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CHANNEL CURRENTS

San Jacinto River Coalition meeting

Thursday, October 10, 2019, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Martin L. Flukinger Community Center located at 16003 Lorenzo St., Channelview, TX 77530.

Jacinto City Market by Night presents A pop-up Art Experience Art Beast in the Far East 2

Hosted by Henry Murillo

Jacinto City Market by Night presents a pop-up art experience. Saturday, October 12, 2019, at Jacinto City Town Center, 1025 Oates Rd. Market by Night 5pm-9pm, Art Market 5pm-11pm. Free admission. Free Parking. Family and Pet Friendly. Live Music by Grupo Invicto. Food Trucks. Spindletap Brewery. More...

North Channel SALUTES set for Nov. 7

The North Channel Chamber will hold its 11th annual Salute to Veterans, current military personnel, and First Responders.

Also taking place will be a Business Expo and Health Fair. The event will be held at Armenta's Reception Hall in Channelview, 823 Sheldon Road, from 10am to 2pm.

Booths and Sponsorships are available, call the Chamber at 713-450-3600.

Exclusive Star Interview:

Garcia supports impeachment inquiry, assault weapons ban

By Allan Jamail

Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 8:30 am at the Houston Police Department's East Freeway Storefront, Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia provided district and legislative updates.

North Channel Star writer Allan Jamail covering the meeting, asked Congresswoman Garcia to explain her supporting of the current impeachment inquiry of President Trump. Garcia replied,



Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia explains why she supports the impeachment investigation and the banning of military assault weapons that mass killers are using. (Allan Jamail photo)

"When I got elected to go to Washington I never expected to be involved in an impeachment process of a president. Almost every day I hear the President say or do something shocking to me. But the last straw for me was when in a phone call he asked a foreign country to interfere with our elections and to help him get re-elected. That's a violation of our laws and can't be tolerated; no one is above the law, not President Trump or any other president."

"In my life I have taken the oath of office about 15 or more times to protect and defend our Constitution from both foreign and domestic violators. It's my duty to support the investigation of President Trump, for its been alleged that in a phone call he asked a foreign country's new President, Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine for political help. This is not about partisan politics, it's

See SYLVIA GARCIA, page 8

Greens Bayou Regatta held with hundreds of canoes



Participants departing from Brock Park on Greens Bayou for the annual Regatta. Hundreds of canoes, kayaks, and a few custom boats participated.

The 4th Annual Greens Bayou Regatta took place on Saturday, September 28, 2019.

The race began at Brock Park Golf Course, located at 8201 John Ralston, Houston, TX 77044 at 9:00 a.m. And ended at Thomas Bell Foster Park located at 12895 Greens Bayou Street, Houston, TX 77015.

After the race, there were festivities, lunch, music and vendors. The Closing Ceremonies with

awards to winners was at 2:00 p.m.

Complimentary shuttles were available to all attendees to take back to the starting line, retrieve their vehicles and pickup their boat from the finish line.

Besides the amount of water tropical storm Imelda left begin, the 2019 Greens Bayou Regatta raised \$13,760 for paddle trail development.

The Greens Bayou Regatta, hosted by Greens

Bayou Coalition, combines recreation, stewardship, and education on one of Houston's most beautiful and secluded waterways, Greens Bayou. The 7.5 mile race course showcases two planned launch locations, Brock Park and Thomas Bell Foster Park. This annual event raises funds and awareness to implement the proposed 27.5 mile paddle trail.

Superintendents report at luncheon



LUNCHEON SPEAKERS: Margie Buentella, King Davis, John Moore, Sherrhonda Johnson, Greg Ollis.

The North Channel Chamber hosted the annual State of the Schools report from the superintendents of Sheldon, Galena Park, and Channelview ISD's at their monthly luncheon last Friday. A large audience, with many educators in attendance from the three districts, enjoyed hearing of the district accomplishments amid a competitive spirit.

Presentations were similar for the three districts, filled with statistics, emphasis on special programs, and dealing with population growth through bond issues. Each superintendent

showed a video of students, schools, and general character of the district. These well prepared videos gave an intimate and cheerful look into the life of students and staff.

GALENA PARK ISD

Individual presentations included Galena Park's Sherrhonda Johnson, executive director for school and community relations, speaking in place of superintendent Angi Williams. Ms. Johnson said the district had grown to 22,000 students.

See State of the Schools, page 3

North Shore Mustangs gallop past C.E. King Panthers 52-14

By Allan Jamail

October 4, 2019 in the unincorporated northeast part of Harris County at the new Sheldon ISD C. E. King Panther stadium, the North Shore Mustangs dominated the district game on offense and defense making 7 touchdowns (TD) and one field goal, 52 - 14.

Coach Jon Kay had his North Shore team playing so well they led at halftime 45 to 0. After halftime Kay began using his backup players getting them valuable playing time and experience.

The Mustangs offense made 548 total yards, 239 rushing yards and 309 passing yards.

Zach Evans had 2 rushing TD's and a 17 yard passing TD from quarterback Demetrius Davis.



Photo by Allan Jamail

Mustang running back Zach Evans powers through Panthers defenders scoring one of his 3 touchdowns.

Three arrested in Galena Park for assault on elderly couple

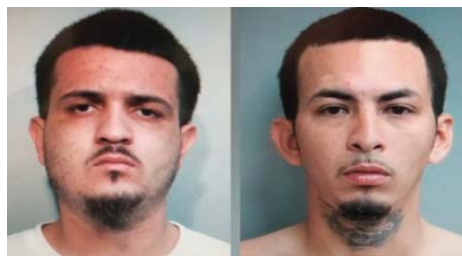
GALENA PARK - Sunday, October 6th at approximately 9 PM, according to Maria and Francisco Hernandez, 65 and 69, they said two males and a female forced their way into their 7th Street home making demands for their grandson.

Police say 24-year-old Jorge Salman, 27-year-old Dominique Salazar and 29-year old Genesis Martinez forcibly entered the elderly couple's home. Forced entry into a home is burglary.

Once inside the home the trio attacked the grandson and ended up attacking his grandparents as well.

Police say during the attack, Salman and Salazar pushed Maria to the ground and punched Francisco in the stomach. A translator there said, "Francisco has a pacemaker, he could've had a heart attack."

Galena Park Police Sgt. Drew Scroggins said the two males, Salman and



JORGE SALMAN
Galena Park Police Photos

DOMINIQUE SALAZAR

Salazar were arrested for burglary with intent to commit assault, the female, Genesis Martinez was charged with burglary.

An elderly individual means a person 65 years of age or older and it's a Class A misdemeanor to assault an elderly person. If convicted in Texas, of a Class A misdemeanor the punishment is up to one year in jail, a fine of up to \$4,000, or both jail time and a fine.

Burglary of a habitation in Texas with intent to assault is a second degree felony, if convicted

punishment by imprisonment in the institutional division for any term of not more than 20 years or less than 2 years. In addition to imprisonment, an individual adjudged guilty of a felony of the second degree may be punished by a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

The three charged suspects will be tried in the Harris County Courts.

According to sources the incident may have stemmed from Martinez and the grandson having recently broken-off their relationship.

HIGHLANDS HORIZONS MISS HIGHLANDS PAGEANT

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 12,
2019

Miss Highlands Contestants



2018
Miss Highlands
Kaitlyn Rolin

2018
Jr. Miss Highlands
Payton Radle



Sydney Deavers
Jeremy Rosenkranz State Farm



Haley Nugent
Mega Sand



Hannah Courtney
Nena's Daycare



Presley Norton
Teapot Depot



Haley Maxey
Kostka Auto Paint & Body



Hannah Lee
Outback Steakhouse

Jr. Miss Highlands Contestants



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Ashley Simon



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Chris & Tamie Land



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Britney Hathorn & Beau LaFour
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Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The **Harris County Fresh Water Supply District #6** will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2019 on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 7:00 PM at 15902 Market Street, Channelview, Texas 77530. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Gary O'Brian, Carl Green, Darrell Fry and Jerry Thayer

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: Edgar Granados

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in the taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

| | Last Year | This Year |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Total tax rate (per \$100 of value) | \$0.22156/\$100 Adopted | \$0.22754/\$100 Proposed |
| Difference in rates per \$100 of value | | +\$0.00598/\$100 |
| Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-) | | + 2.69904 % |
| Average appraised Value | \$ 74,898 | \$ 78,758 |
| General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions) | \$ 11,235 | \$ 11,814 |
| Average taxable Value | \$ 63,663 | \$ 66,944 |
| Tax on average residence homestead | \$ 141.05 | \$ 152.32 |
| Annual increase/decrease in taxes if Proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) | | +\$11.27 |
| And percentage of increase (+/-) | | +7.99007% |

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the water district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code

Question regarding this notice should be directed to June Muth (281) 426-8156

COMMUNITY NEWS

Harris County Judge Hidalgo urges residents affected by Tropical Storm Imelda to register for FEMA Assistance

Provides Update on Imelda Recovery Effort, Impact on Local Homes and Infrastructure

Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo on Tuesday urged Harris County residents who suffered damage from Tropical Storm Imelda to register with FEMA for assistance and released additional information regarding the scale of storm damage and ongoing recovery efforts.

"I'm pleased that federal officials responded to our requests for additional assistance. Now, it's time for our community to make the most of that assistance. Homeowners and renters who were impacted should contact FEMA today," said Judge Hidalgo. "Our most urgent priority is reaching residents still in need of help, and we'll continue harnessing every available resource to speed their recovery."

FEMA assistance can provide financial help to those who have necessary expenses and serious needs. The assistance comes in a variety of forms for homeowners, renters, and businesses. To learn more, or register for FEMA assistance, residents can visit the link to the FEMA application on

ReadyHarris.org or by calling 1 (800) 621-3362. Registration takes approximately 20 minutes to complete.

The arrival of FEMA individual assistance builds upon existing recovery resources already being offered by the county and an array of non-profit groups. These include support for food, debris clean-up, and other social services. An updated listing of those resources are available at ReadyHarris.org or by calling 2-1-1.

Judge Hidalgo also provided the following updates regarding the ongoing recovery:

The Red Cross is now providing financial assistance to families that have sustained major damage to the pre-disaster living address. Major damage is considered 18" or more of flood water in the home. The Red Cross is providing casework at recovery centers throughout the region. All Red Cross programs do not discriminate on any basis, including religion, geography, origin, or citizenship.

The Imelda Assistance Fund, established to meet the immediate needs of those who were displaced and/or whose homes were damaged by flooding,

has secured financial commitments from the community of more than \$400,000.

According to the most recent estimates, 954 homes and 42 commercial businesses flooded in unincorporated Harris County. In addition, the most recent estimates from the City of Houston show 1,661 homes and 24 commercial businesses flooded.

The Harris County Engineering Department (HCED) has collected more than 12,000 cubic yards of debris left by the roadside by homeowners in flooded areas. To expedite home repairs throughout unincorporated Harris County, HCED has also been conducting inspections and issuing permits. To date, home inspections are 80 percent complete.

Several County buildings experienced flooding, especially those located near Buffalo Bayou downtown. In addition, there were some county parks that experienced damage from Imelda and a few roads that were damaged. HCED estimates total damage of public buildings at \$2.2 million and is working with state and federal agencies to secure FEMA Public Assistance to repair this damage.

Channelview ISD recognizes school leaders during Texas Principals Month

Texas Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed October 2019 as "Principals Month" in Texas. In recognition of the hard work and positive contributions of Channelview Independent School District Principals, a series of celebrations have been planned for campus-level administrators.

"Our principals are the pulse of our school district," said Superintendent Greg Ollis. "We recognize that great schools do not exist without great leaders." Please join us in congratulating these outstanding leaders during the month of October for their positive contributions toward student achievement in Channelview ISD:

Eric Lathan, Aguirre JH Principal; Diorica Cavazos, Assistant Principal; Michelle Galtney, Assistant Principal; Neiman Owens, Assistant Principal; Jules Pichon, Alice Johnson JH Principal; Isabel Tavella, Assistant Principal; Larry Lewis, Assistant Principal; Stephen Hinze, Assistant Principal; Troy Michaud, Brown Elementary Principal; Angela Lavergne, Assistant Principal; Robert Laird, CHS Principal; Alan Smith, Associate Principal; Cynthia Benitez, Associate Principal; David



Myrick, Assistant Principal; Cedric LePeuch, Assistant Principal; Stephanie Green, Assistant Principal; Jan Melancon, Assistant Principal; Amber Beard, Assistant Principal; Andre Phillip, Assistant Principal; Luz Moore, Assistant Principal; Lizette Castalline, Cobb Elementary Principal; William Chalfant, Assistant Principal; Audry Lane, Crenshaw Elementary Principal; Tiffany Wilson,

Assistant Principal; Ruben Rodriguez, DeZavala Elementary Principal; Amanda Montemayor, Assistant Principal; Jose Lopez, Hamblen Elementary Principal; Amanda Bijani, Assistant Principal; Amber Logan, Assistant Principal; Gina Ervin, McMullan Elementary Principal; Tiresha Morgan, Assistant Principal; Ann Garza, Schochler Elementary Principal; Cynthia Vasquez, Assistant Principal.

LETTERS To The Editor

National Night Out Thank You

Greetings!

Harris County Cultural Arts Council would like to thank you for your support in making the First Annual North Channel Community National Night Out a HUGE success! More than 100 friends and neighbors gathered (over 50 stayed from beginning to end) to enjoy some food, fun, and Comm(on)Unity.

The evening was star studded with local elected officials Judge Lucia Bates, Constable Ken Jones, and representatives from Precincts 1 and 2 dropping in for a visit.

A special thank you to the office of Judge Joe Stephens for being the FIRST to see the vision and link arms with us.

We look forward to partnering with you in the future as we continue our efforts to strengthen North Channel through community engagement and the arts. Mark your calendar for the next two events:

1) November 17, 2019 - The Unveiling of the Cultural Arts Center as a Performance, Conference Center and Venue facility

2) December 6, 2019 - We'll turn the North Shore into the North Pole with a fabulous winter wonderland designed to awaken the child in all of us with the wonder of Christmas!

We'll be in touch with details soon.

Artistically,
Shevolta Henson
Hostess

State of the Schools,

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dents, and provided free breakfast and lunch every day. She noted that four of the campuses had received an "A" rating from the TEA this year, and the District a "B."

GP ISD highlights included Early College High School, with dual credits. There were 13,147 dual credit hours, and 33 Associate Degrees earned. Pre-Kindergarten is available for all 3 and 4 year olds.

Security at each campus includes two trained canines. There are 21 contract deputies, and 2100 security cameras in the schools.

Seniors can gain free entrance to events with a Senior Gold Card. The bus fleet was judge one of the 100 best in the country by a national magazine.

Ms. Johnson spoke about GP ISD being one of the largest employers in East Harris County, with 12 district facilities, 23 schools, and 3,193 employees. In 2019 there were 1,600 graduating seniors. Scholarships for these college-bound students totaled \$8.6 million dollars.

CHANNELVIEW ISD

Superintendent Greg Ollis presented the update for the Channelview ISD. Ollis said that the district had grown to 10,000 students on

12 campuses. A \$195 million Bond Issue this year was allowing the district to build replacement school and renovate other campuses.

Ollis said that for security there was an officer on each campus. The district has extensive educational resources, but maintains that "small town" feel.

Innovate programs include AVID prep, innovation grants from the Education Foundation, and a unique Robotics lab.

The district received a "B" rating from the TEA. Ollis says the theme this year is "The Future is in your hands."

SHELDON ISD

Superintendent King Davis said this year's theme is "Level Up." The district had a \$285 bond issue, and is building new schools. It is building a new high school and elementary, and a 10,000 seat stadium. It has 10,000 students on 12 campuses. Growth is 8% per year.

The district lowered its tax rate by 2¢, and gave teachers a \$5000 raise.

A COMPASS program allows students to choose their course of interest: STEM, Performing and Visual Arts, or Technology. In high school, students can get an associate degree.

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Notice of Public Sale Pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Property Code, Sierra Ranch Storage located at 8720 Sierra Ranch Drive Houston, TX 77044 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. The auction will take place online at selfstorageauction.com. The bidding will begin at 9am Thursday October 10th and will end on Friday October 25th @ 10:00am CST. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Deposit for removal and cleanup is temporarily required. Seller does reserve the right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale up until payment is made. CASH ONLY SALE!

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LETTERS

To The Editor

Flood at Northside Baptist Church

Dear Sir,

September 19, 2019 the back of our building was flooded with about one inch of water. The front ditches filled up, backed up, and the water at the back and front of our building had nowhere else to go. Water swept across our property. This has happened before.

The flooding here would be ended with these considerations:

1. The ditch on the north side of Barbers Hill Road needs dug out immediately. The culverts need cleaned out. Dirt and debris have piled up both inside and outside the culverts. In a flood these culverts are only about 50% effective.
2. There is an abandoned rent house (second house west of Northside) where the drivein is built higher than the other drive ways. This serves to dam up the water once the ditches are full. The other driveways allow the overflow floodwater to flow over them.
3. The culverts are too small. The culverts are about 20" to 2411 diame-

ter. Someone from the county mentioned they should be at least 36 inches in diameter. This desperately needs to be corrected.

4. In one spot, the culvert in front of Northside appears to be caving in. This, of course, would obstruct the water flowing through. Our church parking lot is used not only by our church, but by cars, trucks, school buses through the week. We do not object to this and want to be a good neighbor. Our lot is about the only turnaround on Barbers Hill Road. This adds, however, to the wear and tear, and possibly the culvert caving in. We need new, larger culverts.

We hope the county will immediately begin work on these issues. This letter will be sent to newspapers and anyone who could be of help. Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,
David R. Brumbelow
Northside Baptist Church

Some thoughts on Highlands Jamboree

I remember when we first moved to Highlands, they had Highlands Jamboree every year, it was fun, they threw Chickens off the top of a building, and everyone tried to catch one, WELL I caught one and felt sorry for it and walked down the road and set it free, an hour later a man told me that there was a prize tied to the Chickens leg, I tried for an hour to find that Chicken, never did, the man told me later that the prize was a Chicken Fried Steak at the Ceder Inn,?? I loved Chicken Fried Steaks, he gave me some money to buy me one anyway, good people back then.

-- Jay Goodwin, Facebook

Some thoughts on living in Highlands

We moved there in 1957, my father was the Church Of Christ preacher, we lived on 3rd street on Clearlake road. I was riding my Mustang Motor scooter down Main Street one Saturday morning and I saw a little old lady coming of the Cafe by the rail road tracks, she fell, I turned around and went back, got off my motor scooter and helped her up, a lady and a girl who worked there during the summer (Carolen Goodson) came out and gave me a hug, it shocked me so much, I got on my Bike and took off as fast as I could.

-- Jay Goodwin, Facebook



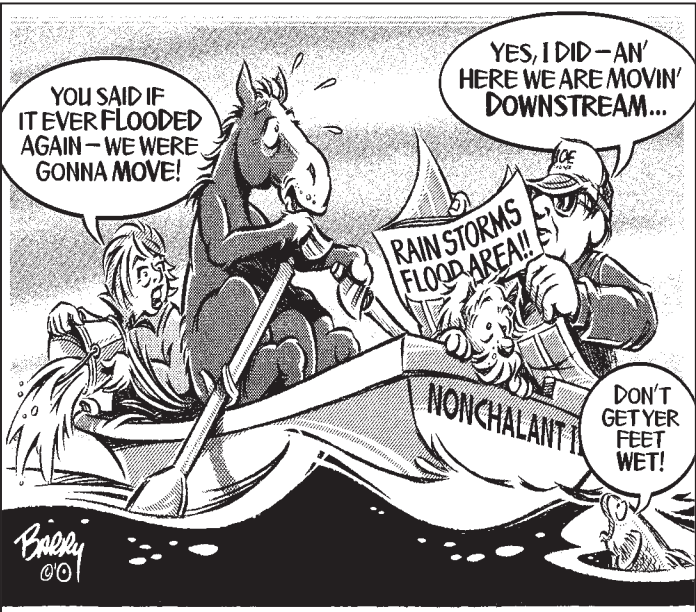
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Abbott puts Bush in charge of disaster mitigation effort

AUSTIN — A plan is afoot for large-scale, regional projects to improve the state's resilience to hurricanes and other natural disasters, Gov. Greg Abbott announced Oct. 4.

Abbott tapped Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush to lead the federally funded \$4 billion-plus "comprehensive mitigation" effort. Funding will come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under a community development block grant. "Today we are pushing forward with the single-largest mitigation program our state has ever seen," Abbott said. "Commissioner Bush and I are committed to working together in partnership with HUD (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development) and the Texas Division of Emergency Management to maximize the impact of this funding."

HUD on Aug. 23 released mandatory rules for the use of more than \$4.3 billion in congressionally appropriated funding to be administered by the Texas General Land Office. Funding has been earmarked for projects as follows:

- \$4,074,456,000 for Hurricane Harvey;
 - \$169,748,000 for 2016 floods; and
 - \$52,985,000 for 2015 floods.
- The overall total includes certain funds for 2015 floods to be allocated directly by HUD to
- City of Houston, \$61,884,000; and
 - City of San Marcos, \$24,012,000.

Federal disaster declared

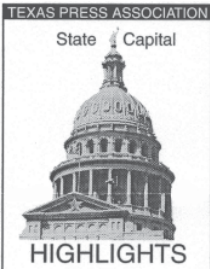
The White House on Oct. 4 ordered federal assistance to supplement state and local recovery efforts in Texas counties affected by Tropical Storm Imelda from Sept. 17 to Sept. 23.

The disaster declaration makes federal funding available to affected individuals in the counties of Chambers, Harris, Jefferson, Liberty, Montgomery and Orange. Assistance may include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard-mitigation measures statewide. Additional designations may be made at a later date if requested

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling



'Farm Fresh' kicks off

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller on Oct. 2 announced the start of the Texas Department of Agriculture's annual Farm Fresh Challenge for Texas schools.

The effort encourages schools to buy Texas-grown foods, teach students about the importance of agriculture and celebrate their activities on social media.

More than 220 school districts and charter school organizations have pledged participation for 2019, according to the Texas Department of Agriculture.

DSHS updates case count

The Department of State Health Services on Oct. 1 reported the identification of some 75 Texas cases of severe lung disease in people who report vaping before developing symptoms.

State health officials, who update and post the case count every Tuesday, are gathering more information about 34 other possible cases to determine whether they are consistent with the symptoms and substance use seen in cases in Texas and 47 other states.

Patients range in age from 13 to 75 with a median age of 22 years. About one-third of the Texas cases have been in teens, three-quarters are male and almost all required hospitalization.

Nationally, 1,080 cases have been reported. DSHS is working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Food and Drug Administration and other states to gather evidence of what the cases have in common and determine a cause.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

"Slow Travelers"

Peter and I are packing for our annual trip again.

My husband, Peter, is retired and I write, so we are able to travel now. Getting married late in life, this might have posed some problems because Peter is exactly the opposite sort of traveler I used to be.

"I'm packing two separate bags—one for Spain and one for on the way there," Peter informs me. "This will mean some duplication, but it will simplify things when it's time to fly!" Peter is obviously pleased with himself.

I used to take pride in traveling light. I fit all my clothes and everything I needed in a small backpack or a carry-on suitcase and hit the road with little idea of where I was going. This was a lot of fun and I had some fine adventures. Then I met Peter.

"Should we bring the paella pan?" Peter asks. We bought the pan in Spain. We are going to Spain.

"I think they'll probably have one," I say, knowing that (if they do not) Peter will insist on adding a paella pan to the list of things we bring overseas every year.

In addition to sharp knives (which, I concede, every traveler needs) Peter packs spices and utensils. He brings clothes for every contingency. He brings coffee and something to make it in. Peter has first aid supplies for every illness, repair kits for every emergency, maps and receipts for every misunderstanding. Traveling with Peter means having everything you could possibly need tucked away in some bag or another—and extra bags, just in case.

"Don't forget Ziplocs!" Peter cautions me. In the list of things that are hard to find outside the U.S., resealable bags are near the top of the list. Don't travel without them—that's our motto.

It is surprising, actually, how little push-back I've given Peter on his packing style. Rather than fight it, I've embraced it wholeheartedly. I wistfully remember the days I travelled with two pair of shoes (one on my feet) as I tuck another pair into my bag. "So much room!" I think. "Why not bring my black suede boots?" There really is no going back.

But, now that I've adjusted my packing style, Peter and I are surprisingly compatible travelers. We are both slow travelers.

Like me, Peter does not like to dash around from place to place when we are somewhere new. We like to hunker down, usually in an inexpensive Airbnb (with all our sharp knives and spices and emergency equipment) and take our time. Avoiding the cost of tickets and transport and tips, getting to know where the inexpensive markets and restaurants are, finding a great discount on lodging for a longer stay—all these things make traveling less expensive. But, for us, it is also more fun.

We loiter in the market long enough to acquire a favorite kind of olive or cheese and try some vegetable we have trouble identifying.

"That is the ugliest, tastiest tomato ever," I tell Peter.

"Let's buy more tomorrow," Peter says.

We find the local parks and hiking trails. We learn the best time to buy bread and pastries. We watch the same woman walk her dog, the same man talking to himself, the same young couple as they fall in and out of love. Traveling slowly allows us to feel a part of a place, to imagine it is our home for a while, to wonder what it would be like to live a different life entirely.

Except that we have Ziplocs. And really sharp knives. Till next time, Carrie

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

Barrett Station hosts Bazaar



Mt. Rose Church of Christ in Barrett held their annual Bazaar last Saturday in Barrett Station. A large crowd of members and the public enjoyed the events on a sunny day.

Annual Czech Fest brings the community together



The Michelsky family featuring Ms. Betty at the annual Czech Festival which took place last Saturday in Crosby.

Lake Houston UMC Pumpkin Patch opens in Huffman

The Pumpkin Patch opened last Monday, October 7, 2019!

This is the 18th year that Lake Houston United Methodist Church has been home to a large Pumpkin Patch with over 1,000 pumpkins with a wide variety of shapes and sizes. Before the opening of the Patch, LHUMC members and friends both young and old unload the tractor trailer once it arrives. Everyone participates in setting up and it is a great time of fun and fellowship each year.



Once the Patch is open, folks come from all over to pick out their perfect holiday pumpkins. The Pumpkin Patch will be open 7 days a week until All Hallow's Eve (Halloween), October 31. Patrons are invited to bring kids, family and cameras for festive fall photo opportunities. Proceeds benefit LHUMC Missions. The Patch is located at 23606 FM 2100 in Huffman and is open Monday through Friday, 3-7 pm; Saturday 9 am until 7 pm; and Sunday noon to 7 pm. For more information contact the church office at 281-324-1541 or visit online at www.lakehoustonumc.com.



Dance and Oompah Music marks the Czech Festival in Crosby last Sunday. This year had slightly less attence than last with about 2,500 in the crowd. Still, the barbecue continues to be smashingly delightful.

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Walter Wendell Kroupa

Walter Wendell Kroupa, 84, of Crosby, Texas, passed away on Saturday, October 5, 2019. He was born on February 9, 1935 in Houston, Texas to Walter Perry Kroupa and Eva Charpentier. Walter graduated from Rice University in 1957 as a mechanical engineer. He joined the Navy as a Lieutenant Junior Grade Officer. Walter started his work career out at Rolligan Corporation and moved on to Dow Chemical, where he retired after 27 _ years.

He served his community in several aspects including: Board of Sweeny Hospital, as President of Churches United and Caring in Crosby and the Architectual Committee in Newport. Walter enjoyed fixing things, most days he could be found in his garage. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Walter is preceded in death by his parents, Walter Kroupa and Eva Charpentier and sister, Marjorie Umbright.

★ OBITUARIES



He is survived by the love of his life of 62 years, Barbara Kroupa; daughter, Pam Kroupa; son, Buddy Kroupa and wife Kat; daughter, Kelly Ryan and husband Daryl; brother, Jesse Charpentier and wife Belinda; brother-in-law, Bill Mitchell; grandchildren, Davis Kroupa and fiancé Jeannette Pearson, Rob Kroupa and wife

Misty, Christopher Kroupa and wife Ashley, Adam Kroupa and Claire Kroupa; great grandchildren, Rayna, Allie and Carter.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2019 from 10am to 11am. A celebration of Walter's life will follow at 11:00 a.m., at Sterling White Funeral Home at 11011 Crosby Lynchburg Road, Highlands, TX 77562. To share memories and offer condolences please visit www.sterlingwhite.com. In lieu of flowers the family asks that you make a donation to the Alzheimer's Association 6055 South Loop East, Houston, TX 77087.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey—

1. Is the book of Lamentations in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. Protestant tradition holds that there are how many different women named "Mary" in the New Testament? 2, 4, 6, 8
 3. Who said, "Thou are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church"? Jesus, Aaron, Reuben, Joseph
 4. Which mount was a contest scene between Elijah and the prophets of Baal? Calvary, Sinai, Bethel, Carmel
 5. Who was the first-born son of Jacob? Aaron, Joseph, Reuben, Simeon
 6. Which city is often referred to as Zion? Bethlehem, Jericho, Jerusalem, Nazareth
- ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) 6 (Magdalene; Mothers of: Jesus, James the younger, and John Mark; Mary of: Bethany, Rome); 3) Jesus; 4) Carmel; 5) Reuben; 6) Jerusalem

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Sharon Lynn Shuptrine

Sharon Lynn Shuptrine, 59, passed from this life on October 6, 2019. She was born on February 25, 1960 to parents Albert and Lyda (Dodds) Smith in Houston, Texas.

Sharon loved to read and was known to be an avid reader. She enjoyed supporting and watching local children's sports games in the community, where she was also a softball and baseball coach. Sharon had many online friendships that transcended the internet, and she considered them to be part of her family.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and brothers, Kenneth Wayne Gordon, and Ashley Newton Gordon. She is lovingly survived by her husband Willard "W.L." Shuptrine; children, Robert Ashley Shuptrine and wife Amy Jo, Mathew Lee Shuptrine, Miranda Kay Shuptrine; brother, William Merle Gordon; grandchildren, Hunter Ashley Shuptrine, Tristan Lee Shuptrine, as well as numerous extended family members and friends.



The family invites you to join them for a visitation on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Carter-Conley Funeral Home. Funeral services will take place Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the chapel of Carter-Conley Funeral Home. Graveside services are to immediately follow at 12:00 noon at Forest Park East Cemetery under the direction of Carter-Conley Funeral Home.

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Let's look at a recent survey conducted by the Bureau of Economic Research in cooperation with the CDC which ranks, in order, the "Ten Happiest" and "Ten Unhappiest" cities in the USA :

- Ten Happiest Cities
1. Lafayette, La.
 2. Houma, La.
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 4. Baton Rouge, La.
 5. Alexandria, La.
 6. Rochester, Minn.
 7. Corpus Christi, Texas

8. Lake Charles, La.
 9. Nashville, Tenn.
 10. Fort Walton Beach, FL.
- Ten Unhappiest Cities
1. New York, N.Y.
 2. St. Joseph, Mo.
 3. South Bend, Ind.
 4. Erie, Pa
 5. Evansville, Ind.
 6. Toledo, Oh.
 7. Detroit, Mi.
 8. Jersey City, N.J.
 9. Gary, Ind.
 10. Scranton – Wilkes Barre – Hazleton, Pa.

Notice that every one of the top ten unhappiest cities is located in the northern half of our country. Seems to me that "us folks in the south" really are happier and perhaps even healthier than those living up north.

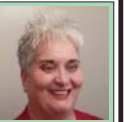
I hope this information helps you to further enjoy our southern way of life each and every day.

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CHARLOTTE'S WEB



Looking for Resources

On many occasions, I am asked where I find these people or asked if I have a magnet for those in need. I have even had people tell me to quit making myself available to others. No matter how hard I try to not care, it is something that not only inherited from my mother but poured into me by many.

My mother was raised by her immigrant grandparents who leaned on her to help them since they could only speak Hungarian. She had to learn to ask thorough questions so that she did not have to ask too many. Her passion for helping others continued over the decades and she not only served on the parish level of women's organizations at St Andrew Catholic Church, but spilled over to the deanery level, the diocesan level and to the national level. Not only was she the parish representative who helped establish North Channel Assistance Ministries but was instrumental in opening the original Mary's Kitchen as well as being an activist for the homeless long before Tent City was out on old Highway 90.

In addition to her, I had educators who taught me that you go to school to learn how to learn. In the years that followed the influences of people like Walter Lilly, Charles and Velma Chesnutt, Mary Lou Dillard and Janet Long, were the influences of local pastors and ministry leaders.

In 1995, when I found myself going through my second divorce, had it not been for some very resourceful and caring friends, I am not sure if I would

have made it. Later, as my oldest son entered middle school, I came to know and love Mrs Fran Urbanovsky who poured resource after resource into my life. As my second son was diagnosed with a mental illness and both he and my daughter were experiencing things I never thought about, I learned about Cherry Steinwender and the Center for the Healing of Racism. I also remembered that my mother had done volunteer work with Houston Interfaith Ministries which helped along the way. As my children faced challenges in their teenage years, I became much like a sponge. I knew I did not have all of the answers but I quickly learned to humble myself and find help.

I had no idea that I would spend the next 22 years working at a community college where students seemed to daily show up needing help. There seemed to be not only students but new faculty that quickly learned to come to my office and I would help. It is no wonder that once I left the college to work for the Constable, that those years of research would come in handy. By the end of each week, I have usually talked to 10 senior adults with needs. This spills over into the lobby of the building where I work as well as into the social media world. Rarely is there a week that someone is not reaching out for a resource.

My daily prayer is that when we experience something, we will remember the resources and be able to share with others.

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Galena Park I.S.D. will hold
a public hearing
at 5:50 pm on November 4, 2019, in the Board
Room of the Administration Building
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The purpose of this hearing
is to discuss Galena Park I.S.D.'s rating
on the state's financial
accountability system.

This hearing will be held prior to the regular
school board meeting scheduled for that date.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
TO DISCUSS BARBERS HILL
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STATE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY
RATING

Barbers Hill ISD will hold a public
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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION
FOR AN AIR QUALITY PERMIT

PERMIT NUMBER: 5566

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. UTLX Manufacturing LLC, 16923 Old
Beaumont Hwy 90, Houston, TX 77049-1050, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environ-
mental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to Air Quality Permit Number 5566, which would authorize
modification of a Railroad Tank Car Cleaning Operations located at 16923 Beaumont Highway 90,
Houston, Harris County, Texas 77049. This application was processed in an expedited manner, as
allowed by the commission's rules in 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 101, Subchapter J.
This application was submitted to the TCEQ on June 21, 2019. The proposed facility will emit the
following contaminants: carbon monoxide, exempt solvents, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds,
particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns
or less and sulfur dioxide.

The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft
permit which, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The
executive director has made a preliminary decision to issue the permit because it meets all rules and
regulations. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit will be
available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Houston regional office, and
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the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for
public review at the TCEQ Houston Regional Office, 5425 Polk Street Suite H, Houston, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public
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submit comment or to ask questions about the application. The TCEQ will hold a public meeting if
the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application
or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. You may
submit additional written public comments within 30 days of the date of newspaper publica-
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RESPONSE TO COMMENTS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. After the deadline for
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been received, after preparing the response to comments, the executive director may then issue
final approval of the application. The response to comments, along with the executive director's
decision on the application will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is
on a mailing list for this application, and will be posted electronically to the Commissioners'
Integrated Database (CID).

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. When they become available, the executive director's
response to comments and the final decision on this application will be accessible through the
Commission's Web site at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Once you have access to the CID using the
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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION
FOR AN AIR QUALITY PERMIT

PROPOSED PERMIT NUMBER: 154296

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Contanda Greens Bayou Terminal LLC, 1111
Bagby Street Suite 1800, Houston, TX 77002-2548, has applied to the Texas Commission on
Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Proposed Air Quality Permit Number 154296, which
would authorize construction of a Greens Bayou Terminal located at 2894 Penn City Road,
Houston, Harris County, Texas 77015. This application was processed in an expedited manner, as
allowed by the commission's rules in 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 101, Subchapter J.
This application was submitted to the TCEQ on November 2, 2018. The proposed facility will emit
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sulfur dioxide.

The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a
draft permit which, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must
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Houston regional office, and at the Galena Park Library, 1500 Keene Street, Galena Park, Harris
County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if
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Notice Issuance Date: October 1, 2019

Channelview ISD supported the fight against breast cancer during the annual Pink Out Awareness games

Pink replaced the traditional blue and gold school colors during the Lady Falcons volleyball games and the Friday Night Football game in Channelview Independent School District (CISD). Channelview fans and players joined the fight against breast cancer during the annual Pink Out athletic events, organized by student leaders from the CISD athletics program.

The Lady Falcons volleyball team started the night out with a hard fought match against North Shore, but fell just



Senior Isaiah Hamilton speeds away from defenders 69 yards for the first touchdown of the game.



Sophomore Quarterback Demetrius Charles set the snap to lead the falcons to victory.

short in the 5th set to lose 3 sets to 2. The Fighting Falcons football team finished the night off with a bang with a 41-14 win against Baytown Sterling. The Fighting Falcons quarterback Demetrius Charles went 15 for 23, 182 yards and 1 TD in the air to go along with 2 rushing touchdowns. Wide Receiver Trevon Chandler was 1 for 1, 69 yds and 1 TD passing to go with his 9 catches for 128 yards and 1 TD. The defense had a stellar night holding Baytown Sterling to only 179 yards of total offense. The Fight-



Sophomore Quarterback Demetrius Charles takes off for a 47 yard touchdown.

ing Falcons will play an away game against Beaumont West Brook on Friday, October 11 at 7 pm.

North Shore Mustangs,

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Photo by Allan Jamail

Ismael Fuller, wide receiver scored a TD on an 86 yard pass and run play from quarterback Demetrius Davis.

Wide receiver Ismael Fuller scored a TD on an 86 yard pass and run play from Davis. Roger Hagan and Ismael Villafuerte each made a rushing TD. Defensive back Marcus Cockrell returned a fumble

18 yards for a TD and Kicker John Villalobos was perfect again, kicking a field goal and 7 extra points.

The Mustang stingy defense held the Panthers to a mere 127 total yards.

The Mustangs (4-1)

travel to play the Deer Park Deer (3-2) in a district game on Friday, October 11th at 7 PM, at the Abshier Stadium, 710 W San Augustine St, Deer Park, TX 77536.

Sylvia Garcia Interview,

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about our rule of law getting violated," Garcia stated.

As of this writing four new national polls released in the past two days show at least 50 percent of respondents support the House impeachment inquiry, which was triggered by a whistleblower's complaint against Trump over his repeated requests for Ukraine to investigate former Vice President Joe Biden and his son. Biden is the leading Democrat who could be the most likely Democratic Party's presidential candidate challenging Trump's reelection in 2020.

Since asking the Ukrainian President to help him politically, Trump recently on October 3rd publicly asked China to investigate former Vice-President Joe Biden. And all four surveys found more Americans back the impeachment inquiry than do not.

Our federal elections law prohibits any person from soliciting, accepting, or receiving anything of value from a foreign national in connection with a US election. The law doesn't just apply to money — investigations or political dirt that benefits a particular campaign counts as "things of value"

too.

The head of the Federal Election Commission, Chair Ellen Weintraub who has served as FEC chair for 19 years and was appointed to the role by Republican President George W. Bush recently noted that "the law is pretty clear. ... It is absolutely illegal for anyone to solicit, accept, or receive anything of value from a foreign national in connection with any election in the United States."

See Website
Northchannelstar.com for complete transcript of the President's phone call.

Congresswoman Garcia said when she returns to D. C. she expects the

House to address the need to do something about riding the country of the military style assault weapons that are being sold. "That's the main gun the mass shooters choose to use to kill so many people with. These weapons of war are designed to kill our enemies' on the battlefield, not on our nation's streets. I'm told you can kill about 12 people in 30 seconds with them. They're not designed to use for hunting game. As a child I remember our family had a gun to hunt rabbits with, if I shot a rabbit with one of these assault weapons it would be shredded to pieces," Garcia said.



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