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CHANNEL CURRENTS

Former presidential candidate Hillary Clinton visits Houston

Summer Festival

Saturday, June 1, 2019, 4:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Multiculture dance performances, vendors, food trucks, fun for the whole family and more. At the Box E. Pavillion, 421 US 90, Crosby, TX. 77532.

VFW Fundraiser

VFW Post 9296, 1214 Maxey Road, Houston, TX, 77015. Saturday, June 1st. 1:00 p.m. Pork Loin, Chicken & Sausage, 2 sides, bread and dessert \$10 per plate.



Photo by Allan Jamail

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, Hillary Clinton, Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia and Congressman Al Green gives their farewell wave to the attendees at the Democratic Party fund raiser.



Photo by Allan Jamail

Former Secretary of State and presidential candidate Hillary Clinton warning Democrats about how the Russian government plans to interfere in the upcoming 2020 Presidential Election as they did in her 2016 election.

North Channel Chamber Lunch June 7th

Friday, June 7, 2019 at San Jacinto College, 5800 Uvalde Rd. (inside Monument Room of the Student Center), 11:30 a.m. Speaker: Dr. Brenda Hellyer. Sponsors needed. Reservations to blanca@ncchamber.com or call 713-450-3600.

Sheldon Fire Dept. Grand Opening

Harris County Emergency Services District #60 invites you to the Sheldon Community Fire and Rescue Grand Opening of their new Station No. 2, on Thursday, May 30 at 11:30 am at 17432 Old Beaumont Highway at Sheldon Road. The project is known as the Paul V. Reed Fire Training Field and Sheldon Station No. 2. You can RSVP to 281-458-1431 x 2.

Evening San Jacinto Pilot Club

This newly chartered club meets on on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Woodforest Presbyterian Church. For more information, see the Facebook page entitled Evening San Jacinto Pilot Club or call 832-264-1565 / 832-289-4762.

By Allan Jamail

Houston, Texas – Friday, May 24, 2019 at the George R. Brown Convention Center a sellout crowd of 2,400 Democratic Party members assembled for their annual Johnson-Rayburn-

Richards (JRR) fund raiser to hear Hillary Clinton, their 2016 former presidential candidate.

The JRR is named for former President Lyndon Johnson, former U.S. House Speaker Sam Rayburn, and Gov. Ann Richards.

Hillary remains very popular in the Houston area; in 2016 she won with 54 percent of the votes, she carried Harris County with 162,000 more votes than Donald Trump and got more votes than President Barack Obama had won four years earlier in

2012.

The former U.S. Senator, Secretary of State, First Lady and recent presidential candidate criticized President Donald Trump and called the upcoming 2020 presidential election one of the most critical in the nation's history.

Clinton said, "We can't just cross our fingers and pray and hope for a perfect candidate to come along. We have to organize and work hard getting out the voters. We must talk about

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Sterling-White hosts Memorial Day



Solemn ceremony as veterans, civilians remember those that served.



Dana Read plays "Taps " for rest of those that gave all in time of war.



Mike Page of Sterling White



Rev. Jerry Hovater



Army M. Sgt. Joe Briscoe Retired

HIGHLANDS – Let anyone planning where best to celebrate holidays in the U.S.A. remember to be here for Memorial Day.

Each year a capacity crowd turns out to remember those that have served the armed forces and especially those that gave the last full measure for their country with speeches,

tributes, prayer and music at the cemetery in Highlands.

This year with the help of the Crosby High School JROTC, Boy Scout Troop #107, Cub Scout Pack 264 Den 1 and honored guests that served in the International War on Terror and scores of veterans from lo-

cal areas with local folks that echo the patriotism that summoned the rest returned to see the Memorial Wreath placed on the Wall of Honor.

According to Mike Page, Managing Partner at Sterling-White Funeral Home-

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After needed repairs, Battleship may be moved

LA PORTE – The Battleship Texas may be in line for another big battle, and the loser may be La Porte and East Harris County.

In a last minute maneuver in the 86th Legislative session, State Representative John Cryer (R-Lockhart) and State Senator Robert Nichols (R-Jacksonville) sponsored a bill that would allow the ship to be moved to another location, reportedly Galveston, after it received \$35 million in state money for repairs in a shipyard in Alabama. SB1511 provides for the transfer of the ship from the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife to the Texas Historical Commission, and then to a non-profit, possibly the Battleship Texas Foundation. Who would make the final decision on relocation is not clear from the bill.

Local state representatives Mary Ann Perez and Briscoe Cain have been vocal in opposing the move.



BATTLESHIP TEXAS is currently on display in La Porte, near the San Jacinto monument.

Perez pointed out that the Galveston population is seasonal, and there is no guarantee that more people would visit than in La Porte. Cain filed an amendment to stop the ship from being relocated, but it was not in the final bill.

The Battleship Texas is 107 years old, having seen service in two world wars. It has been located in La Porte for about 70 years.

However, the steel hull of the ship has rusted over the years, and is very thin

in some locations. Water enters the hull constantly and must be pumped out to keep the ship from sinking.

Bruce Bramlett of the Battleship Texas Foundation said the a decline in number of visitors has left the group without enough money to keep repairing the ship. The assumption is that a new location, probably in Galveston, would attract more paying visitors and generate funds for the continual upkeep.

GP-JC Rotary Club recognizes Police Officers



GALENA PARK/JACINTO CITY OFFICERS OF THE YEAR: Left to right Bryan Clements, receiving the plaque for Corporal Jason Curry and Deputy White for Pct. 2; Officer James Tidwell for Galena Park Police Department, Officer Jason Curry for Jacinto City Police Department and Club president Jennifer Ledwith.



Officers at the awards luncheon of the Galena Park/Jacinto City Rotary Club.

COMMUNITY NEWS

86th LEGISLATURE REPORT:

Other key bills passed by both chambers this session

HB 1 - (Nelson)- The state budget. The final version appropriates 164.2 billion in state money to pay for services through 2021, including the tax and education reforms passed in SB 2 and HB 3. Other highlights include: funding to increase capacity at state drivers' license offices, funding to dispose of the backlog on sexual assault kit testing, \$7.8 billion in mental health program spending across 23 state agencies, and \$347 million for women's health programs.

SB 500 - (Nelson)- The supplemental budget, truing up accounts between what was appropriated in 2017 and actual costs. Includes \$3.5 billion in rainy day funds to assist with Hurricane Harvey relief and recovery as well as \$800 million to offset lost property values for school districts in the disaster area.

SBs 6, 7, & 8 - (Kolkhorst/Creighton/Perry) Comprehensive Harvey relief and recovery package. Leverages expertise at state institutions to improve disaster response and train local officials (SB 6). Creates a funding structure to pay for flood mitigation and prevention projects, pull down federal matching funds, and cover other costs associated with hurricane relief. (SB 7). Creates a statewide flood planning system that coordinates regional plans for the first time (SB 8).

SB 11 - (Taylor)

School safety plan developed in the wake of the 2018 Santa Fe High School shooting. Requires districts to develop safety plans for each campus, implements facility hardening standards and requires safety committees for individual campuses. The Texas School Safety Center in San Marcos will evaluate plans and offer logistical support to districts. SB 10 (Nelson), which creates the Texas Mental Health Consortium, was amended onto this bill in the House. That measure allows mental health professionals at state medical schools to consult with pediatricians and other providers on mental health issues affecting children. Also includes suicide awareness and prevention programs for students and training for teachers from SB 1390 (Menéndez).

SB 12 - (Huffman) Provides long-term fiscal stability for the state teachers' retirement system through gradual increases in contributions from active employees, school districts and the state over the next 6 years. Also provides for a 13th bonus annuity check up to \$2,000 for beneficiaries this fall.

HB 2048 - (Huffman) Repeals the state drivers responsibility program, a system that adds additional penalties to drivers who exceed a certain number of traffic violations in a year.

SB 1264 - (Hancock)

Lake Houston spillway dam project reduces lake level

Houston, TX - City Council Member Dave Martin would like to bring to resident's attention that Houston Public Works has lowered Lake Houston by six inches as of Monday, May 20, allowing contractors to begin a critical rehabilitation project on the Lake Houston Spillway Dam. Lake Houston will be lowered another six inches on Tuesday, May 28, following Memorial Day weekend, for a total lake reduction of one foot through the fall of 2020.

The Lake Houston Spillway Dam Rehabilitation Project will provide increased stability to the dam through the installation of a new reinforced concrete training wall. This project also includes partial demolition of a splitter wall, which is the device used to break up the flow of water over the spillway. Contractors with Thalle Construction Company will build new concrete anchor blocks at the bottom of the training wall and elevate the Ogee and Stilling pool weirs by seven feet, thus altering the water flow from the spillway.



During this project property owners should be prepared for varying levels on Lake Houston through the fall of 2020 as any time the lake is above 41.5 feet, it will be immediately lowered back to 41.5 feet in an effort to minimize disruption of the project. In these instances, advance notice may not be possible and property owners should secure property along the shoreline for this extended period of time. During the time of this project recreational activities will be disrupted and boaters are urged to use extreme caution on the lake due to lower levels as well as increased instances of exposed debris.

Contractors will use water pumping and cofferdams for the project allowing

them to work on the dam below the water line. The project is expected to be completed by fall 2020. The estimated construction cost is \$10 million and is being funded by Coastal Water Authority's (CWA) Special Equity funds, designated for CWA through the City of Houston infrastructure improvements fund. It is important that water levels will be lowered to 41.5 feet throughout the entirety of the project. For more information on the Lake Houston Spillway Dam Rehabilitation Project, contact Erin Jones.

The project does not include additional gates on the Lake Houston Spillway Dam. That project is still being pursued on the federal level and if approved

the design and construction of those gates will be completed within three to five years of approval. Council Member Martin has worked diligently to secure support for this project from Senator John Cornyn, Senator Ted Cruz, and Representative Dan Crenshaw.

Separately, during times of inclement weather when the National Weather Service predicts greater than three inches of rain within a 48-hour period, the lake should already be at 41.5 feet which would require no additional lowering unless a more significant rain event is predicted. Lake Houston has a normal pool elevation of 42.5 feet. To monitor current water levels at Lake Houston, visit: www.coastalwaterauthority.org. Again, Property owners should plan to secure property along the shoreline through fall of 2020.

Please contact the District E office by phone (832) 393-3008 or email districte@houstontx.gov with any questions.

Consumer protections against surprise medical billing for state-regulated health insurance plans. Effectively prevents the practice in cases where a person has no say in who is treating them, such as in an emergency room. Patients would still be responsible for deductibles,

co-pays, and other expected costs at in-network facilities, but no more.

SB 21 - (Huffman) raises the age required to purchase tobacco or other nicotine products like vaporizers from 18 to 21

HB 1631 - (Hall) bans the use of red light cameras in Texas

HB 3906 - (Taylor) State STAAR accountability test reforms that move the test to a shorter, online version over the use five years, intended to reduce test taking time, stress and instructional time lost to testing.

Per Texas Legislature Online, 7324 bills were

filed in the House and Senate, and 1419 passed both chambers. The governor has up to 20 days to veto any bills of which he disapproves. Otherwise, any unsigned bills can become law absent his signature.

“Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget”

San Jacinto College District will hold a public budget hearing meeting on Monday, June 3, 2019, at 7 p.m. in the Board Room, Suite A1.104, of the Thomas S. Sewell District Administration Building, located at 4624 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the College District’s budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted.

Public participation in the discussion is invited.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held immediately after at which time adoption of the 2019-2020 budget will be considered.

The proposed budget will be available for inspection beginning on May 31, 2019, in the Budget Control Office, Room A2.213, 4620 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Texas.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

San Jacinto College process technology team wins national title

HOUSTON, Texas – The San Jacinto College process technology student team has done it again, capturing gold at the 2019 North American Process Technology Alliance (NAPTA) Troubleshooting Competition for the third consecutive year.

“I am very proud to be a part of the process technology team at San Jacinto College,” said Kenneth Jackson, process technology instructor and troubleshooting coach. “I take pride in being someone who can bring out the best in my students. Winning three years in a row puts a target on our back, but I believe our students are up to the task.”

This is the first year, however, that the campus took two teams to compete, also placing fourth with their ‘Rockin’ Ravens’ team.

The ‘Rajun Ravens’ team of Matthew Hicks, William Petty, Edgar Rosales, Antonio Saldana, and coach Jackson beat out process technology teams from across the U.S. to gain the top spot in troubleshooting and resolving programs related to the petrochemical manufacturing environment.



Photo credit: Melissa Trevizo, San Jacinto College

The winning team of the 2019 North American Process Technology Alliance (NAPTA) Troubleshooting competition takes home the gold. From left are Kenneth Jackson, San Jacinto College process technology instructor; William Petty, team captain; Ryan Murray; Francisco Reyes; Mitchell Denno; Antonio Saldana; Edgar Rosales; and Joseph Zwiercan, San Jacinto College Central Department Chair, Petrochemical/Energy.

“The competition was truly a collaborative effort,” said Petty, team captain. “Each of us were able to look at things in our own way and freely share our ideas. At the end, we were giving each other high fives, because we knew we had done well.”

The four-round finals competition tested the teams’ troubleshooting skills on recognizing and resolving problems with various energy industry-related scenarios, using

computer-based simulation and virtual plant environment software. Students also got to meet with industry representatives at the Industry Networking Hour held prior to the finals competition.

Leading up to the event, they spent months training and preparing under the direction of San Jacinto College process technology faculty, with additional support from the college’s Corporate Training for Process Tech-

nology and Instrumentation.

“When we were practicing, Mr. Jackson was always making sure we knew why we were making certain moves,” said Edgar Rosales, team member. “We weren’t guessing at what we were doing, we were considering how every move we made would affect our next step.”

The 2020 NAPTA Troubleshooting Competition will be held at San Jacinto College in April.

San Jacinto Museum offers Free Admission to Military Personnel

The San Jacinto Museum of History Association is pleased to announce its participation in the Blue Star Museums program in 2019, offering free entrance to all active duty military personnel, including National Guard and Reserve, and their families from Monday, May 18, 2019, (Armed Forces Day) through Monday, September 2, 2019, (Labor Day). Up to five family members will also be admitted free of charge.

The museum association will give qualifying personnel free access to the Texas Forever!! The Battle of San Jacinto digital presentation; the nearly 500-foot elevator ride to the Observation Deck atop the San Jacinto Monument with views of the historic battleground of San Jacinto and many square miles of surrounding area; and the museum’s special exhibit, “Big Energy: A Texas Tale of People Powering Progress” that explores the history of Shell and Deer Park and their impact on making the community the energy hub it is today. Beyond these attractions

there is plenty to do at the Monument or the Museum: the San Jacinto Museum’s permanent gallery exhibiting books to bayonets, swords to six shooters; the San Jacinto Battleground; picnic tables, grills and water faucets; and the 1,210-foot long marsh trail and boardwalk that provides views of the native prairie, tidal marsh and bottom-land forest.

The museum and its attractions are open daily year-round 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.—including Independence Day, Labor Day and nearly all holidays. All attractions are wheel-chair accessible.

The program is open to any bearer of a Geneva Convention common access card, a DD Form 1173 ID card or a DD Form 1173-1 ID card, which includes active U.S. military as well as members of the National Guard and Reserve, U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and the NOAA Commissioned Corps. Family members can enter for free without the serving person, based on the spouse’s

dependent ID.

Blue Star Museums is a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and more than 2,000 museums throughout the U.S. to offer free admission to the nation’s 1.4 million active duty military personnel and their families from Armed Forces Day through Labor Day. More on the San Jacinto Museum of History: The San Jacinto Museum of History Association is a non-profit organization which manages and operates all aspects of the San Jacinto Museum, which is housed in the San Jacinto Monument on the grounds of the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site. More than 20,000 students visit the Museum each year on field trips. The San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site attracts more than 1,500,000 people to the park annually.

The San Jacinto Monument and battlegrounds complex is located at One Monument Circle, La Porte, Texas 77571-9585; contact 281-479-2421 or

visit sanjacinto-museum.org for more information.

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Galena Park High School Percussion Department honored at May Board Meeting



At the May Board of Trustees meeting, Galena Park ISD recognized the Galena Park High School Percussion Department for their outstanding performance at the Texas Color Guard Circuit State Championship contest at Texas A&M University in College Station. The Percussion Department students were named the Scholastic A State Champions for their performance.

Congratulations to Casey Watson, head band director; Alex Hinds, head percussion director; Jonathan Carr, assistant percussion director; Kaleb Schumann, associate band director; Gerardo Torres, color guard instructor; and the Galena Park High School percussion students.

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OPINION

TEXAS
SENATE NEWS
By Richard Lee

Legislature concludes session with top priorities accomplished

(Austin) The 86th Legislative session concluded Monday, with lawmakers delivering on a promise made by state leadership back in January: sweeping school finance and property tax reform. "In my inaugural address I said that this will be the session we enact historical school finance reform by putting more money into the classroom, paying our teachers more, reducing recapture and cutting property taxes," said Governor Greg Abbott in a press release issued late Saturday. "Tonight, without a court order, the legislature did just that by passing one of the most transformative educational bills in recent Texas history."

The two bills saw final passage in both chambers Saturday evening. The first, HB 3, was shepherded through the process on the Senate side by Education Committee Chair and Friendswood Senator Larry Taylor. He said it represents groundbreaking reform for an education system that has lagged behind the changing needs of Texas schoolchildren. "What we are doing here today...will move us towards continued prosperity for this state," he said. In all, the bill would put \$4.5 billion more into the classroom. This money would flow through funding formulas, and would direct more to students with economic disadvantages, those still learning English, and those with

dyslexia. It would create an optional July term for eligible students and full-day, quality Pre-K programs for students from low-income backgrounds. The only outcomes-based funding in the final version would reward schools for every student they graduate ready for college, the workforce or the military.

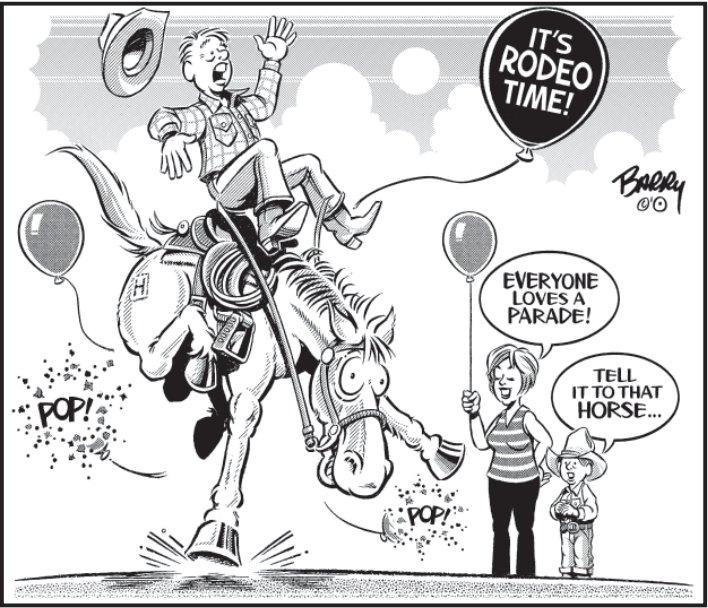
Teachers would see a salary increase, but it wouldn't be the even, across-the-board \$5,000 originally included in the Senate version. Instead, it would create a mechanism by which teacher pay would increase whenever the legislature ups the basic allotment, the fundamental variable in school formula funding. HB 3 would raise that more than \$1,000, to \$6,160, of which nearly a third must go towards salaries for non-administrative public school employees. Districts would also have the option of developing a system to identify their best teachers and pay them more, but that system couldn't factor in results from state accountability tests. There are also incentives for teachers who are willing to teach at high-need or rural campuses. Administrators will have flexibility in how these funds get distributed, so the actual amount of increased pay will vary district to district. In all, the bill puts about \$2 billion towards teacher and other public school salary increases.

The bill would also reduce local school property tax rates by

an estimated 13 cents per \$100 valuation by 2021, providing more than \$5 billion in property tax relief within 2 years. It also seeks to rein in rate growth by requiring districts to seek voter approval if they wish to exceed a 2.5 percent rate increase in any year. SB 2, by Houston Senator Paul Bettencourt, would create a similar limit for most municipal tax rates, at 3.5 percent. That bill also includes a number of transparency and taxpayer education provisions. If voters approve no rate increases above these new limits, it would save an estimated \$980 million in property taxes statewide by 2024. "This is astonishing tax relief," Bettencourt said of the two bills.

Following passage of both measures, Lt. Governor Patrick thanked the Speaker of the House, the Governor, and both chambers for working together to accomplish a landmark session. "This is truly an historic evening," he said. "It's going to save taxpayers a lot of money, give teachers more money and change the way we educate students and finance and make us number one in the country to lead on education reform."

The Legislature is scheduled to reconvene again in January of 2021, when lawmakers will see how well these education and property tax reforms worked over the 19-month interim. Until then, the Senate stands adjourned sine die.



Top officials say state's top issues are resolved

AUSTIN — With the governor's mansion as their backdrop, Gov. Greg Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and House Speaker Dennis Bonnen on May 23 announced their agreement on the Texas Legislature's state budget, property tax reform and school finance reform bills.

Standing behind the state's top three elected officials in the press conference were members of three House and Senate conference committees tasked with smoothing out the sticking points in House Bill 1, the state budget; Senate Bill 2, property tax reform; and House Bill 3, school finance reform.

Abbott spoke first, saying the assertion that he, Patrick and Bonnen made in January at the beginning of the legislation session — that together they would decrease property taxes and improve public school finance — is now accomplished. "I'm proud to tell you, today, we are announcing that we've done exactly that," Abbott said.

Patrick, using a football analogy, said, "We have a touchdown, and we have had the Super Bowl of legislative sessions in the history of this state, and I think in the history of the country: transformational ideas in education which take us to number one in the country."

"This bill resolves equity," Bonnen added. "It ensures that all students, whether they're in a wealthy district or a poor district or a rural district or an urban district, they will know that

Texas leaders care about the quality and the funding of their education."

Meanwhile, House and Senate members must seal the deal by giving final passage to those bills in the few remaining days of the session ending May 27.

Abbott, Patrick and Bonnen agreed that Texas homeowners can expect to see a total reduction in local school property taxes topping \$5 billion, an average reduction of 13 cents per \$100 valuation by 2021 and additional tax relief in years going forward. They also will see a reduction in recapture, or "Robin Hood" — the distribution of funds from property-rich to property-poor districts — and increases to the state share of education funding by 7 percent, up to a total of 45 percent.

Patrick added that new property tax rollback rate reductions are part of the tax relief package, decreasing to 2.5 percent for school districts and 3.5 percent for cities and counties.

HB 3 would put an estimated \$4.5 billion more into classroom programs, including free full-day pre-kindergarten classes for economically disadvantaged students as well as more resources to improve reading

outcomes among these students by the end of 3rd grade. The legislation also would add an optional month of classes in July for low-income students who wish to participate. Furthermore, all schools will see more money per student through an increase in the principal variable in the school finance formula system, the basic allotment.

On the topic of teacher pay, Patrick said the average teacher in Texas will see an increase in compensation of about \$4,000, with more possible through merit pay and other incentives, such as participation in the July term or mentoring other teachers. School librarians, nurses and counselors also would see a pay raise and retired teachers would get an actuarially sound pension fund and a bonus check next year, on average, of \$2,000.

Senate approves CBD bill

More Texans could be prescribed a cannabis derivative to treat certain disorders under HB 3703, a bill approved by the Senate on May 22.

Therapeutic use of cannabidiol (CBD) oil was first allowed in Texas under a bill passed two sessions ago, but could only for the treatment of a particular seizure disorder that resists standard treatments. In the four years since the law passed, it has proved its effectiveness, said sponsor and New Braunfels Senator Donna Campbell.

"For patients participating in this program, they have had a remarkable and life-altering change because of this," Campbell said. "That's compassion."

State resources on standby

Gov. Abbott on May 20 placed emergency resources on standby across the state in preparation for an outbreak of severe weather.

Put in readiness mode were ambulance strike teams, medical incident support teams, saw teams, game wardens, boat teams and more.

Abbott cautioned Texans that when severe storms threaten, the safest place to be is indoors. He added that residents should avoid areas already flooded and avoid any fast-flowing water.

Dangerous waters, he said, can seem deceptively calm and if you encounter flooding, move to higher ground.

More information can be found at the Texas Department of Public Safety website, www.dps.texas.gov.

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LIFESTYLE

Carol’s Dance & Gymnastics celebrates 17 th recital



Carol’s Dance and Gymnastics celebrated its 17th season performing at the Crosby High School auditorium Sunday May 19, 2019. Many local kids danced their hearts out in a fun, energetic show which displayed all their smiles and talents. The recital theme was Life’s a Gift CELEBRATE! Carol Hearn’s studio is now taking registration for summer and fall classes. To register, email itsadancinthing@aol.com. The studio is located at 5815 Crosby Dayton Rd. in Crosby.

Honoring our veterans in Highlands



American and Texas flags are displayed in Highlands Park as a tribute to our military servicemen and women, who are not forgotten. This is an annual events of remembrance by their families and others.

Deputy recognized BIBLE TRIVIA



Deputy Benjamin Genghini of District 3 of Harris County Sheriff's Of- fice was recognized by the Harris County Citizens on Patrol on May 23 at the Wallisville Substation for his service to interdict a cruelty to Ani- mals/Torture of a puppy at 521 Woodland St. in which the offender admitted throwing the puppy into a creek and pelting it with rocks and attempting to squeeze the puppy in a painful manner. The offender was found to have a prior conviction and the deputy filed a felony charge of Cruelty to Animals. Animal Control took the puppy.

by Wilson Casey—

1. Is the book of Philemon in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. In Matthew 8, what prophet's words did Jesus claim to be fulfilling as He was healing people? Iddo, Esaias, Gad, Medad
 3. Who wrote, "Neither shall any priest drink wine, when they enter into the inner court"? Ezekiel, Isaiah, Daniel, Hosea
 4. In scripture, what did God rain down upon Sodom and Gomorrah in addition to fire? Hail, Lightning, Brimstone, Mud
 5. Whose grave was marked by a pillar erected by her husband Jacob? Abigail, Lillith, Puah, Rachel
 6. From Judges 16, who slept through a haircut? Manoah, Samson, Adam, Uriah
- ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Esaias; 3) Ezekiel; 4) Brimstone (Gen 19:24); 5) Rachel; 6)

Chamber awards scholar

Winners of the golf outing known as Dickie Woods Memorial Golf Tournament include the Chairman of the Highlands Chamber Board, Jim Wadzinski with Steve Daniele and Dwight Hooks with a 55 stroke score. Second place went to Carl McCoskey, Ed Biles, Mike Biles and Shannon Brinkley with a score of 56. Third place went to Pete Pape, Ben Pape, Ryan O'Hara and John Dowdall with a 58. Ray Patrick was closest to the pin and Longest Drive went to Dwight Hooks in the First Place Team.



The Dickie Woods Memorial Scholarship was won by Ulises Quiroga for academic excellence as awarded by the Highlands-Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce on May 2 after the Dickie Woods Memorial Golf Tournament. Above, Dickie’s widow, Virginia and Ulises’ mother flank him beside the golf scores at Eagle Point Golf Club.

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Matthew 17:20

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--Jeremiah 17:14

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I Corinthians 13:8

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ROMANS 8:18

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Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:4

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and be strong.
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

Channelview ISD participates in summer food program

Channelview ISD Nutrition Services Department will be participating in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). The Summer Food Service Program serves free, healthy meals to all children 18 and younger. All children, regardless of enrollment in Channelview ISD, may come to enjoy a delicious, healthy meal for free! Kids simply show up to receive a healthy meal at no cost with no registration or enrollment requirement. Adults must be accompanied by a child and may purchase breakfast for \$2.15 or lunch for \$3.75.

Locations and serving times are as follows:

Channelview High School 1100 Sheldon Road
June 3 – June 27, Monday – Thursday
Breakfast: 6:45 – 8:30 a.m. and Lunch: 10:30 – 12:30 p.m.

July 8 – August 1, Monday – Thursday
Breakfast: 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. and Lunch: 11:00 – 12:00 p.m.

DeZavala Elementary 16150 Second Street
June 3 – July 12, Monday – Friday
Breakfast: 8:30 – 8:55 a.m. and Lunch: 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Schochler Elementary 910 Deer Pass
June 3 – June 27, Monday – Thursday
Breakfast: 7:00 – 8:15 a.m. and Lunch: 11:00 – 12:20 p.m.

Early Childhood Center 911 Sheldon Road
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Hillary Clinton,

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the issues and remind Americans we are the party that can deliver for them. We support health care for all, women's rights, an economy that provides fair wages for all, equal pay for women, decent immigration laws, protecting the children of immigrants and we also are the party that will stand up and protect the Constitution and address what is a very real constitutional crisis that this president has put us in."

Rice University's Kinder Institute found in a 2019 survey Harris County is now heavily favoring the Democratic Party candidates.

"If Democrats win Tex-

as in 2020, we will sweep the nation and possibly take back the Texas House of Representatives," Clinton concluded to a standing ovation.

Some political observers suggest that Clinton could make a third bid for the presidency in 2020 if none of the more than 20 Democrats currently in the running emerges as a clear threat to deny Trump a second term.

VIDEO OF CLINTON'S SPEECH AT YOUTUBE INTERNET ADDRESS: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ul0mIOfts0>

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If you have questions pertaining to jewelry, watches, diamonds, precious stones, precious metals, and other questions related to the jewelry industry, email jmills@pineforestjewelry.com.

GPISD Transportation Department awarded 100 Best Fleets in America



Galena Park ISD Transportation Department representative receiving recognition.

The Galena Park ISD Board of Trustees recognized the Transportation Department for placing in the Top 26 and ranked the #1 school district of the 100 Best Fleets in America at the May Board Meeting.

The 100 Best Fleets in America award is one of the highest honors for Industry and Public Education Transportation Fleets across North America. The program recognizes and rewards peak performing fleet operations. Currently in its 20th year, 100 Best Fleets identifies and encourages ever-increasing levels of performance improvement within the fleet industry.

To receive this award, the Transportation Department competed in various categories including: accountability, use of technology and information, collaboration, creativity, celebration, evidence of a high trust culture, performance recognition, doing it right the first time, efficient turnaround, staff development and resources stewardship.

Congratulations to Kenneth Bush, director of transportation; Anthony Gager, assistant director of fleet operations; Greg Lopez, assistant director of operations and Tony Bass, assistant director of safety and training.

GALENA PARK ISD Dr. Linh Fuselier recognized by Board of Trustees



Dr. Linh Fuselier receives recognition from Galena Park ISD Board of Trustees.

Galena Park ISD Board of Trustees recognized Dr. Linh Fuselier of Kroger at the January Board Meeting. Dr. Fuselier was honored for her outstanding leadership and commitment to the promotion and continuous improvement of GPISD's Career & Technical Education (CTE) program.

Dr. Fuselier is a 2001 North Shore Senior High School graduate and serves on the District's CTE Advisory Board. She has supported the GPISD

Pharmacy program the past two years through facilitating the hiring and placement of Pharmacy Technician student trainees into local pharmacies. She understands how vital real world work experience is for students who aspire to continue a career in pharmacy. As a result of her passion to lead and serve, eight students have received pharmacy associate positions during the 2018-2019 school year.

Thank you, Dr. Fuselier!

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and Cemetery “I was pleased with the turn out. I thank Master Sergeant Joe Briscoe for coming to speak to us today he drove all the way up from Frisco to present his speech. And Paster Hovator for leading us in prayer so that we could all come together on Memorial Day knowing what it is really all about. And those that we lost we are here to honor them.”

The guest speaker Joe Briscoe last his right arm and was severely wounded in his left during his service in Iraq. He recounted the events of that faithful day

He went through telling

the horror of the war to remember to ask himself how do we begin to honor those that sacrificed all for us to enjoy our freedoms. “How dare I wallow in sorrow with the life I have been given by others.”

How do you honor them? Firstly, never let their memories die. Secondly vow to live your life the best way that you can. Remembering that you have been given a gift. Take full advantage of the freedoms for which they sacrificed their lives. I can hear them say don’t feel guilty because you survived but live they very best that you can.”



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50th Anniversary Congratulations



Charles and Gail Grant celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on May 31st, 2019

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If you have lived in the North Channel Area for any length of time, you no doubt have heard the names of Charles and Gail Grant. Both are graduates of North Shore Senior High. Both are educators. Charles was a teacher and an assistant principal in the Galena Park ISD. Gail taught in the District as well. Charles went on to teach at San Jacinto College North where he went on to hold the positions of Dean of Continuing Education, Vice President of Instruction and then as the first alumni President. Gail spent most of her years at North Shore Elementary and finished her teaching career at Havard Elementary.

Both Charles and Gail were second generation educators and it is no doubt that both of their children, Chad and Christy followed in their parents’ footsteps and went in to education.

Service to others has always been an important part of their family. Gail is a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma International Education Sorority and a life member of the Texas Parent Teacher Association (PTA). Charles is a member of Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity and is also a life member of the Texas PTA.

Being a member of the Rotary Club of North Shore has provided years of opportunities to be of service to others around the neighborhood as well as around the world. For close to 25 years, Gail and Charles were involved with connecting German college students with host families in the area. Having served as host parents first, shows exactly how they are. They would never ask for someone to do something that they had not done previously. While at San Jacinto College North, Charles founded the 18 to 30 year old branch of the Rotary family known as Rotaract. Through

his years of service, he went on to be the international chair of Rotaract and there are thousands of young adults who will attest to their lives being better from following his example.

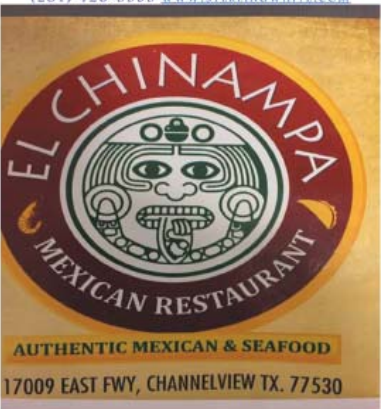
As part of their 50th wedding anniversary, they will be leaving this week to spend time at the Annual Rotary Club International Convention in Germany. To celebrate their milestone anniversary, Chad and Christy recently hosted a dinner honoring their parents. The room was filled with many friends, family and church members. Throughout the evening, when I would ask others to briefly describe Gail and Charles, the following were words and phrases repeated over and over:

Consistent. Compassionate. Dedicated. Respected. Others minded. Business leader. Creative teachers. Permanent bruise on the inside of his arm from being corrected. A connoisseur of shopping. Together have taught thousands. Practical joker. Influential teacher. Respected throughout the community. Members of the same church, South Main Baptist, for 45 consecutive years. Truly believe in serving others. And it all started with a frozen dinner in a checkout line at a Rice Food Market on Uvalde. Parents of two amazing young adults. Both have come a long way and would never have made it without each other.

When asked what others see at the center of their marriage, all will agree that Charles and Gail Grant have been successful because they have sat down and discussed it as well as prayed about it. To say that their marriage is built on a solid foundation was a consensus of those in attendance. Many younger couples have benefitted from their wisdom. Please join me in wishing Charles and Gail Grant a Happy 50th Anniversary

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