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CHANNEL CURRENTS

Hazardous Waste collection Mar. 2 in Jacinto City

Harris County HazMobile Neighborhood Collection event, Saturday, March 2, 2019 at Jacinto City Fire Department, 1126 Mercury Dr., Jacinto City, TX 77029, 8 am - 11 am

The HazMobile is a mobile collection system that can accommodate Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) from approximately 100 households. HHW will be collected on a first-come, first-served basis until the unit reaches full capacity. The containers must be 5 gallon or less in size.

WHAT TO BRING:

Fertilizers and other yard products
Paint and paint-related products
Household cleaners
Automotive products (oil/gas)
Pool chemicals
Tires (up to 20)
Aerosol cans
Fluorescent bulbs and CFLs
Batteries (small to car battery size)
Mercury thermometers
Small and BBQ size propane
Household fire extinguishers

Items NOT accepted at this Mobile collection event include: Electronics, business waste, medical waste, radioactive waste, PCBs or dioxins, ammunition, explosives, compressed gas cylinders, smoke detectors, washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners or household trash.

North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce Luncheon

North Channle Area Chamber of Commerce will hosts its Monthly Luncheon on Friday, March 1, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. at San Jacinto College N., 5800 Uvalde Rd., 77049.

Four youths shot, two die in gang fighting

Police arrest two alleged shooters

NORTH SHORE – In what has been described by Houston Police as an ambush, from the rooftop of a vacant house, two youths died from gunshots, and two others were wounded.

Two groups of youth who had a previous altercation, planned to meet at Strickland park and a vacant house in the 12800 block of Eastbrook Drive, near Maxey and Woodforest. Reportedly the one group thought it would be a fist fight, but it turned deadly with a shooting.

The incident occurred



ALLEGED ASSAILANTS are Rene Moreno, driver of the getaway car, and Marlon Valdez, who allegedly fired the rifle at the other group.

last Thursday, Feb. 21 at about 4:50 pm. Neighbors reported hearing multiple rounds of firing, and Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo said that the AR-15 style rifle was equipped with a 30 round magazine. Two of the young men were hit with deadly fire, a third was wounded and was admitted to a hospital, and a fourth person, an 18 year old woman, was wounded in the knee.

Chief Acevedo held a news conference



VICTIMS WHO DIED are brothers, Jose Aguiler 18, and Maximo Aguilar 20. Two others were also hit by bullets from an AR-15 style rifle.

the first night, and was visibly shaken by the callousness of the shooting, vowing to bring the shooters to justice. He said "I'm getting tired of going to the scenes and seeing young people die. A coward decided to go on a rooftop and wait for them and gun them down as if they were deer." Neighbors had surveillance of the area, and soon the police were hunting for a black Chevrolet Tahoe seen leaving the scene.

Over the weekend, HPD made the first arrest, of the alleged shooter, Marlon Valdez, 18. He was charged with capital murder in the incident. Authorities identified Valdez in court documents as a student at North Shore High School.

Later on Wednesday of this week, police arrested Rene Moreno, 20, and charged him with capital murder. He is described by police as the getaway driver. Although police did not say how they knew the shooters, obviously the victims could ID them.

Anyone with additional information or video of this incident is urged to call Crime Stoppers at 713-222-8477 (TIPS).

Women's Care Center opens in East Houston



HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast, formerly Bayshore Medical Center, celebrated the opening of its third Women's Care Center with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Feb. 13. The clinic offers a variety of services, including prenatal and postnatal care, well women exams, colposcopies, and more, via certified nurse midwives. Through a unique collaborative care model, nurse midwives collaborate with doctors at HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast, where they also deliver patient's babies according to custom birth plans with the safety net of a nursery and level II and level III NICU on the same floor. HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast CEO Jeanna Bamburg, Certified Nurse Midwife Jane Freking, and a spokesperson from U.S. representative Sylvia Garcia's office spoke at the event amongst a crowd of staff and community members. Following some finishing touches, the clinic is expected to open to the public by the end of February.

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Congresswoman Garcia holds community meeting



Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia provides her account of the state of affairs in Washington, D.C. to attendees at her first Community Meeting since being elected in November. Photo by Allan Jamail

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX - February 20, 2019, Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia held her first Community Safety Meeting and reported how she's doing in her new role representing the 29th District.

She said one of her first things to do was to go visit the Texas Republicans serving in the House and to let them know she wanted to work in a by-partisan way on issues that'll help Texas. She said she felt they'll have a good working relationship on many issues such as the Port of Houston, NASA, hurricane surge protection and disaster relief. But on the more hard-line tough issues like immigration and the border wall the Republicans are dug-in and determine to hold their position and not eager or willing to compromise.

The Congresswoman expressed dissatisfaction that President Trump's immigration policy at the border is separating very young immigrant children from their parents and in one place 140 kids are kept confined in a small room using bunk-beds. Garcia said the recent President's government shut-down hurt everyone and she was working with legislatures to try to get legislation approved which would prevent a shut-down from any future President just because they didn't get their way on issues that Congress wouldn't approve for them.

Lt. Adrian Rodriguez gave the January 2019 Crime Statistics report for HPD's Northeast Command Station, District 9. He said District 9 covers Clinton Park com-

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Let's Rodeo! Parade, Trail Riders kick it off

Are you ready to Rodeo? The 87th Annual Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo starts Monday, February 25, and runs through Sunday, March 17.

Monday's opening entertainment is Grammy winning Kacey Musgraves, and the closing act in March is George Strait.

Events leading up to the Rodeo included Trail Riders arriving at Memorial Park, a Parade downtown, a Bar-B-Que Cook-off, and a Rodeo Run which had more than 9000 entries.

The overall champion BBQ grand champion team was Operation BBQ Relief. The top trail riding group was Texas Independence, winning the Spirit Award.

The Grand Marshal for the parade was Texans Quarterback DeShaun Watson, riding a horse for the first time. Over 30 floats and units participated. The top float was judged to be Fiesta Mart, who was named the Sweepstakes winner.



12 Trail Rider groups spent last week to get to Memorial Park campgrounds on Friday.



The Rodeo Parad, including the traditional "Howdy" float, took place on Saturday inspite of inclement weather.

North Shore Mustangs advance to Basketball Regional SemiFinals

By Allan Jamail

February 26, 2019 North Shore Basketball Mustangs defeated the Pearland Dawson Eagles 34 to 30 in the Regional Quarterfinals. Coach Sam Benitez's Mustangs will advance to the Regional Semifinals against the Fort Bend Elkins Knights (Missouri City).

The Mustangs have an overall record of 31 wins and 3 losses while the Knights record is 31 wins and 7 losses. Early in the season three months ago Elkins squeaked out a one point win over North Shore 56 to 55.

The game will be played at a neutral site on Friday, March 1st at 6 PM at the Berry Center of Northwest Houston, 8877 Barker Cypress Rd, Cypress, TX. 77433. This game is part of the 2019 Boys State Basketball Championships - 6A Regions 1 & 3 tournament. The winner play in the Regional Finals on Saturday, March 2nd at Berry Center at 3pm.



February 22, 2019 North Shore Mustangs Basketball Coach Sam Benitez led the team to a 64 to 47 victory over the Dickinson Gators to advance to the Regional Quarterfinals where they played the Pearland Dawson Eagles. Junior Mustang #0 Joshua Cooper makes a 2 point layup against the Gators.



February 26 – In a low scoring close game with time running out Senior Mustang #10 Keiman Capers scores 2 points to help seal the 4 point victory over the Pearland Dawson Eagles.

Game photos by Allan Jamail

COMMUNITY NEWS

Crosby Family will host an exchange student next school year

World Heritage Student Exchange Programs has qualified the Elkins family as a host family for Chiara from Germany. Chiara will be attending Crosby High School for the upcoming school year. Chiara has met all the academic and character qualifications necessary to be accepted as an exchange student by World Heritage and the Elkins family is eagerly

awaiting her arrival in August. World Heritage, a highly respected, non-profit, public-benefit organization, is dedicated to fostering cultural enrichment and intercultural understanding through youth exchange programs. World Heritage provides students from Europe, Asia and the Americas the opportunity to spend an ex-

change experience in the U.S.A. Anyone interested in hosting a student or wishing to obtain more information should contact Jennifer Rhead at (952) 446-5577, who is the Southern Area Coordinator for World Heritage, or call toll-free 1-800-888-9040 or visit World Heritage's website at www.whhosts.com.

Crosby-Huffman Chamber recognizes leaders



Scout Master David Moser, Sr. was awarded Citizen of the Year posthumously, it was accepted by his family.



Vivianna Killian of Crosby ISD was chosen Employee of the Year for Crosby awarded by Kim Davila of JLA Realty who was awarded Volunteer of the Year.



Secretary Tatum Mac Naughton presented Crosby's Non-Profit of the Year to Crosby Church's Lorie Smith and Pastor Keenan for their efforts with Clothe A Child.



Jim Dees was awarded Volunteer of the Year from Huffman.



Huffman's Non-Profit of the Year was The Huffman Food Pantry with special recognition for their efforts immediately following Hurricane Harvey.



Huffman's Rich Harcrow of Professional Utility Services was awarded Employee of the Year here with Margarette Chasteen, she was later to be



In no particular order, the new board consists of Larry Koslovsky, Justine League, Eddie Foster, Tiffany Muller, Keenan Smith, Tatum MacNaughton. Kim Davila, Shirley Dupress, Lemisha Ducos, Vicky Hertzfeldt Eric Jennings, Angie Richie, Lara Umburger, Britney Samperi, Lewis Spearman, Hanna Vaughan, Jessica Watkins, Superintendents of Crosby and Huffman schools, not inattendance and President Kim Harris.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Judge Stephens holds Boys Rock 2 Life Skills Camp



On Sat, Feb. 9, 2019 Judge Joe Stephens of Justice of the Peace Court 3-1 hosted his free Boys Rock 2 Life Skills Camp at North Forrest HS. The event welcomed all young men between the grade levels of 7th-12th. Boys Rock 2 is a camp designed to promote positive life skills and community cohesiveness. The young men listen to brief presentations at each organizations station and received information to help them navigate through their future endeavors. Some of the highlights of the events included a visit from Mayor Sylvester Turner as well as a congress woman Shelia Jackson Lee. Several decelerated community speakers helped to motive and inspire the young men throughout the day's events. Judge Stephens ended the day by encouraging the kids to shot for the moon and even if the miss they will still hit the stars.



Galena Park ISD crowns French Spelling Bee Winner



On February 22, the top high school competitors gathered together to see who would become the 2018-2019 GPISD French Spelling Bee Champion. Eighteen students competed through many rounds of competition. Yashley Romero of Galena Park High School was crowned the French Spelling Bee winner! In second place, Adriana Lopez of Galena Park High School and in third place, Cassandra Hernandez of Galena Park High School. Congratulations, Yashley, Adriana and Cassandra!

Annual Community Health Fair impacts the Channelview Community

The Channelview Independent School District hosted the 10th Annual Community Health Fair on February 18, 2019. The goal of the Annual Health Fair was to provide the Channelview Community and staff with resources and education on relevant health topics. Activities included a blood drive, free blood pressure checks, free blood glucose checks, and free flu shots. A total of 48 vendors supported the Health Fair by providing literature and resources to community members. The culminating activity for this memorable event was the Channelview Independent School District Color Run! "The Channelview Independent School District strives to provide outreach programs that educate the community on important issues that families are faced with daily," said Nurse Laura King. "We are incredibly grateful for our vendors who support our vision to empower the Channelview Community."



Community Health Fair participants were greeted by Grimace, courtesy of McDonald's and McKinney Restaurant Management, Incorporated.



The Channelview ISD Nutrition Department provided healthy snacks to the Community Health Fair participants.

Jacinto City Night Market Kick-off March 9

By Allan Jamail

The City of Jacinto City's Market by Night will kick-off their second year of the Market. for the 2019 season. The 2019 season will begin on Saturday, March 9th, from 5 PM to 9 PM and following every 2nd Saturday.

According to Market Chairwoman – Rebecca Mier at the Market they'll be lots of venders, live music and curbside food vendors.

Jacinto City is committed to providing a local venue to help create and foster a healthy communi-

ty through providing the community with direct access to local producers. As well as offering support to local consumers, farmers, artists and entrepreneurs.

Local residents with backyard gardens with seasonal produce from their garden may participate in a community booth at no charge, there's limited booth spaces available.

Available will be fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers, other agricultural and horticultural products, honey sales, natural skin care products and quality hand-crafted arts will also be available.

Chairwoman Mier said,

"come out and see what we have been up to lately, please take the time to come out this "market season"; we would love to see you there! We'll be located at Jacinto City Town Center plaza located at 1025 Oates Rd. Jacinto City, TX 77029."

Gardeners and anyone interested in being a vendor must contact Market Chairwoman – Rebecca Mier, email: Marketdays@jacintocity-tx.gov or call (713)-674-8424 or (832) 554-6905. The Market guidelines can be found at www.jacintocity-tx.gov.

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OPINION

TEXAS
SENATE NEWS
By Richard Lee

SENATE BILL WOULD
RAISE PAY FOR ALL
TEACHERS

(Austin) Every public school teacher in Texas would get a five thousand dollar raise in annual pay starting in the 2019-2020 school year under a bill approved by the Senate Finance Committee Monday. Committee Chair and bill author Senator Jane Nelson of Flower Mound said that Texas teachers haven't seen a significant pay raise in 20 years, while the cost of living continues to rise. "We need to provide this salary in order to retain our teachers in our classrooms, and to attract new teachers to the profession," she said. "We've got to make sure we attract the best and the brightest, and we've got to keep them." The committee later heard testimony from a number of public school teachers that low salaries often mean working multiple extra jobs that still don't quite make ends meet. Unsurprisingly, most supported the bill, but many asked that lawmakers find a way to also increase pay for librarians, custodians and other public school paraprofessionals that aren't classified as teachers.

According to state education commissioner Mike Morath, the vast majority of teachers in the state are paid between \$50 and \$60 thousand annually, including additional duty pay above base salary. The average teacher starts out at \$47,500 per year, and can see that amount rise slowly every year, as most teacher compensation under current law is based on years of service. The Texas Commission on School Finance, an interim study group formed to make recommendations for sweeping education finance reforms, found that the single greatest in-school factor for student achievement is teacher quality. The findings from that interim study will likely be central to any education finance reform package considered in both chambers. Senate Education Committee Chair and Finance member Senator Larry Taylor, who is currently working to craft the Senate's version of education reform legislation, told members that the bill complements the teacher compensation reforms envisioned in that measure.

The School Finance Commission identified the Dallas Independent School District as a model for salary schedules that can identify and reward their highest quality teachers. Dallas dropped the seniority-based system in the 2013-2014 school year and moved to an effectiveness-based system. The results after five years show improvement; Dallas students saw achievement gains double the state average, the number of students educated in the lowest-scoring campuses fell from nineteen to one percent, and the district had the highest number of schools receiving an "A" grade under the state's accountability system of any urban school district. The across-the-board pay raise bill considered in Senate Finance Monday wouldn't prevent the implementation of this or other effectiveness-based compensation system, emphasized Nelson.

The proposed Senate budget has \$3.7 billion set aside to pay for the salary increase, but that price tag will go up a little more after it was changed to ensure the state covers increased pension costs. Because teacher retirement benefits are based on an average of the five highest-paid years in an educator's career, a statewide increase like the one proposed would increase the total cost of teacher pensions by about \$240 million per year over the next two years. Another amendment added by the committee seeks to ensure the raises are permanent. Nelson said she can guarantee that she'll fight to maintain the raise as long as she's in office, and that any future legislatures would have to make a proactive decision to remove it from statute. "If this passes it will be an established fund and if somebody's going to change it, they're going to have to go back and revoke what we're doing here today," she said.

With 22 of 31 Senators signed on as co-authors of the bill as of Monday afternoon, SB 3 should have a clear path out of the Senate. Whether or not members of the House support such a measure, or one that blends approaches, will remain to be seen.

The Senate will reconvene Tuesday, February 25 at 11 a.m.

Commissioner Garcia
introduces Paid Family
Leave Measure

HARRIS COUNTY, TX – Commissioner Adrian Garcia is continuing his commitment to making county employees a priority and has introduced a measure that would strengthen the current policy on family leave.

The Commissioner requested a study to determine what it will take to provide county employees with paid maternity leave for a period of two weeks over and above current policies.

"This is the fair thing to do for our working families. Many of our employees are the sole providers in their family," said Commissioner Adrian Garcia. "It's not right to ask them to choose between aban-



Commissioner Adrian Garcia

doning a new child or lose their wages."

On Tuesday, the court approved the request for County's Human Resources Department to conduct a formal compensation study and budgetary impact. The vast majority of working people in the United



Caucus names
legislative priorities for
public education

AUSTIN — The Texas House Democratic Caucus on Feb. 21 announced its "Texas Kids First" education-funding package that would include all-day pre-kindergarten, teacher raises and retirement and property tax reform.

"We hope to work with our colleagues to incorporate some of these ideas into their bills," said Rep. Chris Turner, D-Grand Prairie, caucus chair.

Caucus member Rep. Gina Hinojosa, D-Austin, a former Austin Independent School District board president, said Texas rates 42nd in the nation in per-student funding. She said Texas public school students are funded \$2,300 per year below the national average.

The proposed funding package is embodied in several bills that caucus members have filed or are in the process of filing, and would add some \$14.5 billion more in baseline budget estimates. Items to be covered include:

- Teacher pay and benefits increases;
- Incentives for educating low-income students, children speaking little or no English, and special-needs pupils;
- Funding for the hiring of more counselors;
- Using money from the Rainy Day Fund for retired teachers;
- A monthly state contribution of \$100 toward teachers' health care premiums; and
- A one-time \$500 teacher reimbursement for out-of-pocket school supply purchases.

States do not have paid family leave through their jobs. In Texas, even unpaid leave under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act is inaccessible for 62 percent of working people. This is an opportunity for Harris County to lead other agencies in Texas, should it decide to provide family leave beyond what is available to an employee through earned paid sick and vacation leave days.

"Expanding paid family leave ensures our families get the time they need to take care of their loved ones," said Commissioner Adrian Garcia.

If approved, this would be the first time Harris County has implemented this type of paid family leave.

STATE CAPITAL
HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

The caucus also proposes to achieve property tax relief by doubling homeowners' exemptions from \$25,000 to \$50,000, an amount they suggest would give most homeowners a break of up to \$325.

Defendants settle with state
Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Feb. 19 announced that Xerox Corporation and several of its former subsidiaries, including Conduent Inc., agreed to a \$235.9 million settlement with the State of Texas.

The settlement resolves a lawsuit brought by Paxton's office under the Texas Medicaid Fraud Prevention Act and other grounds regarding the processing of prior-authorization requests by dentists to deliver orthodontic services to Medicaid patients. Xerox and its companies, Paxton said, were responsible for reviewing and approving or denying requests by Medicaid providers to deliver orthodontic services between January 2004 and March 2012.

Paxton's office determined that employees of Xerox, Conduent and related companies rubber-stamped orthodontic prior-authorization requests without assuring the required review of each request by qualified clinical personnel. As a result, expensive, taxpayer-funded orthodontic work was performed on thousands of children who either didn't meet the Medicaid standard for braces or didn't require treatment. The Medicaid program does not pay for braces for cosmetic purposes. Under Texas law, only those requests that meet strict Medicaid program requirements are allowable.

Oil & gas boom to continue

Commissioners Ryan Sitton, Christi Craddick and Wayne Christian of the Texas Railroad Commission on Feb. 20 told the state Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development that discoveries of massive energy reserves in West Texas would enhance the state's booming energy industry.

Christian said the reserve found in the Wolfcamp Shale and Bone Spring Formation in West Texas is estimated to contain more than 46 billion barrels of oil and 281 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, enough to support decades of production at current levels.

Craddick told the panel that in 2017, the Legislature set a target for the Railroad Commission to plug 1,900 "orphan" wells in the 2018-2019 biennium. She estimated that the commission would cap more than 3,000 such wells by the end of 2019.

Sitton said the demand for the Railroad Commission to plug non-producing wells is also going to increase as the industry grows, and for that, the agency is requesting \$39.1 million in 2020-2021 to support the well-plugging program.

Governor nominates justice

Gov. Abbott on Feb. 21 nominated Houston attorney Justin B. "Brett" Busby to be Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas, Place 8, for a term to expire Dec. 31, 2020.

Busby, if confirmed by the Texas Senate, would succeed Justice Philip W. "Phil" Johnson of Amarillo, who retired from office effective Dec. 31, 2018.

Busby served as a justice on the Texas 14th Court of Appeals from 2012 to 2018.

House honors former speaker

Former Texas House Speaker James A. "Jimmy" Turman died Feb. 13. He was 91. His body lay in honor in the hall of the Texas House of Representatives on Feb. 22.

Turman represented Fannin County from 1955 through 1963 and served as speaker during the 57th Texas Legislature in 1961-63.

Abbott extends declaration

Gov. Greg Abbott on Feb. 14 extended the State Disaster Declaration for Texas counties affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Because of catastrophic damage caused by Hurricane Harvey, a state of disaster continues to exist in some 60 counties.

The declaration, originally issued in August 2017, authorizes the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with the disaster.

TWO CENTS
WORTH
By Charlie A. Farrar

Planning
for Spring
planting

It's time for you sobbusters to have your ground busted up for planting your spring crop. The garden spot in the back yard here is like a crawdad farm. You call that "too wet to plow" and it surely is too wet to plow.

Yours truly has retired from farming but will still play in the dirt a tad just enough to get the finger nails nice and dirty. Got three bushes back there that provide a little shade, not enough to get under mind you but maybe enough to shade a pepper plant or three underneath. That will be the extent of planting here on the Creek.

Ah had a nice peter pepper plant going last year and the yard guy broke it at the base with the deck of the riding mower. That bush had been nursed till it was loaded with hot pods of pepper to make pepper sauce. Got so mad and aggravated that I almost blew a gasket. There was a chili pequin plant coming up beside the broke plant which the yard man enjoyed but by knocking over the big bush the pequin plant didn't produce.

Potatoes should be in the ground by February 14 but Joe V's has a nice crop of potatoes: white, red, russet and sweet and a lot easier on the back bones. Previous bought laundry baskets and bags of dirt to plant potatoes in but that was a waste of money and labor. It only produced small and little potatoes not worth cooking. Like I said Joe V's is much better.

PJ's Feed Lot @ Four Corners has some plants available and is preferred over the Bonnie plants that are expensive by my calculations. Besides the threat of another frost could really make one cry if it got in your garden. So wait till your ground is dry and break out your shovel and turn your spot of dirt over. That shovel will build your character.

My gardening guru from Highlands bought some baby Guinea chicks keeping them penned up in order to get them used to him being around. Guinea's are very noisy and make a lot of racket at strange people and predators. After a month or so he turned them out to scratch and clean the yard of grub and cut worms. He had a wonderful garden plot that year which would win an Academy Award if there was such a thing. Anyway I go up there one morning to admire his spot and noticed the Guinea's were not in the pen and not in the yard. Asked about them and he buffed up a tad saying he gave them away to a relative who lives up the country. Said they got in the tater patch and dug up every one of his potatoes.

Ah thought that was funny.

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LIFESTYLE

Dual Language Two-Way Program to be Piloted in GCCISD

Goose Creek CISD will pilot a Dual Language Two-Way Program for qualifying students who will be in kindergarten during the 2019-2020 school year. While the program will be held at Harlem and Carver next year, any current GCCISD pre-k student may apply.

If your child is a current GCCISD pre-kindergarten student who demonstrates fluency in one language, either English or Spanish, or both, and you are interested in your child learning a second language, English or Spanish, starting in kindergarten, please attend one of two informational sessions. You will receive more information on the program and have the opportunity to ask questions. A light dinner will be served.

The first meeting took place last Tuesday, February 26, in the Harlem Elementary Cafeteria, 3333 Interstate 10, Baytown, TX 77521. The second meeting will be Thursday, February 28, at 5:30 p.m. in the Carver Elementary Cafeteria, 600 S. Pruett St., Baytown, TX 77520.



Pre-kindergarten students at Harlem Elementary (from left) Mia Molina, Amere Stevenson, Kyshalee Soto and Ian Rojo enjoy a fun activity.

Benefits of the Dual Language Two-Way Program include high levels of academic achievement and literacy in both languages, increased cultural sensitivity and empathy, increased confidence and self-esteem and increased future marketability. The goal of the program is to prepare students to graduate college and career ready as well as bilingual, biliterate and bicultural.

"We are pleased to offer this opportunity for students in Goose Creek CISD

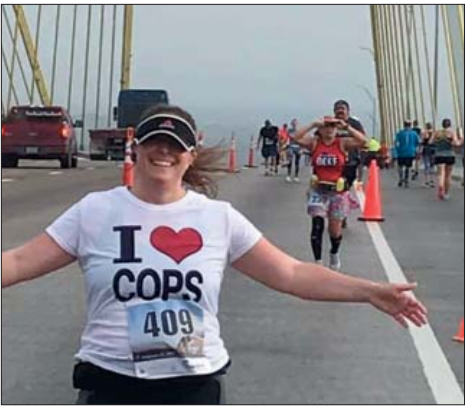
to participate in a Dual Language Two-Way Program. We hope that all interested pre-k parents will come to one of the informational meetings to hear more about the benefits of the program for students in kindergarten next year," said Pilar Moreno-Recio, director of the Bilingual/ESL Department.

For more information, please contact the Bilingual/ESL Department at 281-707-3372 or email pilar.morenorecio@gccisd.net or teresita.torres@gccisd.net.

Jail Break Run features Cop Lovers and heart



The Get Go from Lee College and back.



Crosby's own Eddie Foster was M.C. of the cop supporting races. The largest fund-raiser in Baytown, it begins and ends at Lee College. It features a 1/2 marathon and a 5 K race that takes runners over the Houston Ship Channel on the Fred Hartman Bridge.

BAYTOWN - The 9th Annual Jail Break Run is concluded this year on Feb. 24 with a bounteous year in spite of weather conditions that looked like it was held in London last Saturday.

This annual event raises money for Project Blue an organization dedicated to helping provide funds for law enforcement officers who face non-service related illness and injuries.

Project Blue is a USATF certified event that gives back to runners an impressive SWAG Bag and a Chic Fil-A sandwich at the end.

This year, overall winners were in the half Marathon Stephen Harvey, 22, of Tyler and Corinne Gallo, 33, of Lumberton. In the 5k dash, overall winners were Changrui Cheng, 43, and Jeffrey Hill, 53. Heather Olin Wright turned in a time of 21: 57.7 on the female open.

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey—

1. Is the book of Damascus in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What did Paul's writings say that those who refused to work should be kept from doing? Worshipping,

- Speaking, Eating, Marrying
3. From Matthew 27, the "potter's field" was also known as the field of ... ? Blood, Sorrows, Pagans, Idols
 4. What priest of Midian was the father-in-law of Moses? Jethro, Melchizedek, Eleazar, Nadab
 5. From Jonah 1, who were

afraid and threw their wares into the sea? Slaves, Mariners, Zealots, Carpenters

6. Jesus called Himself the bread of ... ? Salvation, Hope, Love, Life

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Eating; 3) Blood; 4) Jethro; 5) Mariners; 6) Life

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in trouble
Psalm: 46:1



OBITUARIES

Lawrence Ray McClelland

Lawrence Ray McClelland (also known as Daddy Mac, Uncle Ray, Union Brother) passed away on Monday, February 4, 2019. Mac was born in Egan, Louisiana, on August 5, 1929, to Jackson and Leafy Laughlin McClelland. He was predeceased by his loving wife Louise, his parents, his two sisters and four brothers, and the majority of his friends from church, work, and the neighborhood. He is survived by his daughter Patty Echols and husband Tommy, daughter Carol McClelland, granddaughter Elyse Rountree, sister-in-law Frances Koen, brother-in-law Mutt Lewis, and sister-in-law Anna Culbertson and husband Leon Culbertson. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and many beloved friends.

Mac proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He worked as a truck driver for Haliburton in El Campo and as a suspended crane operator at Armco Steel in Galena Park.

Growing up in south Louisiana, Mac learned how to cook from his dad and sisters. However, his greatest accomplishment in the kitchen was the making of peanut brittle. Using the recipe from a bag of Imperial Sugar, Mac started making peanut brittle in the 1980s. He gave away most of the brittle he made and soon realized it was a way for him to put smiles on faces. He made his last batch of peanut brittle right before Christmas.

The family would like to give special thanks to the nurses and techs on 3 Medical at Houston Methodist Clear Lake for the care and love they showed him during his stay there.

There will be a Celebration of Life service for Mac on Saturday, March 16 at 10:30 a.m. at South Park Funeral Home in Pearland. The service will also celebrate the life of Mac's wife, Louise, who passed away last April. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that you make donations in Mac's memory to Star of Hope Mission, the Salvation Army, Shriners Hospitals for Children - Houston or Galveston, or the Alzheimer's Association.

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ROMANS 8:18

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1 Corinthians 16:13

Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God.
Leviticus 19:32

ASK THE EXPERT

San Jacinto College's Maritime program receives national Bellwether Award



San Jacinto College was named the 2019 Bellwether Award recipient, awarded by the Community College Futures Assembly. Pictured left to right: Dr. Sarah Janes, Associate Vice Chancellor of Continuing Professional Development; Dr. Allatia Harris, Vice Chancellor of Strategic Initiatives; Dr. Brenda Hellyer, Chancellor; John Stauffer, Associate Vice Chancellor of the Maritime Technology and Training Center; and Dan Mims, Board of Trustees Vice Chair. Photo credit: San Jacinto College.

HOUSTON – San Jacinto College's Maritime program was named the 2019 Bellwether Award recipient in Workforce Development this week, awarded by the Community College Futures Assembly to the most innovative community college workforce program in the nation.

"We are thrilled to win the prestigious Bellwether Award," said Dr. Allatia Harris, San Jacinto College Vice Chancellor of Strategic Initiatives. "We competed for this honor with workforce programs from across the country that are all striving to create opportunities for their students and leverage advantages for employers in their region. San Jacinto College is proud to be the educational provider for mariners beginning their careers as well as those coming ashore in Houston, and having our program recognized nationally is a testament to our commitment to our mission."

The Bellwether Awards

are an integral part of the Community College Futures Assembly—sponsored by the Institute of Higher Education at the University of Florida—focusing on cutting-edge, trendsetting programs that other colleges might find worthy of replicating. The awards are widely regarded as the nation's most competitive and prestigious recognition for community colleges, and are presented annually to colleges with outstanding and innovative programs or practices in three categories: workforce development, instructional programs and services, and planning, governance, and finance.

Selected from a competitive, nationally reviewed field of hundreds of Bellwether applications, San Jacinto College's Maritime program took the top honor in workforce development, categorized as public and/or private strategic alliances and partnerships that promote community

and economic development by producing workforce.

"All of San Jacinto College has played an instrumental part in the success of the Maritime Program," said John Stauffer, Associate Vice Chancellor of the Maritime Technology and Training Center. "Our goal at San Jacinto College Maritime is to provide a solution for a shortage of mariners in the Gulf Coast Region. We are accomplishing this through strong partnerships with our industry partners and our community to provide the skilled workforce needed to build a stronger regional economy. Winning this prestigious award was a total team effort."

San Jacinto College's 45,000-square-foot Maritime Technology and Training Center is home to more than 70 USCG-approved courses and Texas' first and only associate degree in maritime transportation program. Led by a uniquely qualified staff of USCG-approved Ship Captains, Chief Engineers, and former U.S. Military and Merchant Marine Officers, these dedicated mariners have more than 225 years of industry experience combined and are committed to shaping the maritime leaders of tomorrow.

The other programs selected as 2019 Bellwether Award winners are: Polk State College's "Transforming advanced technical education through innovative new models" in the instructional programs and services category, and San José Evergreen Community College District's program "Silicon Valley career pathways" in planning, governance, and finance.

ASK DIAMOND JIM

Diamond Jim: "A Diamond's Value & The 4 C's...Color"



COLOR: The most valuable diamonds are completely colorless. These diamonds are known as "white" diamonds in jewelry industry parlance. White diamonds are rare, but most possess a slightly yellow or light brown tint and often not discernable to the average eye. The more obvious the coloration, the more the value decreases and the more noticeable to the person viewing the stone.

Diamonds range from colorless to yellow or light brown and are sometimes found in a spectrum of fancy colors, including yellow, blue, and even red diamonds. The less color, the rarer the diamond. After 'Z' on the color scale, diamonds become fancy yellow, which cost more because of their rarity.

A chemically pure and structurally perfect diamond is perfectly transparent with no hue, or color. Such a diamond is so incredibly rare that even most jewelers will never see one in person during their entire career. The color of a diamond may be affected by chemical impurities and/or structural defects in the crystal lattice.

Depending on the hue and the intensity of a diamond's coloration, a diamond's color can either detract from or enhance its value. For example, most "white" diamonds are discounted in price when more yellow hue is detectable, while intense pink diamonds or blue diamonds (such as the Hope Diamond) can be dramatically move valuable. The "Aurora Pyramid of Hope" displays a spectacular array of naturally colored diamonds, including red diamonds.

Diamonds occur in a variety of colors – steel gray, white, blue, yellow, orange, red, green, pink to purple, violet, brown and black. Colored diamonds contain interstitial impurities and structural defects that cause the coloration. Diamonds are scientifically classed into two main types and several subtypes. Type I diamonds account for 98% of the world's gem quality diamonds. Type II diamonds are exceptionally rare and account for about 1.8% of the world's gem quality diamonds however, interestingly they constitute a large percentage of Australia's total diamond production.

Well educated jewelers with years of experience can usually determine diamond color within +/- 1 grade. At a professional gemological laboratory such as GIA (Gemological Institute of America), diamonds are color graded in a special light controlled room (bright pure white lighting is used) by comparing the subject diamond to other grade certified stones called "Master Stones". No matter what color rating is associated with your diamond, enjoy knowing that you have something very special as no two diamonds are exactly the same.

All of us at Pineforest Jewelry hope you find this information helpful in your quest for diamond knowledge. Thank you for reading.

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Channelview ISD February Students of the Month



Channelview ISD recently honored February Students of the Month by hosting a recognition luncheon in the press box of the Ray Maddy Stadium. The Students of the Month include top row, from left, Paola Abad (Joe Frank Campbell Learning Center), Jessica Villarreal (Kolarik Ninth Grade Center), Dafne Galindo (Anthony Aguirre Junior High), Rolando Bustos (Alice Johnson Junior High), Shane Aguilar (DeZavala Elementary). Bottom row: Andy Gutierrez (Hamblen Elementary), Christian Garcia Jaimes (Crenshaw Elementary), Evelyn Escalante (Brown Elementary), Jesus Aguilera (Schochler Elementary), Sofia Varela Gamez (Barrett-Lee Early Childhood Center), Alyssa Garza (Cobb Elementary). Not Pictured: Osiel Parra (McMullan Elementary) and Jesus Perez (Channelview High School).

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The residence address of the administrator is in Harris County, Texas. The mailing address is:

c/o Weston Cotten
5223 Garth Rd.
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated this February 25, 2019

Weston Cotten
by WESTON COTTEN
Attorney for the Estate

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SAMMY LANSFORD

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN
AIR PERMIT RENEWAL
PERMIT NUMBER 86097

APPLICATION Glendale Boat Works, Inc., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 86097, which would authorize continued operation of the Boat Manufacturing Facility located at 18300 Market Street, Channelview, Harris County, Texas 77530. This application is being processed in an expedited manner, as allowed by the commission's rules in 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 101, Subchapter J. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.79222&lng=-95.06611&zoom=13&type=r>. The existing facility is authorized to emit the following air contaminants: exempt solvents, hazardous air pollutants, organic compounds and particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on February 5, 2019. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, TCEQ Houston regional office, and the North Channel Branch Library, 15741 Wallisville Road, Houston, Harris County, Texas beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Houston regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. Information in the application indicates that this permit renewal would not result in an increase in allowable emissions and would not result in the emission of an air contaminant not previously emitted. **The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

PUBLIC COMMENT You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 15 day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues submitted during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. **Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.**

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material air quality concerns submitted during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this application.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Glendale Boat Works, Inc., 18300 Market Street, Channelview, Texas 77530-3858 or by calling Mr. Ralph Chalet, Witt O'Brien's at (713) 283-7921.

Notice Issuance Date: February 14, 2019

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals for Water Plant Improvements Project to serve the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 50 in Harris County, Texas will be received at the office of Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Inc., 16610 IH 45 South, Suite 250, Conroe, Texas 77384, until 1:00 P.M. local time, March 21, 2019 and then publicly opened. A NON-MANDATORY BUT HIGHLY RECOMMENDED PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held at the office of Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Inc. on March 14, 2019 at 1:00 P.M. Each bid must be submitted in a 9" x 12" envelope and accompanied by Cashier's Check or Bid Bond, duly executed, in the amount of not less than five (5%) percent of the bid.

The Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 50 is proposing to install several upgrades to two of the existing water plants within the District. For Water Plant One, including but not limited to booster pump installation, electrical modifications, chlorine equipment, yard piping. For Water Plant Two, including but not limited to booster pump installation, electrical modifications, chlorine equipment, yard piping, 83,000 gallon ground storage tank, 15,000 gallon hydropneumatics tank, gravel access drive.

This project is eligible for DWSRF funding, therefore, the following requirements apply:

- This contract is contingent upon release of funds from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)."
- "Any contract or contracts awarded under this Invitation for Bid (IFB) or Request for Qualifications (RFQ) are expected to be funded in part by financial assistance from the TWDB. Neither the State of Texas nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees are or will be a party to this IFB, RFQ, or any resulting contract.
- This project is subject to the American Iron and Steel (AIS) requirements of P.L. 113-76 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014. All iron and steel products for construction, alteration, maintenance, or repairs incorporated in these plans must be produced in the United States.
- "Equal Opportunity in Employment - All qualified Applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap or national origin. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations 41 CFR Part 60."
- This contract is subject to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) "fair share policy", which includes EPA-approved "fair share goals" for Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women Business Enterprise (WBE) firms in the Construction, Supplies, Equipment, and Services procurement categories. EPA's policy requires that applicants and prime contractors make a good faith effort to award a fair share of contracts, subcontracts, and procurements to Minority Business Enterprise and Women-Owned Business Enterprise firms. Although EPA's policy does not mandate that the fair share goals be achieved, it does require applicants and prime contractors to demonstrate use of the six affirmative steps. The current fair share goals for the State of Texas are as follows:

CATEGORY	MBE	WBE
CONSTRUCTION	19.44%	9.17%
SUPPLIES	25.34%	8.82%
EQUIPMENT	16.28%	11.45%
SERVICES	20.41%	13.66%

- Equal Opportunity in Employment – All qualified Applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or handicap. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 40 CFR Part 33 in the award and administration of contracts awarded under TWDB financial assistance agreements. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach, which may result in the termination of the awarded financial assistance.
- Right to reject any and all bids.
- All laborers and mechanics working on the work site and employed by contractors and subcontractors on projects funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by and through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund shall be paid wages as described in the section, Mandatory David-Bacon Act Contract Conditions.
- Any contracts in excess of \$2,000 for construction, alteration or repair (including painting and decorating and funded under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund programs shall include the Mandatory David-Bacon Act Contract Conditions.
- This contract is subject to the federal requirements of Subpart C of 2 CFR Part 180 and Part 1532 regarding Debarment and Suspension. The Contractor will comply with the assurances provided with the bid that leads to a contract.

Copies of the bidding documents may be obtained from www.CivCastUSA.com: Search Harris County MUD No. 50 Smart Meter Installation. Questions deadline is March 18th at 4:00 PM. Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download specifications, and plans for this project. There is NO charge to view or download documents.

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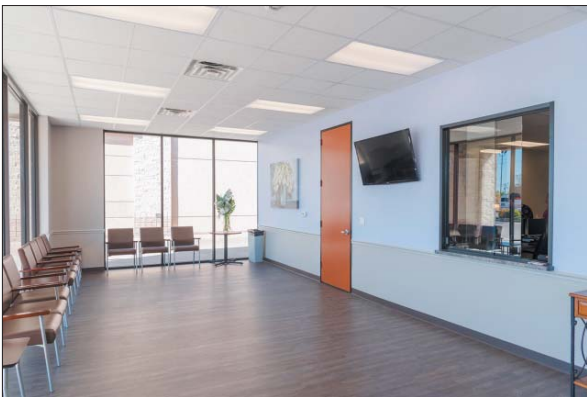
HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast opens Women’s Care Center in East Houston

Community midwife clinic reopens “bigger and better” in new location, closing post-Harvey gap in women’s health services

Feb. 13, 2019 (Pasadena, Texas) – Hospital Corporation of America (HCA) Houston Healthcare Southeast, an HCA Houston Healthcare affiliated hospital, today opened a third Women’s Care Center, occupying 4,918 square feet in the Northshore East Shopping Center at 13525B I-10 East Freeway, Houston, TX 77015.

The new facility replaces the hospital’s previous clinic at 13111 I-10 East Freeway, which it closed due to Hurricane Harvey damage. Designed specifically as a women’s care clinic specializing in obstetrics and gynecology, the facility features several upgrades compared with its original location, including updated waiting, lab and triage areas for improved patient comfort and privacy. Additionally, the center is 1,328 square feet larger than the original facility, now featuring seven exam rooms, up from six, and additional amenities for patients and staff.

HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast already operates two other Women’s Care Center clinics – one at 148 Fairmont Parkway and one at 3933 Broadway – and with the addition of this third clinic, now blankets East Harris County with access to critical women’s health services. Via a unique care model, the hospital’s board-certified nurse midwives and women’s health nurse practitioner, consulting with board-certified physicians, provide prenatal care close to home in an intimate clinic setting.



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Midwives then help their patients deliver at HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast with the security of a level II and a level III neonatal intensive care unit on the same floor.

“I’m a big believer in our model – there is a huge demand for midwife care in our community, and more than that, a need for women’s health services close to home where nurse midwives are often the best and only option,” said Constance Dupler, director of midwifery at HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast. “Our goal is to improve healthcare access by providing patients a safe, judgement-free zone where they can feel supported in proactively managing their prenatal care for the healthiest pregnancy and delivery possible.”

HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast began offering midwife services in 2003, and opened its first Women’s Care Center in 2007 after noting patients were still “dropping in” for midwife delivery with little to no prenatal care. Today, its three clinics accept

walk-ins for free pregnancy tests. Upon a positive test result, patients are immediately connected to resources, including help applying for Medicaid or CHIP assistance. All support staff are bilingual and empowered to seek creative solutions to holistic patient needs.

In addition to prenatal care, HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast’s new women’s care clinics provide a variety of other services, including: nutrition counseling, labor coaching, delivery support, breastfeeding, postpartum care and general gynecology.

About HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast’s Women’s Care Centers

Established in 2007, HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast’s Women’s Care Centers leverage a unique collaborative model to promote the wellbeing of women during pregnancy, labor, birth, and the postpartum period. Certified nurse midwives provide prenatal nutrition counseling, labor coaching and delivery support, breastfeeding assistance, and postpartum care in a clinic setting, while referring women experiencing high-risk pregnancies to HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast for care. Women’s Care Center patients deliver at HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast, which is equipped with a Level II and a Level III neonatal intensive care nursery for more complex cases. In the event a patient’s case requires a c-section, they are able to maintain the experience of their choice as their midwife serves as a first assist to their surgeon.

NS Rotary hosts Mustang champions & coach Kay



NORTH SHORE ROTARY hosted some of the championship team at their luncheon on January 24th, and heard from their coach Jon Kay. Pictured above are Rotarian host Wayne Oquin, Coach Kay at center, Players Jordan Revel, AJ Carter, Tony Bradford, DeMarcus Thomas, and at right North Shore principal Dr. Joe Coleman.

The coach said that winning in the state of Texas was a special honor, because MaxPreps considers this the most difficult bracket in the nation, and therefore ranks the Mustangs the #1 team nationally. Kay spoke about the importance of players lifestyle, and that preparing for the game was more important than the game itself, in terms of winning. The team was thrilled to play in AT&T stadium in Dallas, before 45,000 fans.

Sylvia Garcia meets,

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munity, Pleasantville community, Denver Harbor community, IH 610 West to McCarty Drive and the IH 10 East Freeway Corridor along the feeder (both north and south side) to Uvalde Road.

“Overall crime is down compared to 2018 but there’s an increase in vehicles being stolen and broken into” he said.

Officer Rodriguez warned of the WHITE VAN SCAM where scam artist drive through strip centers or shopping centers offering shoppers great bargains on electronics like new televisions, stereos, home theaters, woofers and boom box speakers. The scammers put very cheap low grade merchandise in name brand boxes and the victim buyer doesn’t discover they’ve been ripped off until they try to use the equipment. He said, ‘if you’re offered a deal that sounds too good to be true, then it probably isn’t true.’

Maria Pilar Aponte an engineer with the Texas Department of Transportation said progress is being made on the new sidewalk project north of IH 10 East Freeway from Normandy street going west along the feeder to Maxey Road (FM 526) and then going north up past Woodforest Blvd. to Nola Court.

Lisa Kasianowitz, Outreach Manager for the Houston Parks Board said the Bayou Greenways 2020 project is making good progress with the planned 150 miles of new hike and bike trails with new parks many in the North Channel area.

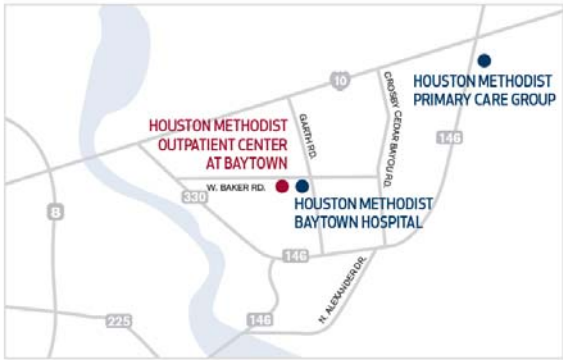
Participants present was Joaquin Martinez, Director of Constituent Services for District I Houston Councilman Robert Gallegos, Linda Jamail, Community Liaison of State Rep. Ana Hernandez office, Northeast Houston Advisory Council, North East Partners In Power, Inc, North Channel Network/Houston Responds and Greens Bayou Coalition.

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