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CHANNEL CURRENTS

Jacinto City Night Market set for Saturday, Sept. 14

September 14 from 5pm to 9pm at the TownCenter on Challenger Drive.

Visitors can expect many vendors showing crafts, jewelry, baked goods, artwork, library books, perfume, candles, and much more.

In addition, there will be music by a guitarist, and a first class food truck with many special items.

Jacinto City Night Market is held every second Saturday of the month.

Blood Drive

In honor of Aiden Hereida, Sunday, September 15, 11 am - 3 pm at 10701 Wiggins St., Houston, TX 77029. Questions? Please call Kay Howard, 713-672-2802

Harris County Clerk's Office to open in North Shore Sept. 18

The Harris County Clerk, Diane Trautman, will open a permanent office in the Courthouse Annex on Wallisville, starting Sept. 18 with a ribbon cutting at 2pm.

The convenience of a North Shore office has long been sought by residents, who need services such as marriage licenses, birth and death certificates, and other real property records.

Greens Bayou Regatta

4th Annual Greens Bayou Regatta, September 28th, 9 am - 2 pm. This is a 7.5 mile kayak/paddle race on Greens Bayou. All proceeds from this event goes to the development of a 27.5 mile Paddle Trail and creation of kayak/canoe launches. We are still accepting racers and volunteers for the race.

For details
www.greensbayou.org/events

Channelview Fighting Falcons defeat Eisenhower Eagles 33-21

The Channelview Falcons (1-1) beat the Eisenhower Eagles 33-21 behind a strong offensive showing. The Falcons' offense seemed to be clicking on all cylinders, racking up 664 yards of total offense.

Demetrius Charles, sophomore quarterback, was impressive in his first start, throwing for 323 yards and 3 touchdowns in Friday's win over the Eagles. Charles said, "This was my first varsity win and it was at home. Everybody was cheering and it was a great feeling." Charles credits his preparation in practice to his strong performance on the field. He knows that in order for the Falcons to continue winning, he has to continue to improve every week.

Senior running back, Alton Lott Jr. had an outstanding game on the ground totaling 215 rushing yards and 3 touchdowns. Lott Jr. said, "We have to stay focused and



WR Marcus Benavidez catches a pass for a 30 yard gain.

keep that mindset." He is focused on improvement moving forward and is most concerned with winning as a team.

Isaiah Hamilton, senior defensive back/wide receiver, also put together a solid outing against Eisenhower. Hamilton said he has an advantage by playing on both the offensive and defensive sides of the ball. Hamilton made defensive plays all over the field

and caught a 5-yard touchdown right before halftime, giving the Falcons a 19-14 lead. The Falcons never trailed after that point.

The Falcons look to keep their winning streak alive as they take on the Clear Creek Wildcats on Friday at 7 pm at Ray Maddy Memorial Stadium.

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Houston Police shoot armed man on Uvalde



Houston Police and Sheriff's deputies surround the silver car, seen behind the HPD unit in the shopping center on Uvalde, near the McDonald's.

What started as a routine traffic stop turned into a gunfight that left the victim wounded, lying on the pavement of a parking lot on Uvalde. He had been shot several times by Houston Police, who said that he exited the car they had stopped, brandishing a gun.

The incident occurred last Thursday, Sept. 5 about 4:00 pm on Uvalde between Holly Park and Woodforest.

Officials report that the man, who has not been

identified, was wanted by the Harris County Sheriff's office for aggravated assault. This may have been the reason for the traffic stop.

Police said that in the car with the man were two women and a child, none of whom were injured in the shooting, but reportedly traumatized by the unexpected events.

In an ironic twist of fate, the father of the child in the car, Jason Martinez,

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Jacinto City's Heritage Hall celebrates grandparents day

By Allan Jamail

Jacinto City Heritage Hall – Friday, September 7, 2019 Elizabeth Flores the Director of Senior Services and her staff prepared a Grandparents Day Celebration Breakfast for over a hundred senior citizens.

In 1978, President Jimmy Carter declared the first Sunday after Labor Day to be National Grandparents Day. Grandparents Day has an official flower, the flower is the forget-me-not.

Preparing the breakfast with Director Flores was staffer's Maria Espinoza, Debbie Martinez and vol-



Photo by Allan Jamail

JC Heritage Hall, Grandparents Day Celebration Breakfast.

unteer Lucy Lopez. Linda Jamail, Community Liai-

son with State Rep. Ana Hernandez office gave the

seniors bags of roasted peanuts and candy.

The annual breakfast was eggs, sausage, pancakes, toast, jelly, coffee, juice and milk.

After the breakfast Heritage Hall member Alfredo Jasso stated to the staff their gratitude and appreciation. Jasso said, "the staff here always goes out of their way to help us and do kind things for us. We really appreciate everything you do to make our lives better."

For more information on the Jacinto City Heritage Hall programs and membership call Elizabeth Flores at 713-675-4487 or visit 1025 Oates Road, Jacinto City, TX. 77029

Northshore Mustangs defeat Ridge Point Panthers 38-7



Mustang Damieon George, senior offensive lineman (6'6" – 306 lbs) goes to the ground (photo left) taking out a would-be Panther tackler allowing quarterback Demetrius Davis Jr. to stretch the ball across the goal for the game's first touchdown. (Allan Jamail photo)

By Allan Jamail

Houston, Tx. – At the Houston Cougars TDECU stadium Thursday (9-5-19) the GPISD North Shore Mustangs easily won against the Ridge Point Panthers from Missouri City 38 –

7. The week before they loss the season opener to the Katy Tigers by 3 points (24-21), the Tigers took over the Mustangs #2 state rank, moving the Mustangs down to #3.

Coach Jon Kay put together a versatile game

plan to win; he's without three starters including last year's leading pass receiver, junior Shadrach Banks, leading rusher, senior Za-

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SJRC monitors continued pollution

EAST HARRIS COUNTY – The San Jacinto River Coalition met last week in Highlands, and reviewed activities at the Waste Pits, and heard of other environmental concerns.

Jackie Young announced that the Dallas Region 6 of the EPA had a new administrator, Ken McQueen, replacing David Gray, who remains with EPA. In a surprise announcement, the public learned this week that the EPA had met on the site on Monday with other involved parties, reviewed progress, and issued a statement as follows:

"The work of the Superfund Task Force brought significant progress to addressing contamination at the San Jacinto waste pits site," said Regional Administrator Ken McQueen. "EPA will continue working with our partners toward a permanent cleanup for the benefit of the Highlands community."

"The TCEQ appreciates EPA's efforts on the Superfund Taskforce recommen-

dations," said Executive Director Toby Baker. "We look forward to our continued successful partnership with EPA to ensure proper and timely cleanup of Texas federal Superfund sites."

"Harris County's work with the EPA and TCEQ on the cleanup of the San Jacinto Waste Pits is a great example of how government, at all levels, can work together for the common good," said Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan. "The announcement on October 11, 2017, that the EPA's cleanup remedy will include the removal of 212,000 cubic yards of dioxin-laden waste from the beds and banks of the San Jacinto River has been a highpoint in my administration. Today's announcement furthers my commitment to work together as we get closer to the goal."

Jackie Young said at the meeting that the cleanup had entered Phase 2 Pre-Design, which would last up to 10 weeks. At this time she is requesting from EPA Re-



Carolyn Stone
Channelview resident

gion 6 that work on the site have a third-party overseer, and a dive-team inspection. The work is being conducted by a contractor for the PRP (Potentially Responsible Parties) under an agreement with the EPA. Essentially they are examining conditions to verify the Pre-Design.

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★ COMMUNITY NEWS ★

1st Responders Day hosted



1st Responders Appreciation Day was hosted by the Channelview Ministry Team inside the Educational Support Center in North Shore on Sheldon Road last Saturday. Above are Major Mike Lee, Mark Sanders, Karen Foster, Sergeant Don Williams and Eddie Foster of Citizens on Patrol.

Houston Symphony commences 106th season

HOUSTON (Sept. 6, 2019) – The Houston Symphony opens its 106th season at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 14, 2019, with an all-Russian Opening Night program featuring legendary piano virtuoso Yefim Bronfman for a one-night-only performance of Rachmaninoff’s monumental Piano Concerto No. 3 at Jones Hall.

Led by renowned, Grammy Award-winning conductor Leonard Slatkin, the glamorous evening begins with Mikhail Glinka’s Kamarinskaya, an orchestral work based entirely on Russian folk music and



Leonard Slatkin




Yefim Bronfman

dance, and Alexander Borodin’s lyrical and emotional Nocturne (the musical source for the song “And This Is My Beloved” from the hit Broadway musical Kismet). Then, the Russian extravaganza continues as Slatkin leads the orchestra in Tchaikovsky’s colorful and lively Capriccio Italien, inspired by the composer’s time and experience in Italy.

When speaking of legendary pianist Bronfman, The New Criterion boldly declared: “there is not a better pianist in the world.” Known for his interpretations of Rachmaninoff’s works, Bronfman closes out the evening with Rachmaninoff’s extremely challenging Piano Concerto No. 3, which showcases the pianist’s staggering virtuosity.

Opening Night: Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 3, sponsored by ConocoPhillips and chaired by Barbara Burger and co-chairs Kusum and K. Cody Patel, takes place at the Houston Symphony Sept. 15 at Jones Hall for the Performing Arts, 615 Louisiana Street, in Houston’s Theater District. For tickets and information, please call 713.224.7575 or visit houstonSymphony.org. Tickets may also be purchased at the Houston Symphony Patron Services Center in Jones Hall (Monday–Saturday, 12–6 p.m.). All programs and artists are subject to change.




San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site

Community Meeting

Highlands, Texas

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in cooperation with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Federal, State, and Harris County agencies, local officials, and industry, invite you to attend a Community Meeting for the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund site. The meeting will be held:

Date:

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Time:

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location:

The Highlands Community Center

604 Highland Woods Drive

Highlands, Texas 77562

The meeting is being held in a fully accessible facility. Should you have any specific needs or questions about the facility, please contact EPA Community Involvement Coordinator, Janetta Coats, at 214-665-7308 or 1-800-533-3508 (toll-free).

Additional information about the site is available on the following EPA website:

<https://www.epa.gov/tx/sjrwsp>

Para información en español, comuníquese con la Agencia de Protección Ambiental de los Estados Unidos (la EPA) a 1-800-533-3508 (llamada gratis).

During the meeting, updates will be provided on current site activities and the cap inspection data. Following the updates, a question and answer session will be open to the public.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The San Jacinto Community College District will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 7.44 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on September 24, 2019 at 5:00 PM at 4624 Fairmont Parkway, Room 104, Pasadena, TX 77504.

The second public hearing will be held on September 27, 2019 at 11:00 AM at 4624 Fairmont Parkway, Room 104, Pasadena, TX 77504.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR:

Marie Flickinger

Keith Sinor

Dan Mims

Dr. Ruede Wheeler

John Moon Jr.

Erica Davis Rouse

Larry Wilson

AGAINST:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in San Jacinto Community College District last year was \$108,802. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.179329 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$195.11.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in San Jacinto Community College District this year is \$120,490. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.165837 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$199.82.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.178169 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$214.68.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

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OUTDOORS TIME

By Charlie Farrar

Good Fishing with Friends in Galveston Bay



LOOK WHAT WE CAUGHT! Charlie Farrar, Greg Farrar & Garry McAninch, Jr caught this mess in Galveston last Wednesday.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Channelview ISD celebrates Library Card Sign-Up Month

This September Cobb Elementary in the Channelview Independent School District is joining the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide for Library Card Sign-Up Month, a time to remind parents, caregivers and students that a library card is the first step towards academic achievement and life-long learning.

A library card opens a world of infinite possibilities through resources and services that give students the tools to succeed in school and beyond. From STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) programs, family storytimes, to makerspaces and in-person or virtual homework help, libraries transform lives through education.

Libraries offer free and fun educational resources and activities that bring families and communities together. Students and parents at Cobb Elementary are introduced to the public library in September of every year. "I explain to the kids and parents that the public library is only 2.5 miles from the school," said Candi Boehme. "By going to the public library, students have access to additional print and digital resources." The library at Cobb Elementary posts the monthly calendar from the North Channel Library for students and parents to see the fun and exciting activities that are available for the Channelview community.

Libraries play an important role in the education and development of children. Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of life-time learning.

"The public library programs serve students of all ages," said Principal Lizette Casteline. "For younger children, they offer early literacy resources to help them learn to read and encourage school readiness, and for teens and older students, they provide access to technology and digital tools as well as GED resources."



Cobb Elementary students proudly display their library cards and their bookmarks featuring Forky.

During the first week of September, 80 Harris County Public Library Card Applications have been submitted in for students at Cobb Elementary School. The school has promoted its efforts through Disney and Pixar's "Toy Story 4" characters Woody, Buzz Lightyear, Bo Peep and friends. In their role,

the characters promote the value of a library card and bring attention to the many ways libraries transform lives and communities. You can find representatives from the North Channel Library holding special sessions for families on Channelview ISD campuses during the month of September.

Since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month has been held in September to mark the beginning of the school year. During the month, the ALA and libraries unite in a national effort to ensure every child signs up for their own library card. For more information about how to sign up for a library card, please visit the North Channel Library in person or online at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/north-channel-branch-library>.

Channelview man missing

Investigators need public's help in locating missing Channelview man.

Richard Prado Jr., 32, was last seen in the 500 block of W. Brentwood, Channelview, Texas 77530 on Sunday August 25, 2019 at 8:30 in the morning.

He was last seen wearing a black/gray muscle shirt, and dark blue jeans.

Mr. Prado wears glasses and has a wallet that is attached by a silver chain.

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



Richard Prado Jr.

ty Sheriff's Office Missing Persons Unit at 713-755-7427



Galena Park I.S.D. Fathers Take Your Children to School Day

Galena Park Independent School District
Thursday, September 19, 2019

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CHANNELVIEW ISD 2019 BOND



COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Channelview Independent School District will host a series of informational meetings to update the community on the 2019 bond construction projects.

SAVE THE DATE

September	January	April	July
			

Community meetings will be held in the Channelview High School auditorium at 6:00 pm.

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Social Security Matters

Ask Rusty – Confused About Survivor Benefits

Dear Rusty: My husband passed away in 2013 just a few days short of his 63rd birthday. I was 56 at the time and when I went into the Social Security office to notify them of his death I was told I would be able to get a partial draw when I turned 60. Two years after that I was told that I would never draw anything from his account as the rules had been changed, and since he had never drawn Social Security that his benefits were eliminated. I am 62 and intend to keep working but any information you have might be helpful. Signed: Confused Survivor

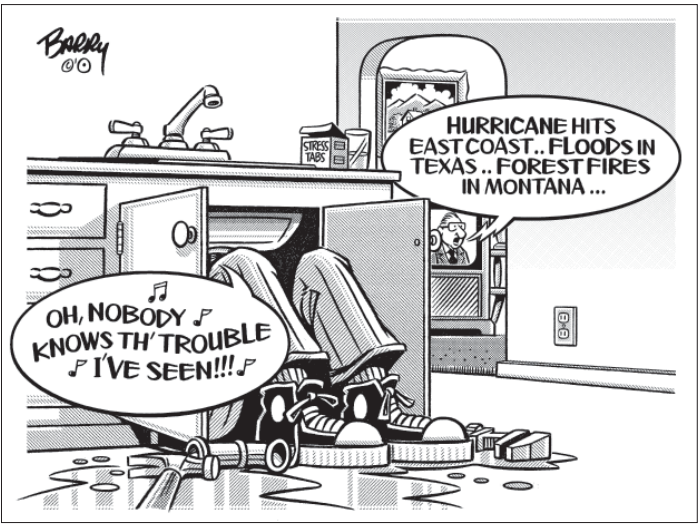
Dear Confused Survivor: You've certainly been given some conflicting information, so I'll try to clarify. If your husband had accumulated enough quarter credits to be eligible for Social Security, you are eligible for a survivor benefit even if your husband was not yet collecting Social Security (SS) benefits when he passed. To be eligible for SS, your husband would have needed to work for about 10 years for an employer which participated in Social Security program (meaning, both your husband and his employer paid SS FICA payroll taxes on his earnings). Most U.S. employers participate in the Social Security program. However, if your husband worked his entire career as an employee of a state or local government which does not participate in SS, or if he worked for the Federal government under their "CSRS" program, or if he worked for any other entity which didn't participate in Social Security, he may not have had enough SS credits to be eligible. But if he contributed to Social Security for at least 10 years and had at least 40 credits (can earn 4 per year) then he would have been eligible for SS, and you would be eligible for a survivor benefit from his record.

The rules haven't changed for any of this. If your husband was at least eligible for SS (not necessarily collecting), you became eligible for a survivor benefit at age 60 although it would have been reduced by about 28.5% from what you

would get at your full retirement age (FRA). You are still eligible for the survivor benefit but, if you take it now at age 62, it will still be reduced for claiming before your FRA, and since you are still working you'll also be subject to Social Security's earnings limit (\$17,640 for 2019). If you exceed the earnings limit, SS will withhold from future benefits \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit, which would mean you wouldn't get benefits for some months until they recover what is due. If your current earnings are high, it may not be prudent to claim early SS benefits even if you're entitled to them. The earnings limit changes annually, is considerably higher (by 2.5 times) in the year you reach your FRA and goes away once you reach your full retirement age.

For your awareness, the survivor benefit reaches the maximum amount when you reach your full retirement age (but is reduced if you claim it earlier). You have the option to restrict your claim to survivor benefits only, and you may want to do this if your own SS benefit from your lifetime earnings record will be more at age 70 than your survivor benefit will be at your FRA. Your goal should be to collect the highest benefit possible for the rest of your life. If you so choose, you can collect your survivor benefit first and delay your own SS benefit past your full retirement age, which would allow you to earn delayed retirement credits on your own benefit. That will increase it by 8% per year of delay, up to age 70 when your maximum Social Security retirement benefit will be reached, and at that time you would switch to the higher benefit.

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Executive orders address deadly mass shootings

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on Sept. 5 issued eight executive orders in hopes of preventing further mass shootings.

Abbott's orders came days after seven people were killed and 25 injured in multiple shootings by a lone gunman along thoroughfares connecting the cities of Odessa and Midland on Aug. 31. The suspect fired at law enforcement officers and civilians, including while driving a hijacked postal van between the two cities. Law enforcement officers brought the rampage to a halt in an exchange of gunfire resulting in the death of the suspect when the van he was driving had come to a stop after ramming a police vehicle. The suspect, a 36-year-old white male armed with an assault rifle, was identified as Seth Aaron Ator of Odessa.

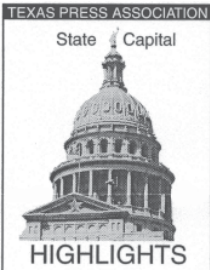
Posted online at gov.texas.gov, Abbott's orders enhance reporting requirements and ensure law enforcement and the public have the training, tools and resources to provide and respond to suspicious activity reports, Abbott said. Ordinary citizens' reports of suspicious activities are accepted via phone call to (512) 424-7981 or (866) 786-5972; by fax to (512) 424-7418; or by email to TXFusionCenter@dpstexas.gov.

"Texas must achieve several objectives to better protect our communities and our residents from mass shootings," Abbott said in a news release containing the executive orders. "One of those objectives is to marshal law enforcement resources to stop violent criminals before they commit mass murders. But more must be done. I will continue to work expeditiously with the legislature on laws to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous criminals, while safeguarding the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding Texans."

The governor's office referred to the executive orders as "a starting point in the process to keep Texas communities safe...to further advance solutions and jumpstart legislative action." In related news, Lt.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling



Gov. Dan Patrick and House Speaker Dennis Bonnen last week named select committees to study issues relating to the recent mass shootings and earlier mass shootings in Santa Fe, Sutherland Springs and Dallas.

Safety meetings are held

The Lone Star State's first meeting of the newly formed Domestic Terrorism Task Force was held at the Capitol on Aug. 30.

On Aug. 29, the second-ever meeting of the Texas Safety Commission was held in El Paso, the city where a suspect wielding an assault-style rifle was arrested on Aug. 3 in a shooting that took the lives of 22 people and injured 24.

In El Paso, Abbott said the purpose of the meeting was "to help the community heal, combat the rise of extremist groups and hateful ideologies, keep guns out of the hands of deranged individuals, and combat domestic terrorism in Texas."

Following the six-hour meeting in El Paso, Lt. Gov. Patrick told victims in attendance: "When one Texan is attacked all Texans are attacked, no matter your political party, no matter if you are black, brown or white, liberal or conservative. Every one of the 28 million Texans matters, and we stand together against hate, racism, white supremacy and evil as one Texas."

Transportation plan OK'd

The Texas Transportation Commission on Aug. 29 approved a 10-year plan produced by the Texas Department of Transportation that includes more than \$77 billion dedicated to improving safety, addressing congestion and connectivity and preserving roadways for Texas drivers.

Funds are earmarked for the widening of roads and the improvement of median barriers, bridges, guardrails and intersections — including upgraded traffic signals and signage — plus safety improvements for bicyclists and pedestrians.

According to the commission, many of the projects in the plan are roadway segments identified on Texas' list of its 100 most congested roadways. The projects will be financed through legislative and voter-approved initiatives that allocate portions of oil and gas taxes, sales taxes and other money to the state highway fund.

Revenue report is posted

The state's fiscal year 2019 ended on Aug. 31 and Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Sept. 4 released totals for fiscal 2019 state revenues, saying "all funds" revenue was \$127.94 billion, up 6.5 percent over fiscal 2018.

Hegar broke down the nearly \$128 billion as follows:

- General revenue-related revenue was \$57.87 billion, up 1.2 percent over fiscal 2018;
- Sales tax revenue for fiscal 2019 was \$34.02 billion, up 6.5 percent from fiscal 2018;
- Oil production tax revenue was \$3.89 billion, up 14.6 percent over fiscal 2018;
- Natural gas production tax revenue was \$1.69 billion, up 17.8 percent over fiscal 2018; and
- All funds tax collections were \$59.38 billion, up 6.8 percent over fiscal 2018.

LETTERS To The Editor

Dear Editor,

In response to the story on the front page of the Star Courier Thursday, August 22, 2019, "TEA rates 2 Highlands schools at a 'D,'" I want to present some additional information.

We are certainly proud that Goose Creek CISD received a score of 87 or "B," showing growth of nine points from 2018, in the recently released performance ratings based on the A-F system. It is a complicated system, and we will continue to focus on continuous improvement for our district and all our schools.

Simply saying that the two schools received a "D" is a little misleading. Hopper Primary School serves pre-kindergarten – first grade, and since it is paired with Highlands Elementary, which houses second grade – fifth grade, both schools received an overall score of 68, although the only state testing Hopper students participate in is the Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS), which is a verbal test in the primary grades.

Highlands Elementary's scores do reflect some campus strengths, which is a cause for celebration. In fourth-grade Math, Masters Grade Level Standard increased by 10 percent, and in fourth-grade Writing, Approaches Grade Level Standard or Above increased by 15 percent. In third-grade Reading, Masters Grade Level Standard or Above increased by two percent, and in fifth-grade Math for English Learners, Approaches Grade Level Standard or Above was 92 percent.

As compared to 2018 scores, in Domain 1 (Student Achievement), Highlands Elementary went down one point, and in Domain 2A (Academic Growth), the school stayed the same. For Domain 2B (Relative Performance), which compares the school to similar schools, Highlands Elementary stayed the same. Domain 3 (Closing Achievement Gaps), the school lost ground, dropping eight points. However, overall score for Highlands Elementary was a 68, which was only two points lower than last year's score of 70 (C).

To address academic needs for students and instructional support for teachers, instructional plans have been developed for Highlands and Hopper. We are looking forward to continuity in leadership on the Highlands Elementary campus, which has had several changes in the past few years. An additional intervention teacher has been added to the school's staff. Also, teachers from Hopper and Highlands Elementary are collaborating to cross campuses to support students and staff.

Another positive is that Highlands Elementary feeds Highlands Junior School and Goose Creek Memorial High School, and both schools received a "B." In fact, Highlands Junior showed growth of 10 points, from a 76 to an 86.

With feedback and guidance from staff in these schools and by ensuring that systems and best instructional practices are in place, we will work to ensure that students are receiving the best possible education as we strive to accomplish our mission of developing the whole child.

Sincerely,
Jessica Woods

To All Interested Persons And Parties:

CEMEX Construction Materials Houston, LLC, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration No. 158151L001, which would authorize construction of a temporary concrete batch plant located on the west side of Johns Road approximately 0.1 mile south from its intersection with Beaumont Highway 90, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77049. 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. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Superfund Meeting,

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Contractors working for the PRP attempted to make repairs to the containment cap last month, but were working outside the Waste Pits site as defined by the red marker buoys.

The EPA has announced that they will hold a Community Meeting in Highlands on Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 6:30pm in the Community Center. Progress on the clean-up will be reviewed, and the press announcement that was released Monday will be discussed. After the presentation there will be a Question and Answer session.

Lisa Gossett stated at last week's meeting that it was important that local people share their historical knowledge of the site to aide the clean-up planning.

Jackie Young brought up and discussed two other topics related to pollution of the area. She said that a permit had been issued by the Corps of Engineers to Web Fleeting LP, who have barges and docks in the area below I-10 adjacent to the Superfund Sites. She said they are planning to dredge 120 acres of Old River to a depth of 14' to accommodate larger barges. Her concern was that this material would be deposited in an area on their property to the

north. It would be about 50,000 cubic yards of dredged soil and riverbed, and there was no plan to test the material for contaminants. There was a possibility that it might contain toxins similar to the Waste Pits, she said.

There was a long discussion about the need for Harris County Pollution Control to be available to help determine sources and health risks of air and water pollution.

Carolyn Stone of Channelview told the audience of a recent experience, where the air near her house had a very bad smell, perhaps from a release of a contaminant such as benzene or ship fuel. She called Pollution Control, but was not able to get them to send a person to examine the conditions and determine the problem's source.

Frustrated with that answer, and the smell getting worse, she also called the EPA, the National Response Center, the Coast Guard, and TCEQ. Each agency

said it was not able to help, and referred her to Harris County or another. Finally, Harris County Pollution Control showed up about 13 hours later, but by that time the air had cleared enough that they couldn't test or help.

The audience agreed with Jackie Young's suggestion that HC Pollution Control needed to be more responsive to East Side problems, and that Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia be asked to designate a 24 hour full time Pollution Control examiner to be available to residents or businesses with this type of problem.

Carolyn Stone said that she had arranged a public meeting for Thursday, Sept. 12 for the public to meet with local and state officials to discuss these environmental problems. The meeting will be at the Channelview Fire Station #3 on Dell Dale. All are welcome and encouraged to come.

Shooting on Uvalde,

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was across the street at a barber shop, and at first did not know his child was involved. He received a message and tried to go to the scene, but was not permitted by the police because they were still investigating.

The victim was said to be a 28-year-old Hispanic male, who without warning exited the backseat of the car and pointed a gun at the officers. Two HPD officers then shot him multiple times. He was taken to Ben Taub Hospital in critical condition officials reported.

The HPD officers involved were veterans of the force, one for 11 years, the other 12 years. They were put on administrative duty pending the result of the investigation of the incident.

The investigation is being conducted by the Harris County Sheriff's office, and is continuing. Anyone with information is urged to contact the HCSO.



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SPORTS

Falcons defeat Eagles,

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QB Demetrius Charles evades defenders on the 33-21 victory against Eisenhower last Friday.

Northshore Mustangs,

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ON THEIR OWN GOAL LINE WITH NO PLACE TO GO! Panther offensive lineman (6'5" – 316 lb) Caleb Rodkey couldn't open a hole for running back #15 John Norman II, Mustangs scrappy defense was relentless all night.



Zorhan Rideaux, Mustang senior receiver crosses the goal after quarterback Demetrius Davis Jr. hit him speeding across the middle with a pass for a 38 yard touchdown play.



John Gentry, Mustang running back hauls in a 32 yard Demetrius Davis Jr. pass for a touchdown.
(All photos by Allan Jamail)

chary Evans and pass defender senior Jojo Wilson.

What appeared to be a mismatch the Mustangs stingy defense shutout the Panthers until late in the final 4th quarter, their Special Teams gave up the lone Panther touchdown on a 78 yard kickoff return.

Demetrius Davis Jr., the Stangs junior quarterback racked up yards on the ground (2 TD's) and in the air (3 TD's) with a game total of 385 yards completing 67 percent of his passes. Davis' success wasn't made by himself, the offensive line gave him good pass protection and

opened holes for his running game.

Davis spread out passes to Jhalyn Bailey, John Gentry, Charles King and Zorhan Rideaux for 194 yards and 3 touchdowns (TD's).

North Shore's running game compiled over 290 yards (2 TD's), leading rushers were Demetrius Davis (191 yards), John Gentry (55 yards) and Roger Hagan Jr. (44 yards). Total offensive yards, passing and rushing was 488.

John Villalobos the Mustangs kicker was again flawless with 5 extra point kicks and a 40 yard field goal.

If the Mustangs can

stay healthy and get all their starters playing, they'll probably win their District and have a showdown game against Katy again. In order to beat Katy they must do a better job covering the Tiger receivers and rushing the quarterback. Katy's South Carolina transfer running back Ron Hoff who made 206 rushing yards has to be keyed on and shutdown.

North Shore's next game is at home in another non-conference game with the Westfield Mustangs on Friday, September 13th at 7 PM.

GP Yellow Jackets Swatted by Dayton Broncos 51-7



Photo by Allan Jamail

The Galena Park Yellow Jackets Cheerleaders. On the bright side of the Yellow Jackets loss to Dayton were the talented performances of the cheerleaders. Galena Park Yellow Jacket cheerleaders with mascot Mr. Jack on the left. Front Row: Kiona Jackson, Neasa Lopez, Teresa Medina. Back Row: Anahi Arredondo, Ashlyn Hadnott, Aleya Pen. Cheer Coaches is Stephanie Gonzalez & Lisa Robinette.

By Allan Jamail

GPISD Stadium - Houston, TX. - September 6, 2019 the Dayton Broncos galloped into town and stamped past the Galena Park Yellow Jacket 51- 7.

The Jackets scored first early in the first quarter but never again for the remaining four quarters.

The Broncos offense made 411 total yards, 7 touchdowns and a field goal to the Jackets 288

total yards and 1 touchdown.

Galena Park's next game is an away non-district game with the Baytown Lee Ganders on Thursday, September 12 at 7PM, Baytown, TX.

Channelview ISD: The Future is in Our Hands

Over 1,300 employees from campuses and departments in Channelview Independent School District made their way to the Bill Neal Center for Convocation 2019. Employees received door prizes from sponsors and all district employees were entered into a drawing to win Whataburger for a year, office/classroom supplies, desk chairs, gift cards, and more. The 2019 sponsors for Convocation were:

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Each year, Channelview Independent School District kicks off the school year with a celebration filled with energy, entertainment, and excitement! Departments and campuses wear coordinating shirts, cheer with pom poms, and celebrate loudly during the annual roll call. The pep rally style event sets the tone for the district's opening of a brand new school year.

The program was filled with entertainment from Channelview High School band, Channelettes, cheerleaders, choir, JROTC, and student leaders. School Board Trustee Pastor Kent Wilson welcomed staff to the 2019-2020 school year with invocation and words of inspiration.

Superintendent Greg Ollis welcomed staff members from all departments and provided direction for the new academic year.



Channelview ISD custodians showed they are #proud2beCISD.



Derrick Wilson, a fourth-grade student at Harvey Brown Elementary, reminded educators that the future of Channelview ISD is in their hands.



Darey Rivas, a student from Crenshaw Elementary, reminded educators of the endless possibilities for students in the Channelview Independent School District.

The 2019 CISD Convocation was held just in time for the announcement of the district's "B" rating on the 2019 Accountability Rating System from the Texas Education Agency. The announcement drew a standing ovation and cheers from everyone in attendance.

The Connection Coach, Mr. Jonathan Sprinkles, gave real-life examples of determination and perseverance. Employees were empowered to work through adversities to make lasting connections with students. Through the use of audience participation and interactive skits, educators were reminded of why they chose to educate future generations.

Channelview ISD revealed the 2019-2020

theme for the new school year: The Future is in Our Hands. A connection to the theme was made through the testimonies of staff members, parents, and community members in the premier of the district video A Look inside Channelview ISD. The video drew smiles, cheers, and tears of joy from employees. The entire event reminded everyone that the future of the Channelview community is in our hands.

After a day filled with passionate and motivating stories, the winner of the 2019 CISD spirit trophy was DeZavala Elementary School. Educators shared their excitement through the use of the hashtags #proud2beCISD and #in-ourhands.

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OBITUARIES

Donna Thompson



Donna Thompson was born in South Bend, Indiana on November 5, 1949 and went to be with the Lord on August 20, 2019. She was preceded in death by her parents Lee Sperry and Ethel Grace Sperry; mother and father-in-law, Mary Ellen and Dwight Thompson and brother-in law, Dwight (Skip) Thompson.

Donna was a wonderful mother to her two children, Chris and Mary Beth Thompson. She loved being involved in their extracurricular activities which included being a “band mom”

for the Crosby High School band as well as being supportive in all other activities her children were involved in. She had recently retired and enjoyed spending time with her grandsons. She also loved playing bunko and spending time with her bunko friends.

Donna is survived by her two children, Christopher Thompson and wife Stephanie of Kingwood; and Mary Beth Castilleja and husband Gerald of San Antonio. She is also survived by her grandsons: Connor Castilleja, Isaac Thompson, and Ethan Thompson. She is also survived by the father of her children, Charles Thompson and wife Carol of Crosby.

A memorial service celebrating her life will be held on September 22, 2019 at 2:00 pm at the Crosby United Methodist Church.

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Peggy Ann
Henderson



Peggy Ann Henderson went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at the age of 78 where she was welcomed by her son, Keith Edward Reed, her parents Jack and Bernice Casey, and her brother Larry Wade Casey. She was born on April 6, 1941 to Jack and Bernice Casey. She loved spending time with her family and entertaining company. Peggy was an avid cook whose bread was well known. She was a big Astros fan. A hardworker who worked numerous jobs, Peggy had worked at the water office in Highlands, managed the Snak Shak and the Fort Bar and Grill in Highlands, and owned a house cleaning service. Peggy will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Peggy is survived by her husband Jack Henderson; sister Wilma Keyes; sister-in-law Bobbie Casey; daughter Tracie Reed Barron; step-sons Jack Randall Henderson and wife Brandy and Justin Rex Henderson; grandson Kaiden Keith Barron; granddaughter Jacie Add-

ison Barron; great granddaughter Jocie Beth Barron; step-grandchildren Jackson and Bailey Henderson; step-great granddaughter Riley Henderson; step-grandchildren Reighan and Linley Henderson; special nieces Cathy Keyes Corley, Kim Steadham and Lori Graham; and special friends Pee Wee and Patti Farmer. She is also survived by numerous extended family and friends.

Honoring the family by serving as pallbearers will be Kaiden Barron, Jack Randall Henderson, Justin Henderson, Butch Henderson, Pee Wee Farmer, Robert Graham, Cody Brown and Joesean Rown. Honorary pallbearers are Ronnie Galloway, Randy Casey, Tim Swick, Ricky Welborn, Frank Henderson and Jackson Henderson.

A visitation for friends and family will be held on Monday, September 9, 2019 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Sterling-White Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at Sterling-White Funeral Home. Interment to follow in Earthman Memory Gardens Cemetery at 8624 Garth Rd, Baytown, Texas. Arrangements are entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd., Highlands, Texas. To offer condolences to the family, please visit www.sterlingwhite.com.

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MARANATHA CHURCH

By Dr. Mark Trice

What's Under the Hat?

Not that long ago, you could look at a man in a cowboy hat and instantly know quite a bit about him. Different regions had their own crease preferences, and those with specific jobs or who competed in various rodeo events tended to wear hats that worked best for their activities. A hat's style truly reflected the man or woman who wore it.

It still does, to a certain extent, but with the cowboy look being such a popular fashion trend today, you've got all sorts of people who have never even been on a horse wearing hats that can't even begin to tell the truth of who they are. The hats make statements, but usually those statements only reference how they look with the wearers' chosen outfits.

Sadly, it's much the same in the modern church. At one time, you could be pretty sure that a man sitting in a pew on Sunday was a genuine Christian, or at least one who was searching for Jesus. Today you've got people all over who attend services only because Agit's the right thing to do. Ah or Agthe kids need to be in church. Ah Like a horseless Agcowboy. Ah they sit in pews without any true grasp of what it really means to be a Christian. Like a man who randomly puts a cowboy hat onto his head, they throw on the label AgChristian. Ah without ever giving their hearts to Jesus and moving forward into being Christ-like.

When looking at a so-called cowboy or cowgirl, it's what's under the hat that counts. What do they actually do with their

lives? Where is their Agcowboy fruit. Ah if you will? When looking at a Christian, the same rule applies. Where is their fruit? Matthew 7:16-20 refers specifically to leaders, but in reality it applies to all of us who claim to be His. SoAc Are these AgChristians. Ah living lives that truly reflect the lordship of Jesus Christ, or are they playing dress up?

Many wanna-be cowboys are open to being introduced to the lifestyle, anxious to learn how to truly be what the hat represents. The lucky ones have genuine cowboys or cowgirls come along to walk beside them and lead the way.

There are a lot of would-be Christians who are the same. Maybe their church doesn't teach God's uncompromised Word. Perhaps they're surrounded by others who are as lost as they are. They may have a want-to, but not know how to, attain an authentic relationship with God. That's where more mature Christians come in—or should.

Those of us who have been set free by the Truth and strive to live for Him ought to stay sensitive to the Holy Spirit and willing to help those who need us. It is for us to reach out to those who are struggling in their walk and help them find the right path, the one that will empower them to genuinely live up to the label they've chosen to wear. It's what we're here for.

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7. To teach your kids to love God and the church.
8. To share the good news of Jesus here, and around the world.
9. To bear each other's burdens, and pray for one another.
10. To better live life, and be a light to your community.
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By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 2 Timothy in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who said, "Lo, I dwell in a house of cedars but the ark of the covenant ... remaineth under curtains."? David, Nathan, Saul, Solomon
3. From Numbers 12, why was Miriam shut out of camp for seven days? Ungodly act, Leprous, Fasting, Lent
4. Who took David in as his own after the slaying of Goliath? Jonathan, Solomon, Saul, Eliakim
5. From Mark 10:27, Jesus said, "For with God all things are" Righteous, Forthcoming, Pure, Possible
6. Upon which mountain did Aaron die? Kor, Carmel, Pisgah, Sinai
ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) David; 3) Leprous; 4) Saul; 5) Possible; 6) Kor

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Dalia: Dalia joined the Pineforest Jewelry staff nearly four years ago and is now a superstar to her customers. She brings a high level of diamond knowledge to every conversation so that customers understand that she too is a professional. Dalia works closely with Danielle making sure that each and every piece of beautiful jewelry we offer is presented very well for your viewing pleasure. Come into our store and ask Dalia your questions about diamonds and colored stones. I think you'll enjoy her answers.

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Dutch: As Chairman of the Board, it's Dutch's job to tell us all about ourselves, which he does nearly every day. Don't let his four short legs fool you, he can run pretty fast especially if it involves food for him. Dutch never misses a staff meeting and arrives promptly at the designated time.

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Are you aware that in less than a month, the Jim Fonteno Harris County Courthouse Annex 26 is soon to be your one stop for everything from license plates to birth certificates? After much prayer, planning and partnerships, the day is finally arriving.

Mark your calendars now for October 2. On this day, there will be a ribbon-cutting for the latest county office to open a branch to help meet the needs of area residents. Almost 17 years to the day on which the Courthouse Annex was named in honor of former Harris County Commissioner Jim Fonteno, the latest agency will be moving in. Diane Trautman, Harris County Clerk will have a new branch office located at 14350 Wallisville Road. Residents will now be able to obtain vital documents such as property records, marriage licenses, assumed name certificates, birth records, death records and notices of government meetings.

Current agencies housed in the facility include the Harris County Tax Office, Harris County Sheriff Department, Harris County Constable Precinct 3, Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner as well as Justice of the Peace Court Precinct 3, Place 1.

After being elected as Justice of the Peace one of the first goals of the Honorable Judge Joe Stephens was to work with the Harris County Clerk to bring this office to our community. For many years residents have had to travel Downtown, to Pasadena or to Baytown to get these important records. Once Dr Trautman was elected, it was as if a dream came true.

When the facility was named for the late County Commissioner, the community celebrated as both Jim and his wife Joann had been firmly planted in the community for decades, and realized the value of a one stop shop for all of the county offices. Years later, the adjacent county park was named in their honor. Today, many families visit the park monthly and newcomers will often ask who the Fontenos were. It is a blessing to be able to share with them that Jim and Joann were actively involved in raising their children in Woodforest and active at Holy Trinity United Methodist Church in Home-owned Estates. Today, while Mrs Fonteno has relocated to be closer to several of their children after Jim's death, they still have two adult children who have continued to make the North Channel Area their home. Son David Proctor and his wife are active grandparents yet still find time to volunteer with the Boy Scouts of America. Their daughter Donna and her husband David Kester are active in the community and also anxiously awaiting their grandchildren being old enough to enjoy a family picnic at the park.

In talking to many of the friends of the family, one thing they all agree on is that once the County Clerk's Office opens, the late Commissioner will be smiling from above, not only in knowing that six county agencies are located today but that the six current leaders of these agencies have followed in his political footsteps and are all proud Democrats.




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Consolidated Notice of Receipt of Application and Intent to Obtain
Permit and Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision

Air Quality Standard Permit for Concrete Batch Plants Proposed Registration No. 158151L001

Application. CEMEX Construction Materials Houston, LLC, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration No. 158151L001, which would authorize construction of a temporary concrete batch plant located on the west side of Johns Road approximately 0.1 mile south from its intersection with Beaumont Highway 90, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77049. 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 application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.860886&lng=-95.13733&zoom=13&type=r>. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, road dust, and particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on August 22, 2019. The executive director has completed the administrative and technical reviews of the application and determined that the application meets all of the requirements of a standard permit authorized by 30 TAC § 116.611, which would establish the conditions under which the plant must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision to issue the registration because it meets all applicable rules. The application, executive director's preliminary decision, and standard permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Houston regional office, and the North Channel Branch Library – Harris County Public Library, 15741 Wallisville Road, Houston, Harris County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review at the TCEQ Houston Regional Office, 5425 Polk Street Suite H, Houston, Texas. Visit www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cbp to review the standard permit.

Public Comment/Public Meeting. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting. See Contacts section. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments or meeting requests is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to consider in the permit process.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held 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. If a public meeting is held, the deadline to submit public comments is extended to the end of the public meeting.

Contested Case Hearing. You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. **Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application.**

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. To request a hearing, a person must actually reside in a permanent residence within 440 yards of the proposed plant. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and registration number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests which the group or association seeks to protect must be identified. You may submit your proposed adjustments to the application which would satisfy your concerns. See Contacts section.

TCEQ Action. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The executive director's decision on the application, and any response to comments, will be mailed to all persons on the mailing list. If no timely contested case hearing requests are received, or if all hearing requests are withdrawn, the executive director may issue final approval of the application. If all timely hearing requests are not withdrawn, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled commission meeting. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material air quality concerns submitted during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

Mailing List. You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive additional information on this specific application. See Contacts section.

Information Available Online. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database (CID) at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Once you have access to the CID using the link, enter the registration number at the top of this notice.

Contacts. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from CEMEX Construction Materials Houston, LLC, 16100 Dillard Drive, Jersey Village, Texas 77040-2077 or by calling Mr. Daniel Escobar, Environmental Manager at (713) 332-4040.

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Invitation for Bids
Sale of Real Property

The Barbers Hill Independent School District will accept sealed bids for a proposed purchase of a 0.1386 acre or 6,047 square foot tract of vacant land out of a portion of a 5.8371 acre parent located 0.15 of a mile east of the termination of Perry Avenue and approximately 1.0 mile west of FM 565 (does not have physical road frontage), Mont Belvieu, Chambers County, Texas. Interested parties may contact the BHISD Assistant Superintendent of Finance at 281-576-2221, bmcmanus@bhisd.net to obtain a copy of the bid package.

All bids should be completed in accordance with the bid instructions, sealed and mailed to Ms. Rebecca McManus, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Barbers Hill ISD, 9600 Eagle Drive, Mont Belvieu, Texas 77523 on or before 2:00 p.m. on September 26, 2019. BHISD reserves the right to reject any or all bids for the above-described property.

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2019 Property Tax Rates in Harris County
Emergency Services District No. 2

This notice concerns the 2019 property tax rates for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 2. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual tax rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers start rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$1,423,625
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$1,423,625
Last year's tax base	\$4,745,416,667
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.0300/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$1,421,423
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$4,518,552,930
= This year's effective tax rate	\$0.0314/\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent healthcare expenditures)	\$1,421,423
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$4,518,552,930
= This year's effective operating rate	\$0.0314/\$100
x 1.08=this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.0339/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0/\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$0.0339/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Harris County Emergency Services District No. 2 adopts a 2019 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.0314 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2018 taxes by \$39,026.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balance

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
	0

Schedule B - 2019 Debt Services

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
	0	0	0	0
Total required for 2019 debt Services				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2019				\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 99.90% of its taxes in 2019				\$0
= Total debt levy				\$0

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 1001 Preston, Houston, TX 77002.

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