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Jacinto City Public Events

• Jacinto City Residents Tire Roundup Day, Saturday, May 18th from 8 AM to 3 PM. To insure pick-up tires must be at curbside by 8 AM. No large truck tires, no tires on rims.

Fidelity Manor High School Reunion

It's also the 50th year reunion for the class of '69. All students who attended and/or graduated from Fidelity Manor Elementary and Fidelity Manor High School, former faculty and staff members are welcome to attend. Fidelity Manor HS was under the umbrella of Galena Park ISD. Fidelity Manor HS closed 50 years ago and there will be an "All-Class" reunion to celebrate the event as follows:

- May 17 – Sock Hop and Social @ St Matthew Family Life Center, 119 Fidelity St., 77029, 8 pm - 12 midnight.
 - May 18 – Picnic at Evelyn Churchill Community Center (The Rec), 1508 Hunter St., 77547, 11 am - 6 pm. (food vendors will be on site)
 - May 19 – Worship Service @ St Matthew Baptist Church, 119 Fidelity Street, 77029, 10 am.
- Questions? call 832-908-2037.

Channelview ISD, Galena Park ISD School District Elections Saturday, May 4

By Charlotte Jackson

This week in our community we have two important elections happening. The registered voters in the Channelview ISD have the opportunity to vote on a \$195.4 million bond proposal. With the expected growth in the Channelview ISD, Board Members feel there are great needs for replacement schools, program expansions, campus renovations, safety and security improvements as well as technology improvements, new buses and land purchases for future school site.

If approved, the estimated maximum tax impact is 11.75 cents for a total tax rate of \$1.5135. (This is approximately a \$9.30 monthly increase for the average home valued

at \$120,000.

Residents who are over the age of 65, who have filed their exemption will not have to pay any additional property taxes associated with this bond.

The replacement schools will address the aging needs of campuses and the need for additional capacity for the elementary level. There will be a replacement school for DeZavala Elementary as well as a replacement school to combine both Cobb Elementary and Schochler Elementary.

The growth and program expansion will include a new Career and Technical Education (CTE) Center Addition as well as a new auditorium and athletic facilities additions and renovations.

The safety and security upgrades will address the needs for controlled entrances at each campus as well as security cameras. There will be an enclosed connections between Channelview High School and Kolarik.

In the ever changing world of technology, there are needs for Chromebook refresh, classroom projector refresh, cafeteria projects and specialized technology for elementary students. With the growth in the Channelview area, it is also necessary to begin to plan for new school sites. The need to purchase land now is very important. In addition, there is a need for additional buses to provide safe transportation for the children.

Any registered voter

within the Channelview ISD who did not participate in Early Voting, will be eligible to vote at any Harris County Voting Location. In the CVISD, there are two voting locations which include the North Channel Library as well as the Joyce Hendrix Administration Building. (If you are not able to get to either of these between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., you can check www.harrisvotes.com to find another location.)

GALENA PARK ISD

In Galena Park ISD, there is also an important election for two positions on the Board of Trustees. This is the first election in a number of years that the incumbent candidates have had anyone running

for the position as well. It is important that the registered voters in Galena Park ISD research the candidates for both open positions and decide for themselves who to vote for and then to go vote on Saturday. Unlike the Channelview ISD Election, this election is being held by Galena Park ISD and to find your voting location, you will need to contact them prior to Saturday. There will be six polling locations which will all have a combination of Voting Precincts assigned to the location.

No matter which school district you live in, it is important that you exercise your right to vote. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

San Jacinto College breaks ground on new Generation Park Campus



Photo credit: Andrea Vasquez, San Jacinto College

San Jacinto College's newest campus at Generation Park is slated to open fall 2020. Pictured left to right: John Peter, San Jacinto College Foundation board member; Gonzalo Echeverria, McCord Development Director of Design and Planning; Rick Yarbrough, McCord Development Director of Land Development; Ian Adler, McCord Development Director of Marketing; John Flournoy, McCord Development Director of Sales and Leasing; Keith Sinor, San Jacinto College Board of Trustees Secretary; Dan Mims, San Jacinto College Board of Trustees Vice Chair; Dr. Brenda Hellyer, San Jacinto College Chancellor; Ryan McCord, McCord Development President; Erica Davis Rouse, San Jacinto College Board of Trustees Assistant Secretary; John Moon, Jr., San Jacinto College Board of Trustees Member; Dr. Ruede Wheeler, San Jacinto College Board of Trustees Member; and Hector Morales, Manager of Educational Programming for the Office of Commissioner, Precinct 2 Adrian Garcia.

See story of New Generation Park, page 8

I-10 BRIDGE LANES SET TO REOPEN

TxDOT has announced that all three westbound lanes will be open in the next few days, and closed ramps and signalization at Crosby-Lynchburg will be returned to normal, according to TxDOT Engineer David Lazaro.

The IH-10/San Jacinto Bridge was originally struck by a barge on February 11, 2019. A contractor started repair and rebuilding of the damaged column in early-April.

Much of the permanent repairs have been completed. This week the contractor is focusing on finishing the smaller details.

Weather permitting, the intent is to re-stripe IH-10 back to its original configuration this weekend. In order to do so we will have to close IH-10 down to 1 lane going westbound. At some

point over the weekend we will shift commuters over to the left hand side to re-stripe the side they are currently driving on. By Monday Morning Rush Hour the expectation is to have open:

1. All lanes on IH-10 West at the San Jacinto Bridge
2. SPUR 330 North to IH-10 West
3. All lanes on IH-10 West at Thompson
4. Crosby-Lynchburg Entrance Ramp to IH-10 West
5. IH-10 East Exit Ramp to Thompson Rd.

In the event that the weather conditions do not allow us to perform the work needed, some of the work will take place during the week of May 6th at night and possibly into the next weekend, (May 10th – 12th).

GALENA PARK ISD Spiro Amarantos coming home as Yellow Jackets' New Head Coach

Galena Park ISD would like to welcome back Coach Spiro Amarantos as the head coach for the Galena Park High School (GPHS) football team.

Coach Amarantos is a 1989 Galena Park High School graduate. He also attended Galena Park Elementary, Jacinto City Elementary and Galena Park Middle School. He was a three-year letterman on the varsity football team and played as a cornerback and receiver. He credits Coach Bill Koch and the rest of the GPHS coaching staff for instilling many values in him, many of which he still carries to this day.

After high school, Coach Amarantos attended San Jacinto College then transferred to the University of Houston. Upon graduation, he returned to his roots to begin a career in



Coach Amarantos

education at Woodland Acres Middle School eventually becoming a defensive coordinator and assistant head coach at Galena Park High School. After 15 years at GPISD, Coach Amarantos went to Summer Creek High School to coach for three

years then went to Porter High School. When the position for the Galena Park High School head coach opened, it was a no brainer for him to come back to the community

See New Head Coach, page 3

Community outreach projects help the needy

Last Saturday Judge Lucia G. Bates and her team as well as Helen Berrott Tims from Judge Joe Stephens office collaborated with Bernice Koko and team from United Health Partners, Brian Allen and North Shore GENTS to help beautify homes of three different senior adults in the Cloverleaf area who were identified by Commissioner Adrian Garcia's Precinct2gether Director Chara Bowie.



Recently, representatives from the Channelview Ministry Team held its First Annual Life Fair for Homeless Community Members. There were over 25 individuals who stopped in to find out about resources that are available to help get them back on their feet. There were many different agencies represented including but not limited to Houston Police Department, Harris County Sheriff's Office, Harris County Constable Precinct 3, CTab Relief, Roy's Safe Haven, Walmart and McDonald's.



LIFESTYLE

Historic Crosby (Phase 2)

By Joel Fuchs

This week's historical photos of Crosby include some photos that we would like to locate the original photograph of, so that we could hopefully get a better quality copy.

The first photo is of the Crosby Courthouse and Jail. It was built in 1913, and it was destroyed by a fire on October 21, 1919 when a prisoner named John White from Alexandria, Louisiana tried to escape the wooden jailhouse by setting his mattress on fire with an oil burning lamp. He ended up dying in the fire he started, despite efforts to save him. The courthouse was located on the second floor, and the Judge was Charles A. Tomlinson. The building was located on W. Reidland Avenue behind or near the back of what is today the Connections Coffee Shop. The original image was received from Martin and Mary Wolcik, who lived at 205 Wahl Street in 1976. They had two daughters, Glorine Bessie Harris, who died in 2011 and Lillie Mae Leatherwood who died in 2015. The photo may be still be a part of their family photos. Anyone with knowledge of how to get in touch with members of the family, please contact the Crosby Historical Society.

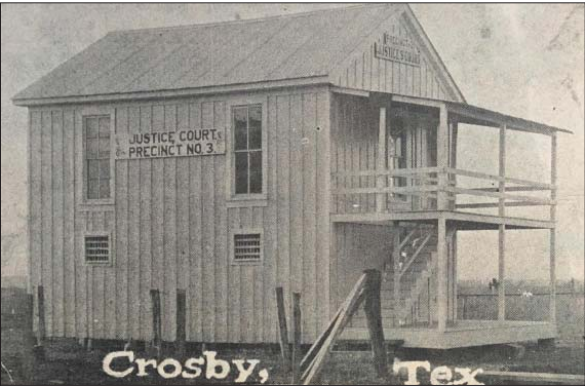


Photo 1

The second photo was taken in 1910, of the old Crosby downtown area looking south. It is a little harder to describe its location, so I've included a present-day photo taken from the same location and looking in the same direction. In the center of the old photo is the FM 2100 bridge over Jackson Bayou. Directly above that is the Gustafson Cotton Gin and Sawmill. That site is currently occupied by the Fuel Maxx convenience store located on FM 2100 between Wahl Street and W. Reidland Avenue. This photo was loaned to an Adlong family member in the 1990's, who made a copy. The owner of the original is not known. If any-

one has any information regarding this photo, would you also please contact the Crosby Historical Society.

This is the second set of photos in a series, of historic photos of Crosby in honor of its upcoming bicentennial. Over the next few weeks, we will hopefully present some more historic photos. Crosby was settled in 1823, making it one of the oldest settlements in Texas. Lifetime resident Jody Fuchs, is preparing a photographic history of the community in preparation for the upcoming event, and is looking for other old or interesting photos of the community. He is working with members of the Crosby Historical Society, Donna Davenport and Klaus Duda. In June, the Historical Society will hold a meeting, where Jody will present some of the 1000's of old photos that he has collected thus far in preparation of this project. The meeting is free and open to any interested persons, so please feel free

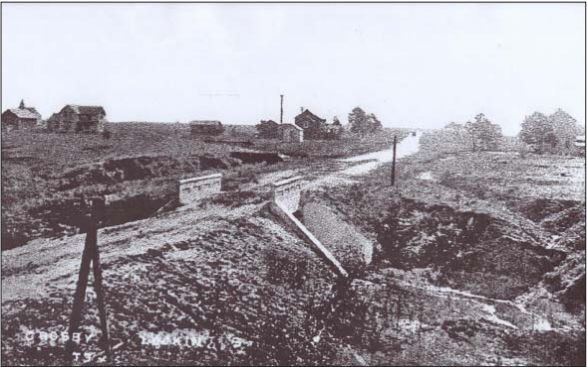


Photo 2



Present-day photo OF PICTURE 2

to join us at 2:00 PM on Saturday, June 1st at the Crosby Brethren Church. The book will cover the entire 200-year pictorial history of the town, as well as briefly covering the surrounding communities of Highlands, Huffman, Lynchburg, Barrett, Baytown, Liberty etc. If you have any interesting photos or artifacts of the area or its residents from 1823 until the present, please contact the Crosby Historical Society at 281-731-7010.



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BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey---

1. Is the book of Judges in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From 2 Corinthians 3:17, "Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is ..." Independence, Freedom, Patriotism, Liberty
3. Which scripture contains, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death"? Ruth 4:10, Job 7:2, Psalm 23:4, Amos 1:1

4. Though lame on both feet, what descendant of Saul continually ate at King David's table? Maresiah, Methusael, Micah, Mephibosheth
 5. Under what type of tree would the children of Israel come to Deborah for judging? Palm, Sycamore, Fig, Cypress
 6. From Matthew 8, who was the first woman that Jesus healed? Paul's sister, Naomi, Peter's mother-in-law, Deborah
- ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Liberty; 3) Psalm 23:4; 4) Mephibosheth; 5) Palm; 6) Peter's mother-in-law.

Americanisms



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and be strong.
1 Corinthians 16:13

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Galena Park ISD Board of Trustees recognized three parent volunteers



Marylou Hernandez, parent volunteer at Pyburn Elementary, has devoted over 410 hours to the campus, mostly working with Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten students and teachers, assisting during breakfast and decorating the school for special occasions. The staff at Pyburn Elementary School describe Ms. Hernandez as a truly awesome volunteer who is always friendly and willing

to help with whatever needs to be done. They appreciate her volunteering and her love for Pyburn. Rocio Flores, parent volunteer at Woodland Acres Elementary, is the mother of a third grade student in the Dual Immersion program. Ms. Flores has attended every parent and PTA meeting on campus this year and has also devoted many volunteer hours to the school, helping with the Fall Festi-

val and Red Ribbon Week activities. In addition, she uses her technology skills to film campus events and festivities. Her time, talent, and technical skills are very much valued and appreciated by the staff at Woodland Acres Elementary School. Olga Garcia, parent volunteer at Woodland Acres Middle School (WAMS), gives freely of her time and abilities to help make

WAMS the best school it can be by assisting in the library and by helping set up for various parent meetings on campus. The staff considers her a valuable resource and appreciates her donating her time and energy to the students, other parents, and staff of the school. GPISD and Board of Trustees would like to thank these wonderful ladies for their dedication.

New Head Coach,

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

that means so much to him. On Wednesday, April 17, Coach Amarantos met the players for the first time and expressed to the Yellow Jackets this is their chance to have a fresh start and be a part of the foundation to turn this organization around into the direction they want to go. He also shared the four pillars they will focus on Cul-

ture, Grit, Sacrifice and Family. "We want to develop a culture of winning, believing in each other, service to our families and community," Coach Amarantos said. "All of this together will allow us to leave a legacy." We would like to welcome Coach Amarantos back to the GPISD family and are looking forward to the 2019-2020 Yellow Jacket football season.

Bomb unit donates beeping Easter eggs



Specially designed Beeping Easter Eggs help students join in on the fun. Instead of using visual cues, students are able to locate eggs by following the loud, clear beep they emit.



Harris County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad created handmade beeper eggs for students at Hamblen Elementary School.

Students in Channelview Independent School District received a special donation from the Harris County Sheriff's Office Bomb Unit. On a mission to ensure every student enjoys an Easter Egg Hunt, four deputies created handmade eggs for visually impaired students attending Hamblen Elementary School. Parents,

students, and teachers witnessed the excitement of the students as they hunted for eggs. "This was a moment that will be engraved in our hearts for years to come," said Jamie Everett, Adaptive Physical

Education Teacher. "We have developed a very special partnership with the HCSO Bomb Unit that enables us to provide increased opportunities for our students." The Channelview Inde-

pendent School District would like to extend our gratitude to the Harris County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad for their generous donation to our students.

Channelview scientist fascinates crowds with Extreme Temperature exhibition



Dr. Irvin provided a TEKS based experience for Channelview ISD students in prekindergarten through second grade.



McMullan Elementary students watch as Dr. Irvin prepares to inflate a balloon and show the process of using liquid nitrogen to turn the air in a balloon from a gas to a liquid.

Channelview ISD students in grades prekindergarten through second grade watched in awe as Dr. Christy Irvin captivated students with her production on properties of

matter. The live demonstration focused on the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills related to properties of matter with an emphasis on STEM-related career fields and courses of study.

The Channelview Independent School District would like to thank Bestway Welding Supply for their donation of over 30 liters of liquid nitrogen for the weeklong demonstrations.

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OPINION

TEXAS SENATE NEWS

By Richard Lee

Senate adopts comprehensive school safety bill

(Austin) The Senate gave approval on Monday to a bill intended to increase security and prevent on-campus incidents of violence at public schools. In May 2018, eight students and two teachers were killed, and 13 more injured, when a student opened fire on classmates at Santa Fe High School. Following the first major school shooting in Texas in decades, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick and Governor Greg Abbott each appointed an interim committee to study this issue. The bill presented Monday takes ideas from these two studies to improve safety and security at Texas schools. It would rely on facility hardening, mental health services, threat assessment and a myriad of other tools to prevent future tragedies. "We've got to do something to make our kids feel safe on their campuses, and not just feel safe, but to be safe" said bill author and Friendswood Senator Larry Taylor, who also represents the city of Santa Fe.

Senate Bill 11 would direct the Texas Education Agency to develop rules for hardening existing campuses and ensuring future facilities are built with safety and security in mind. It would require that each district develop a multi-hazard disaster response plan, one that addresses prevention, preparedness, and recovery. Districts would co-ordinate and file plans with the Texas School Safety Center, a school security think tank located in San Marcos. To

oversee these plans, each district would create a dedicated school safety committee that would review and amend these plans at least once per semester. School officials would be required to coordinate with local law enforcement agencies to develop plans to increase police presence on campuses. Districts would also form risk assessment teams at each campus, to monitor school climate and student activity to head off any problems before they reach a crisis point. Taylor says school shootings and other violent tragedies rarely come out nowhere. "Generally the people who have done these acts...[other] people had some hint, some idea that they were going to do it before," he said. "This bill is designed to help us recognize those people early on before they get to that point." Teams would be trained at the School Safety Center not just to recognize potential violent threats, but also students who may be at risk for suicide or self-harm or substance abuse problems.

The bill includes a number of provisions relating to mental health, in order to identify students approaching crisis and intervene before the breaking point. "The best thing you can do in this situation is prevent," Taylor said. "Because once it starts happening, nothing good happens after that. So this bill is designed to try and reach out and grab these students before they get to this point." Regional

school resource centers would be directed to partner with local mental health authorities to provide optional counseling and substance abuse assistance to the campuses they serve. It would require districts to train staff in trauma-informed care, a method to help people experiencing grief and trauma without exacerbating it, as well as guiding students affected by grief or trauma to available counseling services. Taylor said the trauma-informed model is helpful even in non-violent situations, like natural disasters. "It's just being able to recognize that kids have had different experiences," he said. "Recently we had Hurricane Harvey. We have a lot of kids now who react to strong thunderstorms differently than they would have before, and it's affected some of them." He says it's important that teachers, counselors and administrators can recognize signs of trauma in order to find ways to help students cope positively.

Taylor said that dealing with the aftermath of this tragedy is one of the hardest things he's ever had to do as a lawmaker. "When you go to multiple young peoples' funerals, back-to-back, within a few short days it's very difficult and you don't want to do that again," he said. "That's why we have to get this done." The bill now heads to the House for consideration.

The Senate will reconvene Tuesday, April 30 at 11 a.m.



Top issues remain in play as Legislature enters final month

AUSTIN — Only a month is left for lawmakers to get the state's business done in the 86th regular session of the Texas Legislature.

Still unfinished are the issues at the top of a list shared by Gov. Greg Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and House Speaker Dennis Bonnen: the passage of a state budget for fiscal years 2020-2021, property tax reform and school finance reform.

Last week, a conference committee of 10 House and Senate budget writers began negotiations over the two chambers' budget bills. While the negotiators have agreed on \$9 billion to spend on property tax relief and education finance reform, the two versions are about \$400 million apart on state revenue spending and \$3.2 billion apart, out of a total of about \$250 billion in all funds, according to the Senate News Service. "This process is made easier by the fact that both chambers are prioritizing three key issues: that's certainly property tax relief, education reform and teacher salary," said Senate Finance Committee Chair Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound. "The good news," she added, "is that both chambers have demonstrated their commitment to our top priorities."

Any differences in the House and Senate budgets must be resolved before a final version can be presented for an up or down vote in each chamber before the session ends on its 140th day — Monday, May 27.

Web sales tax bills move
Legislation that would allow Texas to collect sales tax from remote sellers in accordance with the 2018 South Dakota v. Wayfair decision from the U.S. Supreme Court advanced last week.

The Senate Finance Committee on April 24 approved SB 70 and SB 890, both authored by Sen. Nelson, and two companion bills, HB 2153 and HB 1525, authored by House Ways and

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

Means Committee Chair Dustin Burrows, R-Lubbock.

"This legislation paves the way for Texas to fairly collect online sales tax within the parameters outlined by the Supreme Court," Nelson said. "These bills ensure that no undue burdens are placed on remote sellers."

SB 70/HB 2153 would allow for the establishment of a single local use tax to avoid placing an undue burden on remote sellers. The comptroller's office projects that the change would generate \$300 million over the next fiscal biennium.

SB 890/HB 1525 would allow marketplace vendors to collect sales tax from third-party remote sellers. The comptroller's office projects that the change would generate \$550 million in the next two-year budget period.

Time change bill moves

Should Texas do away with "falling back" in November and "springing forward" in March and instead keep clocks on Standard Time or Daylight Saving Time year-round?

On April 23 the Texas House approved, on a vote of 133-9, a measure that would put the question to Texans in the form of a constitutional amendment on the November 5 ballot.

The measure, House Joint Resolution 117 by Rep. Lyle Larson, R-San Antonio, now moves to the Senate for consideration. If the Senate also approves and a statewide ballot measure passes, Congress still would have to amend the Uniform Time Act of 1966 before Texas could stop springing forward and falling back.

"The process of changing our clocks twice each year is primitive and

illogical," said Larson. "Time is a human construct. With the passage of this resolution, Texans can decide which time to stick with. We could maintain our sleep schedules, feeling healthier and happier as a result. We could end a senseless practice that has many drawbacks and very few, if any, positive aspects."

Opponents of HJR 117 cited concerns such as safety issues, confusion in scheduling and breaking with tradition.

Jobless rate remains low

The Texas Workforce Commission on April 19 reported the Lone Star State added 22,600 seasonally adjusted non-farm positions in March. The state's unemployment rate stayed at 3.8 percent.

Commission figures also show March marked the 107th consecutive month of annual growth for total non-farm employment. The month proved to be historically significant for the Texas economy, as the civilian labor force reached a record high of more than 14 million workers.

"Texas' economic miracle is a testament to the unmatched innovation of our Texas employers and their dedication to creating jobs and investing in communities across the state," said TWC Chair Ruth Ruggero Hughs.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics, the Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area had the lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs in March with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 2.1 percent, followed by the Odessa MSA with 2.5 percent. Tying for third were the Amarillo, Austin-Round Rock and College Station-Bryan MSAs with 2.7 percent unemployment.



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ASK THE EXPERTS

Allergies can trigger asthma attacks

BAYTOWN — (April 12, 2019) — For people living with asthma, the sneezing and wheezing that affects millions during the spring allergy season can trigger potentially serious asthma attacks.

“Whether it’s pollen, mold, hay fever, dust mites or any of the countless allergens drifting through the air this season, the itchy eyes, sneezing, runny nose and nasal congestion that many allergy sufferers endure, can also lead to an asthma attack, or flare-up, in individuals with preexisting asthma or those with undiagnosed asthma,” said Houssam Oueini, MD, a pulmonologist at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital.

Oueini says asthma patients should develop a comprehensive approach to managing the condition, including being prepared for allergy season.

“Asthma can’t be cured, but it can be managed so you can live a normal, healthy life. A comprehensive approach to managing asthma is required because it’s a complex, chronic disease and it’s different for every person,” Oueini said. “For people affected by seasonal allergies, great care should be taken to prevent potentially dangerous attacks from occurring or reducing their severity.”

The chemicals released by the immune system lead to allergy symptoms, such as nasal congestion, runny nose, itchy eyes or skin reactions.

“For some, this same reaction also affects the lungs and airways, leading to asthma symptoms,” Oueini said.

Identifying and focusing on ways to reduce exposure to asthma triggers can help minimize flare-ups, but avoidance can be especially difficult during allergy season. In addition to using asthma medications, including quick-relief medicines to stop asthma symptoms and long-term



Dr. Houssam Oueini

control medicines to prevent symptoms, some asthma patients may be helped by a regimen that includes using daily pills called leukotriene modifiers to control immune system chemicals.

Allergy shots (immunotherapy), administered over time through regular injections, help the immune system build a tolerance to the allergens. Anti-immunoglobulin E (IgE) therapy works to reduce the immune system’s release of IgE—an antibody used to fight against allergens.

In addition to allergens, other common asthma triggers include air pollution; certain medications, including aspirin and beta-blockers; medical conditions, such as colds, flu and sinus infections; smoke from cigarettes or campfires, and weather conditions, such as cold, dry air or high humidity.

Oueini said maintaining a healthy lifestyle, including getting proper rest, eating a balanced diet and getting regular exercise, are not only good for your overall health, but also can help you manage asthma.

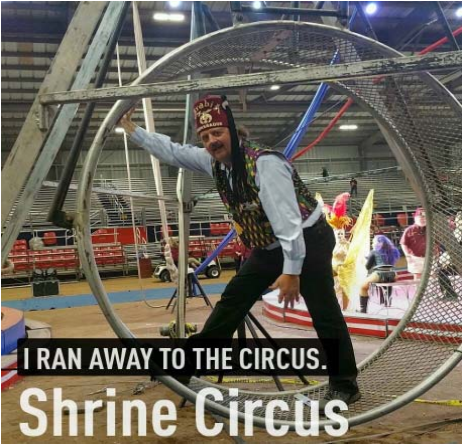
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Lifesaving Rescue in Baytown...

A nurse, Lori Vaughn, visiting in Houston from Baton Rouge, was witness to a horrendous accident, where a car flipped off the interstate I-10 eastbound in front of Buc-ee’s. Lori and her husband ran to the overturned car, and comforted the middle aged woman that was pinned inside the car, upside down.

Lori climbed into the car and made sure the woman was alive, but even with the help of about a dozen others, they were unable to free her and remove her from the car. Lori worked to keep her calm, and alive.

EMS and Baytown Fire arrived and cut her from the car and transported her to the hospital. Lori said that with the help of social media, she was able to locate her the next day and learn that she had survived.



Volunteers attempt to free woman in overturned car on I-10 in Baytown. Photo by Lori’s son, on Facebook.

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ASK THE EXPERT

Channelview ISD academic and financial ratings



Channelview ISD received a "Superior" rating and recognized as the 13th Most Productive School District in Texas.

The Channelview Independent School District has been named the 13th Most Productive School District in Texas by the Education Resource Group (ERG). The ERG Productivity Rating combines academic performance and financial practices based on expenditures for instruction, leadership, student support services, and more. Superintendent Greg Ollis stated "Our campus staff, district administrators, and school board trustees work diligently to ensure we are financially responsible when it comes to spending tax dollars. We will continue to provide a wide range of opportunities for our students while focusing on achieving quality performance in the management of the district's financial resources."

Channelview ISD received a "Superior" rating under Texas' Schools FIRST financial accountability rating system based on an analysis of staff, student, budgetary and actual financial data reported. The Superior rating is the state's highest, demonstrating the quality of Channelview ISD's financial and reporting system. The district has exceeded the State of Texas' standard for sixteen consecutive years.

The Channelview Independent School District Board of Trustees called for the 2019 Bond to provide safety and security upgrades, new campuses, and renovations to existing campuses across the district. For a complete list of proposed projects, visit the bond website at www.cvisdbond.org.

CLOVERLEAF AREA Two Brothers arrested during search warrants



Gage Sanders

Nathan Sanders

The Harris County Pct. 3 Constables Crime Interdiction Unit conducted 3 search warrants in the Cloverleaf area. The first search warrant was executed at 1141 Frankie Street on April 13, 2019. This operation was conducted after numerous complaints from area residents that narcotics was being sold from this residence. Upon executing the search warrant Gage Sanders was arrested for parole violation and approximately 290 grams of synthetic marijuana also known as "kush" and \$1500.00 in cash was seized.

On April 18, 2019, the Crime Interdiction Unit executed a search warrant at 720 Frankie street in the Cloverleaf area. This operation was conducted after numerous complaints from area residents that narcotics was being sold from this residence. Upon executing the search warrant Gage Sanders was again arrested and charged with Possession of a controlled substance.

The Crime Interdiction Unit was again notified that narcotics was being sold from this residence at 720 Frankie. A search was executed on April 25, 2019, and Nathan Sanders, who is the brother of Gage Sanders was found to be in possession of approximately 350 grams of "Kush" and approximately \$1300.00 in cash. He was not immediately arrested pending lab analysis.

The Crime Interdiction Unit was again notified for a third time that narcotics was being sold from this residence at 720 Frankie. On April 16, 2019, it was determined that arrest warrants were issued for Nathan Sanders for Aggravated Kidnapping, Aggravated Assault, Possession of a Controlled Substance and 2 counts of Aggravated Robbery. The Crime Interdiction Unit, along with the patrol division arrested Nathan Sanders without incident and he was booked in the Harris County Jail. Both suspects are being held without bond.

ASK DIAMOND JIM

Diamond Jim: "Where can I find people with manners and decency?"

Here we are...the year is 2019 and we're asking ourselves what ever happened to good manners, decency, and mutual respect. This is such a sad time in the history of the world.

In days past, as Americans we collectively knew who the enemy was and how to protect ourselves. From the Revolutionary War to the Gulf War, we came together as a country (with few exceptions) and gave everything to protect liberty, freedom and human rights for Americans, as well as for people in far-away lands.

Today, no matter where I travel, I hear many people having different conversations about the exact same question. They all know that many young people today display rude, disgusting, disrespectful, perverted behavior in the clothes they wear, their immoral actions, and the vile garbage that spews from their mouths disguised as language. The decent people of our society are dazed and confused as to how all of this has happened...how it came to be, who's to blame and, most importantly, "HOW can we fix it?"

As any credible military strategist knows, the only way to defeat your enemy is to know who the enemy is and to know their tactics. Once you have this information, you can and must implement a counter offensive that will cripple and defeat them quickly in order to achieve success.

So, who is the enemy of our youth and who's responsible for the degradation of our society during the last two generations? We can blame television "programming", social media, the obvious changes in the education

curriculums across our nation, politics, and even the sports and entertainment industries for leading children to believe that "celebrities" are worthy role models. I, however, choose to let the responsibility rest with the child's parents and/or grandparents. It is not society's job to raise the children to be kind, obedient, and respectful. That awesome responsibility rests solely with the mother and the father. They agreed to take on this enormous task the very moment they conceived that new life. It is they who the child looks to for shelter, guidance, nutrition, security, love, rewards, and punishment. It's the parents who MUST be the answer for our children, not the school, not the church, and definitely not the Government.

Being over the age of 18 does not make one an adult. And, being a biological parent does not make one a "Dad" or a "Mom". Do all of humanity a favor....be a dad, or a mom! Teach your children to say "Please" and "Thank you", "Yessir" or "No Ma'am", demand their respect while teaching them humility. But, most importantly, lead your children by your example. Show them what "manners and decency" are and how to apply these two pillars of moral character in every-day life. Thank you for reading the "Ask Diamond Jim" column.

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San Jacinto College's New Generation Park,

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San Jacinto College Generation Park architectural design

HOUSTON, Texas — San Jacinto College leaders, elected officials, and community partners gathered Tuesday, April 23, 2019 to break ground on the new Generation Park Campus, which will expand the College's educational accessibility to students and residents of North Houston.

The 57-acre project will become the College's fifth campus, complementing San Jacinto's North, Central, South, and Maritime Campuses, currently serving approximately 45,000 credit and non-credit students annually.

"We're very excited to see this project begin to materialize," said San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer. "We've been in the evaluation and planning stages for several years and this new campus will be a wonderful asset for the local community and the many students who will attend here. San Jacinto College is proud to be part of this rapidly growing area and we are positioned to serve the needs of the northern part of our taxing district. We look forward to serving the surrounding area by being an academic transfer partner and a

resource for workforce training."

The first phase of construction will feature a \$26 million facility spanning 55,000 square feet, which will house general education and academic classes. Initially focusing on the educational needs of transfer students, the new campus will ultimately expand course offerings as further construction is completed.

"We are thrilled construction has begun on San Jacinto College's Generation Park campus and look forward to welcoming their faculty, staff, and students in the fall of 2020," said Ryan McCord, President of McCord Development. "San Jacinto College gives a competitive advantage to companies at Generation Park by providing access to the next generation of talent



Photo by Andrea Vasquez, San Jacinto College Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia (TX-29) joined faculty, staff, administrators, and community members at the groundbreaking event for the new San Jacinto College Generation Park Campus on April 23, 2019. The campus is slated to open fall 2020. Pictured: Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia (right) and Dr. Brenda Hellyer, San Jacinto College Chancellor (left).

at a top college and the opportunity to invest in current and future employees."

Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia was also in attendance for the campus groundbreaking and presented San Jacinto leadership with an American flag from the state capitol for the new campus and congratulated the College for serving as champions for the educational community.

The new Generation Park Campus is set to open for classes in fall 2020.

GALENA PARK ISD Harris County Department of Education Honors Galena Park ISD



(left to right): Ramon Garza, Board Secretary; Adrian Stephens, Board Trustee; Minnie Rivera, Board Trustee; Wanda Heath Johnson, Board President; Andrea Segraves, HCDE director of teaching and learning; Jeff Miller, Board Trustee; and Wilfred J. Broussard, Jr., Board Vice President

Galena Park ISD was honored for their partnership with the Harris County Department of Education (HCDE) at the April Board of Trustees meeting. Andrea Segraves, HCDE director of teaching and learning, attended the meeting to present awards to the Board of Trustees, Bryan Clements and Brian Allen.

During the 2017-2018 school year, HCDE provided professional development through the Teaching and Learning Center to 646 GPISD educators and through many of the after-school programs, HCDE impacted over 1,025 students. Ten out of 15 HCDE divisions worked with Galena Park ISD ranging from the Center for Safe and Secure Schools, Center for After-school, Summer and Enrichment (CASE) for Kids, School-Based Therapy Service, Records Management, Adult Education, Early Childhood and Head Start.

Bryan Clements, chief of police and executive director for security and technology, and Brian Allen, director for emergency management and school culture, were also honored by HCDE for



(left to right): Bryan Clements, chief of police and executive director for security and technology; Andrea Segraves, HCDE director of teaching and learning; and Wanda Heath Johnson, Board President

their participation with the Center for Safe and Secure Schools. This program was created to advance safe and secure environments for learning and teaching, the Center for Safe and Secure Schools is a leader in the development of in-

creased safety and security strategies in school environments for students and educators.

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