Port says dredge material okay

The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is currently dredging material from the upper reaches of the Houston Ship Channel between the I-45 and 59 bridges and the upper turn basin (Moncrief Dr.). The USACE is pumping the material into the placement area between Holland Avenue and Interstate 610 (Clifton Placement Area). All materials placed into the Clifton Placement Area have been carefully tested prior to being placed into the site. The turning basin dredge material has not been impacted from the fire, which is approximately 15 miles downstream of dredging activities in the upper turning basin. These activities are scheduled to be completed early summer 2019.

Additionally, no public dredging operations are occurring near the ITC Terminal. Port Houston is available to answer questions regarding our business and operations, via our Community Information Line, 713-670-1300.

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Crosby-Huffman markets to members at Crawfish Shack

Velma Ellison explains the benefits of her in-home wine experience and food matching service to Eddie Foster at the marketing station inside the Crawfish Shack last Thursday.

Crosby senior Brooke Oney signed a letter-of-intent Wednesday to play volleyball at Victoria College. Standing are, from left, VC Assistant Volleyball Coach Skylar Christmas, VC Head Volleyball Coach Josh Moore and Crosby Assistant Volleyball Coach Marissa Simmons.

“What influenced me most to play volleyball was the simple fact that I wasn't ready to be done,” Oney said. “I didn't want my career to end when I knew I still had so much potential. I also feel like playing collegiate sports is a huge privilege, so I am glad that I was good enough to make it.”

The Pirates will begin the 2019 season at home on Aug. 21 against Wharton County Junior College.

#COMMUNITY NEWS

Tees-N-Tails
Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce will hold its 27th Annual Tees-N-Tails Golf Tournament on Wednesday, April 17 at Red Wolf Golf Resort, 27350 Afton Way, Huffman, TX 77336. Registration at 10:30 am. Please contact Chamber Office at 281-328-6984 or chamber@crosbyhuffman.org with any questions.

Huffman Education Foundation Casino night
It’s all in for Casino Night on April 19, 7 pm – 11 pm at The Walden Country Club to benefit the Huffman Education Foundation. The event will feature Texas Hold’em, roulette, craps, Blackjack, a live auction, with door prizes per drawings.

Regular tickets are $100 per person and with that the hors d’oeuvres, open bar, $3,000 in cash Chip, and possibilities for $1,000 drawn by the hostess. Space is limited so first come first served. To obtain tickets call (281) 328-7051 or visit www.huffmaned.com to buy tickets online.

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Senate gives unanimous approval to teacher pension fix

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The bill would provide monthly annuity payments for as many as 400,000 retired teachers and other public school employees, but doesn’t meet the local standard of “actuarial soundness,” that is, the ability to meet all of its outstanding obligations within 30 years. That period currently stands at 87 years representing almost $47 billion in unpaid liabilities. SB 12 author and Houston Senator Sean Huffman warned that if the Legislature takes no action, the program’s unpaid obligations would reach $114 billion by 2035. “This is long-term planning shorting fiscal responsibility,” she said. “The plan is far more efficient than merely increasing the actual contribution rate or adding a new fund.”

AUSTIN — Images of a stream of billowing dark smoke drew the nation’s attention last week to a fire that engulfed 11 petrochemical storage tanks on March 17 at the Terminix Complex about 15 miles southwest of Houston in Deer Park.

On March 17, Gov. Greg Abbott ordered that all state resources be made available to local and federal officials and awarded residents to help the workers of local officials. Governmental bodies in nearby affected areas sheltered in place because of concerns about air quality. Deer Park Independent School District and other districts canceled classes for several days. The fire was extinguished on March 20. Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, on March 22, announced that his office, acting on behalf of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, had filed a lawsuit naming the tank storage company as the defendant. The lawsuit alleges that the fire caused air pollution from benzene, xylene, toluene and other contaminants, in violation of the Texas Clean Air Act.

The Chemical Safety Board, an independent federal agency charged with investigating industrial chemical accidents, announced on March 23 that FERC had opened an investigation into the fire.

Jobless rate stays new low

The Texas unemployment rate fell to a new low in February, with 17,700 seasonally adjusted non-farm jobs added over the month. The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area saw a growth in the Texas economy continued in February with 20,300 seasonally adjusted non-farm jobs added over the month. The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area saw a growth in the Texas economy continued in February with 20,300 seasonally adjusted non-farm jobs added over the month.
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The diamond is the gemstone with the highest density of the earth and is the most expensive gemstone. It is considered to be the ‘King of all Stones’. Its value and beauty are unparalleled, and it is often associated with love, wealth, and honor. The diamond is also a symbol of purity and perfection, and it is believed to bring good fortune and protection to its wearer. 

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The last time Channelview ISD held a bond election was a decade ago, in 2009. Projects included in the 2009 bond were completed on time and on budget by November 2012.

Since the 2009 Bond, the district has continued to grow, which prompted the Board of Trustees to analyze a new demographic report. With 620 new students expected to enroll at HISD, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously approved by the community including CISD classroom instruction and technology district-wide, refreshing safety and security systems, enhancing student opportunities and increasing capacity at Channelview High School, and preparing for new facility in Deer Park is a joint project of Houston and Pasadena, Galena Park, Jacinto City, South Houston, and Albrit.

Garcia said, “My comm- ation representatives express Financial Services Committee and the House Judiciary Committee are vial in the Houston region, the state of Texas, and the nation. I’ve always fought for working families, and my resolutions will allow me to use that experi- ence to continue these efforts.”

State Senator Carol Alvarado is serving her first term in the Texas Senate. She is Vice-Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Texas Petio and represents Senate District 6 comprising the Eastern portion of Harris County and encompassing the cities of Channelview, Pasadena, Galena Park, Jacinto City and South Houston.

Alvarado said, “The fire at the International Terminal Company (ITC) facility in Deer Park is a local disaster that is still ongoing. While the threat of the fire has passed, the clean up and investigation that must follow has just begun. I am closely moni- toring each step of recovery including clean up at the facility, clean up and containment in the nearby bodies of water and investiga- tion into the causes. We are reviewing ongoing up- dates from various agen- cies and organizations including TCRA, EPA, Harris County Emergency Management and ITC themselves. There are still many unanswered ques- tions at this time but I can assure residents that we will push to get the an- swers our community de- serves.”

The Senator stated this issue has impacted South East Harris County heavy- ly and raised concern across the state’s ex- pecting all agencies in- volved in this incident to enforce the necessary stan- dards that were not met by ITC leading up to this di- ase. She anticipates ITC will be charged accord- ingly. On a larger scale, Alvarado feels this acci- dent brings to light ques- tions of safety standards, environmental protections and regulatory mechanisms that these companies similar to ITC.

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“I’m meeting with other local area representatives to educate myself on bills and pending legislation so I can ensure we have as much support as possible to help improve the lives of my constituents and their com- munities in the East Harris County area.” Morales said.

“I am very concerned about the health risk of the East End residents I want an envi- ronmental investigation on the long-term effects on the water and air quality from this catastrophe, and I will continue to do all that I can to ensure it’ll have an economic impact,” she said.

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