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CHANNEL CURRENTS

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 blanca@ncachamber.com or call 713-450-3600.

Evening San Jacinto Pilot Club

This newly chartered club meets 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.

Buckshot Jamboree

Enjoy Classic Country music every Saturday night from 6 pm - 9 pm with The Buckshot Jamboree at 7414 Hartman near Old Beaumont Highway. More info, call 281-458-0729 or 832-444-5000.

San Jacinto Pilot Club meeting

The Club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at Amegy Bank on I-10, at noon. Please visit www.SanJacintoPilot.com.

Survey in Crosby

Survey teams from Harris County Public Health (HCPH) will visit the Crosby/Huffman area to conduct a survey Saturday, June 8, on how you have been doing since Harvey and what are your current needs. They will not ask for your name or identification. All answers are confidential.

Groundbreaking for new Jacinto City Elementary

By Allan Jamail

May 29, 2019 – The Galena Park Independent School District Trustees (GPISD) is working towards the completion of the voter-approved \$290 million school bond projects with the ground breaking ceremony for the soon to be built 2 story replacement school of the Jacinto City Elementary School. The \$26 million new school is scheduled to be completed by the fall of 2020.

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Photo By Allan Jamail

L – R: Constable Chris Diaz, Sara Montelongo-Oyervidez, Trustees Wilfred Broussard Jr, Superintendent Dr. Angi Williams, Principal Becky Gardea, Trustee Ramon Garza, Assistant Principal Cecilia Meza, Hector Morales and Linda Jamail.

Sheldon Fire Dept. opens new Fire Station and Training Tower



NEW SHELTON FIRE AND RESCUE STATION #2, as seen from US90 Old Beaumont Highway.

By Gilbert Hoffman
Sheldon Community Fire and Rescue, and Harris County Emergency Services District #60, opened an impressive new fire station, and training tower last Thursday morning.

The 15,000 sq. ft. fire station is the third station in the ESD#60 District, and with expansive growth of the area, the plan is to build two more and another to replace the existing station on C.E. King Park-

way, according to Fire Chief Sydney Webb.

Webb presided over the grand opening ceremonies, and the ceremonial ribbon cutting and hose uncoupling for the two buildings.

Participating in the ceremonies were members of the ESD#60 board, with Helen Lauersdorf, president; and Fire E-board members, with Curtis Roane, president. Also speaking were "Pistol Reed" the son of Paul V.

Reed, whom the training center is named for, and Judge Joe Stephens.

The Training Center is a tall 5-story building, to be used to train firefighters in multi-story rescues and fires. The fire station has room for six vehicles in three drive-thru bays. It also has offices, sleeping rooms, training and exercise facilities, and a day room with kitchen and TV.

See FIRE STATION, page 8

Census award at Safety meeting



Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia became a Proud Partner of U. S. 2020 Census. Melissa Allala, U. S. Census Partnership Specialist presents Proud Partnership certificate. (PHOTO BY ALLAN JAMAIL)

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX. - May 29, 2019 at the Houston Police Departments East Freeway storefront office Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia brought together government agencies, law enforcement and citizens together for her regular Neighborhood Safety meeting.

Harris County Sheriff Deputy Sergeant E. Rivera said, "The crooks and bad

guys crisscross back and forth from law enforcement jurisdictions so the sheriff's department and Houston's police department work closely together on solving and preventing crime." He said gun and cell phone is highly sought after by criminals. "Criminals don't buy their guns legally, they

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Channelview High School Top 10% students



Channelview High School Top 10% students are:

1. Micah Rois Macarandang
2. Summer Grace Ijarah
3. Ashley Nicole Durbin
4. Alondra Guadalupe Gallegos
5. Ashley Maldonado
6. Byron Dunstan Henderson, Jr.
7. Lilia Ana Morales
8. Diojani Carolina Valle
9. Carolina Alejandra Herrera
10. Luis Eduardo Sarabia
11. Diana Diaz
12. Brianna Renee McGee
13. Ana Cristina Arredondo
14. Jason Garzon Haro
15. Salma Yuliana Tellez
16. Christopher Diaz
17. Frida Estefania Torres
18. Fernando Tamez
19. Hannia Estefania Yeverino

20. Rheyna Elizabeth Tinguee
21. Estefani Guadalupe Vega
22. Jose Luis Perez
23. Joselin Aneth Lara De Leon
24. Henry Fernando Saravia
25. Jewel Angelique Gonzalez
26. Anthony Nathaniel Vega
27. Jessica Clarissa Rivera
28. Paola Jazmin Aranda Vela
29. Catalina Caprice Olivares
30. Brizeida Ruiz
31. Amanda Naydelin Flores
32. Richard Meza
33. Alexandria Paige Colvin
34. Jose Enrique Sanchez
35. Hannah Elise Adams
36. Matthew Isaac William
37. Heidi Brizeyra Cabrera
38. Madison Taylor Dovie Hall
39. Adrian Esteban Dominguez
40. Daniel Armenta Onate

41. Veronica Alexandra Magana
42. Genesis Montoya
43. Hugo Rodriguez Martinez
44. Andrea Guadalupe Fonseca
45. Alexa Michelle Hernandez
46. Jesus Jared Escamilla
47. Guadalupe Garcia, Jr.
48. Chloe Celeste Munoz
49. Jose Leobardo Rodriguez
50. Jonathan Lakieth Walker, Jr.
51. Audrey Irene Ortiz
52. Gabrielle Victoria Enriquez
53. Guillermo Guadalupe
54. Taylor Cynee Guillory
55. Eduardo Abel Velasco
56. Kairi Jae Mitchell
57. Miguel Angel Martinez
58. Oscar Jose Alejandro
59. Emily Janeth Escobar
60. Isabella Guadalupe Rodas
61. Marian Zarate

Galena Park ISD announces Top 10 High School students



North Shore Senior High Top 10

Daniel T. Arenales, Naya S. Edwards, Jason D. Boudreau, Nicholas Carmona Morales, Luke R. Chavanne, Jazmine Chavez, Noah E. Jones, Natalia Martinez, Josh Dominique T. Monta, Francis M. Sampson with Principals and Superintendent Angi Williams.

See Galena Park High School and Early College Top Ten Students on Page 8.

73rd Crosby Fair & Rodeo Cook-Off and Parade results



Parade Results: Best in Show as depicted at left: First Place Crosby High School's Theater Group with the Hogwarth Express, 2nd Place Star Steppers, 3 Crosby High School Cheer Team Best Western Heritage wagon or Trail Ride Trail went to Southeast Texas Cowboy Church, Second place went to Cow Punchers and Crosby Community Center had third place.



Fajitas



Margaritas



Open Dish/Appatizer



Chicken



Brisket



Hula Hut Girls won Open Dish. SS Cookers came in Second. Third was Lonestar Legends

Rust Bucket won first and third place in Chicken. Hula Hut Girls won Second Place in Chicken.

Hula Hut Girls placed first in the Bob Wills of Cook-off competition, Brisket. War Pigs placed Second. Tiny Wood came in third.

Open Dish Dessert



Showmanship



Ribs



Beat & Eat IT took first place with their Open Dish Dessert. We have no idea who was second place, they didn't show at he awards. Third place was Grandpas and Grunts.

Sarge's Mess Hall featuring Seargeant Tim Meadows, sponsored by Turner Chevrolet won Hospitality/Showmanship. They had air condition but everyone was outside partying anyway!

War Pigs (right) had ribs so good they were a threat to national security they took first and third place. Double DD's were also great and they settled for second place.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Channelview ISD celebrated employees during the annual Celebration of Excellence

Channelview Independent School District honored Teachers of the Year, Principals of the Year, Rising Stars, and retirees on May 17, 2019. The Celebration of Excellence was held at Landry's in Kemah, Texas. Sponsors for the Celebration of Excellence included: Channelview ISD Education Foundation, Charco Promotional Products, Inc., Gulf Coast Educators Federal Credit Union, Jostens, United Community Credit Union, and Woodforest National Bank.

Teachers of the Year were selected to represent their campuses during the ceremony. The following teachers were recognized: Dawnitra Williams, Anthony Aguirre Junior High School; Mr. Orlando Santamaria, Alice Johnson Junior High; Kristina Arambide, Barrett-Lee Early Childhood Center; Amy Kennemer, Brown Elementary; Randall Mau, Joe Frank Campbell Learning Center; John Cummings, Channelview High School; Oscar Garza, Cobb Elementary; Marcos Heredia, Crenshaw Elementary; Blanca Suarez, DeZavala Elementary; Valerson Castro, Hamblen Elementary; Gilberto Escareno Martinez, Kolarik Ninth Grade Center; Terica Hammond, McMullan Elementary; and Jazmin Moreno, Schochler Elementary.

The Channelview Independent School District is proud to announce the 2019 CISD Elementary Teacher of the Year Ms. Terica Hammond of McMullan Elementary School, and Secondary Teacher of the Year Mr. John Cummings of Chan-



Channelview Independent School District honored Teachers of the Year during the 2019 CISD Celebration of Excellence.

nelview High School.

Mr. Eric Lathan of Aguirre Junior High School was named Secondary Principal of the Year, and Mr. Ruben Rodriguez of DeZavala Elementary was named Elementary Principal of the Year.

Channelview ISD employees retiring in the 2018-2019 school year include Karen Allen, Brown Elementary; Karen Bartrip, McMullan Elementary; Deborah Blasingame, Hamblen Elementary; Shirley Brewer, Maintenance Services; Larry Brown, Maintenance Services; Terry Bunn, Channelview High School; Pam Carpenter, Crenshaw Elementary; Isabel Carrizales, Transportation Services; Audrey Carter Jones, Early Childhood Center; Cherylon Fontaine, Alice Johnson Junior High; Sandra Hartman, Administration; Karen Hebert, Channelview High School; Dorrie Jones, Transportation Services; Delia Medina, Early Childhood



Superintendent Mr. Greg Ollis announced Mr. Eric Lathan of Aguirre Junior High School as Secondary Principal of the Year, and Mr. Ruben Rodriguez of DeZavala Elementary as Elementary Principal of the Year at the 2019 CISD Celebration of Excellence.

Center; Miriam Mendez-Valentin, Crenshaw Elementary; Patsy Moss, McMullan Elementary; Kimberly Roberts, Crenshaw Elementary; Shelia Roberts, Alice Johnson

Junior High; Pam Stelly, Hamblen Elementary; Francisco Valdez, Maintenance Services; Maria Vargas, Brown Elementary; and Clarissa Winans of Nutrition Services.

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Battleship Texas commemorates 75th anniversary of D-Day June 8

Event features a special exhibit of D-Day-related artifacts from the ship's collections, a pop-up museum sponsored by the Houston Maritime Museum, live big band music and more

LA PORTE— Battleship Texas State Historic Site will commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day with a day of activities from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 8. Admission to the cere-

mony is free and open to the public and boarding will begin at 7:30 a.m. Regular ship admission will be charged beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The event will kick off with a ceremony at 8 a.m. on the bow of the ship to recognize Battleship Texas crewmembers and their families as well as members of other branches of the military. Remarks will be given by retired Navy

Rear Adm. Samuel J. Cox, director of the Naval History and Heritage Command in Washington, D.C.

Special ceremony participants include the Houston Wing: Commemorative Air Force, the Patriot Guard Riders, The Jazz Connection, AirSports Skydiving Team, U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, and

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OPINION

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

Legislature passes property tax, school finance reform

AUSTIN — While the Memorial Day holiday was observed across Texas, lawmakers stayed busy at the state Capitol, voting on key bills in the final three days of the 86th Texas Legislature's 140-day regular session.

Gov. Greg Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and House Speaker Dennis Bonnen did what they jointly set out to do at the beginning of the session in January. They exercised their leadership skills well enough for the Senate and House to pass property tax reform (Senate Bill 2) and school finance reform (House Bill 3), and to pass a state budget for fiscal years 2020-2021 (House Bill 1).

The Legislature is constitutionally mandated to pass a state budget every two years. HB 1, the state budget written by House Appropriations Committee Chair John Zerwas, R-Richmond, and sponsored by Senate Finance Committee Chair Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, contains \$250.6 billion in spending. The two-year budget is subject to certification by the state comptroller. The governor has until June 16 to sign or veto any bill or veto any line item within HB 1.

SB 2, titled the "Texas Property Tax Reform and Transparency Act of 2019," amends the property tax appraisal and rate-setting processes. Lt. Gov. Patrick called it the first property tax reform in 40 years. "It will provide an average of \$200 in property tax relief this year on a \$250,000 home," Patrick said.

SB 2's main author was Senate Property Tax Committee Chair Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston. House Ways and Means Committee Chair Dustin Burrows, R-Lubbock, sponsored the bill in the House. Bettencourt called SB 2 and HB 3 "astonishing tax relief." SB 2 limits most municipal tax rate increases to 3.5 percent on the \$100 valuation. The current limit is 8.0 percent without a rollback election. However, it will continue to be incumbent upon county appraisal districts and local oversight to control property values.

HB 3, authored by House Public Education Committee Chair Dan Huberty, R-Houston, and sponsored by Senate Education Committee Chair Larry Taylor, R-Friendswood, provides about \$2 billion for pay raises for teachers and other public school employees and reduces local school property tax rates by an estimated 13 cents per \$100 valuation by 2021. The reduction, according to the Senate News Service, will provide more than \$5 billion in property tax relief within two years. Taylor said HB 3 would put \$4.5 billion more into the classroom and direct more funds toward students with economic disadvantages, those still learning English and those with dyslexia. HB 3 also would create an optional July term for eligible students and full-day, pre-kindergarten programs for students from low-income backgrounds.

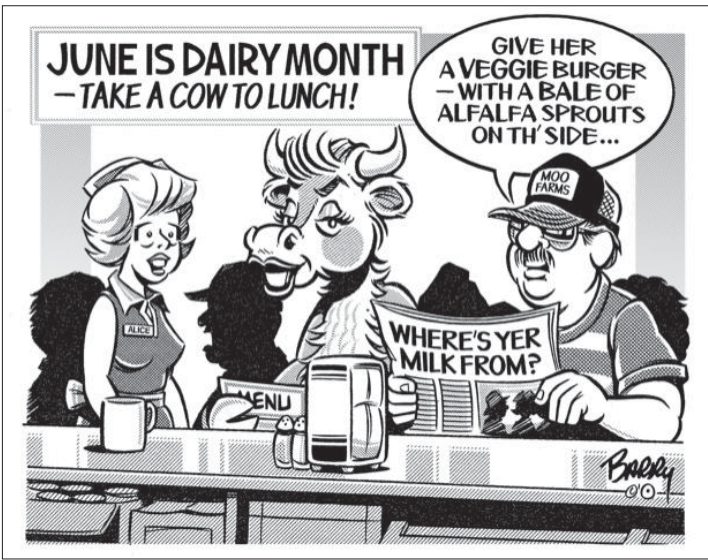
Senate elects pro tempore
Senate State Affairs Committee Chair Joan Huffman, R-Houston, on May 27 was sworn in as the body's president pro tempore for the remainder of the 86th Legislature, which continues until January of 2021.

As president pro tem, Huffman serves as the state's chief executive when both the governor and lieutenant governor are out of the state. She succeeds Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo.

Whitley resigns from office
Texas Secretary of State David Whitley, the state's chief elections officer, announced his resignation from office on May 27.

Gov. Abbott last December appointed Whitley, but the appointment was subject to confirmation by the Senate. The Senate adjourned sine die on May 27 without voting to confirm him.

In January Whitley issued an advisory on voter registration list maintenance to election officials across Texas. The advisory potentially would have invalidated the voting rights of Texans who were naturalized as citizens and lawfully registered to vote. The Texas League of United



Latin American Citizens and others sued Whitley to stop the voter purge. The parties settled in late April when the state agreed to revise its practices.

One bill out of five passes
How busy were our lawmakers from Jan. 8 to May 27?

The 150 members of the Texas House and 31 members of the Texas Senate combined filed 7,324 bills proposing, amending or repealing laws in the 140-day legislative session that ended last week. Of the total number of bills, 1,429 passed, resulting in a passage rate of 19.5 percent.

The 2019 Legislature's output of bills seems high, and it was. The last time more bills were filed in a regular legislative session happened was 10 years ago, during the 81st Texas Legislature in 2009. Then, the House and Senate filed a combined total of 7,419 bills and passed 1,459 or 19.7 percent.

To learn how a bill becomes a law, visit: <https://tlc.texas.gov/docs/legref/legislativeprocess.pdf>

State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$3 Billion in May

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today said state sales tax revenue totaled \$3.01 billion in May, 9 percent more than in May 2018.

"State sales tax revenue growth was propelled by both business and consumer spending," Hegar said. "The strongest growth was in remittances from the manufacturing, wholesale trade and services sectors, with strength apparent in the retail trade sector as well."

Hegar also said state franchise tax revenue for May was \$3.47 billion. Revenue was up 7.4 percent from May 2018, slightly above projections presented in the Biennial Revenue Estimate in January.

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in May 2019 was up 6.9 percent compared to the same period a year ago.

Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 57 percent of all tax collections.

In May 2019, Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes:

- motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$429.5 million, up 1.3 percent from May 2018;
- motor fuel taxes — \$316 million, up 2 percent from May 2018;
- natural gas production taxes — \$129 million, up 28.4 percent from May 2018; and
- oil production taxes — \$367.3 million, up 16.2 percent from May 2018.

For details on all monthly collections, visit the Comptroller's Monthly State Revenue Watch. For an extensive history of tax policy developments and fees since 1972.

County Attorney Vince Ryan advises: "Protect legal documents in a disaster"

"A flood can happen before you know it," warns Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan, who is advising residents to be prepared to protect their legal documents.

Every year we recognize June 1 as the beginning of the hurricane season. However, even as many still recover from the effects of Hurricane Harvey, the unfortunate incident of flooding has devastated many homes this year well before this recognized date. It doesn't take a hurricane to flood a home; Kingwood was devastated last month when 10 inches of rain fell in six hours.

"While you can file insurance claims for your possessions, there are some things that insurance cannot help with especially your legal documents," said County Attorney Ryan. "When it comes to your important paperwork, you need to ask yourself a number of questions about the safety and security of necessary documents."

- If your home floods, will your important documents be safe?
- If you have to evacuate, could you quickly put your hands on medical records?
- If you file insurance claims, would you be able to provide a copy of your policy and records of your possessions?

Be prepared this hurricane season by ensuring that all your legal documents are safe and you can avoid destruction or damage to them. A little preparation now can make a big difference later.

First, originals of your most important documents should be kept in a water-proof safe at your home or in a safe deposit box at your bank. Keep copies electronically on your computer hard drive, on portable devices such as jump drives or in the cloud. You could also email them to yourself or to a friend out of the storm zone. In many cases, courts will consider electronic copies valid if originals are lost. You should keep at least one copy of your documents in a portable file system or lock box you can quickly grab if you have to evacuate in a hurry.

What legal documents do you need to protect and have copies of in case in an emergency? In an emergency, you will need personal documents such as birth and marriage certificates, social security cards, passports or naturalization certificates. You also need to safeguard your will, living will, power of attorney and any instructions you have left in case of death. Also, protect property records, including deeds, titles to property and mortgage and closing statements.

You want to keep safe any appraisals of valuables along with photos and videos of your property for insurance purposes. And, of course, your insurance policies—especially home, auto and health.

Financial records are critical: bank statements, savings or investment account information, stocks and bonds and tax records. And don't forget medical information, including prescription information and phone numbers for your doctors.

In addition to these documents, if you have to leave your home for a natural disaster, please take with you a copy of phone numbers of relatives and friends. You may not be able to rely on your cell phone if towers are damaged or your battery runs down.

"This may sound like a lot of work, but when the next disaster destroys or severely damages your home, you'll be glad you have these documents available so you can start to put your life back together," advised County Attorney Ryan.

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LIFESTYLE

Historic Crosby (Phase 4)

This week's historical photo of Crosby is looking north along Main Street (FM 2100) just south of the railroad. The photo was taken circa 1909, and three young men are working for the county placing an oyster shell topping along what was then a dirt road. The man in the middle is Abb Ethington, and the one of the right is Joseph Clawson. Oyster shells were hauled from Lynchburg and were used to give an all-weather topping to the roads in the area. Mule teams hauled the shell, and local young men were hired to spread them using a hoe.

This photo came from Cathy Harbour of Liberty, who is a descendant of the Clawson family. Joseph Clawson was the son of John Clawson, who was the patriarch of a prominent early family in Crosby. Mr. Clawson owned a cotton gin, was a part owner in the Sirocka Saloon and was one of the founding members of the Crosby State Bank. He owned a large section of land at the corner of Bohemian Hall Road and FM 1942, where he built an early school house (the Clawson School). His son-in-law Anton Danek, owned the Crystal



Theatre and the Crosby Hotel & Restaurant. Another son-in-law, Dan Rombs owned an early barber shop.

The two buildings visible in the background of the photo are the Crosby train depot, and the R. E. Dunks General Store. This was the first general store in Crosby. It was originally built in 1865 by Charles Karcher. It was the first commercial building in the community that was then known as Gentry, Texas. Charles and his brothers came from Prussia in 1838 with their father Jacob when Charles was two. However, the three young boys were orphaned when their father died on the way over. He and his brothers were then raised by the Penn and Singleton families who lived near Huffman. Jacob Karch-

er's items were sold at auction and George and Jesse White who owned the land near the present-day Sterling-White Cemetery bought Jacob's liquor still.

This is the fourth photo 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. The Historical Society hosted a presenta-

Leave Your Mark

“And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good...” (Acts 10:38a NLT) The verse continues, of course, but let's stop here today. Jesus, having been anointed by God, went around “doing good.” Everything He did – casting out demons, healing the sick, etc. – can really be covered in these two words. The whole time He was on this earth, Jesus was doing good. As Christ followers, we are to do as He did, so what is our job? We are to go around doing good.

As long as we focus on doing what Jesus did, as long as we set our hearts on always doing good to others, serving them as they need to be served, we are naturally going to fulfill the Great Commission (Mark 16:15 – “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”). Our very lives, if they are spent in doing good to others, will be sermons; they will cause us to be lights in the darkness. And people will be drawn to that light.

What does doing good look like? It looks like us regularly choosing to be miracles in other people's

THOUGHTS FROM
MARANATHA CHURCH
By Dr. Mark Trice



lives. Individually, it can mean mowing a neighbor's lawn, caring for a child while Mom is sick, or tutoring a friend's son in math. As a church, it can look like our church's Operation BAM, which has encompassed such things as taking hundreds of gifts and vehicles full of willing workers to assist at a battered women's shelter; carrying boots, blankets, and socks to the homeless in Houston; and sending our disaster response truck out with supplies in the wake of natural disasters.

Speaking for our congregation, do you know who was helped the most in each of those instances? We were! While we were focusing on being the light in other people's darkness, the light began to shine more brightly for us: Few things can compare with being the hands and feet of Jesus.

Every year, we've done more, reached out more,

and every year the experience has inspired us to reach further. In fact, we recently began to shift our focus even more outwardly, to expand our vision to help our congregation actively develop a habit - a culture - of service and community involvement that would even more directly impact the world we live in. Our goal is to keep our eyes and arms open, to be a light in the darkness.

Which is exactly what Jesus did. He came as a light into darkness, and the darkness fled before His face. He didn't just walk around enjoying the notoriety of being known as “Rabbi;” He reached out to the unreachable, touched the untouchable, and left His mark everywhere He went. No one was foul enough that He wasn't willing to meet them in their need if only they would open up to receive what He had to offer.

Be like Jesus: Be the light and leave your mark!

tion of the book in progress on June 1st. Thanks to all of the people who came out. Stay tuned for upcoming presentations of local history

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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Following the ceremony, docents from the First Texas Volunteer will tell stories of Texas's service during D-Day, while re-enactors from Lone Star Living History Association and Sixth Cavalry Historical Association portray Texas crewmembers, U.S. Army Rangers and POWs throughout the ship.

A special exhibit of D-Day-related artifacts from the ship's collections will be on display, including a microphone reportedly used by Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Off the ship, an "encampment" will feature

vintage military vehicles, a pop-up museum sponsored by the Houston Maritime Museum, and entertainment from 1940s-style singer Maria Thorne and the Big Band sounds of The Jazz Connection. All activities off the ship are free and open to the public.

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You Have a Voice

Each one of us has a voice, but do you use it in the most effective way? When community meetings are held to discuss important issues, do you attend the meetings? Earlier this week, Commissioner Adrian Garcia's Advisory Team held a meeting on housing issues and tonight, they will hold one on health concerns in our community. Were you there to share your concerns and suggestions about housing? Will you be there tonight about health concerns?

On Monday there was a large group, probably 60 area residents who came to share why they loved their community as well as what the needs are for housing. While there were many who expressed that they loved "home" because it has a small town feel with amazing schools, there were others who asked questions about the crime, the homeless people living under the freeway and about the industrial pollution that affects us all.

In any community, you will have opposing viewpoints and as the group discussed many topics, they were noted. The meeting facilitators asked additional questions and assured the group that all of the information will be shared with Commissioner Garcia. Some people walked out the door hoping for changes while others grumbled that just because they shared their opinions, there were no guarantees that anything would be done.

Tonight, there will be another community meeting discussing health. After Hurricane Harvey, with the exception of a small hospital located east of Normandy and south of Interstate 10, our community has been lacking the much needed replacement for HCA's East Houston

Regional Hospital. There have been several people who died before they could get to a hospital as well as many who have learned the hard way about the difference between using an urgent care facility, a stand-alone emergency center and an emergency room at a large hospital.

For many of us who grew up in the community, our first volunteer experiences were as a Candy Striper (later changed to Junior Volunteer) at the community hospital. An even larger group of adults served with the Volunteer Auxiliary. They operated the gift shop and provided scholarships to local high school graduates. Many of the students from local community colleges were able to have hands on experience in their field of study here well.

When studies have been done on types of cancers and cancer clusters in Harris County, too often there are large reports of cancer found in our area. The environment affects the health of residents.

There are those who are concerned that while the refineries contribute financially in many ways to our community, those who work here do not live here. Last year during the campaign to fill former Congressman Gene Green's seat, one candidate proposed that those companies should set up a fund specifically to educate and train area residents as well as offer them some sort of incentive to gain employment here.

I am appreciative that Commissioner Garcia is asking for input. What will become of what is shared at these meetings? Only time will tell. In the meantime, you have a voice and should make the time to share it. Hope to see you tonight at the Baldree Center on Corpus Christi at Freeport.

ASK DIAMOND JIM

Diamond Jim: "What is the birthstone for the month of June?"



JUNE BIRTHSTONES

June counts three gems as birthstones: pearl, Alexandrite, and moonstone.

Pearl

Pearls are unique as they are the only gems from living sea creatures and require no faceting or polishing to reveal their natural beauty. In the early 1900s, the first successful commercial culturing of round saltwater pearls began. Since the 1920s, cultured pearls have almost completely replaced natural pearls in the market.

The qualities that determine the overall value of a natural or cultured pearl or a piece of pearl jewelry are size, shape, color, luster, surface quality, nacre quality, and—for jewelry with two or more pearls—matching.

When other value factors are equal, larger pearls are rarer and more valuable than smaller pearls of the same type. Round is the most difficult shape to culture, making it the rarest cultured pearl shape and—if all other factors are equal—also generally the most valuable. There are exceptions, though. Well-formed pear, oval, or baroque (irregularly shaped) cultured pearls are also prized by pearl lovers.

Natural and cultured pearls occur in a broad range of hues. There are warm hues like yellow, orange, and pink, and cool hues like blue, green, and violet. Pearls have a wide range of tone from light to dark. Pearl colors tend to be muted, with a soft, subtle quality.

Alexandrite

A relatively modern gem, Alexandrite, was first discovered in Russia in 1831 during the reign of its namesake, Czar Alexander II, and is an extremely rare chrysoberyl with chameleon-like qualities. Its color is a lovely green in both daylight and fluorescent light; it changes color to a purplish red in incandes-

cent light.

Due to its rarity, some jewelers stock synthetic versions of this enchanting gemstone. (Synthetic gemstones are man-made alternatives to the natural material, possessing the same physical, optical, and chemical properties as the natural gemstone.) Alexandrite is also the gem for the 55th wedding anniversary.

Moonstone

The third birthstone for June is the moonstone. It was given its name by the Roman natural historian Pliny, who wrote that moonstone's appearance altered with the phases of the moon—a belief that held until well after the sixteenth century. A phenomenal gemstone, moonstones show a floating play of light (called adularescence) and sometimes show either a multi-rayed star or a cat's eye.

Considered a sacred stone in India, moonstones often are displayed on a background of yellow (a sacred color) and are believed to encapsulate within the stone a spirit whose purpose is to bring good fortune. Part of the family of minerals called feldspar, moonstone occurs in many igneous and metamorphic rocks and comes in a variety of colors such as green, blue, peach, and champagne. The most prized moonstones are from Sri Lanka; India, Australia, the United States, Myanmar, and Madagascar are also sources.

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Notice of Draft Federal Operating Permit

Draft Permit No.: 03238

Application and Draft Permit.

Rescar Companies, 407 W Brentwood St, Channelview, TX 77530-3952, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Federal Operating Permit (herein referred to as Permit) No. 03238, Application No. 28592, to authorize operation of the Rescar Channelview Facility, a rail car coating facility. The area addressed by the application is located at 407 W Brentwood St in Channelview, Harris County, Texas 77530-3952. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to the application. You can find an electronic map of the facility at: <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.77722&lng=-95.14861&zoom=13&type=r>. This application was received by the TCEQ on January 29, 2019.

The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10). The draft permit, if approved, will codify the conditions under which the area must operate. The permit will not authorize new construction. The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building E, First Floor, Austin, Texas 78753; the TCEQ Houston Regional Office, 5425 Polk St Ste H, Houston, Texas 77023-1452; and the Harris County Library - North Channel Branch, 15741 Wallisville Rd, Houston, Texas 77049-4607, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The draft permit and statement of basis are available at the TCEQ Website:

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At the TCEQ central and regional offices, relevant supporting materials for the draft permit, as well as the New Source Review permits which have been incorporated by reference, may be reviewed and copied. Any person with difficulties obtaining these materials due to travel constraints may contact the TCEQ central office file room at (512) 239-2900.

Public Comment/Notice and Comment Hearing. Any person may submit written comments on the draft permit. Comments relating to the accuracy, completeness, and appropriateness of the permit conditions may result in changes to the draft permit.

A person who may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the permitted area may request a notice and comment hearing. The purpose of the notice and comment hearing is to provide an additional opportunity to submit comments on the draft permit. The permit may be changed based on comments pertaining to whether the permit provides for compliance with 30 TAC Chapter 122 (examples may include that the permit does not contain all applicable requirements or the public notice procedures were not satisfied). The TCEQ may grant a notice and comment hearing on the application if a written hearing request is received within 30 days after publication of the newspaper notice. The hearing request must include the basis for the request, including a description of how the person may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the application area. The request should also specify the conditions of the draft permit that are inappropriate or specify how the preliminary decision to issue or deny the permit is inappropriate. All reasonably ascertainable issues must be raised and all reasonably available arguments must be submitted by the end of the public comment period. If a notice and comment hearing is granted, all individuals that submitted written comments or a hearing request will receive written notice of the hearing. This notice will identify the date, time, and location for the hearing.

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A notice of proposed final action that includes a response to comments and identification of any changes to the draft permit will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments, a hearing request, or requested to be on the mailing list for this application. This mailing will also provide instructions for public petitions to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to request that the EPA object to the issuance of the proposed permit. After receiving a petition, the EPA may only object to the issuance of a permit which is not in compliance with the applicable requirements or the requirements of 30 TAC Chapter 122.


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New Elementary School,

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ARCHITECTS RENDERING:
VLK architect's rendering of the future Jacinto City Elementary School.

The elementary school home of the Tigers was built 75 years ago in 1944. It was a small single story building consisting of an office, small kitchen, cafeteria and several classrooms for the 200 students. As student enrollment increased the building was enlarged and renovated several times to its current size with 925 students attending.

The district has 15 elementary schools and the trustees plan to replace and build 6 new elementary schools, renovate 24 other campuses and facilities, upgrade safety and security and fully conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act district-wide with the bond funds.

The GPISD slogan, **BUILDING A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR OUR FUTURE LEARNERS** was displayed on a banner which is used throughout all building projects. Souvenir jars of the actual dirt from the location where the construction workers first broke ground were given to the attendees.

Attending the event were Board of Trustees Wilfred Broussard Jr, Ramon Garza, Superintendent Dr. Angi Williams, Assistant Superintendent Terri Moore, Galena Park ISD Associate Superintendent for Operations Dr.

John Moore, Director New Facilities and Planning Sonny Fletcher, Senior Director for Community Relations Sherrhonda Johnson, Coordinator of Web Services Chris Gause, Principal Becky Gardea, Assistant Principal Cecilia Meza, Administrative Aide Dina Gonzales, Hector Morales of Commissioner Adrian Garcia's office, Constable Chris Diaz, President North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce Margie Buentello, State Senator Carol Alvarado and State Representative Ana Hernandez were in Legislative Session and were represented by Sara-Oyervidez and Linda Jamail respectively.

New Sheldon Fire Station,

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In his remarks, Chief Webb recalled the history of the department, thus:

"64 years ago in 1955, Beaumont Road Volunteer Fire Department was formed by residents seeing the need for fire protection. These founding fathers made due with Homemade Fire Trucks and the like. Our Tanker/Pumper that you can see parked here was dedicated in 2014 to honor Beaumont Road Fire Department charter members and is dedicated in the memory of J.W. Perryman who served as Fire Chief in 1955.

In 1965, a military veteran, Paul V. Reed, moved into the Sheldon Woods Community and saw the need for a fire department and ambulance service to serve this large East Houston suburb. In 1972, I joined the Department as a junior firefighter, I was 13 years old. In one capacity or another, I have served 47 years in this one department. Sometimes as Ambulance Chief, sometimes as both Fire and Ambulance Chief. The ultimate goal is to provide fire protection and helping the sick and injured.

We know how important our first responders are. We're proud to have this facility in our district, in a place that provides services not only to the Sheldon



THE OFFICIAL "UNCOUPLING" to dedicate the new building and training center in the background, with Fire Chief Webb, Judge Stephens, and other members of the department and ESD#60.



FIRE CHIEF SYDNEY WEBB

area but to the community at large being our neighbors like Channelview, Cloverleaf, Crosby, Highlands, Huffman, Atascocita and Eastex Fire.

And I don't want to leave out South Lake Houston EMS Department who also serve the ever-growing Sheldon area."

The ceremonies concluded with a ribbon cutting by the North Channel

Safety Meeting,

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steal them from citizens who are careless with their guns," Rivera said. "Cemeteries is a place citizens usually get careless, they leave purses, cell phones and guns unlocked in their vehicles while walking away to visit graves."

Houston Police Sergeant T. Schmidt reported crime statistics along the East Corridor from downtown Houston eastward to Beltway 8 along the East Freeway (IH-10) including Pleasantville and Clinton Park. Reports of breaking into vehicles was high with 64 cases, 77 cases of thefts, 27 cases of robbery, 28 auto thefts and 23 cases of aggravated assault.

Deputy Constable of Pct. 2 Lt. C.W. Brown from Constable Chris Diaz' office said the constable's office is available to anyone needing their help.

Deputy Charlotte Jackson RUOK Coordinator from Pct 3 Constable Sherman Eagleton said their free senior program, RUOK (are you okay) is



Deputy Charlotte Jackson RUOK Coordinator

available to seniors who live alone or don't have someone to check in on them can sign up for the program. To participate, seniors will fill out a form designating what days they would like to be called. Should the senior not answer the call a deputy will be sent to their home checking on the welfare of the senior. For more information you can call (713) 274-2500.

Congresswoman Garica will carry on the Commu-

nity Cleanup Day program started by retired Congressman Gene Green. This year's event will be on Saturday, June 22nd at 9 AM at the HPD East Freeway Store Front, 12001-A East Freeway (next to Burlington's). For more information call District Director Yuroba Harris at 832-325-3150.

Melissa Allala, Census Partnership Specialist with the U. S. Department of Commerce-Bureau of Census said, "Citizens shouldn't be concerned about their information they provide. The information gathered is only for producing statistical data and will not be shared with anyone or any other agency."



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