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CHANNEL CURRENTS

2nd Annual **Community Day** Out Parade and Fellowship July 20

Parade starts at 4 p.m., followed by fun and fellowship until 7 p.m.

The event will be held in the parking lot of the Galena Park ISD Administration Building.

There will be a Meet and Greet featuring helpful resources, community leaders, Houston Authors, Non-profit Organizations, Worship Center information and pop up shops.

There will be fun in the sun, with a game truck, moonwalks, train rides, inflatable race, carousel, popcorn and cotton candy.

For details please call Nikisha at 832.883.6982

Jacinto City **Branch Library**

Theme: A UNIVERSE OF STORIES

Summer Reading Program Continues July 22 to July 25: MONDAY Movie at 1pm

One-on-One Technical ssistance at 1pm TUESDAY Toddler Storytime at

11am Crafter-noon at 2pm -Bottle Rockets Part 1

WEDNESDAY Summer Playdate at

ESL Classes at 1:30pm Mad Science at the JC

Gym at 2:30 THURSDAY All Ages Storytime at

Teen Gaming at 4pm Date Night Movie at 6pm EVERYONE WELCOME

North Channel Luncheon

North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its August Luncheon Friday, August 2 at 11:30 am at the Jacinto City Towncenter, 1025 Oats Road at the corner of Challenger 7

The program will be Har-ris County Pct. 2 Commis-

sioner Adrian Garcia. Reservations, contact Blanca Beltran at 713-450blanca@ncachamber.com.

\$25 for non-members. CIP Meeting for Galena Park/ **Jacinto City**

August 1 The Galena Park/Jacinto City Community-Industry Partnership (CIP) will hold its monthly meeting on Thurs-

day, August 1. A light dinner is at 5:45. followed by a business meeting at 6:15. The meeting will be held at the Alvin Baggett Center in Galena Park, 1302 Keene Street.

The topic is "FUMES FROM PLANTS." Steve Smith, chair of the Technical Advisory Committee of Houston Regional Monitoring will be the speaker.

Reservations: Anja Borski, CIP Secretary, 979-676-

gp.jc.cip.sec@gmail.com

WOODLAND ACRES: City to replace Miles Street

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX. July 9, 2019 GPISD'S Woodland Acres Middle School (WAMS) was the location for a public hearing by the City of Houston to explain, receive input and answer questions from the citizens concerning the upcoming Miles Street Replacement

The meeting began at 6:30 PM with a welcoming statement from WAMS' new principal Manual G. Escalante. Escalante said he was just recently hired two weeks ago. He said, "yesterday just one day before tonight's meeting I was making my first visit to WAMS by using Miles Street to get here, the street was so bumpy upon my arrival at the school I immediately made a note that something must be done to fix Miles Street. Within moments I got a

pleasant surprise when I was informed about tonight's hearing to begin a replacement project for the street."

Ms. Jordan McGinty, South Sector Manager for Houston's District E Councilman Dave Martin said, "Councilman Martin has been pushing to get the Miles Street project start-ed before Hurricane Harvey, he's glad to see it's going to begin soon.

The ground breaking is scheduled for July 22nd with 6 month completion expected for January 2020. The less than a mile long project will begin on Indus-trial Road and finish on Market Street Road. The project was awarded to Infrastructure Services, Inc. (ISI) for a cost of \$2.4 million. Work days will be Monday through Saturday from 7 AM to 7 PM no idays. Some driveways



City of Houston's Kenya Williams of Capital Projects Public Engagement Division of the Public Works Department describing the Miles Street Replacement Project and gives a PowerPoint presentation.

Photo by Allan Jamail

only after a 5 day advance notification, water and trash service will not be inter-

City of Houston's Kenya Williams-(MPA) of Capital Projects Public Engagement Division of the Public Works Department described the Miles Street Re placement Project and gave a PowerPoint

presentation.
Williams said, "The new pavement project will benefit both citizens and businesses in the area, it will completely replace the existing asphalt pavement with concrete to improve safety and mobility in the area. The roadside ditches will be regraded to improve drainage to prevent flooding.

Should an emergency arrive citizens should contact Scott Martin, Contractor Project Manager at 832-803-4791 who'll be available 7 X 24 - hours a day.

Houston's Public Works contacts is, Claudius Anyalebebechi, Senior Inspector, 713-412-9142. Arthur Becker, Inspector, 713-562-3943. Jim Bielstein, Project Manager, 832-492-1449. Emails can be sent : Buildforward@houstontx.gov using the Miles Street Project identification number

N-321039-001C-4. www.buildhoustonforward.org.

Charles Grant receives San Jacinto College Foundation Distinguished Alumni Award

by Charlotte Jackson

At the Sail Into Summer event held by San Jacinto College at the Maritime Campus last Saturday, Dr. Charles Grant received the Distinguished Alumni Award.

As the San Jacinto College Foundation staff sat down to select a recipient of the 1st Distinguished Alumni Award, there was truly little room for discussion. It was fitting that the award should be given to the individual who was the very first alumni to ever join the San Jacinto College Alumni

Association. The College honored Dr. Grant by naming the Fine Arts Center on North Campus after him. To this day, he is still very active with the College as he has served on the Foundation's gala host committee, alumni event committee, and the Alumni Advisory Board. Dr. Grant has been relentlessly serving our community for over 40 years.

Charles Grant is no stranger to our community. He is a member of the first graduating class of North Shore Senior High School. He went on to graduate



Charles Grant receives the Peters Distinguished Alumni Award from Melissa Peters, Coordinator, Alumni and Annual Giving, San Jacinto College Foundation.

from San Jacinto College where he later returned to work for over 25 years, serving the last 10 years as the first "homegrown" President. During his tenure, he also served as the first Rotaract Advisor. It is worth noting that the Rotaract Club of San Jacinto College North had the distinction of being the first consecutively active Rotaract Club in North America to reach 35 years. Being the first to offer a helping hand is something that many will say about him.

Commissioner Garcia hosts Job Fair July 24

COMMISSIONER GARCIA AND THE HOUSTON CONTRAC-TOR ASSOCIATION HOST CIVIL CON-

The Houston Contractors Association (HCA) and $the \ of fice \ of \ Commissioner$ Adrian Garcia, Harris County Commissioner Pre-cinct 2, are proud to co-host an information session and a job fair to engage and educate anyone interested learning about job opportunities in the civil construction sector. All applicants must be 18 years of age or older, have reliable personal transportation, able to work outdoors, able to pass a drug test, and must be willing to work a 50-60 hour work week.

WHO: Commissioner Adrian Garcia, Harris County

Commissioner Precinct 2 Houston Contractors

WHEN: Information Session July 17, 2019 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

July 24, 2019 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

WHERE: session and the job fair will

Grayson Community Center

13828 Corpus Christi Street, Houston, TX 77015. WHY:

Commissioner Adrian Garcia and the Houston Contractors Association are committed to engaging, educating, and empower-ing the community by offering access to as many opportunities for meaningful employment and eco-nomic development as possible As eastern Harris County continues to grow in both industry and population, the infrastructure necessary to support such growth will require a qualified civil construction workforce. To that end, Commissioner Adrian Garcia and the HCA have partnered to connect the community to the civil con-struction sector, thereby helping to build a better Precinct 2 for years to

Port Houston Hosts National Maritime Workforce Conference

Port Houston hosted the Shared Quarters National Maritime Workforce Conference at the San Jacinto Maritime Technology & Training Center in 2018.

The conference attracted industry professionals and educators from across the country to focus on the expansion of the maritime industry and efforts to incorporate community colleges for maritime workforce training.

Then-Port Chairman Janiece Longoria noted that the conference was a "critically important gathering aimed at addressing the need for a strong maritime workforce for the future." More than 1,000 students in the region are in the pipeline for potential maritime industry careers.

"The Houston Ship Channel remains the backbone of the economic activity and the lifeblood of our region, our state and our nation," Longoria said. "We continue to grow because tremendous investment is being made in our ship channel region to produce goods that are exported through our port."

The event was comprised of panels that focused on military to

maritime workforce crosswalks: and accreditation and curriculum for military and maritime professionals who transitioning to college courses after military ser-

vice. Brenda Hellyer, Ed.D., Chancellor for San Jacin-to College, noted that the port played a key role establishing the institution's maritime facility near the port's Bayport Container Terminal. The facility has a ship navigation and

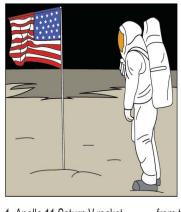
training simulator that was donated by the Houston Pilots Association.

Workforce development is the focus of the Port of Houston Partners in Maritime Education, a nonprofit organization founded in 2009 by the port. The program encourages area students to pursue career opportunities in the maritime transportation or affiliated fields, including logistics, freight, security and environmental affairs.



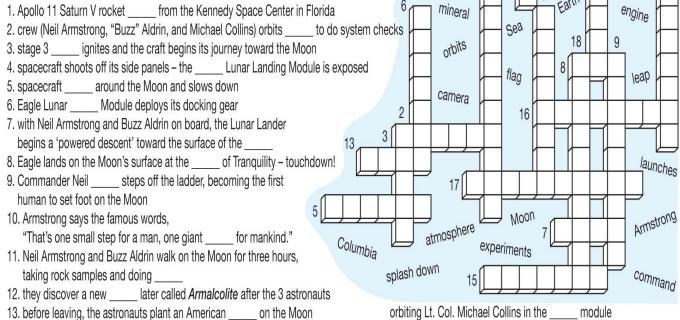
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Walking on the Moon

What do *you* know about the famous Apollo Moon landing? It was the first time a human stepped onto the surface of the Moon! As the event unfolded in 1969, the world watched breathlessly on their T.V. sets. **Read the clues below about the Moon landing to fill in the crossword puzzle**. When you are done, you will know about this historic achievement.



14. the astronauts set up a television _____ and share the event with 550 million people back on Earth

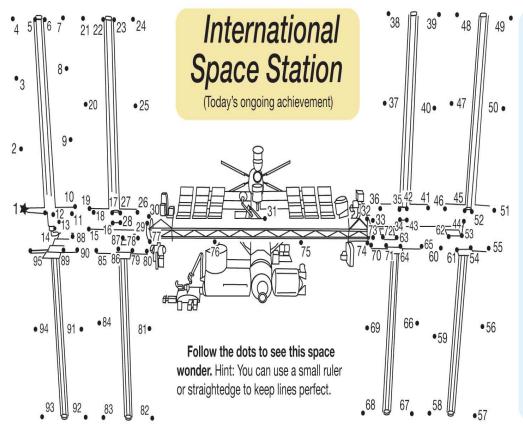
15. back on board the Eagle, the astronauts lift off and return to the

orbiting Lt. Col. Michael Collins in the _____ module

16. the _____ Command Module begins its return trip to Earth

17. the spacecraft detaches its final thrusters and enters Earth's ____

18. parachutes are deployed; the astronauts _____ in the Pacific Ocean

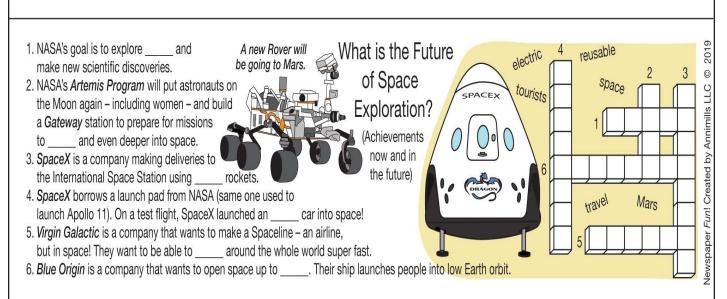


Have you heard about the *International Space Station* (ISS)? It is an amazing science laboratory orbiting 254 miles above the Earth. It was built with the cooperation of Japanese, Russian, Canadian, European and U.S. space agencies. Pieces of the ISS were rocketed into space over 40 different missions, and put together while in orbit.

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The ISS is about as long as a football field and is usually home to six astronauts at a time. The astronauts live in the ISS for about six months!

While aboard the ISS, astronauts study everything from deep space mysteries to the human body. It is a special laboratory, because experiments can be done in microgravity (very weak gravity).



COMMUNITY NEWS

CRIME WATCH



SHERIFF ED GONZALEZ confers with deputies about the circumstances of the murders. The Drug House and scene of the killings is seen at the right background

Two dead in "shootout" at Pecan Street home in Channelview

CHANNELVIEW - Sheriff's deputies are investigating an apparent shootout of an alledged drug house, on Pecan Street near Market in Channelview.

The shooting took place about 3 a.m. Wednesday, after several men forced their way into the home. When deputies responded, they found one person dead in the house, and saw several persons running from the scene

Soon afterward, an accident was reported about two miles away from the crime scene, on Market Street near Dell Dale. Investigators determined that the shooters involved in the Pecan Street crime fled in a white Ford pickup, and dumped another body on the street and sped

The body in the road was that of an Hispanic male in his 20s. He had at least one gunshot wound. It was not clear whether he was one of the assailants or somehow otherwise involved.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime

Off-duty Officer fires at theft suspects on Federal Road

Houston police are investigating an incident in which an off-duty Bridge City Police Department Assistant Chief discharged his duty weapon at theft suspects at 1050 Federal Road about 7 p.m. on Wednesday (July

The Bridge City Assistant Chief was transported to Memorial Hermann Hospital with minor injuries. HPD Special Investigations Unit Detectives N. Arell-

ano, J. Villareal, M. Rodriguez and R. Delarosa report-

A Bridge City Police Department Assistant Chief, offduty and in full uniform, was shopping at a hardware store at the above address and was alerted to shoplifting suspects. The off-duty Assistant Chief was provided a description of the suspects and their vehicle, and went out to the parking lot to confront them.

Upon making contact with the suspects in the parking lot, the Assistant Chief gave verbal commands to the female suspect (driver) and male (back seat passenger) to stop. The female suspect ignored the commands and intentionally drove toward the Assistant Chief, causing him to jump on the hood of the vehicle to avoid being struck. The female suspect drove through the parking lot and, as she made a sudden turn to drive onto the street, the Assistant Chief was thrown from the hood. As he fell, the Assistant Chief discharged his duty weapon at least one time at the vehicle, but it is unknown at this time if either suspect was struck. The suspects fled the scene in the vehicle. Paramedics transported the Assistant Chief to the hospital.

As is customary in officer-involved shooting incidents in the city limits, this case is being investigated by the HPD Special Investigations Unit.

Elderly person swindled in WalMart parking lot scam

Crime Stoppers and the Houston Police Department's Major Offenders Division need the public's assistance identifying the suspects responsible for a Felony Theft

On Thursday, December 6, 2018, at approximately 2:00 p.m., two suspects stole a large sum of cash from

an elderly victim in a parking lot located in the 13700 block of the East Freeway in Houston, Texas. During this incident, both suspects approached the elderly victim inside of a Supercenter. The suspects showed the victim a makeup bag (which appeared to have a stack of cash inside). The victim told the suspects that the makeup bag did not belong to her. The suspects explained that in order for the victim to keep the money, the victim would have to withdraw cash from the bank (so the money will not have the same serial numbers). The victim withdrew the money and met the suspects in the parking lot of a fast food restaurant. The victim gave the money to the suspects, who told the victim to wait in the car while they counted the



money. The suspects walked away from the victim and never came back.

Suspect #1: Black male, 60 - 70 years old, 5'5" - 5'6", 170 lbs.. with a medium complexion.

Suspect #2: Black female, 50 – 60 years old, 5'6" - 5'7", 250 - $300\ lbs.,$ dark complexion and short blonde hair. Crime Stoppers may pay up to \$5,000 for information leading to the charging and/or arrest of the suspect(s) in this case. Information may be reported by calling 713-222-TIPS (8477), submitted online at www.crimestoppers.org or through the Crime Stoppers mobile app All tipsters remain anonymous.

San Jacinto College conference to announce \$12 million "Texas is IT" grant

San Jacinto College hosted two news conferences this week, to announce the "Texas is IT!" \$12 million federal

On July 15, 2019 the first conference was held, a Kick-off press conference announcing the \$12 million "Texas is IT!" federal grant

Present were San Ja-cinto College leadership, Texas Workforce Commision leadership, Austin College leadership, industry partners. These included:

Dr. Allatia Harris. San Jacinto College Vice Chancellor, Strategic Initiatives

Moments

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

in time

* On Aug. 3, 1492,

from the Spanish port of

Palos, Italian explorer

Christopher Columbus

sets sail with three ships

the Santa Maria, the

Pinta and the Nina — to

find a western sea route

Asia, On Oct. 12, the ex-

pedition found the Baha-

Cuba, which he thought

On Aug. 4, 1854,

Henry David Thoreau's

classic "Walden" is pub-

lished. Thoreau was a

moved to Walden Pond

and built the 10-by-15- $\,$

* On July 29, 1862,

Confederate spy Marie Isabella "Belle" Boyd is

itol Prison in Washing-

of three arrests for the

skilled spy, who later

periences into a book

and an acting career.a

 * On July 30, 1956,

President Dwight Eisen

cially declaring "In God

We Trust" to be the na-

tion's official motto and

phrase be printed on all

* On July 31, 1964,

Ranger 7, an unmanned

U.S. lunar probe, takes

the first close-up images

of the moon before it im-

pacts with the lunar sur-

face. The images were

through earth-bound

1,000 times clearer than

On Aug. 1, 1972, in

the "Match of the Centu-

ry," American chess grandmaster Bobby Fis-

cher defeats Russian

Boris Spassky during

the World Chess Cham-

pionship in Reykjavik,

Iceland, Fischer became

the first American to

win the competition

since its inception in

* On Aug. 2, 1990,

Iraqi forces invade Ku-

wait, Iraq's tiny, oil-rich

neighbor, and gain con-

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On Aug. 9, Operation

Desert Shield began as

U.S. forces raced to the

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U.S. paper currency.

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graduate when he

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was mainland China.

to China, India and

Dr. Sarah Janes, San



ate Vice Chancellor, Continuing & Professional Development

Julian Alvarez III, Texas Workforce Commissioner Representing

The second news conference was held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at the San Jacinto College Administration Building Board Room, 4624 Fairmont Parkway, 77504

San Jacinto College

hosted these kick-off press conferencex to announce the \$12 million federal grant received in partnership with Alamo Colleges, Austin College, and the Dallas Community College Dis-

Interview Opportunities at the conference

Dr. Allatia Harris, San Jacinto College Vice Chancellor, Strategic

Dr. Sarah Janes, San Jacinto College Associate Vice Chancellor, Continuing & Professional Development

Julian Alvarez III, Texas Workforce Commissioner Representing

San Jacinto College Media Contact:

By Torrie Hardcastle; Director of Public Rela-

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EAST HARRIS COUNTY EMPOWERMENT COUNCIL Gala will celebrate 11 years

Join Us for a Night in New Orleans

Houston, TX - Join EH-CEC for an elegant evening of entertainment and empowerment as we celebrate 11 years of connecting communities, transforming lives, and empowering peo-ple. This year's anniversary dinner will be Saturday, July 20 th, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the Leon Grayson Com-

munity Center.
Tickets to this experience are \$75/pp and includes a pre-event networking reception, silent auction, delectagram, award ceremony, raf-fle drawing, and live entertainment. This event is sure to be an unforgettable experience for all.

Tickets, ads for the 2019 anniversary dinner souvenir journal and raffle tickets can be purchased at https://ehcec.org/events-2// You can purchase tickets at https://ehcec.org/events-2 Raffle tickets are \$5/each and there will be three lucky winners for a chance to win: 4 tickets to Disney World, Movie Tickets for a year, or a \$150 gift card. (Winner need not be present to win.) Established in 2008, EH-CEC is committed to improving the quality of life through innovative, sustainable programs, and services that empowers men, women, and youth to achieve their full potential. We are exclusively focused on serving the eastern unincorporated communities of Channelview, Crosby, Galena Park, North Shore, and

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Notice of Public Sale Pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Property Code, Sierra Ranch Storage located at 8720 Sierra Ranch Drive Houston, TX 77044 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. The auction will take place online at <u>selfstorageauction.com</u>. The bidding will begin at 9am Thursday July 11 and will end on Friday July 26th @ 10:10am CST. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Deposit for removal and cleanup is temporarily required. Seller does reserve the right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale up until payment is made. CASH ONLY SALE!

Sierra Ranch Storage / Right Move Storage

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Unit 2220 Latrisha Green - 60" LG Plasma TV, Washer, Dryer, Plastic Containers, Tires, Drum, and Boxes. Unit 2204 Erica Walker - Bed Frame, Headboard, Mattress, Dresser, Lamp, Boxes, Children Toys, Rug and Pillows.

PAGE \bigstar OPINION



Garcia urges President to rethink Ice Raids

enforcement official, I have faced many threats, and have met many victims of violence and dedicated my life to keeping all people safe. I was never concerned with the immigration status of a victim or witness. I needed their statements to help prosecute those responsible.

When I drive around Harris County seeing people working on a roof in the heat of the summer; mowing yards; building roads and highways; constructing new homes, mopping floors; serving in restaurants: serving as a live-in domestic servant; or praying in my church, I do not feel threatened.

I have learned over my years that the best way to prevent crime is to invest in education, prevention and intervention services. Our Nation has always been a magnet for hope and opportunity; it is how my family came here. There should be an effective way people to come here when they are trying to save the lives of their children. Today, we must invest into our immigration system by creating common sense and comprehensive legislation that will strengthen our economy and protect families.

For these reasons, I will not support raids that would separate hardworking immigrant families who come to our country in search for safety and a better life. I have always believed that the focus should always be specific to those who represent a clear and present danger to our communities and not our longtime residents who are making valuable contributions to our society, while raising the next generation of soldiers, doctors, lawyers, and elected officials. Harris County is home to more than 1.2 million foreign-born individuals, including an estimated

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immigrants, immigrant communities contribute significantly to the local economy-\$11 billion in spending power, \$742 million in federal taxes and \$448.4 million on state and local taxes.

The announcement of ICE raids is causing great fear in our communities and hindering public safety, this is unnecessary. These actions harm public health by destabilizing our immigrant communities and exacerbating distrust with all levels of government, especially law enforcement. Additionally, this approach has sometimes resulted in Americans being detained, as well as those who are legally authorized to be in the U.S.

Therefore, it is important that all people know their rights

- If ICE comes to your door, please know you do not have to open the door. ICE cannot come to your door without a signed warrant by a criminal judge. They can only enter if you let them.
- You do not have to sign anything ICE gives you without talking to an attorney.
- Remain silent. You can say "I plead the fifth amendment and choose to remain silent." • Get informed. Call
- the Immigrant Rights hotline to understand your rights. 1-833-HOU-IMMI

(468-4664)

No one should be afraid to leave his or her home. Our kids should not be afraid to lose their parents. Parents should not feel threaten they will be separated from their children. The pain our neighbors feel is real and it causes instability in our communities. I stand with all of our immigrant communities they are our family members, neighbors and colleagues, and they are making our country great and prosperous every day.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Texas receives infusion of funds for border region law enforcement

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on July 9 announced the receipt of \$15 million in federal funding meant to increase operational capabilities of federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies.

The Operation Stonegarden Grant Program allocation is part of \$30 million approved by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency. The funds are meant to equip law enforcement to confront the complex and dynamic challenges that exist along the Texas border," according to the governor's office news release.

Local jurisdictions to receive the grant funding include 50 law enforcement agencies operating in these 18 counties: Bee, Calhoun, Cameron, Dimmit, Duval, El Paso, Hidalgo, Jim Wells, Kinney, Kleberg, Nueces, Presidio, Refugio, Val Verde, Victoria, Webb, Willacy and Zapata.

Disaster funding is asked

Gov. Abbott on July 10 sent a letter to President Trump requesting a presidential disaster declaration for the Rio Grande Valley counties of Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy.

"The recent severe weather in the Rio Grande Valley has caused widespread damage, leaving many without the resources they need to recover from these storms," Abbott said. "Combined with state and local resources, this federal aid will allow those impacted to rebuild as quickly as possible."

Also urging the president to declare the Rio Grande Valley a federal disaster area in response to severe flooding and rain in recent weeks were: U.S. Reps. Vicente Gonzalez, D-McAllen: Filemon Vela. D-Brownsville: and Henry Cuellar, D-Laredo; and Texas' U.S. Sens. John Cornyn and Ted Cruz.

Texas offers aid to Louisiana

Gov. Abbott on July 12 offered assistance to Louisiana in response to Tropical Storm Barry before the weather system made landfall.

Abbott said the state



port as Louisianians face Tropical Storm Bar-" Abbott said.

Abbott also said the state's emergency operations center would remain at an elevated level of readiness and all state resources would be prepared to respond to any severe weather that may occur in Texas as a $result\ of\ Tropical\ Storm$ Barry or any other

'Texas Ready' call is issued

The Texas Department of State Health

days. "Texas has more declared disasters than any other state, so we all have to be Texas Ready at all times," said Dr. John Hellerstedt, DSHS commissioner. "If you wait until you see a disaster coming, you've missed the opportunity to make the best preparations possible, so

please don't delay." Details are available at www.texasready.org.

H. Ross Perot dies

Texas billionaire H. Ross Perot, a businessman and philanthropist who ran for president as a third-party candidate in 1992 and 1996, died at his home in Dallas on July 9. He was 89.

Perot was born and raised in Texarkana. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy, served as a Naval officer until 1957, then worked in sales for IBM. Perot went on to found Electronic Data Systems in Dallas and Perot Systems in Plano. General Motors bought controlling interest in EDS in

As stated in his obituary at rossperot.com, Perot and his wife, Margot, established the Perot Foundation in 1969 with the goal of helping fund projects that would improve people's lives. Since then, the foundation has supported education programs, health care research, cultural and arts institutions. veterans' causes and programs to meet immediate human needs and reduce suffering.

Hegar distributes

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on July 10

revenue

announced he would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$764.3 million in local sales tax allocations for the month of Details to be announced July.

The amount is 0.7 percent more than the amount allocated for the month of July 2018. The allocations are based on sales made in May by businesses that report tax monthly.



Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee Conducts Oversight and Inspects Facilities Used to Detain Migrants at the Southern Border

Houston, TX-Theaccounts and images emanating from our southern border are horrific and unbecoming of a country regarded as the last best hope of the world. Indeed, these experiences were relayed in shocking and graphic terms in a recent report of the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security, which found that mi grants are being held in dangerous conditions in overcrowded facilities. The conditions have become so dire that, according to a new report the situation is described as a "ticking time bomb" that merits our immediate action. For example, official reports have found that 51 women were being held in a facility designed to house 40 juveniles. Meanwhile, 71 men are held in a cell designated for 41 men. Indeed certain cells are so crowded that some migrants are being forced to stand for days at a time. Some migrants are standing on toilets to secure breathing room Meanwhile, the toll on the voungest migrants is compelling. Some children 7 and under have been in facilities for upwards of two weeks and more, and some children are forced to wear soiled clothes Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, a senior member of the House Committee on Homeland Security and a former Chair of the Border & Maritime Subcommittee will travel to these facilities on an official visit of the Homeland Security Committee to assess the situation and gather information, pursuant to her oversight responsibilities as a member of the United States Congress.

WHO: Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee (TX-18) together with the House Committee on Homeland Security

WHAT: Oversight Inspections of Facilities Used to House Migrants

WHEN: Monday July 8, 2019

WHERE: Location 1: 13400 Alameda Ave. Clint, TX 79836- Press Availability at 9:30am

Location 2: 9201 Gateway South Blvd, El Paso, TX, 79924 – Time to be announced.

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Sheila Jackson Lee, a Democrat representing the 18th Congressional District of Texas, is a senior member of the House Committees on Judiciary, Homeland Security and the Budget

State & Capital

of Texas would deploy its search and rescue team to assist in response efforts and do all possible to prevent any loss of life. "Texans re $member\ how\ the\ state\ of$ Louisiana came to our aid during Hurricane Harvey and now we are in turn lending our sup-

HIGHLIGHTS

Services on July 8 urged Texans to get "Texas Ready" for natural and manmade disasters by being informed, making a plan and building a disaster preparation kit that contains what a household needs to survive for at least three

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

K-Solv Chemicals, LLC, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 87595, which would authorize continued operation of the K-Solv Channelview Facility located at 1015 Lakeside Drive, Channelview, Harris County, Texas 77530. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.



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DONALD NATHAN BURGESS

Donald Nathan Burgess- age 69 passed away Monday, July 8, 2019 in Baytown. Donald was born February 18, 1950 in Trinity,

Texas. He worked for numerous years in Information Technologies for Computer Science Corp. He was an avid outdoors man, who loved hunt, fish, and camping. He was a good

father, who was wise, and had a unique sense of humor. He was easy going and could always find the "funny" in any situation. Don also enjoyed reading, his go to was science fiction and westerns. Donald served in the US Air Force from 1972-1975 where his specialty was in satellite communications. He was preceded in death by his mother Margaret Jordan and a brother Leon Burgess. He leaves behind to cherish his memory his wife of thirty years Connie Burgess of Crosby, sons Joshua McKethan and wife Tara of Crosby and Michael Pickering, daughter Paula Thompson of Colbert, Washington, a sister Linda Musick husband Keith of Atascosita, brothers Mike Taylor and wife

Jaqui of Huffman and Eddie Taylor and wife Paula of North Shore. In addition, he leaves two brother-in-laws Tracy Chowns and wife Dar



lene and Stacy Chowns and wife Dorinda. He also leaves his four grandchildren Marley McKethan, Rylie Thompson, Javid Thompson, and Austin Thompson, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral Services will be held 10:30AM Monday July 15, 2019 at Sterling White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, Texas 77562. Visitation will be held Monday 9AM to 10:30AM. Condolences can be shared www.sterlingwhite.com.

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God is our refuge and strengh, a very present help in trouble Psalm: 46:1



NELLIE JO GRIFFIN

Nellie Jo Griffin, 91, went home to our LORD on July 11, 2019. She was born on July 19,1927 in Giddings, Texas to her parents Joseph B, a railroad worker, and Georgie North Devers, a faithful wife and loving mother. While she grew up in a loving home, her humble be ginnings would serve to develop the amazingly strong woman that she became.

After moving to the Houston area late in her high school years, she graduated and then began working as an executive secretary in Downtown Houston. Nellie Jo met and later married Leo Howard Stokes in August of 1946. We've been told that after meeting Nellie Jo for the first time, Howard told his friend that he was going to marry "that girl". Just short of a year after marriage, they started their loving family together. Later on, Nellie Jo worked closely with Howard as they started a business in radio which is now known as telecommunications.

After Howard's passing in 1971, Nellie Jo dated then married J.B. Griffin, a former POW of WWII and employee of Shell Refinerv. As each sets of children married and started their own families, J.B. and Nellie Jo began to experience the joy of becoming grandparents. J.B. was an avid planner and as they planned for their future retirement, he became chronically ill. Nellie Jo then devotedly cared for him throughout his illness until his death in 1986.

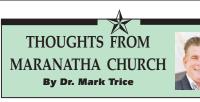
Nellie Jo has been a faithful Christian her entire life and was a



member of the Greens Bayou church of Christ. She also volunteered at East Houston Medical Center where she served as Treasurer for many years.

Nellie Jo loved her children with all of her being. In addition to the deaths of her parents and husbands, Nellie Jo is preceded in death by her two sons, Barry Glenn Stokes and Tracy Dean Stokes. Nellie Jo is survived

by her two daughters, Gay Lynn Harper and Lori Kay Zeleny; her son-in-law, John Zeleny; daughter-in-law, Beth Stokes; grandchildren, Andrea Kitterlin, Crystal Stokes, Brent Stokes, KC Stokes, Harlee Dee Stokes, Kaitlyn Lopez, Jarrett Zeleny and Brooke Zeleny; great-grandchildren, Jordan Kitterlin, Michael Smith, Colby Stokes, Blayne Kitterlin, Avery Stokes, Samantha Ursal; great-greatgrandchildren, Lily Smith, and Éthan Smith. Friends are welcome to join the family for a time of visitation on Tuesday July 16, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. Memorial services for Nellie Jo will immediately follow in the chapel of Carter-Conlev Funeral Home at 11:00 A.M. Nellie Jo will later be laid to rest at Rosewood Memorial Park Cemetery in



You are not Alone

Have you ever faced an intimidating situation, taken a deep breath. looked your enemy square in the eye, and said, "It's just you and me, and I'm the one who's going to win this battle!"? This is the attitude of a conqueror, but in the Christian's case it's not exactly true. It's not just you and your opponent, because the one who walks with God never walks onto the battlefield

That's what Goliath didn't realize when an un-known youth stepped out to meet him with no weapons in his hands beyond a sling and five stones. To the uninitiated, which was pretty much everyone present, this one who didn't even wear armor was greatly outclassed. But David knew the truth of things.

1 Samuel 17:45-46 (NKJV)

"Then David said to the Philistine, You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the car-casses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel."

When David walked out onto that battlefield, he walked out a conqueror. You see the victory in his conversation with Saul in verses 34-37. He was vinced that God, who had already helped him repeat-edly, would not fail him in this situation either – certainly not when it was the nation of Israel and the very reputation of God that were at stake! He understood that he had to step out and do his part, but he knew the battle was already won. In fact, you realize when you read verse 46 that he had no intention of stopping at one giant; he was ready to take on the whole enemy army.

This is how we should live! To the world, we may look no more capable than an underdressed youth with a sling and stones, but the world is as blind as Elisha's servant was in 2 Kings 6:17. "And Elisha prayed, and said, 'LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.' Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

Let's get into the Word so that we can see, so that we can know beyond doubt that the Greater One lives on the inside of us (1 John 4:4) and we are never, ever, alone in the fight!

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By Charlotte Jackson

07/18/2019 East Houston Democrats Monthly Meeting

Join East Houston Democrats for their monthly membership meeting with special guest Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia as he shares about current issues within the area and plans for upcoming projects. The meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the Milton Lusk Youth Activity Center, located at 1022 Mercury Drive.

07/20/2019 Young Man of Valor

A Day for Discussion, A day for Acceptance and A Day for Change. Young men from age 11 to 36 are invited to attend a **FREE** Conference presented by Internal Hope Fellowship Church. The event will be hosted at Spirit of Life Ministries, located at 385 Maxey Road, Houston 7013. Registration and Breakfast will begin at 8 a.m. and the Conference will continue to 2:30 p.m. Lunch is included. For more information, please contact Pastor George Burrell, St. at (281) 543-4268 or visit www.internalhope.org

07/20/2019 Hurricane Harvey Recovery Tour

East Harris County Empowerment Council will host event from 10 – 1 p.m. at the Crosby Community Center, located at 409 Hare Road. Services available will include: Legal Assistance, Disaster Case Management, Health Screenings, Basic Needs Resources, and Home Repair and Rebuild information, FREE Immunizations for Children and Harris County Services and assistance. For more information contact 281.385.9398

07/20/2019 2nd Annual Community Day Out Parade and Fellowship

Parade starts at 4 p.m., followed by fun and fellowship until 7 p.m. The event will be held in the parking lot of the Galena Park ISD Administration Building. There will be a Meet and Greet featuring helpful resources, community leaders, Houston Authors, Non-profit Organizations, Worship Center information and pop up shops. There will be fun in the sun, with a game truck, moonwalks, train rides, inflatable race, carousel, popcorn and cotton candy. For details please call Nikisha at 832.883.6982

07/20/2019 East Harris County Empowerment Council "A Night in New Orleans"

Join the celebration of 11 years of service to the community, as EHCEC host their Annual Dinner featuring a live DJ and Silent Auction. If you cannot attend the event, please consider sponsoring an ad in the souvenir program. Raffle tickets are also available for the chance to win four (4) tickets to Walk Disney World, an unlimited movie pass good for one year or a \$150 VISA gift card. For more information, please call 281.712-9550

07/21/2019 Greenlight Performance Unique and High Power Cars Show

This event is being held at Bombshell's located on I-10 near Uvalde Road. Feel free to invite all of your friends and family to this awesome night out with great cars and food.

07/27/2019 Roy's Safe Haven "Bridging the Gap, one night at a time" Annual Sleep Out

The event is being held at Second Baptist Church, 1315 Dell Dale in Channelview. Join others from 6-9~p.m. to learn about what YOU can get involved in making a difference, one life at a time. Then, you will have the opportunity to spend the night outdoors and experience a night of homelessness. For more information, please call 281.212.4892

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Diamond Jim: "What is "Common Sense" and does it still exist?"

The Death of Common Sense

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

Knowing when to come in out of the rain; Why the early bird gets the worm;

Life isn't always fair, And maybe it was my fault.

Common sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults are in charge not children). His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of an 8 year old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate, teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch, and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student, but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses, and criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault. Common sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded

Common sense was preceded in death, by His parents, Truth and Trust

a huge settlement.

His wife, Discretion His daughter, Responsibility His son Reason

He is survived by his 4 stepbrothers I know my rights I want my rights I want it now I'm a victim.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you're struggling to understand all of this...that's alright...it's just Common Sense.

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Unless you have been hiding under a rock or out chasing those memes that are looking to storm Area 51, you are more than aware of the pain and frustration being felt across America right now. We have families. coworkers, friends and even strangers who are on extreme opposite sides of the battle and let's be real, it is tiring and frustrating. It does not matter if the battle is about the current immigration issue or if it is an age old racial divide. At 57, I have never seen so much unrest and so many complaining people.

There are people in my life who feel threatened. Some of them feel that because of their residential status they must look over their shoulders at all times. There are others who feel that if they came to America any way other than the "legal" way, they should leave immediately. There are those who have been raised to always be cautious around law enforcement. There are some who have been raised to believe law enforcement is always professional and never break any laws. There are those who feel that because they own a home, they are entitled to be treated with more respect than someone who rents an apartment. There are some people who value their educational accomplishments over someone else's lack of a high school diploma.

feel the government owes them not only a free education but free housing, assistance with food, utilities and transportation. I have met others who would reduce their food intake to one meal a day before they would ask for help. There are

I have met some who

those who will help anyone who comes along and then there are those who feel that even after their children turn 18, they should never ask for another dime of financial support.

In talking with a young man this week he explained that due to some poor choices he has made, he is homeless. He needed help with obtaining a state identification card yet has no address or documents to move forward. As we talked, you could hear the remorse in his voice and read it in his facial expressions. I could tell that the journey had not been easy yet I could tell he had a foundation that if he approached his family, they would be willing to allow him to have mail sent to their house. I asked for him to check with them to see if it would be okay and I would start working on looking for a resource to obtain the ID card. Sure enough, within 24 hours his grandmother agreed he could have mail sent to her home even though she does not feel he can live there. I reached out and talked with someone in law enforcement and ask for guidance. Today, the young man will meet with the officer and have necessary papers to obtain the identification card and therefore be able to apply for work as well as a place to stay.

We all need to admit that at times we make mistakes. At some point we all need help. Life is so much better when we learn early to just be kind. Sometimes that kindness can best be shown by just keeping quite when you have a different opinion. This week, let's just try a little kindness.

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NUMBER 87595

APPLICATION K-Solv Chemicals, LLC, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 87595, which would authorize continued operation of the K-Solv Channelview Facility located at 1015 Lakeside Drive, Channelview, Harris County, Texas 77530. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.767682&ing=-95.102866&zoom=13&type=r. The existing facility is authorized to emit the following air contaminants: carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less and sulfur dioxide.

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

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

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

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. If no hearing request is received within this 15Dday period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. According to the Texas Clean Air Act \$1332.056(0) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues submitted during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

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

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

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

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION Public comments and requests must be submitted AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. IBox I 1308 Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 18006874040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040

Further information may also be obtained from K-Solv Chemicals, LLC, 1015 Lakeside Drive, Channelview, Texas 77530-4647 or by calling Mr. Phil Evans, Senior Vice President Technical Services, The WCM Group, Inc., at (281) 446-7070.

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Pct. 2 plans major work in Northeast Park to create county-wide "inclusive" park

ALDINE – Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia held a public information meeting last Tuesday, June 25 to introduce his concept for an "inclusive" county park.

He also asked the public for their input on what they want in the park for the use of families and folks with limited mobility whether they are elderly, handicapped, or otherwise restricted. He emphasized that the park would be for all ages. He noted that in Harris County, there are at least 500,000 persons with limited mobility or a handicap that could be served by this park.

Garcia noted that the new park could revitalize the East Aldine area, and add value to the surrounding community. He has budgeted \$4 million dollars for the park development, but hopes with matching grants and other sources to expand the work to as much as \$8 million.

Also making the presentation were Reynaldo Guerra, who is director of Capital Projects for Precinct 2, and landscape architect Tara Klein, of the firm Four&One.

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Klein explained some of the features of the park design, including automobile access from the US59 frontage road, special recreational equipment designed for persons with disabilities or limited mobility, improvements to the existing equipment and park elements, and the promotion of the park as a county "Destination" Park.

Klein and Garcia emphasized that the park is in the early design stages, and encouraged residents to give the team input on their desires and needs. Questionnaires were distributed, but there is also a website to submit your thoughts, at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8TFDKN2.



The Revitalization of Driver Park would include: Green areas new athletic fields; Black areas additional parking; Light Green, "inclusive" play areas for use by handicapped persons; Blue areas, new and expanded recreation facilities; Yellow areas expanded basketball and sports courts; Purple areas detention ponds. The Northeast Community Center is the center building.

Questions on the survey include whether you support improving Driver Park; how you get to the park; where you are coming from; your age group; do you have a disability yourself or someone close; how often do you go to Driver Park; which area of the park needs improvement; which activities do you use the most; which activities do you use the least; what type of amenities do you want to add to the park.

Amenities that were suggested for the park include a playground, splash pad, driveway improvements, walking and bike trails, fitness stations, pavilion for community events, open lawn, art and scupture, and restrooms.—



Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia speaks at the Northeast Community Center on Tuesday, June 25 as area residents put their ideas on the paper idea board behind Garcia.

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