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CHANNEL CURRENTS

Back to School Schedules and Activities

GALENA PARK ISD: Saturday, Aug. 17 Shore HS Stadium Wednesday, Aug. 21 First Day of School

CHANNELVIEW ISD: Thursday, Aug. 15 First Day of School Monday, Aug. 19 Meet the Teacher 6:00pm Campbell Center

SHELDON ISD Monday, Aug. 26 First Day of School

Go Big or Go Home Gala August 17

Cody Stephens Foundation annual fundraiser and Gala, at Southern Lace Estates in Crosby. Tickets are \$100 and are available by calling Scott Stephens Associates, 713-451-3600. Hurry, its a sell-out every year. Donations and Spnsorships are also welcome. A great dinner will be served, with fish, shrimp, crawfish, and all the fixins. Followed by a live auction, with lots of unique

VFW Memorial and Benefit for Randy Bell Aug 24

VFW Post 9292 will hold Memorial and Benefit for Randy Bell. Saturday, August 24 from 12:30 - till. Plates are \$10.00, Chicken, Sausage, & Ribs with Beans and Rice and Dessert. DJ music, Auction. 1214 Maxey Road, Houston 77015.

Buckshot Jamboree

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

San Jacinto Pilot Club meeting

The Club meets the 2nd Amegy Bank on I-10, at noon. New members are welcome. Please visit www.SanJacintoPilot.com.

Three children drown at Sylvan Beach

Sheriff Hawthorne re ports that on Thursday August 8, at approximately7:28 p.m., the Chambers County Sheriff's Office was notified by the LaPorte Police Department of a possible multi-fatality drowning at Sylvan Beach

Sylvan Beach Park is a county park within the city of LaPorte, Texas, and Harris County, however, the bay waters that border the park are wholly within Chambers County.



CHAMBERS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES, AND MARINE PATROL, SEARCH FOR THE THREE MISSING CHILDREN AT SYLVAN BEACH

Chambers County deputies it was learned that a family from the Houston area were swimming in the park when an otherwise beautiful afternoon took a tragic turn.

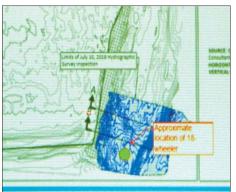
Six members of the family, including the Mother, Father and four children ranging in age from 7 to 13, began having trouble in the water. The Mother and Father, along

See THREE DROWN, p6

EPA sets community meeting Sept. 24

HIGHLANDS -U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in cooperation with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Federal, State and Harris County agencies, local officials and industry, plan to hold a Community Meeting for the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Super-

During the meeting an update will be provided on current site activities and the cap inspection data. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the High-lands Community Center, 604 Highland Woods Drive, Highlands, Texas 77562.



 $\operatorname{\mathsf{Map}}$ from EPA shows a green dot where the semi truck landed off the I-10 bridge, and the blue area is where the agency took readings to determine if the accident damaged the cap. I-10 railing

Did Semi crash damage cap?

HIGHLANDS - This Waste Pits, had been apmonth's meeting of the THEA/San Jacinto River Coallition dealt with potential threats to the integrity of the cap over the waste pits, as the community waited for the slow process of removing the

toxic waste to go forward.

Jackie Young announced that she had learned that the Pelican Asphalt Permit, wanting to dredge areas near the

proved on July 3 without any further public notice.

She also reported on a discussion with the EPA about the position of the marker buoys in the river, which are to protect the cap from marine vessels. She said they determined they were not in the prop-er location, and the EPA had them moved.

See WASTE PITS, p8

Stephens sets sights on raising \$270,000 to save more young lives

urday, the GoBigOrGo-Home Cody Stephens Foundation scanned the hearts of over 250 kids with the help of C.E. King staff and faculty, North Shore Rotary, San Jacinto Pilot Club, and the North Shore Anchor Club volun-

ReACT in a Heartbeat, a Baytown Non-Profit that teaches life saving C.P.R. instructed some 200 students how to perform Car-d i o - P u l m o n a r y Resuscitation at the same venue. These were not certification classes but expo-sure classes and man of the students went from having their hearts tested to learning to save someone else's life. "We always try to teach C.P.R. training at our screenings we don't usually do it at school



Scott Stephens backs his volunteers at C.E. King High School where his charity organization, the Cody Stephens Foundation, scanned the hearts of 250 students with EKGs from throughout Northeast Harris County last Saturday, in concert with an organization dedicated to teaching C.P.R. Seated are U. Fonsera, a Precinct 3 Deputy, Elizabeth Bucio, Cynthia Galeano, Yanıra Ramırez and Drake Hernandez all of C.E. King High School staff. Guarding the crowd was Precinct 3 Deputy Howard. Stephens is hosting the GBOGH Cody Stephens Memorial Fundraiser at Southern Lace Estates this Saturday, Aug. 17.

are supposed to get C.P.R. certification from their school but anytime we have a community screensomeone group and teach the basics.

Now Stephens says, "We are going to try to help put EKG machines in schools so that athletic teams can check out their own mem-

The Stephens fight to save young lives for the last seven years as Scott's family has attempted to impress upon the Texas Legislature that young athletes dying of sudden death can hopefully be avoided with early detection by the new E.K.G machines that have not only gone from being the size of ambulance to the size of a paperback book and

See STEPHENS, p8

Flores speaks out against animal cruelty

Story & Photo by Allan Jamail

Jacinto City, TX. – August 12, 2019 - College Student Cinthia Flores in a statement made to NC Star writer Allan Jamail said "in the first place people should never get a pet if they don't have the means for caring for it properly. But if they get one and then later realize they can't properly care for it, they should give it to someone who will. I'm on a strict college student budget but I still manage to save enough to provide shots, food and a healthy place for my pets.'

Dogs kept outdoors are the most common pets to be mistreated, 70 percent of animal cruelty cases is dogs. With daytime temperatures in the 90's and 100's it doesn't take long before a pet can have a heat stroke.

Warning signs of a heat stroke in a dog can be recognized by the early warning sign of their mouth becoming partially open and panting or

See ANIMAL CRUELTY, page 3



Pet Lover Cinthia Flores holding Bella with Oso (Spanish for Bear).

Lulac awards scholarships



Galena Park LULAC Council 4703 gave out \$12,500 in scholarships to college-bound students from our local area this evening. Thank you to LULAC member Justice of the Peace Joe Stephens who came out to share his life story of success and words of encouragement to these students and Lt. Charles Brown from Constable Chris Diaz's office. If you are an incoming senior in high school and you want to apply for the LULAC scholarship go to the LNESC.org website to get the application in Cruz R. Hinojosa, Jr.

★ COMMUNITY NEWS *

Authorities search for missing Crosby man

CROSBY - The Harris County Sheriff's Office, and Crime Stoppers are seaching for an adult male his home in Crosby for over two weeks.

Please Help Us Locate Missing East Harris County Man.

Please help the HCSO Missing Person unit locate 37-year-old Juventino "Ti-

gre" Sanchez. Mr. Sanchez was last seen in the 600 block of East Melville in the St. Charles Place subdivision



JUVENTINO "TIGRE"

On Saturday July 27, 2019, he left his residence on foot around 7:00 p.m.

A clothing description was not available.

crutches to walk, after suffering injuries in a previus accident.

Anyone with information concerning the whereabouts of this Missing Person is asked to contact the Harris County Sheriff's Office Missing Persons Unit at 713-755-7427.

Or you may call Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS(8477)

Fireworks cause \$70,000 damage to house in Lake Houston area

Houston Firefighters were called to battle a House Fire on August 8, 2019 at about 9:00p.m. The fire was contained in a storage area of the house at the 300 block of Corydon 77336, where fireworks were explod-

No injuries were reported to firefighters or the home's occupants.

\$80 thousand in estimated property was saved, but \$70 thousand in damage was sustained by the house.

The cause for the fire is being listed as unintentional.

Firefighters arrived on scene to fire from a storage area of a house with fireworks going off. They began an attack on the fire and conducted a primary search. Fire was also found in the attic and once the fire was extinguished crews conducted salvage and overhaul. The resident stated they had a generator running for electricity. Firefighters from Stations 64, 65, 101, 102, 103, 105 and 30 responded to this incident.



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COMMUNITY WATCH

Eagle Scout projects Mr. Sanchez uses planned in Highlands



Two Eagle scout candidates, John McGregor at left, and Logan Lopez at right, spoke to the Highlands-Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce last Thursday at their monthly luncheon.

The scouts explained their ideas about projects that are required to achieve their Eagle scout status. McGregor said that he plans on renovating the "fire pit" in the Park along San Jacinto Street and the railroad tracks, which is used by the scouts for flag burning ceremonies and other types of events. McGregor plans to rebuild the stone perimeter and clean the pit.

Lopez said that his project would be the construction of a wooden fence along the line between the park and the railroad, thus enhancing the park and providing safety for children and others that use the park. He described his fence as about 6 feet tall, and learning how to procure the materials and engineer the construction of it would be part of the learning experience.

The attendees at the luncheon listened to the proposals with enthusiasm, and after the talk a collection was taken to help the boys pay for the projects, and about \$1000 dollars was donated in just the short time of the luncheon.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Galena Park ISD will hold a public meeting at 5:00 PM, August 27, 2019 in Galena Park ISD Administration Board Room, 14705 Woodforest Blvd., Houston, Texas 7701

\$1.1417/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations School Debt Service Tax \$0.3300 \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness Approved by Local Voter

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

Deht Service

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

Current Tax Year

Preceding Tax Year \$10,799,927,616 \$11,845,962,736 otal taxable value*** of all property \$8,615,419,883 \$9,449,872,862 fotal taxable value*** of new property* \$105,923,842 \$105,062,865 opraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code

New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

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Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates							
	Maintenance &	Interest &		Local Revenue	State Revenue		
	Operations	Sinking Fund*	Total	Per Student	Per Student		
ast Year's Rate	\$1.2433	\$0.3300*	\$1.5733	\$6,442	\$4,606		
tate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.0089	\$0.3313*	\$1.3402	\$5,930	\$5,220		
roposed Rate	\$1.1417	\$0,3300*	\$1.4717	\$6,460	\$5,772		
The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to he honds, and the tax rate necessary to nay those by							

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$97,698	\$114,010
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$63,401	\$71,710
ast Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.5733	\$1.4717
axes Due on Average Residence	\$997.49	\$1,055.36
ncrease (Decrease) in Taxes		\$57.87

f the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after ned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.4717. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$1.4717.

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds erating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment

tenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) \$156,261,147 erest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) \$11,468,180

school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying he district's debt service.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CRIME WATCH

Channelview suspect arrested for Dayton Stripes robbery

Second Arrest in Aggravated Robbery Case

On Wednesday, August 7 detectives with the Dayton Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division along with members of the Harris County Pct.3 Criminal Investigation Unit conducted a search warrant and felony arrest warrant at 16119 Palm St. in Channelview.

The warrants were part of the ongoing investigation of an Aggravated Robbery of the Stripes Convenience Store in Dayton. The robbery took place at the Stripes store on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at approximately 2:20am.

The execution of the warrants resulted in the arrest of Daniel Gallegos 18 of Channelview for Aggravated Robbery and the recovery of an AR-15 style rifle believed to have been used in the robbery. Gallegos is a former Channelview High School student, according to authorities.

Gallegos was transported to the Harris County Jail and will be extradited

back to Liberty county.
"We would like to extend a special thank you to Harris County Pct.3 Assistant Chief Rick Larkin, Corporal Steven Dugat and the members of their

Criminal Investigation Unit," said Dayton Police Chief Robert Vine. "Working together makes all of our communities safer."

Authorities said that three persons were involved in perpetrating the robbery. They entered the store at the rear, carrying



DANIEL GALLEGOS

weapons, and threatened the clerk on duty. The ordered him to open the register, where they took $cash, and \ to bacco \ products.$

They left through the rear, and escaped in a grey or white Ford SUV with a spare tire on the right rear.

Police were able to identify and arrest a second suspect, Gregorio Tapio, 18, of Dayton on Monday, July 29, and are still looking for the third person involved.

If convicted the suspects fact five to 99 years in jail, and a fine up to \$10,000.

Cloverleaf road improvements to start

CLOVERLEAF - August 8 - Commissioner Adrian Garcia continues improvements in the Cloverleaf area as the road reconstruction project advances to phase four. The \$1.7 million phase begins construction this month and includes reconstructing nearly four miles of asphalt roadways. The roads to be improved are Brownwood Street, Hershe Street, and Waxahachie Street between Nadolney Street and Manor Street.

Drivers are reminded to travel through the work

struction is expected to be complete by the end of the

This multi-phased project was funded by federal grants targeting areas damaged by Hurricane Ike. Phases one through three have improved over 20 miles of roadway in the Cloverleaf area.

For more information and updates on the Harris County Precinct 2, visit www.hcp2.com or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Nextdoor.

Multiple Thefts from Storage Building

Crime Stoppers and the Houston Police Department's Burglary and Theft Division need the public's assistance identifying the suspects responsible for a Burglary of a Building.

On Thursday, July 4, 2019, at approximately 9:30 a.m., two male suspects burglarized a building located in the 1900 block of West Lake Houston Parkway in Houston, Texas. During the inci-dent, the suspects broke into a storage facility and stole various items. Images of the suspects were captured by video surveillance cameras during the bur-

On Monday, July 8, 2019, at approximately 7:15 p.m., one of the same male suspects returned with a female suspect and burglarized the same storage facility.

During both incidents the suspects used a flatbed dolly to load the stolen items onto parked vehicles. The vehicle used in the first burglary was a blue utility van. The suspects

used a red newer model Nissan during the second

burglary.
Crime Stoppers may pay up to \$5,000 for information leading to the charging and/or arrest of the suspect in this case. Information may be reported by calling 713-222-TIPS (8477), submitted online at www.crime-stoppers.org or through the Crime Stoppers mobile app. All tipsters remain

Animal Cruelty,

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breathing with short quick breaths like it's out of breath. If their mouth becomes fully open with rapid pants it means the dog on the verge of a heat stroke. It must immediately be cooled off by putting it in front of a fan or into air-conditioning and given fresh cool water. If the symptoms persist quickly get it to a veterinarian.

Dogs sweat and cool-off by drooling (dripping) from the mouth, small amounts of dripping from the mouth is normal but a constant large amount of drooling (sweating) is a sign of overheating and the dog cannot cool itself off without help; it will need lots of water to prevent dehydration (inadequate body fluids) and a heat stroke.

Abandoning an animal unreasonably and or leaving it in a hot vehicle. transporting or confining it in a cruel manner, permitting unjustified or unwar-ranted pain or suffering or failing to provide fresh cool water, food and shelter for a animal to maintain a state of good health, are

Texas law provides filing animal cruelty charg-es either as a felony or misdemeanor, the severity of cruelty will determine which of the two types of charges will be filed against the pet owner or keeper of the pet. If convicted of felony animal cruelty punishment can be up to two years in jail and or a \$10,000 fine. Also any animals in your direct care may be removed by a local humane society or law enforcement. You may be prohibited from owning animals in the future. Persons convicted under the age of 18 are also required

to undergo counseling. Phone numbers for reporting animal cruelty: Houston Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals 713-869-7722 (HSPCA), they also provide a 7/24 animal ambulance for injured animals at 713-880-HELP (4357) and Harris County Animal Cruelty Task Force 832-

927-7297 (PAWS). Texas criminal laws can be enforced by any law enforcement agency including animal cruelty laws. Phone numbers to keep in your cell phone for reporting any crime: Houston Police - 713-884-3131, Harris County Sheriff Office 713-221-6000, Jacinto City Police – 713-672-2455, Galena Park Police – 713-675-3471, Constable Pct. 2 Chris Diaz - 713-477-4070, Constable Pct. 3 Sherman Eagleton - 713-274-2500.

ATM theft on Normandy

Crime Stoppers and the Harris County Sheriff's Office Burglary and Theft Division need the public's assistance identifying the suspects responsible for a Felony Theft.

On Monday, July 29, 2019, at approximately 4:45 a.m., four male suspects burglarized an ATM located in the 700 block of Normandy Street in Houston, Texas. During the incident, the suspects used a stolen 2007, white Ford pickup truck to commit the theft. The suspects then used a chain and large hook attached to the stolen pickup to gain entry into the ATM. The suspects are captured on video surveillance breaking into the ATM and taking an undisclosed amount of money.

Suspect 1: Black male, approximately 17-23 years of age, slim build, wearing a white mask, dark colored hooded sweatshirt and dark colored pants.

Suspect 2: Black male, approximately 17-23 years of age, slim build, wearing a green mask, green colored hooded sweatshirt

Suspect 3: Black male, approximately 17-23 years of age, slim build, wearing a white mask, black baseball cap and dark colored clothing.

Suspect 4: Hispanic male, approximately 17-23 years of age, slim build, wearing a light colored hooded sweatshirt and

dark colored pants.

Crime Stoppers may pay up to \$5,000 for information leading to the charging and/or arrest of the suspect in this case. Information may be reported by calling 713-222-TIPS (8477), submitted online at www.crime-stoppers.org or through the Crime Stoppers mobile app. All tipsters remain anonymous.





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★ OPINION PAGE ★



Social Security Matters

by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloo Association of Mature American Citizens

Ask Rusty – About Survivor Benefits

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Ask Rusty – About Sur-

Dear Rusty: I am looking for information on my benefits. I am 60 years and 5 months old, and still employed. My spouse died in 2017 and would have been 61 years and 9 months old on July 31, 2019. My husband was the more highly compensated employee and was employed longer than myself. Signed: A Survivor

Dear Survivor: You are eligible for a survivor benefit from your deceased husband because you are now 60, but that survivor benefit will be considerably reduced (by about 28.5%) if you take it now. The survivor benefit is reduced if taken before your widow's full retirement age (which is 66 ? for you). Taken at your widow's full retirement age (FRA) you'd be entitled to 100% of the benefit your deceased husband had earned at his passing. But if you take the survivor benefit now - before your normal full retirement age (66 years and 10 months) - and you are working you'll be subject to Social Security's "earnings limit." If you exceed the limit, it will cause Social Security to withhold some of your survivor benefits. The 2019 earnings limit is \$17,640 and it will increase slightly each year until the year you reach your normal FRA, when it will increase by about 2? times; then when you reach your normal FRA there is no earnings limit. What all of that means is that if you take the survivor benefit now and continue to work and earn, your survivor benefit will be reduced from what it could be, and Social Security will take back some benefits if you exceed the earnings limit (they'll take back \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit).

Assuming you have earned the requisite 40 credits from your own career, you will be eligible for your own Social Security

fit would also be reduced if you take it early (the reduction for your own benefit at age 62 will be about 29.2%). Since at 62 you will have a choice to take either the survivor benefit or your own benefit, you may vant to set a goal of getting the highest possible benefit for the rest of your life. To do that I suggest you determine whether the maximum benefit you can get on your own work record (at age 70) is more than the maximum survivor benefit you can get at your widow's FRA, and then follow a strategy which yields the highest benefit. You can get those numbers by contacting Social Security directly and asking for your own Statement of Estimated Benefits, and also asking for what your maximum survivor benefit will be. You can get the statement for your own estimated benefits online by creating a "My Social Security" account, but you will need to contact Social Security directly to get your maximum survivor benefit

retirement benefit at age

62, though your own bene-

Once you are 62, you will have a choice of which benefit to choose and when to choose it. So, if your own SS benefit on your own work record will be more at age 70 than your survivor benefit will be at your widow's FRA, you should consider taking the survivor benefit first and delaying your own benefit until it reaches maximum, at which point you would switch to your own benefit. However, If your own maximum benefit at age 70 will be less than the maximum survivor benefit you can get at your widow's full retirement age, then you may wish to wait until vou reach your widow's full retirement age (66 ?) to claim the maximum survivor benefit. If you wait until your widow's FRA to claim the maximum survivor benefit, and you need additional income while you're waiting, you can claim only your own SS benefit at age 62 but remember that if you do so the earnings limit will still apply to your own SS retirement benefit until you reach your normal full retirement age.



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Dusty Surprises

The surprises just kept coming.

When I moved in with Peter a few years back, I brought my clothes, a few books, and some artwork. I rented out my house, gave away my furniture, and everything else was consigned to "things I'll deal with later," a pile which—mysteriously—did not shrink with time. These stacked plastic boxes were still in my barn, still waiting for me, long after I'd forgotten what was in them or cared.

But I am going to put the property up for sale and it was time for a reckoning with the barn. It took two dumpsters, four days, and two hardworking guys from the appropriately named, "Git-er-Gone Junk & Clutter Removal," to see it to the end.

And, yes, I did think, "Why not just dump it all, sight un-

But then, what to do with all the surprises found in the boxes of photos and letters and trinkets? Obviously, most of them would be thrown away, recycled, or given to the thrift store. But what about that piece of blown glass from Norway, the postcard from grandpa when he served overseas, the bright red wool jacket handsewn by my aunt that was still stylish. Anyone who's done this knows—it's not that easy.

So, I piled a few boxes in my car ("kicking the can down the road" Peter called it, "saving my sanity," is how I described it) to sort through after everything else was out of the barn.

Yesterday I sorted through a box entirely filled with letters. I discovered that I had saved every postcard and letter I had received since childhood. No, I did not read every one. It turns out that descriptions of what happened in school or how someone spent their vacation makes for extraordinarily dull reading forty years later. But I sampled a few letters in each of the neatly stacked piles that filled the huge storage box before I put them in recycling.

"Oh my gosh," I kept saying, "I had forgotten about that entirely."

that entirely."

I forgot my younger sister wrote to me with such regularity when I went away to college. I forgot friends I'd spent a summer with and never saw again. I forgot the letters sent by a friend after our little high school group went off to college and he was left alone, still living at home.

I'm living in the Twilight Zone, he wrote, and don't even have Rod Serling to comfort me. To the obvious response, "Meet new people," I can only remind you of the great difficulty I have in doing just

But, I have a solution, the letter went on, I'm going to marry a princess of some European country that they forgot to tell us about in 11th grade. Maybe it didn't fight in either of the world wars, or is really small. Anyway, I going to find this country, marry this princess and show all you women a thing or two. So there!

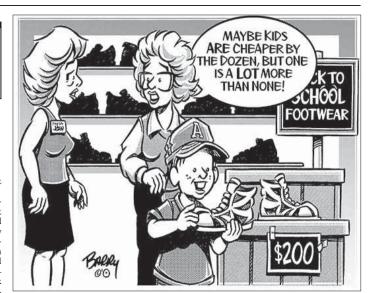
My heart hurt, reading this forty-year-old letter. If wondered if I wrote back. I hoped he was doing well. Then I realized, (unlike forty years ago) this was relatively easy to determine. I logged onto Facebook.

And there he was, looking remarkably the same—but with a smiling dark-haired wife and two grown daughters and what appeared to be a very happy life.

As the last pile of letters went into the bin, I stood still for a moment and smiled with dusty hands and a full heart. "You didn't need Rod Serling after all," I thought.

Till next time, Carrie

Carrie Classon's memoir, "Blue Yarn," was released earlier this year. Learn more at CarrieClasson.com or www.Facebook.com/CarrieClassonauthor.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Officials meet to discuss public safety following deadly shooting in El Paso

AUSTIN — Following the Aug. 3 shooting that claimed the lives of 22 people and injured 24 others at a popular El Paso shopping venue, Gov. Greg Abbott and a group of officials met in the border city to discuss ways to address violence.

Joined by Lt. Gov.
Dan Patrick, House
Speaker Dennis Bonnen,
state Sen. Jose Rodriguez, and area state Reps.
Cesar Blanco, Art
Fierro, Mary Gonzales,
Joe Moody and Lina
Ortega, Abbott and the
group talked about how
to improve public safety.

"The entire state of Texas continues to grieve the tragedy in El Paso," Abbott said. While our hearts remain broken, it is our responsibility to show the resolve that is needed to address this shooting and begin the process of working together to lay a groundwork of how we are going to respond. The people of Texas including the people of El Paso — deserve to be safe and it is our responsibility to ensure that safety," he added.

Sen. Rodríguez, in a statement on behalf of the El Paso legislative delegation, said: "State leaders pledged to work with the El Paso delegation to address gun violence driven by white nationalism. We all agreed that gun violence and white nationalism are pressing issues. Gov. Abbott, in his remarks. was frank about calling the shooter a white supremacist and his actions domestic terrorism. All leaders, from local to state to federal, must reject the ideology of white supremacy.'

Abbott announced the state would provide more than \$5 million in immediate financial assistance through the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Public Safety Office for law enforcement agencies and the community of El Paso.

According to a governor's office news release, the financial assistance will take these forms:

 — Psychological first aid and crisis counseling; State Capital

State Highlights

- Behavioral health services, including needs assessments, strategic planning and care coordination with local service providers;
- County reimbursements for expert witness and juror fees, investigation, increased security and more;
- School-based mental health services to support students affected directly or indirectly and referrals for youths with certain behavioral health and psychological needs;
- Post-critical incident seminars, emphasizing peer support to assist first responders suffering from traumatic stress; and
- The establishment of a "family resiliency center" to be a focal point for community services including mental health needs, legal services, faithbased assistance and public information.

NEW ACCESSIBILI-TY RULES SET

House Bill 3163, establishing new rules for accessible parking spaces in Texas, will become law Sept. 1.

According to a governor's office news release, the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation will draft rules that implement the legislation to amend Government Code Sec. 469.052, as follows:

- The international access symbol must be painted on the parking space;
- The words "NO PARKING" must be painted on access aisles next to accessible parking spaces;
- The signs marking accessible parking spaces must include the penalty for parking illegally in the space. Fines and towing are examples of possible

penalties.

Notably, current signs and parking spaces do not need changes until the new rules go into effect. The new rules will be open to receive comment in the Texas Register after drafting and approval, and importantly, the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation anticipates the rules to take effect near mid-2020.

TAX REVENUE IS DISTRIBUTED

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Aug. 7 announced he would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$876.8 million in local sales tax allocations for the month of August. That is 4 percent more than the amount distributed in August 2018.

Allocations are based on sales made in June by businesses that report tax monthly and on sales made in April, May and June by quarterly filers.

Details on sales tax allocations to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts can be found online in the comptroller's monthly sales tax allocation comparison summary reports at comptroller.texas.gov.

BATTLESHIP VISITS TO STOP

The Battleship Texas State Historic Site in La Porte will close to the public Aug. 26, allowing staff and contractors full accessibility to the ship to safely perform necessary preparation work ahead of a repair project.

The last day the public may explore the 573-foot dreadnought-class vessel will be Aug. 25, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department announced Aug. 7.

During the closure, thousands of artifacts on board the Texas will be catalogued and secured and exhibit collections removed before it is towed to another site for repair.

Visitors will continue to have access to the nearby San Jacinto Monument, the San Jacinto Battleground and the park's nature trails during the closure.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY Notice of Draft Federal Operating Permit



Draft Permit No.: 0612

Application and Draft Permit. Targa Midstream Services LLC, 811 Louisiana St Ste 2100, Houston, TX 77002-1446, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a significant revision of Federal Operating Permit (herein referred to as Permit) No. O612, Application No. 28740, to authorize operation of the Mont Belvieu Fractionator, a Natural Gas Extraction facility. The area addressed by the application is located at 10319 Highway 146 in Mont Belvieu, Chambers County, Texas 77580. This application is being processed in an expedited manner, as allowed by the commission's rules in 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 101, Subchapter J. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to the application. You can find an electronic map of the facility at: http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index. html?lat=29.84&lng=-94.90056&zoom=13&type=r. This application was received by the TCEQ on March 14, 2019. The significant revision will result in a change of emissions for the following air pollutant(s): carbon monoxide: increase, oxides of nitrogen: increase, volatile organic compounds: increase, particulate matter: increase, sulfur dioxide: increase, hazardous air pollutants: increase, ammonia: increase, carbon dioxide: increase, methane: increase, nitrous oxide: increase, carbon dioxide equivalent: increase.

The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10). The draft permit, if approved, will codify the conditions under which the area must operate. The permit will not authorize new construction. The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building E, First Floor, Austin, Texas 78753; the TCEQ Houston Regional Office, 5425 Polk St Ste H, Houston, Texas 77023-1452; and the West Chambers Courthouse Annex, 10616 Eagle Dr, Mont Belvieu, Texas 77523-7600, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The draft permit and statement of basis are available at the TCEQ Website:

www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/tvnotice

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

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

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

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Further information may also be obtained for Targa Midstream Services LLC by calling Mr. Jeff Myhra at (713) 584-1597.

Notice Issuance Date: August 1, 2019

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY Notice of Draft Federal Operating Permit



Draft Permit No.: O615

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Notice Issuance Date: August 6, 2019

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CALENDAR OF EVENIS

By Charlotte Jackson

08/15/2019 East Houston Democrats **Monthly Meeting**

Join local Democrats at 6:30 p.m. at the Milton J. Lusk Youth Activity Center on Mercury Drive to learn about upcoming events and meet local candidates. Meeting is from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. For information, please contact Linda at 281.782.6437

08/17/2019 GPISD and Harris Health System Annual District Immunization Day

This event is held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at North Shore Senior High School. All children ages two months to 18 years must be accompanied by a parent and must have shot record. There will be activities for children and lots of great preventative health information for parents. For more details, please call 832,386,1033.

New Sheldon Lake Elementary ribbon cutting Aug. 15



Sheldon ISD will hold a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for its new Sheldon Lake Elementary school on Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 6:00pm.

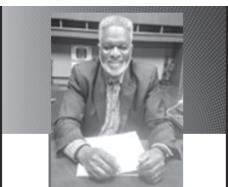
The new school is located off Beltway 8 feeder road just south of Garrett Road.

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ASK DIAMOND JIM

Diamond Jim: "What is a Lab Grown or Lab Created Diamond?"

The question we get asked most often is "Are labcreated diamonds real diamonds?" The answer is yes! The only thing that makes a lab-created diamond different from a natural diamond is its origin. A lab-created diamond is "grown" inside a lab using cuttingedge technology that replicates the natural diamond growing process. The result is a man-made diamond that is chemically, physically, and optically the same as those grown beneath the Earth's surface.

"[Lab-created diamonds] are not fakes and they're not cubic zirconia (CZ). They have all the same physical and chemical properties of a mined diamond." states Stephen ?Morisseau, a spokesman for the Gemological Institute of America, a nonprofit organization that oversees the international diamond grading system. Sometimes, lab-created diamonds are referred to as synthetic diamonds. While not technically inaccurate, the term "synthetic" may be the reason people believe lab-created diamonds are "fake." If we compare them to other popular diamond simulants, it's obvious that manufactured diamonds, in fact, are the real deal.

"How are "Lab-Created

Diamonds" Grown?"

Before we talk about how lab-created diamonds are made, it's important to understand how mined diamonds are formed. The processes are extremely similar - only one happens naturally while the other occurs in a lab.

Mined Diamonds: Geologists believe that diamonds formed deep within the Earth between 1 billion to 3 billion years ago. While they don't know exactly how those diamonds came to be, they believe the process starts with carbon dioxide that is buried roughly 100 miles beneath the Earth's surface. The carbon dioxide is exposed to heat in excess of 2,200 degrees Fahrenheit and put under extreme pressure of roughly 727,000 pounds per square inch. The diamonds are then transported from deep within the Earth's core to the surface by way of deep volcanic explosio

Lab-created Diamonds: There are two processes labs use to grow diamonds - High Pressure-High Temperature (HPHT) and Chemical Vapor Deposition (CVD). HPHT diamonds are made using one of three manufacturing process: a belt press, the cubic press, and the splitphere (BARS) press. All of these processes create an environment of extremely high pressure and temperature conducive to diamond

An HPHT diamond begins as a small diamond seed that is placed into carbon. Using one of the manufacturing processes above, the seed is exposed to temperatures of about 1500 degrees Celsius

and pressurized to approximately 1.5 million pounds per square inch. The pure carbon melts and starts to form a diamond around the starter seed. It is then carefully cooled to form a pure carbon diamond.

A CVD diamond begins as a thin slice of diamond seed, which is often an HPHT produced diamond. The diamond seed is placed in a sealed chamber and heated to around 800 degrees Celsius. The chamber is filled with a carbon rich-gas, like Methane, and other gases The gases are ionized into plasma using technology similar to that of microwaves or lasers. The ionization breaks the molecular bonds in the gases, and the pure carbon adheres to the diamond seed and slowly crystalliz-

"Which diamond should I choose...Lab-Grown or Natural Mined?"

As lab-created diamonds continue to grow in popularity, diamond shoppers will be asking themselves this exact question. But, the only one who can answer that question is the shopper. It all boils down to what is important to you. You may choose a mined diamond because you feel they hold a certain significance and are one of nature's miracles with a mysterious origin. If price is a consideration, it's important to note that, due to the shorter supply chain requirements, lab-grown diamonds are often 20-30% (and in some cases, even 40%) less expensive than

mined diamonds. Or, you may be attracted to a lab-created diamond because you feel they signify a modern love and the incredible progression of technology. While some may want to debate which type of diamond is "better," in reality, mined diamonds and lab-created diamonds aren't in competition with one another. Diamonds represent love, and love is

The true significance of the diamond you choose isn't in its origin. It's not how much you paid. It's not how it's graded. It's not even its size. The significance of the diamond you choose is the love it represents.

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CHARLOTTES

Miracles still happen

In a world where it seems we are too often bombarded with bad news, it is great to know there are still miracles happening. Many people have heard me talk about Youth-Reach Houston through the years. It is a residential facility for young men between the ages of 12 and 17. Youth-Reach Houston has been in operation in the North Channel area since many years. They operate a fullservice, Christ-centered program which reaches out to young men who too often have been labeled as at-risk, troubled or ready for prison.

Founded in 1984, by Executive Director Curt Williams, it is a place where miracles happen. There are many hurting young boys who need a second chance to learn how to face life with hope and determination. Too many of the guys who come to Youth-Reach have no idea what "normal" lives are like. Then again, who can define "normal"? Most of the boys who have been a part of the program over the years have come from single parent homes and many have never met their father. Some of the boys have been shuffled through the foster care system while others have already had their first experience with the

For details about the amazing program, please visit their website

www.yrhouston.org and then reach out and take a tour. Listen to the young residents and understand their journey. Pray about how God can use you to help make a difference.

Maybe you are looking for a miracle that blesses older males and helps to restore families? Travel out Highway 90 a little farther east and vou will discover Nehemiah's Wall of Crosby. You will discover a 90-day residential program for men who have battled with substance abuse. Once a man commits to this program, he begins a journey towards recovery. This residential program is faith based as well and strives to teach the men how to live free from addiction. This freedom comes from a change of attitude, change of associates and a change of activities and from living by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This program is designed for men who are 18 years of age or older and works to not only restore their health but to introduce them to a new way of life. Working together with the many established community resources, Director Deborah Duty is on a mission to connect with others. Currently, she is working with Manuel Bennett to tie up loose ends for their 2nd Annual Golf Tournament which will be held on September 9, 2019. To learn more about the amazing organization or how you can assist with the golf tournament, please contact NWOC at 281.969.3795

Working with others in our community, we can make a difference. We can help restore hope and self-dignity to our neighbors and loved ones. I still believe miracles still happen.

by Matilda Charles

Free Scam Alert Map -The scammers sure have been busy. Is there no end to their creativity? The AARP is helping us to fight back, however, with its Fraud Watch Network's free Scam Tracking Map. You'll find the map on the AARP website (aarp.org) when you put "scam track-ing map" in the search box.

Be sure to click on the widest possible search area, 200 miles, after you enter your ZIP code. Click first on AARP user-submitted reports. You'll see colored dots where scams have occurred. Click on one and scroll down to see the details. After you view those reports, go back and click on Law Enforcement

Alerts, with authorities warning about scams near

The wide variety of scams is surprising. One involved an alleged refund where the thieves wanted to deposit the refund directly into the victim's checking account. Once they gained access, they emptied the account.

Another scam had thieves trying to enter a house by pretending to be from a cable company and needing to fix some wires. The homeowner was suspicious, and rightly so.

Fear is a big factor with threats of arrest. One threatened people with ar-rest if they didn't give their Medicare number over the phone to buy merchandise. Another threatened arrest for missing jury duty if a fine wasn't paid immediately. Others involve the

If you're generally safety conscious and not likely to fall for a scam, checking the map once a month should be enough. But if you're not sure (and truthfully, a lot of the scams are hard to identify as such), you might want to considsigning up for the AARP's bi-weekly Watchdog Alerts. If you're ever in doubt after receiving a suspicious call, call the police. They want to know.

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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS, THE CITY OF JACINTO CITY HAS RECEIVED A VARIANCE HEARING APPLICATION AS FOLLOWS:

ERIC AGUIRRE AT 1730 JENNIFER LN. IS REQUESTING A DEVIATION FROM CURRENT ZONING REQUIREMENTS.

The Board will hear the Petition on August 20, 2019 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall Annex, 10301 Market Street, any interested person may attend.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AND MONTHLY MEETINGS

The Administrative office of Harris County Emergency Services District #14 ("District")

is located 2301 E. Wallisville Road, Highlands, TX 77562. The District's mailing address is PO Box 96, Highlands, TX 77562. The District holds regular meetings on the **fourth Monday** of each month at the Highlands Volunteer Fire Department located at 2301 E Wallisville Rd, Highlands, TX 77562 at 12:00 noon. The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings. The Board of Commissioners are Jim Strouhal, President; Chester Stasney, Vice President; Jerry Ickes, Secretary; Treasurer, Johnny Gaeke; Member, Mark Taylor. The attorney for the District is Weston Cotten, Law Offices of Weston Cotten, P.C., 1500 E. Wallisville Road, Highlands, TX 77562, telephone number 281-421,4050. Email address weston@westoncotten.com

SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE

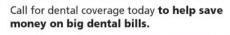
for tax year 2019. The proposed tax rate is 0.0500 per \$100 of value. No change in the tax rate is planned

The proposed tax rate for the 2019 tax year is the same rate of 0.0500 per \$100

the value that has always been in place for ESD#14 since its formation in 1999.

The Harris County Emergency Services District #14 will hold a meeting at the Highlands Volunteer Fire Department, 2301 E Wallisville Rd, Highlands, TX 77562 at 12 noon, on Monday, August 26, 2019, to consider adopting a tax rate

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Three Drown,

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with a 10 year old male child were able to make it back to shore with help from nearby good samari-

Tragically, the three remaining children: a 13 year old girl, and two boys aged 11 and 7 were seen by bystanders going under water and not resurfacing. An immediate search of the area waters began and all three of the children were eventually recovered a short distance from where they were last seen.

Chambers County Justice of the Peace Larry Cryer pronounced all three children deceased at the scene and ordered autopsies to be conducted by the Jefferson County Medical Examiner's Office.

The investigation in to this devastating incident is ongoing and the names of the deceased will be released at a later time once all assurances have been made to take care of the family and contact is made with other immediate relatives

"I would like to thank Sheriff Ed Gonzalez and members of the Harris County Sheriff's Office, the Port of Houston Authority, the LaPorte Police Department, the Houston Fire Department and all othe first responders who worked collectively throughout the evening on this incident. The assistance and dedication of all first responders was instrumental in the recovery of the victims and in helping to care for the family members", said Sheriff Hawthorne.

Hawthorne.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of those involved in this tragedy.

Battleship Texas Closes to the Public Aug. 26

LA PORTE— The Battleship Texas State Historic Site will close to the public Aug. 26, allowing staff and contractors full accessibility to the ship ensuring they can safely perform the necessary preparation work ahead of a repair project. The last day the public will be able to explore the Battleship Texas will be Sunday, August. 25.

"It is important that we take the necessary steps to preserve the profound legacy of the Battleship Texas," said Rodney Franklin, Director of Texas State Parks. "I look forward to the next chapter that the Battleship will experience after these much-needed repairs are completed. The ship has taken part in some of the most significant naval battles of the 20th century and we hope it will continue to be around for future generations of Texans to enjoy."

During the closure, staff will be cataloging and securing thousands of artifacts on board the ship, as well as removing large exhibit collections before it is transported for repair.

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Visitors will continue to
have access to the San Jacinto
Monument, the San Jacinto
Battleground and the park's
nature trails during the closure.

First Baptist Church Jacinto City celebrating its 75th Anniversary

Remaining in the same location since the beginning, the First Baptist Church of Jacinto City (FBCJC) will celebrate its 75th anniversary on August 18, 2019. Located at 10701 Wiggins, the church and its members have seen many changes throughout the community but it has remained strong and committed to presenting the message of Jesus Christ and His resurrection.

With the first meeting

with the first meeting on August 6, 1944, and housed in a tent, a church was formed with the name of Universal Baptist Church. With an initial membership of 117, the last charter member on the roll died in 2008. The first building was completed in 1945 and served as the sanctuary, office space and classrooms. This building now serves as a worship center for a Hispanic Congregation, Iglesia Bautista Resurrection, and the church offices.

Shortly after Jacinto City became incorporated, the church took the name

of First Baptist Church of Jacinto City, this was in March 1947. In August 1951, on the 7th anniver sary, the second building, a new sanctuary was com pleted. Because of contin-ued growth and the need for more meeting areas, the Education Building was completed in June 1965 and includes classrooms and a nursery for infants and children through the age of three years. With more growth years. With more growth and the desire to reach people throughout the greater North Channel area, the Christian Fami-ly Life Center (CFLC) was completed in July 1986 and includes a full size gym, kitchen facilities, a fellowship area and additional classrooms. A renovation and updating of the sanctuary was completed in time for the church's 50th anniversary.

Our church has gone through a complete makeover since this time including our new sign with new logo and we welcome everyone to come see the new







face lift, but more important, come see the work that God has done within the members. This church is very much alive and will continue to grow.

Bro. Rick Blount will celebrate his 15th anniversary as Pastor at the same time as the 75th anniversary for the church is recognized on August 18, 2019. Invitations have been sent to many of the previous members, asking them to celebrate with the present members. Following the morning worship service, which begins at 10:50 a.m.

There have been many changes in Jacinto City but the church has continued to have a strong Christian foundation. Under the leadership of Bro. Blount and a committed congregation, the church accepts the mission to follow God's leadership into the future. If you are looking for a place to worship, you are welcome to come and worship with FBCJC.

Two shot dead after traffic collision on I-10 East Fwy



THE SILVER CAR in the center of the photograph is where the two victims died. The car with the shooter has left the scene. Other cars stopped to help the victims.

HOUSTON — A traffic collision, perhaps accidental or intentional, caused a man armed with a rifle to shoot and kill two people during the busy rush hour commute on Thursday evening, August 8, Hous-

ton police said.
The names of the victims have not been released, but Friday the Houston Police Department said the men were 25 and 33 years of age.

The shooting happened on Houston's east side in the middle lanes of the I-10/East Freeway near Fed-

On Friday, HPD Chief Art Acevedo tweeted there was a "high probability the murders are drug related."

Witnesses told Houston police it was just before 6 p.m. when two vehicles collided on the freeway - the gunman in one and the victims in the other. The victims' silver Nissan sedan spun around and rolled backward, and the shooter ran behind and started fir-

ing into the car's windshield using a long rifle, similar to an AR-15, police said.

Both victims in the Nissan were believed to be shot in the chest and died at the scene.

Authorities said the kill-

Authorities said the killer didn't stop firing until a good Samaritan in a truck opened fire on him. It's not known if the shooter was wounded, but the bystander's gunfire caused him to flee the scene.

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The shooter is described only as a Hispanic male in his 20s, about 5'7". He was wearing a red shirt and fled the scene in a newer model, dark colored 4-door seed on

Despite the hundreds of drivers around the scene of the shooting, police said no one has been able to confirm the make and model of the suspect's car.

of the suspect's car.
"I think what happened... is that a lot of people thought this was just a [car] accident on the free-

way," HPD Assistant Chief Dobbins said. "They just drove by it and went home and didn't realize a shooting was happening until after the person got out of the car, and that happened so fast that those driving by never even saw it."

Dobbins thanked those witnesses who stayed to speak with investigators.

Police said narcotics were found in the victims' vehicle, but it's not confirmed if the drugs are related to the shooting. Dobbins refused to speculate on the motive but would not rule out that the shooting was possibly drug-related or road rage.

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The killings brought rush hour traffic to a standstill, shutting down the freeway's eastbound lanes for several hours.

Anyone with informa-

Anyone with information about this crime should call Houston Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS or HPD Homicide at 713-308-3600.

Stephens,

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ranged in ability from being only able to tell if someone was having a heart attack to being able to read rhythms and irregularities.

It began with a personal note for Scott, his son Cody died in May of 2012 from sudden death. His last words to his father were "Go big or go home."

House Bill 76 was passed at the end of the Legislative Session this year under the leadership of Representative Dan Huberty R. and State Senator Carol Alvarado D.

The Big Event, the Cody Stephens Memorial Foundation Fund-raiser is this Saturday and a few seats can still be found, although the venue has sold out of the presumed 600 seats at the Southern Lace Estates on Indian Shores Road.

Stephens stated, "I think we are going to try to raise about \$270,000 for all that we have set out to do this year including putting C.P.R. machines with the trainers."



ReACTin a Heartbeat, teaches over 200 youngsters to perform C.P.R. on test dummies in one of the class settings. The life saving skill is known to add a 25% chance of survival to those that need the act following some trauma if performed in time.

Waste Pits,

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Jackie reported that in a discussion she had with the new acting director of EPA/ Region 6, David Gray, she was able to make the point that THEA/SJRC felt that the PRP work now being conducted should be monitored and inspected by an independent

third party.

CONCERN FOR SEMI
ACCIDENT DAMAGE

The semi-truck that went over the railing on June 27 and landed in the river, was very close to the perimeter of the waste pits site. EPA took sonar readings on July 10th of the cap after the truck was removed, and reported that no damage was detected. They furnished a map showing two profiles they had which showed no change in the cap or the outline of the pits. Jackie questioned whether the technique used and the scope was adequate, noting that in 2015 after the tax day flood, divers discovered a 22x25 gap in the membrane that had been missed by other techniques.

