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Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership (BAHEP) is a member-driven organization that provides leadership to stimulate regional economic development and employment in a range of industries such as specialty chemicals and plastics, advanced manufacturing, maritime, aviation, aerospace engineering, healthcare and biotechnology, and tourism. BAHEP partners with 270 member companies, 13 cities, Galveston County, Harris County, Houston Airport System, and the Port of Houston Authority in southeast Texas to foster economic vitality through regional collaboration.

Commercial / Office / Industrial Development

New build-to-suit! FlowServe Corporation will occupy a 100,000 SF office/warehouse being constructed for its valve and seal division. The location is Park 225 Business Park in **Pasadena** near the intersection of SH 225 and Beltway 8 on 5.6 acres.

APM (Atlantic Plant Maintenance) is in the process of completing construction on an 80,000 SF Training and Development Center at the company's Pasadena Boulevard location in **Pasadena**. APM is a wholly-owned affiliate business of GE's Power Generation Services business. The company's focus is delivering craft labor solutions to the power industry in the U.S. and Canada. The new center will host a wide variety of curriculum to take the company's skilled talent to the next level of education and training in safety, quality, leadership and productivity. The facility is expected to be complete in mid-November; the grand opening is anticipated for January 2015.

Kaneka North America LLC recently opened its new world-class Learning and Education Center at the **Pasadena** plant site. In the planning stages is a second phase that, in the future, will include a plant simulator with computer modeling capabilities for additional training. Company leadership believes that with the right aptitude and attitude, a strong work ethic and resolve to work hard, anyone willing to learn new skills can be trained for specific job skills in this new center. Read more here: <http://www.guidrynews.com/story.aspx?id=1000062046>

Excargo Services purchased 22 acres at 2070 Genoa Red Bluff Road in **Pasadena** for its new hub. Initial plans are for a 10,000 SF office; future plans include a 100,000 SF distribution center. Excargo provides customized transportation service for companies at the Port of Houston and area rail terminals along with dedicated intermodal and warehousing offerings.

Gulf Winds International is expanding in **Seabrook** next to its existing facility. The new 243,000 SF industrial building is under construction on 12 acres along SH 146. Completion is expected by year's end. Gulf Winds also expanded its lease at 359 Old Underwood in **La Porte** – 300,000 SF.

Construction has begun on Magnolia Court Business Park, 901 Magnolia Street, on 11 acres in **Webster**. Build-to-suit and lease options are available ranging from 5,000 to 40,000 SF for office, medical, warehouse and retail tenants. The location is at the NASA 1 Bypass near the Gulf Freeway.

Construction has started on Energy Commerce Business Park, Beltway 8 in **Pasadena**. The 45-acre site is between San Augustine St. and Green Shadows Dr. on the east side of the Beltway. Planned for Phase I: Bldg. A, 87,880 SF, rear load flex warehouse, 27' clear height and Bldg. B, 199,680 SF cross dock distribution warehouse, 32' clear height. Twenty-four acres are available for design/build or build-to-suit.

Update on 1,000,000 SF: Silver Eagle Distributors' new 400,000 SF facility on SH 225 in **Pasadena** is open for business – construction just completed. Adjacent to this building, another huge project is underway. Avera is constructing a 600,000 SF rail-served building for Frontier Logistics. The logistics company will use the facility to process plastic pellets for worldwide shipment.

Tannos Professional Park, a 15,000 SF two-story building, is being built on **Friendswood** Drive (FM 518) for retail and office users. Expected availability is January 2015 for 1,000 – 3,500 SF tenants.

Acadiana Plaza, 4,600 SF, is under construction at 306 W. Parkwood Avenue in **Friendswood**; 3,400 SF is available.

A 60,000 SF rehabilitation hospital is under construction on the southeast corner of Medical Center Blvd. and SH 3 in **Webster**. Expected completion is March 2015 with an opening planned in May. Integrated Medical Plaza will also be built on this 10-acre development. Plans for the 70,000 SF building include a women's center, outpatient surgery center and physicians' offices. Class A physician office space is available.

Gemini 1, a 40,000 SF building at 16840 Buccaneer in **Houston**, has been leased to an orthopedic group that will occupy the first floor and to a family practice group occupying the second floor. Gemini II, another 40,000 SF building at 1045 Gemini has leases pending. Also on this Medistar-owned property is a 49,000 SF high tech lab that's for sale. Specs: 10,000 SF clean room, tilt-wall, sprinklered, loading docks, fully HVAC, upgraded electrical.

Webster's Bay Area Regional Medical Center opened in July with 104 patient suites at 200 Blossom Street; the \$300 million facility is expected to employ 520 full-time employees. The 375,000 SF medical center is designed and engineered to accommodate 275 patient rooms on 11 floors when it is fully built out. Features include 22 ICU rooms, 5 operating suites, 3 cardiac cath suites, and full-service emergency department.

Webster's Clear Lake Regional Medical Center is now officially operating as a Level II trauma capable facility. Trauma patients receive critical care immediately, preventing them from having to be transported to the Texas Medical Center. CLMRC has two dedicated trauma rooms and a helipad adjacent to the emergency department, as well as a dedicated OR suite with a surgical team available at the hospital 24/7.

Contract awards ...

- U.S. astronauts will once again travel to and from the International Space Station aboard American spacecraft! Boeing and SpaceX won \$4.2 billion and \$2.6 billion, respectively, to share the responsibility of providing transportation to and from the International Space Station starting in 2017. Crews will be transported on Boeing's CST-100 capsule and SpaceX's Dragon spacecraft. Please read more here: <http://www.nasa.gov/press/2014/september/nasa-chooses-american-companies-to-transport-us-astronauts-to-international/index.html#.VCnwrVdVVJ>
- Lockheed Martin won a \$340 million contract extension to continue providing NASA/Johnson Space Center with facilities development and operations support of human spaceflight missions. Read more here: <http://www.guidrynews.com/story.aspx?id=1000062985>
- NASA has extended a contract with Barrios Technology LTD to provide support to International Space Station activities through September 2016 at the Johnson Space Center, a value of almost \$154.5 million. Read more here: <http://www.guidrynews.com/story.aspx?id=1000064116>

Recent lease transactions

- 180,000 SF – Anheuser-Busch leased climate-controlled space at Port Crossing Commerce Center in **La Porte** for its craft beer division. *The property is represented by BAHEP member Colliers International / Gary Mabray.*
- 41,900 SF – TorcSill Foundations leased at 9311 Bay Area Blvd. at **Pasadena's** Bay Area Business Park for its new installation facility serving the Gulf Coast. The company is a leader in helical pile installation and application consulting. Field crews and technical staff serve customers in the Permian Basin and Eagle Ford shale play of Texas, the Gulf Coast, Mid-Continent, the Williston Basin, and the Marcellus and Utica Shale plays of the Appalachian Basin.
- 41,250 SF – SA Quality Metals - 2439 Albright in **Houston**.
- 32,140 SF – Performance Contracting Group - 221 Beltway Green Blvd. in **Pasadena's** Park 225

business park.

- 18,969 SF -- Three tenants leased space at 100 Perkins in **League City**: Garland Financial Group, Williams & Samuel, and TMG Industries.
- 17,000 SF – OMI Environmental - 1905 Jasmine. The building is on 2.4 acres in **Pasadena**.
- 11,049 SF – SCP, a pool chemical and equipment distributor, leased at 12552 SH 3 in **Houston**.
- 10,960 SF – Nalco Champion leased the building at 16834 Titan Drive in **Houston**.
- 9,600 SF – UTC Construction, LLC - 561 N. Egret Bay Blvd. in **League City**.
- 9,000 SF – Industrial Packaging Systems - 1760 W. Walker in **League City**.
- 7,500 SF – Freight Shuttle - 12554 SH 3 at Ellington Trade Center in **Houston**.
- 6,700 SF - Summit Industrial Construction - 6021 Fairmont Parkway in **Pasadena**.
- 5,000 SF – Ziebart leased space at 951 FM 646 at Ohio Street - Hometown Business Park in **League City**. This development includes two service centers totaling 66,000 SF. Retail, office and commercial tenants can lease 1,000 to 20,000 SF.
- 4,020 SF – GEOLOG Americas leased at 1054 Hercules in **Houston**. The company specializes in niche mud logging services dedicated to the oil and gas upstream sector (drilling and production). It services onshore and offshore national and international oil companies across more than 35 countries. *BAHEP worked the project with KW Commercial-Clear Lake / Jonathan Morrow.*
- 3,563 SF – Phillips 66 Co. - 915 S. 8th Street in **La Porte**.
- United Way of Greater Houston expanded its footprint from 31,770 SF to 34,906 SF at 1300 Bay Area Blvd. in **Houston**.
- 3,115 SF – Two new tenants leased at 17043-17049 El Camino Real. *BAHEP member Courtney Knightstep / PM Realty represented the landlord.*
- 2,400 SF – Team Industrial - 10910 Spencer Hwy. in **La Porte**.
- 2,010 SF - Analytical Instruments, Inc leased at 1022 Hercules in **Houston**. The company specializes in sales and service of testing equipment for fuels, lubricants and materials. *BAHEP member KW Commercial-Clear Lake – Jonathan Morrow represented the tenant.*
- 1,500 SF – Summit Industrial - 10910 Spencer Hwy. in **La Porte**.

Other real estate transactions ...

- International Carpenter & Millwrights Union purchased the former 51,969 SF Academy store at 5500 Spencer Highway at Beltway 8 in **Pasadena**. The union plans to occupy the building in 2015.
- 84 Lumber purchased 33 acres on SH 3 adjacent to **Ellington** Airport in **Houston**.
- University Federal Credit Union purchased two acres in **League City's** Victory Lakes.
- A multi-tenant facility at 351 Columbia Memorial Parkway in **League City** has a new owner. The property is 25,850 SF and fully occupied.
- A 9,150 SF **Pasadena** property including one acre of land at 3131 Bluebonnet sold to an investor. *BAHEP member J Holt Properties handled the transaction.*
- Land - 10.49 acres – sold on Genoa Red Bluff Road between Burke and Strawberry Roads. Purchaser will build an industrial facility. *BAHEP member J Holt Properties represented the seller.*
- Property at 3901 NASA Parkway in **El Lago** sold -- 3,748 SF building on 2.35 acres. *BAHEP member Colliers International – Coy Davidson and Gary Mabray represented the buyer.*
- A 1.1 acre land parcel was purchased in **Webster**, corner of Medical Center Blvd. and SH 3, for a new medical office that's currently under construction.
- Marina del Sol, a 436-unit marina in **League City**, has sold to a new owner. The property has 183 dry storage racks and 253 wet slips; address is 1203 Twin Oaks Blvd.
- E&A Management Group purchased a tract on N. 16th Street in **La Porte** for commercial development.
- Boxer Property acquired two office buildings in **Nassau Bay**: 2400 and 2450 NASA Parkway, a total of 160,080 SF. The two buildings, across from NASA Johnson Space Center, are connected by a sky bridge.
- A 16,000 SF industrial warehouse on 2.75 acres at 2813 Shaver in **Pasadena** sold.
- An 18,000 SF office warehouse property at 930 S. 14th St. in **La Porte** sold.
- A 17,000 SF building on two acres at 2900 Shaver in **Pasadena** sold.

Now Open

Houston

- Kelsey-Seybold opened a 55,000 SF multispecialty care center at 1010 South Ponds, which is directly across the Gulf Freeway from Baybrook Mall. Eighteen medical specialties, clinical testing services and a pharmacy are all under one roof.
- UT Physicians - Bayshore Specialty Clinic opened at 11476 Space Center Blvd. in an 18,000 SF facility. Approximately 4,000 SF of the building includes a full service imaging facility operated by Memorial Hermann.

Open Soon

League City

- A local physician plans to build a 20,000 SF medical and professional office building on FM 646, just east of Walker Street.
- First Choice ER at Victory Lakes on FM 646.

Pasadena - A new 5,000 SF dental practice is being built on Spencer Hwy. at Strawberry Rd.

Webster - DaVita Dialysis is expected to open its new 7,000 SF facility this month at Bay Area Square shopping center.

Retail / Hospitality Development

Seabrook Towne Center, a 30+ acre development, is planned on land between SH 146 (Bayport Blvd.) and Repsdorph Road. The site plan includes a grocery store.

Marketplace at Ninety-Six is planned on the **League City** Parkway at Hobbs Road, about one-half mile from the Gulf Freeway. The 38-acre project is on the northeast and southeast corners of that intersection and will be grocery anchored. Plans also call for a national drug store, 64,000 SF of retail establishments, and 66,000 SF of professional and medical office buildings.

The Commons at **Seabrook**, a 22.7 acre development, is underway on the east side of SH 146, between Red Bluff and Repsdorph Roads. More than 7.5 acres have been set aside for retail development; a 30,000 SF building is planned along with 3 pad sites, each on one acre. The Commons development includes 15 acres for a residential project, The Towers.

Kemah Marketplace phase II is planned on FM 518 near SH 146 in Kemah just west of Walmart. The 14.5 acre tract has room for 100,000 SF of national retailers. The developer expects completion the fourth quarter of 2015.

[For a bird's eye view of what's going on in Bay Area Houston, check out HOT PROJECTS. http://www.bayareahouston.com/Assets/documents/real_estate/hot_projects_october_2014_rfs.pdf](http://www.bayareahouston.com/Assets/documents/real_estate/hot_projects_october_2014_rfs.pdf)

Goodwill Select leased 18,000 SF at Phase II of **La Porte** Plaza on SH 146 at Spencer Highway. Sun Dental will join Dollar Tree as a tenant in Phase 1.

Scheduled for completion in November: A 27,000 SF retail center is underway on Spencer Highway at Center Street in front of **Pasadena's** new 30-acre Houston Area Safety Council campus where approximately 1,600 people are trained daily. Minimum lease space is 2,000 SF.

Construction continues for **League City's** Westover Plaza, a 50,000 SF retail center at 6011 W. Main Street. Tenants include a daycare, pizza restaurant, adult and children's exercise, donut shop, salon, Mexican food restaurant, Sushi restaurant, a café and a dentist. Build-outs are in progress.

H-E-B's new 99,000 SF store at 2755 E. **League City** Parkway at South Shore Blvd. will open November 5. Approximately 350 jobs will be created!

Near the intersection of Red Bluff Road on SH 146 in **Seabrook**, four pad sites are planned for retail/restaurants. An existing Best Western Plus is part of this development.

Dave and Buster's leased 40,000 SF for its restaurant and entertainment business to be located in **Baybrook Mall's** 555,000 SF expansion project that is currently underway. This will be its third location in the Houston area with anticipated opening around mid-2015. Previously announced, Star Cinema Grill will anchor the expansion project with a 42,147 SF flagship dine-in theater expected to open in the fall of 2015.

Microsoft Corp. will open its ninth Texas store at **Baybrook Mall**, November 6. The retail stores offer products including Windows 8.1 PCs, tablets, Windows Phones, Xbox One, Microsoft Office 365 and more.

Webster plans destination development and Constellation Park on 200+ acres along the Gulf Freeway between the NASA Bypass and Clear Creek. The development will include a full-service hotel and conference center, retail, dining and entertainment. Work has begun on the new TopGolf; Fry's, Academy

and Rudy's are already there.

El Tiempo Cantina fans will have to wait a while longer. Construction issues have pushed back the opening until later this fall at the new **Webster** location, 20237 Gulf Freeway.

Construction has begun on the 31,000 SF Nordstrom Rack at **Baybrook** Square, 1225 W. Bay Area Blvd. in **Webster**. Anticipated opening is May 2015.

Space Center Houston news ...

- Just announced -- Space Center Houston became the city's first Smithsonian Affiliate. This program gives the center access to the national archive of more than 138 million artifacts, specimens and works of art, as well as more than 50 traveling exhibitions through the Smithsonian Institution. Space Center Houston currently has a \$45 million impact on the greater Houston economy, but that should increase with this new national recognition and exposure. Read more here: http://www.bizjournals.com/houston/morning_call/2014/10/another-giant-leap-for-space-center-houston.html?ana=e_hstn_rdup&s=newsletter&ed=2014-10-08&u=kyaD9qWOclzxy70KXXIM1YU2nOW&t=1412776935
- The space shuttle replica *Independence* was hoisted by crane to its permanent home on top of the shuttle carrier aircraft (Boeing 747) at Space Center Houston. This achievement marks a major step in the creation of a six-story interactive attraction and landmark exhibit which will tell the story of the space shuttle program. Scheduled to open to the public in 2015, the new exhibits will educate and inspire visitors of all ages. To complete the \$12 million educational project, \$2.2 million is still needed. www.spacecenter.org/giving
- New exhibit -- *The Next Giant Leap: Beyond Planet Earth* invites visitors to contemplate where humans will go from here. The exhibit continues through January 18, 2015. Its hands-on elements offer a vision for the next 50 to 100 years of space travel: voyages to Mars, asteroid landings and even a trip to an ice-covered moon of Jupiter, where a buried sea could reveal signs of life. Read more here: <http://www.guidrynews.com/story.aspx?id=1000064413>

Ice Land at **Galveston's** Moody Gardens opens November 15 ... 900 tons of ice carved into a holiday Sponge Bob Square Pants ice sculpture park ... how cool is that? The Festival of Lights will run consecutively with the Ice Land exhibit at Moody Gardens.

Recent real estate deals –

- La Familia Mexican restaurant leased 4,000 SF at the Clear Lake Center in **Webster**, southwest corner of Gulf Freeway and NASA Parkway. Plans are to open soon. *BAHEP member United Equities – Doug Freedman represented the landlord.*
- Bahama Buck's and Today's Vision have leased space at the Shops at Tuscan Lakes being built at 1355 E. **League City** Parkway at FM 270.
- Seven-acre tract sold in **Pasadena** near the southeast corner of Preston Road and Beltway 8 for a hotel and retail development.
- A former restaurant site at 2320 NASA Parkway in **Seabrook** has been sold to new owners. The 4,600 SF building will open again as a restaurant – the Blue Palms Bar & Grill. No details yet about the menu or opening date. *BAHEP member KW Commercial-Clear Lake / Jeff George for the tenant.*

Just for fun ...

30th Annual Wings Over Houston Airshow at **Ellington** Field, November 1 and 2. For information on tickets and this year's performers, please visit: www.wingsoverhouston.com.

Coming Soon

Clear Lake Shores - StarrStruck Galleries (unique art & classes) on Aspen Street opens tentatively October 16.

Houston - Optum Urgent Care and Eyemart Express at Baybrook Village.

Webster - Jinya Ramen Bar at 18299 Egret Bay Blvd. opens mid-October. Mattress Pro at 20798 Gulf Freeway (Clear Lake Center).

Seabrook - L & A Seafood Market, 3,500 SF, is under construction at 10th and Waterfront Drive. American Bistro, a seafood and wild game restaurant, 2nd Street at Hardesty, will open soon.

Nassau Bay - Diamonds by George leased 1,854 SF at Nassau Bay Town Square.

League City - Walgreen's on League City Pkwy at So. Shore Blvd. The Drink Station at 6555 South Shore Blvd.

If you "LIKE" us on Facebook, you'll get updates and the latest news about restaurants and retail openings in the area. Just a suggestion! 😊

Now Open

Webster - Luby's/Fuddrucker's at 20001 Gulf Freeway. Landmark Furniture at 20610 Gulf Freeway in the Baybrook Shopping Center. Mattress Firm at 1331 W. Bay Area Boulevard in the Baybrook Square Shopping Center.

League City - Upper Bay Gallery at Lakeside Shopping Center, 2450 FM 2094.

Kemah - Hubcap Grill at 8th and Bradford.

Houston - Palms Banquet & Event Center at 15301 Gulf Freeway.

Friendswood - Amerihome Financial, LLC at 1309 W. Parkwood Ave.

NOTE: Please feel free to pass this e-newsletter along to others who would enjoy it, and kindly credit Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership.

Residential Development

Watch for us on HGTV in November! HGTV's new series, *Half Price Paradise*, will debut this fall featuring locations that have economical 'paradise' lifestyles. This episode will feature a young professional couple and their daughter looking for their paradise home. Segments include sailing from **Kemah**, kayaking and biking along the waterways in **Nassau Bay**, sunsets in **League City** and dining in **Seabrook**. The Bay Area Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau escorted the film crew.

The Towers, a 416-unit luxury multi-family project is under construction in **Seabrook**. Using podium deck construction, the five-story mid-rise project is being built on 15 acres along SH 146 just south of Red Bluff Road. Amenities include one to four bedrooms, concierge service, a resort pool, splash pad and an outdoor fireplace. The units will have wood and tile floors, stainless steel appliances, granite countertops, oversized closets, showers and tubs.

Veranda South Shore – Emerald Homes plans 218 townhomes on approximately 27 acres along Clear Lake on Enterprise Blvd. in **League City**. Currently, the first phase of the development is under construction; the first model will be available by year's end. The homes will start around the \$400's; size will range from 2,800 – 3,000 SF.

Crenshaw Grand, a 264-unit luxury multi-family project will soon be under construction on the south side of Crenshaw Road near Beltway 8 in **Pasadena**. Specs: one or two bedrooms with a balcony or patio, granite counter tops, washer and dryer, stainless steel appliances, carpet and wood-grained plank flooring, security fence and gated access. Garages and storage units will be available. The activity center/clubhouse includes a large, 24/7 exercise facility. First units will be available May 2015.

Estates at Lake Mija – New 49-lot subdivision is planned just north of Lake Mija and west of the Mystic Village subdivision in **Seabrook**. Lot size ranges from 9,000 to 14,000 SF.

El Dorado Green, 108 units for 55+ residents, is under construction on El Dorado Blvd. in **Houston** just west of the Gulf Freeway. The project consists of one-story buildings with attached garages; other units will be in a three-story building. Leasing should begin by year's end for independent living residents over 55 years of age.

Real estate transactions -

- South Shore Lakes has a new owner. The 328-unit, multi-family property is located at 3850 FM 518 East in **League City** and is reported to have 95% occupancy.
- The Balboa Apartments, a 248-unit property in **Nassau Bay** on Upper Bay Road, recently sold. The new owner, Shamrock Communities in Connecticut, plans to rehabilitate the property. Adjacent to this property, Bay House, a 190-unit multi-family property on San Sebastian, recently sold to a new owner.

Infrastructure News and Everything Else!

City news ...

Pasadena – City-owned real estate on Shaw Avenue was recently sold to Camin Cargo Control Inc., a chemical testing and inspection company. The new owner plans to occupy the building but will lease back

31,982 SF to the city for its Municipal Court and Fire Department administrative offices. The Corrigan Center and adjoining El Capitan Theater, built in 1949, total more than 82,000 SF on 9 acres.

Dickinson - The City has launched a new website: www.ci.dickinson.tx.us Check it out!

Clear Lake Shores –

- The City's EDC has developed a parking plan for its Town Center area that will incorporate shared parking as a method to encourage new businesses to locate there without requiring large sites to meet parking requirements. The City is working on a strategic plan for the Town Center, particularly property that the city owns at the corner of Marina Bay Drive and Clear Lake Road. The City has signaled it would consider lucrative incentives to bring a community friendly business to this corner including the possibility of a public-private partnership.
- Two sites have been identified for use as potential multi-story luxury resort hotels and restaurants – both are large waterfront properties. One site is on the far west end of the Town Center in the Watergate complex and the other is on the east end near the boundary with Kemah and next to the Star Fleet Marina.
- Watergate Marina just completed a \$1 million makeover on its two-story waterfront restaurant space; it's available for a new tenant.

Friendswood – ZoomTens, a news, variety and entertainment website recently rated the city in the No. 7 spot as one of the 10 Best Cities in America to Raise a Family.

League City – The City was named as one of the fastest growing cities in America, ranking 8th among small cities, in a study conducted by Wallethub.com. On average, 1,100 new home permits have been issued yearly for the last three years.

Seabrook – An \$8.55 million bond referendum is planned for Seabrook. A total of four propositions will be on the ballot this November. The largest of the four, Proposition 1 - \$6.85 million, is for a 32,174 SF Public Works Complex and 3,949 SF Animal Shelter and Adoption Center as well as 110,280 SF of exterior site storage. Read more here: <http://www.guidrynews.com/story.aspx?id=1000063243>

Education news ...

- UHCL is now a four-year university ... **University of Houston-Clear Lake** welcomed its first freshman class this semester. UHCL received 2,299 freshman and sophomore applications and accepted 813 new students.
- The **University of Houston-Clear Lake** will offer a Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction with a science, technology, engineering and mathematics or STEM-related focus. Qualified candidates will have a master level degree in a STEM-related area. The degree will be offered through the university's School of Education beginning spring 2015.
- **College of the Mainland** offers a one-semester program for electrocardiography technicians, a field that's projected to grow 29% by 2020. The average hourly wage for this field is \$23.75. The college also offers a Certified Nurse Aide certificate program to address the increased demand for this field; it's projected to increase 20% by 2020.
- The School of Health Professions at the **University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston** recently graduated its largest class ... 315 students. Health professionals, making up 60% of the healthcare workforce, include laboratory personnel, physician assistants, and physical, occupational and respiratory therapists.
- UTMB class of 2018: A 'white coat' ceremony was recently held for 230 new medical school students at The **University of Texas Medical Branch** marking a significant step toward becoming a physician.
- Congratulations to the **Clear Creek ISD** 2014 seniors who took the ACT college entrance exam ... their average composite score was 24.1 while the state average was 20.9, and the national average was 21.0.

- **Clear Creek ISD** construction progress: Over the summer, several campuses had major repairs or additions including Clear Lake High, Clear Brook High, Clear Springs High and Creekside Intermediate. McWhirter Elementary is scheduled for demolition and rebuild. Progress is now visible at the site of the new Challenger Columbia Stadium in League City at 1955 W. NASA Parkway. The rebuild project for Clear Creek High School includes updated facilities for growing career and technical education programs including Agriculture Science, Health Sciences, Construction Technology, Metal Manufacturing and Engineering. These projects are all part of a \$367 million bond package passed in 2013. Project updates are available here: www.ccisd.net
- **Clear Creek ISD's** enrollment has increased by 600 students since April 2014. The school district has requested updated demographics in order to keep ahead of the population growth.
- Construction has begun for a new Multidisciplinary Research and Engineering building at the **University of Houston**. The \$51 million, 120,000 SF building is scheduled to open in 2016. Read more here: <http://www.houstonchronicle.com/local/education/campus-chronicles/article/UH-breaks-ground-on-multimillion-dollar-research-5804919.php> The University also plans another new development, the Health and Biosciences building 2, expected for completion by 2017. It includes a 75,000 SF research space and a new primary care clinic. Additionally, a feasibility study is underway to explore the possibility of a primary care medical school. Read more here: <http://www.bizjournals.com/houston/blog/2014/10/3-things-to-know-about-uhs-health-care-plans.html>
- A bond election was approved for **Pasadena ISD** that seeks \$175.5 million in funding for several projects including early college high schools, three replacement campuses, new elementary and middle schools and an update to district technology. The bond carries a zero tax rate increase. More information here: www.pasadenaisd.org
- **Pasadena ISD's** enrollment continues to climb as current records indicate that 55,400 students are currently enrolled across the district ... up 600 from the same time last year. A seven percent increase in enrollment, approximately 4,000 students, is projected for the next four years.

Other news ...

United Airlines will fly nonstop to Santiago, Chile, from **Bush Intercontinental** Airport starting December 7, pending regulatory approval. United also plans to create more flights from Houston to Central America and the Caribbean beginning December 20. The locations include Punta Cana, Belize and Aruba.

Southwest Airlines will begin a flight between Houston and Aruba starting in March 2015 from **Hobby Airport**.

\$11 million contract awarded -- A third cruise terminal will be built at the **Port of Galveston** to accommodate more and larger passenger vessels (those carrying more than 4,000 passengers) sailing from the island. The 90,000 SF terminal will expand by 60,000 SF; this will allow seating for 2,000 people.

Spaceport update ... Houston **Airport System** has plans to support horizontally reusable launch vehicles that can carry micro-satellites, experiments, tourists and astronauts from **Ellington**. Facilities adjacent to the spaceport could conduct research, provide aerospace engineering work and even assemble some of the space vehicles. Recently approved by Houston City Council, the Houston Airport System and a consultant firm are conducting an environmental assessment and working on obtaining a spaceport launch site operator's license for what will be the Houston Spaceport. All work is complete and ready for submission to the Federal Aviation Administration Office of Commercial Space. As soon as this process begins, public meetings will be held in our area.

Road news ... League City –

- A fix is on the way for the FM 518, FM 2094 and FM 270 intersection. The plan, called the 5 Corners Realignment, is to connect northbound FM 518 to FM 270 directly with a merge lane to ease traffic. The \$8 million improvement will create a road from northbound FM 518 that crosses FM 2094, goes around a gas station at the corner and merges with FM 270. Environmental clearance is needed before the city purchases land needed to make way for the construction. The city's population is nearing 93,000, and this is a very popular intersection.
- Roadwork is progressing near Pinnacle Park, a 100-acre development along the Gulf Freeway between

Bay Colony and Big League Dreams ballpark. The new off ramp is completed and operational. The on ramp should be completed and operational in the next 45 days. Brookport Drive, an extension project from Marble Cove Drive to Big League Dreams Parkway, should be completed and operational by mid-November. This will offer an additional north/south thoroughfare in the Gulf Freeway/FM 646 area.

Update on the SH 146 expansion:

- TxDOT has advanced the project from fiscal year 2034 to 2017. Environmental study is approved.
- The project is in design phase for a new bridge spanning the waters between Kemah and Seabrook. The proposed bridge will include a lower, six lane highway and bridge with exits in Kemah and Seabrook and a four-lane elevated express lane that would extend from north of NASA Parkway over Clear Lake to south of FM 518.
- The project is almost four miles long; \$189 million is currently allocated for the project, and it could begin in 2017. Construction time is three years.
- A potential secondary roadway in Kemah (SH 96 to FM 518) prior to SH 146 expansion -- The secondary roadway would be a local north-south collector that would link FM 518 through to SH 96. This will be a secondary route which will allow local traffic to access commercial areas without needing to use SH 146, or utilize private/commercial property for "cut-thru."
- Read more here:
 - www.seabrooktx.gov/index.aspx?NID=369
 - <http://www.changemagazine.net/going-going-gone/>
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