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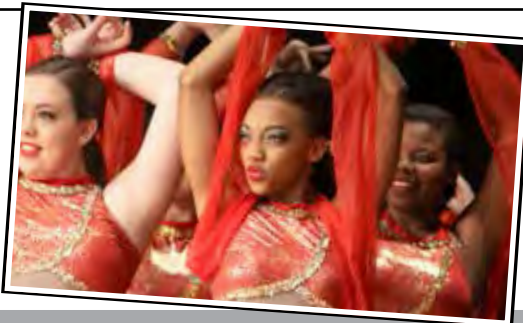
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## A day at the Bay



Baytown Sun photos/Albert Villegas

Lifeguard Makayla Hodges smiles at a woman in the shallow section of Pirates Bay Waterpark as other visitors are shown around them during a busy day of water fun Saturday in Baytown.

## City approves waterpark expansion

**BY ELESKA AUBESPIN**

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During Thursday night's meeting at Lee College's Tucker Hall, Baytown City council members awarded a construction contract to begin expanding Pirates Bay Waterpark, a project that includes new family rides, parking and other guest services.

Immediately after the contract approval, council members also voted to increase entry fees into the aquatic facility for the 2014 season to help pay for the improvements.

However, city officials stressed that the fee change would not take effect until next summer, when the first phase of Pirates Bay's expansion will be completed and available for guests to enjoy.

Council member Mercedes Renteria was absent from Thursday's meeting and did not vote.



Lifeguard Joshua Goodsen speaks to a couple of children during the opening week of Pirates Bay Water Park. The facility will be open on Memorial Day, as well as the other citywide splash and water venues.

"When we were working on the master plan for Pirates Bay, we said that in order to do alternative bids, we have to have additional revenues from the park and had to go up on the fees," Baytown City Manager Bob Leiper told councilmen. "But those new fees will not apply until the park expansion is open."

For phase one of the expansion, the city council approved a construction contract with Cox Commercial Construction, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$6.7 million. The price includes the base bid of \$4.9 million and two alternate bids totaling \$1.7 million.

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## Anahuac rocket studies take flight

**BY MARK FLEMING**

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Two teams of Anahuac High School students launched rockets in a May event involving 14 area high schools that gave students the opportunity to fly rockets they had designed, tested and built.

This is the third year Anahuac has taken a team to the event, said teacher Kirk Moore.

"We are trying to increase our

STEM-based curriculum," Moore said, referring to the science, technology, engineering and math fields.

"This is one of the ways to get the kids exposed to that," he continued, "by using something as sexy as rockets. Let's face it - everybody wants to build a rocket and launch it. But when you get into the building, it becomes much more complex than just putting something together."

The classes in which students build the rockets, he said, involve

heavy emphasis on math and physics. Chemistry and engineering also come into the mix.

"The project actually takes on a life of its own," Moore said. "They work a lot of hours on it. When you see the rocket, there's several hundred hours into it."

The goal for the first-year class was to build a one-pound rocket that would achieve an altitude of one

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## City, VFW Post 912 to hold Memorial Day service

The city of Baytown, in conjunction with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, will host a Memorial Day service at

11 a.m. Monday in the Veterans Memorial Plaza at the City's Bicen-

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**BAYTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## Angry mother attacks officer

**BY MARK FLEMING**

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A Baytown police officer received an injury to her hand while attempting to intervene after witnessing a woman striking her 5-year-old son in the chest, police reported.

A police spokesman said police officers in the area of the 400 block of Forrest Avenue about 2



**WHITE**

intervene, the woman "attacked the officers

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a.m. Friday saw the woman hitting the child with her fist. When officers tried to



Contributed photo

Texas Task Force 1 members are shown with two dogs they dug from the debris following the tornado that hit Moore, Okla., Monday.

## BPD officer part of Moore rescue effort

**BY MARK FLEMING**

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When teams from across the country arrived in Moore, Okla., this week to search through the wreckage, some of the searchers experienced in weather disaster response were the 80 or so members of Texas Task Force 1 - a College Station-based urban search and rescue team that includes among its members Baytown police detective Russell

White.

White said the call to deploy came about 6 p.m. Monday, about four hours after the tornado left its path of death and destruction. After assembling in College Station, Task Force 1 headed north to Oklahoma, arrived about 7 a.m. and started its search operation, taking teams street-by-street through the remnants of the neighborhood around

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mile. This year's effort fell somewhat short, breaking apart at 2,600 feet — about one-half of the altitude goal.

That, too, provided a learning opportunity, as the students then got to analyze what caused the structural failure.

The second-year class had the goal of building a rocket that would break the sound barrier (about 768 mph). That rocket had a structural failure at about 700 miles per hour. Moore said that, too, is a learning experience. "Though bummed their rocket came back in several pieces," he said, "they will complete their post-mission analysis to determine what they could have done to possibly correct their structural problem."

"Because of their deployment system and the way they attached stuff in there, they drilled a little too close to an edge, so that caused it to weak-



Contributed photo

Chris Sweat, Jaime Rivas and Logan Rhame work on their effort to launch a rocket that would travel faster than sound.

en," he said. "If it comes out perfect, you don't learn from that a lot of times," he said. "Even the kids that recovered their rocket intact still had issues they had to resolve."

The Anahuac students plan to be back next year, with even a higher goal.

Next year's seniors, Moore said, will be going to the third level of the SystemsGo program, and attempt high-altitude flight.

In that level, which

has already been reached by some Texas schools but not yet attempted by Anahuac, the goal is to build a rocket that can take a 35-pound payload to an altitude of 100,000 feet — about 19 miles.

At this level, Moore said, the program becomes more than theoretical, as several of the high school rockets have been used to launch high-altitude research payloads for universities.

This year's members of the one-pound, one-

mile team were Hunter Bergeron, Mason Boyer, Kevin Cao, Blake Edwards, John Lunsford, Tori Lyons, Porter May, Madison Mitchell, Anabel Moreno, Drew Moulton, Kyle Perry, Byron Riggs, Wesley Smith and Josh Winslow.

Members of the transonic team were Justin Artis, Brittan Brown, Isaias Gonzales, Logan Rhame, Jaime Rivas and Chris Sweat.

According to the SystemsGo website, "The SystemsGo Aerospace program was developed to promote engineering studies through research, to develop work force skills, and to encourage students to enter academic and career paths in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields that lead to careers in the engineering industries."

The program was developed by a teacher in Fredericksburg, Texas, and is used at several dozen high schools across the state.

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Plaza Towers Elementary School, searching among the rubble for either survivors or victims of the storm.

"The pictures and everything that you see on the news look bad," he said, "but they really don't do it a whole lot of justice as far as what it really looks like on the ground."

Teams from local emergency response agencies had already combed the area and rescued many people.

"We were assigned a local Moore firefighter for each squad that went out," he said. "We flooded the neighborhood performing a wide-area search of the debris."

"We went through and conducted secondary searches on everything with our canines that we have assigned to us."

"By the time everything got done, we'd cleared almost 500 houses that we'd been through."

"We were very im-

pressed with the work that the local responders had already done," White said. "We were told that in the hours immediately following the disaster prior to our arrival that the locals had performed over 100 rescues."

He said that, much like coastal communities are well-drilled on how to respond to hurricanes, Oklahoma residents and first responders both seemed well equipped to respond to the disaster. "They really had their act together. They had a good plan in place; they enacted that plan; it was really flawless and seamless how their response and their recovery was going."

"Even though people had pretty much lost everything that they owned, the overwhelming attitude [they had] was 'let's get it cleaned up and move on.'"

White said the Texas team, which for this deployment was under the direction of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, worked for two full days before returning home Thursday. In addition

to the team from Texas, FEMA also deployed a team from Tennessee and one from Nebraska.

White said he applied to be part of Texas Task Force 1 when it was first created in 1997. He wasn't accepted as part of the first group, he said, but applied again and was accepted in 1999.

Joining the task force required support from the police department, which signed a memorandum of understanding with the task force to allow his deployment when needed. According to the Texas Task Force 1 website, the group has agreements with 72 different companies and agencies that provide personnel for its disaster-response deployments.

Until recently, White said, he was the only city of Baytown employee to be part of the task force, but that a firefighter was recently accepted into the group.

Many of the team members are, in fact firefighters. White said he worked as a firefighter himself before becoming a police

officer.

Texas Task Force 1 has over 500 personnel, including three urban search and rescue teams such as the one deployed to Moore and 300 water rescue personnel.

The group bills itself as "the most deployed urban search and rescue team in the country." It can be deployed either by the state of Texas or by FEMA for federal responses. It is one of 28 national urban search and rescue teams coordinated by FEMA.

White said that while the Texas team responds to any disaster it is called to, it has become known for its search and rescue capabilities following hurricanes.

Group members go to College Station once every quarter for training, and have a major disaster response drill once every three years.

A recent non-weather deployment was for search and rescue work in West, Texas, following the fertilizer plant blast. White said he was not called on for that deployment, but other team members were.

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with a beer can."

During the altercation, the suspect hit an officer with her hand and also kicked the officer, according to the complaint filed with the 248th District Court in Houston.

Police said that a Taser was used to subdue the suspect, who continued to

fight with officers and jailers after being arrested.

Bond was set at \$5,000 for 24-year-old Staci White of the 200 block of West James Bowie, according to court records. She was charged with assault with bodily injury on a public servant.

Police said the woman's child was placed in the care of Child Protective Services.

# CITY

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ennial Park, 1001 Market St.

The ceremony will begin with the posting of the Colors and the National Anthem, performed by the Robert E. Lee High School JROTC. The Pledge of Allegiance will be led by Gregg Schull, VFW Post 912; followed by an invocation from Dr. Mark Broussard.

The event's guest speaker will be Jerry Johnson, senior vice commander, VFW Post 912, who will speak on remembering Memorial

Day.

VFW members will conduct a formal reading of the names of area service members who've lost their lives while protecting and serving the great-country. Jerry Johnson will coordinate the placement of several memorial wreaths on the park's Veterans Memorial Plaza.

The ceremony will close with a benediction from Broussard, and the playing of "Taps."

Baytown service organizations that wish to participate are invited to bring additional wreaths to be placed in honor of our veterans.

# WATER

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Alternate bid number one includes a slide tower and a large "family" raft slide; alternate two includes a second multi-rider raft slide off the same tower.

The base bid scope of work includes a wave pool, additional parking, a concessions/restroom building, and an interactive fountain.

The bid recommendation is predicated on the accompanying increase in Pirates Bay admission prices, which will begin in the 2014 season.

Park revenues will fund about \$1 million of the aquatic facility expansion cost. Certificates of obligation will fund about \$5.5 million of the amount needed, with the balance of the project funded by general obligation bonds and revenues from the aquatics fund.

"We were told that we could raise the entry fee

\$20, even \$30 more and still be competitive with other water parks in the area," Leiper added before the vote. "But we don't want to be competitive, we want to be a bargain."

The unanimous vote added \$3 to Pirates Bay current admission price for individuals who are there before 4 p.m. daily, going from \$17 to \$20 for each visitor 48 inches or taller, and from \$12 to \$15 for each visitor under 48 inches tall who is there before 4 p.m.

For visitors who enter Pirates Bay at 4 p.m. or afterward, the charge goes from \$7 to \$10 for those over 48 inches tall. For individuals under 48 inches tall, the \$5 fee remains the same after 4 p.m.

Also, there is no charge for children less than two years old with an adult entry.

Season passes for Baytown residents and City of Baytown employees, as well as season passes for non-residents,

will also see an increase in price.

In comparison, Pirates Bay will still be cheaper than Schlitterbahn in Galveston, which has a \$43.99 entry fee for adults and \$33.50 for youth. Splashtown in Houston charges \$31.99 for adult entry and \$28.99 for youth.

"All along we have been very sensitive to entry fee and we want to be careful about pricing out people who can't afford to go," said Baytown Mayor Stephen DonCarlos. "If there is anything we can do creatively to help get these families into the park will be appreciated and something we should look at doing as well."

Higher entry fees at Pirates Bay for the 2014 season will be used to cover the anticipated increase in operation cost and the debt services that come with the addition of the proposed slide towers.

The park, located at 5300 East Road, opened this month for its fourth season and current capaci-

ty is 1,000. Future expansion will increase capacity to 1,500.

Construction is expected to start in May and last about 12 months. All of the work is being done on the park's east side and on the park's north side, but summertime visitors won't be bothered.

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GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)					GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)					GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)				
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg		Name	Last	Chg	%Chg		Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	
Tsakos	4.96	+76	+18.1		Oragenics	3.35	+59	+21.4		Ziopharm	2.62	+60	+29.8	
Infoblox	25.19	+3.19	+14.5		ASpecRlty	2.89	+18	+6.8		Qualcom	2.39	+48	+25.1	
ValeantPh	84.47	+9.80	+13.1		UraniumEn	2.10	+12	+6.1		Dataram rs	4.10	+65	+18.8	
OksilvRes	2.54	+25	+10.9		SparkNet	8.32	+44	+5.6		VandaPhm	8.38	+126	+17.7	
Calix	9.69	+81	+9.1		Daxor	7.67	+40	+5.5		UnivBusP	3.40	+40	+13.3	
RexAmRes	27.59	+215	+8.5		BovieMed	3.41	+17	+5.2		AdeptTch	3.98	+44	+12.4	
LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)					LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)					LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)				
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg		Name	Last	Chg	%Chg		Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	
GameStop	32.11	-3.90	-10.8		Ever-Glory	3.13	-17	-5.2		SearsHldgs	50.25	-7.92	-13.6	
Aeropostl	14.76	-1.72	-10.4		SaratogaRs	2.31	-11	-4.5		ChinaHGS	8.20	-86	-9.5	
Edenor	2.12	-20	-8.6		IntCoup	3.33	-15	-4.3		TitelMatch	20.40	-2.10	-9.3	
OwensC wtB	2.37	-21	-8.2		NE Realty	40.73	-1.77	-4.2		GTx Inxch	5.89	-59	-9.1	
AberFite	50.02	-4.35	-8.0		DGSE	3.59	-15	-4.0		Cleantech	7.68	-58	-7.0	
ReneSola	2.16	-18	-7.7		CoastD	2.75	-11	-3.8		Nordson	68.00	-5.14	-7.0	
Volume	2,716,227,057				Volume	64,180,744				Volume	1,422,359,076			

## STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

NYSE					NYSE MKT					NASDAQ																
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AMD	NY	...	...	...	4.05	+04	+68.8		EnPro	NY	...	...	26	50.50	-25	-43.3		Pfizer	NY	96	3.3	16	29.04	-07	+15.8	
AlcatelLuc	NY	...	...	...	1.48	+04	+6.5		EntPrPt	NY	2.68	4.3	22	62.32	-22	-42.4		PwShs QQQ	Nasd	86	1.2	...	73.41	-04	-71.8	
Alcoa	NY	12	1.4	42	84.78	-06	-2.3		ExxonMbl	NY	2.52	2.8	9	91.53	-26	+5.8		PrUVXST rs	NY	...	...	...	6.11	...	...	
Allstate	NY	1.00	2.1	11	48.73	-03	+21.3		Facebook	Nasd	...	...	24.31	-75	-7.5	-8.7		ProctGam	NY	2.41	2.9	21	81.88	+31.8	+20.6	
AlphaNrs	NY	...	...	...	7.04	-03	-27.7		FordM	NY	4.00	2.7	11	14.79	-02	+14.2		Qualcom	Nasd	1.40	2.2	18	64.26	+35	+3.9	
AEP	NY	1.96	4.1	18	47.71	-57	+11.1		FMC	NY	1.25	4.1	10	30.40	-53	-11.1		RoyMoton	NY	...	...	...	15.48	+05	+22.0	
Ashland	NY	1.36	1.5	...	88.77	-33	+10.4		GenElec	NY	7.6	3.2	17	23.53	-13	+12.1		RiteAid	NY	...	...	...	2.91	-01	+14.0	
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BPOfAm	NY	0.4	3	31	13.24	+03	+14.0		HawlettP	NY	5.8	2.4	24	21.1	-65	+9.9		S&P500ETF	NY	318	1.1	28	14.28	-04	+6.1	
BarPVix rs	NY	...	...	...	18.73	-05	-41.1		HomeDp	NY	1.56	2.0	25	78.99	+08	+27.7		Schlrbrg	NY	1.25	1.7	17	74.66	-72	+7.5	
BarriK	NY	80	4.2	6	19.16	-39	-45.3		HornWlnt	NY	1.64	2.1	20	79.29	+05	+24.9		SearsHldgs	Nasd	...	...	...	50.25	-7.92	-13.6	
Boeing	NY	1.94	1.9	19100.00	+25	+32.7		IShJapn	NY	1.9	1.7	...	11.61	-22	+17.0		SiriusXM	Nasd	0.5	...	...	7.35	+04	+23.9		
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