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CHANNEL CURRENTS

Early voting breaks records

More than 700,000 Harris County voters cast ballots

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS IN THIS AREA:

NOTE: YOU MAY VOTE AT ANY OF THE COUNTY WIDE LOCATIONS.

Lusk Activity Center, 1022 Mercury Drive, Jacinto

Baggett Community Center, 1302 Keene Street, Galena Park Harris County Cultural Arts Center, 13334

Wallisville Road North Channel Branch Library, 15741

Fllukinger Community Lorenzo, Channelview San Jacinto Community Center, 604 Highland

Woods, Highla Crosby Community Center, 409 Hare Road, Crosby HCC North Forest Campus 6010 Little York Road Northeast Multi Service

Center 9720 Spaulding C.E. King Middle School, 8530 C.E. King Parkway

DRIVE-THRU **Humble Civic Center** 8233 Will Clayton

Houston Food Bank, 535 Toyota Center, 1510 Polk

NRG Arena, 1 NRG

COVID-19

Cases as of October 20, 2020

HOUSTON AREA

232.170 POSITIVE 198,103 RECOVERED

TEXAS

862,113 POSITIVE 17.552 DEATHS 733.758 RECOVERED

UNITED STATES

8,270,573 POSITIVE 220,955 DEATHS 3,295,148 RECOVERED

WORLDWIDE

40.711.175 POSITIVE 1,123,824 DEATHS 27,847,006 RECOVERED

OCT. 27, TUESDAY **GP/JC Rotary Club** Million Dollar Meal

You're invited to a Chili Rotary Polio Plus program 11:00am to 1:00pm at the First Baptist Church in Galena Park. Curbside Pick Up and Delivery Only.

OCT. 25, SUNDAY **Crosby Church**

Extreme Machine

Family Festival/Craft Show. 10am to 4pm, 5725 Hwy 90 east of FM2100. Extreme Auto Show, Concessions, Petting Zoo, Game Booths, and MORE!!

OCTOBER Blood Drive

Every Tuesday in October, the Donor Coach will be at CRAWFISH SHACK in Crosby to receive blood donations. 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Appointments preferred, www.commit forlife.org. Free COVID-10 Antibody Test for all donors!

Harris County residents are voting at a record-setting pace this year, a clear indication that Texas voters are excited and enthusiastic about making their voices heard at the ballot box. Joint efforts by civic organizations like members of Houston in Action in partnership with local officials to expand voter registration, education and equitable access helped ensure Harris County's election infra-

structure was prepared to

By Chris Valdez

handle the enormous turn-

Top-line numbers: Overall, 719,840 Harris County residents have voted during the first full week of early voting - a 27% increase over the first full week of early voting in 2016, in which 566,741 Texans in Harris County voted early. Nearly 1 in 3 registered

voters in Harris County (29%) have already voted.

More than 100,000 Texans voted early in person in Harris County each of the first four days of early



voting. On just the first day of early voting in Harris $County,\,128{,}106\;residents$ voted in person. The previous first-day record was 67.471 votes, set in 2016.

That means this year's first day of in-person voting nearly doubled 2016's

first-day numbers.

Thanks in large part to the record-setting pace of Harris County, Texas leads the nation in the number of people who have voted early - over 4.6 million - and in the percentage of its 2016 vote total that has already voted (51%).

More ballots were cast in the first full week of early voting in Harris County than in all of 2014.

"Voters in Harris County are fired up and ready to vote this election sea-

of Houston in Action. "This enormous and palpable enthusiasm on the ground is a testament to the months-long efforts of, community leaders, people like members of Houston in Action, and local elected officials that are working tirelessly to ensure Harris County residents have all the information and resources needed to make their voices heard. This week's record-breaking turnout numbers are a reflection of that painstak-

ing work.'

Undefeated Mustangs trample Undefeated Mavericks 49-14

Story and Photos By Allan Jamail

Rosharon, TX - Freedom Field – Friday, October 16, 2020, the GPISD 6A District North Shore Mustangs ran-over the 5A District Manvel Mavericks 49 to 14. The Alvin ISD team was last year's regional finalist being undefeated in their district and remained undefeated this year until Friday night's routing. Because of the contagious deadly virus fans were required to social distance and wear masks.

Coach Jon Kay's twotime defending state champion Mustangs once again appeared to be an

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Mustang running back #24 Brannon Davis scampers 36 yards



Auburn committed Mustang #1 state ranked quarterback Dematrius Davis outruns Maverick's defense on a 26 yard

San Jacinto College wins national award for STEM education

College recognized for programs that build career pathways for diverse populations

PASADENA - 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 commu nity college programs are also being nationally recognized for their intentional outreach and support of diverse populations that



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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 Siemens Technical

"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 rec-

See STEM AWARD, p. 5

Channelview Clean-up set for Saturday, October 24

By Carolyn Stone

Please come out and join us, we will be conducting our second Channelview Community Cleanup this upcoming Saturday 10/24/ 20 from 7:30 - 11:00 am. We kick started Channelview's cleanup last month on 09/19/20 by removing trash from the roadside and medians of the south end of Sheldon Road from Market St. to I-10. and trimming the plantings and the curbsides of the Sheldon Rd. median at Lorenzo St.

This effort was a major improvement and our clean-up effort did not go unnoticed, on 09/24/20 Cindy Miller, Harris County Pct. 2 Community Liai-

son, shared a communication with C.H.I.C. from Jose Jimen with ez, Pct. 2 Director – Neighborhood Services & Economic Opportunity

"We will begin cleaning Channelview esplanades on Oct. 6th with Gradall. Tree limbs will be picked up tomorrow. Next week we are using all dump trucks to haul ditching spoils from IT May to James Driver. Cindy, please let the local constituents know they have been heard!

True to their word Pct. 2 removed the tree trimmings we had left behind and completed the edging of the medians from $\,$ Market St. to I-10 we had started but were unable to complete during the 09/19/20

Precinct 2 has furthered their support and has partnered with C.H.I.C. to make our second cleanup effort even more successful by providing personnel, a truck & trailer and light refreshments and has contacted the organization Keep Houston Beautiful to also partner with C.H.I.C. and community member participants to provide tools for the participants use and the ability for those intending on participating to register online before Saturday's cleanup and to allow us to better determine how many people intend to partici-

See CHANNELVIEW CLEAN-UP, page

Galena Park Yellow Jackets 52, Houston Sterling Raiders 34

By Allan Jamail

Friday, October 16, 2020 at the Galena Park ISD stadium the, 5A District 11 Yellow Jackets offense swarmed the visiting Sterling Raiders to even their record

Spiro Amarantos, Head Football Coach/ Athletic Coordinator and the team suffered a major blow early in the season when senior quarterback Gabriel Pagan was injured and will miss the rest of the eason. This forced Amarantos to restructure his offense using less experienced players at quarterback and the need to create new offensive plays with little time to practice them.

Coach Amarantos and his coaching staff have done a remarkable job with the new offense that gained 506 yards for 7 touchdowns and a field goal. A'marion Kelly and Raul Gonzalez, both juniors were used at quarterback. Raul Gonzalez completed 3 of his 5 pass attempts for 62 yards and a 60 percent completion aver-

The three leading rushers were A'marion Kelly, 160 yards, Arturo Gar-

cia, 105 yards and Jose Barrientos yards. Junior kicker Fernando Mendoza was perfect 7 for 7 and a 3 point field goal.

The Jackets swarming defense kept the Raiders with just 300 plus vards. They sacked the quarterback numerous times, caused a fumble they recovered and defensive back Keiran Sheppard made a $pass\ interception.$

Coach Amarantos is a 1989 Galena Park graduate and was a three- year letterman on the varsity football team and played as a cornerback and receiv-

The Yellow Jackets travel to Madison (Houston, TX) to take on the Marlins in a district game on Saturday, Oct. 24th, 6:00 pm at Cowart Stadi-

Principal Mulvaney gets recognized on Boss's Day



The Highlands Junior School Life Skills and SILC class created a bulletin board for Dr. Bernard Mulvaney, principal of Highlands Junior School, for Boss's Day.

Dump Truck crashes into Highlands home



A local 93 year old was awakened and a little shaken when a dump truck left Crosby Lynchburg Road, hopped the culvert, enmeshed in power lines and smashed into her front porch just about 3 feet from her Highlands bedroom last Thursday, October 15 at about 2:40 a.m. This photograph was taken at about 5:30 a.m. after the truck was removed from the front porch.Thankfully, the resident was not hurt but the driver was flown to LBJ Hospital due to his wounds sustained in the venture. It was within the 1100 block of South Main, a tree limb had gone through the windshiled of the truck.

Church Page

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Man murdered near I-10 Bridge at Magnolia

I-10 CHANNELVIEW -A man was found to have been murdered near the Intersection of I-10 and Magnolia at roughly 2:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October

Deputies arrived to locate the man in a parking lot of a fierworks stand located there.

Detectives determined the man was Edgar Xiloj and that he had been shot and had been left there dead for some length of

Xiloj lived near the location and maintained a storage unit at the business.

At this time, robbery is believed to be the motive for the murder. It appeared the robberv and murder took place the previous evening at approxi-

mately 8:00 p.m. Anyone with information on the case is asked to contact the Harris County Sheriff's Office Homicide Office or Crimestoppers of $\,$ Houston at 713-222-TIPS. There is a reward involved.

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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, November 02, 2020 in Crosby ISD Operations Building 14:70 FM 2100 Crosby Texas 77532. The purpose of this eting 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 noti-

\$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 diffe during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

42.87% increase

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

Preceding Tax Year Current Tax Year \$2,606,518,566 \$2,861,566,524 Total appraised value* of all property Total appraised value* of new property** \$81,196,102 \$51,038,025 \$2,125,657,623 \$2,329,532,863 Total taxable value*** of all property 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 26.012(17), Tax Code.

FTaxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

 $\underline{Comparison\ of\ Proposed\ Rates\ with\ Last\ Year's\ Rates}$

Maintenance & Interest & Sinking Total Local Revenue Per State Revenue Per Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & \$0.38134° \$1.36176 \$5,337 \$5.813 Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service S0 48000° S1 47830 \$0.99830 \$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 \$2,072.31 \$2,159.13 Taxes Due on Average Residence \$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.

necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

\$6,876,725

Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) 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

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 balances.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)



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- A new outpatient center featuring ambulatory surgery, orthopedics and sports medicine, physical and occupational therapy, imaging, laboratory services, breast care center, primary care services and an occupational health clinic



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OPINION PAGE



with Slim Randles

Shade and a Cool Drink

Our day is filled with heat at this time of year. It commands our attention and makes our work harder. As we toil, we daydream not about love or success, but things as mundane as shade and a cool drink.

But though the oppressive heat weighs on our brains and taxes our bodies, it is the price we pay for being allowed to spend time outdoors ... and it has its one singular consolation:

When the sun goes down in summer, it's romantic enough to hug a cactus.

The recipe is simple; keep the earth warm, but just bring out the stars and a soft breeze that cools the skin. Mix this with a fulmination of little night varmint sounds of peeping and chirping and croaking. And guitars. Whether we play them ourselves or just turn on the radio, it is a setting that is perfect for guitars. Villalobos, Fernando Sor, Tarrega, Randy Travis, Doc Watson, Steve Cormier.

We sit in brick-paved patios with something cool and someone sweet and relax and talk about dreams, because on evenings like this, anything is possible. On nights like this, it's difficult to decide whether remembering evenings like this in the past is better than anticipating those to come. All we really know is that it sure is nice to be here right now.

Tonight I'm going to see if I can remember all the words to "Little Joe the Wrangler" and find out if my guitar is still in tune.

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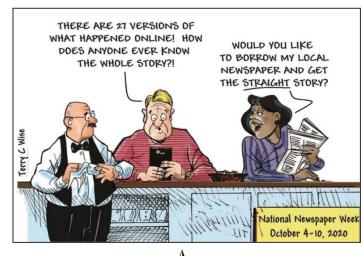
To the Editor:

The last three or four additions of the paper have had some very interesting, clearly explained articles. Are you doing that Gil or is there some new person on the staff?

I just wanted to let you know, good job.

-- Theresa Cashion





STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS **By Chris Cobler**

State resumes requiring job seaches to get unemployment

Texans receiving unemployment benefits will need to show an active effort to find a job starting

The Texas Workforce Commission suspended the requirement in March as the pandemic started. More than 3.6 million have filed for unemployment relief since then, according to Texas Tribune research.

Workforce Executive Director Ed Serna said the state continues to suffer from the pandemic, "but we're seeing employment opportunities begin to bounce back in Texas as our economy restarts. There are opportunities out there, and getting Tex-ans back to work and businesses up and running again will create even

Abhi Rahman, Texas Democratic Party communications director, called the action "wrong and emblematic of Republicans who will do the most cruel thing imaginable every chance they get.

"These are Texans who are struggling to put food on the table or fighting off evictions," Rahman said. 'These are Texans who have lost everything due to no fault of their own.

Workforce officials report 695,000 jobs are available at WorkInTexas.com, the state's online portal. Texas Workforce also reported the state's unemployment rate jumped to 8.3% in September, up from 7% in August.

BIG-TIME ADVOCATE IN SMALL TOWN

A small-town Texas librarian is making big waves as an advocate for universal broadband ac-

Dianne Connery, director of the Pottsboro Area Library, is spotlighted in Arizona State University's ShapingEDU's blog for her efforts to make high-speed internet available in her town of 2,000. Pottsboro is about 75 miles north of

The article notes she helps library users with their online medical appointments, works to cre ate wifi hotspots around Pottsboro for students during the pandemic, and teaches people how to use Google Drive. She also drives around town testing to show where broadband coverage has been exaggerated by service providers.

brary. I talk to people every day who struggle with not having access to broadband," Connery said. Their stories inspired me to work to improve condi-tions. In particular, I saw how young people do not have the same experiences and opportunities as kids in the suburbs and urban environments."

BURNING LIKE A HEAT WAVE

La Niña conditions threaten to make this a dangerously dry and warm winter and spring in much

of Texas. A La Niña event could



lead to a drought and a summer heat wave similar to the weather pattern that smacked the state in 2010-11, according to Nelun Fernando with the Texas Water Development Board. Other factors might affect the amount of rainfall between now and the summer, he said, but already 18 counties in West Texas and the Panhandle are experiencing exceptional drought.

"We can say with some certainty, though, that the die is loaded toward drought persistence over West Texas through the winter and possibly through spring," Fernando

GIVING TEXAS THE BUSINESS

The Aggies and the Longhorns aren't likely to finish No. 1 in football this season, but Texas can celebrate a national championship in economic development.

The state ranked No. 1 for the eighth consecutive time in a survey of U.S. corporate executives. The survev was announced at the International Economic Development Council's annual conference, which was held virtually in Dallas.

Executives preferred Texas over No. 2 Georgia by a wide margin. North Carolina, Florida and Tennessee round out the top five. Factors cited in the ing: overall business climate, a favorable tax cli- ccobler@texaspress.com. mate, a pro-business environment, and access to

CARVE OUT HALLOWEEN FUN WITH CARE

Halloween activities will need to be more thoughtful this year to be safe during the pandemic, the Texas Department of Health Service advises.

Trick-or-treating from door to door is considered a high-risk activity for spreading COVID-19 and should be avoided, according to the state health department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. People also should avoid attending crowded indoor costume parties and going to an in-door haunted house or on a hayride with those who are not part of their household.

Instead, the state and federal health agencies recommend lower-risk holiday activities such as carving pumpkins, decorating at home and having a virtual costume party. Moderate-risk activities include participating in one-way trick-or-treating where goodies are left at the end of the driveway; having a small group, outdoor, open-air costume pa-rade where people are 6 feet apart and wear protective masks; and visiting pumpkin patches where people use hand sanitizer, wearing masks is encour aged or enforced, and peo ple are able to maintain social distance.

Costumes with facial coverings are not sufficient replacements for proper cloth face masks, officials

"Do not wear a costume mask over a protective cloth mask because it can be dangerous if the cos tume mask makes it hard to breathe," the CDC advises. "Instead, consider using a Halloween-themed cloth

 $Chris\ Cobler\ is\ a\ board$ member and past president of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas. He welcomes email at



Nothing Happening

"I'm hunkering down," Rebecca told me.
I know what she means. My friend, Rebecca, just returned from a road trip she made after a lot of careful consideration. First her mother was sick. Then she fell and broke her hip. Rebecca's mother is ninety and she did not seem to be getting better. Rebecca decided she needed to go visit

Rebecca and her daughter drove across three states for the visit. Rebecca said it was a wonderful trip and she bonded with her daughter as never before. Her mother is doing a little better now.

"She's still ninety. But she knows I love her," Rebecca said. That was the purpose of the trip, after all.

I was a little jealous of Rebecca, I'll admit. My husband, Peter, and I have gone exactly nowhere— unless a trip to the dentist counts. Even going to the dentist was kind of exciting It felt like some sort of exotic escape, not simply an occasion to have the plaque chipped off my teeth. I suspect I talked too much to the dental hygienist who had a job to do that was not made

easier by my chatting.
But I won't be going back to the dentist in a while and, like Rebecca, I'm hunkering down. Peter and I still visit his sister, Lori, who is fighting cancer, so we are being particularly careful. It's getting cold, people are moving indoors, and there doesn't seem to be much reason to expect anything will change anytime soon. I think my whole notion of what constitutes a special occasion is shifting

Another friend, Yvonne, comes by with her dog, Remington, at least once a week. She used to just stop when she was walking by and, if I saw her, I'd come out and give Remington a treat and we'd catch up. Now she rings the doorbell.
"Remington!" I holler at

the top of my lungs.

Remington goes crazy with excitement and I come out and sit on my front steps and chat with Yvonne. Sometimes Peter joins us. He tosses goldfish crackers to Reming ton who, since the start of the pandemic, has really improved his catching skills and now routinely catches six out of six goldfish that Peter "Great job!" Peter tells the

exuberant dog. "I think you're ready for the circus! Remington is proud, I can

Yvonne and I will chat for up to a half an hour, or whenever Remington gets too bored and impatient to stand another minute, and she always promises to come back soon. I don't remember gettogethers like this being so important before. But they we are all hunkering down

about how we will remember the times we are living through now. Some of the predictions are far-reaching industry-changing and they could be right.

But I think I will remem

ber playing games with Remington, and looking forward to Yvonne's next visit, and reading to Lori on her deck, and watching the moon rise with Peter-with nowhere to go, and a fading memory of where we would go if we could.

We are all hunkering down now and, while I'm sure the world will get larger and more exciting again, right now it is quiet and small, and I am learning to appreciate the small and quiet things.

I called up my mom, whom I haven't seen in almost a year. "Nothing happening here!" I tell her.

"Nothing happening here either!" she responds. And that seems to be okay.

Till next time,

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



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ASK DIAMOND JIM

Diamond Jim:□"Tell us more about the gem Opal"

Because opal has the colors of other gems, the Romans thought it was the most precious and powerful of all. The Bedouins believed that onals contained lightning and fell from the sky during thunderstorms When Australia's mines began to produce opals commercially in the 1890s, it quickly became the world's primary source for this October birthstone

Opal is the product of seasonal rains that drenched dry ground in regions such as Australia's semi-desert "outback." The showers soaked deep into ancient underground rock, carrying dissolved silica (a compound of silicon and oxygen) downward. During dry periods, much of the water evaporated, leaving solid deposits of silica in the cracks and between the layers of underground sedimentary rock. The silica deposits

How Opal Forms

Opal is known for its unique display of flashing rainbow colors called playof-color. There are two broad classes of opal: precious and common



Precious opal displays play-of-color, common opal does not. Play-of-color occurs in precious opal because it's made up of sub-microscopic spheres stacked in a gridlike pattern—like layers of Ping-Pong balls in a box. As the lightwaves travel between the spheres, the waves diffract, or bend. As they bend, they break up into the colors of the rainbow, called spectral colors. Play-ofcolor is the result.

Although experts divide gem opals into many different categories, five of the main types are:

- White or light opal: Translucent to semitranslucent, with play-of-color against a white or light gray background color, called bodycolor.
- Black opal: Translucent to opaque, with play-ofcolor against a black or other dark background
- Fire opal: Transparent to translucent, with brown, yellow, orange, or red bodycolor. This material—which often doesn't show play-of-color—is also known as "Mexican opal."
- · Boulder opal: Translucent to opaque, with play-ofcolor against a light to dark background. Fragments of the surrounding rock, called matrix, become part of the finished gem.
- Crystal or water opal: Transparent to semitransparent, with a clear background. This type shows exceptional play-of-color.

Writers have compared opals to volcanoes, galaxies, and fireworks. Admirers gave extraordinary opals poetic names like Pandora, Light of the World, and Empress. In ancient Rome, this gem symbolized love and hope. The Romans gave it a name—opalus—that was synonymous with "precious stone."

Opal is considered an October birthstone. Some people think it's unlucky for anyone born in another month to wear an opal. But that particular superstition comes from a novel written in the 1800s (Anne of Geierstein by Sir Walter Scott), and not from any ancient belief or experience. In fact, throughout most of history, opal has been regarded as the luckiest and most magical of all gems because it can show all colors. Once, it was thought to have the power to preserve the life and color of blond hair.

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

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Teen fatally shot during alleged robbery attempt at Uvalde apartments

A man fatally shot one of two teenagers who allegedly tried to rob him with a toy AR-15 early Friday at an east Harris County apartment com-

Deputies arrived after 2:10 a.m. at the Forest Creek Apartments in the 5900 block of Uvalde, where they saw a teenager performing CPR on the 15- or 16-year-old victim, OnScene TV reports.

The shooter fled and called 911 but was in custody and cooperating, night patrol commander

Capt. John Shannon said. The man said he went to the complex to meet a woman when the two juveniles approached him with a weapon, Shannon said. He drew his own gun and fired, striking the teen. The weapon turned out to be a realistic tov replica of an AR-15, according to the

The other juvenile involved in the incident was also in custody and was not cooperating with in-

sheriff's office.

Suspect Arrested, Charged in Fatal Crash at 7600 East Freeway

Charges have been filed against a suspect arrested in a fatal crash that occurred at 7600 East Freeway (East Interstate Highway 10) about 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday (October 15).

The suspect, Noah Daniel Everitt (w/m, 36) is charged with felony murder in the ... State District Court. A booking photo of Everitt is not available at this time, as he remains hospitalized.

The identity of the female victim is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

HPD Vehicular Crimes Division Sergeant F. Briones and Officer C. Cisneros reported:

The driver of a white GMC pickup truck was

traveling westbound on the East Freeway when a white Subaru Impresa also traveling westbound at a high rate of speed struck the rear of the pickup truck. The driver of the Subaru lost control of the vehicle and rolled over several times before coming to a stop on the left shoulder retaining wall of the freeway. The female passenger in the Subaru died at the scene. The driver of the Subaru $(Everitt)\,was\,transported$ to Memorial Hermann Hospital with non-lifethreatening injuries. The driver and passenger of

injured. Everitt was determined to be impaired and

the pickup truck were not

subsequently charged for his role in the crash

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We must raise Awareness

week is dedicated as Mental Health Aware-ness Week and the entire month is also dedicated to Domestic Violence Awareness Month and to Breast Cancer Awareness Month. With COVID-19 and the elections, these three topics have not been addressed as much as in the past, but please do not think they have gone away. Today, I would like to open the dialogue about mental illness.

In mid-October it was announced that UTHealth Behavioral Sciences Center will be opening in late 2021. This facility will be the first public mental health hospital constructed in more than three decades and will be the largest of its kind in the United States It will have 264 beds and have had an extensive amount of planning with input from many individuals and groups in our county. A realization to many is that 264 beds will not even begin to scratch the surface as to how many beds are needed, yet it is a start. The facility will also be able to offer outpatient counseling, group therapy and much more With estimates of one out of every four adults having some type of mental illness, this facility is greatly needed.

With the construction of this facility, perhaps we will also see a decline in the number of reported domestic violence incidents. Too often these incidents go unreported as the victims do not know where to get help or have their own mental health issues that need to be dealt with

Just recently, the same day the announcement came about this new facility, our own community was once again the home of a murder-suicide that involved both mental family members and hundreds of friends left to attempt to pick up the pieces and begin a new life without loved ones

In talking to some of the family and friends, not only did they have to attempt to raise funds for a funeral but have the need to access counseling. One friend mentioned that the victim had fought demons of child hood molestation, alcoholism, drug abuse and had an extensive criminal record, which had she had services available for these issues, she might still be alive today.

It happens too often that a child is sexually assaulted by a friend or family member. They are told to keep quiet or to never talk about this to anyone. They shove those emotions inside, often while the abuse continues for years. To numb their pain, they often turn to substances such as alcohol and drugs, which are too easily available to youth. They lack self confidence and trust few adults. They begin to act out in school and in the community. They frequently end up with a criminal record and dropping out of school becomes too common They will look for love and acceptance, only to find it in the wrong

We as a community must teach our children that any form of sexual abuse is wrong, and they need to tell an adult so they can get help. Not only does the adult need to be prosecuted but therapy is needed for the victim. Let us work together to raise the awareness so we raise healthier children who become healed adults and can make a healthy impact on the community

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Fatal Shooting at 10418 Broadstairs Street

tigating the fatal shooting of a female and the apparent suicide of a male at 10418 Broadstairs Street about l2:30 a.m. on Tuesday (Oc tober 13).
The identities of the male

and female are pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Foren-

HPD Homicide Division Detectives B. Rothberg and A. Barr reported:

HPD patrol officers responded to a report of a shooting inside a residence at the above address. Responding officers made contact with a male inside the $\,$

have him come outside so they could conduct a welfare check. The male refused and barricaded himself in sidence. HPD SWAT and Hostage Negotiations teams responded to the scene.

After several hours of unsuccessful negotiations. the SWAT team made entry to the residence and found the female deceased from an apparent gunshot wound. The male was also found deceased from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot

The investigation is con-

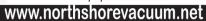
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To the Registered Voters of $\underline{Channelview}$, Texas: Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on

November 3, 2020 for voting in a Trustee election, to elect three (3) School Trustees

Early Voting Locations designated by the County Clerk as provided in the Joint Election Agreement are set forth in Exhibit A

Para los votantes registrados de <u>Channelview</u>, Texas: Se notífica por el presente que los lugares de votación indicados a continuación estarán abiertos de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. el <u>día 3 de noviembre de</u> 2020 para votar en una elección de Síndicos para elegir tres (3) Síndicos Escolares.

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編號	投票站和地址
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220	L W Kolarik Education Center, 1120 Sheldon Rd., Channelview, TX 77530
381	Alice Johnson Jr. High School, 15500 Proctor St., Channelview, TX 77530
460	North Channel Branch Library, 15741 Wallisville Road, Houston, TX 77049
605	B. H. Hamblen Elem. School, 1019 Dell Dale Blvd., Channelview, TX 77530
719	Schochler Elementary School, 910 Deerpass Dr., Channelview, TX 77530
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Mustang Football,

over-powering match for another of their opponents this season, leading at halftime 28-14. His defense shutout the Maverick's for 3 quarters allowing only 2 touchdowns in the second quarter and keeping them to only 288 total offensive yards.

Mustang's offense neared 500 yards with 187 yards passing and 278 yards rushing and 7 touchdowns (TD's). TD's were made by, quarterback Dematrius Davis, 2 rushing TD's, Shadrach Banks, 2 TD's, 1 pass received TD and 1 rushing TD, Brannon Davis, 1 rushing TD, Charles King, 1 pass received TD, and Xavier Owens, 1 rushing TD. Andres Montes-Zamora successfully made all 7 extra point kicks.

Quarterback Dematrius Davis completed 15 of 19 pass attempts for a 79 percent average, he passed for 2 TD's and ran for 2. Shadrach Banks had 3 carries for 78 yards and a TD; he caught 5 passes for 68 yardsand a TD. the team's running game average 12 yards per carry on 34 runs.

The Mustangs will be protecting their 4 -0 season and have their first district conference home game Friday, October 23rd at 7 PM against the always tough Beaumont West Brook Bruins in a 6A Region III Dis-



Texas A & M committed, Mustang wide receiver senior Shadrach Banks hauls in a 30 yard TD pass from Dematrius Davis. (Photo by Allan Jamail)



Junior Mustang running back Xavier Owens crosses the goal line for a 13 yard TD. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

Channelview Clean-up,

pate and how much area Individuals wanting to participate will also be welcomed and able to register at 7:30 am Saturday morning prior to cleanup.

In support and to aid in generating as much public notice and participation as possible Precinct 2 is also hosting a Facebook event and creating a flyer with a link for individuals to register for our Channelview Community Cleanup Phase 1. Saturday's Cleanup Plan:

Date & Time: Saturday, 10/ 24/20 @ 7:30 - 11:00 Meeting Location: Channelview ISD Administration parking lot 1403 Sheldon Rd., Channelview Equipment to Bring:

Gloves and your personal protective gear (safety glasses, closed toed shoes, etc.). Tools such as gloves, rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows. pruners, trash cans will be provided, but if you prefer, you may bring your personal lawn care equipment for your use (i.e. pruners, clip-pers, shears, and

pers, shears, and lawn mowers). Clean Up Plan: We will begin at the roadside and the next median north of Lorenzo St. and work our way North up Sheldon Rd. cleaning and trimming as much

area as we can with the number of people participating and tools provided. We will work in groups based on the number of participants and equipment brought.

Registration in person begins at 7:30 AM at the Channelview Administration Building (828 Sheldon Rd., Channelview, TX 77530). To register online, visit https://form.jotform.com/90407914825157. (When registering online, please make sure to select AL5 as your district and Pct. 2 for the location/team.) For more information, call 346-217-5958 c.h.i.c.77530@gmail.com.



Mr. Rodgers comes to town to face Texans: Cowboys look to rally around Dalton after Dak's injury

Two weeks ago, the Texans picked up their first win of the season when they defeated Jacksonville 30-14 after the firing of head coach Bill O'Brien. The win handed interim head coach Romeo Crennel his first win and the team seemed to play a lot looser. Quarterback Deshaun Watson had a nice day, throwing for 359 yards and three touch-

Things get decidedly tougher this Sunday when Aaron Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers visit NRG Stadium. The Packers won their first three games before having their bye week two weeks ago and faced Tampa Bay in Tampa last Sunday. Rodgers and Co. will either arrive with a 4-0 record or a 3-1 mark and as one of the best teams in the NFC.

Texas' other NFL team suffered a huge loss two week ago when quarter-back Dak Prescott suffered a gruesome ankle injury in his team's 37-34 win over the Giants. Prescott frac-tured and dislocated his right ankle and if you saw video of it, it wasn't pretty. Prescott was having a career year with 1,856 passing yards, 9 passing TDs, three rushing TDs and one touchdown reception. Cowboy's owner Jerry Jones made a smart move in the offseason by signing Andy Dalton to serve as Prescott's backup. Dalton, who has 10 years of experience as

a starting quarterback in the league, came off the bench to throw for 111 yards and put the Pokes in position to win it on Greg Zeurlein's lastsecond field goal. Dalton is a pro who has led a team to the playoffs, thrown for 31.705 yards and 204 touchdowns in his career. He doesn't have Prescott's mobility, but he's a capable QB vho should mesh with Dallas' talented receiving

Other games of note this weekend has the Steelers visiting Tennessee, Tampa Bay visiting Las Vegas on Sunday Night Football and Chicago traveling to Los Angeles to take on the Rams on Monday Night Football.

In college action, Alabama travels to Knoxville to face the Volunteers. 'Bama head coach Nick Saban will be out to defeat a former assistant of his for the 22nd straight time when he faces former defensive coordinator Jeremy Pruitt. Oklahoma, fresh off its 53-45 triple over time win over Texas two weeks ago, visits TCU, while Iowa State takes on Oklahoma State in Stillwater. This will be OSU's first game since Oct. 3. Their game at Baylor last week was moved to Dec. 12 due to a fear of a spread of the corona virus on the BU campus.

And the Big 10 begins play this weekend after suspending the non-conference part of their

schedules due to the corona virus. The league will play a conferenceonly schedule.

Before we take a look at those games, let's review last week's record. A 10-2 week (now that's more like it!) upped the season record to 34-20

Now, onto this week's

Green Bay at Houston: The last time the Packers visited Houston. Rodgers threw six touchdown passes as the Packers embarrassed the Texans on Sunday Night Football. The Texans will have their hands full not only with Rodgers, but also with running back Aaron Jones (374 vards, 4 total TDs). GB should have talented wide receiver Davante Adams back for this one after he missed the last two games with a hamstring injury. Watson (1,451 yards, 9 TDs) should be able to move the ball through the air against a suspect Packers secondary. In the win over Jacksonville two weeks ago, wide receiver Brandin Cooks had his best game of the season with eight receptions for 161 yards and a touch-down. I think the Texans hang around in this one, but look for Rodgers to make the plays down the stretch to lead the Packers to victory. My pick, Green Bay 33, Houston 26

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 Tuesday, November 10, 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: PRESENT and not voting: None ABSENT:

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		\$0.59890 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.01290 /\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		2.20%	
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		\$1,147.41
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if			
proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$84.97	
and percentage of increase (+/-)		8.00%	

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 \$0.59890 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.

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