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CHANNEL CURRENTS

Constable's Back to School event Friday July 26

The event is being held from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Milton J. Lusk Youth Activity Center, located at 1092 Mercury Drive. Students will receive backpacks, school supplies, food, giveaways and health resources.

Jacinto City Branch Library

Theme: A UNIVERSE OF STORIES

Summer Reading Program Continues July 29 to August 1:

MONDAY
Movie at 1pm
One-on-One Technical Assistance at 1pm
TUESDAY
Toddler Storytime at 11am
Crafter-noon at 2pm - Bottle Rockets Part 2
WEDNESDAY
Summer Playdate at 11am
ESL Classes at 1:30pm
Water Balloon Fight Party at 3:30
THURSDAY
All Ages Storytime at 11am
Teen Gaming at 4:30pm

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 Town-center, 1025 Oats Road at the corner of Challenger 7 Road.

The program will be Harris County Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia.

Reservations, contact Blanca Beltran at 713-450-3600 or blanca@ncachamber.com. Lunch is \$20 for members, \$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 Thursday, 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, 979-676-0307 or gp.jc.cip.sec@gmail.com

Free Youth Heart Screenings Sat. August 10

Youth Heart Screening Saturday, August 10 from 10am to 3pm. C. E. King High School. Free for all school districts. These heart screenings of high school students can detect early heart problems and save lives.

Sponsored by North Shore Rotary, Cody Stephens Foundation, and Sheldon ISD.

Community mourns loss of Jim Gilbert

A Gentle Giant

By Charlotte Jackson

Earlier this month, the North Channel Community lost a friend, a leader and a true Rotarian. While in Colorado Springs, James "Jim" Gilbert passed away on July 13, 2019.

He had been an instrumental part of the North Channel area before retiring to Carrollton, TX. Many of us knew him from the years he worked at Woodforest National Bank as well as the years he worked with Community Bank. Others knew him from the years he served on the boards of the W.D. Ley YMCA, Texas Chiropractic College as well as serving three years as the President of the Port Region Economic Alliance.

He was a cofounder of the North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce and he has the rare distinction of having served as President of both the Galena



JIM GILBERT, Receiving an award from the North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce

Park/Jacinto City Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of North Shore.

As mentioned during a Memorial Service which was held at Fellowship of the Nations on Monday, July 22, the year that Jim served as President Elect of the North Shore Rotary, the fundraising record soared passed \$300,000 for the Annual Catfish Fry and Crawfish Boil. Both Dr Charles Grant and Bill Palko mentioned that Jim's ability to impact lives on a personal level and develop relationships led to this accomplishment. Jim never met a

stranger.

Dr Grant mentioned that he first met Jim while working for Galena Park ISD and attending a meeting of the Galena Park/Jacinto City Rotary Club. Throughout the next several decades, Jim and his wife Mary Anne spent many hours with Charles and Gail Grant due to the involvement both couples had in the various community organizations. Later, as the Gilberts retired and moved to Colorado Spring, the Grants not only traveled to visit them but would continue to value their friendship. Oddly enough, Jim was a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and Charles was a graduate of Texas A & M University.

During the Memorial Service, Charles mentioned that as the Gilberts would decorate five Christmas trees, one with only UT ornaments, Charles could not help but hide the gaudiest A&M ornament on the back of the tree. As the Gilberts were undecorating the tree, they came across the ornament and immediately knew it had been Charles who hid it there during the North Shore Rotary Christmas Party.

Bill Palko, former Rotary District Governor also spoke at the service as well as Wayne Oquin, former President of the Chamber. Both men gave numerous examples of the acts of kindness and mentorship which Jim had shared with many over the years. It did not matter if Jim

had known you for years or simply just met you, he would focus on you with all of his attention. He listened, he cared and he led.

His presence will be missed yet, he was such a gentle giant that the impact he made will be forever felt. Please continue to keep his wife of 53 years in your prayers as well as their children, grandchildren and numerous family and friends in your prayers.

And as you see members of the Rotary Club of North Shore, reach out and offer your condolences as well. He was a part of the group of men such as Jerry Domy, John Painter, Mike Patterson, Eddie Miller, Derrill Painter, Don Nino, Dan Mims, Frank Nadolney, BJ Johnson, Billy Ray Hendrix and others who have helped shape this community into what it is... a community of friendship, love and service above self.

Project Recovery Harvey has funds available

Project Recovery Harvey is open to Homeowners affected by Hurricane Harvey, or, depending on the program, the floods of 2015, 2016, & 2017, who are U. S. Citizens and Permanent Legal Residents.

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application to determine which program you may qualify for by visiting www.HarrisRecovery.org.

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Visit an Intake Center Location:

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2. 12941 North Freeway, Suite 600, Houston, TX 77060

3. 14700 FM 2100, Suite 2, Crosby, TX 77532

4. 729 Sharon Lane, Baytown, TX 77521

5. 3315 Burkner Road, Suite 204, Pasadena, TX 77504.

Intake Centers are Open Monday through Friday from 8am to 6pm, and Saturdays by appointment from 9am to 3pm.

New Voting Machines on Trautman's agenda

Touch Screen Voting Machines could be coming to Harris voters

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX. July 16, 2019 – Dr. Diane Trautman, Harris County Clerk has her sights set on getting Harris County voters the newest voting equipment available to provide voters an easier, more comfortable and reliable voting experience.

At the 2019 Annual International Association of Government Officials (iGo) Conference Trade Show vendors displayed and demonstrated various types of equipment and software to improve performance for governments performing services to the public.

Attending the conference were elected and appointed officials such as county and city clerks, record keepers, tax assessors, secretaries and businesses with interests in learning and obtaining insights to the most modern equipment and software.

Clerk Trautman is interested in the county getting new voting machines that'll make voting easier,



Dr. Diane Trautman, Harris County Clerk presents timeline and cost for the county to buy new voting machines for the May 2021 elections at the International Association of Government Officials.



Diane Trautman, Harris County Clerk receives demonstration and an explanation of the newest voting machine technologies to provide voters a more comfortable voting experience. Photos by Allan Jamail

quicker and to provide both electronic and hard copy records of votes cast in an election. Many of the voting machines displayed provided TOUCH-SCREEN voting, where the voter can look at a screen with candidate's names and positions sought on it and then merely touch the name on the screen of whom they wish to vote for. After voting the machine will electronically record their votes and then printout a hardcopy paper ballot of their votes for record keeping and recounting if needed. This type of voting will give more integrity to the voting process and the hardcopies of the ballots can be then used later to verify any questionable vote results and make "recounting results" more accurate and reliable.

Dr. Trautman said the approximate cost of 74 million would be needed to completely replace the 20 year old machines currently used. She's planning to budget the new machines in her upcoming budget so they can be ready for implementation in the May 2021 election.

If Commissioners Court approves the cost then the Clerk will form a community advisory group and a County Voting Selection committee comprised of members from the election staff, voter registration staff, universal services staff and purchasing staff.

Numerous voting machine vendors will bid on the county's business and present their equipment to the Selection Committee that'll narrow down the decision to the top two vendors. In July 2020 Commissioners' Court Clerk will select the vender for the new machines and place the order in August 2020.

From January through April of 2021 they'll be awareness, education and demonstrations of the new machines provided to the voters, public and Election Judges.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

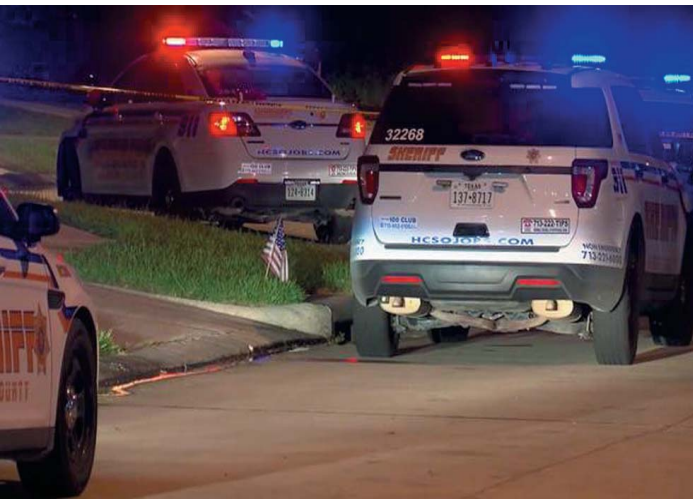
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CRIME WATCH

CROSBY

Teen allegedly defends mother, shoots stepfather



Harris County Sheriff's Deputies crowd the small Newport street of Tee Time Court about 2:30 a.m. Sunday.

CROSBY-A 17-year-old boy will not face charges after he shot his stepfather, according to Harris County Sheriff's Office.

The teen was defending his mother from a beating from her husband in the home as alleged by Harris County Sheriff's office.

Reportedly it was nearly 2:30 a.m. in the 1300 block of Tee Time Court within Newport Subdivision inside Crosby.

The stepfather was transported by Life-flight helicopter to Memorial Hermann Hospital listed in stable condition.

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COMMUNITY WATCH

Second crash into Foley Road home fatal to driver

CROSBY-A home on Foley Road was fortunately vacant when a car smashed into the bedroom on July 16 at about 2:20 a.m., however the driver of the vehicle died.

The accident is listed as death by collision but remains under investigation.

According to Harris County Sheriff's Investigator P. Begley, "On July 16, 2019, at approximately 0217 hours, the complainant was operating a white 2011 Buick LaCrosse west-bound in the 3600 block of Foley Road. The 3600 block of Foley Road has a 90-degree curve to the south. The Buick failed to drive in a single marked lane leaving the roadway striking a metal guardrail. The Buick continued west through the guardrail striking large landscape boulders. The Buick continued west striking a residence located on 18611 Bluffview Drive coming to uncontrolled rest inside a bedroom of the residence. The complainant showed no signs of life at the collision scene. The case remains under investigation by the Harris County Sheriff's Office Vehicular Crimes Division."

Witnesses speculated that the driver, Nicholas Bowen, may have been in some distress at the time of the accident due to the unusual nature of the crash.

Commissioner Garcia offers free SAT prep courses

Precinct 2 and Project Grad Houston Team up to help students prepare for the SAT

HOUSTON, TX - (June 17, 2019) - Commissioner Adrian Garcia is working to fulfill his promise to make education a priority by launching a free test-prep program. In partnership with Project GRAD Houston, Harris County Precinct 2 will now offer a free 4-week course that will help students prepare for the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT).

The session will be held in multiple locations throughout the Precinct starting July 27, 2019 to August 22, 2019. Precinct 2 residents and students will be able to take part in these classes twice a



week from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

"I believe education is the key to success and I want to make sure that everyone has all access to every educational opportunity," said Commissioner Garcia.

SAT exams are essential for the admission to colleges and universities throughout the United States. Prep courses could range an average of \$200 to \$900. Thanks to Commissioner Gar-

cia's partnership, students can now register and take this course for free.

"This is an opportunity for all the students that have a dream to move on to higher institutions to get professional and a well-structured curriculum for their SAT preparations," said Commissioner Garcia.

For eligibility, applicants must be registered to take the SAT exam on August 24, 2019 and be a resident or student in Precinct 2. Applications must be submitted by Friday, July 12, 2019.

To learn more about the program, applicants can call (713) 274-2130, visit www.hcp2.com/testprep to download application, or email testprep@hcp2.com.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

GP/JC CIP meets Aug. 1

CIP MEETS THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2019

5:45 – light dinner. 6:15- business starts. Meeting adjourns by 8:15 p.m.

Alvin Baggett Recreation Building 1302 Keene in Galena Park

Host plant: Houston Cement 5:45 Dinner 6:15 Welcome — Agenda review — Approve June meeting notes — Introductions Host plant Introduction (5-6 minutes) and Safety Moment (1-2 minutes)

6:30 GP-JC Community-Industry Partnership

What Are the Fumes Emitted from Plants and Is There Any Effect on Health?

Steve Smith, Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee of Houston Regional Monitoring, will address questions about air monitoring while making a presentation of air quality trends in the Houston area, including data on the air monitors in the CIP area. Questions for Smith to address include the following: -- Where do air emissions come from? -- How do the air pollutants measured locally compare to EPA standards or TCEQ air monitoring comparison values? Eric Roesch of the Kinder Morgan Galena Park Splitter will cover questions relating to fence line monitoring: -- What are the general requirements, if any, for fence line monitoring at the kind of facilities in the CIP: refineries, chemical plants, and terminals? -- Does fence line monitoring produce immediate readings that can be used at the time of an incident or to show a spike in emissions? If not, why not? Smith will then be asked to cover the following topics: -- Do the fixed air monitors operated by TCEQ, HRM, and others produce immediate readings that can be used at the time of an incident or to show a spike in emissions? If not, why not? -- What kind of monitors can provide real-time readings at the time of a significant incident like the ITC fire? -- What does a flare do? How does it work? How do you know if the fumes emitted from flares affect the health of the community? What is a flare gas recovery system and how does it reduce emissions?

7:30 Plant Updates Highlights of facility updates mailed to members before meeting Member questions, concerns, or suggestions for plants. Please RSVP whether you WILL or WILL NOT ATTEND by noon on Monday, July 29, 2019. You are welcome to bring a guest but be sure to RSVP for them. Thanks! RSVP to gp,jc.cip.sec@gmail.com or 979-676-0307 to Anja Borski.

Questions or issues? Contact Anja, or facilitator Diane Sheridan at dbsfacilitator@gmail.com or 281-326-5253.

Stephens relates efforts to Pass HB76

Seven years ago Crosby student Cody Stephens died unexpectedly from a heart condition. He was at home, resting, and never woke up. After recovering from the shock of losing their strong athletic son, his parents Scott and Melanie decided they would work to keep this from happening to other families. There action took two directions, one was to start a foundation to pay for any student who wanted a heart screen to be able to get one, and the other action was to take their campaign for student athletes to receive heart screening to the Texas Legislature. Scott knew that the problem was widespread, and needed the attention and support of school administrators and state legislators throughout the



Highlands Rotary Club president Sheila McDonald presents a check for \$1000 to Scott Stephens for his Cody Stephens Foundation fundraiser.

state. But since 2012, he has had a bill before the legislature three times, and it was only this year that he got it passed. He credits Dan Huberty and Carol Alvarado with aid in getting it passed. He related to the Highlands Rotary Club the saga of his attempts, last week at a member's luncheon. At first their was opposition to the bill by school districts and medical professionals, saying it was not necessary or too expensive. His approach has been to have the foundation pay for all screening in a district the first year. Since the Cody Stephens Foundation was founded in 2013, they have seen 132,000 students screened. 1.68% of these had a heart problem, and 1 of 900 had problems so

severe they had to have intervention medically. Scott points out that some of these would have resulted in death, similar to his son Cody. Every year the Foundation holds a fundraiser in August, and it is usually sold out. Previously they have raised over \$1,500,000 in 7 years, which pay for screening. This year the event will be held Aug. 17th at the Southern Lakes Estates in Crosby, and tickets and donations are available from Scott's office. So far, he has been able to get 300 of the 1080 Texas school districts to join the program, and his goal is to have all districts signed up eventually, and perhaps carry the life-saving program to other states.

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OPINION

By Congresswoman
Sheila Jackson Lee



Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee on the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing

Jackson Lee—“For those of us from Houston, this moment is an occasion for particular and unique pride. The flight to the Moon, and indeed all manned flights, have been guided by the brilliant and hardworking men and women of Houston, who, for close to 60 years, have been the steady hand, guiding manned space exploration. I thank them for all that they do. I urge all who will reads these words to maintain that same sense of discovery and exploration, and wonder what lies next for us. And, I evoke President Kennedy’s admonition to us from 58 years ago, that we should not be motivated simply by what is easy, but that we should meet the difficult challenge and savor what can be accomplished by our collective efforts. I congratulate all from NASA who have made the endeavor of space flight their life’s work.”

Washington, D.C. - Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, a Senior Member of the House Committees on Judiciary, Homeland Security, and Budget, issued this statement on the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon landing:

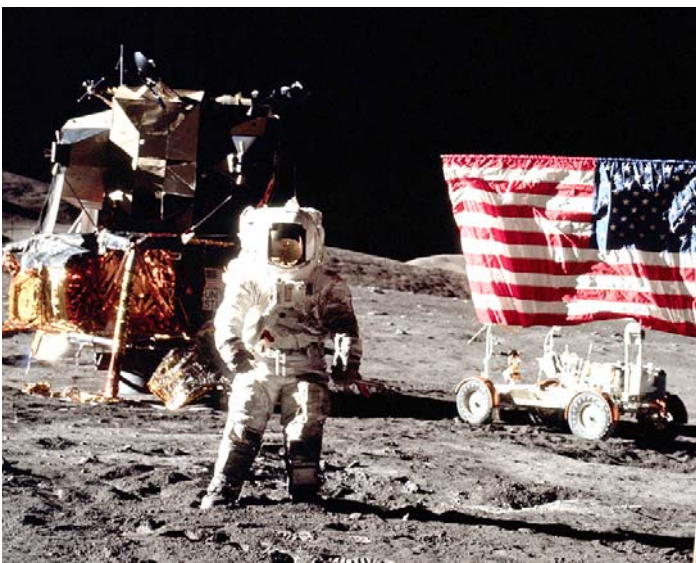
“Since the beginning of mankind, we have been driven by curiosity and a wonder of what is next for humanity. We have wondered about our place in the cosmos for as long as we have been able to look out into the night sky and see the stars. And of course, we have been dared by our own sense of imagination and possibility to try to breach our gravity and the heavens. It is with an awe of that sense of exploration that I commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing. In September 1961, in my hometown of Houston, President John F. Kennedy stood and declared that the United States would send a man to the moon and return him safely to the Earth. He implored us to do so, not because it was easy, but because it was hard. In one-fell swoop, he harnessed our competitive drive and merged it with mankind’s relentless pursuit of discovery and information and knowledge.

“It was a bold proposition, not because of this challenge, but also because of our standing in the Space Race. Just four years earlier, the Soviets had released Sputnik into orbit, as the first unmanned satellite, and in the process taken the lead in the global space race. Our confidence shaken, we set out to work on the mission before us. The 1960s were a tumultuous time in our pursuit of the moon’s surface. Our path was not linear and not without setbacks. Before we could celebrate the triumph of the Apollo 11 crew and the valor of Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, Michael Collins, we mourned the crew of Apollo 1, who died shortly after their capsule lifted off of Terra Firma.

“Before we could walk on the moon, it was necessary first to orbit the Earth. Indeed, the journey to Mare Tranquillitatis was long, and a collective, national endeavor. The challenge would be the pursuit of three presidents until, on July 20, 1969, the crew of Apollo 11 touched down on the Moon’s surface. The words uttered by Neil Armstrong were instantly immortalized, because, indeed, it was one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind. This moment was definitely a moment for joy and celebration for our entire nation. But for those of us from Houston, this moment is an occasion for particular and unique pride. The flight to the Moon, and indeed all manned flights, have been guided by the brilliant and hardworking men and women of Houston, who, for close to 60 years, have been the steady hand, guiding manned space exploration.

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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 HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Top officials attempt to clarify new hemp law for prosecutors

AUSTIN — Some district and county attorneys reportedly have begun to dismiss misdemeanor marijuana possession cases following the Texas Legislature’s passage of House Bill 1325, a law creating a legal path for the cultivation and marketing of hemp and hemp products.

Gov. Greg Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, House Speaker Dennis Bonnen and Attorney General Ken Paxton on July 18 sent a letter informing prosecutors that the Texas law, which takes effect Sept. 1, adopts the definition that differentiates between hemp and marijuana in the 2018 Farm Bill passed by Congress last year.

The farm bill, which delegates authority over the regulation, production and sale of hemp to the states, differentiates hemp from marijuana by setting a tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) threshold concentration of 0.3 percent for hemp and anything above 0.3 percent for marijuana.

HB 1325 directs the Texas Department of Agriculture to pass rules requiring hemp producers to be state-licensed and to test their products to ensure 0.3 percent or less THC concentration.

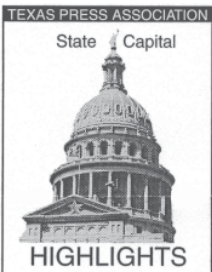
The Texas law also requires a shipping certificate that confirms the product in transport is legally compliant hemp. Failure to have the required certificate during transport is a misdemeanor.

Some counties reportedly have raised an issue over the cost of lab testing that must be conducted on hemp to determine if seized samples are legally compliant or not. To address that issue, Abbott, Patrick, Bonnen and Paxton wrote that prosecutors could use “circumstantial evidence” and, “As more companies enter the testing marketplace, the costs of the tests will certainly decline.”

ECONOMY ADDS JOBS IN JUNE

The Texas economy added 45,000 seasonally adjusted non-farm jobs, the Texas Workforce Commission announced in a July 19 news release.

Also, the unemployment rate fell to 3.4 percent in June, the lowest rate recorded since 1976, when the state started tracking the unemployment rate.



The previous low unemployment rate of 3.5 percent was recorded in May.

“June’s unemployment rate is a historic win for employers and workers across the state,” said TWC Chair and Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughes. “It is a reflection of our excellent businesses, skilled workforce and the hard work of every Texan.”

The Trade, Transportation and Utilities industry led job growth in June, adding 10,500 jobs. Leisure and Hospitality was second, adding 10,000 jobs.

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area recorded the lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs in June with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 2.1 percent, followed by the Amarillo, Austin-Round Rock and Odessa MSAs, each of which recorded a rate of 2.7 to tie for second place.

UT UPS TUITION ASSISTANCE

The University of Texas System Board of Regents on July 16 voted unanimously to establish a \$160 million endowment from a distribution of the state’s Permanent University Fund that will generate money for financial assistance beginning in fall 2020.

“Recognizing both the need for improved access to higher education and the high value of a UT Austin degree, we are dedicating a distribution from the Permanent University Fund to establish an endowment that will directly benefit students and make their degrees more affordable,” UT Regents Chair Kevin Eltife said after the vote. “This will benefit students of our great state for years to come.”

The new endowment will be used to expand UT Austin’s Texas Advance Commitment program for in-state undergraduate students to:

—Completely cover tuition and fees for

students from families that earn up to \$65,000 a year who have financial need, and,

—Provide some assured tuition support to students from families with incomes of up to \$125,000 who have financial need.

AG INTERVENES IN LAWSUIT

Attorney General Paxton on July 19 announced his intervention in a lawsuit filed by a dozen business organizations against the city of San Antonio to strike down the city’s paid sick leave ordinance.

The ordinance is scheduled to take effect Aug. 1. In court papers filed in a Bexar County state district court, Paxton explained that the state constitution gives the Legislature the authority to set the minimum amount of compensation established for workers, including the minimum amount of paid time off.

“The Legislature established the minimum amount of compensation for workers, and the Texas Constitution prohibits local municipalities from ignoring the Legislature’s decision,” Paxton wrote.

DISASTER DECLARATION GRANTED

President Trump on July 17 granted Gov. Abbott’s July 10 request for “Individual Assistance” for those in severe weather- and flood-stricken Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy counties in the Rio Grande Valley.

Individual Assistance provides up to \$34,000 per household for damages.

VETERANS

★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Honor Flights Needs Our Help —The number of World War II veterans topped 16 million during the war. Now there are fewer than half a million still alive, all in their 80s and 90s. We’re losing over 300 WWII veterans each day. Most of them have never seen the memorial in Washington, D.C., that was built in their honor.

Honor Flights Network, a nonprofit, works to change that. Since 2010, it has escorted 222,133 veterans to see the memorial, at no cost to the veteran. Last year HFN took 21,000 veterans to Washington.

The one-day trips leave from a “hub” in most states and fly to Washington, where they visit the memorial dedicated to them, as well as the Vietnam and Korean memorials. These trips are scheduled multiple times a year.

But it takes money and volunteers (guardian escorts) to pull it off, and there are over 38,000 veterans on a wait list. We’re running out of time to get all the vets to Washington who want to go.

There are programs to help more veterans get there. The Solo program is for those who have friends and family who can fund the air trip and hotel for one to three days. The Lone Eagle program is for veterans who are not near an airport hub. Once in Washington, the veteran and his escort will join the main group for all their activities. In addition, Honor Flights has expanded to include Korean War and Vietnam War veterans.

If you can send money, please do. The address is Honor Flight, Inc., 175 South Tuttle Road, Springfield, OH 45505, or donate at www.honorflight.org. (Don’t miss the video on the website).

If you want information or can serve as an escort, call Honor Flight at 937-521-2400, or Jane Julian at 614-558-6220. If you have any medical experience, that’s a bonus, but there are many roles you can fill.

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PATSY ANN KOCH

Patsy Ann Koch, age 76, of Houston, TX, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family June 28, 2019.

Pat was born in Kingsville, TX on September 26, 1942. She married Bill Koch on June 30, 1961, and they were happily married just shy of 58 years. Pat retired from Uncle Ben's Rice after 16 years of service. Pat was an accomplished Human Resources professional and was appreciated by all. Pat enjoyed spending time in the garden. Her tomatoes could be found on the kitchen window sill ripening. She and Bill loved traveling. The beach was her oasis. Pat was a talented knitter. Every grandbaby was wrapped and swaddled in a handmade blanket made with love from Oma. They will forever be treasured.

Pat's greatest accomplishment was her family. She was a loving and dedicated wife, mother and grandmother. Pat is survived by her loving husband, Bill, of Houston, TX, her two sons: Kevin and his wife, Kim, of Houston, TX, Kyle and his wife, Joanie, of Newtown, PA, and her loving daughter, Kandice of Baytown, TX. Pat cherished spending time with her five grandchildren: Brittany, Brooke, Blake, Ellis, and Audrey.



Oma embraced every loving moment cooking meals, sewing a torn blanket, painting little nails, and picking vegetables with her grandbabies. You could be sure a waffle and bacon breakfast awaited you in the morning. Oma will be dearly missed. She was preceded in death by her father Martin Neil Smith, her mother Rotha Lucille Smith, and her sister Helen Jean Alessandra. Pat is survived by her sisters Rotha Marlene Roberts of Summerville, SC and Jane Lawan Smith of Waco, Texas and numerous nieces and nephews.

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Crystal Ivey and a Friend as she won a purse!



Lemisha Ducos also won a purse, and had a lot of friends!

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Leviticus 19:32

ASK THE EXPERT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

By Charlotte Jackson

07/26/2019 Channelview Ministry Team Monthly Meeting

Join others monthly who are interested in making a positive impact on the students and families in Channelview ISD. While the group meets on the last Friday of each month at the Joyce Hendrix Administration Building during the months of August through May, this month's meeting is being held at Youth Reach Houston, please contact Pastor Irvin Clark at 832.915.0610 for details.

07/26/2019 Constable Chris Diaz Harris County Precinct 2 Annual Back to School Event

The event is being held from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Milton J. Lusk Youth Activity Center, located at 1022 Mercury Drive. Students will receive backpacks, school supplies, food, giveaways and health resources.

07/27/2019 Rotary Shrimp & Catfish Festival

Tenth Annual Fundraiser hosted by the Rotary Club of Baytown will be happening from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Houston Raceway Park, 2525 FM 565, Baytown. Live auction will begin at 12:30 p.m. Meal tickets are \$10 and the event will family friendly with something for everyone. For More information, please contact Sheila Crawford at 281.827.4703.

07/27/2019 The Unmasking: A Fashion Show Revealing the Stigma of Mental Illness

Dear Nicheleand Project presents an event to educate the community and erase the stigma of mental illness. Founder Nichele is no stranger to the North Channel Community, as she and her family have been in the area since the late 1990's. This ticketed event will be held from 5 – 8 p.m. at the Humble Civic Center and tickets are available by Eventbrite.

07/27/2019 The Alumni of “The SHO” Summer Mixer

Join North Shore Alumni for an evening of fellowship, food and fun at Bombshells, located at 13732 East Freeway, from 6 – 9 p.m. to learn more about upcoming events including the Kickball & Back to School Drive. For more details, contact Erika Smith or Devon Inoursity on Facebook.

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

08/02/2019 North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce Monthly Luncheon

The monthly luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. at the Jacinto City Towncenter, located at 1025 Oats Road @ Challenger 7. Please contact Blanca@ncachamber.com or at 713.450.1114 to RSVP. Harris County Commissioner Adrian Garcia will be the featured speaker.

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PAMELA GRIFFIN McCONAL
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Weston Cotten
by WESTON COTTEN
Attorney for the Estate

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