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CHANNEL CURRENTS

Three killed in Channelview home invasion

Authorities were called to a mobile home on Amie Michele Lane off Wood Road in Channelview last Monday morning about 9:30 am, to investigate a shooting in which three men were killed.

Sheriff Ed Gonzalez reported that three or four men backed a car into the drive of a mobile home, occupied by two males. They entered the home, with an unknown motive, possibly robbery. The family thinks it may have been a personal grievance, but the occupant Yair Gallegos, said he did not recognize any of the men.

One of the intruders was armed, and the second resident of the home had a shotgun, and shot and killed the three invaders. During the gunfight that ensued, Gallegos was shot twice, in the leg and back. Deputies believe there was a fourth man in the car, which was still running in the driveway when they arrived, but he apparently fled and disappeared.

The home owner was taken to Memorial Hermann Hospital, reportedly in serious condition with two wounds. Sheriff Gonzalez said they were continuing the investigation, and asked anyone with information to call Crime Stoppers, 713-222-TIPS. You can remain anonymous and there may be a reward.

North Shore 31 – Duncanville 17

MUSTANGS MAKE HISTORY WINNING BACK TO BACK STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Allan Jamail

Arlington, Texas on Saturday, December 21, 2019 at the AT&T Stadium in front of 47,818 spectators the North Shore Mustangs rated number one in the state became the first team in University Interscholastic League (UIL) Class 6A Division I history to win consecutive state championship games. In a rematch game with the Duncanville Panthers who the Mustangs defeated in 2018 they once again won 31 to 17.

Since the beginning of the UIL Class 6A Division I in 2014, Coach Kay and the Mustangs made history by being the first to win three state championships.

North Shore won despite being without three of their starters. Zach



Jon Kay, Mustangs head coach passing the championship trophy to John Gentry.

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#9 Demetrius Davis, Mustang quarterback dashes 31 yards for the game's first score.



North Shore Mustangs entering the field of the Dallas Cowboy stadium in rematch with Duncanville Panthers for the 2019 state championship game.



#15 Roger Hagan, Mustang running back dives across goal line for 1 of his 2 TD's.

Evans and Jermond Baptiste who were grounded because of not complying with the team's cell phone policy. This made three games Evans has had to sit out due to disciplinary reasons. Shadrach Banks has been unable to play in several games due to an injury.

Regardless of the sport, coaches have the responsibility of teaching young athletes not just the rules of a game but to teach them how to play in the "game of life" where no one is above the law or rules. Enforcement of team rules and disciplining infractions is hard on everyone, teammates, coaches, family members and fans but it's the right thing to do in order to build and mold students into good produc-

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East Harris County inaugurates new bus service

Five New Transit Bus Routes Target Underserved Sections of Eastern Harris County

Free Ridership the first 60 Days

Houston, Texas - Nearly 200,000 northeast Harris County residents now have access to public transportation thanks to \$3.8 million in Hurricane Harvey disaster recovery funding. Harris County Transit Services will expand its existing bus service to some of the communities hardest hit by floodwaters from the hurricane.

The new service will primarily serve areas of Channelview, Cloverleaf and Sheldon and provide an additional scheduled bus to the route serving Crosby/Barrett Station.

A soft launch of the new service occurred on December 2. The first 60 days are free to riders. After that, rides will be \$1. The inaugural ceremony to mark the launch was held Wednesday, Dec. 18 at Joe V's Smart Shop parking lot, 5609 Uvalde, Houston.



Harris County Commissioners Adrian Garcia, left, and Rodney Ellis speak at a ribbon-cutting ceremony announcing expansion of Harris County Transit Services' bus routes to Channelview, Cloverleaf and Sheldon – areas that were devastated by Hurricane Harvey. The service is funded by \$3.8 million in Hurricane Harvey disaster recovery

"East Harris County has many needs. Public transportation is just one and for many, essential! I heard early in my administration how badly this area of my precinct was in need of a transportation system. I worked with our partners to make this happen for those in my precinct. I am thrilled to see this happening in a deserving community," said Precinct Two Commissioner Adrian Garcia.

Precinct One Commissioner Rodney Ellis added, "Mass transit is important to our community's success as our region continues to rapidly grow. The Sheldon area in Precinct One is a good example of a growing community where the addition of transit services will help the community thrive. Even if you own a car, I want to encourage everyone to take advantage of this new service and our mass transit options."

The new service will add roughly 65 additional route miles to the Harris County service

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North Shore Rotary distributes over 200 Christmas baskets



NORTH SHORE ROTARY CLUB PACKED AND DISTRIBUTED OVER 200 CHRISTMAS BASKETS TO NEEDY FAMILIES IN GALENA PARK, CHANNELVIEW, AND SHELDON. IN THE PHOTO ABOVE, BASKETS ARE DELIVERED TO CHANNELVIEW ISD EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER.



STUDENTS, STAFF AND NORTH SHORE ROTARIANS GATHER IN THE FOYER OF DEZAVALA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN CHANNELVIEW, TO RECEIVE CHRISTMAS BASKETS OF FOOD THAT WERE PREPARED BY THE ROTARY CLUB IN AN ANNUAL TRADITION.

☆ COMMUNITY NEWS ☆

Peso's, best Tex-Mex food prepared by real Tex-Mexicans

On the north end of Crosby a staple for a generation has grown in customer base and remains refreshing for patrons.

"There are diverse reasons why you come to restaurants," said Sergio Rodriguez, "A lot of first time customers say, 'It feels warm and welcoming here because of the way you guys treat people,' I say we want to do the proper things, making sure the food is good, the price is good, the drinks are good and do what we can to make sure customers know they are appreciated."

"We recently put in a room in the back that serves multiple purposes for public meetings, extended family gatherings and as a center for our patrons to gather in groups. We also cater, so you don't necessarily need to be here to get the great quality we are so proud of serving."

There is a variety of ways to have your event catered also, they can simply drop the food off, they can have servers, or customers can simply pick up their own orders.

One can begin that process by calling (281) 328-4216, or go to their website www.pesostextmex.com.

"Most of the people really love our fajitas, when we cater – generally we offer the fajitas, unless otherwise specified. For our catering we make certain to provide everything everyone is going to need for their serving. We can offer specialty dishes but whatever the food choice we concentrate on appeasing the palate."

The steam table lunches attract lots of cash conscious locals the price just went to \$7.99 at the start of the new year.

"Where you going to find a quality lunch with as large of portions as \$7.99? We offer that because it is the thing to do for our patrons," Sergio smiled. "That is available from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m."

The owner recommends a variety of dishes for the Tex-Mex customer, "We have a great tasting tender steak, a wide variety of Mexican dishes, we have specialties for women's taste in dining, right now the enchiladas and fajitas are the most popular. Both of those come in chicken or beef or both."

Beverages are another matter Sergio mentioned the margaritas but for the discriminating margarita consumer it is extra wonderful to experience the Cadillac.



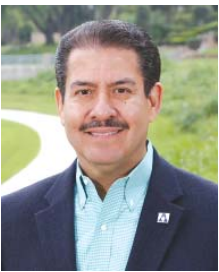
Family and Friends of Sergio and Ofelia Rodríguez welcome all to fantastic margaritas, great fresh food and excellent service at **Peso's Mexican Restaurant 6512 FM 2100 in Crosby, Texas**. It isn't just the warmth and the great food, there is lots of fun to be had at this Crosby mainstay. When you are trying to bring a newcomer to Crosby be sure they experience **Peso's** to learn what it is all about to live in a bedroom community.

Commissioner Garcia announces Historic Public-Private partnership to monitor air quality in Harris County

\$1 million dollar grant to purchase air monitors and provide up-to-date air quality information

HARRIS COUNTY, TX – December 17th, 2019 – This week Commissioner Adrian Garcia announced that Harris County and Precinct 2 will receive a \$1 million dollar grant from the American Chemistry Council Foundation (ACC) to purchase air quality monitors, more stringent data analysis and collaboration with industry partners. This is the first time the ACC Foundation has developed and awarded a local government grant for a community air-monitoring network.

"This grant is a result of conversations that began



PCT. 2 COMMISSIONER
ADRIAN GARCIA

in the wake of a series of industrial incidents in Precinct 2. We learned how potentially vulnerable our industry partners were and that more needed to be done to ensure their success and not their failure," said Commissioner Adrian

Garcia. "Residents need access to reliable and timely air-quality data at all times, and especially during a chemical emergency. Thanks to this collaboration, the County will be able to address data and communications gaps to ensure residents have the information they need to make decisions about what actions to take for their families' wellbeing in the unfortunate event dangerous chemicals are released," he continued.

The joint effort of members of the East Harris County Manufacturers Association (EHCMA), Texas Chemistry Council (TCC), American Chemistry Council (ACC) and Harris County will enhance the

availability, transparency and interpretation of air monitoring data. The grant will support the following initiatives:

-The purchase of one stationary air monitor with gas chromatography capabilities. Estimated cost \$350k.

-Provide funds to support the ongoing engagement of the Houston Area Research Council to receive, analyze, interpret and communicate air-monitoring data in the event of significant safety events that could affect air quality. Estimated Cost: \$200k

-Provide funds to purchase handheld air monitors or other air monitoring equipment deemed appropriate to

augment current and future County air monitoring capabilities at key locations around the Houston Ship Channel. Estimated Costs: \$450k

"The chemical industry is deeply integrated into the communities and economies of Harris County. Our companies take their responsibility to be good neighbors very seriously," said Chris Jahn, President and CEO of ACC.

"Local industry reached out to Commissioner Garcia soon after several incidents in the first quarter of 2019 and shared with him our commitment to learn from the events. In 2020 and beyond we will be focused on encouraging strong safety performance

throughout the chemical industry and among our commercial partners including those in the transportation, distribution and storage sectors. We look forward to collaborating with Harris County, Precinct 2 and the citizens of east Harris County," added Jahn.

"Chemical manufacturers operating in Harris County have high standards of operational safety and environmental performance. Process Safety Management ideals and lessons learned have helped industry continuously improve safety performance over the past

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Santa Claus delivers presents to Jacinto Health Care residents



December 19, 2019, Santa Claus (Roger Matheny) made a surprise visit to the Jacinto Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. Santa's surprise visit created excitement up and down the hallways as he traveled room to room bringing smiles to residents, health care workers and visitors. The gifts were provided by Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia, Rotary Clubs, churches and others in the area.
Standing L – R: Santa Claus (Roger Matheny), Ruth Jackson, Ruby Westfield, Director of Nursing, Sally Bordelon, Activity Director, Steven Alaniz, Matthew Burroughs, Administrator and Jacinto City Chief of Police Joe Ayala.
Photo by Allan Jama

GP-JC Rotary Club Distributes Thanksgiving gift boxes



THE GALENA PARK/JACINTO CITY ROTARY CLUB PACKED 100 THANKSGIVING BOXES WITH HELP FROM THE GALENA PARK COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, CALVARY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF JACINTO CITY, WOODFOREST NATIONAL BANK, YOUTH REACH HOUSTON, AND OTHERS.

Two Galena Park ISD Teachers Honored by Humanities Texas

On December 17, Representative Ana Hernandez and Allison Dillon, Humanities Texas representative, recognized Jessica Flatt, Zotz Education Center teacher, and Aurora Freire, Tice Elementary teacher, for their exemplary achievements in the classroom.

Both Mrs. Flatt and Mrs. Freire received a \$5,000 cash award for their accomplishments. Humanities Texas also gave an addition \$500 to Zotz Education Center and Tice Elementary to acquire humanities based instructional resources. The donation was accepted by Mr. Marcus Morrow, Zotz Education Center principal, on behalf of the English, foreign languages and history teachers. Mrs. Toshia Gouard, Tice Elementary principal, accepted the donation on behalf of the campus.

Mrs. Flatt was nominated for the Award for Outstanding Early-Career Teaching by Mr. Robert Flatt, U.S.History teacher

at North Shore Senior High School and Ms. Imelda Hernandez, special education teacher at Cimarron Elementary, nominated Mrs. Freire.

Mrs. Flatt and Mrs. Freire's passion for teaching and genuine compassion for students makes both these teachers deserving of the award from Humanities Texas. Galena Park I.S.D. is extremely fortunate to have these two wonderful teachers as members of the district family.

District 5890 Rotary Clubs hold book drive for schools in Mexico



FOR THE FIFTH YEAR, THE ROTARY DISTRICT 5890 BROUGHT BOOKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO THE SMALL TOWN OF ESTACION LOMAS, LOS RAMONES, NUEVO LEON, MEXICO. PICTURED IN THE CLASSROOM IN MEXICO IS MARIA RODRIGUEZ CORTEZ OF THE GALENA PARK/JACINTO CITY ROTARY CLUB, ONE OF THE PARTICIPATING CLUBS IN THE DISTRICT EFFORT.



Mrs. Flatt accepted the 2019 Award for Outstanding Early-Career Teaching. This award from Humanities Texas, of which only two are given in the state each year, acknowledges and celebrates exceptional teaching practices of early-career teachers in humanities with three or fewer years of experience in the classroom.



Mrs. Freire was presented with the 2019 Julius Glickman Educational Leadership Award from Humanities Texas. This award is given to one of the 15 award winners who demonstrate exceptional leadership in the education field.

New Bus Service,

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map for a total of 185 miles. Five proposed new routes serving the Channelview, Cloverleaf and Sheldon areas and an added bus scheduled along the current route through Crosby/Barrett Station are being expanded with service for a conditional three-year period. If ridership levels are high enough, Harris County Transit services will request more funding to continue the routes beyond the three

years.

"We have worked with the Metropolitan Transit Authority to assure these routes provide connectivity to bus routes that make the Houston area accessible," said Harris County Community Services Department Director Daphne Lemelle.

Harris County Transit bus routes have served the East Harris County Community since 2008 with the launching of routes in Bay-

town, a service that now includes La Porte, McNair/Barrett Station, Crosby and the Highlands, areas outside the Metro service map. The proposed new routes will expand Harris County Transit by an estimated 50 percent.

Project Partners are Harris County Transit Services, Harris County Precinct One, Harris County Precinct Two, Harris County Community Services Department and METRO.



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by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor
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Social Security Matters

Ask Rusty – How Can We Change Social Security’s Earnings Limit?

Dear Rusty: How do we change the Social Security earnings cap amount? Do I need to go through my Congressman? Social Security is withholding my benefit because they say I earned too much. The system is very unfair! Signed: Disgruntled Worker

Dear Disgruntled: The Social Security earnings test has been a part of Social Security’s rules and regulations since the original Social Security Act of 1935. In fact, benefits were originally paid only if someone was not working at all, and if a beneficiary worked after they started collecting, they lost all benefits. The law has undergone changes over the years to bring it to where it is today, which is to limit the amount of earnings someone can have while collecting Social Security prior to their full retirement age before taking back some benefits.

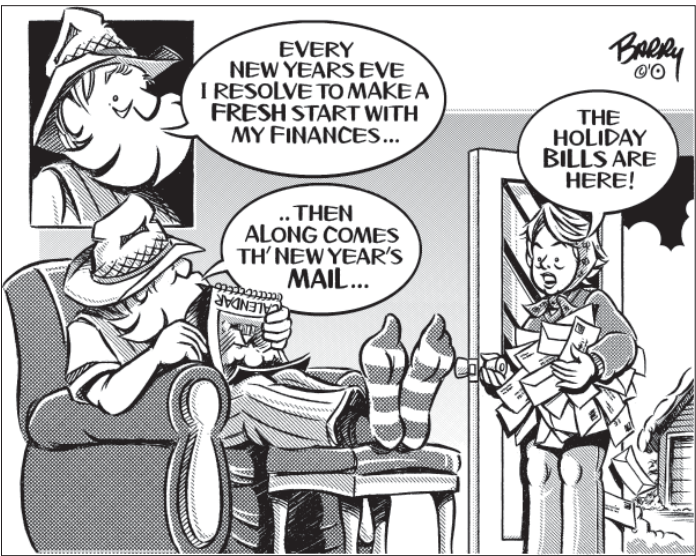
If the earnings limit is exceeded, and you have not yet reached your full retirement age, Social Security typically withholds your benefits until they recover what you owe for exceeding the limit. The limit is adjusted annually based upon changes to the National Wage Index, and the annual limit for 2020 is \$18,240, up from \$17,640 last year. There is also a “first year rule” which will subject those who haven’t yet reached their full retirement age and claim benefits mid-year to a monthly limit (1/12th of the annual limit) for the remainder of that year. The earnings limit increases significantly (by about 2.6 times) during the year you reach your full retirement age (FRA), and goes away entirely once your FRA is attained.

As you are probably aware, exceeding the limit will cause Social Security to take back \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit, or if you’re subject to the “first year rule” they will take back your entire benefit for any month you exceed the monthly limit. In the year you reach your FRA (but before your FRA) the “penalty” for exceeding the limit is less severe - \$1 for every \$3 over the limit. What you may not be aware of is that when you reach your full retirement age, Social Security will give you time credit for any months you did not receive benefits because

you exceeded the earnings limit and receiving that time credit at your FRA will result in your benefit being increased. For example, if, over the years before you reached your FRA, Social Security withheld 12 months of benefits due to you exceeding the earnings limit, when you reach your full retirement age Social Security will recalculate your benefit to account for those 12 months by changing your claim date to 12 months later than when you actually applied. That will increase your benefit somewhat and, as a result, you may be able to eventually recoup some, or all, of the benefits which were withheld (depending upon your longevity).

How can we change the earnings cap? Well, the earnings limit already increases automatically each year with changes to the National Wage Index. But if you mean how can we eliminate it, I’m not optimistic that is possible since it would require full Congressional approval as well as Executive Branch approval to do so, and since Congress is now more focused on Social Security’s broader issue of the Trust Fund being depleted in about 2035 (which will result in an across-the-board cut in benefits unless Congress acts sooner). Nevertheless, you should certainly feel free to bring your concerns about Social Security’s “earnings cap” to the attention of your Congressional Representatives. Congressional Representatives are always willing to hear and understand the concerns of their constituents, and Social Security is very much a topic of discussion in Congress today.

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Paxton lauds 5th Circuit ruling against Affordable Care Act

AUSTIN — After the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit declared the individual mandate in “Obamacare” unconstitutional on Dec. 18, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton expressed his agreement.

“The Fifth Circuit’s holding is clear: the federal government cannot order private citizens to purchase subpar insurance products that they don’t want,” Paxton said. “The individual mandate is the centerpiece of Obamacare and I am glad the Fifth Circuit recognized that it is unlawful.”

Paxton said he looks forward to demonstrating in federal district court that the rest of the law cannot stand without the individual mandate, and added:

“Yesterday’s decision is a win for the rule of law,” he said. “Finally being rid of this law will be a victory for all Americans.”

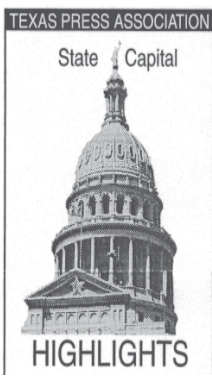
The lawsuit against the federal government was filed in U.S. District Court in the Northern District of Texas by Paxton and a list of other state attorneys general. Paxton said it would be up to the lower court to determine whether any part of the U.S. Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, referred to as “Obamacare,” can remain, in light of the mandate’s unconstitutionality.

In Texas and 38 other states where the federal government administers health exchanges, health insurance premiums rose an average of 105 percent from 2013 to 2017, Paxton said.

The U.S. Supreme Court upheld Obamacare in 2012, but a majority of the justices agreed that the law’s individual mandate was constitutional only because its accompanying tax penalty could justify forcing individuals to purchase health insurance under Congress’ taxing power. Devoid of that penalty, Obamacare’s individual mandate cannot be preserved as a tax, rendering Obamacare entirely unlawful, Paxton said.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling



Meanwhile, according to U.S. Census data, an estimated five million Texas residents, or nearly 18 percent of the state’s population, do not have health insurance.

TPWD promotes hikes

The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department on Dec. 20 encouraged Texans “to kick off the next decade of adventures at a Texas State Park by participating in a First Day Hike.”

To foster the effort, the agency scheduled a variety of events on New Year’s Day. First Day Hikes aim to help visitors commit to their New Year’s resolutions to get healthy, the agency said.

First Day Hikes events include strolls on scenic trails, midnight walks, polar plunges, bike rides and short treks with four-legged family members and more strenuous hikes for experienced visitors.

Last year, according to Texas Parks & Wildlife, 77 state parks hosted First Day Hike events in which an estimated 4,000 participants walked, paddled and biked.

A list of events is posted online at tpwd.texas.gov.

Jobless rate stays low

The Texas Workforce Commission on Dec. 20 announced that the Lone Star State’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady at 3.4% in November.

The rate marks the sixth consecutive month of record low unemployment in the state. Also, 3.4% is the lowest unemployment rate since series tracking began in 1976, according to an agency news release.

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) recorded November’s lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 2.1%, followed by the Amarillo and Austin-Round Rock MSAs each with an adjusted rate of 2.5%. The College Station-Bryan and Lubbock MSAs each recorded the third lowest rate at 2.6%.

Reps vote on impeachment

The U.S. House of Representatives on Dec. 18 voted to approve two articles of impeachment against President Donald Trump.

The vote on Article I, Abuse of Power, was 230 for, 197 against and 1 present/not voting. The vote on Article II, Obstruction of Congress, was 229 for, 198 against and 1 present/not voting.

For Texas’ 36-member House delegation, the vote was partisan. All 23 Republicans voted not to approve both articles and all 13 Democrats voted to approve both articles.

As of the deadline for this column, the articles of impeachment had not been forwarded to the U.S. Senate, where the president would be tried in accordance with Article 3 of the U.S. Constitution, with the Honorable John Roberts, chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, presiding.

THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

“Sparkles”

I glanced up as the bells rang to herald new customers walking into the used clothing store. I was looking for a pair of warm dress pants. Visiting my parents in Minnesota, I had forgotten entirely about the possibility of extreme cold and the idea of going out that night in tights and a skirt seemed preposterous.

Luckily, I found a like-new pair of black jeans with just a little sparkle on the pocket for a good price. I was wandering around the store with these jeans in my hand—just in case I saw something else that I might need—while I waited for the line at the check-out counter to get a little shorter. Maybe I could find a silver jacket, I thought, that would look nice on a cold winter night.

A woman and man had parked their pick-up outside and come into the store. The woman marched in a determined fashion to a rack in the middle of the store. She was a heavyset woman and it looked as if she had located this rack on a previous visit. She approached with a grim determination.

She and the man she was with were standing in front of the rack of dark colored clothing as I slipped by with my sparkly jeans in hand. The woman was holding out an article of clothing for the man’s inspection.

“They’ll all be wearing sparkly clothes,” she said, sounding dejected. “This is just black... not sparkly.”

I almost said, “Sparkles are fun!” because they are—and because she sounded so sad that I wanted to say something to cheer her up. But I realized this was probably not the right thing to say so I stood silent, my back to the couple reviewing the unseen, unsparkled outfit that I suspected was going to be worn very soon.

“I think it will look good,” the man said—rather unconvincingly, I thought.

The woman stood silent, holding the black garment, visualizing (I am quite sure) a room full of happy women in sparkly dresses.

She sighed. “Okay. Let’s go.” She took the black garment to the front counter without trying it on and moments later they were gone. They whole transaction took less than ten minutes and seemed completely void of holiday cheer.

I went home with my sparkly jeans and wore them out that night with an old friend. We stayed up late, laughing at the crazy things we had done together over the years and sharing crazy plans for the new year. But, after he was gone, for some reason I thought again of the unhappy woman I’d seen earlier in the day.

I wondered where she had gone, where this room of sparkly women had been and if the black garment had pleased her once she had finally tried it on. I suddenly felt unreasonably sad and wished that she had found something with sparkles on it—something silver or red or gold or green—something that would have made her happy and excited to greet the New Year.

There are so many expectations at this time of year. Sometimes it’s too much. Sometimes it is just too hard.

I watched the snow begin to fall and was filled with terrible feeling of tenderness and gratitude and a desire to try—to try a bit harder this year. I am going to try to be kinder. I’m going to try to slow down. I’m going to try to feel all of it in this new year—even the parts that hurt.

Maybe those in particular.

Till next time, Carrie

Carrie Classon’s memoir, “Blue Yarn,” was released earlier this year. Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

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OBITUARIES

Joseph Andrew Gebhardt

Joseph Andrew Gebhardt, 93, long-time and proud resident of Jacinto City, passed away December 26, 2019 in Houston, Texas.

Joseph (Joe) was born on April 29, 1926 in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania to parents George and Margaret Gebhardt. He was a graduate of Myers High School and Penn State University. Joseph trained as a Navy pilot during WWII. He was a member at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, the Holy Name Society, Heritage Hall, and American Legion Craig Post 499. After a long career in the oil tool industry, he retired from Stewart and Steven-



son in 1993. Joe became an avid bridge player (he and Liz were hard to beat) and enjoyed gardening plus spending time with his family.

He is lovingly survived by his wife of 64 years, Helen Elizabeth (Liz); children, Laurie Wheway and husband Ashley, Helen Jackson and husband Chuck, Joseph Gebhardt

Jr. and wife Donna; sister, Margaret Ford of Waverly, PA; grandchildren, Charles Kinard and wife Kim, Elizabeth Bauman, Nicholas Jackson; great-grandchildren, Caden and Kinsley Kinard; as well as extended family members and friends.

Memorial services with military honors provided by the United States Navy will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. in the chapel of Houston National Cemetery where inurnment will immediately follow.



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1. Is the book of Nahum in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In Acts 7, who recounts the story of Abraham along with the captivity and freedom of the children of Israel? Paul, Peter, Stephen, Andrew
3. From II Corinthians 3:17, "Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is ..."? Hope, Liberty, Love, Peace
4. Who went to sleep and fell out the window while Paul preached? Esua, Enid, Eutyclus, Eucyrus
5. In what Macedonian city were Paul and Silas imprisoned? Philippi, Neapolis, Jericho, Jerusalem
6. From Acts 13:6, Barjesus was a ...? Cousin of Jesus, Early priest, Sorcerer, Friend of Mark

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Stephen; 3) Liberty; 4) Eutyclus; 5) Philippi; 6) Sorcerer

Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.(c)

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Students collect blankets for Hospital's patients



Fifth grade GATE students in Linda LeDay's class at Dr. Antonio Bañuelos Elementary (from left) Maya Lilley, Addison Sanford and Julian Perez sort the blankets they collected during their "Keeping Hearts Warm Blanket Donation" project for patients in need at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital.

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several decades," said Gary Piana, Chair of the EHCMA board. "Through this grant, we are pledging to both Harris County and the citizens of east Harris County that we are committed to making further enhancements to our safety performance, communication and transparency."

Piana also pointed out that industry is making private air monitoring data available to TCEQ and Harris County to ensure they have the data necessary to make informed decisions about public health and safety during industry events. The Houston Regional Monitoring network board approved providing monitoring data to Harris County during a

recent board meeting.

Industry members reinforced a commitment to work with Harris County and to develop a model that can be used in other jurisdictions in the region and across the nation.

"Industry values the partnership with Harris County, especially Commissioner Garcia in Precinct 2 where many of our industry facilities operate," said Hector Rivero, President of TCC. "Our members are committed to working with Harris County and the local cities, and developing a model that will enhance similar collaborative working relationships in the region and across the nation."

In addition to the \$1 million grant, the indus-

try group is also proposing to provide Harris County with specific air monitor data that can help inform public health and safety decisions in the event of an incident. Additionally, industry will develop an "Industry 101" program that can help educate government officials and first responders about industry facilities and operations.

"This is a significant first step toward ensuring Harris County becomes a national model and leads the way in collaboration between industry, community organizations and government to promote a healthy and economically strong area. Together we can work to ensure our residents feel safe, engaged and educated about our industry neighbors," said Commissioner Garcia.

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Walking into 2020

As we are all walking into 2020, we have plenty of opportunities to make a difference. The differences can be in our own lives, such as starting a new workout program, perhaps by joining the Social Strider Walking Club (See details in the Community Involvement Column). Walkers should be prepared to not just walk but to pick up the trash along their journey and make new friends as well.

This Saturday there is an opportunity for children and youth to participate in the First Annual Dre Day Baseball Camp being sponsored by The Dre Nelson Foundation. Community members are invited to pray for the success of the Camp as well as for the young people in attendance to learn not only baseball skills but to learn about how community members work together to make life better. In speaking with Dre earlier this week, registrations were slowly coming in but suddenly prayer warriors gathered and prayed and as of Monday afternoon, registrations had doubled AND donations from local businesses were coming in to help stuff camp bags for the attendees.

For those who do not know Drevian Nelson, not only is he a North Shore Graduate, but currently he is playing Major League Baseball. He wants to give back when home and make a positive difference in the lives of the younger athletes. His personal testimony of pushing forward after his mother passed away of cancer in 2011 is one that many people need to hear. When life throws curveballs, you have to know how to handle them. This camp will surely be a life-changing experience for those attending and in talking with him, I could

hear the passion of wanting to help others in his voice. At the time of the article, he has already received commitments of donations from Jessi Juarez, owner of Gatti's as well as Judge Joe Stephens, Constable Sherman Eagleton and local business owner Kristina Zatopek.

As the day progressed on Monday, Freddie Evans reached out to share about an opportunity for area adults to mentor those young people who may have made a mistake or two and got sidetracked with their athletic dreams. He is looking for adults to stand in the gap and mentor young people about bridging the gap between dreams that may have fallen through, yet stepping in to help these young athletes get up, dust themselves off and still learn valuable life skills. Freddie is someone who believes in second chances and rehabilitation. The new program will be called Street Athlete Mentors (SAM) and keep watching for detail of how you can be involved and make a difference.

As we have moved into 2020, we have seen too many negative headlines and instead of contributing to the negativity, you are invited by Pastor Bob Jones to join others Friday night at 7 p.m. at the La Quinta on the Beltway at Wallisville to pray for the community. The group will meet for 90 minutes and pray for the issues that are touching our lives daily including crime, homelessness, gang activity, struggling businesses and those aging in our community and for answers as to how we can all help.

Hope to see you along the journey in 2020.

Channelview celebrates Christmas with parade



The original Channelview VFD Fire Truck was featured in the Christmas Parade, held last Thursday Dec. 19. Many local organizations participated, including Channelview ISD.

ASK DIAMOND JIM

Diamond Jim: "I'm so confused. Why do the jewelry stores at the malls offer big discounts?"



The 30-50-70% off banners hang everywhere in the malls and "big box" jewelry stores. I believe that most customers KNOW those discounts are a sham, and don't really believe that they are getting 60-70% off the ORIGINAL price at all. But many still believe they are getting SOME kind of a deal, whether true or not.

I personally am not a fan of discounting because it presumes one of three things:

- 1) The customer is getting a real deal, in which case I wonder where the margins will come from to run the business. Good for the consumer, bad for the store.
- 2) You can compete long term on a "lowest price" model. But there is generally only one winner in that game.
- 3) The "lowest price" model is actually misleading and illusory. There likely would be enough customers who are smart enough to see through that, and ultimately it will reflect very poorly on the store in the short and long term.

Retail stores will choose for themselves which is the best course for them, be it price value or non-price value. But whichever direction one chooses, I believe it ought to have at its core the basic premise of price integrity!!! 70% OFF may appear to work for them in the short-term... but it is not a sound strategy for long-term growth or for customer loyalty. It is generally simply a lie, even when a store is going out of business!

I prefer to have integrity in pricing...and deal with those stores that have integrity in pricing. I have devoted my business life to providing quality and value for a fair price. When on the other side of the counter I always ask myself... is it the truth... and is it fair? I do the same when behind my own counter. I think consumers should do the same when choosing where to spend their money, and give serious consideration to truth and integrity in pricing. And if a business chooses to price its products appropriately and fairly and sell on value, while full well knowing it won't win the customer who is hell-bent on getting a "deal", then that company should owe no apology to anyone for that strategy. The store with the most integrity in pricing will more than likely have the same values and integrity in all of its dealings with you. And THAT is the store with which I choose to do business.

Thank you for reading the Ask Diamond Jim column and for supporting the North Channel Star Newspaper!

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YEAR IN REVIEW 2019

Compiled from the files of the NORTH CHANNEL STAR

JANUARY
North Shore Mustangs State Champions against Duncanville Panthers, MaxPress also named Mustangs #1 Football team in Nation. Two men were charged in 7 year-old girls' murder. Texas Legislature began 86th session. Sterling Forest residents heard from officials on bond drainage project. LyondellBasell took leadership role in global effort to end plastic waste.

FEBRUARY
Galena Park ISD community Rep Rally honored North Shore Mustangs. Harris County Diane Trautman held citizens advisory committee meeting. Channelview ISD called for \$195M Bond Election in May. Barge damaged I-10 Bridge. San Jacinto River Coalition stopped one permit, faced other threats on the Waste Pits site. Four youths shot, two died in gang fighting.

MARCH
North Shore Basketball Team advanced to State Championship Tournament. Rotary supported North Shore Little League with 3,000 check presentation. Chemical storage tank in Deer Park near San Jacinto Monument blazed for days. Galena Park Commissioner Chersky became new police chief. Cody Bill passed House 145 to 0.

APRIL
San Jacinto Day Festival cancelled due to Chemical plant fire in Deer Park. Project Recovery Harvey started in East Harris County. Woman's body found near San Jacinto River.

MAY
Voters approved Channelview ISD bond. I-10 bridge repairs completed, westbound lanes reopened. North Channel Relay for Life raised over \$125,000. Jacinto City building suffered storm damage. Two flood prevention plans presented at Precinct 2 community meeting. Cody Bill, Heart screening for Texas athletes passed Senate and became law. Collision on I-10 Bridge flipped car, killed 4 year-old child. Former presidential candidate Hillary Clinton visited Houston.

JUNE
Ground breaking for new Jacinto City Elementary school. Sheldon Fire Department opened new Fire Station and training tower. Governor Abbott signed SB2 Property Tax Reforms into law. 11 year-old dies while sleeping in shooting in Channelview. Harris County Clerk Diane Trautman announced new procedures to simplify Primary voting. Waste Pits cap needed major repair.

JULY
Divers recovered body of driver of semi truck that plunged off I-10 into river. Woodland Acres: City to replace Miles Street. Project Recovery Harvey had funds available.

AUGUST
Demolition of Old Jacinto City Police Station made way for new Jacinto City Police Department building. Three children drown at Sylvan Beach. Sheldon ISD held ribbon cutting for new Sheldon Lakes Elementary.

SEPTEMBER
Jacinto City Scout Troop 1301 honored fallen Veterans. Pct. 1 began road improvements in Channelview and Jacinto City. Houston Police shoot armed man on Uvade. Protesters n Hartman Bridge arrested. Tropical Storm Imelda paralyzed Houston.

OCTOBER
Jacinto City Library hosted grand opening. North Channel observed National Night Out. Congresswoman Garcia supported impeachment inquiry and assault weapons ban. Lyondell-Basell volunteers helped Rio Villa Community repair front entrance after Imelda.

NOVEMBER
Galena Park ISD bus accident injured three. New District Clerk Burgess collected \$2M of unpaid debts. North Channel Chamber held Salute to First Responders and Veterans. New Pct. 2 Service Center opened in Channelview.

DECEMBER
New Bus Service for East Harris County. North Shore Mustangs eliminated Katy Tigers from playoffs. Mustangs advanced to semifinals. Mustangs defended State Champion Title in rematch. Galena Park, Jacinto City celebrated with Christmas parade and Santa.

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R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

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by Jeff Pickering

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by Linda Thistle

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BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: What were the names of the villainous agents in "The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle"?

2. MUSIC: Which rock group produced the album "Shout at the Devil" in the 1980s?

3. LAW: What was the subject of the landmark legal case titled Furman v. Georgia?

4. MEDICAL: What is a more common name for dyspepsia?

5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What does a lepidopterist study?

6. LITERATURE: How many ghosts appear in Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol"?

7. LANDMARKS: What lies around the feet of the Statue of Liberty?

8. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Canada's Northwest Territories?

9. MOVIES: What was "Flipper" in the 1996 movie?

10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: What was Richard Nixon's middle name?

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King Crossword

Answers

1. Boris Badenov and Natasha Fatale; 2. Mortley Crue; 3. Capital punishment; 4. Indigestion; 5. Butterflies and moths; 6. Four; 7. Broken chains, symbolizing liberation; 8. Yellowknife; 9. A dolphin; 10. Mithras

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mustangs State Champions,

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tive citizens. Sports is an excellent place to teach responsibility, teamwork and leadership and it can only be accomplished when coaches make it a priority and not just the winning of a game.

Allan Jamail, North Channel Star writer asked Coach Kay how this back to back win compared to his winning two other state championships. Kay said he couldn't give a comparison between them. He said, "I never thought about the possibility of back to back wins and it was never a part of our preparation. We were concentrating on winning this one game and not getting caught up in what it would mean of winning back to back championships."

In the first half of the game

both teams played equally as well as the other with a half-time score of 17 – 17. But then the North Shore Eastside Boys defensive unit shifted gears by shutting out the Panthers keeping them scoreless for the last two quarters.

The Mustangs defensive standouts were, Jordan Polart, Joseph Wilson, Upton Stout, Caleb James, Corey Flagg, Aaron Brown, Jaden Rudolph, Marcus Cockrell, Alonzo Brown and Jermaine Caldwell.

In the second half Duncanville was threatening a TD on the Nshore 3 yard line but the defense led by Senior linebacker Corey Flagg, the game's Defensive Most Valuable Player made a key stop on the Panthers star running back Trysten Smith forcing a turnover on

downs. Again in the fourth quarter with the Mustangs leading 24 – 17 the Panthers could have tied the game with a TD but the defense shut them down once more forcing a punt.

When it looked like the Mustang offense was sitting on a one touchdown (TD) lead late in the game quarterback Dematrius Davis connected on a 44 yard TD pass to Charles King with 2:33 left on the game clock. This forced the Panthers to have to pass and North Shore knew it, the defense either sacked or made the quarterback throw the ball out of bounds stopping any threat of a comeback.

Leading the offense was quarterback Dematrius Davis passing for 91 yards with 2 TD's and running for 122 yards and 1 TD. Running back Roger Hagan ran for 105 yards and 2 TD's. Receivers Charles King, Syncore Green, Ismael Fuller and Zorhan Rideaux caught passes with King's fourth quarter TD pass icing the game.

John Villalobos, Mustang senior kicker successfully made all 4 TD extra points and a 39 yard field goal.

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#14 Charles King, Mustang receiver catches a 44 yard TD pass from Dematrius Davis, with 2:44 minutes left in the game. Duncanville defender grabs his helmet in disgust, realizing this score iced the game for Nshore.



Most Valuable Defensive Player of the game, linebacker #2 Corey Flagg celebrates after he and teammate sacked Chris Parson Panther quarterback to the turf for loss of yards.



Mustang players celebrating, proudly show their gold UIL medallions. L - R: #28 Zorhan Rideaux, #9 Dematrius Davis, #16 John Gentry, #2 Corey Flagg & #5 Upton Stout



Most Valuable Offensive (Dematrius Davis, left) & Defensive (Corey Flagg) players with GPISD Superintendant Dr. Angi Williams with their UIL award.



Team Captains preparing to walk on the field for the coin toss. The Mustangs won the coin flip and took the option to defer from receiving the game opening kickoff and instead opted to receive the second half kickoff. L - R: #9 Dematrius Davis, quarterback, #5 Upton Stout, defensive back, #2 Corey Flagg, linebacker and #74 Damieon George, offensive lineman.



North Channel Star photojournalist Allan Jamail interviews head coach Jon Kay.



Mustang Coach Jon Kay after the game arrived home and to his surprise found his front yard decorated by family and friends congratulating him for the back to back state championships his team accomplished.

Pct.2, North Shore Rotary and San Jacinto Pilot Club partnered to give away bikes to kids



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2018 Hail Mary pass receiver A. J. Carter (center wearing black) leads Mustangs players after the game in a celebration dance.

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