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CHANNEL CURRENTS

Community CLEAN-UP Jan. 23

By Charlotte Jackson

As we move quickly along with the month of January, you are invited to check your calendar and get involved. For those of you who want to get outside and make an impact, you are invited to join Kristina Zatopek with the Uvalde Revitalization Project. For the first part of the project, she invited County Commissioner Adrian Garcia, Mayor Pro Tem Dave Martin, Houston Public Works, Keep Houston Beautiful, Houston Parks and Recreation Department along with countless friends, neighbors, former classmates and even strangers to come out this Saturday, January 23 for a "Community Clean-

The event will be held from 8 a.m. - noon, with voluntee check in beginning at 7:30 a.m To register to participate in the event, please visit: https:// www.eventbrite.com/e/uvalderevitalization-project-commu-nity-clean-up-day-tickets-134463165949?ref=eios

Masks are required and it is recommended that all volunteers bring bottled water and snacks, as well as wear comfortable shoes and bring gloves. Any participants under the age of 18, must have an adult present as well as the signed volunteer waiver.

Approximately 80 volun-teers will be on hand to participate in this inaugural event. As the year progresses, Ms. Zatopek has plans to work with others to plan events for Uvalde Road which will spotlight area businesses as well as provide historical information on the road which was once known as the gateway to North Shore.

Ms. Zatopek has been participating in the inaugural class of the East Harris County Engaging and Helping Communities (EHC2) Leadership Development Program and shared that Uvalde Road has been an important part of her journey in life. Should you have any questions about Saturday's event or future events, please contact her directly at KristinaZatopek@gmail.com

Channelview board votes not to extend Superintendent Greg Ollis' contract

 $CHANNELVIEW-The\ Channelview\ ISD$ school board voted at their regular meeting last Tuesday night, not to extend the contract with the current school superintendent, Greg Ollis, when it expires in February 2023. It is not known whether they will decide to terminate it any earlier than that period.

The vote was 5 not to extend the contract, and 2 for extending it. Against the extension were Trustees Patrick Lacy, board president, Raquel Dobbins, Shumana Collins, Hector Martinez, and Frank Bryant. In favor of extending the contract were Alex Ybarra and Kent Wilson

The move for termination was extremely unpopular in the community and on social media with 29 persons speaking at the meeting, most of them against the motion.

Trustees that voted not to extend indicated that they "wanted a new direction" and a new superintendent. There was some discussion about whether the students were getting an ad-



GREG OLLIS CHANNELVIEW ISD SUPERINTENDENT

equate education, with Trustee Collins stating that 60% of the studistrict as a B, indicating adequate performance, and the latest evaluation of Ollis' performance rated him at 3.34, above average for the state.

Ollis and his wife Cindi, the high school principal now retired, are lifelong educators. Ollis has been employed by the District for over 29 years, at first as a teacher and then in the administration. Prior to Channelview, he was a coach and teacher in the Galena Park district. He was appointed at Superintendent in August 2008.

During that tenure, he has overseen two successful Bond issues that provided new school and renovated facilities to meet the chanllenges of rapid growth in the district. The Bond issue in 2009 was for \$111 million, and then in 2019 another bond issue, for \$195 million was passed. This money is currently being used for expansion of facilities and new construction.

In addition to his educationnal duties, Ollis is active in community organizations, including past chairman of the North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce, and active member of the North Shore Rotary Club

NORTH SHORE WOMAN CONFESSES

Murder victim found in Highlands Canal

Tuesday, January 12, at 7:30 a.m. Harris County Sheriff's Deputies responded to 12,000 block of Woodforest Blvd. concerning a Missing Person. A woman told them that her boy-friend, Jonathan Tisby, gave a mutual friend a ride, Monday night. Then she described a telephone call from her boyfriend at close to 3:45 a.m. that morning, in which she heard an argument in the background. Suddenly, her boyfriend's cellphone disconnected. She stated that she was unable to re-establish contact with her boyfriend.

Jonathan Tisby was driving a white, sedan, Buick LaCrosse with paper license plates, at the time of his disappearance.

At approximately 3:45



The Victim and his car are pulled from the canal on Jones Road at Thompson last Thursday afternoon. Authorities searched for two days for the car, which was under water. A confession from Fransha Brooks to the shooting led to the discovery of the car and the body inside.

iff's Office Deputies responded to a

call at an apartment complex off of Normandy and Woodforest The caller advised the 911 Operator that she was involved in a Murder on Monday night, and she shot a male Fransha Brooks driving a white Buick. When Deputies arrived at the apartment complex, she provided additional information and stated she shot the male multi-Jonathan Tisby



ple times and drove the car, with the male inside it, into a canal near Jones See MURDER VICTIM, page 2

North Shore Rotary supports Sheldon FFA at livestock show

SHELDON - The North Shore Rotary Club is committed to supporting community youth. Last Saturday at the Sheldon FFA Auction we were successful bidders for 1) Grand Champion Swine 2) Reserve Grand Champion Swine 3) Fourth Place Swine 4) partnered with Rotary members Dr. Don and Dana Nino to buy the Reserve Grand Champion Steer.

Club President Lowell Everitt stated that these animals will be processed and become prize packages in the Annual Rotary fundraiser to be held on May 15, 2021.

This raffle will offer some unbelievable prizes leading up a new 2021 Chevrolet Grand prize vehicle. Raffle Tickets are \$100 donation, and available from all North Shore Rotarians, or call Everitt at 281-452-660 for information. Proceeds from the raffle are used for scholarships and other community projects. Congratulations to the students that raised



These 4 banners represent the purchases that the Rotary Club made in support of the Sheldon FFA students.



The Reserve Grand Champion Steer was purchased by the North Shore Rotary Club with Dr. Don and Dana Nino. (TJJOHNSON PHOTO)

Pct. 2 hosts two Free COVID-19 test sites Saturday

Pct. 2 wants to remind you of the importance of condistancing with your family and loved ones. Although the Covid-19 vaccine is being rolled out to the identified communities, it is critical we continue to be safe and get tested when we do not feel well.

Commissioner Adrian Garcia is hosting a Walkup FREE COVID Testing site at two different Precinct 2 locations. We are able to do this thanks to the partnership with the U.S. Hispanic Contractors Association, Tx Division of Emergency Management and the Houston Food

We encourage you to protect yourself and those around you, don't guess, take the test! Please share the below with communities who may not have easy access to testing or may be afraid to register. Although we encourage families to register, it will be not required. To help make



testing more accessible we

will be offering testing

from 8AM to 4PM this

coming Saturday January

23 at Pep Mueller Commu-

nity Center, 14750 Henry

Road, North Houston

77060, and Jim Fonteno

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We will also be offering

food boxes on a first come,

first serve basis to those

families who get tested.

For more information,

please call 713-274-2222.

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Remember to continue the use of social distancing, frequent hand washing, and wearing a mask. For up to date Harris County COV-ID-19 information click here Stay safe,

Adrian Garcia. Harris Co. Precinct 2 Com-

SPANISH

Querida familia de Pre-

Queremos recordarte la importancia de seguir practicando el distanciamiento social con su familia y seres queridos. Aunque la vacuna Covid-19 se está implementando en las comunidades iden-

REGISTER, Continued, see Page 8

Parade set for Sara Rupp on her 100 year birthday



HIGHLANDS - A life celebration in the form of a parade is to be held for Sara Rupp next Saturday. Born on January 22, Sara turned 100 years young. Jeanie Kratky tells us that the Rupp family from throughout the country, friends and friends she doesn't know will birthday parade down Thorn Street to celebrate in driving by her resi-

Parade participants will line up at the Super Car wash corner of Main Street, and Thorn, Highlands across from Charlie's Ice House at about 10:30. At 11:00a.m. the parade starts. Parading will travel Thorn to Greendale passing before Sara's decorated house and the lady herself.

The Rupps are locally distinguished by baseball and coaching baseball. In fact, Coach Rupp will act as parade marshal.

Body in Canal,

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Road and Thompson Road, in has been charged with Murder

The Harris County Sheriff's Office Homicide Unit took over the investigation and contacted the Harris County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit. After a two day search of the canal, the white Buick LaCrosse, with Jonathan Tisby's body inside, was located and recovered. Jonathan Tisby appeared to have suffered multiple gunshot wounds. The suspect, Fransha Brooks, 32 years of age

and booked into the Harris County Jail.

Fransha Monique Brooks, 32 is charge with Murder to be heard in the 180th District Court with bond pending. If anyone has any additional information regarding the Murder of Johnathan Tisby, they are asked to contact the Harris County Sheriff's Office Homicide Unit at 713.272.9100.



Authorities examine partially submerged white Buick with a body inside, in the canal at Jones Road and Thompson Road.

Judge Bates holds Bike Giveaway



Bike Giveaway at Baytown Courthouse

BAYTOWN, TEXAS- On Saturday, December 12, 2020, forty-five deserving students selected by their respective schools throughout Channelview ISD, Crosby ISD, Galena Park ISD, Goose Creek CISD, and Sheldon ISD, received bikes donated by Judge Lucia Bates and community leaders. "The children were excited to receive the early Christmas gift, and it was a delight to see them ride the bicycles in the parking lot as soon as they received them", stated Judge Bates.

Judge Lucia Bates is serving her first term as Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3, Place 2

Man charged in local wreck

CROSBY - A man was charged with intoxication manslaughter after a woman lost her life last

Sunday.
On January 17, at about 4:42 p.m., an unidentified white female, was driving north in a 2005 Chevrolet Trailblazer, and stopped at the four-way stop sign in the 10,000

Deputies tried to put

at the intersection of Barbers HIII Road and

Garth last Sunday at

a auto pedestrian

accident came in at

about the same time.

solve the mysteries of

Witness assistance was critical for deputies to

about 4:45 p.m.
Adding to the confusion

together what happened

bers Hill Rd. Suddenly, a gray 2020 Dodge Ram 2500, operated by Kelvin Currie, southbound ran the stop sign, and struck the Chevrolet as it was turning left.

The Chevrolet driver

woman attempted to turn left to travel west on Bar-

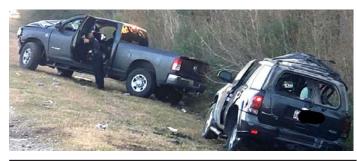
Witnesses say Currie attempted to leave the scene on foot without attempting to render aid or provide his information.

A witnesses followed Mr. Currie, and he was detained by responding deputies when they arrived.

Mr. Currie showed signs

block of Garth Rd.near FM died as a result of the of intoxication to deputies 1942. Appearantly the crash. of intoxication to deputies examining him following the fatal accident, and was later charged with intoxication manslaughter, and failure to stop and render

> This crash is being investigated by the Harris County Sheriff's Office-Vehicular Crimes Division.



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Cougars Lose,

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the less the Cougars kept the game tied 14 up until into the second quarter. It was then the Aledo team pulled away making 6 more touchdowns (TD's) to Crosby's 1 in the fourth quarter, beating Crosby 56-21.

The highly recruited Bearcat DeMarco Roberts made 6 rushing TD's, averaging 8 yards a carry. "He was the big play maker," Crosby coach Jerry Prieto said. Roberts was named Offensive MVP of the

game. The Cougs had TD's by quarterback Deniquez Dunn, wide receivers Reggie Branch and E'Monte Wilson, all three seniors, extra points were made by senior Trevor Helburg. Their offense made 369 yards to the Bearcats 615.



Cougar # 12 Jalen Herman, senior wide receiver scores games 1st touchdown on a 9 yard pass from quarterback Deniquez Dunn. (Allan Jamail photo/Star Courier)



Crosby #13 senior wide receiver E'Monte Wilson catches a Deniquez Dunn pass for a big gain. (Allan Jamail photo)



2020 - 2021 CROSBY COUGAR MASCOTS

The Crosby Cougar Mascots, Mr. Coper (left) and Ms. Cloe. On Friday, January 15, 2021 Coper and Cloe traveled with the varsity football team to the Dallas Cowboy Stadium to entertain and keep the fans motivated during the Cougars 5A Div 2 Region State Championship Game with the Aledo Bearcats. The mascots compete annually for their rosition. The 2020, 2021 mascots winners. Ine mascots compete annually for their position. The 2020 - 2021 mascot winners were, Kalee Rucka as Cloe the Cougar and Kaden Morris as Coper the Cougar. The names and information was provided by Amanda Rucka. The Cougars got the Runner-Up trophy. Bearcats 56 - Cougars 21. (Allan Jamaii photo)



CROSBY HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS – 2020-2021

Photos by Allan Jamail / Crosby Star Courier CUTLINE: The Crosby Cheerleaders was a part of the entourage going with the Crosby Cougars football varsity team to the Dallas Cowboy Stadium, Friday, January 15, 2021. The Cougars got the Runner-Up trophy for the 5A Div 2 Region State Championship Game with the Aledo Bearcats. Bearcats 56 - Cougars 21.

L-R: Summer Desselle JV(10), Taylor Destin V(11), Lauren Budd V-

Co-Captain (12),
Shan'ya Eagleton V(11), Haley Novak V(10), Mia Reid V(10), Lexi
Perez V(10), Allison Prince V(10), Jadyn Parkinson V(11), Cassie
Jacobson V(11), Madelyn Helburg JV(9), Katelyn Smith JV-Co-Capt.(9). Not pictured due to performing team duties: Autumn
Long V-CAPTAIN (12),

Lillian Leman V-Co-Captain (11) & Keedrian Griffin JV-Co-Capt. (9).

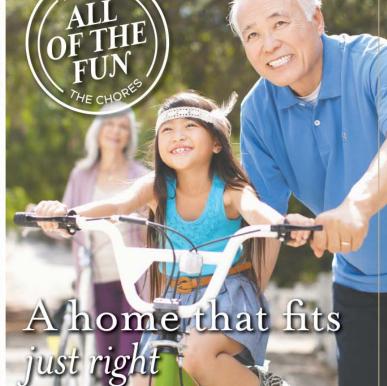
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OPINION



"Highlights" from the City of Houston Audit

The City of Houston is required by state law to file its annual audit (the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report or "CAFR") within six months of the end of its fiscal year, which is June 30. Every year the City takes full advantage of the time allotted to quietly release its audit over the holidays when the inevitable bad news will get little press coverage, a tactic particu-

Consistent with this long-standing practice, the City posted its audit in late December. There is much to unpack in this 420-page report, but here are some of the "highlights"

For the eighth time in the last decade, the City reported an operating deficit in its general fund. This year the deficit was \$180 million (p. 221-222) but would have been \$384 million higher had the City not deferred some of its pension expense by "spreading" investment losses over the next five years. (p. 114, et seq.) To be fair, I am sure the pension funds have recovered to some degree from their levels on June 30; however, they will still be well below the targets.

The City's pension expense (before deferrals) was \$917 million, which is the third year in a row since the 2017 pension "reform" that the expense was higher than it was before the "reform." (p. 117)

The City's total pension debt (including the deferrals for investments not performing according to assumptions) increased by \$847 million. (p.116-117)

The City "found" \$578 million in TIRZ assets that it claims had never been reported. (p. 133, Note 16). It, therefore, made an "adjustment" to add those assets to the books, which allowed the City to avoid the embarrassment of reporting its first ever general fund deficit in excess of \$1 billion.

City total revenues were up by 1.5%, but its expenses increased by 3.8%.

The property tax levy was up by 6.1%. (I'll bet you thought it was limited to inflation and population growth by the City charter.) (p. 239)

HPD recorded the fewest number of arrests in over 20 years. (p. 252)

The amount of asphalt used by the City to fix potholes fell by 87% (11,5071,526 tons). This is such an anomaly, I would assume this is some kind of error or change in the reporting method. (p. 252)

The City had 3,083 new water connections, the lowest number since

The City reported its first decline in population (a drop of roughly $5{,}000)$ since the 1980s.1 For the last four years, the City has grown at 0.3%annually, which is below the average for the U.S. (p. 245)

These "highlights" pretty well speak for themselves. We have not solved the City's pension problems. The City still has an enormous structural deficit. The City's growth has stalled.

The City of Houston is at an inflection point. We have seen what has happened to other great American cities when they ignored these kinds of trends. Houston is not immune from becoming another Detroit. Whether it



Twitter Deranged Our Politics

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UMN By Rich Lowry
Twitter Deranged Our Politics—Donald Trump was the president of Twitter. What radio was to Franklin Delano Roosevelt and TV was to Ronald Reagan, communicat-ing 280 characters at a time on a social media platform that is a watchword for hyperactive inanity was to President Trump. It is symbolically appropriate that the effective end of his power after the siege of the U.S. Capitol has coincided with the suspension of his Twitter account. He may well get impeached a second time, but for now, the punishment that really stings is Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey deciding after sitting down with his woke colleagues that Trump must pay the ultimate price for his post-election misinformation and agitation. This judgment is as arbitrary as Dorsey's worst critics would expect, and it will be impossible for Twitter to enforce anything resembling a consistent line following its Trump suspension (the plat-form didn't seem particularly exercised by all of the voices valorizing last summer's riots as an "uprising"). But there's no doubting Dors ev's power. He has rendered the president of the United States practically mute. Trump remains in the Oval Office and, in theory, commands the biggest megaphone on the planet. He could still make statements, hold press conferences, sit down for interviews or meet with his cabinet. In his reduced and isolated state, though, none of these options are as appealing as letting his



thumbs do his work for him one outlandish tweet at a time. Now that this avenue is foreclosed to him, he's less of a presence, even as the political world continues to be obsessed with him (in particular, the manner of his exit from office). It's not exactly a slow news environ-ment. Yet, without Trump's tweets stirring the pot at all times of the day, the nation's political debate feels a little ess fevered. Twitter is Exhibit A for Marshall McLuhan's axiom that the medium is the message. There is plenty of real-time commentary on Twitter. But that's not where the emotional center of gravity is, as one would expect of a platform built for instantaneous, unfiltered reactions. It's this aspect of Twitter that perfectly matched the president's proclivities. He found a natural home in an environment that encourages, and often rewards, snap judgements, insults, soon-to-be-forgotten pronouncements, grotesque oversimplifications and the spread of false or duhious information. Trump wasn't careful about what he said anywhere, but he reserved his most lurid and poisonous communications for Twitter. It was the place eas iest for him to, for instance, absurdly accuse Morning Joe host Joe Scarborough of murder or insult the looks of his

his erratic, easily distracted, and thoughtless governing style that he used Twitter as a tool of his administration. He warned foreign leaders, fired officials and made pronouncements on legislation on Twitter, often leaving allies and his own government baffled by what was supposed the line between "just a tweet" and an official order by the president of the United States. Twitter was an especially ready forum for airin conspiracy theories. Asked prior to the election about his giving credence to the lunatic idea that Navy SEAL Feam 6 had been assassinat ed, Trump shrugged and said it was only a retweet. In the wake of his election defeat. his Twitter feed become a nonstop source of bad infor mation dredged up from the worst corners of the internet. If Trump was the foremost offender, Twitter hasn't done us any favors in this period of our national life. It has fed moral panics and enabled cancellation mobs. It has exposed journalists who once made a pretense of objectivity as rank partisans. It has enticed once serious people into crowd-pleasing clownishness. It has made politicians dumber and cruder. It has dis torted political reality for people across the spectrum. It, in short, has helped derange our politics, with the former Tweeter-in-Chief leading the

alleged paramour Stormy

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review (c) 2020 by King Features Synd., Inc.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS **By Chris Cobler**



Observers welcome quiet Opening of Texas Legislature

The Texas Legislature opened quietly, which delighted everyone after the violence inside the U.S. Capitol the previous week.

At the Texas State Capitol, a variety of legislative agendas took center stage at the start of the 87th session, which will run 140 days. Gov. Greg Abbott's goals include ensuring Texans have access to high-quality healthcare, improving public safety, getting Texans back to work and promoting the state's economic recovery.

Many other state orga nizations announced their agendas, too:

• The Texas Farm Bureau outlined 11 priorities, starting with protecting property owners' rights under eminent domain law. Other legislative priorities include protecting land-owners and agricultural producers' rights to surface water and groundwater; legalizing reasonable chemical controls for feral hogs and maintaining all current legal methods of controlling feral hogs; and supporting efforts to install broadband and cellular infrastructure in underserved rural commu-

• Raise Your Hand Texas is focused on making sure public dollars remain in public schools. Some of those policy recommendations include protecting all investments made in 2019's House Bill 3, including the funding for full-day pre-kindergarten; ensuring federal stimulus dol-lars are used to increase public education funding; continuing to invest in students with the goal of reaching the national average in per-student funding; and opposing any form of taxpaver subsidies to private schools and vendors, such as tax credit scholarships, education savings accounts, vouchers for students in special ed-

· The Texas Alliance of Energy Producers will be working with lawmakers to avoid proposals to raise



taxes, impose new or higher fees, or shift additional regulatory costs onto the industry or mineral interest holders. The alliance also plans to participate in the Coalition for Critical Infrastructure to put forward reasonable solutions to address landowners concerns about eminent

domain. "This session will have some unique challenges due to COVID protocols and how the legislative process will be conducted," Farm Bureau President Russell Boening said. "It will be different, but what has not changed is the importance of making sure the voices of farm and ranch families are heard at the Capitol."

Raise Your Hand Texas officials said lawmakers can keep their promises to education despite the tight budget outlook.

"Even during this difficult budget cycle, the state has options to continue investing in and fully fund-ing public education. These options can give our schools the ability to provide the services our stu-dents need and to effectively implement targeted interventions for learning loss that occurred over the last year due to COVID-19," Raise Your Hand Texas wrote in a statement.

Jason Modglin, energy alliance president, encour aged lawmakers in search of revenue to consider whether all energy sources are paying as much as

oil and gas producers.

"Renewable energy projects in the state do not pay a severance tax to the state like we must do," Modglin wrote in Shalemag.com. "Those arguing Texas and the U.S. should fully transition to renewable energy sources have offered no plan for how they will fund schools, roads and water infrastructure in the same way oil and gas severance taxes do. For example, electric vehicles are currently not required to pay for the use of roads like gasoline and diesel vehicles must."

CONNECTING RURAL **TEXAS**

Regular readers of "Capital Highlights" know of readers' high interest in improving the access to high-speed internet for ru-ral Texans. Connected Nation Texas recently asked lawmakers to offer their

thoughts on the need. "Many of the counties I represent do not have a hospital or even a doctor, and broadband can help bridge the healthcare gap these rural residents face," said Sen. Charles Perry, a Republican representing

West Texas' District 28. Connected Nation Texas does not do any lobbying for legislation, but state program director Jennifer Harris said she anticipated many lawmakers would try to offer solutions this session.

Sen. Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville, and Rep. Trent Ashby, R-Lufkin, have announced their intent to file legislation aimed at expanding access. They said their bill would "affirm the state's commit-ment to closing the digital divide for Texans who lack either access to internet service or the means to subscribe to the services offered in their communi-

"The coronavirus pandemic has underscored the need for reliable access to the internet and exposed the breadth of ways in which connectivity impacts daily life," Ashby said in a statement. "It's my hope that passage of this bill will ensure our state is serious about working to make 21st century investments in favor of economic development, education, healthcare, public safety and the many other industries which benefit from connectivity."

The upcoming legislation includes:

• Creation of a broadband development office within the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

 A broadband development program funded by the newly established broadband development account.

· Establishment of a broadband development map to be updated regularly and published by the of-

The development within a year of a statewide



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ERNEST TODD ROSS

Ernest Todd Ross passed away in Pasadena, Texas on January 3rd, 2021. Ernest Todd Ross is preceded in death by his Mother Theresa Flo Ross in February of 2020

in February of 2020.
Ernest Todd Ross is survived by his Sons Ernest Paul Ross of Houston, Texas, Ernest Todd Ross of Bessemer, Alabama, and Josha Walker of Wheeling, West Virginia; Father Ernest Delbert Ross; Sister Tara Erna Neal and husband Mark; Grandson Cristan and Grand Daughters Calie and Amelia.

Ernest Todd Ross was born in Steubenville, Ohio



in June of 1962. He graduated from C.E. King High School in Houston in 1978. Mr. Ross had a varied

working career in the Oil Field Services, as a Painter, a Carpenter, Blinds Installer and Telemarketing. He will be missed deeply by his Family.

Future remembrance services are pending.

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DAVID HENRY WALTS

David Henry Walts was welcomed into Heaven on January 3, 2021, at Memorial Herman Hospital in Humble, Texas. He was the loving Husband of Dorothy Ann (Zycha) Walts. David was born, baptized in Ben Hur, Texas, and confirmed at Saint Leo the Great Church in Houston, Texas.

Married to Dorothy Zycha at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Crosby,
Texas on June 29th 1974,
and Spent 50 wonderful
years of marriage with his
wife Dottie. David was a
loving person and his passion in life was caring for
his wife Dottie and his extended family and animals.
David loved hunting, fishing and playing his guitar.
David was also known for

his sense of humor and always had a smile for everyone. David enjoyed life and the get togethers with friends and relatives. He personally like to tell jokes to make people laugh and smile.

He was preceded in

death by his parents, father Henry Walts and mother Bertha Walts. David was survived by his wife Dorothy Walts, his brother Jim Walts, his sister Janelle Morgan. He was also survived by a large Zycha family and will certainly be missed by his many in-laws, nieces and nephews, who he shared many good times.

Friends are invited to visit with the family on Wednesday, January 13,

2021, beginning at 10 am, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 915 Runneburg Rd, Crosby, Texas 77532. A rosary will follow at 10:30 am. A funeral mass will be held at 11 am with a burial immediately following in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Gulf Pump Road (1942), Barrett, Texas 77532

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JENNIFER P. "JENNY" MCKINNEY

HUGHES SPRINGS—Jennifer Lea Posey McKinney was born on August 10th, 1961 to Buddie and Shirley Posey in Houston, TX. She died peacefully in her home on Sunday, January 17th, 2021 after a ten year battle with breast cancer. Jenny's battle with cancer was marked by her devotion to the Lord, His word, and His church. She spent the last several days of her life surrounded by friends and family who she loved very much.

Jenny was raised in Channel view, TX along with her three sisters. Jenny sang in the choir, was a Channelette and graduated third in her class. Buddie and Shirley filled their home with love and laughter, and the four Shirley girls lived a very full and wonderful childhood together full of music, horses, dancing, water skiing, camping, and family road trips. Jenny, her parents, and her sisters were faithful attendees of Old River Terrace United Methodist Church. She came to know Jesus as Savior at age 11, and her mother and the church were instrumental in her growth as a young Christian. Jenny attended San Jacinto College after graduating from high school; she had a part time job at CornDog 7, where she met Stephen McKinney. They were married on January 24th, 1981 at Old River Terrace United Methodist Church.

Steve and Jenny lived and raised their family in Hughes Springs, TX. It was Jenny's greatest joy to be a wife and mother. Despite multiple miscarriages, God gave her and Steve three beautiful children - Chris, Cara, and Clay. Jenny loved her Hughes Springs community and was very involved at First Baptist Hughes Springs and taught multiple Sunday School groups and TeamKids. She was a part of the church choir for many vears and loved to sing praises to her God, both at church and at home. It was very important to her that she and her family were involved in church together. She worked diligently to stay in touch with all her extended family and keep up with their wants, needs and happenings. After her children left her home, she invested much of her time in Jenny's Hope. Jenny's Hope was a ministry that was named

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in her honor and gave her great joy and a new opportunity to meet new people and serve their needs in the name of Jesus.

needs in the name of Jesus.

Jenny was a "knower". Her quick mind kept up with details that served her in her work and personal life. Those around her came to depend upon her knowing. Combined with her loving servant heart, her joy and contagious laugh, her commitment to seek the best in others and to speak truth, Jen was a powerful force that God used to bless those with whom she connected.

Jenny was diagnosed with

breast cancer on December 16th

2010. Throughout her battle with cancer, she was never afraid of the fight. She always believed that her fight with cancer was a way to show others how to live a life of faith. God was her strength and comfort during the battle, and she wanted others to know that. Despite her cancer diagnosis, Jenny lived a very full life for the last 10 years. All three of her children are married, and she was blessed with three beautiful grandchildren. Becoming "JenJen" was an added joy to her life, a joy that she at times was not sure she would receive. She spent many days traveling, laughing and making memories with her husband, children, grandchildren, sisters, and extended family.

sisters, and extended family.

Jenny's battle with cancer ended on January 17th. Even to the end of her life, Jenny's prayer was that throughout this trial her God would be glorified. She proclaimed the name of Jesus and spent time praying and singing with her family. It was most evident to her and her family that the peace and strength of God was with them. She and her family understood that when she

left this earth, she would see the face of Jesus and be healed. Her family rejoices in her healing, and the promise that they one day too will be reunited with her and her Savior.

Jenny is survived by her loving husband Stephen McKinney: son, Chris McKinney (Keisha) of DeQueen, Arkansas and their son Joshua; daughter, Cara Carrington (Kevin) of Lowell, Arkansas and their children Molly and Sophie; son, Clay McKinney (Emily) of Conway, Arkansas; sister, Deborah Posey of Hous-ton, TX; sister, Kathryn Posey and her daughter Gracie (Ian) of Channelview, TX; sister, Malinda Zamarripa (Robert) of Pittsburg, TX and their children Faith, Hope, and Matthew; mother-in-law, Betty McKinney of Hughes Springs, TX; sister-in-law Brenda Sellers (Greg) of League City, TX and their children Brent (Katie) and Sean (Lacey); sister-in-law Elizabeth Meyer (Danny) of New Boston, TX and their son Luke; brother $in\text{-law Greg McKinney }(Mary)\, of \,$ Hughes Springs, TX and their children Jarrod (Brittany), Ryan (Mariah), and Chad (Katelyn); brother-in-law Jeff McKinney (Janie) of Hughes Springs, TX and their children Kurt (Ashley), Julie (Casev), and Blake (Alisha); and numerous other aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews. Jenny was preceded in death by her father, Buddie Posey; mother, Shirley Posey; father-in-law, L Ray McKinney; and brother-in-law, Mike Well-

Services will be 2:00 p.m.

Services will be 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at
First Baptist Church with Bro.
Joseph Adams and Bro. Daniel
Bramlett officiating. Burial will
follow at Hughes Springs Cemetery under the direction of
Reeder-Davis Funeral Home in
Hughes Springs. Mrs. McKinney
will lie in state from 12:00 noon
until service time Wednesday at
the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The American Cancer Society: https://donate3.cancer.org/ or Cypress Basin Hospice: https://cbhospice.org/get-involved/do-

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GALENA PARK ISD STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2020

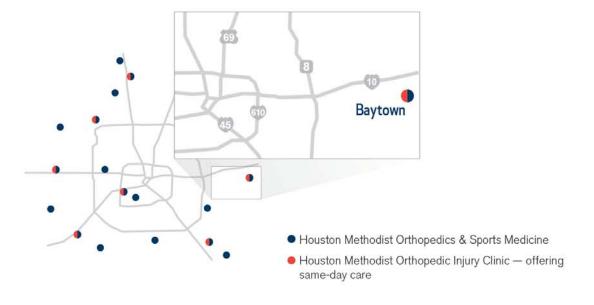
Data Control Codes		General Fund	D	ebt Service Fund	Caj	pital Projects Fund		Nonmajor overnmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	Revenues								
5700	Local, intermediate, and out-of-state	\$ 111,740,914	S	31,413,264	\$	1,631,862	S	2,373,821	\$ 147,159,861
5800	State program revenues	122,034,474		283,255				3,942,984	126,260,713
5900	Federal program revenues	4,791,222	_	21 (0) (10	_	1 (21 0/2	_	31,859,818	36,651,040
5020	Total revenues	238,566,610	_	31,696,519	_	1,631,862	_	38,176,623	310,071,614
	Expenditures								
	Current:								
0011	Instruction	118,862,521						14,627,990	133,490,511
0012	Instructional resources and media services	2,362,142						19,991	2,382,133
0013	Curriculum and instructional staff development	4,248,768						3,020,798	7,269,566
0021	Instructional leadership	6,397,613						649,510	7,047,123
0023	School leadership	16,220,237						95,466	16,315,703
0031	Guidance, counseling and evaluation services	7,826,500						544,744	8,371,244
0032	Social work services	592,562						438,267	1,030,829
0033	Health services	1,924,924						295,950	2,220,874
0034	Student transportation	9,263,598						242,534	9,506,132
0035	Food services	287,316						14,194,248	14,481,564
0036	Extracurricular activities	3,865,300						1,218,900	5,084,200
0041	General administration	9,310,128						58,641	9,368,769
0051	Facilities maintenance and operations	30,515,910						1,304,871	31,820,781
0052	Security and monitoring services	3,980,016						1,00,00	3,980,016
0053	Data processing services	5,124,229				-		26,430	5,150,659
0061	Community services	1,444,557						717,011	2,161,568
0001	Debt service:	1,444,557		-				/1/,011	2,101,500
0071	Principal on long-term debt	344,957		14,886,608					15,231,565
0071	Interest on long-term debt	10,400		17,363,092				~	17,373,492
0072	Bond issuance costs and fees	10,400		17,363,092		934,865			1,080,738
0075				143,673		934,803			1,080,730
2001	Capital outlay:								
0081	Facilities acquisition and construction	2 000 (81				25 452 203			24 700 07
	expenditures	3,909,681				32,879,293		•	36,788,974
0003	Intergovernmental:								
0093	Payments related to shared							*****	205.14
2000	services arrangements	1.042.200						395,167	395,167
0099	Payments to appraisal district	1,043,300	_		_	*	_		1,043,300
6030	Total Expenditures	227,534,659	_	32,395,573	_	33,814,158	_	37,850,518	331,594,908
1100	Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	11,031,951	_	(699,054)	_	(32,182,296)	_	326,105	(21,523,294
	Other Financing Sources (Uses)								
7911	Refunding bonds issued			14,850,000					14.850,000
7911	Capital-related debt issued (regular bonds)					92,760,000			92,760,000
7912	Sale of real and personal property	73,160						12,678	85,838
7916	Premium on issuance of bonds			1,546,886		13,174,865		-	14,721,751
8940	Payment to bond refunding escrow agent			(16,252,175)					(16,252,175
7080	Total other financing sources and uses	73,160	Ξ	144,711	Ξ	105,934,865	Ξ	12,678	106,165,414
1200	Net change in fund balance	11,105,111		(554,343)		73,752,569		338,783	84,642,120
0100	Fund Balance - beginning	166,473,183		10,442,380		32,217,212		5,357,445	214,490,220
1300	Prior period adjustment	100,173,103		-9,774,000				302,035	302.035

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Your proposal should be surprising, but it shouldn't come directly out of left field. Before you pull a ring out, have a good idea how your partner will respond. "Will you marry me?" shouldn't be your first discussion on the subject.

RULES OF THE ENGAGEMENT (RING)

Here's where a little bit of effort goes a long way. The history of the diamond as an engagement ring first became popular in the 1930's, but the idea of an engagement ring has been around for centuries. If you're still deciding on a diamond engagement ring, consider doing some window shopping with your partner prior to making a purchase. If you want to keep things more secretive, talk to your partner's friends and family to get a feel for their taste.

Another option is to use a stand-in ring for the proposal. Perhaps you can use their great grand-mother's diamond engagement ring, and then take your partner shopping later. (A trusted jeweler can tell you everything you need to know about how to buy a diamond and will take the time to help educate both of you).

PEACE-OF-MIND

Do your homework before buying the engagement ring. Most importantly, find a jeweler you trust. And, since you're making such a big investment, make sure you insure the ring as soon as you purchase it. Your knowledgeable jeweler should be willing and able to discuss this with you. One option is that you may be able to insure it for an additional cost under your homeowner's or tenant's insurance policy.

ASK PERMISSION, NOT FORGIVENESS

Before you take a knee, take the time to speak with your partner's parents first. Asking permission is a tradition carried since the Roman times, and it's a great way to make a good impression on your future in-laws.

BE CREATIVE

This is your chance to shine. A good jeweler should have several ideas that will help you to be creative when "popping the question". You could also use modern technology for a Twitter proposal. No matter what you do, just put your heart into it. Here are a few ideas to get your started:

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

Propose via video or in person from an extreme location - atop a mountain, while skydiving, or on the shores of a romantic and faraway beach.

SPREAD THE NEWS

Your partner will most likely handle this for you, but make sure to share the big news with people you know. You might also consider sending out an engagement announcement.

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You did it! Consider toasting your engagement with a night on the town, a glass of bubbly or a celebration with friends and family.

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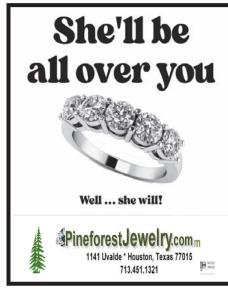
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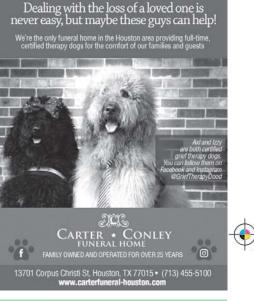
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