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## CHANNEL CURRENTS

### Drive-Thru Food Distribution Sat. April 9

State Rep. Ana Hernandez announces a Free Food Distribution event on Saturday, April 9 starting at 10am. At the Jacinto City Town Center, 1025 Oates Road.

Event is a Drive-thru, please stay in your vehicle and volunteers will place food in your trunk.

### Rotary Cake & Bake Apr 14

GP/JC Rotary club will hold a Bake Potato Lunch and a Cake Auction in one combined event.

Thursday, April 14 from 10am to 12noon for lunch, and from 12noon to 1pm for the Cake Auction.

The public is invited, at the Jacinto City Town Center, 1025 Oates Road, Jacinto City. Potato Lunch \$10. Info Maria at 713-539-8021.

### NS Rotary FISH FRY May 14th

North Shore Rotary Club is holding their 47th Annual Catfish Fry & Crawfish Boil, Raffle, and Live and Silent Auctions on Saturday, May 14 at the Rotary Pavilion on Wallisville..

Tickets are \$100 each, and include 2 meals and a chance in the Raffle. They are available now from all North Shore Rotarians, and many businesses.

Grand Prize in the Raffle is a new 2022 Toyota car or truck. There are also 20 additional prizes, plus a delicious Fish Fry platter.

## Channelview parade celebrates FFA and LL events

By Allan Jamail

On Saturday, April 2, 2022, Channelview, TX. The Channelview High School had their annual FFA parade followed by the livestock animals and chicken auctions. The parade was filled with school floats made by the students. Suzanne Hutchins, Channelette Dance Team Director and FFA Parade Chairman said this year's parade included 21 Little League floats.

Harris Co Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia who was in the front of the parade on a small motorcycle said, "What a fantastic experience we all had at the Channelview ISD Parade! In addition to the massive turnout from CVISD's amazing Future Farmers of America pro-



ABOVE: Grand Marshalls — The Marvin Maybin Family & Retired Channelview Ag Teacher's Family. The Grand Marshall was The Marvin Maybin Family in memory of Marvin Maybin, the Former FFA Advisor from 1977-2000 who passed away in October of 2021.

LEFT: Channelview ISD Superintendent Dr. Tory C. Hill & School Board Members RIGHT: Justice of the Peace Lucia Bates precinct 3 place 2 (All Photos by Allan Jamail)



gram, Channelview Little League showed up in force as well. It was great to visit with the students, little leaguers, veterans, first responders, and Channelview residents young and old. It was a beautiful day for an event in the heart of the community, and I look forward to joining in the fun for many years to come."

Some but now all of the parade participants were: Constables - clearing the roads, Channelview Fire Department, Channelview High School ROTC, 2021-22 Steady Soulz, Channelview Channelettes Dance Team, Channelview Falcon Marching Band, AJJH LOTC – Anthony Hill, Aguirre Belles, FFA Office-

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## GP Soccer Twins sign - Together at Trinity Valley

By Allan Jamail

Galena Park, TX. ~ April 1, 2022, Galena Park High School celebrated "The Twins" two senior Lady Yellowjacket soccer team players signing for full college scholarships with Trinity Valley Community College. Leslie and Larisa Vasquez are twin sisters and were born in Houston, Texas, but were raised in El Salvador until the age of 9. They returned to the US and enrolled into Galena Park ISD where they began to participate in athletics.

The Twins played volleyball, basketball, and ran track in middle school, but also played soccer outside of school. When they made it to high school Leslie played JV volleyball and basketball, and lettered in soccer; Larisa played freshman volleyball, and lettered in basketball and soccer as a



Head Coach Alejandra Cruz, Leslie Vasquez, Dr. Kimberly D. Martin, Larisa Vasquez & Assistant Coach Brittany Bray. (Photo by Linda Jamail)



sophomore.

At the beginning of their junior year they decided to dedicate their time to soccer with the hopes of earning an athletic soccer scholarship. During their varsity soccer career, Leslie played defense and had 70 game appearances; Larisa played center mid-

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TEAM PHOTO: Top Row: Head Coach Cruz, Kelly Fernandez, Alessandra Garcia, Allison Flores, Mariah Garza, Crystal Nieto, Zeltzin Martinez & Assistant Coach Bray.

Middle Row: Alexa Garcia, Clarissa Perez, Linda Vazquez, Estefany Morales, Melanie Cortes, Martiza Sanchez, Lidia Luna, Teresa Diaz, Genesis Heinaman & Sarahi Jacome.

Bottom Row: Iris Garcia, Larisa Vasquez, Leslie Vasquez, Vianka Nieto, Arely Montemayor, Lizbeth Aguirre, Idalis Hurtado, Joselin Hernandez & Emily Zamora. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

## GP/JC Rotary Cake Auction will benefit Ukraine

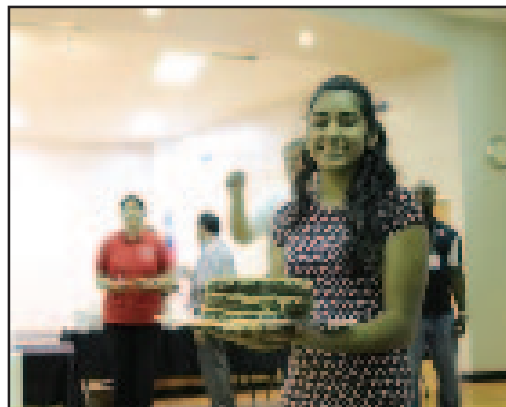
*Public invited to Cake Auction and Baked Potato Lunch April 14*

By Jennifer Ledwith

Houston, Texas April 14 2022—Volunteers and supporters will gather on Thursday, April 14 at the Jacinto City Town Center Community Building to raise money for scholarships for Galena Park ISD seniors and medical supplies for Ukrainians. This event, spearheaded by the Rotary Club of Galena Park and Jacinto City, will sell stuffed baked potatoes at an event that will culminate in a cake auction.

In recent years, students from the Galena Park High School culinary arts program, along with Rotarian Maria Cortez-Ochoa and other community members, have baked tres leches cakes, chocolate cakes, and other sweet treats for the cake auction. The last cake auction – held in 2019 – helped fund about 18 scholarships.

Additionally, this is not the club's first foray into fundraising for interna-



tional relief. In prior years, the baked potato sale raised thousands of dollars for a Torreón, Mexico clinic that treats children who have been diagnosed with spina bifida. This year, proceeds from the baked potato sale will be donated to medical supplies for Ukraine via Medical Bridges, an organization in its 25th year distributing medical donations across the world.

The baked potato lunch (served with BBQ brisket, sour cream, butter, and cheese) costs \$10 and will be served from 10 am to 1 pm. The cake auction will begin at 12 pm.

**LOCATION 1025 Oates Rd, Jacinto City, Texas 77029**

About Rotary Club of Galena Park and Jacinto City

The Rotary Club of Galena Park and Jacinto City has always been deeply involved in the community. Beginning with the planting of 100 trees in 1954-55, community involvement has remained the center of the club's fundraising. This currently includes funding college scholarships for Galena Park High School seniors (annually totaling more than \$15,000); food drives at Thanksgiving and Christmas; and school supplies and backpacks for area students. In addition to supporting medical relief for Ukrainians, the club also supports Asociación Pro-Infancia Neurogénica, a spina bifida clinic, in Torreón, Mexico.

Whether we serve the local or international community, our motto is simple: Service above self. To learn more about the Rotary Club of Galena Park and Jacinto City, visit <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/3929/>.

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# SHELDON ISD NEWS

## Week of April 1, 2022

## Sheldon celebrates students and educator of the month

On April 1, the North Area Chamber of Commerce held a luncheon and recognized Sheldon ISD Students of the Month and an Educator of the Month. Principals at both middle schools and the high school selected one student to be recognized and recipients were invited to the luncheon along with their families.

**King Middle School - eighth grad-  
er Nayeli Maldonado**

She is dedicated to her academics through the STEM program. In fifth grade she raised \$15,000 for the Houston Zoo through the STEM Fair. Teachers describe her as diligent, punctual, attentive and responsive.

**Null Middle School - seventh grader Vanessa Ramirez**

She is in the STEM program, a track athlete and involved in UIL theater.





CHARLOTTE'S WEB

By Charlotte Jackson



## Teamwork

When we watch a sporting event, we often realize that there are a few “standout” players but when the victory celebration is held, all team members are honored. When a school receives a state honor as being exemplary or recognized, everyone celebrates. When the Rotary Club of North Shore has another successful fundraiser, it is the result of all of the Rotarians who have sold tickets to their Annual Catfish Fry and Crawfish Boil, as well as those who have solicited and donated items for the live auction as well as the silent auction. It is also a success for those who work for Commissioner Garcia and do an amazing job keeping the Rotary Pavilion well maintained as well as the landscaping being routinely cared for.

When something as amazing as what happened last Friday at San Jacinto College North happens, it is teamwork. What happened? Over a decade ago, a small group of individuals began to meet monthly on the first Friday of each month. They began to pray for one another as well as pray for the community. The group is known as Houston Eastside Prayer Gathering and over the years, the composition of the group has changed with each new addition of one more person hungry to see change in our community.

Shortly before Jazmine Barnes was murdered in December, 2018 the group was invited by Constable Eagleton to meet at the substation located on Dell Dale. During the coverage of Jazmine’s murder, more and more people were calling for changes in the community as well as changes in the hearts of the young people. After Congresswoman Shelia Jackson Lee and others held a rally on Wallisville, it was determined that the location for the next prayer gathering needed a larger location and the meeting was moved to the Channelview Fire Station, just down the road from the Constable’s station. And as anticipated, there was a larger than normal crowd who showed up to pray. The group has continued to meet, with the location rotating from Judge Stephens’ courtroom to the LaQuinta Inn on the Beltway. Multiple churches have opened their doors for the group to meet over the years.

While the event is open to anyone who is wanting to join together for praise and worship, some people who have not been raised in a church environment are more likely to show up at an event held in a non-traditional venue. Perhaps by the administration of San Jacinto College North hosting the group to meet outdoors, there were some who felt a little more welcome to attend.

It’s all about teamwork. Over the years, we have all voiced concerns about the rise in violence in our community, the lack of involvement of parents in their children’s lives, the lack of respect for authority and so much more. Rarely can you get on social media without seeing neighbors complaining about everything that is wrong. Yet, I want to invite each of you to be a part of something bigger. I want to invite YOU to come out next month on the first Friday at 7 p.m. to pray for the community and find others to join with to make a difference. For more information, please contact Bob Jones at HEPGprays@gmail.com

## Soccer Twins sign together,

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field and had 52 game appearances. Leslie received 2nd Team All District and an Honorable Mention during the 2021 season. Larisa received 2nd Team all district and academic all district during the 2021 season. Through consistent hard-work, perseverance, and commitment, the sisters were both offered a full ride athletic scholarship to Trinity Valley Community College to join the Women’s Cardinal Soccer program.

Head Coach Cruz said, “Trinity Valley (TV) will be a great fit for the twins, offering a variety of academic programs. Although the women’s soccer team is new, this will give Leslie and Larisa the opportunity to be part of the foundation that will build the women’s soccer program. The twins thanked TV’s Cardinal’s head Coach Antonio Ledesma for the incredible opportunity.” Soccer is just beginning at the junior college, Coach Ledesma was named head soccer coach of both men’s and women’s soccer in July 2021 and he’s the first coach in history at TV

Coach Cruz stated in this 2021-2022 season, the Galena Park Girls Soccer team fell short in making to the playoffs by two losses, however, the girls soccer program is growing, especially with the start of the middle school intramural soccer program. They’re losing 8 seniors and have 11 returning varsity players.

Head Coach Cruz has been playing soccer since the age of 4. She played varsity soccer at North Shore Senior High, receiving District MVP her junior and senior year. She led the soccer club team at the University of Houston for 4 years, and started her career at GPHS in the fall

of 2017. She started with the boys soccer program as an assistant coach, then took over the girls program in the fall of 2018. She says she loves coaching at GPHS because she is given the opportunity to coach student-athletes filled with passion for the sport who are always ready to put in 110% into practices, games, and their academics. In addition she works alongside a great coaching and administration staff. Besides coaching she teaches Anatomy & Physiology.

Assistant Coach Bray played soccer for over 10 years and graduated from La Porte High School where she lettered in soccer. She then attended Prairie View A&M. She’s taught and coached in Spring ISD for 3 years, then moved to Galena Park ISD in 2016 to teach 6th grade English Language Arts at Galena Park’s middle school. In 2019 she became the girl’s soccer assistant coach; she has a passion for excellence and loves the positive relationships that come from coaching.

Galena Park High School Principal Dr. Kimberly Martin is a graduate of GPHS and she’s served in education for 17 plus years. She received a Bachelor’s degree from the University of Houston, Master’s degree from the University of Houston-Clear Lake, and Doctorate degree from Texas A&M University. She’s received the following commendations and more not listed, 2003 GPISD Secondary Rookie Teacher of the Year, 2011 GPISD Secondary Teacher of the Year, 2012 Region 4 Secondary Teacher of the Year and 2015 GPISD Secondary Assistant Principal of the Year.

## ASK DIAMOND JIM

### Diamond Jim: What is the Gemological Institute of America (GIA)?

The Gemological Institute of America, or GIA, is a nonprofit institute dedicated to research and education in the field of gemology and the jewelry arts. Founded in 1931, GIA’s mission is to protect all buyers and sellers of gemstones by setting and maintaining the standards used to evaluate gemstone quality. In 1953 the GIA developed its International Diamond Grading System and the Four Cs (cut, clarity, color, and carat weight) as a standard to compare and evaluate the quality of diamonds.



Today, the institute is headquartered in Carlsbad, California and operates out of 13 countries, with 11 campuses, 9 laboratories and 4 research centers worldwide.

GIA is actively engaged in research to advance the science of gemology. Historically, research has focused on developing methods and technologies to accurately identify and characterize gems. This research has produced significant advances in the ability to differentiate gems and identify simulants (particularly diamond simulants). GIA was also responsible for the first modern diamond grading reports, where it introduced grading methodologies for diamond color and diamond clarity.

The GIA Laboratory provides a variety of gem grading and identification reports. Diamond grading reports for unmounted natural and synthetic diamonds determine their key characteristics: color, clarity, cut and carat weight. GIA issues two types of reports, the more complete being the Diamond Grading Report (a briefer and less expensive version is called a Diamond Dossier). The reports contain a number of measurements, including of carat weight as well as a diagram of where and what types of inclusions are located in the diamond. Diamond grading reports are now demanded by most consumers purchasing diamonds over a certain size, typically for over 0.5 carat (100 mg), and almost always for over 1.0 carat (200 mg) and are considered an important tool in guaranteeing that a diamond is accurately represented to a potential buyer.

GIA offers several programs and courses online through an interactive eLearning format, and through its 12 campus locations around the world. The institute also offers corporate training programs and works with trade organizations worldwide to provide technical training in gemstones and jewelry.

The Graduate Gemologist (G.G.) diploma offers a comprehensive education in gemology. Graduates of the program receive the Graduate Gemologist diploma as well as Graduate Diamonds and Graduate Colored Stones diplomas. Students can also earn an Accredited Jewelry Professional diploma with the addition of one more course, which can also be taken independently. The Graduate Pearls diploma program provides a comprehensive foundation in pearl identification and grading.

Additionally, GIA’s Carlsbad campus offers several programs in jewelry arts. The Applied Jewelry Arts Program (AJA) diploma covers jewelry design, wax carving, mold making, casting and CAD/CAM. The Graduate Jeweler diploma program teaches the fabrication, repair and stone setting skills to become a professional bench jeweler. Other jewelry arts classes are held on campus in Carlsbad and New York.

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

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OPINION

By U.S. Senator JOHN CORNYN



## Cornyn Travels to Poland, Germany

The group of 10 senators visited U.S. troops and met with military leaders, Ukrainian civil society, refugees and NGOs, and U.S. State Department personnel.

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) returned from a congressional delegation (CODEL) to Poland and Germany this weekend. The delegation included Senators Joni Ernst (R-IA), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Susan Collins (R-ME), Jerry Moran (R-KS), Angus King (I-ME), Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), Steve Daines (R-MT), Jacky Rosen (D-NV), and Roger Marshall (R-KS).

“Poland, Germany, and really all of our NATO allies in Europe have been heroic in their response. It was heartwarming to see how they have opened their hearts, doors, and homes to the women and children, the elderly and infirm trying to make their way out of Ukraine for safety,” said Sen. Cornyn. “Ukrainians are showing great courage, but one thing we heard is that they need more humanitarian relief and weapons to defend themselves and their country. We ought to provide the Ukrainians what we know they need, and that was a subject of intense questioning and discussion during our visit.”

Yesterday, Sen. Cornyn joined Fox News’ America’s Newsroom to discuss the trip and future support for Ukraine.

**Background:**

The bipartisan delegation engaged with military leaders from United States Army Europe-Africa (USAREUR-AF) in Wiesbaden, Germany about the United States’ and NATO alliances’ commitment to freedom over tyranny. Sen. Cornyn had the opportunity to thank Texans serving overseas in Germany.

From there, the delegation met with U.S. officials in Berlin at the U.S. Embassy to get an up-to-date brief on American-German long-term economic and security cooperation goals

In Berlin, the group of bipartisan senators discussed our continued security partnership with German State Secretary of the Federal Foreign Office Andreas Michaelis. The members met with German Parliamentarians over dinner in Berlin.

The next day, the senators had a security briefing with U.S. Army leadership in Poland and learned more about their effort to assist and deter Russia from further aggression. The military leaders then led a roundtable discussion with the senators, NATO allied military leaders, and non-government organizations (NGOs) helping with the humanitarian needs in Ukraine and throughout Europe.

The bipartisan delegation visited a refugee processing center near the Ukrainian-Polish border where they saw firsthand how organizations are working with the Polish military and government to care for Ukrainians who’ve fled their homes.

The final stop in Poland was a discussion with members of Ukrainian civil society. This included a group of passionate women who provided a clear message to the senators: Ukraine needs more military and lethal aid to win this fight. Sen. Cornyn discussed his Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act during this meeting as an additional effort to support Ukraine with military equipment. Included in the meeting were State Department officials originally stationed at Embassy Kyiv.

On the last day of the CODEL, the 10 senators visited a U.S. Army base in Grafenwohr, Germany. They received a firsthand briefing of the military mission, met with constituents from each of the states represented on the CODEL, and saw the might of the U.S. Army in action.

The bipartisan CODEL returned to the United States late on Sunday, March 20.

Senator John Cornyn, a Republican from Texas, is a member of the Senate Finance, Intelligence, and Judiciary Committees.

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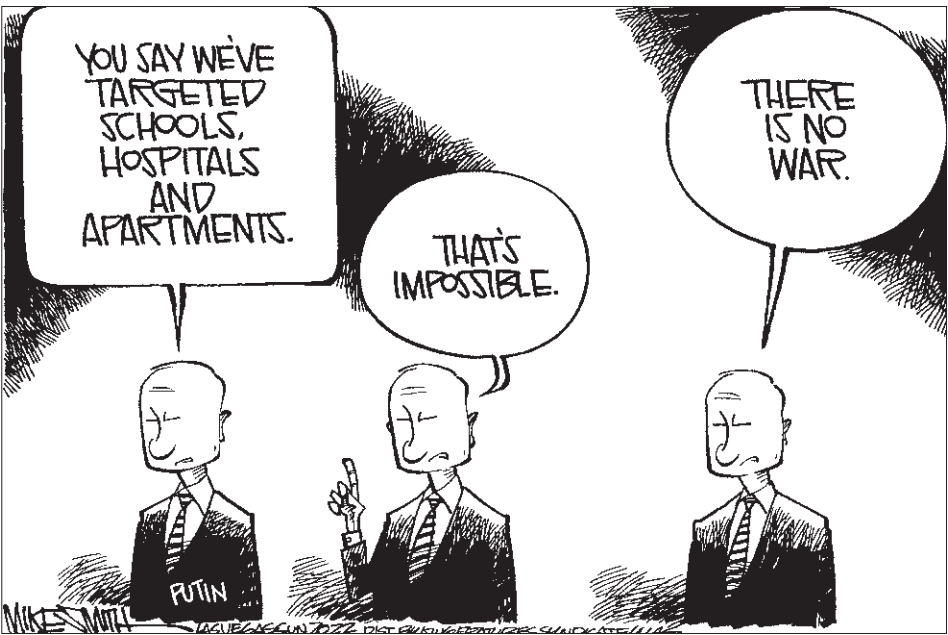
LETTERS

To The Editor

To The Editor,

Thanks so much for the coverage of my chairmanship for the upcoming “March of Dimes March for Babies!” It’s a great cause and I’m happy to be involved. And I Love being featured in my hometown paper!

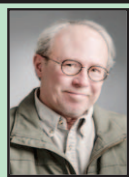
---Jeanna Bamberg  
CEO HCA Healthcare Southeast



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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



## Wildfire risk remains high in much of state

Much of the state remains at considerable risk for wildfires through this week, largely because of higher-than-usual temperatures and drought conditions. More than 40% of the state is suffering extreme drought conditions, according to the [U.S. Drought Monitor](#). Nearly the entire state is in some form of drought, with much of the Panhandle, High Plains and west central Texas most at risk.

Nearly 123,000 acres in Texas have burned in March alone, according to Texas A&M Forest Service. Earlier this month, more than 54,000 acres burned in Eastland County, between Fort Worth and Abilene. A sheriff’s deputy died while trying to rescue others from that blaze.

A fast-moving fire forced Medina County residents near Medina Lake to evacuate on Saturday, according to the San Antonio Express-News. That blaze reportedly started with a vehicle fire and quickly covered nearly 1,000 acres.

Climate change is playing a role in this hot and dry spring, John Nielsen-Gammon, the state climatologist, told the Texas Tribune.

“There are enhanced chances of warmer-than-normal weather for literally the foreseeable future because of the combination of La Niña and climate change,” Nielsen-Gammon said.

La Niña is a weather pattern that occurs in the Pacific Ocean. It typically brings colder, wetter weather to the Northwest and drier, hotter conditions in Texas and the South.

### INSURANCE TIPS AFTER SPRING STORMS

It’s spring storm season. More than two dozen tornadoes swept through Central and East Texas early last week, damaging about 1,000 homes from Round Rock, north of Austin, to Gilmer in Northeast Texas.



The Texas Department of Insurance is available to provide contact information for insurance companies to homeowners and businesses and can also help with questions about how to file a claim. Its Help Line —800-252-3439 — is staffed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

TDI advises folks to report property damage as soon as possible to their insurance agent or company. Other tips:

- Take pictures and video of the damage. Don’t throw away anything until the insurance adjuster tells you.
- Make temporary repairs, such as covering broken windows and removing standing water.
- Don’t make permanent repairs before the adjuster sees the damage.

### TPW AWARDS \$12.5 MILLION IN PARK GRANTS

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission last week awarded more than \$12.5 million in grants to enhance and expand outdoor recreational spaces at 26 community parks statewide. The money is provided on a 50/50 match and is used to create more nature trails, native gardens, playgrounds, dog parks and athletic fields.

Money was awarded in three categories: cities with more than 500,000 population, cities with less than 500,000 population and towns of less than 20,000

population. A complete list of grant recipients can be found at [tpwd.texas.gov/newsmedia/releases](http://tpwd.texas.gov/newsmedia/releases).

### ARLINGTON DOCTOR GETS PRISON TIME FOR FRAUD, DRUG CRIMES

A federal judge sentenced an Arlington doctor to 12 years in prison after he pleaded guilty to submitting fraudulent bills for physical therapy and office exams and illegally issuing prescriptions for controlled substances. Dr. Clinton Battle pleaded guilty last July to the charges after an investigation conducted by the Texas Division of Workers’ Compensation’s Fraud Unit and federal investigators.

“Health care fraud impacts everyone in the Texas workers’ compensation system, and thanks to the teamwork between the Texas Division of Workers’ Compensation (DWC) Fraud Unit and federal investigators, we were able to ensure justice was served in this case,” said Debra Knight with DWC.

### STUCK IN THE MIDDLE WITH YOU

This tidbit comes from “[Game Warden Field Notes](#),” compiled from TPWD law enforcement reports:

“Val Verde County Game Wardens received information about a fishing boat that ran aground on the Rio Grande River. The area recently accumulated excess silt from the Amistad Dam. Combined with decreasing water levels on the river, the exposed silt became sticky and acted as quicksand. The two boaters were unharmed but unable to vacate the boat without sinking into the mud.

One of the wardens moved to an overlook point and located the boat. The wardens confirmed there was no way to reach them through waterways or on land. A call was placed for a helicopter with hoist capability. A municipal helicopter reached the individuals, and the rescue was completed successfully. The boaters did not require medical attention.”

### COVID-19 CASES, DEATHS RISE IN PAST WEEK

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas doubled in the past week compared to the previous week, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. A total of 37,030 cases and 533 new deaths were reported, both up considerably in what could be a timing issue. New cases, spurred by the omicron variant, have dropped considerably since January.

Reflecting that trend, despite this week’s increase, the number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations as of Sunday dropped to 1,245, down 22% from the previous week.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

## A Dog Knows

“What a sweet dog!” I said, in Spanish.

“She is a sweet dog,” the man walking her answered, in English. He had an Irish accent and was walking the young dog down the street as my husband, Peter, and I made our way home from dinner.

“And she has no idea what will happen tomorrow,” he added.

“What will happen tomorrow?” I asked.

“She will get on a plane and fly to California!” he said.

“Really?”  
“Really,” He sounded a little sad.

“Are you going with her?” I asked.

“No,” he said, “I am not. I’ve just been taking care of her until she is ready for her forever home.”

“Oh my gosh! She will miss you,” I told him.

“I will miss her!” he answered. Then he added, “Maybe she will miss me, too—for a little while.”

I had heard about this. Peter and I are staying in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, and they have several dog rescue operations. Street dogs are picked up and fostered until they have all their vaccinations and deworming done. Then they either find homes here in town, or are flown or driven off to the U.S. to be adopted.

I looked at the little brown dog with floppy ears and a concerned look on her face. If she was concerned now, I wondered how she was going to feel when she was put into an airplane full of dogs headed to California.

But it was good she would have a home. One of the many things I like about this town in Mexico is that every dog seems to have a home—or will soon find one.

There is the miniature poodle mix who was a stray three years ago and now has a string of sparkly plastic pearls and a perfect coif as she walks down the street with her owner. There is a black Lab whose owner sells lunches to the folks catching the bus. Keeping his owner company all day while she sells burritos is exhausting work. By afternoon, the Lab has his chin resting on the step, watching the pedestrians go by, too tired to move anything but his eyes.

“You are a such tired dog!” I tell him when I pass. “Pobrecito! Poor baby!” The dog agrees. His owner laughs.

I see all these dogs—some happily in their homes, some seeking new ones—and I know I’m no different from them. A dog needs relatively simple things to be happy, and so do I. The only difference between us is that a dog knows what it needs, whereas I often make the mistake of thinking the things I need to be happy are complicated.

I need satisfying work and healthy food. I need to take my walk every day and I need a safe home. I need to know I am cared for and, sometimes, I need to play.

I’m thinking of that dog on her way to California. I’m wishing the best for her. She’s headed to a new life and a new world filled with experiences she’s never had and luxuries she’s never dreamed of. The people who will adopt her will never know where she came from or what she had to go through before her big plane ride. She’ll probably get a nice bed and good food, and she’ll go on vacations and maybe, in time, even get a little fat. I’m happy for her.

But I’m even happier for the people who will be her new family. I think she’ll have a lot to teach them.

Till next time,  
Carrie  
*Carrie Classon’s memoir is called “Blue Yarn.” Learn more at [CarrieClasson.com](http://CarrieClasson.com).*

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# Family Day at Sylvester Turner Park April 9



Students from Aldine Carver High School dress as animals and join local children in dancing at Family Day at Sylvester Turner Park. This year's event is April 9. Entertainment, games and food are all free.

## The Fun Begins April 9

Sylvester Turner Park is where the fun begins Saturday, April 9, with music, baseball, games and food. The 14th Family Day will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at Sylvester Turner Park, 2800 West Little York. The event is free.

Family Day features three stages with music and other entertainment. J. Paul Jr. and the Zydeco Nubreeds, Carver High School Performing Arts Students, Tiger Rock Martial Arts, Operation Get Fit and more will perform throughout the afternoon.

There will be inflatable games, a rock wall to climb, train rides for the little kids, facepainting, a senior tent will provide a place to gather for our seniors and the Zoomobile will bring some animals to meet.

The Major League Baseball/Houston Astros Urban Youth Academy at the Park will hold youth baseball games on three of the park's fields beginning at 12 noon. Better come hungry because the food is plentiful and free. Feast on turkey legs, hot dogs, sausage on a stick, corn on the cob, nachos, popcorn and snow cones.

Metro will be providing free shuttle buses from two off-site parking locations: Carver High School, 2100 S. Victory, and Lone Star College, Victory Campus, 4141 Victory. In addition, attendees can park free at Living Word Fellowship Church, 7350 T.C. Jester, and walk the two blocks to the Park.

Family Day at Sylvester Turner Park is produced by the Greater North Houston Youth Alliance and the Mayor's Office of Special Events. Special thanks to the Houston Police Department for organizing security. Big thanks to our sponsors: AT&T, Aldine ISD Police Department, Amerigroup, CenterPoint Energy, Coca-Cola, Comcast, Precinct 1 Constable Alan Rosen, the Harris County Sheriff's Office, HEB, the Houston Astros Foundation, Inframark, MLB/Houston Astros Urban Youth Academy, Major League Baseball, Pepsico, Plumbers Local 68, ReddyIce, Turkey Leg Hut and the following Houston City departments: Police, Neighborhoods, Parks and Recreation, Public Works and Solid Waste.

# Channelview FFA Parade,

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ers with FFA Sweetheart and Beau-float, Jr FFA Members-Lopez/Rangel/Faz/Gonzales-float, Rotary Vehicle for Raffle – 2022 President Shawn Silman/Derrill Painter and Veterans of Foreign Wars & American Legion floats, Channelview Fire Department – Ambulance, CHS Student Council & - Michelle Florez, Bonito



Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia likes to ride in Parades. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

Michoacan-” with a specialty” vehicle, Harris County Sheriff's Department with Coast Guard Boat, CISD-Constables Office Vehicles, Jennifer Matheny-Beall on horses, the “Breedlove Clan” – Lynette Breedlove / Robin Pledger / Rylan Pledger / Melissa, Branches of the Armed forces and Military units and with lots of bicycles.



NC STAR Photojournalist Allan Jamail photographing CVISD parade.

# North Shore Rotary supporting Little League



ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH SHORE

Spring is in the air and that means baseball season. North Shore Rotary president Shawn Silman had the pleasure of throwing out the 1st pitch at North Shore Little League. Here he is posing for pictures with the Rotary sponsored Space Cowboys.

# Walmart Expands Baytown Supply Chain Campus, Opening Fall 2022

(Baytown, TX) - Walmart today announced plans to expand its Baytown, TX supply chain campus with a new 1,000,000+ square-foot distribution center to support the retailer's growing supply chain network. The new facility, located at 4633 Borusan Road, is the retailer's fourth in Baytown and is set to open in the Fall of 2022, bringing the total square-footage of the campus to over 5,000,000 square-feet. The expansion will create an additional 300 full-time jobs due to growth across multiple shifts.

“Walmart is excited to expand our Baytown campus and another step in Walmart's continued investment in the state.” said Mike Gray, SVP Supply Chain Operations, Walmart. “The Baytown campus and our other regional facilities continue to bring exciting new career opportunities within Walmart's modern supply chain to hundreds of residents of the Houston area—all while helping us provide our local custom-

ers their everyday necessities with more variety and efficiency than ever before.”

“Southeast Texas is booming, and I am happy to see Walmart make significant investments in Baytown. The campus expansion will bring jobs and opportunity to the already diverse and strong Chambers County economy,” said Senator Brandon Creighton.

“We are thankful for our ongoing partnership with Walmart, who has been a staple in Chambers County for several years,” said Chambers County Judge Jimmy Sylvia. “This new investment is a representation of the positive working relationship we have fostered and shows their commitment to fostering economic development and resiliency.”

The Baytown campus is currently hiring full-time positions, including specialized roles and leadership positions. Candidates can search for open positions and complete applications online at [careers.walmart.com](https://careers.walmart.com).



Full-time positions qualify for Walmart's total rewards and benefits plans, including medical, vision and dental insurance, 401(k) matching, paid time off, associate stock purchase plan and access to a free college degree 100% paid for by Walmart.

“A highly skilled labor pool in the Houston area, and Texas more broadly, makes Baytown a prime destination for Walmart to continue expanding our supply chain network,” said Karisa Sprague, senior vice president, US Supply Chain People, Walmart U.S. “We're excited to continue to work with the community and government officials to bring new career opportunities to Southeast Texas.”

Walmart operates 19 distribution centers, 593 retail stores and employs 185,000+ associates in the state of Texas. In FYE 21, stores, clubs and the Walmart Foundation gave \$129.2 million in cash and in-kind donations to local Texas organizations.

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BARBARA A. HALE

The residence address of the administrator is in Harris County, Texas. The mailing address is:

c/o Weston Cotten  
1500 E. Wallisville Road  
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated this MARCH 29, 2022.

*Weston Cotten*  
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Revised Notice of Draft Federal Operating Permit

Draft Permit No.: O1441

Application and Draft Permit. ALTIVIA Oxide Chemicals, LLC, 1019 Haverhill-Ohio Furnace Rd, Haverhill, OH 45636, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal and revision of Federal Operating Permit (herein referred to as Permit) No. O1441, Application No. 21181, to authorize operation of the ALTIVIA Oxide Chemicals, an All Other Basic Organic Chemical Manufacturing facility. The area addressed by the application is located at 16503 Ramsey Rd in Crosby, Harris County, Texas 77532-5916. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to the application. You can find an electronic map of the facility at: <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.921666&lng=-95.053055&zoom=13&type=r>. This application was received by the TCEQ on March 19, 2014.

ALTIVIA Oxide Chemicals, LLC acquired the ALTIVIA Oxide Chemicals site located at 16503 Ramsey Rd in Crosby, Harris County, Texas 77532-5916 from KMCO effective May 14, 2020. ALTIVIA has made physical changes to the process units at the site. In response to these changes and in response to the public comments/hearing request received on April 09, 2020, ALTIVIA is re-noticing the public notice for FOP O1441.

A request for a public hearing is pending and may be scheduled following the re-notice public comment period. All previously received public comments and any new public comments that may be received during the re-notice public comment period will be addressed in a response to comments (RTC) letter from TCEQ at the end of the public comment period. The EPA review period will begin upon sending the RTC letter.

The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10). The draft permit, if approved, will codify the conditions under which the area must operate. The permit will not authorize new construction. The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building E, First Floor, Austin, Texas 78753; the TCEQ Houston Regional Office, 5425 Polk St Ste H, Houston, Texas 77023-1452; and the Crosby Public Library, 135 Hare Rd, Crosby, Texas 77532-5273, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The draft permit and statement of basis are available at the TCEQ Website:

[www.tceq.texas.gov/qoto/tvnotice](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/qoto/tvnotice)

At the TCEQ central and regional offices, relevant supporting materials for the draft permit, as well as the New Source Review permits which have been incorporated by reference, may be reviewed and copied. Any person with difficulties obtaining these materials due to travel constraints may contact the TCEQ central office file room at (512) 239-2900.

Public Comment/Notice and Comment Hearing. Any person may submit written comments on the draft permit. Comments relating to the accuracy, completeness, and appropriateness of the permit conditions may result in changes to the draft permit.

A person who may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the permitted area may request a notice and comment hearing. The purpose of the notice and comment hearing is to provide an additional opportunity to submit comments on the draft permit. The permit may be changed based on comments pertaining to whether the permit provides for compliance with 30 TAC Chapter 122 (examples may include that the permit does not contain all applicable requirements or the public notice procedures were not satisfied). The TCEQ may grant a notice and comment hearing on the application if a written hearing request is received within 30 days after publication of the newspaper notice. The hearing request must include the basis for the request, including a description of how the person may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the application area. The request should also specify the conditions of the draft permit that are inappropriate or specify how the preliminary decision to issue or deny the permit is inappropriate. All reasonably ascertainable issues must be raised and all reasonably available arguments must be submitted by the end of the public comment period. If a notice and comment hearing is granted, all individuals that submitted written comments or a hearing request will receive written notice of the hearing. This notice will identify the date, time, and location for the hearing.

Written public comments and/or requests for a notice and comment hearing should be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at [www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/](http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/) and be received within 30 days after the date of newspaper publication of this notice. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record.

A notice of proposed final action that includes a response to comments and identification of any changes to the draft permit will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments, a hearing request, or requested to be on the mailing list for this application. This mailing will also provide instructions for public petitions to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to request that the EPA object to the issuance of the proposed permit. After receiving a petition, the EPA may only object to the issuance of a permit which is not in compliance with the applicable requirements or the requirements of 30 TAC Chapter 122.

Mailing List. In addition to submitting public comments, a person may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Chief Clerk for this application.

Information. For additional information about this permit application or the permitting process, please contact the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Public Education Program, MC-108, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained for ALTIVIA Oxide Chemicals, LLC by calling Mr. Jason Patrick at (740) 532-3420.

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FRESH START

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ENTERTAINMENT

Amber Waves

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I'M NO LONGER GOING TO LET YOU CONSUME MY EVERY THOUGHT.

WOW, OK...SORRY, I'M NOT SURE WHO YOU ARE.

by Dave T. Phipps

SELF-DRIVIN' VEHICLES! pff!

WHAT I WANT IS ONE THAT SELF-WASHES!

by Mike Marland

The Spats

THERE'S A CLOG IN OUR TOILET!

RUB RUB RUB

THERE'S A WOODEN SHOE IN OUR TOILET??

by Jeff Pickering

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Sail is different. 2. Sail is different. 3. Camera is missing. 4. Glasses are missing. 5. Umbrella is missing. 6. Headline is different. 7. Ingrown nail. 8. Jack the Ripper. 9. Bright orange to aid in recovery. 10. 68-72 degrees Fahrenheit

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45 Quotable Yogi

47 Eastern path

48 Bygone Cadillacs

52 Copper head?

53 Tierney of "The Affair"

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56 Velocity

57 Irish actor Stephen

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King Crossword

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- FOOD & DRINK: What was the first food eaten in space?
- LITERATURE: A character named Piggy is featured in which 20th-century novel?
- GEOGRAPHY: What are the residents of Cyprus called?
- MEASUREMENTS: How many pounds are in a stone?
- LANGUAGE: What does Ph.D stand for?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the color of a giraffe's tongue?
- MEDICAL: What is the common name for onychocryptosis?
- HISTORY: What is a more common name for the 19th-century killer known as the "Whitechapel Murderer"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the color of "black boxes" used to record flight data on aircraft?
- SCIENCE: What is considered to be the ideal "room temperature"?

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1. In 1961, Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin ate pureed meat and then chocolate sauce. 2. "Lord of the Flies". 3. Cypriots. 4. 14. 5. Doctor of Philosophy. 6. Blue, black or purple. 7. Ingrown nail. 8. Jack the Ripper. 9. Bright orange to aid in recovery. 10. 68-72 degrees Fahrenheit



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