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Guidry News Service Expands Alliances

Bay Area Houston Alive, GoBAHA.com & Jack Cross PowerPoints Join GNS

Guidry News Service last week formally announced an alliance with Rick Clapp, owner of Bay Group Media, founder of Bay Area Houston Magazine, and producer of Bay Area Houston Alive.

"Throughout the past 14 years, we have cooperated with Rick as our individual businesses have grown and thrived," said Lynda Guidry. "Today we are posting video interviews that Rick recorded for GoBAHA.com; and we look forward to increased video coverage of events on the Golden Gulf Coast."



Another area of expanded "new media" coverage is being provided by Jack Cross, a longtime Texas City resident.

"Jack's presentation of Galveston Island's Tree Sculptures, which 'went viral' through email and became a nationwide success, was an immediate hit when we posted it on GuidryNews.com," said Jim Guidry. "We learned that Jack has a extensive library of PowerPoint programs with outstanding photos, and decided to make a special page on GuidryNews.com to spotlight his art."



Cross credits former Texas City Mayor Chuck Doyle with his avocation.

"I am not Catholic, but when they were getting the new St Mary's Church going, Chuck Doyle had me serve on his committee to present motivational PowerPoint presentations."

Cross and Clapp join George and Brenda Lee, producers of the Electric Theatre Radio Hour as special contributors who provide unique insights on the people and events in the news on the upper Texas Gulf Coast.

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City of Houston

The City of Houston announced last week that the city is restructuring the Department of Housing and Community Development to "restore financial integrity, improve performance and facilitate expansion of the mission to include a new focus on community development".

"This department has had difficulties for years," said HCD Director Jim Noteware. "Mayor Parker's charge was to fix it. This plan will do just that."

Houston City Council today voted to approve an interlocal agreement with the Houston Independent School District for printing, copying, scanning and on-site copy shop management services for city departments.

Beaumont City Council

Beaumont City Council last week voted unanimously to amend an oil, gas and mineral lease with Cimarex Energy Co. to provide a two-year extension to the existing lease agreement.

Friendswood City Council

Friendswood City Council last week voted 4-3, with Deirdre Carey Brown, Patrick McGinnis and Jim Barr opposed, to deny a request by Brown to receive information from executive sessions held by city council prior to her election.

"Councilwoman Brown was not seated in her capacity as council member until June 14, 2010," City Council Member Michael Barker said. "Prior to that date she was a private citizen and is not lawfully entitled to the information she has requested. The fact that Councilwoman Brown was considered an advisor to the group of citizens who opposed the city in legal action is of major

concern as well. It is fair to state there could be a conflict of interest and the risk of confidentiality being breached if the information is provided as she has requested."

Texas City City Commission

The Texas City City Commission last week voted unanimously to convey land within the city's Industrial Buffer District to the Texas Economic Development Corporation.

Bayou Vista City Council

Bayou Vista City Council last week voted unanimously to propose an offer to Galveston County Municipal Utility District No. 12 to continue the lease of space in the district's building for the city's offices.

Kemah City Council

Kemah City Council last week voted unanimously to award a \$203,254 contract to Legion Contracting for construction on Bel Road and alleyway sidewalks.

League City City Council

League City City Council at a special workshop meeting last week voted 5-2, with Neil Baron and Mick Phalen opposed, to relocate the proposed "Boundless Playground" to the Chester L. Davis SportsPlex.

Clear Lake Shores Council

Clear Lake Shores City Council last week voted to send back to the Clear Lake Shores Economic Development Corporation a request by the EDC to use \$160,000 in unencumbered funds for infrastructure along Clear Lake Road from FM 2094 to the south side of the Jarboe Bayou Bridge.

El Lago City Council

El Lago City Council last week voted unanimously to approve a revised budget for Lakeview Police Department for 2011.

Pasadena City Council

Pasadena City Council last week voted unanimously to approve the 2010-2011 budget of the Pasadena Crime Control and Prevention District.

Taylor Lake Village Council

Taylor Lake Village City Council last week voted unanimously to approve an amendment to the city's Zoning Ordinance to disallow the rental of residences or accessory buildings for a period of less than 30 days.

Seabrook City Council

Seabrook City Council last week voted unanimously to award a \$51,530 contract to Insituform Technologies, Inc. to rehabilitate an 8-inch sanitary sewer main located at Kingfish Drive and Egret Drive.

Webster City Council

Webster City Council last week voted unanimously to approve the first reading of an amendment to the city's Code of Ordinances regarding signs along Interstate 45.

La Marque ISD School Board

The La Marque Independent School District Board of Trustees last week voted unanimously to approve an operational budget of \$26,728,502 for the 2010-2011 school year.

The budget marks a decrease of approximately \$3.7 million from the 2009-2010 school year, which totaled \$30.469 million when it was approved in August of last year.

Dickinson ISD School Board

The Dickinson Independent School District Board of Trustees last week voted unanimously to renew the district's property and casualty insurance policies with various insurance providers.

College of the Mainland

The College of the Mainland Board of Trustees last week voted unanimously to set a bond election for May 2011, but will consult with an architect before finalizing the ballot proposition to include a bond amount.

The college board had considered whether to move forward with a bond election in November of this year, but chose the later date of May 2011. No action was taken on an item to set an amount of \$109,435,625 for the bond issue, or to choose priority projects and propose a bond issue of \$63,535,625.

Galveston County Court

Galveston County Commissioners Court last week voted unanimously to approve an interlocal agreement with the Texas General Land Office that transfers funds for a FEMA project to the GLO.

"This agreement is actually the wrapping up of a process that started late last year," explained Mitigation Coordinator John Lee. "The General Land Office is doing a beach nourishment project on the west end of the Galveston Seawall down to 13 Mile Road."

The commissioners court met in several workshops last week, including meetings with Parks and Senior Services Director Dennis Harris and Community Services Director Curtiss Brown about the next session of the Texas Legislature.

Photos and audio excerpts from the meetings are posted on GuidryNews.com.

Jefferson County Court

Jefferson County Commissioners Court last week voted unanimously to approve a change order to increase the amount of a contract with Centerline Construction for repairs to the Walter Umphrey Park Maintenance Building by \$14,857.

The increase will include foundation design work prepared by Fitz and Shipman to comply with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's requirements to elevate the maintenance building by 4.28 feet. The change will place the foundation one foot above base flood elevation.

The Guidry News Gazette

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Deaths

Richard Henry Schiebel (86) of Galveston died Sunday, August 8, 2010 at his residence.

Eddie Benavides, Sr. (48) of Galveston died Friday, August 6, 2010, at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston.

Jack Daugherty (80) of Galveston passed away Wednesday, August 4, 2010, at his residence in Galveston.

Ruth Arritta Stroope (65) of Galveston passed away, Wednesday, August 4, 2010, at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston.

Dr. Edward Vincent Hannigan passed away Tuesday evening, August 3, 2010 surrounded by his wife and children.

Norma Claire Frey (81) passed away recently.

Florence Breslin Roach (86) of Galveston, passed away Tuesday, August 3, 2010, in Galveston, Texas, after a brief illness.

Jeanne B. Guidry (Sis) (88) passed away Monday, August 2, 2010 at her son's home in Lafayette Louisiana.

George Edward Kahla (77) passed away peacefully in his home on July 31, 2010 in High Island, Texas.

Deborah (Lucy) Ann Simons Beebe (54) of Galveston, Texas, formerly of Attica, died Thursday, July 29, 2010, at UTMB Hospital after a long battle with cancer.

Meetings and Events

Monday, August 9

- 1:30 Jefferson County Commissioners Court
- 4:30 Nederland City Council
- 5:00 Galveston Housing Authority Board of Commissioners
- 6:00 La Marque City Council
- 6:00 La Porte City Council
- 6:00 Pearland City Council Workshop
- 6:30 Friendswood City Council Budget Workshop
- 7:00 Nassau Bay City Council
- 7:00 Shoreacres City Council
- 7:30 Pearland City Council

Tuesday, August 10

- 8:30 Port Arthur City Council
- 9:00 Brazoria County Commissioners Court
- 10:00 Harris County Commissioners Court
- 10:00 Pasadena City Council
- 1:30 Galveston Park Board of Trustees
- 1:30 Houston City Council
- 1:30 Beaumont City Council
- 3:00 Galveston Central Appraisal District Board of Directors Public Hearing
- 3:30 Galveston Central Appraisal District Board of Directors
- 5:45 Friendswood Independent School District Board of Trustees
- 6:00 Dickinson City Council Workshop
- 6:00 La Porte City Council Budget Workshop
- 6:00 League City City Council
- 6:30 Bayou Vista Budget Workshop and Special Meeting
- 7:00 Dickinson City Council
- 7:00 Morgan's Point City Council
- 7:00 Seabrook City Council Workshop and Special Meeting
- 7:30 Texas City Independent School District Board of Trustees
- 7:30 Galveston Beach Band Concert, Sealy Pavilion

Wednesday, August 11

- 9:00 Houston City Council
- 9:30 Galveston County Commissioners Court
- 5:00 Texas City City Commission Special Meeting
- 5:30 Galveston College Board of Regents
- 6:00 La Porte City Council Budget Workshop
- 6:30 Galveston Independent School District Board of Trustees

Thursday, August 12

- 12:00 Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees
- 12:00 Houston Downtown Management District
- 4:00 Galveston City Council
- 5:00 Houston Independent School District Board of Education
- 6:00 La Porte City Council Budget Workshop
- 7:00 Santa Fe City Council
- 7:00 La Marque Independent School District Board of Trustees

Friday, August 13

- 8:00 Come Back to the Five & Dime Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean, Stage Door Inc.

Saturday, August 14

- 8:00 Come Back to the Five & Dime Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean, Stage Door Inc.

Sunday, August 15

- 3:00 Come Back to the Five & Dime Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean, Stage Door Inc.

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