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CHANNEL CURRENTS

Pct. 2 Meeting Environmental

Concerned residents of Channelview will meet with Pct. 2 Officials to discuss Harris County's monitoring of air and water pollution. 6:30 pm at Channelview Fire Station #3 on Dell Dale on Thursday, September 12, 2019.

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.

JC Scout Troop 1301 honors fallen Veterans



Photo by Allan Jamail

Jacinto City Scout Troop 1301 — L-R front row: Glenn T. Miller II, Scout Master, Carlos Martinez, Jr., Senior Patrol Leader, Brandon T. Miller, Eagle Scout, Debbie Martinez, Troop Committee Chairwoman, Karla Martinez, Emmy Smith. Back row: Samuel Montoya, Scout, Nickolas Ulloa, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Gavin Smith, Haide Smith.

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Precinct 2 begins road improvements in Channelview & Jacinto City



Street improvements to begin in Channelview and Jacinto City.

CHANNELVIEW - JACINTO CITY, TX – August 28, 2019 – Commissioner Adrian Garcia is proud to announce that construction will begin on a new BetterStreets2Neighborhoods (BS2N) project in the Channelview and Jacinto City areas in September. BS2N is a Precinct 2 program dedicated to preserving asphalt roadways by conducting base repairs, asphalt milling and overlay, as well as roadway button and striping replacement.

This \$1.8 million project will repair nearly 5 miles of roadway, including Lane

Street, Hart Street, Mercury Drive, and Dell Dale Street among many others. Roadwork may impact on-street parking in some areas, so residents should be mindful of notifications from the contractors. Drivers are also encouraged to travel through the construction zones with caution. Construction is expected to be complete later this year.

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

No. 1 ranked North Shore Mustangs fall to rival Katy in opener 24-21

By Allan Jamail

Galena Park ISD Stadium – August 29, 2019 before a sell-out crowd the Katy Tigers (Westside Boys) beat the North Shore Mustangs (Eastside Boys) 24 – 21 in a 6A Region III District non-conference game.

The key to Katy's win came from an out of state player who recently transferred to the Katy ISD. The Tigers didn't have senior Ron Hoff on the team last year but he moved here from Dutch Fork, South Carolina to play his senior year here. He was told the Mustangs are the team to

beat, because they beat Katy twice last year.

In the first half the defending state champion Mustangs ranked number one in state looked like they were well on their way to another undefeated season and state title. Mustangs led at halftime by two touchdowns (TD) 21-7 over the Tigers. They beat Katy both games played last year; Katy intends to do the same to the Mustangs this year.

KATY BAR THE DOOR, Not so fast said the Katy Tigers, you'll have to come through us for the next

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Photo by Allan Jamail

Mustang John Gentry outruns Katy defender, scores season's first touchdown on an 81 yard pass from quarterback Demetrius Davis.

GALENA PARK YELLOW JACKETS STING PASADENA EAGLES 49 – 6

By Allan Jamail

Pasadena Veterans Memorial Stadium (Newcomb Field) August 31, 2019 was the scene of a swarm of GP Yellow Jackets varsity football players, stinging the Pasadena Eagles, in a 49 to 6 win.

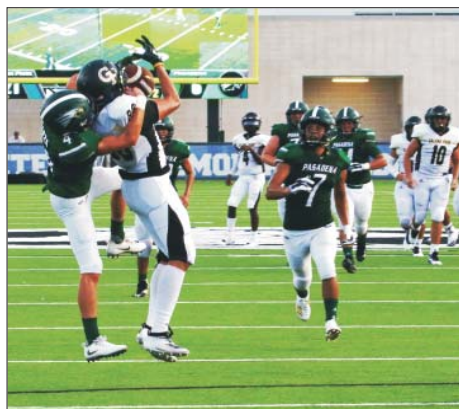
It was never a real contest. Coach Spiro Amarantos' offensive and defensive team's performed so well it appeared they were playing a little league football team.

The Jackets scored seven touchdowns (TD's) behind a strong offensive line led by Richard Martinez, Antonio Alanis and Ivan Martinez who made openings for running back Eli Quintero to make four TD's and 100 yards in the game. The line provided pass protection for sophomore quarterback A'marion Kelly to complete passes to Pat Hernandez, Caleb Aparicio and Fernando Martinez who scored on a TD pass.

The stingy Yellow Jackets defense overpowered



#2 Eli Quintero running back scoring 1 of 4 of his touchdowns. (Photos by Allan Jamail).



#88 Pat Hernandez, receiver leaps to haul in a pass from quarterback A'marion Kelly for a big gain.

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David Pierson named GPISD Principal of North Shore Freshman Class

By Allan Jamail

The Galena Park Independent School District (GPISD) announced for the 2019/2020 school year David Pierson to head the 9th grade Freshman Class.

Principal Pierson is no newcomer to GPISD; he began his career 31 years ago. He began as an elementary fifth grade teacher at Jacinto City Elementary. From there, Mr. Pierson taught math at W.C. Cunningham Middle School and took on a new challenge by coaching basketball, football, and track. He became the head coach at Cunningham where they won numerous district championships.

After 10 years at Cunningham, he moved on to teach and coach at North Shore High School. Mr. Pierson continued serving North Shore High School by becoming an assistant principal for four years and then associate principal for three years at the Ninth Grade Center.



Photo by Allan Jamail

David Pierson, GPISD Principal of 9th grade Freshman Class.

Pierson had the honor of going back to his roots of elementary and became principal of Normandy Crossing Elementary (NCE) in 2011. There he created a culture of high expectations and celebrating students during his three years at NCE. His success was so grand that he was given another challenge - to return to Cunningham Middle School as the Principal in 2014. In 2017 he was the Secondary Principal of the year. "Cunningham Middle

School holds a very special place in my heart because of the great success my students had in the classroom, on the field, on the court, and on the track," Pierson said.

In 2017, Mr. Pierson was named Principal of North Shore Ninth Grade Center. He says it's an honor to serve as the principal of a place where so many years he called home. He truly believes North Shore is the

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COMMUNITY
CALENDAR

Crosby Church Town Hall Meeting

With U.S. Representative Dan Crenshaw, Texas 2nd Congressional District. Saturday, September 7, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Crosby Church Campus, 5725 Highway 90, Crosby, Texas 77532.

Come listen to the Representative give an update on current issues and legislation including homeland security, TASP Legislation, and gun control. Voice your concerns in a question and answer session.

Highlands United Methodist Church Fish Fry

Highlands United Methodist Church will hold its annual Fish Fry on Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 11am to 2 pm. For information or to order, please call 281-426-3614.

Full Moon Hike

Join the Baytown Nature Center each month as they explore a different section of the nature center in the hopes of seeing nocturnal animal inhabitants. The monthly 90 minute hikes begin just after sunset. Hikers are asked to wear comfortable clothing. Meet at the Visitors Center. Hikes are weather permitting and free regular admission to the center. If in doubt the weather, phone 281-424-9198 or check Facebook page. For questions, please contact Crissy Butcher at 281-420-7130.



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September is National Preparedness Month; Be Prepared, Not Scared

HOUSTON - Every September, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and City of Houston's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) observe National Preparedness Month, to promote family and community disaster and emergency planning now and throughout the year. The 2019 theme is "Prepared, Not Scared," and throughout the month, Houston OEM will be sharing preparedness tips via our websites and social media channels:

Week 1: Save Early for Disaster Costs
Did you know: most ho-

meowners' and renters' insurance do not cover flood damage. Learn more about flood insurance at www.FloodSmart.gov and review which important documents you should have for an emergency and how to be financially prepared for a disaster at <https://www.ready.gov/financial-preparedness>.

Week 2: Make a Plan to Prepare for Disasters
We are entering the peak of the 2019 Atlantic Hurricane Season! Be Prepared: make an emergency plan today and practice it. The City of Houston Disaster Preparedness Guide

(DPG) is updated annually and provides information about emergency planning to Houston residents.

Week 3: Teach Youth to Prepare for Disasters
Teach children what to do in an emergency if they are at or away from home. Help your kids know how to communicate during an emergency, build their own preparedness kit, and become Disaster Masters with tips from www.ready.gov/kids.

Week 4: Get Involved in Your Community's Preparedness

Your neighbors can be a great source of help immediately after a disaster. Get to know your neighbors, particularly those too elderly or too ill to independently plan or prepare themselves for a disaster. By knowing your neighbors ahead of time, your community will work better as a team when disasters strike.

For more information about helping your neighborhood get ready for hurricane season, visit www.houstonoem.org/preparedness-are-you-ready.

History Matters

*A biweekly feature courtesy of
The Grateful American Book Prize
Showing our children that their past is prelude to their future*

September 1 to September 15

On September 2, 1864, at the height of the Civil War, General William T. Sherman and his army of 60,000 Union soldiers captured the city of Atlanta. He then sent a telegram to President Lincoln, which said: "Atlanta is ours, and fairly won." It was a critical event -- the rail hub of the Confederacy -- which supplied weapons and food to the forces of the south. In order to completely deny the rebel armies of war-time essentials, Sherman

set fire to the city—and widespread doubt--that the War could ever end in a Confederate victory.

The fall of Atlanta teaches young learners important lessons about the Civil War, and its tragedies. For a better understanding, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends Nancy Whitelaw's *Victory in Destruction: The Story of William Tecumseh Sherman*.

On September 2, 1964, Governor George Wallace of Alabama, defied a court order that allowed 14

African-American teens to be admitted to the all-white, Tuskegee High School. According to the American Bar Association Journal, Wallace took office in January 1963 vowing "segregation now, segregation tomorrow, and segregation forever." In order to prevent access, Wallace ordered his state troopers to surround the school and obstruct entry.

School desegregation was a dramatic and important chapter in the Civil Rights movement; for more information, read *The Li-*

ons of Little Rock by Kristin Levine.

America is still recovering from *September 11, 2001*, the day terrorists hijacked four jumbo jets while they were in flight and turned them into bombers. Two of them took down the Twin Towers at New York's World Trade Center; another was flown Kamikaze-style into the Pentagon, and a fourth – advancing to Washington--was commandeered by the passengers and crashed into a Pennsylvania field. In all, nearly 3,000 died.

2019 Property Tax Rates in Harris County Emergency Services District No. 12

This notice concerns the 2019 property tax rates for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 12. 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	\$1,601,796
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$1,601,796
Last year's tax base	\$3,203,592,000
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.0500/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$1,600,209
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$3,623,192,634
=This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	\$0.0441/\$100

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)	\$1,600,209
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$3,623,192,634
=This year's effective operating rate	\$0.0441/\$100
x 1.08=this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.0476/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0/\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$0.0476/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Harris County Emergency Service District No. 12 adopts a 2019 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.0441 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2018 taxes by \$7,596.

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	0

Schedule B - 2019 Debt Service

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 service				\$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 100.00% 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.

Name of person preparing this notice: Ann Harris Bennett
Title: Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector
Date Prepared: 08/27/2019

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Harris County Emergency Services District No. 12 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 13.38 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 17, 2019 at 6:00 PM at 911 Hollywood St., Houston, TX 77015.

The second public hearing will be held on October 1, 2019 at 6:00 PM at 911 Hollywood St., Houston, TX 77015.

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

FOR:	William B. Anders	David W. Proctor
	Larry Helgesen	Frank M. Staley
	Bryan O. Clements	

AGAINST:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Harris County Emergency Services District No. 12 last year was \$124,015. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.0500 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$62.01.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Harris County Emergency Services District No. 12 this year is \$135,476. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.0441 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$59.74.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.0500 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$67.74.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Local Students, Teachers Attend Tapia Camps at Rice University

This summer, two students and two teachers from Channelview ISD attended Rice University's prestigious and unique camps hosted by The Tapia Center for Excellence and Equity. Made possible through a grant from ExxonMobil, they joined more than 300 students and 50 teachers from across Texas and beyond for a week of engaging STEM projects and communication skill practice.

Say STEM Camp, available to rising 8th-12th graders, features a week-long residential experience with a challenging STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) curriculum. Campers experiment with hands-on STEM projects, like building miniature wind turbines out of household items including glue, cardstock and popsicle sticks. At the same time, students enhance their communication skills by learning how to simplify complicated STEM ideas via graphic



The select group of students and teachers sponsored by ExxonMobil to attend Tapia Camps. From left to right: Furqani Al-Amin (teacher), Rogelio Martinez, Emily Maldonado and Natalie Rios (teacher).

drawings and an end-of-camp oral presentation – all while experiencing life on a college campus.

The professional development camp for teachers

of all subjects and levels provides participants the tools to implement project-based learning—a lesson-planning method that encourages hands-on, en-

gaging experiences—in their classrooms. Teachers who complete the program earn Continuing Professional Education (CPE) hours.

Galena Park ISD new Board members

At the August Galena Park I.S.D. (GPISD) Board of Trustee meeting, Noe Esparza and Norma Hernandez were sworn in by Judge Joe Stephens to fill Position 6 and Position 7 of the GPISD Board. The vacancy in Position 6 was created by the resignation of Trustee Minnie Rivera. Position 7 became vacant upon the passing of longtime Board member, Dawn Fisher.

Noe Esparza, appointed to fill Position 6, is a graduate of Galena Park High School. He works as a Regional Director at the Donaldson Company, and has attended San Jacinto College-North and the University of Houston. Mr. Esparza is married, and is the proud father of two sons, both of whom have graduated from GPISD schools. He remarked, "I want to serve our community and see our children succeed."

Norma Hernandez, appointed to fill Position 7, is a graduate of Harlingen High School, the University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley, and Texas Southern University. She is a former teacher and registrar, having served 38 years at Galena Park High School

until her retirement in 2017. She is married, and her two adult daughters are graduates of Galena Park High School. She looks forward to working with her new colleagues on the Galena Park I.S.D. Board of Trustees "to give back to the District that has played such an important part in [her] life."

The appointments of both Norma Hernandez and Noe Esparza were unanimously approved by the Board. Ramon Garza, Board President, stated, "While we will truly miss both Ms. Rivera and Mrs. Fisher and are forever grateful for their service to our students, the Board is excited to welcome our new colleagues, who bring their own perspectives, experiences and knowledge. We look forward to serving our great community with Mrs. Hernandez and Mr. Esparza as part of our Team of 8."



Noe Esparza, Norma Hernandez and Judge Joe Stephens

Galena Park Yellow Jackets,

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the Eagles offense causing five turnovers, keeping them to less than 200 yards total offense.

Some of the Jackets defensive standouts were Derrick Sampson (interception), Austin Altwein (interception and fumble recovery), Brice Hernandez (fumble recovery & 6 tackles), Michael Gaitan (3 sacks), Landon Black (8 tackles), Dallas Blate (6 tackles), Ivan Hernandez (12 tackles) and Luis Sanchez (11 tackles).

When asked about the obvious mismatch Coach Spiro said, "We played real good and maybe they played bad, it's hard to say."

The 5A District Yellow Jackets beat the 6A Sam Rayburn Texans 19 to 7 at Pasadena Auxiliary Stadium

in a 2 hour scrimmage game on Friday, August 23rd.

The answer to just how good the 2 – 0 Yellow Jackets are will be their next game when they play a non-district home game against the 5A Dayton Broncos, Friday, September 6th at 7 PM.

Dayton has consistently had a good team although they lost their opener in a crushing defeat against the Friendswood Mustangs 42 to 0, so they'll not want to lose back to back games.



#10 Fernando Martinez, running back fights off tacklers to score on a A'marion Kelly pass. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

Man dies in car crash on Market Street

Houston police are investigating a fatal crash at 13000 Market Street about 11:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 27.

According to HPD Vehicular Crimes Division Sergeant D. Arnold and Northeast Patrol Division officers, the victim was driving a yellow Dodge Neon eastbound on Market Street when he failed to stay in a single lane, lost control of the vehicle and was ejected. Paramedics transported to Ben Taub General Hospital where he was later pronounced deceased.

The identity of the male victim, 30, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

The investigation is continuing.

Principal,

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home of the champions. In 2019 he was named Secondary Principal of the year. He is so thankful for all the support he has had throughout his years as a teacher, coach and administrator.

Pierson graduated high school at Sam Rayburn High School in Pasadena, he got a Bachelor of Arts degree in Teaching from Sam Houston State University and then got a Master of Science Degree from University of Houston-Clear Lake.

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SALE DATE: September 20, 2019

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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 September 5th and will end on Friday September 20th @ 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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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Report details progress in school safety

AUSTIN - The Texas School Safety Update, a report highlighting progress made to keep students and teachers safe at school, was released by Gov. Greg Abbott on Aug. 27. The report gives Texans an update on efforts by the governor's office, the Legislature and state agencies toward implementing recommendations made in the School Safety Action Plan released on May 30, 2018 and the subsequent update in August 2018.

The first indication of progress listed in the report is that the state's "Mental Health First Aid" program saw a 37-percent increase in the number of public school district employees and school resource officers trained in fiscal year 2018 compared to fiscal year 2017, and more than 10,000 school personnel were trained in fiscal year 2019, which ended Aug. 31.

"Because the safety of our students in Texas classrooms today is a top priority, I made school safety an emergency item in the 86th Legislative Session - and state leaders took substantial steps to deliver on this priority,"

Abbott said. "I am grateful for the bi-partisan efforts of legislators that led to significant improvements in enhancing the safety of Texas schools, expanding students' access to mental health resources, and increasing support for teachers facing classroom challenges. As we look to the possibilities that a new school year may bring, school administrators, parents, teachers and lawmakers must continue the conversation on school safety and continue to make the effort to keep our students safe in an affirming environment that strives for excellence and growth," the governor added.

Among other areas of progress listed in the report are:

1. Since August 2018, the Texas State School Safety Center (TxSSC) has held seven threat assessment workshops with 425 participants, and will host seven more workshops this August;
2. The 2020-21 state budget provides \$5 million to Texas Tech Health Sciences Center for the Telemedicine Intervention Triage and Referral Project, a model for identifying students at risk for



committing school violence and intervening with those students before acts of violence occur; and

3. Senate Bill 11, which took effect June 6, provides districts with \$100 million in funding for school-based mental health centers, the hiring of counselors and other mental health needs, and provides \$99 million in funding for the Texas Mental Health Care Consortium.

Furthermore, the passage of SB 11, along with HB 1 and SB 500, makes available some \$339 million in school safety funding for various agencies and entities, including the Health and Human Services Commission, the Texas Education Agency, Texas State University and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

AG JOINS IN COURT BRIEF

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Aug. 23 co-signed a friend-of-the-

court civil rights-related brief filed with the U.S. Supreme Court. Paxton and the attorneys general of 13 other states, and one governor, urge the high court to overturn lower court cases that the coalition says would expand provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 that prohibit discrimination based on a person's sex to include sexual orientation and gender identity.

DPS CALLS FOR EXTRA CAUTION

As schools reopened across Texas and classrooms filled, the Texas Department of Public Safety put out a reminder that drivers need to slow down in school zones.

DPS urged drivers to be extra careful around school buses, to follow all traffic laws, and to stay alert around schools and the surrounding areas where children may be walking and playing.

DPS troopers "won't tolerate reckless driving that puts children in harm's

way," said the agency's director, Steve McCraw. If a school bus has alternating flashing red signals visible from the front or rear, drivers must stop before reaching the bus. Drivers can only proceed if the flashing lights are no longer activated; the driver signals you to proceed; or the bus has resumed driving.

Approaching drivers do not have to stop for a school bus that is operating a visual signal if the roadway is separated by a physical barrier or an intervening space.

Many new laws take effect Some 820 bills that passed during the regular session of 86th Texas Legislature that ended May 27 took effect Sept. 1. A complete listing of those bills, including links to their text, analyses, fiscal notes and witness lists, can be found under the "Reports" tab at capitol.texas.gov.

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LETTERS To The Editor

Concern about low rating of Highlands schools

The TEA school ratings are out and while GC-CISD fared pretty well, Highlands Elementary and Hopper Primary received an unexceptable grade of D!

In recent years these schools have received very good grades. The demographics of the area have not changed enough to cause this.

The problems have to be in the schools. Have we been given inferior leadership? A teacher's job is difficult enough in the best of situations. But if a teacher does not have intelligent solid leadership on campus, success is not likely to happen. I'm sure there are a lot of unhappy, frustrated people on these campuses.

The buck should stop on the desk of Superintendent O'Brien. The schools need help from administration to correct the problems they're having to deal with. I hope there are people now working to assess the situation and correct whatever is needed. We, as a community need to know what is being done now.

I hope the parents in Highlands will meet with the superintendent in order to get an understanding of how something like this could happen.

Theresa Cashion

2019 Property Tax Rates in Harris County
Emergency Service District No. 50

This notice concerns the 2019 property tax rates for Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50. 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.

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Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$2,660,498
Last year's tax base	\$5,320,996,000
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.0500/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes	
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$2,657,079
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	
(after subtracting value of new property)	\$5,721,079,463
= This year's effective tax rate	\$0.0464/\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes	\$2,657,079
(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)	
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$5,721,079,463
= This year's effective operating rate	\$0.0464/\$100
x 1.08=this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.0501/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0/\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$0.0501/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50 adopts a 2019 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.0464 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2018 taxes by \$110,879.

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
Unencumbered Fund	19,000,000

Schedule B - 2019 Debt Service

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 service				\$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 100.00% 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.

Name of person preparing this notice: Ann Harris Bennett
Title: Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector
Date Prepared: 08/26/2019

Notice of Public
Hearing on Tax
Increase

The Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50 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 7.76 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 16, 2019 at 6:00 PM at 1210 Dell Dale Avenue, Channelview, TX 77530.

The second public hearing will be held on September 30, 2019 at 6:00 PM at 1210 Dell Dale Avenue, Channelview, TX 77530.

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

FOR:	Jim Owens	Benjamin Ballew
	Brenda Biggers	Eric Stricklin
	Judith Brannon	

AGAINST:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50 last year was \$121,751. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.0500 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$60.88.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50 this year is \$112,790. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.0464 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$52.33.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.0500 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$56.40.

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

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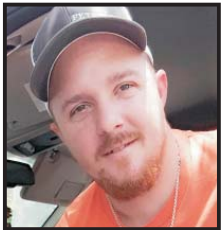
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OBITUARIES

Aaron Thomas Miller



Aaron Thomas Miller, 32, passed away unexpectedly August 27, 2019 in Cypress, Texas. He was born on July 14, 1987 in Houston, Texas to parents Tracy (Hindman) and Glenn Thomas Miller, II.

Aaron was a loving and dedicated son, husband, father, friend and uncle. Children were his first priority and he was “Uncle Aaron” to many children that he was glad to help any way he could. Aaron had a big heart and was always laughing. He will remain in the hearts of the many lives he touched.

Aaron’s family includes his parents, Glenn Thomas Miller II and Tracy Reeves; wife, Katrina Miller; children, Aaron Thomas Miller II, Annalynn Marie Miller, Piper Ann Miller; step-children, Leigha Nicole Jackson, Evelyn Claire Jackson; step-mother, Sabrina Brossett; brothers and sisters, Glenn Thomas Miller III, Brian Thomas Miller, Heather

Raechell Robinson, Brandon Thomas Miller, Hailey McCulloch; grandparents, Glenn Thomas Miller, Sr. and wife Mary, Anthony Allen Atzenhoffer, Sr. and Debbie, Michael Wesley and Linda Hindman; nieces and nephews, Glenn Thomas Miller IV, Noah Alexander Miller, Kathryn Natalya Miller, Payton Harper Miller, Kylie Kayden Miller, Kade Thomas Miller; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family members and friends.

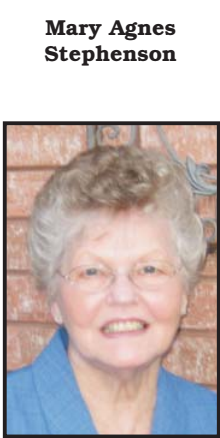
Friends are welcome to join the family for visitation from 5:00 p.m.- 8 p.m. Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at Carter-Conley Funeral Home. Funeral services officiated by Pastor Joey Westra and Pastor Shane Hindman will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 4, 2019 in the chapel of Carter-Conley Funeral Home.

Graveside services will immediately follow at San Jacinto Memorial Park under the direction of Carter-Conley Funeral Home. “Suck it up, buttercup”

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Mary Agnes Stephenson

Mary Agnes Stephenson, born May 21, 1934 in Houston, Texas, went to be with her heavenly family on Friday, August 30, 2019 at St. Luke’s Hospital in the Houston Medical Center.

A native Houstonian, Mary moved to the Atascocita area this year. She attended Cloverleaf Elementary, Woodland Acres Junior High and Galena Park High School. She loved and was loved by her family and friends. She enjoyed attending family events and watching the nieces and nephews grow up too quick. She worked for Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 36 for many years before changing her career to work at S & C Construction. She loved to dance and shop, and would go any chance she had the opportunity.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, H.R. (Hank) Stephenson; parents, Cora Fussell and Charley

Murchison, Hanson Boysen; brother-in-law, Louis Stephenson; sister-in-law, Beverly Stephenson; nephew, Mark Stephenson; nieces, Diana Ellis and Donna Ayala.

Mary is survived by her sister, Betty Sausage and husband John; brothers, Charles Murchison and wife Judy, Terry Murchison and wife Ranae, nephews Craig Hopper, Darryl Murchison, John Sausage Jr.; nieces, Sheryl Lemman and husband Don, Tracy Hopper, Lynn Schreck and husband Tom, Wendi Lindsey and husband Jeff,

Kelly Hollier and husband Patrick, Deb Severing and husband Loren; great-nephews, Kyle Herrington, Jacob Rodriguez, Troy Rodriguez and wife Karen, Jacob Schreck, Will Schreck, Luke Lindsey, Leo Hollier, Austin Hollier; great-nieces, Ella Lindsey, Hannah Hollier and Morgan Hollier.

Friends are welcome to join the family for visitation from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at Carter-Conley Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, September

5, 2019 in the chapel of Carter-Conley Funeral Home. Graveside services will immediately follow at 3:00 p.m. at San Jacinto Memorial Park under the direction of Carter-Conley Funeral Home.

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TRIVIA
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Joseph in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From Proverbs 22, what is foolishness bound in the heart of? Wicked, Poor, Child, Foolish

3. Who led the Israelites over the River Jordan? Moses, Joshua, Aaron, Elijah

4. Which Psalm begins, “O God, thou art my God”? 60, 63, 74, 117

5. What was the name of Samson’s father? Noah, Manoah, Jesse, Levi

6. Who wrote the book of Proverbs? Jude, Moses, Solomon, Isaac

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Child; 3) Joshua; 4) 63; 5) Manoah; 6) Solomon

ASK THE EXPERT

CHARLOTTE'S WEB



Thinking about Others

When you hear about possible bad weather, do you stockpile everything that you need? Or are you busy thinking about the needs of others in the community? When school is ready to start, do you think about those last minute summer vacations? Or are you one of the many in our community that stops and thinks about the children in our community who might need some help with school uniforms and supplies? When there is a need for reliable transportation for our neighbors, do you help spread the news of upcoming meetings or do you just consider that the roads might become a little more crowded?

Earlier this week, Harris Transit announced that there were three very important upcoming opportunities for the community to learn about possible bus routes that will serve the area. For the first time in many years, people in Cloverleaf as well as Channelview would have access to public transportation. In addition, the plans would assist residents of the Sheldon area in connecting to much needed resources.

Currently, those who need access to Workforce Solutions ("the unemployment office"), to the Harris County Courthouse on Wallisville, to San Jacinto College, to North Channel Assistance Ministries or to the Attorney General's Office must have their own vehicle or walk several miles to reach one of these location. Yet, if community members will spread the word and then attend one of the three meetings and voice their

concerns as well as suggestions for how these new routes could best serve the community, our neighbors, families and friends could see an improvement in their lives.

Maybe you have never had to apply for government assistance such as food stamps or utility assistance. For many years, I have known people who have had to apply for assistance. Not all of these were generational recipients of assistance. Many were suddenly foun with no employment or with the addition of young children in their home due to a death or incarceration of a child's parents. Suddenly, a grandmother with no transportation had to ask for help. Yet, she had no way of reaching her destination. Thankfully there have always been people in our community who would set up and help and now there are rideshare programs such as Uber and Lyft, yet public transportation would be much more affordable.

Please share the details with others about the upcoming meetings. September 10 at the Grayson Center on Corpus Christi at Freeport; September 16 at the Fine Arts Center at San Jacinto College North and September 19 at the Flukinger Center in Channelview. All of these meetings will be held from 6 – 8 p.m. and YOU input is needed. For more information, please contact 832.927.4834 I hope to see YOU there.

Family protests Salas suicide in Galena Park police custody

GALENA PARK – Last month the family and friends of Hector Salas demonstrated in front of the Galena Park police station, to protest the apparent suicide of Salas while in the jail under police supervision.

The protest was originally announced on a facebook website under the Houston Socialist Movement name.



PROTESTORS in front of Galena Park Police Station last Monday, August 19.

That text follows: "Houston Socialist Movement

August 22 at 9:31 AM – Family, friends, and supporters of Hector "Tito" Salas, Jr. assembled in front of the Galena Park Police Department Monday morning to demand justice. The media outlets did not come out to report on the demonstration, but the Salas family's attorney, U.A. Lewis, joined us and discussed the lawsuit she has filed. Tito's death in the Galena Park jail last November 30 deserves a lot more attention than it has received, and the struggle for justice for him and his family will continue. Houston Socialist Movement is glad to support this struggle."

Subsequently, the North Channel Star interviewed the Galena Park police chief, Rodney Cherski, regarding the department's position on the death. This interview, by Allan Jamail, follows:

August 26, 2019 – Galena Park Police Chief Cherski said he learned of the recent protest held Monday morning August 19, 2019 about 48 hours before the protest began from a facebook posting by the Houston Socialist Movement. In order to prepare for the protest he looked up on the internet the Houston Socialist Movement and was surprised that a Russian Communist supporting organization with the Russian hammer and sickle graphics displayed would be coming to Galena Park to protest.

The protesters said the purpose of the protest was to bring awareness of the lawsuit they were going to file against the city and the police department because of the suicide last year on November 29, 2018 of a jailed prisoner Hector "Tito" Salas, Jr..

The Chief said he's puzzled as to why they would wait almost a year after Salas committed suicide to file a lawsuit. Cherski said he's not received notice of the lawsuit being filed. If it's filed then I can address the accusations. Cherski wasn't the police chief at the time of the suicide.

Cherski said Salas was arrested after his common-law wife called 911 and saying he had physically

assaulted her. When the officers arrived at the 911's address Salas had already fled. The officers investigated her complaint and forwarded their report to an Assistant District Attorney (DA) at the Harris County District Attorney's In-take Office.

The Assistant DA recommended arresting Salas on a Class A misdemeanor Family Violence charge if

he was located in or near the home where the complainant lived and the assault took place.

Approximately 30 minutes later patrol officers observed Salas driving his car, they pulled him over and arrested him without incident of resistance. He was booked and placed in the jail cell waiting to be transferred to the Harris County Jail.

"Once in the jail cell Salas somehow unknown to anyone tore pieces of the cell mattress and tied them together long enough to go around his neck with the other end tying it to the upper part of the cell door. Since his feet would not clear the floor he took water and wet the floor so if during the strangulation of himself his feet would slip and slide and not get enough traction to raise him up to prevent his death. He was determined to kill himself," Chief Cherski said.

According to the chief the jail mattresses used is made of a very tough vinyl material that cannot be easily torn and it's the same type used in most all jails including the Texas Department of Corrections. I have no idea how he ever started a hole in it to begin tearing it into strips unless he may have bit a hole in it. He had no knife or other means to tear or cut that type of sturdy material.

Most jail cells do not have cameras inside the cell in order to provide privacy when prisoners need to use the toilet. There was a camera outside of Salas's cell pointing towards it but by the time he was noticed hanging himself it was too late to rescue him. Strangulation can produce unconsciousness in 6 to 10 seconds and death in 2 to 3 minutes with a constant pressure preventing blood flow.

The Texas Rangers and the Harris County District Attorney's Civil Rights Division investigated the death; the Galena Park police conducted their own internal investigation. The autopsy proved death was caused by self-strangulation and several narcotic drugs were in his system.

Chief Cherski said he and the department were

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ASK DIAMOND JIM

Diamond Jim: "Are Diamonds made of Coal?"



We've all heard the old adage that diamonds are made of a lump of coal, but we may not really know if the saying is actually true. Diamonds are formed in the earth, through a process that scientists, even today, don't completely understand. This process is very similar to the process that creates coal, which is why people often believe the two substances are nearly the same. However, there are some important differences between the two.

Diamonds and coal are formed from carbon

Carbon dioxide located about 100 miles beneath the surface of the earth is the source of diamonds. Coal is also formed from carbon, but is formed much closer to the earth's surface, about two miles down. When coal is mined, miners go right to the source where the coal is formed. Diamonds, on the other hand, are brought close enough to the surface to be mined by volcanic eruptions.

In addition, the carbon that forms diamonds is much purer than that which forms coal. This is what creates a diamond's clarity. Carbon that turns into coal usually includes other substances like hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen, selenium and sulfur. These impurities in coal are also why burning coal creates environmental problems like greenhouse gases. Some diamonds have minor impurities, as well, but these are far fewer than that in coal. Slight traces of nitrogen, for example, are what create the yellow diamond.

Diamonds require more heat and pressure

Coal is formed from heat and pressure, just like diamonds. However, diamonds require much greater temperatures and far more direct pressure to form, which is a primary reason why the end result is so different. This extreme heat and pressure can only be found far into the earth. Since coal is formed near the surface, the heat and pressure are far less severe.

Diamonds require temperatures of about 2200 degrees Fahrenheit,



and pressure of about 725,000 pounds per square inch. It is this extreme heat and pressure, followed by cooling, which gives diamonds hardness not found in coal or any other substance. The cooling takes place when the diamonds are forced to the surface by the volcanic eruption.

Coal is formed mostly from plant material

Like diamonds, coal was formed billions of years ago. However, unlike diamonds, coal's carbon comes from many different substances, most notably, from decomposed plants. This is why the carbon that forms coal is not as pure as that which forms diamonds.

So, diamonds are not made of coal, after all

Though there are definitely similarities, we can say conclusively that diamonds are not made of coal. Both substances, and processes are unique and are amazing in their own right. Both are somewhat mysterious, even to scientists who have studied these extensively. So, stop trying, because you'll never turn your lump of coal into a diamond!

Diamonds, even before being cut and polished bear no resemblance to coal, even though the two have very similar origins. Color and hardness are two obvious differences, but there are others, as well.

Thank you for reading the "Ask Diamond Jim" column.

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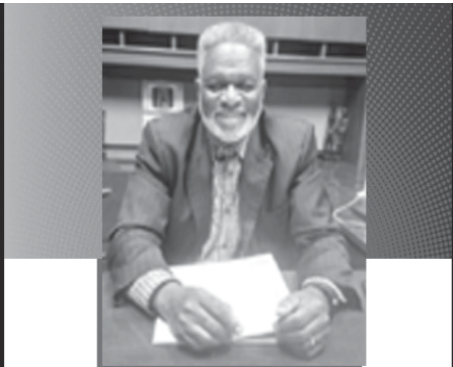
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2019 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 80

This Notice concerns 2019 property tax rates for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 80. It presents information about three (3) tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual 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 can start tax 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	\$	919,745
Last year's debt taxes	\$	0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$	919,745
Last year's tax base	\$	1,903,050.987
Last year's total tax rate	\$.04833/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$	924,298
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$	1,938,494.059
= This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings)	\$.04768/\$100

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 health care expenditures)	\$	924,298
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$	1,938,494.059
= This year's effective operating rate	\$.04768/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.05149/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$	0.00
= This year's total rollback rate	\$.05149/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Harris County Emergency Services District No. 80 adopts a 2019 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.04768 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2018 taxes by \$34,612.

SCHEDULE "A": Unencumbered Fund Balances

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:	General Fund
Balance:	\$0

SCHEDULE "B": Current Year Debt Service

The taxing 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).

2019 Debt Service:	NONE
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This Notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at:

Coveler & Peeler, P.C.
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Name of Person preparing this Notice: Nicole E. Pierce, District Counsel

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Mustangs,

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state title. The Tigers second half offense led by the newly acquired running back racked up 2 touchdowns and a field goal for a come-from-behind victory. The Tigers stingy defense held the Mustangs scoreless in the second half.

Katy's well balanced offense garnered 458 total yards, making 233 passing yards and 225 rushing

yards. North Shore only managed 47 rushing yards with 181 yards passing for a game total of 228 yards, equaling only half of Katy's total offense.

Katy's transferred Hoff was the leading rusher with 206 yards and a TD. He proved to be too dominant for the Mustangs defense. Katy's junior quarterback Bronson McClelland was the leading passer with 233 yards and two TD's. Wide receiver senior Jordan Patrick had 7 receptions for 169 yards and a TD.



Photo by Allan Jamail

The North Shore Mustangs enter the field to play the Katy Tigers.



Photo by Allan Jamail
Mustang John Gentry scores season's first touchdown on a 81 yard pass from quarterback Demetrius Davis.

In the non-district game Mustang Coach Jon Kay wisely limited Zach Evans, the state's top running back to only 9 carries for 39 yards. They were playing without one of their best offensive player's, wide receiver Shadrach Banks who might miss all non-district games.

Katy's Coach Gary Joseph said this one game doesn't mean everything but it's a confidence booster and gives the team momentum. He said it proves the Tigers can play on a championship level; they're going to build on

this win and improve their play much more throughout the season.

It's likely these two teams will go head to head again this season, but if they meet again it'll be for a deciding bid to win the state championship. STAY TUNED.

North Shore's next game is a non-conference game

with Ridge Point (Missouri City, TX) on Thursday, September 5 at 7pm, at TDECU Stadium (University of Houston)

Scout Troop honors fallen Veterans

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX. – San Jacinto Memorial Park Cemetery, 14659 East Freeway, Cloverleaf area. The Jacinto City's Boy Scout Troop 1301 has been meeting on weekends searching the hundreds of acres on foot looking for Veterans grave markers.

On Memorial and Veteran's Day flags are placed next to the grave markers of the Veteran's and many times the ground is so dry and hard the small wooden stick cannot be pushed into the ground.

The Scouts came up with a remedy, they made a homemade tool (see photo) to push down into the ground to make a hole large enough to accommodate a small piece of plastic pipe next to the grave marker. The pipe will enable the small wooden sticks attached to the USA

flags to easily be inserted into the pipe without breaking the stick. The pipes are pushed down even with the ground not to interfere with the grass cutting and will last forever.

Scouting is an excellent way parents or guardians of youth can prepare their children for their adult life. Scouts can earn merit badges by completing projects or learning about sports, crafts, science, trades, business, and future careers, there's more than 135 merit badges Scouts may earn.

An Eagle Scout is the high scouting achievement rank there is and is earned by obtaining a specified amount of merit badges, there's total of 7 ranks scouts can get. Carlos Martinez, Jr of Troop 1301 is currently working to achieve his Eagle Scout rank by leading the Veterans cemetery project while

the other scouts are assisting him.

NC Star writer Allan Jamail began scouting as a Cub Scout then became a Boy Scout, he said, "scouting helped me in serving my community as city councilman, mayor and chief of police. I strongly encourage boys and girls to get into scouting, it's fun, exciting, keeps you active and learning which will prepare you to achieve in your adult life."

Troop 1301 meets every Tuesday at 10346 Fairfax Street (Calvary Missionary Baptist Church) in Jacinto City at 7 PM.

To join Troop 1301 you can call Scout Master Miller at 832-260-8684, or Espanol Debbie Martinez at 832-768-2063 or Brandon Miller at 832-260-6681. To learn more about boy and girl scouting or to find a scout troop near you visit www.scouting.org



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Galena Park Protest,

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sorry for the family's loss but because strangulation death can happen so quick he didn't know how it could have been prevented without placing an officer constantly just outside of his cell.

"I recommend to families when they know of a love one that has mental health issues that they get them treatment to prevent tragedies to themselves

and others. We are always looking for ways to improve what we do and so now we give everyone upon booking them a basic mental health questioning to help us evaluate them," Chersky said.

"We've always transferred county prisoners to the county jail as quickly as possible but we can't leave the citizens unpro-

tected to do it, so in a small department with few officers we have to schedule the transferring so there's enough police left in the city to protect the community. We must make sure our remaining officers in the city will have sufficient fellow officers here to support them if they get involved in a dangerous situation," said the Chief.