenue estimate in January.

Mitigation plan is posted

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality announced the publication of the final Volkswagen Beneficiary Mitigation Plan on Nov. 16.

According to the TCEQ, the plan sets out the state's strategy for distributing more than \$209 million received in settlement of claims relating to emissions control defeat devices on Volkswagen's light-duty diesel vehicles.

The plan will complement other grant programs that target harmful ozone in Texas. These include the Electrify America Program, the result of a separate settlement with VW, which will fund additional electric charging stations. The other program is the Texas Emissions Reduction Program, one of the most aggressive and extensive programs in the country providing voluntary incentives for replacement, repowering and upgrading of polluting vehicles and equipment.

More information on the program can be found at: www.texasvfund.org.

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(NAPSI)—These five tips can help you be prepared for the perils of the road.

1. **Know Your Car.** Like people, each car has a unique personality. Some features work better than others, and conditions can cause a vehicle to react a certain way. Knowing your car's limits and behavior patterns can help you predict how it will respond in certain situations. How long does it take you to stop and how much pressure is required on the brake pedal? What's your turn radius? Does your vehicle lean when you round a corner? Does it quake when you hit a certain speed? Knowing the answers can help you avoid accidents.

2. **Use Extreme Caution During a Lane Change.** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that one of the most common causes of two-lane auto accidents is unsafe lane changes.

3. **Know Your Blind Spots.** Most cars have at least one line of vision that's not clearly evident in the rearview or side mirrors. Even carefully placed mirrors often cannot cover every possible angle. Move the side mirrors far outward so that the angle of view barely overlaps the view of the rearview mirror.

4. **Keep Your Hands on the Wheel.** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration now advocates keeping your hands at the 9 and 3 o'clock positions instead of 10 and 2 because of air bags.

5. **Keep Up on Maintenance.** Routine work on your auto, like oil changes, fluid refills and tire rotations, can make all the difference in your car's drivability.

Learn More

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Alicia O. Mendez



It is with great sadness that the family of Alicia O. Mendez announces her passing on Friday, November 23, 2018. Alicia Olivarez Mendez, 67, was born on December 25, 1950 in Camargo, Tamaulipas, Mexico to parents Enrique and Alicia Olivarez. She will be lovingly remembered by her children, Ana, Leticia, Ramon, Lisa, Juan; stepchildren, Rudy, Rosa, and Mary; 11 grand-

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children; and 2 great-grandchildren. Alicia will be forever remembered by her brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends. She is preceded in death by her husband Juan Mendez; mother, Alicia; and father, Enrique; brother, Mario; and twin sister, Pita. Alicia loved cooking, shopping, dancing, and playing loteria and bingo, she will be remembered for her caring nature, helping as many people as she could. Services were entrusted to San Jacinto Funeral Home in Houston, Texas. At this time the Mendez

family would like to thank everyone for their support during this difficult time, your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated. For more information on the life of Mrs. Mendez, to sign the online register book, or to offer your condolences or fond memories of Mrs. Mendez to the family, please visit www.SanJacintoFunerals.com.

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Northside Baptist Church of Highlands will have its Christmas Program on Sunday, December 9 at 6pm. It will be led by Music Minister Gene Littlejohn and pianist Karen Bascom. The Program will feature Christmas singing, special music, and tell of the miraculous

birth of our Savior. A Fellowship with food and drinks will follow. Northside will also be featuring Christmas music and preaching throughout the month of December on Sundays at 11am and 6pm. Dress is casual.

Everyone invited. Northside Baptist Church of Highlands is located at 317 Barbers Hill Road, Highlands, TX 77562. For more information visit nsbchighlands.org. "There is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." -Luke 2:11.

3 ways to give back this holiday season

(StatePoint) Want to give back this holiday season? There are many ways to get into the charitable spirit. And if you need some inspiration for how to go about benefitting those in your local and global community, consider the following ideas.

Serve a Holiday Meal
Food is one of the most fundamental ways to show you care, and, delicious food and the holidays go hand-in-hand. Consider serving a warm holiday meal to someone who needs it.

There are many ways to do this, such as preparing a meal at home and delivering it to a sick or elderly neighbor, inviting a colleague or friend who doesn't have family in the area to your home for a holiday meal, or volunteering in a food pantry to serve a meal to other members of your community. If these efforts are not possible, look for a canned food drive near you and pick up some extra groceries to donate when shopping.

Give Access to Safe Water

Give a gift to a loved one this season that's not only thoughtful for him or her, but also benefits the community at large. One great way to do that is through the gift of water. Due to microplastics and other common water contaminants, safe drinking water is not necessarily a given these days. However, you can provide someone you love with at-home and on-the-go access to safe drinking water with a LifeStraw water filtration product.

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Another way you can be a life saver is by ensuring you are a registered organ donor. Use the holiday season as an opportunity to add your name to the National Donate Life Registry.

Before stringing lights or adding tinsel to the tree, you can truly get into the holiday spirit by finding meaningful ways to give back.

Clifford Lee Shaw Jr.



Clifford Lee Shaw Jr. age 91, went to be with the Lord on Sunday November 18, 2018. He was born in Forsyth Georgia to Lillie Elvira Mitchell Shaw and Clifford Lee Shaw Sr. He enjoyed spending time

with his family and being outside in his garden. He was loved and will be missed by all who knew him.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 47 years and mother of his four children, Dorothy Rose Shaw; his son, Clifford Lee Shaw III and his granddaughter, Amber Adams. Clifford is survived by his second wife, Violet Shaw; his children, Christie Adams, Rebecca Bilnoski (and husband, Marvin "Butch"), Philip Shaw (and wife Belinda Abbott-Shaw) and his daughter-in-law, Sarah Hartwick-Shaw; his grandchildren, Amy Adams, Angelyn "Angel" Mays, Robert "Bud" Adams, Marvin "Buck" Bilnoski, Leah Bilnoski-Morris, Tyler Abbott, Cameron Shaw and Garri-

son Shaw. Also survived by nine great-grandchildren, other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services will be held at Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, on Tuesday November 27, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be in Sterling White Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, Texas 77562. To offer condolences to the family, please visit www.sterlingwhite.com.

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ASK THE EXPERT

Diamond Jim: "What is the birthstone for December?"



ASK DIAMOND JIM

DECEMBER BIRTHSTONES
December's birthstones offer three ways to fight the winter blues: tanzanite, zircon and turquoise – all of them, appropriately, best known for beautiful shades of blue. These gems range from the oldest on earth (zircon), to one of the first mined and used in jewelry (turquoise), to one of the most recently discovered (tanzanite). All of these stones are relatively inexpensive, but their beauty rivals even precious gems. Colorless zircon is a convincing replacement for diamond, tanzanite often substitutes sapphire, and turquoise is unmatched in its hue of robin's egg blue. Whatever your style preference or budget, one of December's three birthstones will match your true blue desires.

TANZANITE
Tanzanite is the exquisite blue variety of the mineral zoisite that is only found in one part of the world. Named for its limited geographic origin in Tanzania, tanzanite has quickly risen to popularity since its relatively recent discovery. Zoisite had been around more than a

century and a half before this rare blue variety was found in 1967. Trace amounts of vanadium, mixed with extreme heat, cause the blue color – which ranges from pale blue to intense ultramarine with violet undertones.
Tanzanite is still only found on a few square miles of land in Tanzania, near majestic Mount Kilimanjaro. Its price and availability are directly tied to mines in this region. Tanzanite measures 6.5 to 7 on the Mohs scale of hardness – which is not nearly as hard as the sapphire it often substitutes. Given its vulnerability to scratch during daily wear and abrasion, tanzanite is better suited for earrings and pendants than rings. Between its deep blue color and its limited supply, tanzanite is treasured by many – whether one is born in December or not!

ZIRCON
Zircon is an underrated gem that's often confused with synthetic cubic zirconia due to similar names and shared use as diamond

simulants. Few people realize that zircon is a spectacular natural gem available in a variety of colors. The name zircon likely comes from the Persian word zargun, meaning "gold-colored." Others trace it to the Arabic zarkun, meaning "vermillion." Given its wide range of colors – spanning red, orange, yellow, green, blue and brown – both origins make sense.
Zircon commonly occurs brownish red, which can be popular for its earth tones. However, most gem-quality stones are heat treated until colorless, gold or blue (the most popular color). Blue zircon, in particular, is the alternative birthstone for December.

TURQUOISE
Admired since ancient times, turquoise is known for its distinct color, which ranges from powdery blue to greenish robin's egg blue. It's one of few minerals to lend its name to anything that resembles its striking color. Ancient Persia (now Iran) was the traditional source for sky blue turquoise. This color is often called "Persian blue" today, regardless of its origin. The Sinai Peninsula in Egypt was also an important historical source.
The U.S. is now the world's largest turquoise supplier. Nevada, New Mexico, California and Colorado have produced turquoise, but Arizona leads in production by value, as well as quality. The stone's popularity here makes it a staple in Native American jewelry. Turquoise is sensitive to direct sunlight and solvents like makeup, perfume and natural oils. The hardest turquoise only measures 6 on the Mohs scale, which made this soft stone popular in carved talismans throughout history.
From ancient Egyptians to Persians, Aztecs and Native Americans, kings and warriors alike admired turquoise for thousands of years. It adorned everything from jewelry to ceremonial masks to weapons and bridles – granting power and protection, particularly against falls.

Traditions

With last week being Thanksgiving, there is a good chance that your family participated in some sort of gathering that was filled with traditions. Many families attend the Thanksgiving Day Parade in Downtown Houston. A large number of my friends meet up to go shopping on Black Friday. Still other friends have a tradition of volunteering to serve the less fortunate at events around town.

When my children were young, I started a tradition of giving them a Christmas ornament that represented the year that was about to close. My goal was that by the time they left home, they would have at least 18 ornaments that would represent their childhood. Due to a flood in 2006, we lost the decorations but we have the memories.

Another tradition that our family shares is that on December 24, we take the grandchildren to look at Christmas lights. At some point in the last decade, I started enjoying several new traditions with friends. On Thanksgiving Day, I joined friends to volunteer and serve lunch to pediatric patients and their families at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. Next Friday, I will join other friends at the Houston Food Bank to answer phones for the

CHARLOTTE'S WEB
By Charlotte Jackson



Annual Share Your Holidays Phone Bank.

For many in our community, there is a more somber annual event, the Annual Candlelight Remembrance Ceremony hosted by Hearts of Parents Endure on the campus of San Jacinto College North on December 6th at 7 p.m. These community members share a common bond, that they have lost a loved one too soon. The group HOPE was founded after several local families all lost a child, one family had unfortunately lost two sons. This is an event that brings families and friends together to remember their loved ones during a season where so often there are celebrations and these loved ones are missed. There is a sense of family with the many community members who attend each year. Each year the event draws together loved ones who have lost a child to illness, suicide, car accidents and unfortunately, even to murder.

If you or anyone you know has lost a child, please put this date on your calendar and share

with your family and friends. It is a time where the deceased can be remembered and new bonds are formed. The original families who formed HOPE did so in hopes of being able to help others traveling the same path. Several years after the group was started, one family came forward as they had lost two sons in violent murders. As they shared their story, they learned of a local chapter of Parents of Murdered Children which they eventually became involved with. Two years ago, Calandrian Simpson Kemp, founder of The Village of Mothers, came to the event and shared her story and was able to encourage parents who had lost a loved one to gun violence to get involved with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America.

The evening, which is typically cold and windy provides an opportunity to share love and memories as well as add a tradition and build relationships. If you would like more information, please contact me at 832.896.1633.

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The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Barbers Hill ISD's rating on the State's financial accountability system.

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by Linda Thistle

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ANATOMY: What are the four lobes of the cerebral cortex?

2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which month is Black History Month?

3. LITERATURE: Which early American author wrote the "The Scarlet Letter"?

4. CHEMISTRY: Which element is represented by the designation Cl?

5. MEASUREMENTS: How long is a lunar month?

6. SCIENCE: What is the most abundant metal in the Earth's crust?

7. MUSIC: Who wrote the 1962 song "The Loco-Motion"?

8. GEOGRAPHY: Which country is home of Great Bear Lake?

9. U.S. STATES: Which state claims to be the "birthplace of aviation"?

10. BUSINESS: What law requires banks to disclose the interest rates on loans?

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Sheldon New Elementary,

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ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN OF NEW SCHOOL

Sheldon ISD held its Groundbreaking Ceremony for Elementary No. 6 Oct. 30 on the job site. Carroll Elementary Music Instructor Ms. Statci Herrington and the Suzuki Strings performed prior to the ceremony - as the new elementary campus, which is slated to open at the beginning of the 2019-20 school year, will also be designated as a Performing and Visual Arts Campus. Contractor for the project is DuroTech and Architectural firm for the project – Stantec.

Mustangs win Playoff Game,

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for another State Championship title.

Kay's offense compiled 549 yards for 9 touchdowns, completing 7 of 13 passes for 144 yards and running 38 times for 405 yards.

The Gators posted stadium signs reading, "Gators Chomp on Mustangs" but as it ended up the Gators appeared toothless and no match for the high level of playing the Mustangs repeat weekly.

Two pass interceptions for Northshore kept the Gators scoreless in the last

two quarters. Senior defensive tackle Jordan Revels intercepted a Gator pass and ran 55 yards for a touchdown. Another pass interception by junior defensive back Upton Stout stopped another offensive drive.

Mustangs Special Teams junior kicker John Villalobos game after game is flawless making 8 extra points and a 42 yard field goal.

Northshore's nine touchdowns were made by Demetrius Davis (2) Zach Evans, John Gentry (3),

Chance Pillar, Jordan Revels and Ismael Villafuerte. The Mustangs have

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Photo by Allan Jamail

245 pound defensive tackle Jordan Revels intercepts a Gator pass and runs 55 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter giving the Mustangs a 49 to 21 lead.



Photo by Allan Jamail

John Villalobos, kicks a 42 yard 4th quarter Mustang field goal.

their biggest test of the season Friday, November 30th at 7 PM at Houston's NRG Stadium when they'll face off for the third time in less than a year against 8-time state champion's Katy Tigers.

Northshore spoiled the Tigers opening season game, giving them their first ever loss in the new 72 million dollar stadium three months ago. After the 35 to 21 loss Katy quarterback Bronson McClelland acknowledged the tough loss but seemed confident the Tigers will be 2018 state champions and beat Northshore in the playoffs.

They will take on the Katy Tigers on Friday, November 30 at NRG Stadium. Game time is 7 p.m.

Presale tickets, which are \$6 for students and \$11 for adults, are available at the GPISD Athletic Office on Thursday, November 29 from 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Friday, November 30 from 7:00 a.m. – 3 p.m. All tickets at the gate will be \$15. Parking at NRG will be \$12 and is cash ONLY. Go Mustangs!

Railroads are topic at GP-JC/ CIP Meeting

Representatives of two of the local railroads in the Houston area, Union Pacific and Port Terminal Railroad Association, spoke to the GP-JC CIP (Community Industry Partnership) last month.

The speakers covered the general operations of the railroads, displayed route maps, and explained what hazardous materials they carried and how they responded to an accident.

The largest railroad, Union Pacific, serves 23 states, and from Houston carries containers, plastics, stone and gravel, industrial chemical, and auto parts.

Their hazardous materials record shows they handled 217 incidents nationwide last year. They maintain response teams in 12 locations, and recovery assets in 6 locations, with firefighting and rescue equipment. The railroad is constantly training employees for safety. Their emergency number is 888-873-7267.

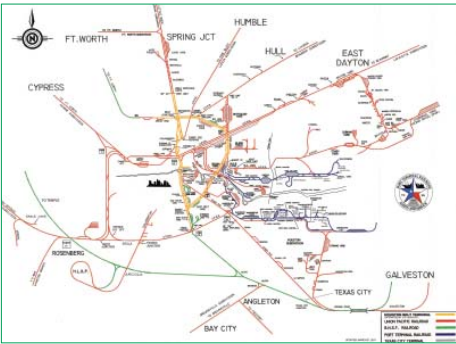
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You won't want to miss wassail, cookies, and photos with Santa!



You are cordially invited to the

Galena Park ISD Community Holiday Open House

Friday, December 7, 2018
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

GPISD Administration Building
(Board Room)
14705 Woodforest Blvd.
Houston, Texas 77015

Come visit with Santa Claus and enjoy several children's choirs.