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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
Welcome to our special
Holiday Edition. We will not
publish on Dec. 27, our next
issue will be Jan. 3, 2019.
However, you can read the
results of the North Shore Play-
off game on our web page:
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North Shore Mustangs headed to State

By Allan Jamail

Saturday, December 15, 2018 at NRG Stadium the North Shore Mustangs romped on the Lake Travis Cavaliers bringing the

Mustangs within one game of a state championship title. The 51 to 10 lopsided score put into Lake Travis' football history as the worst playoff defeat ever. The super-charged Mustangs came out on the field

and waged a relentless four quarter assault of rough and tumble football on both offense and defense. After spanking the Cavaliers for three quarters with his starters Coach Jon Kay began sub-

stituting his talented back-up players into the game who continued the spanking.

The Mustang offense was hitting on all cylinders as running back Zach Evans ran for 196 yards

and four touchdowns, while sophomore quarterback Demetrius Davis gave them plenty of balance with 231 passing yards for two scores. The galloping Mustang offense made 7 touch-

downs (TD's), Zach Evans ran for 4 TD's, John Gentry ran for 1 TD, quarterback Demetrius Davis passed to Zorhan Rideaux for 2 TD's and John Villa-

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DEC. 24
6 p.m. Spanish
9 p.m. English

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Christmas Eve services

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Rotary members, Interact students, and students at Hamblen Elementary.

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Bill Bowes, President

From the Channelview Fire
Department And Commissioners of
Harris County ESD #50

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

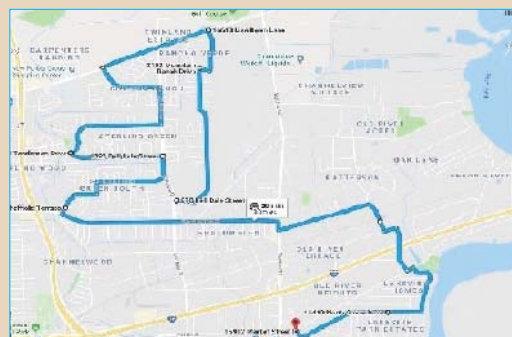


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Saturday, December 22 starting at 10:00 am.



Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I want to work at Santa's Toy Shop. I am Helpful. This is good because I can help Santa ride the sleigh. I can help Santa make the toys. This is important because kids need to play. You should ride me to work at your toy shop.
Sincerely, Arisbeth Montalvo

Dear Santa,
I want to work at the sant work hop. I can make people happy when I help them. I am friendly. I Will be on time so can people can worke with Mi. You should hire me to work at your toy shop.
Sincereley Emily Bucio

Dear Santa,
I want to work at Santas toy shop. I can read. This is good because I can read kids notes. I am nice. I can make kids feel happier. I can work fast. This is important if not kids will not get a gift Because You should here me to work al your shop.
Sincerely, Mia Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I want to work at the Santa Toy Shop. I can be fun. This is good because I can be kind to customers. I am helpful. I can wrap up the toys. I am responsible. I will be on time to the shop.
Sincerely, Kevin Martinez Marin

Dear Santa,
I well like a nitendw swech and a ps.5 with fornite. I was graut.
Marcus Celestine, 9

Dear Santa,
I want to work with you. I can help with cleaning the toys. This is good becouse when you give the toys away they will be clean. I am responsible. I can organize the toys on the sled. I will be on time. This is important because I can finish faster. You should hire me to work at your shop.
Sincerely, Jennifer Mendez

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
How is evolen? I ben good tese yery. Thak you for the ten. Thes yery I wot a netonso a now
PS1.
Ravi, 9

Dear Santa,
I would like some headphone for my nintendo switch. Lost Kitteys toys. Clues for my mom. A gift crad for my mom. Fornite shrat and I was good for my mom.
Jordan, 8

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a morefbond? Thank you for everything and for giving. I think it is nice.
Kynlee Felder, 7

Dear Santa,
Can I have a rifle sniper that is an erf gun, Nintendo switch, DS, a sniper that is an air soft gun too.
Jeremiah VanBasbirk, 8 years old

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a ps4 for Christmas? I also want a Nintendo switch for Christmas. Please give me those two things. I want them please.
Eli, 7

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus. I have been helping my mom a lot. Thank you for the things last year. I would like beybade metal fusion toys I would be 100% happy to get one. Thank you and Merry Cristmas.
Eric Villarreal, 8

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Clause doing? I have been very good this year. I have been helping my mommy. Thank you for the bracelet last year. I really liked it. This year and I would love to have a phone so I could call my mom. I wold be full of joy.
Hayden McMurray Dreyer, 8

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Sylvia R. Garcia

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and a Prosperous
New Year!



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and a Prosperous New Year

Bill Palko, SVP
Community and Business Development Manager



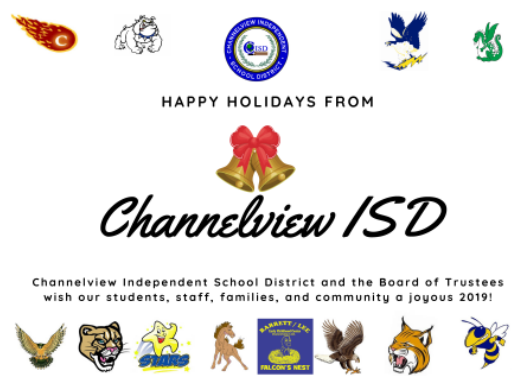
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Ana Hernandez

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& Happy New Year



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Mustangs to compete for State Title



Photo by Allan Jamail

The Mustangs charge onto the field while fans chant, "East-Side Boys Show UP."

Mustangs,

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lobos kicked a field goal. They garnered 557 total yards and 28 first downs, the Cavaliers only got half as much with 268 yards and 14 first downs.

At the end of the game many of the fans cheered the players with the continuous chant, "EAST-SIDE BOYS SHOW'D UP." Fans have tagged the team "East Side Boys" for several years.

Kay's 15-0 undefeated Mustangs head to Dallas to play the undefeated 14-0 Duncanville Panthers. These two will battle it out at 7 p.m. Saturday, December 22nd at the AT&T Cowboys Stadium with the UIL 6A Division I state ti-

tle on the line.

It's the grand showdown, Texas' two most powerful high school football team's square-off for the title and the last game of the football season. This game will have the eyes of nation's college and professional scouts watching for future recruits. The championship game will be televised on FOX Sports Southwest Plus and streamed on Fox Sports Go app.

Last week Duncanville defeated Allen breaking Allen's 30 game winning streak, this earned Duncanville the number one ranking in the state while the Mustangs hold the

number two ranking.

The Mustangs have won 15 games this year with double-digit scores, but the Panthers defense has only allowed a double-digit score on them three times this year.

Coach Kay brought a Mustang Class 6A Division I state championship to the Galena Park School District in 2015, against the Austin Westlake Chaparrals. A Saturday win will give North Shore three state titles, having won their first championship against the Woodland Highlanders in 2003 in 5A Division I under Coach David Aymond.

Galena Park ISD would like to congratulate the Mustangs and wish them the best of the luck at the State game! Go Mustangs!



Photo by Allan Jamail

Galloping Zach Evans leaves behind a Cavalier grabbing the air and falling to the turf on his 1st of 4 TD's in 3 quarters of play and 196 yards.

Retiring Congressman Gene Green honored at Holiday Reception

by Gilbert Hoffman

A reception was held last Friday evening to honor retiring Congressman Gene Green, and thank him for the 26 years of service to the community he represented. Green was elected to represent Texas District 29 in 1992, and was re-elected 12 times.

Green is known for his service projects in the community, including Job Fairs, Immunization Days, Citizenship Days, Paying for College Workshops, Senior Citizens Forums, and Veterans' forums.

Prior to his terms in Congress, Green served in the Texas House and Senate. He will be succeeded

by Sylvia Garcia, who won the election in November. Garcia was the keynote speaker at the reception, reprising Green's career and service to the community, and promising to continue his service projects.

The reception was held at the Holiday Inn on the East Freeway, hosted by Constable Chris Diaz and wife Jacinto City Mayor Ana Dia, and Amir and Sabrina Khan.

The event was attended by about 150 friends and well-wishers, a cross section of the several communities he served, and the organizations in each of these areas, including pastors, Rotarians, civic club leaders, educators, and businessmen.



THE RECEPTION HEAD TABLE included (l to r) Hosts Chris and Ana Diaz, Helen and Gene Green, State Representative Mary Ann Perez, Host Amir Khan, and Pct. 3 Constable Sherman Eagleton, and Congresswoman-elect Sylvia Garcia, not pictured, who was speaking.



Host Constable Chris Diaz presents an appreciation plaque to Gene Green and wife Helen.



Hosts Sabrina and Amir Khan with Congressman Green.

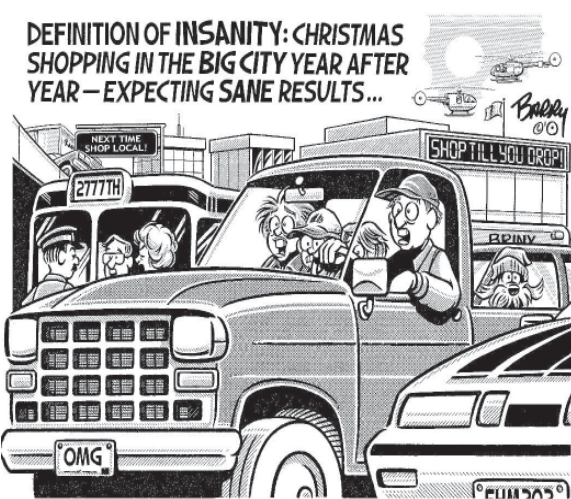
Galena Manor Civic Club holds Christmas Party



Photo by Allan Jamail

The Galena Manor Civic Club came together for their annual Christmas party at the Galena Park Alvin Baggett Community Center. President Rosemary Coreathers and club officers put together a Christmas celebration dinner with delicious food and desserts. Members enjoyed traditional Christmas music mixed with religious and spiritual songs. Drawings for door prizes was exciting and fun filled for everyone. The 2019 membership drive is underway, anyone interested in joining can call President Coreathers at 832-755-6294 or email: coreathers@yahoo.com to learn how they can join the club. The civic club meets monthly on the 3rd Monday at 6 PM at the Alvin Baggett Community Center, 1302 Keene Street, Galena Park, Texas. Citizens interested in joining the civic club can come to a monthly meeting to learn the benefits of being a member.

OPINION PAGE



Letters to Santa

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Clause doing? I tried to do my best and I did kind of good. Thank you for the xbox 1 last year. This year can I get some books and legos. And I will be really really happy! Merry Christmas! Keegan McGee, 9

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? In school I act good I made a lot of friends and get good grades. Thank you for the piano last year. I really like it. This year I want hedphones and I want my hedphone to have a nic and maybe some legos and a PS4. I feel like I deserve it a little bit and if you get me what I wanted for Christmas I'd be filled with joy! Gabriel Palacia, 8

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Clause doing? I am being nice to my frins? Thank you for the Diary I like it. This year I wood want to have a book. So I can read the book? Merry Christmas. Grenlie, 9

Dear Santa, I hope you are doing well! I have been getting AB honor roll and thank you for the phone you got me last year. And I would like a new phone this year and it would make me so happy. And I would be grateful. Merry Christmas. Alexiya Thomas, 9

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Dear Santa, I would like an New par offjens and a new small bed and a iphone 10 also a desk for my laptop and a chair. I have been really good this year. I have been good because I say please and thank you to Santa please and thank you. Priscilla Lopez, 8

Dear Santa, I would like an American doll car also American doll kich and American doll. I also wont a American doll fridge and Playdo and collring book. I have bun good. Eleyna McPherson, 8

Dear Santa, I would like an hoodie. I would also like a new phone for my mom. I have been really good this year. I charged my phone. Kamryn Monce, 8

Dear Santa, I would like some headphone for my nintendo switch. Lost Kiteys toys. Clues for my mom. A gift crad for my mom. Fornite shrat and I was good for my mom. Jordan, 8

Last-Minute Holiday Gift Ideas



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(StatePoint) We've all been there before. Procrastinated or overscheduled our holiday season to the point where we leave ourselves little to no time to shop for loved ones. But great gifts don't necessarily need to be planned months in advance.

These last-minute ideas will bring cheer to the season for gift-givers and recipients alike.

- A Gift Basket: A gift basket is easy to prepare and, if created by you, won't feel last-minute at all. With a few customizations for an individual's preferences, this is an extremely thoughtful gift. Shopping for a person with a sweet tooth? Hit up the candy aisle and get most of your items from there. Shopping for a foodie? Prepare a basket of interesting herbs and spices from around the world. The possibilities are endless. After you've arranged the items nicely, spiff it up with a few bows and flourishes in your gift recipient's favorite colors.
- A Timepiece: If you're stumped for a gift for that pragmatic, stylish someone that will be appreciated for both its beauty and its functionality, consider

a great timepiece in a classic design that will complement a variety of styles, such as those from Casio's Vintage Timepiece Collection. Featuring stainless steel bands in such different metallic color combinations as gold and black, and rose gold and silver, they are equipped with an LED-lit display face, a countdown timer, a 1/100th second stopwatch, as well as a daily alarm, hourly time signal and auto-calendar. This throw-back accessory is both useful and fashionable, adding a bold, retro-inspired look to any outfit.

- Movie Night: Everyone loves a trip to the movies, and these days, it's easier than ever to send a loved one to the theater again and again. With a MoviePass membership of just \$9.95 a month, you can give the gift of unlimited theater-going to your favorite cinephile.

This holiday season, don't show up empty-handed or re-gift something generic lying around the house. There are plenty of thoughtful gifts that can be prepared at the last minute and your recipient will be none the wiser.

Texas' top lawyer cheers court ruling against Obamacare

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton applauded a Dec. 14 Fort Worth federal district court decision declaring unconstitutional the U.S. Affordable Care Act, widely known as "Obamacare."

Ten months ago, Paxton and Wisconsin Attorney General Brad Schimel led a 20-state coalition lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the 2010 health care law, arguing that Congress rendered all of Obamacare unconstitutional by doing away with the tax penalty in Obamacare's individual mandate when it enacted President Donald Trump's tax overhaul.

"Today's ruling halts an unconstitutional exertion of federal power over the American healthcare system," Attorney General Paxton said. "Our lawsuit seeks to effectively repeal Obamacare, which will give President Trump and Congress the opportunity to replace the failed social experiment with a plan that ensures Texans and all Americans will again have greater choice about what health coverage they need and who will be their doctor."

Supporters of the health care law said the federal district court's ruling would be appealed.

TEA releases ratings

The Texas Education Agency on Dec. 12 released its final 2018 state academic accountability ratings for 1,200 school districts and charters and more than 8,700 campuses.

Preliminary state accountability ratings were announced by TEA in August. The final ratings include results of an appeals process that provides districts and charters an opportunity to contest preliminary ratings.

The Texas Education Agency received 172 school district and campus-level appeals in 2018, compared to 66 in 2017.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

The ratings are available at www.tea.texas.gov.

Revenue is distributed

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Dec. 12 announced he would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts some \$761 million in local sales tax allocations for the month of December.

The amount is 9.5 percent more than the amount reported by the Office of the Comptroller in December 2017. Allocations are based on sales made in October by businesses that report tax monthly.

Abbott, Chamber chat

Gov. Greg Abbott on Dec. 10 participated in a "fire-side chat" at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Association Committee of 100 meeting in Austin.

The Committee of 100, or C100, is comprised of association executives from across the country that represent industries from energy to health care. Twice a year, C100 members meet to address issues facing the business community.

Abbott and C100 Chair Matt Shay discussed workforce development and strategies that promote economic success.

"CEOs and business leaders continue to invest in Texas because of our high quality workforce and our commitment to low taxes and reasonable regulations," said Abbott. "However, as the global marketplace shifts to a 21st century economy, Texas must focus on the future. That is why the Lone Star State will continue to diversify its economy and invest in our workforce to

ensure we remain a global powerhouse."

Survey reveals priorities

Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush on Dec. 11 announced the Texas General Land Office results of a regional planning studies survey of citizens, local officials, councils of government and river authorities in communities impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

Participants in the survey indicated flood control and drainage improvements are the top needs for their communities. Texas General Land Office will use the results of the survey to determine which projects would best address the concerns identified by local input, Bush said.

More information is available at recovery.texas.gov.

TxDOT receives grant

The Texas Department of Transportation on Dec. 6 was awarded \$50 million in federal grants to pay for critical improvements needed to address safety and connectivity in the booming Permian Basin.

Through its Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation grants, the U.S. Department of Transportation is helping pave the way for Texans and the rest of the nation to have safe and improved access to oil and gas.

"Investments in our state's roads and highways are an essential part of ensuring that Texas continues to grow and prosper," said Gov. Abbott.

DPS starts social media

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Dec. 11 announced the launch of new social media accounts for the Texas Highway Patrol.

The expanded social media network complements existing connections the department already has with communities on topics related to the highway patrol.

DPS Director Steven McCraw said, "We are pleased to announce that now you will also see the Texas Highway Patrol on its own social media channels, where you can follow along and connect with this dedicated group of men and women proudly serving and protecting our state."

Have A Very Merry!

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GALENA PARK ISD Early College High School teacher named recipient of the Sanford Teacher Award

In recognition of inspirational teaching nationwide, 51 teachers around the country, representing each state and the District of Columbia, have been named recipients of the first-ever National University System-Sanford Teacher Award.

Galena Park ISD is proud to announce Mrs. Norma Burke, Early College High School science teacher, has been selected as the Texas recipient of the Sanford Teacher Award. Mrs. Burke was nominated by an anonymous student for her enthusiasm in the classroom, making



Pictured left to right Norma Burke, ECHS teacher; representative from National University System; Dr. Jeff Hutchinson, principal at Early College High School.

learning fun and helping students realize their full potential. She was selected by a panel of educators to be named the representative of Texas and received a \$10,000 check for demonstrating her commitment to creating inspirational and harmonious lessons in the classroom that

have helped her students’ development and achievement excellence. Mrs. Burke has now qualified for a chance to be recognized as the national winner of the Sanford Teacher Award, which will be named in early 2019. Congratulations, Mrs. Burke!

Channelview High School working to build an inclusive culture



Members of the dude. be nice club distributed candy canes to students, faculty, and staff at Channelview High School.

The dude. be nice Club at Channelview High School is on a mission to build a positive learning community by rallying together to recognize others in a fun, creative and meaningful way. Through their efforts, the campus culture at Channelview High School has been impacted. The organization’s

150+ members created the candy cane project in which they distributed candy canes to students, faculty, and staff. “We wanted an opportunity to spread Christmas cheer and holiday happiness throughout Channelview High School,” said sponsor Ms. Lindsey Smith. “The students were excited

about the results of the campaign as over 1,000 candy canes were given to our CHS family.” dude. be nice (DBN) is a media company designed to create a more conscious culture. Channelview High School is in its first year of implementation and membership is open to any interested CHS student.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
How is everything going? I’m good at helping and math. Thank you for the stuff you gave me. I liked to play with them. I had my hart on a faseblade. If I got it I will be happy. Mary Crismes.
Tate White, 8

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Clause doing? I hop you are doing well. I am doing good in reading. I really need to try harder in math. Thank you for the gifts last year. This year have a LoL dolls and I will share it to my friends and I will like to have a alppe wach and I really need it to call my mom. When something goes wrong so pls.
Zoey beth Valencia, 9

Dear Santa,
I would like Boxy girls. I would also like Beattle Stuff. I have been really good this year. I cleaned my room and I did my cloths and hang up my cloths and I did my bed and a American fridge and a American locker and mini BackPacks for my dolls.
Ilany, 9

Dear Santa,
I would like an hoverboard. I would also like a phone case for my phone. I have been really good this year. I was a good boy this year. Kept my room clean.
Aiden Gonzalez Pet, 9

Dear Santa,
I would like 20 gauge shot gun for hunting. Woiders bottom land. I would like ciim bin stand.
Grodr Sparks, 9

Dear Santa,
How is everything going? I’ve been helping my mom. I really love the ipad. This year I wold like a xbox one. I will love it! Merry Christmas!
Lane Landree, 8

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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Team Sylvia Garcia “We Made History” celebrates with Thank You Iucheon



Photo by Allan Jamail
Monday, December 17, 2018 Congresswoman elect Sylvia Garcia provided a delicious Mexican food lunch for a group of her supporters at the El Jardin Mexican Restaurant. Garcia became Texas' first female Hispanic to be elected to the U. S. Congress. Garcia will be sworn in this January to represent the 29th Congressional District following Congressman Gene Green's retirement.

GALENA PARK ISD
North Shore Senior High and
GPISD PEIMS department bring
holiday cheer to Bridgecrest
Rehabilitation Suites



On Wednesday, December 12, The Galena Park ISD PEIMS Department teamed up with North Shore Senior High School (NSSHS) to spread holiday cheer at the Bridgecrest Rehabilitation Suites. Over 80 NSSHS students representing student council, the National Honor Society, the art club and many other organizations joined in to give Christmas gifts to the residents and decorated their room doors. "This is a great way to give back to the community that has done so much for us," Myra Castaneda, program director for educational support, said. The students and PEIMS Department put a huge smile on the residents' faces as they decorated the facility just in time for Christmas! We would like to thank Bridgecrest for letting us bring the Christmas spirit to their residents.

LyondellBasell hosts Christmas Party for Seniors



On Dec. 6, LyondellBasell's Channelview Complex hosted its 37th annual Senior Citizen's Christmas Party. Employee volunteers cooked a full course steak and chicken dinner and made a number of tasty appetizers for approximately 550 seniors from the North Channel area who were bused in by Harris County Precinct 2. The winter wonderland party was held at Armenta's and featured dancing, raffles and a rousing game of Bingo.



North Shore Rotary provides 280 food baskets for families in the North Channel Area

On the morning of Thursday, December 13th, Channelview High School Interact Club volunteered to assist the North Shore Rotary with creating food baskets for families in the North Channel Area. Immediately after 280 baskets were filled, a caravan of Rotarians, Interact students, and Channelview ISD maintenance employees made a stop to all elementary campuses in the district to deliver food baskets to families in need during the holidays. "The generous donations by the North Shore Rotarians will provide meals for families during this holiday season," said Superintendent Greg Ollis. "The North Shore Rotary Club is a great friend of Channelview Independent School District, and we appreciate their humanitarian service to families in our school district."



North Shore Rotary Club Rotarians and Channelview High School Interact students deliver food baskets to McMullan Elementary School.

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OBITUARIES

Mary Catherine Earnest

Mary Catherine Earnest, 58, passed away peacefully December 14, 2018 at her home in Houston, Texas.

Mary was born in Houston on June 15, 1960 to parents James and Margie Cockerham. She married the love of her life, Jacky Earnest, on July 19, 1991 and they enjoyed almost 30 years together. Mary was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend to many.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and sisters, Nancy and Janie. Mary is survived by her husband of 27 years, Jacky Earnest; children, Shane Earnest and Shana Ramsey; grandchildren, Dillon and Dawson Ramsey; as well as numerous extended family members and dear friends.



A celebration of Mary's life will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 19, 2018 in the chapel of Carter-Conley Funeral Home.


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James V. "Jim" Garrett



James V. "Jim" Garrett, 80, passed away on December 1, 2018 peacefully at his home. He was born on October 27, 1938 in Houston, Texas to parents James Porter and Marie Emma Garrett. He attended Jacinto City Elementary School, Galena Park Junior High, and Galena Park High School.

James proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps from 1956 to 1960. He retired in 2001 from his career as a State Trooper at the Texas Department of Public Safety after 37 years of employment.

James is preceded in death by his parents, aunts and uncles, and several cousins. He is lovingly survived by his wife, Lisa (Gibbs) Garrett; sister, Carolyn Tarris; brother, Donald Garrett; two daughters; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; as well as several nieces, nephews, extended family members, and many friends.


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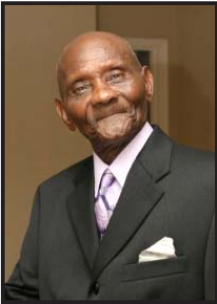
ROBERT LEE BARRETT, 94, of Barrett Station, Texas transitioned to glory on Monday, December 3 rd , 2018 at Bayshore Medical Center in Pasadena, Texas surrounded by his family.

Life will never be the same for all those who were blessed to have been touched and loved by such a PNEUMATIKOS MAN !

Special Commendations & Tributes will begin Friday, December 14 th , 2018 at 11:00 a.m. with a Beautiful White, Glass-Enclosed, Belgian Horse Drawn Hearse escorting Mr. Barrett's Casket to each of the most significant destinations of his Life's Journey and Heritage within his Historic Hometown of Barrett, Station to include:

- 1) Original US Highway 90 Homestead where he was born
- 2) Barrett Road Estate where he grew up
- 3) Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church where he worshipped
- 4) His Arcadian Drive Homestead Estate where he lived all his adult life with his family & operated his landscape & nursery business and finally
- 5) The Barrett Station Community Center (Harris County Senior Citizen Program) where he socialized, traveled and absolutely loved attending!

His "Celebration of Life Service" will be filled with Tributes beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday,



December 15th, 2018 at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church located at 12418 FM 2100 Rd, Crosby, Texas 77532.

A Special Memorial Webpage has been established in his Honor as follows:
www.Never-Gone.com/Memorials/RobertLeeBarrett

Robert Lee was born April 19, 1924 during the Great Depression, to the late Robert Eli and Lillie Amos Barrett in the Historic Community of Barrett's Settlement, Texas; currently known as Barrett Station.

Robert was a decedent of the late, great, Frank Barrett, Sr., one of the original settling Barrett Station forefathers (Harrison Barrett's Brother) and the great nephew of the late Harrison Barrett, Founder of Barrett Settlement.

He was the third oldest of 14 children and was the oldest living until his recent passing. His rearing was filled with many traditions, experiences; mor-

als; values; solid work ethics and mandates that were the perfect formula for the makings of a true Patriarch and Icon. He met and married the love of his life, Lucille Patrick, in 1947. She preceded him in death in 1988.

During the early years of marriage and fatherhood, Robert worked tirelessly to provide for his family within the Refinery Industry as a General Laborer with such leading companies as Humble Refinery (Now ExxonMobil); Shell Oil and Sheffield Steel. He settled at Stauffer Chemicals and made quite a name for himself (Nicknamed: Pee-Wee) with a tenure of 30 years, 10 months and 15 days until the plant closed its doors in 1982. At that time, he focused on the family business, Barrett's Nursery, alongside his wife on a fulltime basis securing additional commercial accounts and enhancing the landscape for many area properties. Notably, various Crosby Independent School District (CISD) Campuses and key residents throughout the surrounding, Barrett, Crosby, Channelview and Baytown Communities and Greater Houston Areas.

He is survived by four siblings, eight children, twenty-one grandchildren, fourteen step-grandchildren, forty-six great-grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren and countless other loved-ones & friends.

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Spelling Bee Winners



Congratulations to our Spelling Bee winners! Kyla Gijan, 1st place. Jillian Fallin, 2nd place. Alexa Torres, 3rd place! Students will advance to the district spelling bee in the spring!

Harris County Fire Marshal encourages holiday decorating and Christmas Tree fire safety

Harris County, Texas - The Harris County Fire Marshal's Office wants all residents to practice fire safety when decorating this holiday season. Candles, holiday decorations, and Christmas trees are not only beautiful, fun and part of the holiday season, but they also increase your fire risk.

"As you and your family prepare for this joyous time of year, we ask that you also think about fire safety," said Harris County Fire Marshal Laurie L. Christensen. "By following a few fire safety precautions, like ensuring decorations are not placed too close to a heat source and blowing out candles when you leave a room, you will protect your family from fire and provide a happy and fire-safe holiday season."

The Harris County Fire Marshal's Office encourages everyone to follow these holiday fire safety tips:

- Be careful with holi-

day decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.

- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Water live Christmas trees daily to ensure they do not dry out.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

Following these fire safety tips can protect your family and friends from fire. The Harris County Fire Marshal's Office also recommends testing your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms to ensure they work properly. Having an escape plan and practicing that plan is also imperative for your family's safety. If a fire breaks out, you only have minutes to escape.

NORTH CHANNEL STAR HOLIDAY CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

Part 2

By Allan Jamail

December 19, 2018 – These few Home Holiday Crime Prevention Tips is meant to help you have a happy holiday season. For sure there's lots of "criminal scrooges" watching the neighborhoods for the careless holiday season resident, don't be their victim.

Don't open your door to strangers, be aware that criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts, even wearing a company uniform they've stolen or bought at a garage sale.

Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave your house or apartment, even for a few minutes.

When returning home after a shopping trip, have the house keys in your hand, ready to use when you reach the door, you might have been followed from the store by a criminal.

Leave lights turned on both inside and outside your residence after dark. Criminals don't like bright places.

If you will be away from home for several days, make arrangements for someone to pick up your mail and newspapers. An overstuffed mailbox is a sure sign that no one is home, and burglars are tempted to check those envelopes for holiday gifts.

Keep your blinds or curtains closed, don't openly display your tree and gifts in the front window so they are easily visible from the street. It's too tempting for a potential criminal to smash the window and grab the wrapped packages...or plan a later break-in based on their earlier observation.

Don't

advertise...burglars look for occupancy cues like outdoor lights burning 24 hours a day, piled up newspapers, mail, or advertising flyers hanging on the door knob.

Use an inexpensive light timer to turn on and off a light when you are away and ask a neighbor to pick up your newspapers and mail.

If you go out for the evening, turn on lights and a radio or television so the house or apartment appears to be occupied.

Be mindful of burning candles and too many lights plugged into outlets/extension cords, these are on the Top 10 Causes of House Fires.

Burglars know to look for the hidden door key near the front entrance. Don't hide spare keys under rocks, in flowerpots, or above door ledges. Instead give the spare key to a trusted neighbor.

Burglars prefer to enter through unlocked doors or windows. A holiday problem can occur when exterior Christmas light extension cords are run inside through a window that prevents it from being secured.

The after opening presents, don't pile up empty gift boxes from your new computer, DVD player, or stereo receiver on the street for the garbage collector. Burglars appreciate knowing that you have expensive gifts inside for them to steal. Break the boxes down or cut them up to conceal the items better.

Home Holiday Crime Prevention Tips Part 2 / Allan Jamail is a North Channel Star writer who has Crime Prevention Education from the University of San Marcos and the Texas Department of Public Safety Law Enforcement Academy.

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