



Buck and Shirley Sloan wave to the Parade of Well-Wishers driving past their house on Buck's 100th Birthday Celebration. STORY BELOW. (ABC13 photo)

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North Channel Chamber Luncheon June 7

Monthly Luncheon, for Members Only this month, at LyondellBasell headquarters. 11:30am to 1:00pm, speaker is Tony Wood, Plant Manager.

RSVP by May 31, call 713-450-3600 or info@ncachamber.com.

North Channel Chamber Magic Casino Night Aug.9

Plan for the Magic of Chamber Casino Fundraiser, Friday August 9 from 7pm to 11pm at the Jacinto City Town Center, 1025 Oates Road, Jacinto City. Sponsorships now available, from \$200 to \$1800, proceeds to NCAF scholarships. Call 713-450-3600.

NORTH CHANNEL EMS CITIZEN TRAINING

GoodSAM Aims to Save Lives with Technology, Volunteers

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

Advances in technology are exploding in the medical industry and with it comes advanced life-saving measures that increase outcomes for patients. At the Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce luncheon, Roland Hobbs, director of North Channel EMS, explained a new program that's sweeping the country and brings with it the technology and hope to save lives.

"This program has been adopted by most of the fire and EMS departments on the eastside of Harris County and is expanding quickly," he told Chamber members.

Hobbs and his colleagues are quietly building an army of volunteers training them in the newer procedures in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), a team they hope will bring hope for

patients in distress. "We are enrolling residents in CPR classes and building a team across East Harris County that can respond to lifesaving calls," he said. "Once they're trained, we use them. When we receive a call for someone in cardiac arrest, we look to see if there's one of our volunteers trained in CPR and registered with us to go next door or a couple of doors down or in the area to start administering chest compressions while the ambulance and paramedic are enroute."

Hobbs said the chances of survival for a patient in cardiac arrest are less than 10 percent survivability outside of a hospital. However, if CPR is administered quickly, those chances almost doubly increase.

"Many of you remember Good Samaritans were also asked to do mouth-to-mouth rescue breathing, but that's no longer necessary," he



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said.

Hobbs also said that new technology with automated external defibrillators (AED) is much more advanced and simpler enough for anyone to operate. AEDs are a small, portable medical device that can read someone's heart rhythm

and deliver an electrical shock, if necessary, to try and restart the heart.

"All of those can be done within seconds or minutes of a volunteer arriving at a home, church, or business while the ambulance is enroute," he said. Once the ambulance arrives, the

paramedics take over and continue the life-saving measures.

The technology is much deeper than just a simple phone call.

"This is just the beginning," Hobbs said. "We are first trying to enlist and train as many people as possible to learn CPR and then expand that network of volunteers to every single community and subdivision in our scope."

Hobbs said they are willing to come to churches, civic organizations, and clubs to teach members the free CPR classes. Participants who receive the training receive a CPR certified card.

"Once this is established, we plan to expand the program to more of its capabilities," he told the chamber.

One of those is a video component.

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Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital to Host June 7 Cancer Survivors Day Celebration

Former and current patients invited to attend

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Baytown, TX – May 29, 2024—Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital is pleased to announce their upcoming Cancer Survivors Day Celebration: United, Surviving and Thriving. This annual event honors the courage and determination of former and current Houston Methodist Neal Cancer Center at Baytown cancer patients. Set to take place on Friday, June 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the event promises an inspiring day filled with camaraderie, education and empower-



Dr. Richard Siy, Houston Methodist Baytown plastic and reconstructive surgeon, will be the keynote speaker at the luncheon.

ment.

The celebration will kick off with a resource fair from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., offering attendees access to

invaluable healthy lifestyle resources. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., guests will gather in the hospital's main classroom for the luncheon portion. The program will feature several speakers including a keynote address by plastic and reconstructive surgeon Dr. Richard Siy.

"We are thrilled to invite our survivors to join us for this special occasion," said Nancy Thompson, director of cancer services at Houston Methodist Baytown. "This event is not only a celebration of their

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After 100th Birthday, Buck Sloan heads to D-Day in France



Friends and Family gave Buck Sloan a great 100th Birthday party at the Buckshot Jamboree!



Buck and Shirley Sloan head to France to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landing in Normandy.

MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 6

UPDATE: Recent Flooding Puts Superfund Site At Risk

Ever since the San Jacinto River Waste Pits was added to the Superfund Priority List in 2008, rising sea levels, flooding and subsidence have submerged most of the site most of the time. So, when the San Jacinto River went into flood stage, all residents could do was cross their fingers and hope for the best.

The flood waters completely submerged the Pits and, for three days, the river churned through the Northern Pit. Because the river narrows at the bridge, the area around the pits receives some of the strongest currents in the river system.

This is an update on what we have learned since the flooding.

Northern Pit Impact - According to EPA project



JACKIE YOUNG MEDCALF

managers, the Northern Pit was submerged under 7.5 feet of water. The flooding broke open the security fence that controls access to the Pits and the buoy line marking the Pits washed away. Crews started surveying the Northern Pit and the cap that covers the contami-

nated material. The survey information should be available within the next few days and the EPA says repair material is nearby in case there is damage.

The EPA May Still Take The Project Over - In January, the EPA said the remediation plan from International Paper and McGinnes Industrial Maintenance Co., a subsidiary of Waste Management Inc. was deficient. The EPA granted a 90 day extension for the companies to produce a complete design plan. However, it looks like the EPA is ready to step in and take over the project if the companies don't satisfy the agency's requests. The EPA said Tuesday that if a complete

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San Jacinto Pilot Club Donates Pillows to children's camp

April 11, 2024 – San Jacinto Pilot Club donated over 80 heart-shaped pillows to Camp Pump-It-Up today. This camp is for children 8-12 years old (and their siblings) who have heart issues and are unable to attend traditional camps. It is administered by Texas Children's Hospital and takes place at Camp for All in Burton, Texas.

These pillows are part of the San Jacinto Pilot Club's Project Hug-A-Heart, which makes these pillows to donate to Texas Children's Hospital. Caley Kohlhofer from Texas Children's Hospital was on hand to receive the donation.

San Jacinto Pilot Club, founded in 1987, is a part of Pilot International, a 501(c)3 organization which is a community-based vol-



Caley Kohlhofer and Karla Green Kidd, President.

unteer service organization founded in 1921 in Macon, GA on the principles of "Friendship and Service." The name "Pilot" was inspired by the mighty riverboat pilots of that day who represented leadership and guidance and who

steered a "true course ever." Pilot Clubs are found across the U.S., the Bahamas, Japan, and South Africa. Pilots carry out their mission to "Do

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SHELDON ISD NEWS

KASE Academy Recognizes Seniors at Decision Day



To celebrate the Class of 2024 graduates from KASE Academy, the school held its Decision Day to celebrate students' decision to apply and get accepted to college. Baskets of necessities for graduating seniors for college were distributed and donated by Sheldon ISD employees and the community.

Sheldon ISD transportation Employee Receives Customer Service Award



Sheldon ISD bus driver Mrs. Deborah Carmouche has been honored with the C.A.R.E Award, which stands for "Caught Acting, Responding in Excellence." This special award recognizes those who consistently go above and beyond. She was nominated for her dedication to excellence that shines through in her willingness to help her colleagues and always lend an extra hand. She creates a friendly and supportive environment that makes everyone feel valued and appreciated. This award is in partnership with Chick Fil-a Summerwood location who presents the recipients with a basket full of goodies. The recipient was nominated by parents, students and peers for making a positive impact in the Sheldon community.



Good Luck to the Class of 2024



On Friday, May 24, the graduating class of King High School participated in a Senior Walk which consisted of a bus tour to all middle and elementary schools and the two early childhood academies. This provided an opportunity for them to say goodbye to former teachers as well as encourage and promote an achievement to younger classmates. Congratulations to the Class of 2024. This year's graduating class earned more than \$6 million in scholarships.

Teaming up to Inspire the Next Generation of Clean Energy Innovators



Last week, Syzygy Plasmonics hosted some very bright students from the Sheldon ISD middle school STEM Academy at their facility for an exciting day of STEM exploration. Students toured the site, met the engineers, learned about the role of 3D modeling in reactor design, saw process automation in action, and discovered how they manufacture catalysts. The goal of the work-based learning trip was to spark their curiosity and passion for STEM and allow the students to ask questions from real-life STEM professionals on the job. To commemorate their visit, the students signed the Syzygy mural wall and received 3D printed Syzygy logo keychains. This was another great way to keep fostering a love for STEM and empowering the next generation of STEM leaders for our community.

GALENA PARK ISD NEWS

Unmatched Excellence in Education

By Dr. Tommie L. Smith

The Galena Park ISD Board of Trustees celebrated the recent distinction of Galena Park ISD receiving the 2024 H-E-B Excellence in Education Large School District Award. The District's commitment to student achievement through innovative programs, parent and community involvement, and professional development opportunities for teachers and administrators is unmatched. This award honors outstanding public school professionals and thanks them for their dedication and commitment. Galena Park ISD goes the extra mile each and every day to educate and support students, educators, and the Galena Park ISD Community. Congratulations on this incredible honor!



A certificate was presented to H-E-B Excellence in Education Committee Members on behalf of the Board of Trustees and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools. Photo Credit: Christopher Gause

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CHARLOTTE'S WEB
By Charlotte Jackson 

Champions



Several years ago, I had the pleasure of meeting a young man who had dreams and ambitions that brought so much joy into my life. He was sent to me from a group of other young men who I had met through the years in our community. These young men came from the eastside of Houston and wanted to make a difference. They had dreams of being a team in the NBL-US Basketball League. I did not know all the steps that they would have to take, but I knew if Cedric Washington, Chris Butler, and A.J. Bocard believed in the dream enough to introduce me to Kevin Williams, it had to be worthwhile to listen to him and to put my support behind them.



players from East Houston United would be moved to others NBL-US teams, while others were already in the process of moving to another league to play overseas.

As someone who had been involved since the early planning stages, I was torn. Suddenly as I would attend games, I felt like I had family on different teams and at times I did not know who to root for. Deep in my heart, they had all grown to be like sons to me. I would wake up some mornings with different players on my heart. I found myself praying not just for them, but for their wives, children, and their contributions to the teams, but also for their off the court needs. As time has gone on, I have grown attached to the owners, the coaches, the announcer, who happens to be someone I met years ago when he was a student at San Jac, Xavier Hunter. I realized I knew one of the other Team Owners, Chris Williams of the Woodlands Warhawks, as his parents Dianna and Brian have been a huge part of the North Shore community for years. And I started praying for Dianna as she mentioned late last year that she was pondering the idea of being the first female owner of a team. That dream became a reality when she purchased the franchise for the Eastside Netz.

Can you imagine the excitement of seeing not only HBCU The Movement and the Eastside Netz playing in the semifinals on Friday night but the Woodland Warhawks as well? And then on Saturday to see the HBCU The Movement face the Woodlands Warhawks in the Championship game was amazing. The Championship game was the toughest yet in the end, HBCU The Movement won. As I looked around the gym, all I could see were Champions.

In the weeks ahead, as they began to solidify their team which would include young men who had attended Furr High School, Galena Park High School, Channelview High School and North Shore High School as well as a few guys from other schools. There were several names thrown out for the team. And one day in conversation, I mentioned that they need to show how the east side comes together. I referenced Tropical Storm Allison as well as Hurricane Harvey and how our communities are always united to help each other. I suggested "East Houston United" as the name for the team and once they made all the suggested names public, the votes were in and East Houston United became a legend. Home games have been played at San Jacinto College North and every game is full of excitement.

Shortly after winning their fourth Championship, Kevin contacted me to let me know he was making some changes. He had been working with others and decided it was time to dissolve the team and bring in a new team. The new team would be HBCU The Movement. All players on the team would currently be attending an HBCU or be an alum of one, apart from those players still in high school. This meant that some of the

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FEMA y SBA están trabajando para apoyar a las personas afectadas por la recuperación con nuevos beneficios y asistencia simplificada. Lea a continuación para obtener más información sobre algunas de las asistencias disponibles.

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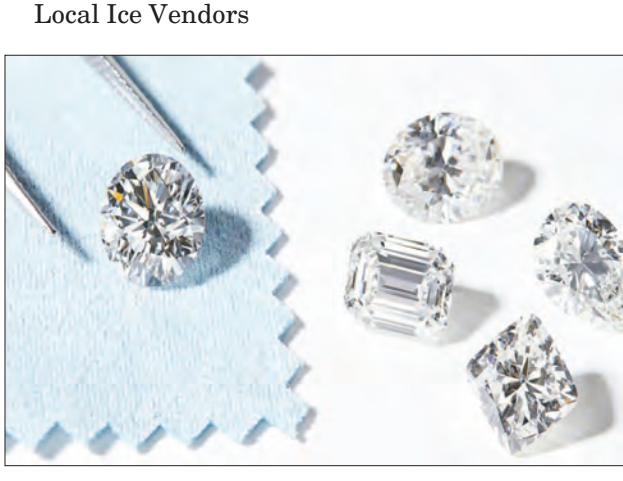
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Diamond Jim: "Local ICE vendors?"



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STORM DEBRIS CLEAN UP

SEPARATING YOUR DEBRIS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT STORM CLEAN UP

What is the difference between storm-related debris and regular household trash?
Storm debris includes any trees, tree limbs and shrubs that wind down in the hurricane. Regular household trash is what you would throw away on a typical week.

When will the storm debris be collected from my curb and what should I do to prepare?
There is no schedule for when storm debris will be collected from your neighborhood, but be assured that it will. Cleanup efforts take time.

When will my regular household collections resume?
Regular collections of garbage, recycling and your normal weekly yard waste resume as soon as it is safe for collection crews to do so.

DEBRIS SHOULD BE PLACED CURBSIDE, WITHOUT BLOCKING THE ROADWAY OR STORM DRAINS

HOUSEHOLD TRASH
Normal household trash and bagged debris of any kind will not be picked up with disaster debris. You should continue to follow your normal garbage removal schedule.

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OPINION PAGE



Storm Recovery Update

In the aftermath of the severe storms, tornadoes, flooding, and straight-line winds that began on April 26, we want to ensure that everyone in our community has access to the necessary resources for recovery.

FEMA Disaster Recovery Center in Harris County

FEMA has opened a Disaster Recovery Center to provide one-on-one help to Texans affected by the recent severe weather events. The center is located at: Leon Z Grayson Community Center 13828 Corpus Christi St. Houston, TX 77015

FEMA's QUICK ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

FEMA's disaster assistance offers new benefits that provide flexible funding directly to those affected by the storm.

Serious Needs Assistance - A \$750 payment for households for essential items will now be provided in all disasters receiving Individual Assistance to help people make ends meet.

Displacement Assistance - A new benefit that will provide people with up-front funds to assist with immediate housing options of their choice, to keep people housed.

How to Apply for FEMA Assistance

You do not need to visit a Disaster Recovery Center to register for FEMA assistance. Homeowners and renters can apply in the following ways:

- Online: Visit DisasterAssistance.gov
Mobile App: Download the FEMA App for mobile devices
Phone: Call the FEMA helpline at 800-621-3362 between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.
In Person: Visit any Disaster Recovery Center.

To view an accessible video about how to apply, visit: Three Ways to Register for FEMA Disaster Assistance - YouTube.

For the latest information, visit fema.gov/disaster/4781. Follow FEMA Region 6 on Twitter or Facebook.

Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Assistance

SBA disaster assistance is now available for small businesses affected by the recent storms. SBA customer service representatives will be on hand at the following centers to answer questions.

Business Recovery Centers:

- Harris County Business Recovery Center University of Houston-Downtown Marilyn Davies College of Business Room B106, 1st Floor
Harris County Business Recovery Center Trini Mendenhall Community Center
Virtual Business Recovery Center

I encourage everyone affected to take advantage of these resources. My team will continue to work around the clock to help residents recover from the storm.

Sincerely, Sylvia R. Garcia Member of Congress



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders

Additional Disaster Assistance Approved

Seven Texas counties have been approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for grants for emergency work and replacement of disaster-damaged public infrastructure.

An additional 21 Texas counties remain on review for possible inclusion under the aid program. In addition, a number of counties have been approved for individual assistance funding.

Abbott also announced that the federal food program known as SNAP has approved allowing its recipients to apply for replacement benefits for food that was lost or destroyed in the recent storms.

FAMILIES OF UVALDE SHOOTING VICTIMS SUE DPS OFFICERS

Relatives of children killed and injured in the deadly school shooting in Uvalde in May 2023 are suing Texas Department of Public Safety officers who were among hundreds of law enforcement that waited well over an hour to confront the gunman at Robb Elementary.

Nearly 100 officers from the Texas Department of Public Safety have yet to face a shred of accountability for cowering in fear while my daughter and nephew bled to death in their classroom.



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Cats Games



"I don't even know what game we're supposed to be playing!" my husband, Peter, told me.

He and our cat, Felix, have been playing their nightly game of chase and tag. Peter always loses. This might be because Felix makes the rules—and is the referee.

"When is the game over?" I asked.

"Whenever Felix wins!"

Last night, I was already in bed while the game was wrapping up. Felix was nowhere to be seen. Peter was silently creeping around the bed and out the bedroom door.

"Score!" I hollered from the bed. "Felix one, Peter zero—and Felix has won the game!"

Then Felix knocked all the pillows off the sofa to celebrate and came to bed with us.

"It's nice having a cat, isn't it?" I said to Peter.

"Hmm," Peter said.

"You sometimes used to win games when you played with dogs. That's because you were sneaky, and dogs are not as sneaky."

"Dogs are not sneaky at all!" Peter agreed. Peter used to hide from my old dog, Milo, and surprise him. He'd call him from the other room and hide on one side of the door or the other.

"Cats are too sneaky," Peter said. "I don't stand a chance."

Felix was a street cat in Mexico before we adopted him and brought him home with us. He does not seem to be pining for life on the street. He has no desire to go outside and is quite content to watch birds through the window.

"Where is my aspirin bottle?" Peter complained last night, after the game was over.

"Where was it?"

"On top of my dresser."

"I'm guessing Felix knocked it off."

"From the top of the highboy?"

Peter has still not absorbed the fact that there is no surface upon which it is safe to set any small object.

And, of course, our life is so much better this way.

For several years, we had no pet, and we would regularly assure ourselves that life was simpler and, with our trips back and forth to Mexico, we were doing the sensible thing—for ourselves and for our imaginary pet.

But pets are not imaginary, once you have one.

While I cannot know with complete certainty what anyone (much less a cat) is thinking at any particular moment, I am sure Felix is a happy cat.

"You are a very good cat," I tell Felix every night before I fall asleep. Felix purrs and agrees.

Till next time, Carrie

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"Texas' evolving attitude speaks to a nationwide shift in favor of decriminalizing and legalizing cannabis," Ty Schepis, a Texas State University professor of clinical psychology with a specialization in substance use, said.

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NOAA Administrator Rick Spinrad told The Tribune that the "extraordinarily high, record-warm water temperatures" in the Atlantic are energizing the ocean, which can fuel storm development.

The Texas coast is particularly vulnerable to storm impact. Ken Graham, NOAA's weather service director, said possibly affected residents should plan an evacuation route, have a disaster supply kit on hand, and consider purchasing home and flood insurance.

"You can't wait 'til the storm surfaces because you may not have the time," he said. "Then you're competing to get water. You're getting in the long lines for evacuations, the traffic. So, the earlier you can prepare the better."

Crosby-Huffman Chambers Luncheon Highlights Life-Saving Tech: Local EMS Launches Volunteer CPR Program,

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Volunteers who arrive at the scene early can receive a link on their cell phone from the 911 dispatch. When the volunteer clicks on it, the dispatch can see the video of the scene from their phone and help in coaching the volunteer by viewing the live video and assessing the scene. The video feed can also be sent in real time to the medical director or paramedics on the ambulance that's enroute who can also assist the volunteer with the patient at the scene.

"None of it works without volunteers and that's why we are starting first to train residents how to administer CPR and then we'll incorporate the additional technology as we go," he told members.

One question from the audience was on the liability factor.

Hobbs reminded them

that they are covered by the Good Samaritan law. The law states, "A person who in good faith administers emergency care at the scene of an emergency or in a hospital is not liable in civil damages for an act performed during the emergency unless the act is willfully or wantonly negligent."

GoodSAM was founded in 2013 in Europe to change the response to cardiac arrests. The result has been positive.

Crosby is already a step ahead of most communities. The Cody Stephens Foundation has already placed an AED at the high school football stadium and one at the Crosby Fair and Rodeo facility on FM 2100. Stephens, a football player on the Crosby Cougars team, died an untimely death at 18 years old in May of 2012 after suffering cardiac arrest. His

father, Scott, worked with UIL Athletics until the bill was passed.

"House Bill 76 (Cody's Law) was passed through the Texas Senate with a Vote of 20-11," Stephens wrote on his son's foundation website. "Each and every student, along with their parent/guardian, in the state of Texas who participates in UIL sanctioned events will be informed about ECG heart screenings and have the opportunity to opt in. This law will educate, save countless lives, and put the issue of heart health in the students'/parent's hands, which has been our goal since day 1," his father wrote.

To learn more about GoodSAM or to enroll in a CPR class, contact Hobbs at the North Channel EMS at HY-P E R L I N K info@nch-emt.com

San Jacinto River Waste Pits Flood, EPA May Take Over Cleanup

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and satisfactory design plan isn't submitted by July 17, the agency will have a contractor ready to step in and take over.

Climate Change Is One Of The Sticking Points - The Responsible Parties use historical data on river levels in their remediation plan. For example, they use past river levels to decide how high the protective wall around the site should be during removal. The EPA says they need to consider sea level rise and climate change in

anticipating higher water events.

Harris County Leaders Are Talking About Legal Action - At Tuesday's Harris County Commissioner's Court, Precinct 3 Commissioner Tom Ramsey raised the repeated delays in cleaning up the Northern Pit and urged commissioners to be ready to act once the 90 day deadline is up. County Attorney Christian Menefee's office said they have been in close contact with the EPA and may consid-

er legal options. Here's the video of THEA Founder and CEO Jackie Medcalf's comments to the commission and the discussion.

Curious about other area Superfund Sites? TCEQ plans to inspect the Highlands Acid Pit and the Sikes Disposal Pits once the flood waters fully recede. The parties responsible for the French Limited Site will send their contractors out for inspection once the site is fully accessible.

San Jacinto Pilot Club Donates Pillows

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More, Care More and Be More" by providing financial and hands-on support for national and local initiatives in keeping with its causes of youth development & leadership, brain safety & fitness and caring for families in times of need. In addition, there

are over 7,000 school-level Anchor Club members worldwide—including the North Shore Anchor Club—through which Pilot encourages and provides opportunities for youth development and leadership. Pilot International remains headquartered in

Macon, where its staff serves its international constituency. For more information visit www.SanJacintoPilot.com and www.PilotInternational.org.

Celebrate Resilience: HMB Hospital's Cancer Survivors Day on June 7

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cancer journey, but also a testament to the strength and resilience of our survivors. We look forward to treating them to a day of inspiration, connection and hope."

Attendees are encouraged to RSVP at join.houstonmethodist.org/cancersurvivor-baytown. Each survivor is welcome to bring one support person as a guest. Call 346.292.1937 if you prefer to register by phone or for additional information.

About Houston Method-

ist Baytown Hospital

Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital has provided Baytown and east Harris, Liberty and Chambers counties with excellent medical care since its opening in 1948. The hospital continues to grow to meet the health care needs of its growing community through an ongoing construction and renovation program that has seen the opening of a new five-story patient tower, emergency center, outpatient center and medical-surgi-

cal units. As a health care leader, the hospital is proud to have a fully integrated residency program focused on educating and inspiring future practitioners. Today, Houston Methodist Baytown provides the most advanced and innovative procedures while never wavering from its focus on compassionate care and providing a safe, patient-centered healing environment. For more information, visit houstonmethodist.org/baytown.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Sheldon Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 pm June 18, 2024 in Donald P. Ney Administration Building Houston, Texas 77044. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

Maintenance Tax	\$ <u>0.7575</u> /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$ <u>0.5000</u> /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and operations	<u>5.82</u> % increase	or	<u>N/A</u> % (decrease)
Debt service	<u>0.21</u> % increase	or	<u>N/A</u> % (decrease)
Total expenditures	<u>6.03</u> % increase	or	<u>N/A</u> % (decrease)

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

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ <u>8,894,258,907</u>	\$ <u>9,059,455,960</u>
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ <u>227,235,338</u>	\$ <u>322,119,584</u>
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ <u>7,072,128,970</u>	\$ <u>7,203,482,788</u>
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ <u>180,682,577</u>	\$ <u>256,128,281</u>

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).
 ** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 453 MM

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 0.75750	\$ 0.50000 *	\$ 1.25750	\$ 8,086	\$ 5,736
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service					
Proposed Rate	\$ 0.73968	\$ 0.43806 *	\$ 1.17774	\$ 8,315	\$ 5,715
Proposed Rate	\$ 0.75750	\$ 0.50000 *	\$ 1.25750	\$ 8,246	\$ 5,825

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

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 208,055	\$ 204,793
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 106,253	\$ 108,858
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.2575	\$ 1.2575
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 1336.13	\$ 1368.89
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 32.76

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

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.2575. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of 1.2575.

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 43.8 MM
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 11.8 MM

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

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

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

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Buck Sloan celebrates 100th Birthday, then performs at Buckshot Jamboree; Next, a trip to France for 80th D-Day celebration



The Buckshot Jamboree building was filled with well-wishers who joined Buck and Shirley in enjoying these special Birthday cakes.

The tower or tiered cake on the left is covered with photos from the many adventures in Buck's life, and at the top the message "100 Years Loved!"

Not slowing down a bit, at the left Shirley and Buck were dancing off and on all afternoon, as the Buckshot Band played for everyone's enjoyment.

After all the fun, the young couple packed up for a trip to France, where Buck will visit the D-Day beaches and cemetery of Normandy during the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landing.

Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia holds Disaster Recovery Meeting to aid Residents with Storm damage



Commissioner Garcia held a Town Hall meeting on May 29, at the Almdarado Community Center in Aldine, to give information to residents of Precinct 2 on resources available after damage from the recent floods and windstorms. Above, a FEMA Representative talks about FEMA Grants for disaster recovery relief, available to qualified applicants. These are funds that do not have to be repaid to FEMA or the government.

The meeting included a sign-language interpreter, and a Spanish presenter. The information is also available at the Precinct 2 website, www.hcp2.com.



Commissioner Garcia talks with a representative of the SBA, or Small Business Administration, about SBA Loans for disaster relief. These SBA Loan Funds are available at 2.66% interest to qualified applicants. These funds are not grants, and they have to be repaid according to the terms of the loan. However, they are readily available for assistance.

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Bids will be received until **9:00 a.m., Friday, June 14, 2024**, at the Channelview ISD's E-bidding website. Please visit the electronic bidding website at <https://cvisd.ionwave.net>

All necessary information may be obtained by calling the Business Office at (281) 452-8003, or the district website www.cvisd.org, under Departments → Business Office → Purchasing. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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Q: Now that "NCIS: Hawaii" has been canceled, are there going to be any other "NCIS" shows in the works? — K.S.

A: Yes! "NCIS" has been a very successful franchise for CBS ever since it premiered on the network back in 2003. Starring Mark Harmon, the series has spawned four spin-offs ("Los Angeles," "New Orleans," "Hawaii" and "Sydney") with two more planned.

"NCIS: Origins" will focus on Harmon's character at the beginning of his career in the 1990s, with Austin Stowell ("Three Women") stepping into his shoes. The series will air on CBS on Monday nights beginning this fall, and Harmon is listed as the narrator.

The other new spin-off, "NCIS: Tony & Ziva," will air on the streamer Paramount+ and will star fan-favorites Michael Weatherly and Cote de Pablo, who reprise their "NCIS" roles. You may remember that de Pablo's Ziva was presumed dead when the actress left "NCIS," but later, it was learned that she was alive and went on to live happily ever after with Tony and their baby in France. The new series picks up with the family on the run in Europe.

"I expect intrigue, romance, the background of Europe, impossible situations that will make our life complicated, but somehow a little something about love," explained de Pablo on a recent announcement via Zoom. Paramount+ has ordered 10 episodes, with shooting to begin shortly in Budapest.

Q: Is it true that Susan Lucci is going to be the "Golden Bachelorette"? Will the show air soon? — J.K.

A: ABC decided to give audiences what they've been requesting for decades — a "Bachelor" for Boomers. Gerry Turner, a 72-year-old retired restaurateur and widower, became "The Golden Bachelor," marrying, and alas divorcing, Theresa Nist, a financial securities specialist from Manhattan.

Despite the disappointing conclusion to that romance, the season itself was a hit with many questioning who would be the first Golden Bachelorette. There was a recent report that "All My Children" star Susan Lucci was asked to be the chooser, but a spokesperson from ABC has denied it.



Michael Weatherly and Cote de Pablo to star in "Tony & Ziva"

According to TVLine, they eventually found their "The Golden Bachelorette" star in 61-year-old Joan Vassos, a school administrator who had to leave the "Golden Bachelor" season early to be by her daughter's side for a medical crisis. She'll make her debut this fall when "The Golden Bachelorette" premieres, with episodes being expanded to 90 minutes long.

Q: Is the PBS series "Antiques Roadshow" still making new episodes? I see reruns all the time where they give updates on what an item would be appraised at in 2024, but they're still reruns. — V.O.

A: Yes, "Antiques Roadshow" is currently filming its upcoming 29th season with a five-city tour. The new season will premiere sometime in 2025, with episodes filmed from their stops this summer in Las Vegas; Baltimore; Bentonville, Arkansas; Urbandale, Iowa; and Littleton, Colorado.

For more information about the show and future tours, visit PBS.org/wgbh/roadshow.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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HOLLYWOOD — It was a stretch to believe Lindsay Lohan as the legendary beauty Elizabeth Taylor in "Liz & Dick" (2012), but she was a good enough actress to pull it off. The many times I saw and shot Elizabeth, I was stunned by her beauty and piercing blue eyes!

Now Lohan will become Ann-Margret in a biopic of the sex symbol who held her own opposite Elvis Presley in "Viva Las Vegas." I was 17 when I first met Ann-Margret in New York City. She was sweet, wholesome and, yes, very sexy. I took photos of her every time she came to NYC to publicize her new films. I was in heaven when CBS hired me to shoot her in Vegas, along with Frank Sinatra, Andy Williams, Tom Jones and Sammy Davis Jr., for their special "Cinderella at the Palace" (1978). My photos were used for all the ads and in TV Guide.

Don't know if Lohan's acting can turn her into the sex symbol Ann-Margret became! (Makeup!)

"Downton Abbey" fans ... your wait is over! The third "Downton Abbey" film is in the works. Oscar nominee Paul Giamatti, Joely Richardson and Alessandro Nivola will join the regular cast, while Dominic West will reprise his role from the second film. It hits screens in 2025. The first "Downton Abbey" grossed \$194.7 million, and "Downton Abbey: A New Era" grossed \$92.7 million.

So, what took so long? Julian Fellowes, screenwriter of the series and films, took time off to write 17 episodes of HBO's "The Gilded Age," which was renewed for a third season.

"Superman Returns" Brandon Routh joins Faye Dunaway, Harvey Keitel, Andrew McCarthy, Mena Suvari and Cheech Marin in "Fate The Movie." Brandon plays a firefighter. I met him when he was a waiter at Lucky Strike, a bowling alley at the Dolby Theatre. He quit to become Seth Anderson in "One Life to Live" (2001-02).



Actress Lindsay Lohan ("Irish Wish")

Andrew McCarthy — who starred in classics such as "St. Elmo's Fire" (1985), "Pretty in Pink" (1986), "Mannequin" (1987), "Weekend At Bernie's" (1989) and "The Joy Luck Club" (1993) — has written and directed the full-length documentary "Brats," which takes a look at iconic films of the 1980s. The "Brat Pack" consisted of actors like Rob Lowe, Demi Moore, Ally Sheedy, Timothy Hutton, Emilio Estevez, Jon Cryer and Lea Thompson. The documentary drops on Hulu on June 13.

You've probably seen those TV ads asking for people who used Roundup weed killer and were subsequently diagnosed with cancer. Well, Glen Powell, Anthony Mackie and Oscar winner Laura Dern are shooting "Monsanto," in which Powell is an untried attorney who sues Monsanto (acquired by Bayer in 2018) over Roundup possibly causing non-Hodgkin lymphoma and other cancers. At least Bayer has an endless supply of aspirin for this ginormous headache!

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Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle. Includes a 9x9 grid and difficulty indicators.

HOCUS-FOCUS by Henry Boltinoff. Includes two panels of a man and a dog and a list of differences.

King Crossword June 3, 2024 Posting Date. Includes crossword grid and word lists for Across and Down.

Trivia Test Answers: 1. Chemistry; 2. Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania; 3. "Please Please Me"; 4. "Anne Mays"; 5. Hadrian; 6. "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo"; 7. Jupiter and Mars; 8. North Carolina; 9. According to the menu; 10. Condensation.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez. Includes a list of 10 trivia questions and their answers.



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