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CHANNEL CURRENTS

Wood Shadows II citizens happy with hike and bike trail changes

Jacinto City Election deadline dates for May 4th Election

Friday, February 15th at 5 PM is the last day to file to have your name on the May 4th General Election ballot. The filing location for the office of Mayor and the two council positions is at 1301 Mercury Drive, Jacinto City, Texas 77029.

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-

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

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Enjoy Classic Country music every Saturday night from 6 pm 9 pm with The Buckshot Jamboree at 7414 Hartman near Old Beaumont Highway. More info, call 281-458-0729 or 832-

North Shore Seniors Dance

North Shore Seniors holds dance the second Thursday of the month from 1 - 4 pm at the Grayson/Baldree Building, Corpus Christi street. Live bands and refreshments. Cost is \$5/ per person. For more information call 713-455-3660.



Wood Shadows II resident's welcomed the good news from Lisa Kasianowitz, Houston Parks Board Outreach Manager (red boots) and Chip Place Managing Director of Capital Projects for the Houston Parks Board for making changes after they complained in October about the trail running near their backyards. The new route was well received after hearing it would now run along Lafferty Oaks street.

Bv Allan Jamail

Houston, TX. - Friday, February 1, 2019 members of the Houston Parks Board met with the same

citizens of the Wood Shadows II Subdivision where a proposed hike and bike trail back on October 26, 2018 met strong criticism. Back then the suggested route would have been

placed close to the backside of their homes. The main complaint then was this would allow users of the trail to possibly wander into their yards and maybe break-in or steal things

from their backyards.

The newest proposal re-located the trail to the front side of the homes going along Lafferty Oaks street. It now will include a new neighborhood park to be

constructed on vacant lots where flood prone homes were obtained by Harris County's Flood Control

See Hike & Bike Trail,

Harris County Clerk Diane Trautman holds citizens advisory committee meeting

By Allan Jamail

Houston, Tx. – January 23, 2019 – Diane Traut-man Harris County's newly elected Clerk held her first Election Advisory Committee (EAC) meeting. She hasn't wasted time in full-filling her campaign pledges of having citizen involvement in her decisions and to make it more convenient for voters to cast their ballots.

To get broad based county-wide citizen involvement Trautman will have seven Election Advisory Committee (EAC) meetings. The meetings will educate and seek input from the minority languages of the county as required un-der the 1965 and 1975 Voting Rights Act (Section 203). Trautman will include meetings in Spanish



Diane Trautman, Harris County's newly elected Clerk conducts her first of seven Citizens Advisory Committee

Vietnamese and Chinese. She'll use these EAC meetings to unveil her Countywide Voting Centers Plan and or her Election Day

Vote Center (EDVC) plan. Another of Trautman's major campaign pledges was to make it easier for voters to vote on Election Day. If her EDVC plan is approved by Harris County's Commissioners Court it would make it possible for anyone to vote on Election Day at an Election Day Vote Center (EDVC) at any of Harris County's 700-plus polling locations. Currently, county residents have multiple options during early voting, but on Elec-tion Day, they can only cast a ballot in their home pre-

Clerk Trautman said, "I

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North Shore Basketball tied for first, defeats **Baytown & Beaumont**



Photo by Allan Jamail

Mustang (6'-1") junior Oriekose Egbule out maneuvers three Sterling Ranger defenders leaping high to make a basket. Mustangs trounced Baytown Sterling 84 - 40 at home Friday, February 1.

Galena Park ISD Community Pep Rally honors North Shore Mustangs

By Allan Jamail

Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 3 PM was a day the Galena Park ISD Community. The Army National Guard UIL and MaxPreps came together to bring the GPISD com-munity a proud day that'll go down in the school district's history of accomplishments. The event was billed as a Pep Rally and it surely was as thousands of fans, family and students packed the stadium cheering their Mustangs.
The Master of Ceremo-

nies was Casey Johnson a North Shore High teacher who kept the program agenda moving forward and lively by his occasional encouragement and stirring up the crowd to get loud cheers for their Mustangs. The Mustang Nation was "in the house" and let it be known they love their East-Side Boys.

Terri Moore, Assistant Superintendent at Galena Park ISD introduced elected offcials who presented proclamations or resolutions honoring the team. Houston's Mayor Sylvest-



2018 North Shore Mustangs State Football Champion's for Conference 6A Division I standing at the table displaying both the University Interscholastic League and MaxPrep trophies with Army National Guard Airborne Staff Sergeant Carla Henry and Coach Jon Kay

er Turner, Jacinto City's Mayor Ana Diaz, Galena Park's Mayor Esmeralda Moya, Senator Carol Alvarado, State Representative Ana Hernandez, County Commissioner Adrian Garcia, Constable Chris Diaz, GPISD Trustees Jeff Millier, Wilfred Broussard and Yuroba Harris represeting Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia who couldn't attend. Mayor's Turner and Ana Diaz proclaimed North Shore Mustang Day in their city

Bill Moore representing

MaxPrep for Andy Beal, President and Founder gave a press statement proclaiming the undefeated North Shore Mustangs 6A Division I number one in the nation. Maxprep is a CBS Sports Digital property and it's the online high school sports leader devoted exclusively to the coverage of high school sports and uses an intricate program to determine team rank. The computerbased system utilizes the huge number of game results played nationwide

each season. The Mustangs set a school record for most wins in a single season; evaluations included strength of schedule, talent, quality wins and returning starters and to qualify for the Nation's number one rank you must. have won a state championship.

The Mustangs trampled their opponents to the tune of a 41 point average margin of victory. They set a school record for most point scored in a season with 854 (53.4 average).

Allan Jamail, NC Star writer asked Coach Kay for a prediction and goal for 2019. Kay said, "I can't predict this far out, we're los-ing some great senior talent, but we have a good crop of upcoming players we'll work to develop to try to fill in for those we're losing." "My goal is to be the best we can be" Kay said.

He said any time you get recognition from two organizations with credibility such as MaxPrep and the Army National Guard it's a pretty humbling experirepresenting Texas foot-

Dr. Angi Williams, Superintendent of Schools and Vivian Dancy letic Director for GPISD and Coach Kay's assissant coaches should receive an unsung hero award for all they've contributed behind the scene to the success of the Champion Mustangs.

Jon Kay, Head Football Coach/Athletic Coordinator, Garrett Cross Defen-Coordinator Linebackers, Steve Lewis, Defensive Line, Mike O'Guin, Defensive Line, Theadis Reagins, Defensive Backs (Corners), Nick Flores, Defensive Backs (Safeties), Joshua Pratt, Defensive Assistant, Willie Gaston, Offensive Coordinator-Quarterbacks, Cory Laxen, Offensive Line - Strength & Conditioning Coordinator, Caleb Butler, Offensive Line -Video Coordinator, Daniel Ragsdale, Inside Wide Receiver Coach, Joe Price, Outside Wide Receiver Coach - Football/Recruit-

See Pep Rally, Page 8

Crosby ISD hit by virus

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m CROSBY-Everyone}$ knows that the kids often cannot go to school because they have a virus but on Superbowl Sunday the local school district discovered it had an external network virus.

A virus that infiltrates a technology system and denies access to any technological systems including the school's telephone system and their computers.

It was discovered that this is a new type of virus that once infected the writers of the virus demand a ransom before the system is allowed to recover.

During the interim before this can be corrected, campus administrators relied on cell phones for emergency communications. Parents are advised if they need to get in contact with their child's school they should visit the campus front office. If their child has a teacher that

communicated through the Remind App they may communicate through the Application.

On Monday, Feb. 4, the school's telephone communications had been restored district wide at about 10:00 a.m. and the facebook communications was operating. The technology department however had not restored the district's web page as of press time on Tuesday.

Harris County Public Health confirms three measles cases in Harris County

Health authorities recommends individuals to get protected through vaccination

HOUSTON - Harris County Public Health (HCPH) confirms three measles cases in Harris County. The patients, whose identities will remain confidential, are two boys (under the age of 2) and a 25 - 35 year-old woman. All three patients reside in northwest Harris

County.
"Measles is a highly contagious respiratory disease caused by a virus, ease caused by a virus, which spreads to others through coughing and sneezing," said Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH, Executive Director for HCPH. "However, it is easily preventable. Parents and caregivers have the power to protect their children and themselves from this disease by getting vaccinat-

The last confirmed report of a measles case in Harris County was by the City of Houston in 2018. This year, there are currently six confirmed reports of measles cases in the state of Texas.

Measles can be dangerous, especially for babies and young children. Measles is an airborne virus that lives in the nose and throat mucus of an infected person. It can spread to others through coughing and sneezing. Symptoms of measles are a high fever, runny nose, cough, redwatery eyes and sore throat that is followed by a rash breakout 3-5 days after symptoms begin.

Measles is highly contagious, and if one person has it, 9 out of 10 people around that person will also become infected if they're not yet vaccinated. About 1 out of 4 people who get measles will be hospitalized. Measles is prevented through the combination MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine. The Centers for Dis-Control ease Prevention (CDC) recommends that children get two doses in order to be

fully protected:
• The first dose at 12 through 15 months of age
• The second dose at 4 through 6 years of age

The best way to protect vourself and vour family against measles and other vaccine-preventable

diseases is by immuni-zation. HCPH encourages individuals to contact their health care provider if they show signs and symptoms of measles. For a list of recommended vaccines, please visit www.cdc.gov/ vaccines/schedules/ or speak to your health care

Precinct 2 begins Adlong Johnson Road reconstruction

missioner Adrian Garcia has announced the start of construction on Adlong-Johnson Road for early February. The \$1.7 million project includes reconstructing the two-lane as-phalt road to concrete from Highway 90 to Ramsey Loop, a nearly 1.5 mile stretch of roadway.

Construction will temnorarily limit Adlong Johnson Road to a one-way street for traffic heading southbound. Traffic needing to travel northbound should utilize Crosby Eastgate Road. Another alternate route includes Crosby Dayton Road to access Ramsey Road. Drivers are reminded to travel through the work zone with caution. Roadwork is expected to be complete in the fourth of

this year.

Be sure to visit www.hcp2.com or like the "Harris County Precinct 2"

Adlong Johnson Road Reconstruction Limits

Facebook page for more information on the Precinct.

Hard Hat Tour aboard the Battleship TEXAS

Looking for something fun and different to do? Ever wonder what's behind all those locked doors aboard the Battleship TEXAS? Well look no more we have just the thing for you! First Texas Volunteers (FTV) in cooperation with Battleship Texas Foundation (BTF) and Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) will host a very special unique guided behind the scenes "Hard Hat Tour" aboard the ship, Saturday, February 16th, 2019.

For anyone wishing to attend this tour must be at least 14 years of age and older. Participants need to bring a small pocket flashlight, wear comfortable clothes (you may get a lit-tle dirty), good walking shoes for climbing numer-ous stairs/ladders and a camera if you wish. Hard hats are provided, and water will be available along the tour route during breaks. Promptness is required, as start times are strictly observed.

This tour will last approximately (3 _) hours and participants will be able to see areas of the ship rarely seen by the public. There are (five) tour times

to pick from: 8:30am - 9:15am - 10:00am -12:00pm and 12:45pm. This tour is available via a minimum donation of \$50.00 per person. To make reservations please visit ww.eventbrite.com/o/battleship-texas-specialtytours-and-events-8314623782.

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Galena Park ISD Board of Trustees recognize Harris County Sheriff's Office Director



Galena Park ISD Board of Trustees recognized Director Jacqueline Fortune of the Harris County Sheriff's Office at the January Board Meeting. Director Fortune was honored for her outstanding leadership and commitment to the promotion and continuous improvement of GPISD's Career & Technical Education (CTE) program.

Director Fortune is a member of GPISD's Law Enforcement Advisory Board and has served as a change agent for the group, spearheading an amendment to change the detention officer hiring age from 21 to 18 with the Harris County Sherriff's Office (HCSO). This revolutionary change in policy allows our students an opportunity to not only gain employment, but begin a career with the HCSO. As a result of her pledge to lead and serve, a 2018 North Shore Senior High School female senior was accepted into the Harris County Sherriff's Office Academy this summer and graduated on October 19, 2018. Thank you, Director Fortune!

Channelview ISD celebrates **Board of Trustees**



Channelview Independent School District Board Members include (not in order) Mr. Keith Liggett, Mr. Patrick Lacy, Mrs. Raquel Dobbins, Steven T. Dennis, Frank R. Bryant, Pastor Kent Wilson and Mr. Alex Ybarra. The community thanks you for planting seeds of success.

Rep. Hernandez responds to Governor Abbott's State of the State

AUSTIN, TX- Today, following Governor Greg Abbott's State of the State Address, State Representative Ana Hernandez (D-Houston), issued the following statement.

"During the State of the State Address, the Governor spoke at length about Texas' economic successes. It is important to remember that nothing is guaranteed. Without strong leadership addressing the challenges facing our state, the foundations of our economy can crack and falter in an increasingly competitive market.

I'm encouraged by the Governor's focus on public education, and in particular, his support for in-creased teacher pay to attract the best and brightest to our classrooms. However, school district support staff also remain chronically underpaid, and healthcare premiums for both staff and faculty continue to rise without abatement. Any measure to increase pay must take into account the holistic needs of all school district personnel who daily make a difference in the lives of our kids.

The absence of any mention of additional Pre-K funding during today's address is disappointing. Pre-K is a keystone upon which a child's academic growth is built. It is my hope that the Legislature takes action and includes comprehensive Pre-K funding in any final school finance measure.

I agree with the Governor that high property tax rates threaten both home ownership for young fami lies and the health of small businesses. But reduced tax rates will only come when the state fulfills its duty to pay its fair share for our public schools and ease the burden off of local

taxpayers. Lastly, state leadership cannot continue to govern through fear. This means putting an end to scare tactics like the Secretary of State's recent erroneous report on noncitizens voting, and wasting valuable

dollars on "border security" programs that have no accountability and take money that could otherwise fund full-day Pre-K pro-grams across the state. In his call for improved mental health services the Governor should also go further and expand Medicaid to make sure that those who need help have access

This legislative session, we have a unique opportunity to chart a new chap-ter in Texas history. It is incumbent on us to grasp

Rep. Ana Hernandez represents District 143 in the Texas House of Representatives and is serving her seventh term. She serves as Vice Chair of the House Committee on State Affairs and on the House Committee on Licensing & Administrative Proce-dures. District 143 includes part of Houston, Channelview, Cloverleaf and the cities of Galena Park and Jacinto City.

Committee Meeting,

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witnessed personally at several different polling locations on Election Day voters being turned away because they were confused about where their assigned voting location was or something changed or they just didn't have the information," Trautman said. "If you multiply those 700 locations times anywhere from 10 to 100 people being turned away, that's a lot of disenfran-

chised voters."

If Commissioners Court approves the Clerk's EDVC plan then it must be approved by the Texas Secretary of State (SOS) which Trautman said she's optimistic it'll be approved since the SOS has already approved fifty-two other Texas counties that operate Election Day Vote Cen-

Trautman introduced Hector De Leon who serves

as Director of Communications and Voter Outreach. De Leon presented historical data in various forms of graphs and charts that dissected the voter turnout data based on nationality and age. He said Election Clerks are needed and anyone desiring in working part-time during an election they need to contact the Election Department at (713) 755-5792. More information about the Clerk's office can be found at

Galena Park ISD Board of Trustees honors North Shore Football Team



The Galena Park ISD Board of Trustees recognized the North Shore Senior High Football team at the January Board Meeting. The North Shore Mustangs defeated the Duncanville Panthers, 41-36 to be named the UIL Class 6A Division I State Champions. North Shore won

Galena Park ISD hosted a community pep rally honoring the North Shore Mustangs last

Saturday, February 2, at the Galena Park ISD Stadium.

Hike & Bike Trail,

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buy-out program and demolished

Lisa Kasianowitz, Houston Parks Board Outreach Manager (above photo in red boots) conducted the meeting and Chip Place Managing Director of Capital Projects for the Houston Parks Board assured the citizens the new park and entire trail will be maintained to prevent high grass and trash from littering it. They said the area will be patrolled by police patrol cars and the bike patrol and will only be open from dawn to dusk. The new trail and park will put out for construction bids this summer.

Iris Jones the Secretary of the Wood Shadows II Civic Club and a nearby homeowner said, "For 30 years we have lived peace

fully in Wood Shadows II subdivision, all we want is a nice safe and clean neighborhood." She thanked the Park's Board members for responding to their con-

Joaquin Martinez, Di-rector of Constituent Services for District I Houston Councilman Robert Gallegos provided assurances Houston police would come and respond to complaints reported should citizens see anyone or any activity suspicious.

Martinez suggested the new park would be ideal for the group's annual neighborhood gathering for National Night Out Crime Prevention night. Permanent park benches and tables are available if the group wants them for

birthday and graduation

Houston Parks Board is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing access to quality parks and green space in the Greater Houston region. The mission is to create, improve, protect and advocate for parks for everyone.

Since 2012, the nonprofit has been leading the Bayou Greenways 2020 project in partnership with the City of Houston and Houston Parks and Recreation Department as well as in close coordination with the Harris County Flood Control District. To view an interactive map of projects, www.houstonparksboard.org and click on "Bayou Greenways 2020.

its third state championship, completing a perfect 16-0 season. The Mustangs were represented at the Board meeting by the senior team members, senior trainers, senior managers/video crew and the coaching staff.

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OPINION



Babin reintroduces TAPS act to protect communities and schools from violence

WASHINGTON -January 31, 2019 – U.S. Reps. Brian Babin (TX-36) and Val Demings (FL-10) have introduced the Threat Assessment, Prevention, and Safety (TAPS) Act of 2019 (H.R. 838), legislation that would promote a process of determining the credibility and seriousness of a potential threat and interrupting those who are on a pathway to violence This process, called behavioral threat assess ment and management, was developed by the Secret Service after the assassination attempt on President Reagan. Senators Marco Rubio (R-FL), Kyrsten Tillis (R-NC) introduced companion legislation in the Senate. Rep. Babin previously introduced the TAPS Act in the 115th Congress.

"I am honored to reintroduce the TAPS Act this Congress with Marco Rubio leading the charge in the Senate," said Babin. "Our nation is desperately looking for solutions to stop the senseless violence that affects too many of our communities and schools This bipartisan bill will save lives by focusing efforts on prevention rather than simply reaction. because once the first shot is fired, it is too late. The TAPS Act will provide our states and local communities with the resources, training, and support needed to stand up commu nity-driven, multidisciplinary behavioral threat assessment units - allowing us to connect the dots and manage threats before an attack can occur."

"You should have the right to attend concerts schools, nightclubs, and places of worship without the fear of violence," said Demings. "Fortunately, there are promising ideas to event targeted attacks before they ever occur. Everyone knows the phrase 'if you see something, say something.' Yet state and local law enforcement agencies often lack the tools and resources to analyze and evaluate the warning signs that frequently precede mass attacks. This bill will help law enforcement agencies large and small learn from the best practices of agencies like the Secret Service and Capitol Police to identify and stop violence before the first shot is fired. By modernizing our approach we can keep every American safer and give each of us the freedom to live our lives without fear of targeted

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"We must proactively engage with experts in the in order to help prevent future tragedies,"Rubio said 'We have the expertise to implement systems to identify and stop dangerous individuals before they commit an act of violence. but we have yet to fully and effectively develop and utilize it to prevent future attacks. By bringing threat assessment experts together and utilizing evidence-based behavioral threat assessment and management processes, this bill will help equip our communities with the tools they need to prevent future tragedies. I vant to thank Senators Sinema and Tillis for leading this effort with me in the Senate and Congressman Babin for his continued leadership in the House.

The TAPS Act will provide state and local entities the training, support, and resources to utilize this established and proven process. Law enforcement, mental health professionals, and educational entities can work together using this process to prevent and then manage potential threats. Even the Capitol Police has a behavioral threat assessment unit that has successfully mitigated thousands of threats against Members of Congress and staff for more than 30 years.

The following groups endorsed the TAPS Act in the 115th Congress:

- Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA)
- Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE)
 - LiveSafe Inc.
- National District Attorneys Association (NDAA)
- · North Carolina Association of Chiefs of
- · North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation
- Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC)
- San Diego County District Attorney
- San Diego County Officers of Education
- The Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (ATAP)
- The Association of University College Counseling Center Directors (AUCCCD)
- \bullet The University of California Council of Chiefs of Police

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Senate committee starts work on property tax reform

AUSTIN would have the power to prevent their local governmental bodies from in-creasing property taxes by more than 2.5 percent per year under legislation introduced in the Texas Sen-ate and House on Jan. 31. Senate Bill 2 and iden-

tical House Bill 2, both 116 pages in length, propose to amend the current law, in which local taxing authorities may increase taxes up to 8 percent each year before a rollback election would be required. Cries for relief are widespread, given the leeway current law affords and the fact that county appraisal districts may increase the value of property at the same

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the Senate, said, "People desperately need property tax reform, our businesses need property tax reform, and we have set out, on this date, early in session, with a major piece of legislation. We are setting the tone for the rest of the session on this issue," Patrick

added. In the introduced versions of SB 2 and HB 2, taxing authorities that bring in less than \$15 million in annual revenue would be exempt from the

new requirements.
Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston, chair of the Senate Property Tax Committee, said, "The vexing problem facing taxpayers is that tax bills are going up at least two or three times faster than they can handle. I think that the concept of having a two and a half percent rollback rate across the board means there's a universal solution.

According to the Senate News Service local elected officials have turned out in force to oppose caps on taxharms their ability to deliver on needed services in their home communities So far, those efforts have succeeded as similar measures have failed to reach the governor's desk in pre-

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Patrick said that while he hopes local officials will work with the state on this issue, ultimately property tax reform is coming. "We have been stopped time after time in the past by a total resistance to reform," he said. "The days of saying, 'No, we're going to kill the bill because we don't want change' . . . that day

The Senate Property Tax Committee will meet this week to discuss SB 2. House Speaker Dennis Bonnen soon will assign HB 2 to a committee. HB 2 author Rep. Dustin Burrows, R-Lubbock, chairs the House Ways & Means Committee, which is scheduled to meet this

Advisory sparks lawsuits

LULAC, the League of United Latin American Citizens, and MALDEF, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, last week filed lawsuits alleging the violation of voting rights, voter suppression and voter intimi-dation over an election advisory dated Jan. 25 and addressed to county voter registrars by Texas Secretary of State David Whit-

ley. In the advisory, Whitley informed the registrars that some 95,000 individuals identified by the Tex-as Department of Public Safety as non-U.S. citizens have matching voter registration records in Texas. Whitley said about 58,000 of those have voted in one and that those records would be turned over to the Texas Attorney General's office for potential legal

MALDEF's lawsuit was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Southern

District of Texas, Corpus Christi Division. LULAC's lawsuit was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio. Both civil rights organizations seek to stop the state from re-moving registered voters, particularly those who are naturalized, from voter rolls. MALDEF's lawsuit names as defendants Whitley, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, Gov. Greg Abbott and Galveston County Tax Assessor and Collector Cheryl E. Johnson, in their official capacities. LULAC's lawsuit names as defendants Whitley and Paxton.

Land Office sets deadline

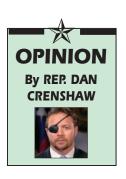
Hurricane Harvey survivors living in temporary housing units provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Texas General Land Office need to solidify their housing plans leading up to a Feb. 25 deadline, Land Commissioner George P Bush announced Jan. 30.

Those who continue to meet FEMA eligibility requirements may be approved to pay rent and remain in their current temporary housing units through Aug. 25. Others may be eligible to purchase their unit. However, these programs must be approved by local officials and may not be available in all areas, according to a General Land Office news

Hurricane Harvey hit coastal and inland counties of Texas from late August to early September 2017, directly or indirectly causing more than 100 deaths, displacing tens of thousands of citizens and causing monetary damag es estimated at \$125 billion.

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Salary Act of 2019

WASHINGTON, DC – January 29, 2019 – In response to the recent shutdown, Congressman Dan Crenshaw joined Congressmen Jared Golden (ME-02) and Max Rose (NY-11) in introducing the Solidarity in Salary Act of 2019. The bill, which is the first piece of legislation Crenshaw has introduced in Congress, would withhold the salaries of the president, vice president, and members of Congress for the entirety of a government shutdown. The legislation would ensure that those members of the federal government feel the same pain and uncertainty that our federal employees face during a shutdown.

"Federal employees should never have to carry the burden caused by a dysfunctional government; that's why I'm proud to cosponsor this legislation," said Crenshaw. "When a Congressional impasse causes federal employees to go unpaid, the President, Vice President and Members of Congress should have to withhold their pay. We should have to feel the very real effects of a shutdown, just as our fellow federal employees are forced to do.'

"Federal workers don't get paid during a government shutdown. Neither should politicians," said Golden. "That's just common sense. Our bill, the Solidarity in Salary Act withholds paychecks from the members of Congress, the President, and the Vice President during a shutdown. This legislation will help prevent the American people from being political pawns for party leaders and help return sanity to the task of funding the government. I thank Representatives Crenshaw and Rose for ioining me to offer this important legislation.'

"Only in a town as broken as Washington do you still get paid when you don't do your job," said Rose. "That's wrong, and it's past time to make it right."

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IFESTYLE

Billy Gerald Russell



Billy Gerald Russell, 86. passed from this life on January 30, 2019 in Houston, Texas. He was born to parents Larkin Lee and Eva Golden Russell on De-cember 19, 1932 in Hold-

enville, Oklahoma.
Billy proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. He was known by many as "Catfish Bill", and was the dedicat-ed owner of Catfish Bill's Restaurant on I-10 in Cloverleaf for many years un-

til moving to Livingston where he opened another successful Catfish restaurant. He and his family enjoyed the business in Livingston for 19 years and made many wonderful family memories there as

He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers and sister, Eber Leon Fariss, Otis Clinton Russell, Elmer Lee Russell, Roy Walton "Jack" Russell, Samuel Frederick Russell, and Edna Grace Ables; first wife and mother of his children, Nellie Faye Arnold Russell; step-sons, Gary Carr, Rusty Carr; grandsons, Christopher Clayton Carr, PFC Kevin Allen Taylor, and Seth Pitts.

He is lovingly survived by his wife of 41 years, Bar-bara Jane; children, Cathy Russell Williams, Debbie Taylor and husband Don: son" of the heart, Walker Travis Anders; step-sons, Ronald Carr and special friend Gwen Bayer, Rodney Carr and wife Pat, Clayton Carr and wife Donna, Phillip Carr and wife JoLynn,

Rhonda Carr Canfield and husband Philemon; siste Sarah Pauline Russell Cofer; as well as numerous grandchildren, greatgrandchildren, and even a few great-great-grandchildren. The family invites you to join them for a visitation on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at Carter-Conley Funeral Home. Funeral services officiated by Pastor Danny Kilcoyne will be held at 10:00 A.M. Thursday, February 7, 2019 in the chapel of Carter-Conley Funeral Home. Graveside services with military honors will follow at Houston National Cemetery at 2:15 P.M. under the direction of Carter-Conley Funeral Home.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

- 1. Is the book of Bethel in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. Moses and Aaron were instructed to sacrifice what color of heifer without blemish? Red, White, Gold, Green
- 3. Which book (KJV)begins, "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God"? Mark, Romans, Galatians, **Ephesians**
- 4. How many righteous people did Sodom need to keep God from destroying the city? 1, 2, 10, 20
- 5. Which Old Testament woman was buried in a cave in the field of Machpelah? Eve, Ruth, Sarah, Esther

6. From 2 Kings 17, who was the god of the men of Cuth? Succothbenoth, Nergal. Hamath, Ashima

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Red; 3) Ephesians: 4) 10: 5) Sarah; 6) Nergal

Jimmy Wayne Flukinger

Jimmy Wayne Flukinger, 75, of Crosby, Texas, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, December 23, 2018. He was born in Brownwood, Texas on March 3. 1943 to Ernest B. Flukinger and Lillian Sue Ford Flukinger. Jimmy served in the United States Army and was later honorably discharged. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, mowing grass and making sure he had a list of things to do. Jimmy was $\,$ outgoing and enjoyed being around others, especially his grandchildren. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Charlotte Ann Flukinger; infant daugh-Rhonda Lynn Flukinger; parents, E. B. Flukinger and Lillian Sue Flukinger; and brother, Ernest B. Flukinger III.

Jimmy is survived by his sons, Billy Wayne Flukinger, Tommy Lynn Flukinger, and Jimmy Lee Flukinger and wife Andrea Kelley; grandsons, Logan Michael Cook and Tommy Hayden Flukinger; granddaughters, Flukinger, Carley Flukinger, and Madyson Flukinger; and a host of extended family and friends.

Services will be privately held. Arrangements have been entrusted to Sterling White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd., Highlands, Texas 77562. To send the family condolences please

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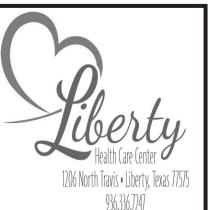
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SAN JACINTO COLLEGE **Board of Trustees approves** order for May election

Two positions will be on the May 4 ballot

PASADENA, Texas -The San Jacinto College Board of Trustees unanimously approved to call for an election for two posi tions at its regularly scheduled meeting on Jan. 28, 2019. Positions 3 and 4, currently held by Mrs. Marie Flickinger and Mr. Larry Wilson, respectively, will be on the ballot in May.

The first day for candidates to file for a place on the ballot for the San Ja-cinto College Board of Trustees election was Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2019. The filing period will close on Friday, February 15, 2019.

Those who wish to run for election to the San Jacinto Community College District Board of Trustees must meet all of the follow-

ing requirements:
-- Must have lived continuously in one of the in-dependent school districts comprising the San Jacinto Community College District six months prior to the last date on which the candidate could file to be listed on the ballot; -- Must have lived con-

tinuously in Texas for 12 months preceding the fil-- Must be a qualified

-- Must be 18 years of age or older;
-- Must not be a convict-

ed felon: -- Must be aware of the

nepotism law;
-- Must serve without compensation; and

-- Must not have been determined mentally incompetent by a final judgement of a court

The location for filing for the election is the San Jacinto Community College District Administration Building located at 4624 Fairmont Parkway, Suite 200, in Pasadena. The hours for filing are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Voters in the following school districts elect the seven San Jacinto Community College District Trustees: La Porte, Deer Park, Pasadena, Galena Park, Channelview, Sheldon, and portions of Clear Creek, Pearland and Humble. Elections for the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees occur every two years, in odd numbered years. The Board is elected in numbered at-large positions, 1 through 7, and serve six-year terms.

Man found dead on Market Street

Houston police are awaiting autopsy results in the death of a male found at 13000 Market Street about 10:30 a.m. on February 4.

According to HPD Homicide Division Sergeant M. Holbrook and Detective J. Roscoe HPD patrol officers responded to a body found in a bayou on Market Street. There was no sign of foul play. The male was wearing clothing matching the description

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of a male that fled on foot from HPD officers on January 23 and was last seen entering a bayou.

The identity and cause of death of the male are pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

The investigation is pending the male's cause of death.

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600.

CHARLOTTES

A Beautiful Life

Early in the morning on January 26, I received a text message telling me about the death of a mutual friend. I happened to be awake and planning for several events that were scheduled for that day. Immediately, I went to the friend's social media and could not find any mentions. Then I went to her oldest daughter's page, still nothing. I reached out to her brother who lives in Washington, DC later in the day. My heart was heavy. I contacted several people who I knew who keep me in the loop as soon as they heard something. And then. I started crying. How could I have not known she was ill? Why had I not reached out to

see how she was doing? And then, as clear as possible, I heard the voice of my precious friend and former YMCA coworker "Girl, wipe that snot off of your face and go tell somebody has awesome God is!" I burst out laughing and suddenly thought about how Karen Carr Peters had touched countless lives over the years that she lived in the North Channel Area. She worked at the Welcome Desk for years and then taught group exercise classes for the senior adults as well as contin-ued to be at many Health Fairs and outreaches sharing with everyone about the benefits of working out. Karen had an infectious laugh and the most beautiful smile.

As the family released

her death and began planning for a private Celebration of Life, so many memories flooded my mind. Karen and I met when I was registering my children for youth basketball at least 20 years ago. Our friendship grew due to so many similarities. We were single moms. Our children lived with special needs. Our lives were constantly intertwined in helping other parents learn how to find help. We both had incredible testimonies of how when you have God. all else falls into place.

Last Saturday as the Celebration of Life was held at Lakewood Church, family, friends and Pastor Dodie Osteen shared about a beautiful life. Karen's spirit was matchless. She loved her children, loved her family, loved everyone's children and loved God. As I shared about Karen's impact on so many young people, I also announced that since there were many people who wanted to do something in honor of Karen, there are several of us who are working to establish a scholarship fund to be awarded to a graduating high school student who had been raised by a single parent. As we finalize those details, I will share more.

If you knew Karen or even if you did not, please take the time today to hug your children or someone else's children. Live a beautiful life making an impact on

North Shore Mustangs to play tie-breaker

By Allan Jamail

February 6, 2019 Houston, TX. Galena Park ISD - Coach Sam Benitez and his Mustang East Side Boys are needing a Mustang Nation turnout at home as they play Beaumont United on this Friday, February 8@7PM,@ 353 N. Castlegory Road, Houston, TX 77049

The Mustangs and Timberwolves are tied for first each with 11-1 district records. Overall district and non-district. Timberwolves have 6 loses and Mustangs 2. This game could determine the 6A Region III District 21 Bas-ketball Champions.



#20 Mustang (6'-8") sophomore Colton Price out leaps two Beaumont West Brook defenders for a basket. Mustangs won 39-26 at Beaumont, Tuesday, February 5, 2019. There was once in the game Coach Sam Benitez had to get vocal with the referees to stop the heavy hitting personal fouls on the Mustangs. MORE



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Diamond Jim: "What's the history of Valentine's Day?"

Valentine's Day, also called Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is an annual holiday celebrated on February 14. It originated as a Western Christian liturgical feast day honoring one or more early saints named Valentinus, and is recognized as a significant cultural and commercial celebration in many regions around the world, although it is not a public holiday in any country.

The day first became associated with romantic love within the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the 14th century, when the tradition of courtly love flourished. In 18thcentury England, it evolved into an occasion in which lovers expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). In Europe, Saint Valentine's Keys are given to lovers "as a romantic symbol and an invitation to unlock the giver's heart", as well as to children, in order to ward off epilepsy (called Saint Valentine's Malady). Valentine's Day symbols that are used today include the heartshaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19th century, handwrit-ten valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards.

Day in various Christian denominations; it has, for example, the rank of 'commemoration' in the calendar of saints in the Anglican Communion. In addition, the feast day of Saint Valentine is also given in the calendar of saints of the Lutheran Church. However, in the $1969 \; revision \; of \; the$ Roman Catholic Calendar of Saints, the feast day of Saint Valentine on February 14 was removed from the General Roman Calendar and relegated to particular (local or even national) calendars for the following reason: "Though the memorial of Saint Valentine is ancient, it is left to particular calendars since, apart from his name, nothing is known

February 14 is cele-

brated as St. Valentine's

of Saint Valentine except that he was buried on the Via Flaminia on February

Modern times

In the United States the first mass-produced Valentines of embossed paper lace were produced and sold shortly after 1847 by Esther Howland (1828–1904) of Worcester, Massachusetts. Her father operated a large book and stationery store, but Howland took her inspiration from an English Valentine she had received from a business associate of her father. Intrigued with the idea of making similar Valentines, Howland began her business by importing paper lace and floral decorations from England.

The U.S. Greeting

Card Association esti mates that approximately 190 million valentines are sent each year in the US. Half of those valentines are given to family members other than husband or wife, usually to children. When the valentine-exchange cards made in school activities are included the figure goes up to 1 billion, and teachers become the people receiving the most valentines.

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Happy Valentine's Day my Friends!

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Bras for the Cause is generally the work of the Tough Enough to Wear Pink Committee boasting a live auction total over \$150,000 this year. The Committee includes Rhonda Busby, Gabby Delauri, Austin Holmelin, Kim Karm, Samantha Sharp, Jennifer Loggins, MC Charles Adams, Sarah Milum, Julie Gilllespie, Sarah Humphies, Jamie Schexnayder, Kerrie Larkin, Erin Fuchs, Row 2 Heather Schenxnayder, Beverly Lane, Karen Walthall, Janyne Clifton, Lanette Armstrong, Debbie Holmelin, Collie Smith, Beth King, 3rd Row Melissa Ball, Gayle Griffin, Ashley Armstrong, Cally Rosenkranz, Mary Roundtree, And Bill Busby was auctioneer.

Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$2.8 Billion in January

(AUSTIN) — February 4, 2019 – Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today said state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.8 billion in January, 6 percent more than in

January 2018. "The growth in sales tax collections was primarily due to continued strong spending in oil- and gas-related sectors," Hegar said. "Remittances from restaurants also grew, while those from retail trade were flat relative to a year ago.

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in January 2019 was up 6.1 percent compared to the same period a year ago. The sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 57 percent of all tax collections.

In January 2019, Texas collected the following revenue from other major tax-

 oil production taxes — \$274.5 million, down 3.3 percent from January

2018, the first such decline since December 2016. Also, monthly oil production tax revenues were the lowest $since\ December\ 2017;$

 natural gas production taxes — \$152.9 million, up 24.3 percent from January 2018;
• motor vehicle sales

and rental taxes — \$425.7 million, down 0.5 percent from January 2018; and

motor fuel taxes \$305.1 million, up 0.2 percent from January 2018.



Lanette Armstrong, Debbie Holmelin and Beth King presented Candlelighters with \$1,000 of gift cards and \$5,000 for one year of parking at the medical center. They also presented \$12,500 which was the second part of a donation to the Bras for the Cause Breast Cancer Fund at Methodist Hospital which will be used to asset patients with mammograms, breast MRI's and breast biopsies



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Photo by Allan Jamail
Coach Jon Kay receives the 2018 MaxPrep State Football
Championship Conference 6A Division I trophy from Texas
Army National Guard Airborne Staff Sergeant Carla Henry.



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Mayor Sylvester Turner proclaimed Saturday, February 2, 2019 North Shore Mustang Day. L – R: Quarterback Dematrius Davis, Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner and Ajani "AJ" Carter. It was Davis with only 3 seconds left in the championship game who threw the "THE HAIL MARY" pass 45 yards to the end zone to Carter. Carter leaped high in the air and ripped the ball from the clutches of two Duncanville Panther defenders to win the state title 41 to 36.

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ing Operations, Sheldon Bennight, Running Backs Coach - Special Teams Coordinator, Freshman Staff, Ruben Amaya, Offensive/Defensive Line, Lamon Atkins, Freshman Head Coach - Quarterbacks, Patrick Robertson, Freshman Defensive Secondary, Justin Isadore, Freshman Line backers/Wide Receivers, Training Staff, Tim Chavanne, Head Athletic Trainer, Samantha Nila, GPISD Sports Medicine Coordinator, Chris Ramirez, Athletic Trainer, (as taken from GPISD website).

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NS Mustang Basketball,

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of the Game

Photo by Allan Jamail
#0 Mustang (5'-10") junior Joshua Cooper sinks
a "nothing but net" 3 point shot against
Beaumont West Brook, Mustangs won 39 – 26 at
Beaumont, Tuesday, February 5, 2019 in a tough
defensive game. Cooper was selected the Player





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