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COVID-19

Cases as of October 8, 2020

HOUSTON AREA 19 COUNTIES

221,588 POSITIVE
3,013 DEATHS
190,147 RECOVERED

TEXAS

794,787 POSITIVE
16,437 DEATHS
683,700 RECOVERED

UNITED STATES

7,477,936 POSITIVE
210,487 DEATHS
2,935,160 RECOVERED

WORLDWIDE

35,6222,409 POSITIVE
1,046,153 DEATHS
24,806,786 RECOVERED

COVID-19 RESOURCES

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Voter Registration Drive held in Jacinto City

Your Vote Is Your Voice! *Su Voto Es Su Voz !*

By Allan Jamail

Saturday, October 3, 2020 – Jacinto City, Texas - Volunteers of State Representative Ana Hernandez's office and Houston's League of Women Voters conducted a non-partisan Drive-Thru and Walk-Up voter registration drive.

Using the city hall parking lot on Mercury Drive Volunteer Deputy Voter Registrars (VDVR) waved signs at passing motorists getting them to come register to vote. The event was part of a larger regional registration drive sponsored by the East Harris County Empowerment Council with Crystal Mendez, Community Engagement Coordinator



As voter registration deadline nears, first time to-be voter Roxanne Morales of Jacinto City steps up to register for the November 3rd. Presidential Election. L-R: New Voter Roxanne Morales, State Representative Ana Hernandez, Community Liaison & Harris County Deputy Registrar Linda Jamail, Deputy Registrars Katherina Summerlin, Robyn Rothman and Joy Kaplan from the Houston League of Women Voters. Also present Maria Delgado, Chief of Staff. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

organizing it (<https://ehcec.org>).

Regional locations along with their host include, Sterling Green (Channelview): Diane Pinkney, Mt Rose COGIC, City of Refuge (Crosby): Pastor Ron Eagleton, North Shore Rotary Park (Cloverleaf): Luz Lopez, Jacinto City City Hall (Jacinto City): Linda Jamail, North Shore Community Fellowship of Faith: Pastor Dixon and Inspire Church (Sheldon): Pastor Irvin Clark.

Deputy Voter Registrars are allowed to take applications to register a voter in large amounts and

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GP Yellowjackets sting Caney Creek Panthers 34 - 20

By Allan Jamail

Galena Park ISD Stadium Houston, TX – Friday night the 5A-2 Region III District 11 Galena Park Yellowjackets defeated Conroe's Caney Creek Panthers 34 to 20 in a non-conference game.

Spiro Amarantos, Head Football Coach/Athletic Coordinator from the start of the game to the end had his Jackets buzzing on all over the Panthers. His offense, defense and special teams out performed the Panthers in all categories of the game.

The Jackets had so many offensive weapons the Panthers didn't know who would strike next for a touchdown. The Jackets scored 5 TD's and in every quarter, racking up nearly 300 yards.



Galena Park's senior running back #2 River Medina scored first on a 68 yard pass from quarterback Gabriel Pagan. (All photos by Allan Jamail)

Galena Park scored first on a 68 yard pass from quarterback Gabriel Pagan to running back River Medina. Luis Reyes took a pass from Ivan Reyes for a two point conversion play with 9:30 left on the clock, Jackets led 8 to 0. Pagan left the game early not to return with an injury.

The Jackets next score came from Antonio Zamora on Special Teams on an 89 yard kick returned. In the second quarter backup quarterback A'marion Kelly scampered for a 96 yard TD. Kelly scored again for his second TD on a 1 yard plunge across the goal. Arturo Garcia, running back scored on a 52 yard open field run. Fernando Mendoza kicked

MORE PHOTOS. See GP YELLOWJACKETS, p. 8

Judge ends Arkema trial with no convictions

By Lewis Spearman

HOUSTON – On October 1, Arkema SA and executives were acquitted of criminal charges related to events that followed Hurricane Harvey in 2017.

Arkema executives were charged with the crime of felony assault related to failure to provide adequate emergency response information related to first responders entering into a location with toxic fumes. The company was earlier

similarly indicted for failure to assess risks.

Although the acquittal bears directly on the responsibility of the company it does not necessarily end the lawsuits related to the incidents.

The same judge found that prosecutors had committed unintentional misconduct.

A 2018 US Chemical Safety Board final report indicated that Arkema had not considered flooding a "credible risk" although it

is within the flooding plain and that agency urged better preparation for extreme weather.

CEO Richard Rowe, Plant Manager Leslie Comandelle were indicted in 2018 and in 2019 Mike Keough, Vice President of Logistics for assault. On September 30, 2020 Judge Belinda Hill dismissed the reckless endangerment charge against Rowe due

See ARKEMA TRIAL, page 6



August 25, until September 2, 2017 Hurricane Harvey brought a historic deluge, flooding knocked out power and refrigeration units were lost. Organic peroxides blazed after all cooling methods failed. As warned by company executives at a press briefing at Crosby Volunteer Fire Department Station Two in Newport, trailers containing chemicals that become volatile at normal temperatures explode outside a warehouse at Arkema Chemical Crosby. About 200 locals were evacuated and 21 first responders were treated at local hospitals.

North Shore slips past Klein Collins 30 - 23



North Shore Mustang senior quarterback #4 Demetrius Davis scores one of his 3 rushing touchdowns of the game. His offensive line opened a huge hole for him to get into the end zone untouched. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

By Allan Jamail

Thursday, October 1, 2020 the 6A Region III Div. 21 District 2018 and 2019 State Champion North Shore Mustangs had a hard time putting away the scrappy Klein Collins Panthers from Spring.

Mustang's offense had 327 yards, 215 yards came from passes by quarterback Demetrius Davis who

See NORTH SHORE FOOTBALL, page 8



#2 Shadrack Banks senior receiver scores on a 52 yard pass from Demetrius Davis. Mustangs defeated Klein Collins in a close game 30 – 23. (Photo by Allan Jamail)



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CROSBY'S HOME TOWN HOME CARE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Crosby ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM, October 19, 2020 in Crosby ISD Operations Building 14670 FM 2100 Crosby Texas 77532. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$0.99830/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.48000/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

Maintenance and operations	3.79% increase
Debt Service	42.87% increase
Total expenditures	9.15% increase

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

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$2,606,518,566	\$2,861,566,524
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$81,196,102	\$51,038,025
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$2,125,657,623	\$2,329,532,863
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$66,216,721	\$51,038,025

*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

**New property* is defined by Section 26.01(2)(7), Tax Code.

***Taxable value* is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$133,510,000

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.06835	\$0.48000*	\$1.54835	\$5.246	\$6.197
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$0.98042	\$0.38134*	\$1.36176	\$5.337	\$5.813
Proposed Rate	\$0.99830	\$0.48000*	\$1.47830	\$5.329	\$5.906

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$167,983	\$180,892
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$133,840	\$146,055
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.54835	\$1.47830
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$2,072.31	\$2,159.13
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$86.82

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.47830. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$1.47830.

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$6,876,725
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$8,902,939

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

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Harris County Municipal Utility District 50 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2020 on October 22, 2020 at 6:00 PM via teleconference at 346-248-7799, meeting ID: 983 0874 4783, passcode 006402. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden. among all property owners.

FOR:

Martin Lemond
Daryl Johnson

Andrew Sonnier
Elyard David

AGAINST:

None

PRESENT and not voting:

None

ABSENT:

Alice Dangerfield

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

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	1.099000	0.999000
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		-0.100000
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		-9.17%
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$82,546	\$98,082
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled persons exemptions)	\$0	\$0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$82,546	\$98,082
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 899.75	\$ 971.01
Annual increase/decrease if proposed tax rate is adopted(+/-)		\$ 71.26
and percentage of increase(+/-)		7.92%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

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Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The NEWPORT MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2020 on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. at 16401 Country Club Drive, Community Room (next to Fitness Room), Crosby, Texas. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

FOR the proposal: Margarette Chasteen, DeLonne L. Johnson, Deborah Florus, Earl B Boykin, R. Gary Hasse

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

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

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.58600 /\$100 Adopted	\$0.58600 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.00000 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		0.00%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$181,303.00	\$191,586.00
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$181,303.00	\$191,586.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$1,062.44	\$1,122.69
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$60.26
and percentage of increase (+/-)		5.67%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 8 percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

If you are located inside the Newport Municipal Utility District Defined #1 Area the total tax rate proposed is \$1.25 per \$100 taxable value. If you are located outside the Newport Municipal Utility District Defined Area #1 then the tax rate proposed is \$0.58600 per \$100 of taxable value.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

Should you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact the tax office at 281-482-0216.

ASK THE EXPERT

ASK DIAMOND JIM

Diamond Jim: “What exactly is ‘White Gold’, and why isn’t it perfectly white?”



White gold is inherently warm in color, and not dead white like platinum. White gold is not found in nature, since the element from the earth is pure yellow gold (referred to as 24k). In order to achieve a whiter hue, other metals are added to the pure yellow gold. This combination of metals is called an “alloy.” By definition, 14k gold means that 14 parts of the alloy out of the total 24 parts are gold. The remaining 10 parts in the alloy are other metals. The other metals depend upon the final color you’re trying to achieve. For example, 14k yellow gold may have copper, silver, and zinc added so that the yellow color is lightened, but still maintained. Rose gold will have more copper so that the coppery hue is achieved. And white gold will have a white metal, such as nickel or palladium added so that the resulting alloy is whiter.

Although the final color of 14k white gold is whiter than pure yellow gold, 14 parts out of its total 24 parts are still yellow gold. I like to compare it to a bucket paint: It’s like adding as much white paint to a bucket of yellow paint as you can. The resulting color will look much whiter, but that yellow paint in the bucket still remains. The same is true of white gold; It will appear whiter but its undertone is still yellow gold.

Why is it that sometimes a white gold ring will turn warmer in color over time?

Sometimes that original warmer color is harder to see since our eyes are distracted by shiny things! Rings often start out polished, and the reflective surface makes subtleties in color hard to see. But as it’s worn, the ring’s surface becomes scuffed up, and that reflective surface dulls. White gold’s inherent color is easier for us to see due to the duller, less distracting surface.

Additionally, although most of the metals in the white gold alloy do not tarnish (turn colors due to exposure to oxygen), there are tiny amounts of metals which can oxidize. This means white gold can “turn” a slightly warmer color with time. Having the ring professionally polished can make it shiny again.

But something to keep in mind is that professional polishing removes a layer of metal each time. You wouldn’t want to get your ring polished too frequently since it would wear away the gold too quickly. If you prefer a whiter appearance I’d recommend going with rhodium plating rather than frequent professional polishing. That way the ring isn’t thinned too early in its life, and the fine texture isn’t polished away prematurely.

Rhodium is a metal in the platinum family, so it has that same grey/white color. Many commercially made jewelry will be rhodium plated to look like platinum. One downside to plating is that it requires upkeep by re-plating every so often. Some people prefer not to plate their white gold for a few reasons. The main reason is that they like the warmer color of white gold, and don’t find it to be inferior to platinum’s color.

Many people prefer a whiter color in their white gold jewelry and would like to rhodium plate their rings. Rhodium plating can be done at Pineforest Jewelry in our repair shop and, unlike most jewelers who plate to a 1 micron of thickness, we prefer to plate to about 2 microns thick. This usually offers a longer lasting plating .of your beautiful jewelry. So, if you love that bright white hue, rhodium plating is a great option for you. Come see us at Pineforest Jewelry and ask Gary about Rhodium plating

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

Diamond Jim is a diamond dealer and precious metals broker of NTR Metals. See more at: www.pineforestjewelry.com. J

If you have questions pertaining to jewelry, watches, diamonds, precious stones, precious metals, and other questions related to the jewelry industry, email jmills@pineforestjewelry.com.

Suspect arrested, charged in Fatal crash at 10,000 Wallisville Road

Charges have been filed against a suspect arrested in a fatal crash at 10000 Wallisville Road about 12:40 a.m. on Monday (October 5).

The suspect, Diamante Isaiah Brena (H/m, 18), is charged with murder in the 208th State District Court and burglary of a building in the 337th State District Court. A booking photo of Brena is attached to this news release.

The identity of the male victim, 35, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

HPD Vehicular Crimes Division Sergeant D. Rose and Officer R. Romo reported:

Brena and his male passenger were in a stolen white Chevrolet Express van at a business in the 5200 block of Oates Drive and attempted to steal a generator from the location. HPD patrol officers responded to the scene and the suspect fled the scene in the vehicle.

HPD officers initiated a vehicle pursuit and Brena attempted to evade police and drove westbound near the above address. Brena



then failed to stay in a single lane, left the roadway and crashed into a fence. He was taken into custody without further incident. The passenger was transported to Ben Taub General Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. Brena was subsequently charged for his role in the incident.

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Bullock State History Museum Reopens

AUSTIN, TX — The Bullock Texas State History Museum's exhibition galleries and Museum Store will reopen to the public on Saturday, September 12 with key changes to limit the spread of COVID-19, including heightened safety protocols, new open hours, and timed entry.

The Bullock Museum closed on March 17, 2020 in response to the coronavirus pandemic and



immediately began constructing a phased plan to respond to community conditions and ensure the safest possible future reopening. During the closure, the Museum expanded opportunities for online learning through virtual education programming and web resources.

"To meet our educational mission, the Bullock Museum is excited to welcome the public onsite to the Museum once more," said Bullock Museum Director Margaret Koch. "With more than 16,000 years of Texas history on view, we are committed to providing a low-risk learning environment for the community, teachers, and families."

The Museum's phased plan, which began with the reopening of the IMAX® Theatre on September 3 for limited screenings of *Tenet* and two member-only preview days on September 9 and 10, adheres to guidelines recommended by national, state and local authorities. The Museum's new hours, Wednesday through Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm, will also allow for additional cleaning while closed on Monday and Tuesday of each week.

New safety protocols include timed entry, allowing a limited number of visitors per hour into the Museum's three floors of gallery spaces. Guests are encouraged to reserve their exhibition tickets online prior to their visit. Onsite signage will provide clear information about new policies and encourage social distancing. Masks are required for all staff and visitors ages 10 and older, and sanitization stations will be available throughout the Museum. All public spaces and high-touch areas will be cleaned frequently during the day, and the full building will be disinfected each evening after closing.

Visitors returning to the Bullock Museum will be able to explore the special exhibition *This Light Of Ours: Activist Photographers of the Civil Rights Movement*, a visual story of the struggle against segregation, race-based disenfranchisement, and Jim Crow laws in the 1960s. IMAX documentary screenings will resume during daily open hours and will feature the new family friendly documentary *Into America's Wild*. The IMAX Theatre will also continue screening feature films on select days and times.

"It has been a rough six months for many across Texas, and we understand that not everyone is willing or able to visit the Museum in person at this time. Opening now helps ensure that we'll be here when people feel comfortable visiting again," said Koch. "In the meantime, we'll continue to increase our online learning opportunities designed for all ages, so one never has to feel disconnected from the astounding history of this incredible state."

If community conditions allow, the Museum's Texas Spirit Theater will resume operation later this fall, and the Story of Texas Cafe will reopen in January 2021. The Bullock Museum will continue to offer educational programs and resources online for children, adults and families. For more information, please visit TheStoryofTexas.com.

About the Bullock Museum

The Bullock Texas State History Museum, a division of the State Preservation Board and an accredited institution of the American Alliance of Museums, illuminates and celebrates Texas history, people, and culture. With dynamic, award-winning exhibitions, educational programming for all ages, and an IMAX® theater with the largest screen in Texas, the Museum collaborates with more than 700 museums, libraries, archives and individuals across the world to bring the Story of Texas to life. For more information, visit TheStoryofTexas.com or call (866)369-7108.



THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

"The Stomachache"

I get stomachaches. I get them with regularity and always have.

"It's just gas!" my mother says, and of course, she's right.

My mother tells me I get stomachaches because I have the "Benson stomach," by which she means that I have the same stomach she has, which is the same stomach her mother had, which my grandmother inherited from her mother—who was a Benson.

It seems a little sad that the only time the Benson family comes to mind is when I have a stomachache. Seriously, I know almost nothing about the Bensons except that they were Swedish farmers prone to indigestion. It's not much of a legacy.

Yesterday I had a doozy. It started during my hike. I had eaten nothing recently and eaten nothing different so there was no logical reason to suddenly get a bad stomachache shortly after I started my hike, which typically takes an hour and forty-five minutes.

"It will get better soon," I said as I walked. It did not. I got to the halfway point in my hike and somehow felt the stomachache should realize that I had hiked for nearly an hour and respond appropriately. It did not.

Whenever I get a stomachache, I remember stomachaches of the past. I distinctly remember my 16th birthday being ruined by a stomachache. I went to a restaurant famous for its spareribs. I haven't eaten spareribs in years, but I can still remember how I was looking forward to those.

My family and I were served our spareribs and I had to leave the restaurant after what seemed like a single bite. I'm pretty sure my family packed up their meal and joined me almost immediately, but I still remember being in the backseat of the car with an awful stomachache on my 16th birthday, overwhelmed by the unfairness of life.

By now, I should know something about stomachaches. I know, once one starts, I must not eat anything. If I eat anything, I will make it much worse and it will last much longer.

In spite of knowing this all my life, I cannot tell you how many times I have sat down to eat, felt a stomachache coming on, and decided "just this once" I can eat a little more (usually really fast) and everything will be fine. Everything is never fine when I do this.

So, now I tell my husband, Peter, "I'm getting a stomachache. If I eat, I will suffer." Somehow, saying it aloud to another person makes me more accountable. If I then go back into the kitchen and fill my plate, I am proving to Peter (and myself) what an idiot I am.

I can go for months without a stomachache. I can persuade myself that stomachaches were something that happened a long time ago and have nothing to do with me anymore. I start to think they will never happen again. It's nice thinking this. It's also not true.

But maybe dwelling on pain isn't the best idea either.

Surely, in my life, I can expect a lot worse than a stomachache to come my way. Intellectually, I know this, and yet I spend almost no time contemplating future pain. Maybe living in denial isn't the worst thing I can do. It isn't fun to anticipate pain and I'm not sure it's useful.

Instead, I try to notice all the days I feel good and I try to be grateful. Yes, there will be more stomachaches because I come from a long line of gassy farmers. But today, I feel fine.

Till next time,
Carrie
Carrie Classon's memoir is called, "Blue Yarn." Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Chris Cobler



Early voting starts October 13; "Texas in my rearview mirror"

EARLY VOTING STARTS OCT. 13

Gov. Greg Abbott's executive order and a Texas Supreme Court decision changed some counties' plans for handling mail-in ballots for the Nov. 3 election.

Citing security concerns, Abbott ordered all 254 Texas counties to offer only one drop-off location for absentee ballots.

"These enhanced security protocols will ensure greater transparency and will help stop attempts at illegal voting," Abbott said.

Democrats accused the Republican governor of trying to suppress the vote, particularly in larger metropolitan areas. The League of United Latin American Citizens, the League of Women Voters and two individuals filed a lawsuit to challenge the order.

"Geographically, Harris County is larger than the entire state of Rhode Island," Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo said. "Our population rivals that of the entire state of Colorado. To propose only a single, secure drop-off location for a county of our size during a pandemic is ludicrous."

Earlier, the Republican-controlled Texas Supreme Court issued a ruling that created a similar partisan reaction about voting security and rights. The court said Harris and other counties could not send unsolicited mail-in ballots to voters.

In-person early voting starts Oct. 13 in Texas. The Texas Library Association is encouraging its member libraries to share election guides created by the League of Women Voters.

Early voting runs until Oct. 30. The deadline to apply for a mail-in ballot is Oct. 23, and the deadline to return a mail-in ballot is Nov. 3.

Along with visiting their local libraries and



reading their local newspapers, people may go to the League's vote411.org for information about their ballots for the general election. Also, the Texas Tribune, a statewide nonprofit news initiative, offers ballot information at TexasTribune.com.

TOP EDUCATORS MAKE THE GRADE

Texas' two top teachers work in opposite ends of the Lone Star state.

The Texas Association of School Administrators honored Eric Hale, a kindergarten and first-grade teacher from the Dallas Independent School District, as the 2021 Elementary Teacher of the Year and Anthony Lopez-Waste, a history teacher from Canutillo ISD in El Paso, as the Secondary Teacher of the Year.

Hale was chosen to represent the state as Texas Teacher of the Year in the National Teacher of the Year competition. The announcement was made during the virtual convention of the school administrators and the Texas Association of School Boards.

"My students and parents have survived a category F-3 tornado and are presently living in a pandemic. It is essential that I make sure they know I am here for them and value their educa-

tional development," said Hale, who teaches at David G. Burnet Elementary School.

Superintendent of the Year honors went to J.A. Gonzalez of McAllen ISD. Hurst-Euleless-Bedford ISD won best school board.

'TEXAS IN MY REARVIEW MIRROR'

Texas lost one of its brightest country stars when singer-songwriter Mac Davis died at age 78 of complications from heart surgery.

Born and raised in Lubbock, Davis was known most for his country/pop songs of the 1970s, including "Baby Don't Get Hooked on Me," and for writing a number of Elvis Presley hits, including "Don't Cry Daddy," "In the Ghetto" and "A Little Less Conversation." Davis also had a successful acting career, starring in his own variety show and the movie "North Dallas Forty."

The address for the West Texas Walk of Fame is 1501 Mac Davis Lane in Lubbock, which he sang about in "Texas in my Rearview Mirror."

"Many hearts are broken today, including my own, with the death of one of my dearest friends, Mac Davis," country legend Dolly Parton tweeted. "We lost one of the world's greatest writers, singers and entertainers."

A date for Davis' funeral is pending. In keeping with the last line of "Rearview Mirror," his wife said he will be buried in Lubbock in his jeans.

Chris Cobler is a board member and past president of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas. He welcomes email at ccobler@texaspress.com.

CONGRATULATIONS To DAVID LOPEZ, JR. of Houston, who won Free Tickets to the Texas Renaissance Festival. You can win too. Just send us a photo reading this newspaper. See information on Page 7, and enter the Drawing.



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HC Household Hazardous Waste facility now open to the public

The Harris County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility will open to the public beginning Tuesday, September 15th and will be accepting customers by appointment only. Please read all signs at the facility as some procedures have changed.

Please go to our website at www.HCHHW.org and click on the banner at the top. It will allow you to “SCHEDULE A DROPOFF” on the day and time that is convenient for you. This program works best on Google Chrome, Firefox, and Edge.

Appointments will be scheduled on Tuesday,

Wednesday, Thursday, and the 2nd and 4th Saturdays. We will only serve those with appointments at this time.

Please arrive at your appointment time. If you cannot make your appointment, please cancel it and reschedule via our website.

You will be provided a confirmation number when you schedule your appointment. You must provide your confirmation number, your name, or address when you arrive at the facility.

Please stay in your vehicle to be offloaded with your vehicle turned off. We cannot remove your HHW items if you are out of your

vehicle or it is not turned off.

Please review and follow the new COVID-19 protocol listed on the scheduler. You must wear a face covering while at the facility.

We are limiting the interaction between customers and staff so please call ahead if you have any questions. Please note our number has changed and is now 346.286.4299.

If you have an item that no longer has its original label, please write what is in the container on the outside of it.

We want to ensure you are safe while visiting our facility.

Arkema trial,

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to lack of evidence. Comardelle was not guilty in a directed verdict. Keough and Arkema had charges dropped last month related to the injuries of first responders.

Arkema hired Rusty Harding to preside over their legal representatives. It was he that began to point out the nature of the historic flood being an “Act of God”

A company statement at that time said, “Our plant employees went to heroic lengths to protect the public, and when flooding overwhelmed their every effort, we proactively notified emergency responders and the public, days before the first fire started,” Arkema stated.

In 2019 Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg hired additional attorneys to prosecute environmental and safety crimes.

There had been talk of other indictments but charges were dropped related to failure to disclose the presence of certain chemicals when the Harris County Office of Emergency Management indicated they had been given a detailed list of all chemicals present

at the facility.

Suspended last Spring, the trial started up again last month.

“Today’s ruling doesn’t change the fact that dangerous chemicals on Arkema property ignited and were belched in a cloud of toxic smoke over the surrounding communities, and a first responder, there protecting people is now on a lung-transplant list,” said Dane Schiller, speaking for the District Attorney’s Office.

Arkema released a statement on October 1, in part it says, “We’re pleased to see the end of this trial, which should have never taken place at all. The facts of this case did not warrant any indictments, and we do not believe any indictments would have been granted but for the false information presented to the Grand Jury by prosecutors. The prosecutors in this case repeatedly, blatantly and unapologetically broke rules that are in place to protect us all by ensuring our fundamental right to a fair trial.

We are pleased that Judge Belinda Hill found – not once but twice – that the prosecutors had committed misconduct.”

NOTICE OF ELECTION

TO: THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, WHO RESIDE IN HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 80:

The Board of Emergency Services Commissioners of HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 80 has issued an Order calling for an election to be held on November 3, 2020, from 7:00 A.M., to 7:00 P.M., at which election all eligible voters residing within the boundaries of HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 80 will be entitled to vote on the following:

BOARD OF EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMISSIONERS
Texas Health and Safety Code § 775.0345

You, the voter, may cast no vote or may cast one vote for each of one, two or three candidates among those candidates whose name(s) are pre-printed on the ballot and/or written in by you, the voter, from the official list of certified write-in candidates.

LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES IN HARRIS COUNTY: Qualified voters residing in the Harris County Emergency Services District No. 80 may vote in the appropriate polling place locations designated by the Administrator of Elections pursuant to the Harris County Election Order, Notice of Election published by Harris County and as more specifically identified at www.harrisvotes.com.

HARRIS COUNTY EARLY VOTING: Early voting shall be conducted by **CHRISTOPHER HOLLINS**, the Harris County Early Voting Clerk, from October 13, 2020 through October 30, 2020 and at the hours and locations designated by the Harris County Administrator of Elections pursuant to the Harris County Election Order, Notice of Election published by Harris County and as more specifically identified at www.harrisvotes.com.

The Harris County Early Voting Clerk's official mailing address to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail may be sent is **Harris County Early Voting Clerk, 1001 Preston, 4th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002**. The ballot applications must be received by the Harris County Early Voting Clerk no later than October 23, 2020, at 5:00 PM.

HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 80
By: /s/ Raymond St. Julian, Sr., President
ATTEST: By:/s/ Randy Foster, Secretary

AVISO DE ELECCIÓN

PARA: LOS VOTANTES HABILITADOS DEL CONDADO DE HARRIS, TEXAS, QUE RESIDEN EN EL DISTRITO DE SERVICIOS DE EMERGENCIA NRO. 80 DEL CONDADO DE HARRIS:

La Junta de Comisionados de Servicios de Emergencia del DISTRITO DE SERVICIOS DE EMERGENCIA NRO. 80 DEL CONDADO DE HARRIS ha emitido una Orden que convoca a una elección a realizarse el 3 de noviembre de 2020 desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m., en la que todos los votantes elegibles que residen dentro de los límites del DISTRITO DE SERVICIOS DE EMERGENCIA NRO. 80 DEL CONDADO DE HARRIS tendrán derecho a votar por lo siguiente:

JUNTA DE COMISIONADOS DE SERVICIOS DE EMERGENCIAS
§ 775.0345 del Código de Salud y Seguridad de Texas

Usted, el votante, puede no emitir ningún voto o puede emitir un voto por cada uno de uno, dos o tres candidatos entre aquellos candidatos cuyo nombre o nombres están preimpresos en la boleta de votación y/o escritos por usted, el votante, de la lista oficial de candidatos certificados por escrito.

UBICACIÓN DE LOS LUGARES DE VOTACIÓN DEL CONDADO DE HARRIS: Los votantes habilitados que residen en la porción del CONDADO DE HARRIS del Distrito de Servicios de Emergencia Nro. 80 del Condado de Harris pueden votar en los lugares de votación adecuados, designados por el Administrador de Elecciones en virtud de la Orden de Elección del Condado de Harris, Aviso de Elección publicado por el Condado de Harris y como se identifican más específicamente en www.harrisvotes.com.

VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA EN EL CONDADO DE HARRIS: La votación anticipada estará a cargo de **CHRISTOPHER HOLLINS**, oficial de votación anticipada del Condado de Harris, desde el 13 de octubre de 2020 hasta el 30 de octubre de 2020, y en los horarios y lugares designados por el Administrador de Elecciones del Condado de Harris en virtud de la Orden de Elección del Condado de Harris, Aviso de Elección publicado por el Condado de Harris y como se identifican más específicamente en www.harrisvotes.com.

La dirección postal oficial del oficial de votación anticipada del Condado de Harris a la cual se pueden enviar las solicitudes de boleta de votación y las boletas votadas por correo es **Harris County Early Voting Clerk, 1001 Preston, 4th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002**. Las solicitudes de boletas de votación deben ser recibidas por el oficial de votación anticipada del Condado de Harris a más tardar el 23 de octubre de 2020 a las 5:00 p.m.

DISTRITO DE SERVICIOS DE EMERGENCIA NRO. 80 DEL CONDADO DE HARRIS
Por: /firma/ Raymond St. Julian, Sr., Presidente
ATESTIGUA: Por:/firma/ Randy Foster, Secretario

THÔNG BÁO VỀ CUỘC BẦU CỬ

GỬI: CÁC CỬ TRI HỘI ĐỦ ĐIỀU KIỆN CỦA QUẬN HARRIS, TEXAS, HIỆN ĐANG CỬ TRÚ TRONG CƠ QUAN DỊCH VỤ KHẨN CẤP SỐ 80 QUẬN HARRIS:

Ủy Ban Điều Hành Dịch Vụ Khẩn Cấp của CƠ QUAN DỊCH VỤ KHẨN CẤP SỐ 80 QUẬN HARRIS đã ban hành Lệnh yêu cầu tổ chức một cuộc bầu cử vào ngày 3 tháng Mười Một, 2020 từ 7 giờ sáng đến 7 giờ tối, tại cuộc bầu cử đó tất cả các cử tri hội đủ điều kiện hiện cư ngụ trong phạm vi ranh giới của CƠ QUAN DỊCH VỤ KHẨN CẤP SỐ 80 QUẬN HARRIS sẽ được quyền bỏ phiếu về các vấn đề sau đây:

ỦY BAN ĐIỀU HÀNH DỊCH VỤ KHẨN CẤP
Bộ Luật Sức Khỏe và An Toàn Texas § 775.0345

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ĐỊA ĐIỂM CÁC PHÒNG PHIẾU Ở QUẬN HARRIS: Các cử tri hội đủ điều kiện cư ngụ trong phần địa giới của QUẬN HARRIS nằm trong Cơ Quan Dịch Vụ Khẩn Cấp Số 80 Quận Harris có thể bỏ phiếu tại

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 213-A will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2020 on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 12:00 PM via teleconference at 1-877-746-4263, Access Code: 2750357#. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

FOR the proposal: James Coursey, Meredith Schaffer, W. Fritz Maxwell, Enrique Guajardo, Jacob Saour

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

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

	Last Year *	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$1.45000 /\$100 Adopted	\$1.45000 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.00000 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		0.00%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$0.00	\$0.00
General homestead exemptions available <small>(excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)</small>	\$0.00	\$0.00
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$0.00	\$0.00
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$ N/A
and percentage of increase (+/-)		N/A %

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 8 percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

*There were no residential homesteads for comparison purposes.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

Should you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact the tax office at 281-482-0216.

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BỎ PHIẾU SỚM TẠI QUẬN HARRIS: Thủ tục bỏ phiếu sớm sẽ được tiến hành bởi ông **CHRISTOPHER HOLLINS**, Thư ký phụ trách bỏ phiếu sớm quận Harris, từ ngày 13 tháng Mười, 2020 đến hết ngày 30 tháng Mười, 2020 và vào các ngày giờ và địa điểm do Quản Lý Viên phụ trách Bầu Cử ấn định chiếu theo Lệnh Bầu Cử của Quận Harris, Thông Báo Bầu Cử do Quận Harris đăng/nhiệm yết và cụ thể hơn trên trang mạng www.harrisvotes.com.

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CƠ QUAN DỊCH VỤ KHẨN CẤP SỐ 80 QUẬN HARRIS

Bởi: /s/ Raymond St. Julian, Sr., Chủ Tịch
CHỨNG THỰC: Bởi/s/ Randy Foster, Thư Ký

選舉通知

致：居住於 HARRIS 郡緊急服務區第 80 區的 TEXAS 州 HARRIS 縣之合資格選民：

HARRIS 郡緊急服務區第 80 區之緊急服務委員會已發佈命令，要求於 2020 年 11 月 3 日上午 7:00 至晚上 7:00 間舉行選舉，屆時，居住於 HARRIS 郡緊急服務區第 80 區範圍內的所有合資格選民均有權就以下事項作出投票表決：

緊急服務委員會

Texas 州健康與安全法第 775.0345 條

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HARRIS 縣投票所地點：居住於 HARRIS 郡緊急服務區第 80 區內（HARRIS 縣部分）的合資格選民可在選舉行政官員依照 Harris 縣選舉命令及 Harris 縣選舉通知指定的相應投票所地點進行投票，詳見 www.harrisvotes.com。

Harris 縣提前投票：提前投票應由 Harris 縣提前投票專員 **CHRISTOPHER HOLLINS** 於 2020 年 10 月 13 日至 2020 年 10 月 30 日，在 Harris 縣選舉行政官員依照 Harris 縣選舉命令及 Harris 縣選舉通知指定的時間和地點執行，詳見 www.harrisvotes.com。

選票申請與郵寄選票可寄至 Harris 縣提前投票專員，其正式郵寄地址為：Harris County Early Voting Clerk, 1001 Preston, 4th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002。選票申請必須於 2020 年 10 月 23 日下午 5:00 前送達 Harris 縣提前投票專員。

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GP Yellowjackets sting Caney Creek Panthers 34 - 20

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the extra points of the game.

The Jackets defense forced 5 turnovers and they keep the Panthers rushing game to a mere 61 yards. The defensive line sacked the quarterback causing a fumble and turnover to stop a Panthers scoring drive. Line backer Luis Sanchez was a stand-out on defense, pressuring the quarterback and making tackles from one side-line to the other.

Yellowjacket coaches, offensive: Ronnie



Galena Park Yellowjackets take the field in the season's first home game. Jackets won 34 to 20 over Caney Creek Panthers. Leading the way, #45 Luis Sanchez one of the game's defensive stand-out's. (Photo Allan Jamail).

Whigham, John Simms, Steven Botello, Noe Pena, Sam Houston and Justin McNeese. Defensive: Chris Morales, Ron Richmond, Jeff King, Ronnie Jones, Noe Vela, Carlos Sosa. Athletic Trainers: Ambreya Ousley and Deziree Propes.

Galena Park's varsity football team has an away conference game @ Fort Bend Marshall (Buffaloes) (Missouri City, TX) on Thursday, October 8 @ 7pm.

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GP's Senior #27 Antonio Zamora, a special teams player runs 89 yards for a score on a kick return.



Jacket's #4 junior A'marion Kelly scampered for a 96 yard TD. Kelly scored twice in the game.



#3 Senior Arturo Garcia, Jacket running back scored on a 52 yard open field run.

North Shore Football,

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San Jacinto College wins national award for outstanding STEM education

College recognized for programs that build career pathways for diverse populations

had a pass completion average of 68 percent. Davis ran for 112 yards and 3 touchdowns and passed for 1 TD to his favorite receiver Shadrack Banks.

Andres Montes-Zamora kicked a 3 point 35 yard field goal for the lone 4th quarter score for the Mustangs.

Mustangs host the Willis Wildcats, Friday, October 9th at 7 PM

PASADENA, Texas – The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program and the Siemens Foundation have awarded San Jacinto College with the Excellence and Equity in Community College STEM Award for the College's associate degree nursing and process technology programs.

Eight winning programs from seven community colleges across the country are receiving this award for providing outstanding preparation for high-demand jobs in advanced manufacturing, energy, health care, and information technology. Additionally, these community college programs are also being nationally recognized for their intentional outreach and support of

diverse populations that typically are underrepresented in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) careers. San Jacinto College is the only institution to receive the award for two programs.

Each winning program will receive \$50,000, with half of the funds allocated for program development and the other half allocated as scholarships for outstanding students, known as Siemens Technical Scholars.

"San Jacinto College utilizes a holistic approach for equity in access and success to ensure that all students have an opportunity to earn a higher education credential," said Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer. "We are incredibly thankful and grateful to

the Aspen Institute and the Siemens Foundation for this award, and for recognizing San Jacinto College faculty and staff for the important work they do every day to ensure our students succeed."

FILLING THE WORKFORCE PIPELINE

Overall, U.S. jobs in STEM fields are projected to grow at almost double the rate of non-STEM occupations. More than half of all STEM jobs across the United States only require an associate degree and pay wages that average more than \$50,000 annually.

The community colleges honored with the Excellence and Equity in Community College STEM Award are playing a unique role in working to

meet this demand. The selection committee identified exemplary programs that deliver exceptional training for jobs that require strong STEM technical skills, some classroom hands-on training, and a postsecondary credential below a four-year degree. These programs also demonstrated an emphasis in successfully reaching and supporting populations that are underrepresented in STEM fields, such as students of color, low-income students, and females.

"Community college STEM programs are a strong pathway to job security and financial success for many students, whether that means heading right into a great paying job or getting a more

advanced degree," said David Eitzwiler, CEO of the Siemens Foundation. "This award recognizes the colleges that provide an excellent STEM education and develop talent from every community."

As part of the award, San Jacinto College, in partnership with the Aspen Institute, will select students to be recognized as Siemens Technical Scholars and receive a scholarship of \$3,500 to \$10,000 to continue their education or pay student loan debt. These diverse scholars will share their stories with their peers to demonstrate the economic opportunity available in STEM careers.

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