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CHANNEL CURRENTS

NCA Chamber 46th GALA Thursday Mar. 23

North Channel Chamber invites you to their 46th Annual Awards and Installation Gala. Thursday, March 23 at 6:30pm, Sylvan Beach Pavilion. Guest Speaker Gus Dwairy, Entrepreneur and Rancher. \$90 per person. RSVP 713-450-3600.

MAR. 25, SATURDAY THEA fundraiser "Clean Mud for Bugs" Crawfish Boil

This is THEA's Annual fundraiser and your chance to support their work on Houston/Harris County toxic chemical contamination. Crawfish Boil fundraiser, Saturday March 25 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Karbach Brewing, 2032 Karbach Street, Houston. New this year, a KID'S Zone and a special kid's price. AND T-shirts to purchase with THEA/Mud Bug theme. Tickets: txhea.org.

APR. 7, FRIDAY

Fish Fry for JC American Legion

Channelview American Legion Post 644 is having a Fish Fry benefit. Friday, April 7 from 2pm-7pm. 16417 Market Street, 77530. Help fund the reopening of the JC Post 397.

APR. 11, TUESDAY

San Jacinto River Coalition

THEA/SJRC Meeting scheduled at Highlands Community Center, 6:30pm. Update on Waste Pits Remediation.

NS Rotary Annual FISH FRY May 20

Catfish Fry and Crawfish Boil, Raffle for a new Toyota pickup or Toyota Camry car, 2 auctions. Saturday, May 20 at the Rotary Pavilion on Wallisville. Raffle Tickets \$100. Dinner Tickets \$15.

MAR. 25, SATURDAY Crosby FD Stair Climb and Walk

9/11 Memorial Stair Climb and Walk, starts at 8am at the Crosby Stadium. Funds go to Fallen Firefighters Foundation. Everyone welcome. Register: https://nff.akaraisin.com/ui/crosbyvfd

APR. 14, FRIDAY NCA Chamber Luncheon

North Channel Chamber monthly luncheon with guest speaker Harris County Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia. Program is a Precinct Update.

NOTE: Luncheon is on the 2nd Friday this month only.

Luncheon is \$25 for members, and \$35 for non-members.

San Jacinto College North Monument Room. Reservations 713-450-3600 or info@ncachamber.com.

Rotary Fish Fry set for May 20

North Shore Rotarians are preparing for their 48th Annual Catfish Fry and Crawfish Boil, to be held Saturday May 20th from 11:00am to 3:00pm at the Rotary Pavilion behind the courthouse at 14300 Wallisville Road.

The Rotary Club has named this year's event "Hometown Throw Down" or subtitled "Biggest Party on the East Side." The public is invited to join in the fun, dine on the delicious fish and crawfish, and take their chance on a raffle ticket that promises a new 2023 Toyota Tacoma pickup or a 2023 Toyota Camry SE from Communi-



ty Toyota in Baytown. Winner of the Fish Fry Raffle will have their choice of a new 2023 Toyota pick-up truck or sedan from Community Toyota in Baytown. See Details on Page 2.

ty Toyota in Baytown.

Chairman of the Fish Fry event this year is Lee Brown, Rotarian president-elect and principal at Cloverleaf elementary school. Brown reminds ticket buyers that not only do they have a chance to win a new vehicle, but

there are 20 prizes total in the raffle drawing, making the \$100 ticket the best odds available to win.

Other raffle prizes include a whole hog, a custom grill and firepit, RodeoHouston tickets, Sports game tickets, a deluxe fireworks package, an

Apple iPad, Yeti cooler, restaurant dinner package, and much more.

The all-day event will also include a silent and live auctions, where more unique and sometimes exotic prizes are sought after by the bidders.

Proceeds from the Fish

Fry are returned to the community by the Rotary Club, with scholarships, establishment of athletic fields, park trails, support for school projects, food baskets at the Holidays for needy families, and a number of other community projects.

Tickets for the raffle and the fish fry dinner are available from all North Shore Rotarians. They are also available from a number of local businesses, such as Community Toyota, Pineforest Jewelry, Crawfish Shack, Palko Associates, Phase 3 Services, Stellar Bank, Woodforest Bank, and many more.

CVISD 2023 Channelette Dance Winners

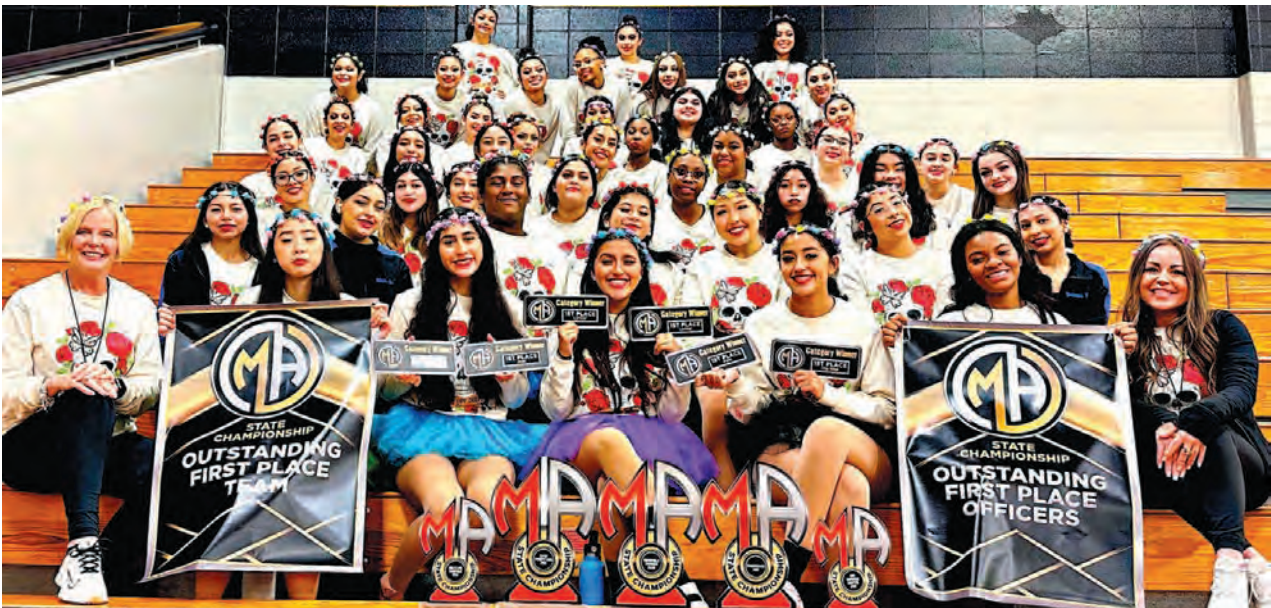
By Allan Jamail

February 25, 2023 the CVISD Channelette dance team made some award winning dance performances, they competed in over a dozen different types of dances.

Due to the great teamwork and experience of the Channelettes Director Suzanne Hutchins and Assistant Director Heather Keith the young classy student dance team regularly takes home top honors.

Hutchins has been the

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CVISD 2023 Channelette Dance Winners pictured at the MA Competition

SHELDON & NORTH SHORE KIDS LEAGUE BASKETBALL

North Shore Mustangs - Back to Back Champions

PHOTO AT RIGHT: North Shore Mustangs, Sheldon League Basketball Sophomore Division Champions. The Mustangs are back to back champions. Undeclared 8-0 in 2022 & undefeated 9-0 in 2023.

By Allan Jamail

(Kids' names are first names only...)

BOTTOM ROW, L - R: Coach Damarcus (Coach D) McGown, Kendrick, Jeremiah, Luis, Jason, Amaya & Coach Anthony (Coach A) Bertran
MIDDLE ROW, L - R: Jacob, Jordan, Kobe, Braylen & Adrian
TOP ROW, L - R: Lee & Eduardo



Channelview residents oppose Concrete Plant permit

By Carolyn Stone

Monday Feb. 06, 2023 @ 7:00 PM the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) held a public hearing to receive comments from community members regarding Houston Crushed Concrete's (HCC) application for TCEQ Air Permit #170524 at the Holiday Inn Houston East, 16311 East Freeway, Channelview, TX 77530. The hearing was conducted by TCEQ Carol Warren and other representatives of TCEQ and Houston Crushed Concrete Director Tyler Williams, HCC Engineer Ventaka Godasi and an attorney for HCC.

Houston Crushed Concrete is a Concrete and Soil Stabilization facility located at 2715 Appelt Dr., Houston, TX 77015 and has applied for an air permit to operate their pugmill. According to Thompson Rock, a manu-



State Representative Ana Hernandez testifies at the TCEQ hearing on Feb. 6.

facturer of pugmills, pugmills are mixers that mix multiple materials into a homogeneous mixture very rapidly. Industrial pugmills are powerful, reliable solutions for continuous mixing process, particularly

those with abrasive aggregates (crushed rock and cement). Pugmills are suitable for producing mineral mixtures for road base. Roller Compacted Concrete, landfill bentonite liners and for drying sludges with reagents.

Thompson Rock's pugmill offered production rates of 50 to 1000 tons per hour; it is unknown what the HCC production rate will be. How does a continuous pugmill differ from a (cement) batch mixer? In a

batch mixer, all ingredients are charged into the mixer in a predefined sequence, and then mixed, discharged and the charging process begins again. In a continuous mixer or pugmill, the material is constantly entering and exiting the mixer.

According to the public notice of the application for the HCC permit #170524, the facility when operating will emit particulate matter (dust) with diameters of 10 microns (PM10) or less and 2.5 microns or less (PM2.5). Approximately five PM10 particles could sit on the strand of a hair and the strand of hair is thirty times larger than a PM2.5 particle. The size of the particles is directly linked to their potential for causing health problems. Particles less than 10 microns in diameter

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TCEQ Concrete plant hearing,

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pose the greatest problems because they can get deep into your lungs, and some may even get into your bloodstream. Numerous scientific studies have linked particle pollution exposure to a variety of problems, including premature death in people with heart or lung disease, nonfatal heart attacks, irregular heartbeat, aggravated asthma, decreased lung function and lung cancer, increased respiratory symptoms, such as irritation of the airways, coughing or difficulty breathing, and premature delivery, low birth weight and birth defects. People with heart or lung diseases, children, and older adults are the most likely to be affected by particle pollution exposure.

Although air is not stationary and air pollutants can travel great distances the neighborhoods of Marwood, Channelwood and Cloverleaf lay within a one mile radius of the HCC facility. These neighborhoods are already impacted by several rock crushing, cement, construction and industrial facilities already producing heavy particulate matter. HCC Director Williams provided the closest resident is mile from the facility. Several of the attendees from these neighborhoods and other Cloverleaf and Channelview neighborhoods were completely unaware of the facility, the air permit and the public hearing until shortly before the hearing started, hearing about it on the evening news and had to rush to make it to the hearing. These community members were upset that they had not received notification sooner and felt the non-notice had denied many of their family, neighbors and other community members the opportunity to attend the hearing and to offer their comments. Those community members who had received notice, received their notice either via a mailer which was sent out by Air Alliance Houston or by attending the Channelview Health & Improvement Coalition (C.H.I.C.) January meeting or by emails sent out by C.H.I.C. and HC Precinct 2 Community Liaison Cindy Miller. TCEQ nor Houston Concrete had directly notified community members. TCEQ had posted the public notice to their website which few are aware of and the TCEQ website is very difficult to navigate.

The public hearing was held in two sessions. The first was an informal discussion period where attendees could ask questions of Houston Crushed Concrete and TCEQ. During the second session community members were allowed to make any comments they wanted to be part of the official records. Also, during the second session TCEQ and HCC only listened to the comments and were not allowed to make any responses. A translator was provided for those who needed one during both sessions. Questions and responses during the informal discussion did not become part of the official record for the HCC permit. Throughout the hearing from the attendees during this period it was dis-



Speakers at the TCEQ Hearing.

closed that 1) the Appell location was chosen because HCC felt it would be the most profitable location for them, 2) there would be no daily air monitoring to determine if HCC was exceeding the permit limits; air monitoring would only be conducted once a quarter, 3) dust control measures HCC planned to utilize was the construction of asphalt paved roadways and the use of road sweepers, 4) there will be no testing of the materials being crushed for asbestos or anything else for contamination, HCC will only test their employees, 5) HCC's provided description of a pugmill was a pugmill is a silo, this simple description did not align with community members understanding and Thompson Rock's description of a pugmill, and 6) the facility would not be operated at night due to the associated dangers. During the second session official record period attendees chastised the TCEQ for not, in their opinion, performing their duty of protecting the community members health and environment and for disregarding the accumulative effects of permitting multiple polluting facilities in the area, described the multiple health issues they, their children, family members and friends were already experiencing and directed comments to HCC regarding their lack of concern for the impacts they would be burdening the communities of Marwood, Channelview and Cloverleaf with in the name of company profits. Not one community member offered comments in support of the HCC facility and the granting of the air permit; all were adamantly opposed. Excerpts from both sessions of the hearing can be view on Air Alliance Houston's FaceBook page at <https://www.facebook.com/AirAlliance-HOU/> or on their Twitter feed at <https://twitter.com/airalliancehou>.

During the Official comment period resident and C.H.I.C.'S Carolyn Stone and HC Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia's Environmental Director Kristen Lee requested TCEQ extend the time for the submitting of comments due to the many statements by attendees of being unaware of the facility, permit and TCEQ public hearing until just a few minutes before the hearing was scheduled to start. Both requested the support of Rep. Anna Hernandez and Senator Carol Alvarado in the request for extension of the comment period, which was provided. Also following the hearing Carolyn Stone spoke with Rep. Hernandez requesting a

second public hearing should the extension of the comment period be granted since Rep. Hernandez's office was instrumental in arranging the Feb. 06th public hearing. Rep. Hernandez felt a second hearing would be a possibility if the extension was granted. If a comment extension period is granted TCEQ will issue a letter providing the extension period. So far, the TCEQ has not granted the extension. If you are interested in being notified of the extension you can either contact Rep. Hernandez's Galena Park office at 713 675-8596 or her Austin office at 512 463-0614 or by emailing C.H.I.C. at C.H.I.C.77530@gmail.com to be put C.H.I.C.'s email list who will share the comment extension and a second public hearing information should it be granted. In alternative you can submit your comments to TCEQ in hopes TCEQ will consider your comments and add them to the official record. You may submit public comments either in writing 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/. Make sure you reference Houston Crushed Concrete and permit #170524. 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.

In attendance at the public hearing to hear the community comments were Rep. Anna Hernandez and Adrianna Hernandez from Rep. Hernandez's office, a representative from Sen. Carol Alvarado's office, several representatives from HCPct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia's office Jose Medrano Dir. External Affairs, Kristen Lee Dir. Environmental, Cindy Miller North Channel Liaison, TCEQ representatives Carol Warren and others, HCC representatives Tyler Williams Director, Ventaka Godasi Engineer and an attorney for HCC and Air Alliance representatives Jose Flores Air Monitoring Program Manager, Genesis Granados Environmental Justice Outreach Coordinator, Alonda Torres Climate Justice Coordinator. Rep. Hernandez, Adrianna Hernandez and the representative from Senator Alvarado's office returned to our area from their duties in Austin so that they could hear the community member's comments.

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First new service day for regular waste collection is Monday, May 1, 2023.

Heavy waste collection will occur on Thursdays.

QUESTIONS?

Contact WM at 800-800-5804.



CHARLOTTE'S WEB

By Charlotte Jackson



Look for Common Ground

Recently I had the opportunity to spend time at a friend's home in another city. On an early morning walk, I spoke to a neighbor. He asked who was I visiting, as he seemed to know most of the neighbors. Once I shared which house I was staying at, he started asking questions as if there was an issue with my friend.

One of the first questions was about my sexual identity. He wanted to know if I was "another one of those funny turned women". I had heard this expression before from an older friend when referring to lesbians. I explained that no, if it were any of his business, I was a heterosexual female. He went on to look me over and try to come up with another question.

Instead of giving him the chance to speak, I mentioned that I had noticed his flag flying from the front porch that indicated that he was a Veteran. He smiled proudly and I shared that my mother had introduced me to volunteerism at an early age while she volunteered at the Houston Veterans Hospital. I asked which branch he had served in. I then asked if he was aware that his neighbor had also served in the military. He looked shocked.

I then commented on a bumper sticker on his truck. I asked if it was the emblem of a large church that I am familiar with. He beamed with pride explaining he was an usher at the church. I asked if he had ever invited the neighbors to church. He looked shocked. I went on to explain that I had known her for years and started talking about how as a child, she loved to learn scriptures and how she knew stories from the Bible than her mother did.

Still looking a little bewildered, he turned his attention to the signs in his lawn. They read "My lawn is not your dog's bathroom." I asked if there was a problem with loose dogs on the street. He replied no, but let me know the funny turned neighbors have dogs. I asked if he had had issues with their dogs. He told me no, but he wanted to be sure that they understood to keep their dogs away. He went on to tell me that as an older white man he had nothing in common with "that black girl".

Enough was enough. I asked if he had a white mother. Yes. Was he a Veteran? Yes. Was he a homeowner? Yes. Did he profess to be a Christian? Yes. Did he understand that only God can judge people? Silence. I asked what did Jesus tell us about loving others. Silence.

At that point, I asked if I could pray with him. He looked shocked. I reached out and took his hand and began to pray. I prayed for each of us to look for common ground instead of arguing about differences. With a very sincere heart, I prayed that in the days ahead we would learn to set the example of what Christ taught, to love one another.

As I stepped back on the sidewalk, he asked for my name. At that point, he asked if I was related to his neighbor and I proudly smiled and let him know, I am her mother.

Florence Thornton Butt,

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Florence Butt, the founder of what became the HEB grocery stores, behind the counter of her first store in Kerrville, circa 1910

Celebrating Florence Thornton Butt
HEB Founder... Women's History Month... one of a series.
By Allan Jamail

Florence Thornton Butt, whose first grocery store was the first link in the now H-E-B chain founded by her son Howard Edward Butt, was born in Buena Vista, Mississippi, on September 19, 1864, the daughter of John and Mary (Kimbrough) Thornton.

Florence spent her youth in Buena Vista, where she often assisted her two pastor brothers in holding revivals. She later enrolled in Clinton College and, as the only female in her class, graduated with highest honors. Afterward, she taught school. In 1889 she married pharmacist Clarence C. Butt. The couple lived in Mississippi and Tennessee before moving to San Antonio, Texas in 1904 in search of a more suitable climate and better medical facilities to treat Clarence's tuberculosis.

Florence with her husband, their three preteen and teenage sons then moved to Kerrville, Texas. Initially, the family lived in a canvas tent near the Guadalupe River. Tent camps were full of tuberculosis patients and their families trying to get adequate fresh air and sleep close to the ground, as doctors recommended. As she tended to her family in this primitive setting, Florence had to find a way to provide for her ill husband and her children in a town where she knew no one.

Mrs. Butt became an agent for the A&P Tea Company, taking and delivering grocery orders door-to-door.

She said, "I came to Kerrville to make our home. I came with a sick husband, three boys, 10, 12, 14-years-old, our capital to start out with was approximately \$60." She accumulated a small stock of groceries and invested sixty dollars to open the C. C. Butt Grocery on Main Street in Kerrville in 1905. The story of her new store appeared in the Kerrville Times in a special section celebrating the opening of a new store.

"I had such good friends to advise and help me out. After I opened our first store our first delivery was made with a baby buggy with the top taken off, and a box placed on the wheels. Then it was run over by a wagon, and we had to get a child's play wagon, costing \$3.00, which was much for our limited capital. Then the rains came in the winter, the little wagon wheels would fill with mud and it could not be pulled any longer. So we bought a horse that cost \$20, a wagon costing \$5, a harness \$2.50 — \$27.50 total cost for the first delivery wagon. Every month was growth, but hard work Florence said."

Florence continued saying, "Our store had rooms above to live in, and a store room, all for \$9 a month. In preparing the little grocery store, I found a small Bible on a shelf. A good omen, it was kept there. So, on the morning of the store opening before the front door was opened, the little Bible was read. Then a prayer was given to the Great Father and Giver of all things to be our partner to lead and guide us, we then opened the front door."

When her son Howard returned from the navy he took over as manager. She then concentrated on religious and civic efforts in Kerrville. She was a devout Baptist and a leader in the Eastern Star and the local Baptist church; she endured the death of her husband and one son, and develops a reputation as a generous community leader.

She died at her Kerrville home on March 4, 1954, after suffering a stroke, and was buried in Glen Rest Cemetery. Her survivors include her sons Howard and Eugene. By the end of the twentieth century the H-E-B stores were the largest privately owned food chain in the nation. And the rest, as they say, is history. 111 years later, HEB has annual revenues of close to 25 billion dollars.

CVISD Dance Performance,

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dance team director since 1990, 33 years. Keith a former Channelette dancer under Hutchins has 7 years of teaching dance instructions in dance levels I, II, III & IV.

These two ladies work together like a precision team, parents and the CVISD Trustees should be proud to have them overseeing the dancers.

The Channelettes is inviting the community to their Spring Show, titled, "Live and Let Die"

April 27-29, 2023 @ 7pm at the Performing Arts Center at Channelview High School. Admission: \$10

The 60th Annual Channelview FFA Parade & Livestock Auction is on Saturday, April 1, 2023.

1st Row (bottom):

Director Suzanne Hutchins, Jr Captain Glori-ann Nguyen, Sr. Captain Amaris Cervantes, Major Violetet Ruiz, Sr Captain Jaanaie Suarez, Jr Captain Dia'mond Gallien, and Assistant Director Heather Keith

2nd Row:

Evelyn Roch, Alexis Rivera, Social Officer Miguel Morin, Social Officer Giselle Aguilar, Social Officer Vannesa Torres, Kate Mayorga, and Brianna Bustos

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5th Row:

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6th Row:

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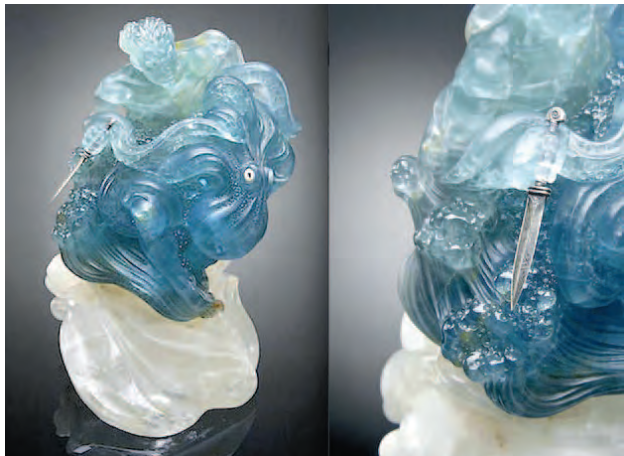
Sabrina Morales, Laila Sierra, and Makayla Vaughn

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OPINION

By BILL KING



Houston Does Not Have a Revenue Cap!

One of my pet peeves is how frequently I hear some City elected official or someone in the media refer Houston’s “revenue cap.” Let me state this as clearly as possible: the City of Houston does not have, nor has it ever had, a cap on the revenues it can collect.

The easiest way to know that Houston does not have a cap on its revenues is to look at its revenues since Proposition 1, the proposition that is so frequently and incessantly mischaracterized as a revenue cap, was passed in 2004. Since that time, the City’s revenues have increased by 159%.

That is about a 5.5% average annual increase, which has roughly been twice the rate of inflation and wage growth in the Houston area for the same period. And notwithstanding the commonly held belief that Houston is still rapidly growing, although its population has only increased by about 15% since 2004, or less than 1% per year.

What the voters overwhelmingly approved in 2004 was a charter amendment that prohibited City Council from raising property taxes by more than the sum of inflation and population growth or 4.5%, whichever is lower. The principle reason this proposition has not resulted in any significant limitation on the City’s revenue growth is that property taxes only make up about 20% of the City’s revenue. There is absolutely no limitation on the other revenue sources for the City. So, for example, Proposition 1 had no effect on the City imposing a new drainage fee on its citizens to the tune of over \$100 million per year in 2014, or say, doubling the water and sewer rates.1

Ironically, Proposition 1 has not even been all that effective at tamping down property taxes, which have doubled since it was adopted. That is primarily because of some loopholes in Proposition 1. The most notable is that the property taxes collected by the TIRZs do not count against the limit. Also, property tax increases during a state of emergency are exempt.

You will frequently hear City-elected officials lament Proposition 1 and call for its repeal, claiming that their hands are tied by it. What they never mention is that under Proposition 1’s provisions, Council can raise property taxes by whatever amount they want (up to the State limit), if they first ask for the voters’ approval. Of course, given the sorry state of City services, notwithstanding its record revenues, they know that would be a hard sell.

So, the next time you hear some City official whining about the supposed “revenue cap” and suggesting we should repeal it, just remember what they are really saying is that they want to increase property taxes by more than population growth and inflation without checking with you first.

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LETTERS

To The Editor

Spend Budget Surplus on Environmental Priorities

Friend,

All too often, the Texas budget conversation has been focused on what will get cut. But this year should be different – the state has over \$32 billion in surplus funds.

Republicans want to use these funds to reduce property taxes, but there are many important needs that should receive a share of these resources.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Railroad Commission, Public Utility Commission, Office of Public Utility Counsel, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Texas Water Development Board all need additional funding to meet their mandates to protect the environment and Texans and manage our natural resources.

Send an email to the Senate Committee on Finance and the House Appropriations Committee to support additional investment in enforcing environmental laws, fixing the electric grid, expanding parkland, and modernizing agencies to be more effective and responsive to the public.

Thank you for taking action. The budget is critical to advance our priorities.


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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Bill Would Require Fentanyl Education

The death of a Leander High School graduate from a fentanyl overdose has prompted state Rep. Terry Wilson, R-Georgetown, to file a bill that would require 10 hours of education annually concerning the dangers of the drug to students in sixth grade and up, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

Tucker Roe, 19, bought what he thought was a Percocet pill on Instagram, according to his mother, Stefanie Turner. It turned out to be laced with a deadly amount of fentanyl, a powerful opioid responsible for more than 5,000 deaths in Texas last year, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

“He was struggling with sleeping and stress, and he purchased a pill to help him sleep, and that pill took his life,” Turner told the Statesman. Wilson’s bill would allow a number of different types of organizations to provide the education, including public health agencies.

MORE ARRESTS MADE IN AUSTIN ‘STREET TAKEOVER’

More than three dozen charges against 17 people were made last week in the takeover of several Austin intersections on Feb. 18 and 19. The Statesman reported those arrested face charges including evading arrest, obstructing a highway, reckless driving and engaging in organized criminal activity.

Video footage shot during the incidents showed cars spinning through intersections, fireworks exploding, and dozens of people running through the streets.

“The events that occurred disrupted our community, they garnered much of our attention, and they were clearly not good for our community,” Austin Police Chief Joe Chacon said.

PEDESTRIAN, BICYCLIST FATALITIES ON THE RISE

Pedestrian fatalities resulting from traffic crashes



increased 34% from 2017 to 2021, while bicyclist deaths increased 58% during the same period. The Texas Department of Transportation has kicked off a pedestrian and bicyclist campaign this month to urge all Texans to follow the state’s traffic laws and reduce those fatalities.

“We have a shared responsibility to every member of our community – to every family and every individual – to help reverse these trends and reduce traffic fatalities in Texas,” said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams.

Texas law requires drivers to stop and yield for pedestrian and bicyclists in crosswalks, to yield while turning, and to pass bikes at a safe distance. Pedestrians, in turn, are urged to cross only at intersections and crosswalks, to obey all traffic signs and signals, and to use sidewalks when possible.

Bicyclists are required to stop at red lights and stop signs, to ride in the same direction as traffic, and to use bike lanes when available.

NELSON CONFIRMED AS TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE

Former state Sen. Jane Nelson was confirmed last week by the Texas Senate as secretary of state. Gov. Greg Abbott appointed her to the position two months ago.

Nelson served in that chamber for 30 years.

“I will work to safeguard honest and accurate elections in all 254 counties

across our great state, while continuing to support business owners by ensuring that government moves at the speed of Texas business, not the other way around,” Nelson said in a statement after her confirmation.

ADJUSTER INDICTED AFTER TDI INVESTIGATION

A Texas public insurance adjuster has been indicted by a Kimble County grand jury after being accused of stealing more than \$268,000 in insurance claims. An investigation by the Texas Department of Insurance alleges Andrew Joseph Mitchell signed the names of clients on their insurance claim checks and kept the money.

Mitchell, based in Clear Lake Shores, Texas, solicited clients across the country using the internet, according to authorities.

“We have other victims here in Texas we’re referring to prosecutors, but Mitchell is currently in jail in Louisiana, and we know of investigations in at least two other states,” TDI fraud investigator Mark Pardaen said.

LAWMAKERS WANT TO LEGALIZE SUNDAY LIQUOR SALES

A pair of bills introduced in the Legislature would legalize the sales of ready-to-drink cocktails seven days a week, the Houston Chronicle reported. Under current law, liquor stores are closed on Sunday, and grocery and corner stores can only sell beer and wine.

State Sen. Kelly Hancock, R-North Richland Hills, filed his version of the bill recently.

“As industries innovate and new products become staples in the marketplace, it only makes sense for us to take a look at ways government can reduce regulatory red tape,” Hancock said. A twin version of the bill was filed in the House by state Rep. Justin Holland, R-Rockwall. Liquor stores would still be required to be closed on Sunday under the bills.

TPWD SEEKS INPUT ON LAND AND WATER PLAN

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is seeking public input to help the agency make future management decisions.

“In fulfilling our mission, TPWD is committed to delivering effective natural resources stewardship and outdoor recreation programs that exemplify the highest standards of quality, service and professionalism,” said David Yoskowitz, executive director of TPWD.

Public input can be made through April 14 by completing a survey being conducted by Texas A&M University. The survey can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/nhkcmxw>.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

“Tourist Town”

My husband, Peter, and I are staying in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, which is, according to a lot of folks, a tourist town.

Sometimes, the person saying this means it is not a place they would want to spend time. This puzzles me. I’m not sure why a town known for meat-packing or manufacturing would be a better place to spend time than a town known for tourism. But I respect anyone’s right to spend time wherever they want, and Peter and I are happy in San Miguel, in large part because it is a tourist town.

A lot of the tourists are from the United States. A surprising number are from Canada.

“Is there anyone left up there in the winter?” I asked a Canadian visitor I met at the writers’ conference last week. There were more Canadians in the audience than folks from the U.S. and Mexico combined. I found this astonishing, considering that all of Canada has only as many people as Mexico City.

“Did you leave someone up there to turn off the lights?” I asked.

But more common than either Canadians or Americans are, of course, the Mexican tourists who come to town to enjoy the year-round festivities of San Miguel. There is always a party of some sort going on. There is music in the streets, religious celebrations, parades of zombies, costumed indigenous dancers, fireworks and giant puppets—amazing surprises that appear every day, surprises that appear as if by magic.

And there’s no mistaking Mexican tourists for their northern counterparts.

U.S. tourists tend to look as if they are braced for calamity. They constantly refer to their maps. They wear sunscreen under their oversized hats, have trousers filled with zippered pockets, secret money belts and hiding places for their passports. They wear shoes intended for hiking up mountains and carry water in case they should make a wrong turn at the ice cream shop and inadvertently end up marooned in the desert.

Mexican tourists are always better dressed, often in high heels, and never lost.

They wear sequins and carry small dogs and, even when I don’t know what they are saying, I can hear them using a lot of exclamation points to say it. Mexicans do not take photos of the sights, but of one another, smiling broadly, and usually holding their small dogs. They zip in on Friday nights and start partying immediately, hiring the mariachi bands to play songs they love and lining up at restaurants to have their favorite meals.

The U.S. tourists generally look less cheerful. They are also older. I noticed, on a rare occasion that a store advertised in English, the sign read, “Spare parts for crutches, wheelchairs and walking sticks.” Clearly, they knew their market.

Mexican tourists would be unlikely to need any of the above, despite the high heels, and would be more inclined to buy festive costumes for their tiny dogs.

By Monday morning, most of the Mexican tourists are gone, leaving only traces of confetti on the cobblestones, which the street cleaners work diligently to remove until they are, again, pristine and ready for the next party.

I’m trying to learn from the Mexican tourists. I’m trying to remember to smile at strangers and worry less about falling on the cobblestones (even if I keep wearing practical shoes). I’m trying to put a little more glitter in my life and a few more sequins.

Being prepared for an emergency is a good thing, of course. But being prepared for a party is every bit as important.

Till next time,
Carrie
Carrie’s memoir is “Blue Yarn.” Learn more about her writing at CarrieClasson.com.

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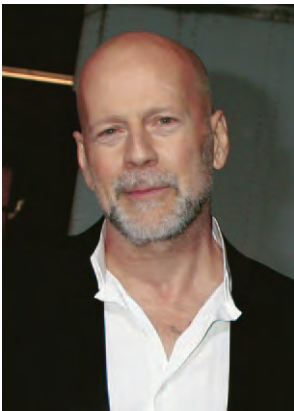
by Dana Jackson

Q: How is Bruce Willis doing since he was diagnosed with a neurological disorder? I've enjoyed his work ever since seeing him in "Moonlighting," with Cybill Shepherd. — P.I.

A: It's hard to believe it's been 38 years since Bruce Willis debuted as charming P.I. David Addison Jr., opposite his boss, former model Maddie Hayes, played by Cybill Shepherd. The two quarreled both on screen and off, but their chemistry was a hit with viewers, making the show last five seasons.

Willis went on to be a mega movie star in the "Die Hard" franchise, among other films, but last March, it was announced that he was retiring from acting at age 67 after being diagnosed with a cognitive disorder called aphasia. Sadly, in February of this year, his wife, Emma Heming Willis, announced that his condition has progressed and that they now have a more specific diagnosis: frontotemporal dementia. Fortunately, he has a wonderful support system that includes his ex-wife, actress Demi Moore, and their children, along with his two daughters with Emma.

Q: I only recently start-



Bruce Willis

ed watching the family saga "Succession" on HBO. What drew me in was the opening theme music. Is it an original piece for the show? — A.K.

A: When composer Nicholas Britell was interviewed on the "CBS News Sunday Morning" show, he said that when he was a young boy, he asked his mother for piano lessons after hearing the theme to the movie "Chariots of Fire."

This didn't lead him down a straight path to Hollywood, however. He worked on Wall Street for a while before quitting, to chase his dream. He told CBS he wanted the theme about a dysfunctional wealthy family to sound a little off: "The pianos are out of tune with each other. The strings are a little

bit off. This should feel kind of like something's a little wrong here." His instincts were right, and it led to him winning an Emmy Award for Outstanding Original Main Title Theme Music. Before being hired for "Succession," he already had an excellent reputation in the industry, having earned Oscar nominations for three different movie scores: "Moonlight," "If Beale Street Could Talk" and "Don't Look Up."

The fourth and final season of "Succession" returns to HBO on March 26. In the meantime, you can hear more of Britell's creations with the Disney+ series "Andor" and in the upcoming live-action film "Mufasa: The Lion King."

Q: What happened to Taylor Kinney on "Chicago Fire"? Did he leave the show? — G.M.

A: On a recent episode of the hit NBC series "Chicago Fire," it was mentioned that Taylor Kinney's character, Lt. Kelly Severide, had gone to Alabama for arson investigation training.

Off-screen, the actor has chosen to take a hiatus from the show for personal reasons. He's still in the credits, though, and Capt. Tom Van Meter (Tim Hopper) assured Chief Boden (Eamonn Walker) that Severide isn't "planning a transfer." Kinney has been with the show since 2012, so hopefully, he just needs a little R&R and will return before the season ends.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — Henry Cavill has left the Netflix series "The Witcher," for the new four-part spy film franchise "Argylle," with Sam Rockwell, Bryce Dallas Howard, John Cena and Samuel L. Jackson. Cavill will also star in director Guy Ritchie and producer Jerry Bruckheimer's next film "The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare" (opposite "Baby Driver's" Eiza Gonzalez), which charts Winston Churchill's and "James Bond" creator Ian Fleming's secret WWII combat organization. "Enola Holmes 2" also hit Netflix recently, and Cavill will be back to play Superman again.

"12 Years a Slave" Oscar winner Lupita Nyong'o, currently headlining "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever," has found "A Quiet Place" for her next film. Considered a spin-off, not a sequel to "A Quiet Place: Day One," is based on an idea from creator, star and director of "A Quiet Place" John Krasinski — who won't be starring in it when it opens in March 2024.

"The Fabulous Four" — Susan Sarandon, Bette Midler, Sissy Spacek and Megan Mullally — are lifelong friends who reunite in Key West for Midler's wedding. Aussie director Jocelyn Moorhouse begins shooting next year in her home. Spacek currently stars with Dustin Hoffman in "Sam & Kate."

International film superstar Catherine Deneuve (age 79) is best remembered for "The Umbrellas of Cherbourg" (1964), Roman Polanski's "Repulsion" (1965) and "Viva Maria!" (1965), with George Hamilton and French mega-superstar Brigitte Bardot. Even though she's never stopped working in her native home of France, she's making an international comeback in "Bernadette" as former French first lady Bernadette Chirac, wife of 1995 French president Jacques Chirac. I met Deneuve when she and Bardot toured 26



Lupita Nyong'o in "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever"

theaters in New York with "Viva Maria!" in 1965. They attracted mob scenes, and people were fainting and going mad over her and Bardot who, despite being French movie stars, commanded crowds equal to Liz Taylor and Richard Burton.

Also making a comeback is Shelley Duvall, who won two Emmys, a British Academy Award, a Peabody and a top prize at the Cannes Film Festival. Duvall was unforgettable in two 1980 classics (Wendy in "The Shining" and Olive Oyl in "Popeye"). Now 73, she's been absent since 2002, and her last film was "Manna from Heaven," with Shirley Jones, Louise Fletcher and Cloris Leachman. In 2016, a talk show host who calls himself "Dr." did a hatchet job interviewing her. But in 2021, when the Hollywood Reporter profiled her in "Searching for Shelley Duvall," it created renewed interest in her career. After she completed her comeback werewolf film "The Forest Hills," Duvall admitted, "It was a lot of fun, and I'm excited to be back!" The times I partied with her, she was sweet and funny. Guess werewolves like Olive Oyl, too? (c) 2022 King Features Synd., Inc.

ENTERTAINMENT

Amber Waves

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TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

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I MARRIED HER FOR HER LOOKS

...BUT NOT THAT ONE.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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King Crossword

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9 Witty one

12 Message target

13 Lamb alias

14 "Evil Woman" gp.

15 Dairy aisle purchase

17 Zodiac feline

18 Indiana city

19 TV's DeGeneres

21 Rejection

22 — buddy

24 Bears' hands

27 Candy-heart word

28 Ashen

31 "— Believer"

32 Epoch

33 Actress Ruby

34 Attire

36 The whole enchilada

37 Barking mam-mal

38 Dark and gloomy

40 "I see"

41 "Shrek" princess

43 Scents

47 Adj. modifier

48 Canning jar feature

51 King, in Cannes

52 Tale teller

53 "Woe —!"

54 World Cup cheer

55 China (Pref.)

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DOWN

1 Stare stupidly

2 Twice cuatro

3 "Hmm, I guess so"

4 Criminals

5 Office note

6 "The Greatest"

7 Be sick

8 "This — no sense!"

9 Built to last

10 Downwind

11 Thug

16 Punk-rock subgenre

20 Prune

22 Strapping

23 Track shape

24 Pot-bellied pet

25 Docs' bloc

26 "Dunkirk" or "Platoon," e.g.

27 Faucet problem

29 Meadow

30 Snaky fish

35 Chignon

37 Sure winner

39 "Lady Love" singer Lou

40 Branch

41 Gambling game

42 Pedestal occupant

43 Sleek, in car lingo

44 Inspiration

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. AD SLOGANS: What company advertises its clothing with the ad slogan, "Quality never goes out of style"?

2. SCIENCE: What is the tallest grass in the world?

3. MOVIES: What is the name of the camp in "Friday the 13th"?

4. GEOGRAPHY: What is the term when two water streams join to form a larger stream?

5. INVENTIONS: What is Tim Berners-Lee credited with inventing?

6. ANATOMY: Where are the quadriceps located?

7. LITERATURE: Which poet wrote a six-volume biography of President Lincoln?

8. TELEVISION: Timothy Lovejoy is a minister on which animated TV series?

9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Yaks are native to which region?

10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Before he was elected president, which of the founding fathers attended the coronation of Napoleon at Notre Dame Cathedral?

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1. Levi's; 2. Bambooz; 3. Camp Crystal Lake; 4. Confidence; 5. World Wide Web; 6. Thighs; 7. Carl Sandburg; 8. "The Simpsons"; 9. Tibet, China; 10. James Monroe and his wife Elizabeth.

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OBITUARIES

William Douglas Powell

Was born October 8 1946
Passed away March 7,2023
At Houston Hospice



He was preceded in death by his parents Doris and Douglas and his sister Jean "Sug" Winifred. Survived by wife Gail, daughters Catherine Hemphill and Michelle Reynolds and Sons Douglas, Jason, Gerald, David and Robin Powell. Grandchildren Skiler and Elexis Alden, Adrianna, Monty, Madison, Christian and Robyn Powell. Great grandchildren Christian Arteaga and Ayden, Adrian, Ashton, Autumn and Avery Ramos, Doug was retired from Prime Contractors after many years in the remodeling business. He was active in his church Twinland Baptist and spent a lot of time in his latter years doing odd jobs around the church and at various church members homes. He loved being outdoors and was happiest when he was out fishing with his kids and grandkids. A memorial service was held on March 15 and was presided by Pastor Steven Pace



Capitol Updates

This past week I presented three bills before the Committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures and the Committee on County Affairs. **House Bill 1964** would allow vehicle storage facilities to access motor vehicle accident reports to expedite the vehicle recovery process and save storage costs for owners. **House Bill 1382** would improve govern-



State Rep. Ana Hernandez

ment efficiency and reduce costs to taxpayers by giving counties the option to conduct online auctions for private execution sales. **House Bill 1439** would improve the quality of life for communities by allowing cities to remove graffiti faster from private property. To follow progress on this or other legislation, visit: <https://capitol.texas.gov>

West Baytown Civic Association



The West Baytown Civic Association (WBCA) made their way to the Capitol on March 13th, 2023. The WBCA was founded 35 years ago to improve West Baytown via advocacy and collaboration with neighborhoods and local government. Thank you to President Fred Aguilar, Vice President Agustin Loreda III, Secretary Eva Benavides, and Councilmember Laura Alvarado for coordinating this visit!

HISD Takeover



This week, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) announced it will take over the largest district in the state, the Houston Independent School District (HISD). The decision by TEA, on the eve of testing season, is wrong and harmful to our students, teachers, and staff. We should be providing support and resources for our students' academic performance and well-being, instead of causing them further uncertainty. I am a co-author of HB 3780 by Rep. Alma Allen, which would allow alternative action plans that do not require a state takeover. We need to explore all options before making the drastic decision to replace our democratically elected school board.

Spring Break



My son, Gregory, kicked off his Spring Break by welcoming his classmates to the Texas Capitol, watching his mom at work, and showing his friends his late paternal grandfather's photo, Senator Gregory Luna.



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