

NORTH CHANNEL STAR

Your News, Your Newspaper

Serving all of the North Shore -- Channelview, Sheldon, Galena Park, Jacinto City

VOLUME 2, NO. 5/6

FEBRUARY 5, 2014

www.northchannelstar.com

CHANNEL CHATTER

PORT AUTHORITY CHIEF RESIGNS

Leonard Waterworth, CEO of the Port of Houston Authority resigned suddenly on Friday, January 31, 2014.

Waterworth's resignation took Judge Ed Emmett and Mayor Annise Parker by surprise; they said they did not know if there were any problems.

Waterworth is a former head of Galveston district Army Corps of Engineers; Emmett said he was well-qualified and does not understand his resignation.

Waterworth lead the company for two years; and commissioners chose Deputy Director of Operations Roger Guenther by unanimous decision to replace Waterworth permanently.

Guenther has been working for the Port Authority for 26 years.

Port of Houston Authority Small Business Networking Forum

2014 PHA Capital Improvement Projects and Subcontracting Opportunities. Wednesday, February 12, 2014 from 4:30 PM - 5:45 PM at Port of Houston Executive Office Building, 111 East 610 Loop North, Houston, TX 77029 (going north or south bound on 610 East Loop, take the Port of Houston Main Entrance, Exit #29)

You will also learn how your company may become a registered in the Port Authority's Small Business Program; hear about current and upcoming projects at the Port; interact with Port Authority staff; and network with prime contractors, subcontractors, and other small business owners.

RSVP by contacting Stacy Semien, PHA Small Business Office, Phone: 713-670-2806 or via e-mail ssemien@poha.com

Please RSVP by no later than Tuesday, February 11th.

Debra Duncan entertains members at Chamber Gala

Life's Lessons in a humorous manner

HOUSTON – It was certainly a Gala Evening, as several hundred Chamber members, guests and friends gathered last Jan. 25th at the Houston Hobby Airport Marriott hotel, for the 37th Annual Gala event. An exquisite meal, served with candlelight and wine, set the tone for the evening.

The featured speaker was Deborah Duncan, emmy award winning TV host of the program Great Day Houston. Prior to Houston, she was a radio and TV personality in Austin, Dallas and New York.

After telling a bit about her life, including amusing tales of



DEBORAH DUNCAN, well known TV personality on KHOU-TV Channel 11, was the featured speaker at the 37th Annual Chamber Gala.

her "evil sister" that she had to compete with, and her military family's travels through Taiwan, Japan, Texas and elsewhere, she turned to stories of her community service, and the "Life's Lessons" that she gleaned from that.

She said that Lesson One was that you are responsible for your own happiness.

Lesson Two, Value who you are, don't compare yourself with others. They are not better.

Lesson Three, sometimes you have to ask or speak what is on your mind.

Lesson Four, try to know the rest of the story, and see something as others see it.

Lesson Five, everyone is equal, and has value.

Lesson Six, tell the ones you care about that you Love them

Continued, see GALA, Page 2

SAN JACINTO COLLEGE MLB STARS RETURN FOR LEGENDS GAME

HOUSTON - San Jacinto College will host the Tournament of Champions Feb. 6 through Feb. 8 that will feature baseball games between four colleges - Eastern Oklahoma State College (EOSC), Grayson College, Howard College, and San Jacinto College.

A highlight of the tournament will be a "Legends" game on Friday, Feb. 7 at approximately 4:30 p.m., during which former San Jacinto College baseball players will be recognized for their contributions. Professionals (and former professional players) who are scheduled to attend include Andy Pettitte (New York Yankees-retired), Brandon Belt (San Francisco Gi-



See LEGENDS GAME, page 7

EPA Meeting reveals the dangers of toxins in the San Jacinto River near Channelview

HIGHLANDS – At a public meeting here to review progress in removing toxic waste in the San Jacinto river, Channelview residents learned of the status of the deposits near their community. EPA's Gary Miller revealed a new bit of information of grave importance: the South Impoundment, which until now has not been part of this study, is larger and contains more toxins than the North pits, and will become the next step in the Superfund study. This area therefore threatens homes in the Channelview and west bank areas.

Over one hundred local residents packed the San Jacinto Community Center last Thursday night, Jan. 30, for a



Fred Lewis, president of TexansTogether, confronts EPA Project Manager Gary Miller with a series of questions regarding the lack of environmental health studies by the state and federal agencies, and the standards being used by EPA to make judgments on the Waste Pits.

public meeting to hear the federal EPA, or Environmental Protection Agency, report on the status of work to solve the toxins in the waste pits in the San Jacinto River. They presented six options ranging from cover in place, to full removal of the contaminated sediment.

After listening to a long presentation and slide show from the EPA staff, which seemed similar to the presentation exactly one year ago, but in slightly more detail, the audience focused on the sixth and final scheme, which promised complete removal of the toxic material. EPA project manager Gary Miller explained that this option had pros and cons.

See WASTE PITS, page 2



Jackie Young at the microphone, and local fisherman J. T. Grimes question the lack of action by responsible parties and allowing fish and crabs to be sold.

See Letter on Page 4 that testifies to the long term health consequences of toxins in the river environment.

NC Chamber installs new board, Buentello as new President

NORTH CHANNEL – The Chamber Gala was the setting for the announcement, from new board chairman Greg Ollis, that Margie Buentello had been selected as the permanent President and CEO of the North Channel Chamber.

When Margie was named as interim President/CEO in September, upon the retirement of Dr. Charles Grant, then chair

Wilfred Broussard, Jr. commented "Her enthusiasm, dedication and knowledge of the Chamber's day to day operations will serve her well in this new position."

Margie has been working for the Chamber for 17 years, most recently as the Membership Assistant. In this role, she has provided assistance and guidance to chamber

members and activities. In this role, she has had the opportunity to know each of the Chamber's members first hand.

Margie is a product of North Channel, having graduated from Furr High School, and attended San Jacinto College North. She is currently studying at the Institute for Organization Management to

enhance her leadership and management skills.

Margie has three children who grew up in North Channel. She has worked for Prudential Southwestern Marketing, and Galena Park ISD.

She is active with community organizations, having

See NEW PRESIDENT, p. 7



NEW CHAMBER PRESIDENT MARGIE BUENTELLO poses with outgoing board chair Wilfred Broussard, Jr. and new chair Greg Ollis.



NEW NORTH CHANNEL CHAMBER BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2014 are sworn in at the 37th Annual Gala. These include (alphabetically) Alice Adams, Garrett Alexander, Janet Allen, Marlene Clowers, Pedro Garcia, Christie Gates, Arodi Gonzalez, Dr. Allatia Harris, Dale Jones, John Moore, Bill Palko, Larry Pfeifer, Jim Wadzinski, and Mike Williams. NEW OFFICERS are Greg Ollis, chairman; Kimberly Gonzales, Chair elect; Lucia Bates, 1st vice chair; Adam Lund, Treasurer; Shalonda Dawkins, Secretary; Wilfred Broussard, Jr. Past chair; and June Harris, Foundation chair.

CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS

San Jacinto Waste Pits,

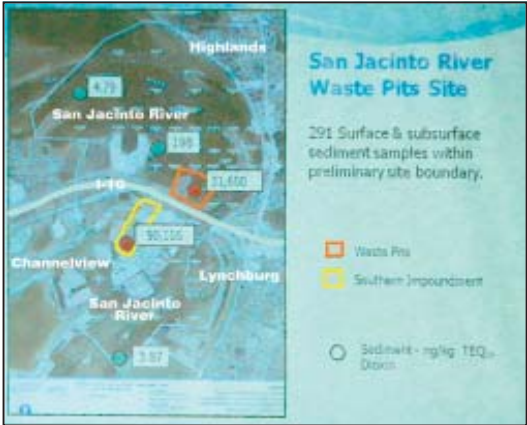
Continued from Page 1

Although it promised complete removal, nevertheless is was expensive, took a long time, and therefore exposed the community to spread of the toxins if a hurricane should strike during the process. The cost estimate was a wide range from \$104 million to \$636 million, and the time required to remove 208,000 cubic yards of sediment would be 16 months. The polluting companies will have to pay for the remediation, Miller said.

Present at the meeting were a number of county and state officials, and what might be termed independent environmentalists, as well as residents of Highlands, Lynchburg, and Channelview.

This group included local residents that have formed the San Jacinto River Coalition; the Texans Together environmental group; and the Galveston Bay Foundation.

Fred Lewis, president of the TexansTogether organization, questioned EPA's Gary Miller on a number of points, including why the state has not conducted an epidimiology study, why redfish and flounder are not included in the tests or



EPA Map shows extent of pollution in the North and South Impoundments in the San Jacinto River near I-10.

warnings, and why the EPA is relying on reports from the PRP, or parties responsible for the pollution.

Other issues raised by the audience included the high incidence of cancer in some areas of Highlands; the dredging of sand in the river that is obviously spreading toxins to other areas; and the activity of the barges north of I-10 that

are stirring up sediment and poisonous materials.

Miller said that the Final Report, termed a RI/FS, or Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study, would be ready late in 2014, and at that time EPA would make a decision on how to deal with the waste pits permanently.

Make hot summer months adventurous with scuba diving certification

PASADENA, Texas - Forget about the winter. It's time to think about and prepare for the Houston heat.

San Jacinto College is rolling out PADI Open Water Diver courses as part of the Spring Life Long Learning offerings through the Continuing and Professional Development division. The introduction of the scuba diving course complements the region's locale along the Gulf Coast, with plenty of residents booking their upcoming travel to open water destinations.

Sessions will be offered throughout the spring and summer. Participants will earn the Open Water Diver certification by completing 26 hours of training that includes classroom instruction, con-

fined water diving at E. A. Smith Family YMCA in Webster, and open water diver training. All instruction will be delivered through the Texas Dive Center, a full-service PADI 5-Star dive center that is veteran friendly and will train minors, ages 10 and older, with adult supervision. PADI Open Water Diver training is available through San Jacinto College Life Long Learning for the competitive rate of \$300. Students will also receive a discount on purchase or rental of all necessary equipment at Texas Dive Center, located at 362 FM 1959 Suite D, Houston (off I-45 South).

Scuba diving is an adventurous group sport, with open water diving being the first of

many specialized training options offered by Texas Dive Center. Pre-orientation is required prior to class; participants will need to register to reserve their spot as space is limited. The following session is the first in a series of PADI Open Water Diver certification training sessions scheduled throughout the spring and summer. For a full schedule and to register, call 281-478-3690 or email Deborah.Johnson@sjcd.edu.

Session 1
6 hours classroom - Texas Dive Center - 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Feb. 11 and Feb 13
8 hours confined water at the YMCA - 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Feb. 15 and 16
12 hours open water - all day, Feb. 22 and 23

Galena Park-Jacinto City Community-Industry partnership welcomes residents to Learn How to get an industry job

Local residents are invited to attend the Thurs. Feb. 6, 2014 meeting of the Galena Park-Jacinto City Community-Industry Partnership (CIP) to learn the kind of jobs available and the education and skills needed today to get a job in a chemical plant, refinery, or terminal. Speakers from LyondellBasell Refinery and Kinder Morgan will explain the methods they use to recruit workers and the factors considered by those doing the hiring. For example, if a plant receives 1200 applications for 12 open positions and plans to interview 30, what does it take to be one of the 30, and then what does it then take to be one of the 12? Plants will not be accepting resumes at this meeting, but they will describe how to apply for jobs in general. To attend, contact facili-

tator Diane Sheridan at 281-326-5253. The meeting begins at 6:15 p.m. after a light dinner at 5:45. CIP meetings are held at the Alvin Baggett Community Center, 1302 Keene St. in Galena Park.

The Community-Industry Partnership is a voluntary organization meeting 10 times a year. Community members are from Galena Park, Jacinto City, Woodland Acres, Clinton Park, and Fidelity. They meet with managers of 6 industrial facilities on Clinton Drive or American Petroleum Road in Galena Park and 5 Pasadena plants that are south and east of Galena Park. Visitors are welcome.

The CIP provides a forum for face to face interaction between industry and community that helps each understand the other's needs and con-

cerns. It builds relationships with candid dialogue focused on information sharing and issue resolution. The group assesses industry performance and works with plants to bring about changes to improve the quality of life in the area the CIP serves, which is bounded by Loop 610, I-10, Federal Road, and the Houston Ship Channel.

Meetings are held on first Thursdays, except for July and December, from 5:45 - 8:15 p.m. The Mar. 6 meeting will feature speakers from Galena Park ISD and San Jacinto College describing their efforts to develop the future industry workforce. The Apr. 3 meeting is on air quality. Contact facilitator Diane Sheridan at 281-326-5253 for details or to register to attend.

GALA,

Continued from Page 1

when you can. Deborah suffered an aneurism while working in New York City, still only in her 30s, and had only a 105 chance to survive, which she obviously did. But the lesson is to use opportunities when possible, because you don't know when you won't be able. She also lost a brother in a car crash, unexpectedly of course.

Duncan's talk was extremely well received, and appreciated by the audience. In addition, she delivered a serious message with humor and verve that made it outstanding.

Awards were then given to members by Kim Gonzales and Margie Buentello. These were as follows:

Service on the Board over 6 years: Dr. Vicki Giles, Kim Barek, Edward Miller, and Dana Hopkins.

Ambassador of the Year, Mrs. Lucia Bates.

Board Member of the Year, Janet Allen.

Chamber Foundation Chairman, June Harris.

Volunteer of the Year, John Moore.

Lifetime Achievement Award, Wayne Oquin.

Life Member Award, Wilfred Broussard, Jr.

Business of the Year, Woodforest National Bank.

Following the award presentations, remarks were made by retiring board chairman Wilfred Broussard, Jr. and incoming chairman Greg Ollis.

The next scheduled luncheon for the Chamber will be Friday, Jan. 7th. The program will be Jill Boullion of the Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition.

COMMUNITY ADVISORY: THE FUTURE PLANT WORKFORCE

At the January meeting of the Community Advisory Panel to Lyondell and Equistar (CAPLE), the LyondellBasell Channelview Human Resources Manager described the kinds of jobs in the Sheldon Road plant, the education and skill sets needed for the technician and engineering jobs, the factors considered when hiring for any position, and how hiring occurs. There are no longer any paper job applications in the company. Those seeking work need to go to www.lyondellbasell.com to find job postings and to apply.

Typical plant jobs include the following: technicians, first line supervisors, area and unit managers, sitewide managers, plant manager, administrative staff, engineers, and specialists. The future workforce in the growing chemical industry needs people who are action-oriented, good communicators, flexible, committed, yearning for knowledge, safety leaders, collaborators, and able to adapt to change quickly. Considering factors like these in addition to education and other skills is helping Lyondell-Basell hire people likely to become longterm employees.

One of the techniques that captured CAPLE's attention is the new use of a "chalk talk" for both technicians initially certifying for a specific job and those seeking recertification. The "test" involves drawing the chemical production process for that job on a large whiteboard while explaining it to a panel of hourly workers and managers. Described as difficult but effective, this demonstration of understanding builds confidence in experienced workers that those new to the job understand how things work. The educators in CAPLE thought this "chalk talk" was an effective learning tool.

The next regular CAPLE meeting will be on Thursday, February 20, 2014. Lyondell-Basell will present its annual State of the Plant report, highlighting 2013's achievements and describing 2014's goals and plans. The meeting will be from 6:15 - 8:00 p.m. at the LyondellBasell Service Center. From 5:45 - 6:15, there is a light meal and social time. For details or to RSVP, contact the CAPLE facilitator at DBSheridan@aol.com.

Carter Funeral Home

13701 Corpus Christi St.
Houston, TX 77015

(713) 455-5100

*Funerals *Cremations *Pre-Arrangements

Family Owned and Operated
Since 1992

www.CarterFuneral-Houston.com

Stop by for your 2014 calendar



READER OPINION!

Thank you for Reading the New:

NORTH CHANNEL★STAR

This is Your Newspaper. Here's your chance to be the Editor. Tell us what you like/don't like/add or change. I LIKE: _____

I DON'T LIKE: _____

PLEASE ADD THIS: _____

PLEASE CHANGE THIS: _____

HERE'S A NEWS TIP: _____

Thanks. You can Fax this form to: 713-977-1188, mail it to 5906 Star Lane, Houston 77057, or email the same information to NorthChannelStar@gmail.com.

FEBRUARY 5, 2014

PICK-UP LOCATIONS

FOR THE NORTH CHANNEL STAR

NORTH SHORE

North Channel Chamber Office, I-10 in Woodforest Bank Bldg
Pineforest Jewelry, Uvalde Rd
San Jacinto College North, Student Center & Library
Fonteno Court House, Wallisville Rd
East Houston Hospital, I-10
Foodtown, Uvalde Rd
Sellers Brothers Market, Uvalde Rd
YMCA, Wallisville Rd
Fiesta Market, I-10
HPD Substation, I-10
Federal Road Barber Shop, Uvalde @ Halifax
Panera Restaurant, Beltway 8 @ Wallisville
CiCi's Pizza, Uvalde @ Woodforest
Shipley's Donuts, Uvalde @ I-10 E
Post Office, Mesa Road
Kroger's, Woodforest @ Beltway 8
Fuddruckers, Normandy Rd
Walgreens, Maxey Rd @ Woodforest
Senator Sylvia Garcia office, in Woodforest Bank Bldg
North Channel Library, Wallisville Rd
North Shore High School, at Wallisville Rd
Walgreens, 15511 Wallisville Rd

CHANNELVIEW

K&T Western Wear, Sheldon Rd
Post Office, Sheldon Rd
Channelview High School, Sheldon Rd
Woodforest Bank, Sheldon Rd
Channelview Admin Bldg, Sheldon Rd
Food Fair, Sheldon Rd @ I-10
Flukinger Comm Ctr, Lorenzo St
Holiday Inn, I-10 E

SHELDON

Sheldon ISD Admin Bldg.
C. E. King High School, Tidwell Rd
Kroger's, Normandy at Woodforest Parkway Feed, CE King Blvd

CLOVERLEAF

HC MUD #36, Hollywood St
Grayson Community Center, Corpus Christi St
Galena Park Admin Building, Beltway 8 at Woodforest
CommunityBank of Texas, I-10 E @ Freepoint
Gatti's Pizza, Uvalde
North Channel Assistance Ministries, Bonham @ Freepoint

JACINTO CITY

City Hall, Main Street
El Ahorro Market, Main Street
Community Center/Senior Center, Oates Rd
Capital Bank, I-10 E
Jacinto City Branch Library, Akron St
State Rep Ana Hernandez office, Mercury Drive
Sellers Brothers Market, Market St
JC Police Dept., Market St
Market Street Feed Store, Market St

GALENA PARK

Baggett Community Center, Keene St
Post Office, Clinton Drive
Galena Park High School, Keene St
Galena Park City Hall, Clinton Drive
Galena Park Library, Keene St

If you would like to be a PICK-UP LOCATION, let us know.
281-328-9605 or northchannelstar@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Crosby Chamber EXPO brings citizens to business

By Don Springer

Approximately 65 vendors from Crosby, Huffman and environs came together last Saturday for the annual Crosby Consumer Expo at the local High School. They greeted more than 400 visitors who took the time to spend a couple hours talking with these vendors and local citizen group representatives during the 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. Expo.

Kim Harris, events coordinator for the Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce, explained the Expo was moved back to the January-February time schedule after the Chamber, sponsor of the event, experimented with a May time schedule for 2013. "We tried to interest some vendors of outside equipment and greenery last year but it didn't have the attraction." Plans for future Expos will be in the winter time frame.

Harris also told this newspaper that local resident Homer Monroe was the winner of



Instrumental group from Crosby Middle School was part of the entertainment for visitors at the Crosby Consumer Expo.

Photo by David Springer

the Attendant Card drawing. Monroe took home a Kindle Fire offered by the Chamber. This drawing is the major drawing for the event.

Several entertainment groups provided singing, musical entertainment and demonstrations during the event. They included: The Crosby Middle School Jazz Band, singer Selena Shoemaker, the Marilyn Sikora Dancers, a Karate demonstration from

the Crosby Community Center.

Contestant for the Rodeo Rock Star Competition, Reilly Garcia, The Ladies in Lord Choir from the Crosby Community Center and Sharon Hanks from the Crosby Church.

In addition to the Attendant Card drawing a number of additional drawings for vendor products were made by many participating businesses.



Community Resource hands out goodies to show who is the heart of their business.



Eastside Veterans' Celebration team with Crosby Quilt Guild to sport a raffle for the quilt depicted above in an effort to raise funds for a special celebration on Veteran's Day Weekend. Depicted above are Bob Ward, Chairman, Mary Jo Terrell, Helen Moyer of Crosby Quilt Guild, and Darcy Housewrite President of the Eastside Veterans' Celebration.



Reilly Garcia 17, of Crosby High, 11th grade sang beautifully for attendees. Competing in the Houston Livestock Show and

Rodeo Rockstar competition, she is in the 16-21 year category, singing "The House That Built Me". Looking for supporters to go out to the www.rodeohouston.com website and vote for her. With enough votes she will make it to the preliminary round, a live performance in the Rodeo where she and others would be judged and from there would go to the final round where she could win buckles and money. "Money that would go a long way toward paying for her huge feed bill for all of her Livestock show animals!" said her mother, **Susie Thompson-Garcia.**



Crosby Lions and Knights of Columbus doing good everywhere.



Alliance Properties provided a booth and wheel for the heart of their business.



Compass Bank Ladies Sporting a new name and logo BVBA Compass Here Christine Carvajal, Manager Lorraine Johnson, Deidra Story and Heather Swartz pan for the heart of their business the customer.

Trail NOON

INDOOR GUN RANGE

6 PISTOL AND 6 RIFLE RANGES

Hours: Tues.- Sat. 10-8 Sun. 1-7 Closed Monday

Now Available

A.R. Uppers by High Standard are manufactured to achieve performance expected by those who accept no less.

Pricing starts at \$695

Burns A.R. Optics starting at \$359

5911 FM 2100, Crosby, Texas 77532
North of R.R. Tracks & across from Crawfish Shak

Call 281-328-2800 <http://highnoongunrange.com>



Crosby International Academy is proud to open it's doors at their new location 118 Kernohan, Crosby, Tx. 77532 CIA is a Non-Profit Private Christian School open to students who want to take a different route to high quality and exceptional education. We believe that every student has unique gifts and talents and our goal is to help bring out those gifts so your child will develop a love of learning.

We offer small class sizes with one teacher to less than ten students. The atmosphere is filled with love and joy. The students start every day with "Praise Moves" to calm their minds and relax & stretch their bodies.

CIA focuses on building Character, Expanding Imagination, & Creating a love of learning the basics of Math, Sciences, Reading, Bible, History, Health and so much more!

Check us out on [facebook.com/crosbyinternationalacademy](https://www.facebook.com/crosbyinternationalacademy)
281-462-2505



MORE THAN JUST STAPLES

We supply your office for success.

CROSBY Office Supplies

514 Church St., Crosby (281) 328-5838

OPINION PAGE

★

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

President's annual address draws reactions

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst posted similar takes on President Obama's annual state of the union address, televised live on Jan. 28.

Perry said, "... Texas has shown that the way to economic prosperity and significant job growth is through individual freedoms and the free market. Tonight, we saw a president with the same old agenda and no real idea on how to govern."

Dewhurst suggested the president "should take a page out of the playbook for the Texas Miracle and cut taxes, slash spending, and reduce the regulations that kill jobs."

In contrast, freshman U.S. Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, on Jan. 29 posted his reaction, referring to the president's speech "a call to action" that "requires us to take steps forward, and we must do so together. Though trust is lacking, our courage must not fail us. If we fail today to grow the bipartisan momentum developed over recent weeks, we will miss a critical opportunity. To move the ball down the field, we all have to play on the same team. I will continue to play on the right team — America's team."

In other news, on Jan. 31, Perry reacted to the State Department's environmental impact study on the Keystone XL pipeline, a conduit being built to move petroleum-bearing tar sands from western Canada to terminals in Nederland, Texas, near Port Arthur.

"If, as the president said in his state of the union speech, he truly wants this to be a year of action, there would be no better way to kick it off than authorizing construction of this important project."

Entities reach agreement

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Jan. 29 announced it had reached an agreement with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for approval of Texas' Flexible Permits Program for air pollution.

Under the federal Clean Air Act, the EPA was required to accept or reject Texas' air pollution rules within 18 months of the program's creation in 1994. The EPA, however, rejected the rules and disapproved the state's Flexible Permits Program in 2010, prompting Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott to file a legal challenge, asserting that the EPA failed to act within the allotted time period. In 2012, the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals rejected the EPA's disapproval of the program.

TCEQ Chairman Bryan W. Shaw said the agreement, while conditional, "provides a resolution to implement both the court's opinion and the necessary legal requirements for EPA approval." Shaw added that at a Feb. 12 meeting TCEQ commissioners would consider proposing rule amendments to gain the EPA's full approval later in 2014.



Donor registry grows
The Glenda P. Dawson Donate Life Texas Registry is the state database of individuals who have officially indicated their decisions to donate organs and tissue to benefit thousands of people currently awaiting transplants.

Some 4.8 million Texans had registered as organ and tissue donors as of Dec. 31, Texas Department of Public Safety announced Jan. 30. More than 11,000 individuals are awaiting organ or tissue transplants in Texas, the agency said.

SBOE OKs grad plan
A new high school graduation program that gives students added flexibility to follow their academic interests gained final approval from the State Board of Education on Jan. 31.

Last year, the Texas Legislature created the 22-credit Foundation High School Program that allows students to earn performance acknowledgments and four-credit endorsements in specific subjects but left decisions about many details of the plan to the State Board of Education.

Last week, the board considered 34 amendments to the graduation plan and approved most of them, the Texas Education Agency reported. Details may be found at tea.state.tx.us

DPS reports total of arrests

Texas Department of Public Safety on Jan. 31 reported state troopers made 1,490 Driving While Intoxicated arrests during a holiday enforcement period that began Dec. 13 and ended Jan. 2.

More than 24,800 speeding citations, 2,960 seat belt/child safety seat citations, 1,070 fugitive arrests and 790 felony arrests also were made in those 21 days when drinking and driving and more motorists make roadways more dangerous. The cost of having enhanced patrols included funding from a Texas Department of Transportation grant, the DPS noted.

Registration period ends

Texas Secretary of State Nandita Berry, the state's chief elections officer, on Jan. 31 reminded Texans that Monday, Feb. 3, was the deadline to register to vote in time for the March 4 primary election.



★

LETTERS

To the Editor

U.S. House of Representatives, 36th C.D. race

To the Editor,

My name is Phyllis Creagh and I am the mother of Pat Kasprzak, candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives for the 36th Congressional District which includes the communities of Crosby and Highlands. My daughter and her husband, Dan have lived in Crosby for the past 33 years. My son-in-law, Dan is currently the President of the Crosby School Board and the Kasprzak family has been active in many facets of this community for over 3 decades. I was quite astonished and upset when I read your description of my daughter, Pat, in your 1/30/14 article about the upcoming primary election for this open seat as "Some Dude Kasprzak". I consider such a remark about my daughter to be highly offensive and irresponsible. To think that our hometown newspaper would go out of its way to misinform the public about a long term resident of Crosby who is a congressional candidate with impressive experience as a high school teacher, attorney, and corporate banker is inexcusable.

As a member of the local press, you owe it to our community to report information about the upcoming Republican Primary in a fair and accurate manner. Your insensitive reference to my daughter as "Some Dude" indicates your dismissive attitude towards her as the only female candidate in a field of 12 seeking to be the next Republican nominee for Congress. Perhaps your readers would be interested to know that Texas has 36 members in the House of Representatives (second highest number in the nation) and currently only 3 are women. As women represent 49% of the population of the 36th district, it is time we send another woman to Washington, DC from the great state of Texas.

I am so proud of my daughter, Pat, for entering this race. I know her decision to run was not made easily because of the enormous amount of time, energy and financial resources it takes to compete at this level. However, Pat and her family are willing to do what it takes and only ask in return that your paper provide fair, honest and reliable information to the voters of our community who have an important decision to make at the Republican Primary on March 4.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Phyllis Creagh

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Star-Courier did not comment on the character of Ms. Kasprzak. We reported on the remarks made by the Ron Paul Forums on all 12 candidates for District 36, in an effort to provide some background information from a conservative source for the benefit of our readers. These views do not necessarily represent the views of this newspaper or its editors. As shown by publishing this letter, we welcome diverse opinions and will publish them when appropriate.

Dangers of the San Jacinto Toxins

To all NATIVE TEXANS, neighbors,

I don't know if any of you all have ever been poisoned, or even watched anyone die from poisoning? Well I have. It all ends the same way. Puking & crying non-stop, while defecating large amounts of blood out your anus, sick all the time. That is what happened to me for 8 months straight, as well as to my uncle & 3 brothers. I watched it happen.

What is less than 1/4 mile down river from the San Jacinto Waste Pit site? Property that is sacred to All Texans," **Battle of The San Jacinto**," "Remember The Alamo" they cried, the Monument, which is the birth place of Texas; That is like dumping **Dioxins** on the **White House for Americans**. Their attorney told mine they will be Betting the company, Betting the company is right, this is not small time & should be the greatest environmental lawsuit of all times. In Texas? Where our slogan we brain wash the world with is "DON'T MESS WITH TEXAS". They Should be talking about this case for years to come. We need every true TEXAN to help us with this case and hold these company's feet to the fire, set the standard for highest paying environmental lawsuit ever. I do not care about the money, it is all about the destruction of Texas Rivers & Lakes to me, and sending the world a huge message, "Don't Mess With Texas". The pit needs to be completely removed and the entire Whites Lake needs to be dredged; because the Entire Whites Lake Is The Pit Now. Taking the poison to a safe place.

I pray, with everyone's help, we can send a signal, they destroyed the wrong state, Also, we are ready for trial. It is easy when all we have to do is tell the truth, **plus the destruction of the "Battle Ground" is inexcusable.**

The neighborhood in flood zone area's of San Jacinto River Terrace Estates #1 should be getting the \$340 million; not to the County.

The county has no dead people in their family or people that will be sick for the rest of what ever life we have left. I have: 1 dead uncle, 3 dead brothers (life long friends), 18 dead neighbors, 16 dead trees on 1/2 acre, that DIED within 1-3 year after Hurricane Ike blew the TCDD's & Furans everywhere, countless cats & dogs Dead from drink the water in ponds in low lying areas, etc.; 99.9% died after 2008 Hurricane Ike.

The kids that were born here or Neighbors within a 2 block radius, next to the pits.

Mothers swimming pregnant, well a 18 yr. old boy had a seizure, died; a 23 yr. old boy just had open heart surgery; which most of the Dead i spoke of, all DIED from mysterious heart problems, including but not limited to the un-Dead equal, me, my girlfriend, and 3 friends who have lived with me over the years. One of my friends lived here in this lake house with me for many years, well he got married and continued to bring his pregnant wife out on the river boating with us; her child was born with the "the EXIT OF HER ANUS WAS COMING OUT HER VAGINA HOLE", after only a couple of exposures to the water. I'm sure they would love to talk to the media, a very sad story. I have many pictures of dead fish, skin disease, etc. from me & my neighbors.

EPA tested my yard, the top 6" is the same Dioxins as in the pits and the only boat ramp within several miles of the site, does not even have a warning sign for the customers. the black/grey matter on the shoreline is the Dioxins from the pit.

Please feel free to use some of this information for a story if you like.

PLEASE HELP
WILLIAM PASKEY

★

TOUCH OF LIFE

By Don Springer

Weekend full of events

SB XLVIII—This week I can't write a column I guess without at least a mention of yesterday's Super Bowl 48, such as it was. I had decided Denver would win and was pulling for the Broncos early in the game. Truth is I am a Steeler fan and wasn't into yesterday's game emotionally that much. Always watch it no matter the teams.

Couldn't believe how it unfolded: safety, field goal, field goal, touchdown and the Broncos were roped and tied. The second-half kick-off return by Seattle added the brand and the game was over. Until that kick-off return I kept saying to myself, Peyton Manning is off to a slow start and he will do better. It never happened! He was constantly under pressure, had some interceptions because of the pressure and then the fumbles added to the turnovers. Monday's papers mostly called it a drubbing and at 43-8 why not?

Lots of people putting in their two-bits on the TV ads for the game. For me I select the puppy and the horses in the Budweiser commercial. Several were good I felt as I watched. However, at \$4 mil per 30 second ad, they have to be good.

Crosby Expo

Dave and I took in the Crosby-Huffman Chamber sponsored Expo this past Saturday and enjoyed a couple of hours spent there. I've always gone to those events when held during my visits. Missed last year as it was held later in the spring and I had already returned home.

I see that Expo as a wonderful event to show off area businesses, citizen groups and the like. I have always felt they were well attended by local folks and usually see a few friends there to meet and talk to for a few minutes.

This year I was a winner in one the drawings. Won two nice plants at the Colwell Bankers drawing. Already have them located in David's home and well watered. Also, watched some of the entertainment. Listened to a young lady sing about 11 a. m. and before that listened to an instrumental group from Crosby Middle School. Enjoyed both.

Dave took some photos at the Expo and I expect one or two of them will probably highlight a story I am doing outlining the results of the event. If you aren't a usual attendee I suggest you put this in your memory bank for 2015. I don't think you will be disappointed.

Pearland Flea Market

I try to take it at least one trip to the Pearland Flea Market each year and Sunday was the day of that trip. Dave and I went there right after church and spent a few hours walking around and controlling several urges to buy. Saw a couple of friends of about 10 years and talked with them for several minutes. I think my visits there might soon be at end. My 83-year-old legs are having a problem with all the walking. Still, I enjoy.

Such are the people, places and things that have touched my life in my home!

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Rescar Companies has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 22012, which would authorize continued operation of the Railcar Surface Coating Facility located at 407 West Brentwood Street, Channelview, Harris County, Texas 77530. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

LIFESTYLE

OBITUARIES

Jessie Jake Lowrance

Jessie Jake Lowrance 80 of Highlands, Texas went to be with the Lord on February 1, 2014. Jessie was born on November 14, 1933 in Sayre, Oklahoma to Miles and Esther (Usrey) Lowrance. Jessie worked as a maintenance foreman in the petrochemical industry. In his spare time he enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing in his band, woodworking, telling stories, pickin and playin with his friends at the community center and spending time with his family and friends. Jessie was caring man with a great sense of humor who never met a stranger, and he will be missed by all who knew him. Jessie is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Jo Jean Lowrance; daughter, Sandra Wallingford; brother, Wentz Lowrance; grandchildren, Alicia, Aaron, Jared; great grandchildren, Tristan, Aaron, Michaela; and many other relatives and friends. A Celebration of Jessie's Life will be held on



Sunday, February 9, 2014 at the Highlands Community Center at 2pm. In Lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made in Jessie's memory to the American Lung Association 1301 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20004 info@lung.org. Arrangements have been entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. 77562. To send the family condolences please visit www.sterlingwhite.com

Elizabeth Jean McMan

February 4, 1929 – October 17, 2013

Elizabeth J. "Liz" McMan, 84, was called home to be with the Lord October 17, 2013 after a long battle with Alzheimer's. She was born outside Fordyce, AR and graduated from Fordyce High School. She has been in the Houston area for over 60 years where her late husband retired from Armco Steel. She is preceded in death by her parents, her late husband, William "Bill" McMan and her eight siblings.

Elizabeth is survived by her two daughters and sons-in-laws, Sherry & Bill King and Glenda & Brian Roddy. Grandchildren: Barry King, Eric, Katelyn, & Anna Roddy. Great grandchildren: Kolby & Kyler King. There was a viewing at Howard Glendale Funeral Home and she was laid to rest on October 22, 2013 at Brookside Memorial Park Cemetery in a private graveside service.

Norma Pauline Curtis

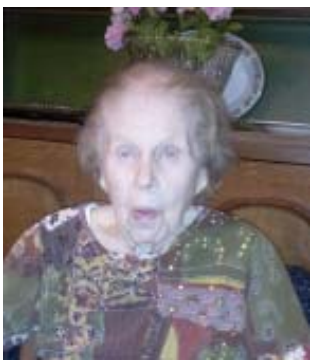
Norma Pauline Curtis, 92, loving mother and grandmother, passed away Sunday, February 2, 2014 in Houston, Texas. Norma was born January 28, 1922 in Milam County, Texas to John and Nancy Walden. She is preceded in death by her husband, Bruce Curtis; sister, Lafrona Derebery and brother, Lamar Walden. Norma is survived by her children, Bill Curtis and wife Carolyn, Larry Curtis and wife Linda, Lynette Cox and husband Kerry; grandchildren, Laura Frey and husband Jonathan, Julie Hill and husband Steve, Cassie Curtis, Amanda Abney and husband Cody, Daniel Cox and wife Jessica, Jared Cox and wife Lauren, Cody Cox; great-grandchildren, Zachary Hill, Ashton Frey, Ian Frey, Cannon Cox; as well as by numerous extended family members and friends. Friends were welcome to join the family Tuesday, February 4, 2014 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. for visitation at Carter Funeral Home.



Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 5, 2014 in the chapel of Carter Funeral Home; Dr. Royce Measures officiated. Graveside services followed at 3:00 p.m. at Liberty Cemetery in Milam County, Texas. In lieu of flowers, Norma's family suggests donations be made to the Liberty Community Cemetery 4856 FM 3242, Cameron, TX 76520. Online guest book and video memorial available at www.carterfuneral-houston.com

Happy 100 years !!!

Elise Guidroz will be celebrating her 100th birthday on February 27, 2014. She has been living at the Highland House Assisted Living Facility in Highlands almost 10 years. Elise loves socializing with others, working crossword puzzles, and going out to eat almost weekly with her daughter, Anne Marie Wewer who lives in Baytown.



BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

LITTLE BIDDY BITS By Danny Biddy

1. Is the book of Ezekiel in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From 1 Kings 10, about how many shekels of silver did a chariot imported from Egypt cost? 10, 50, 200, 600
3. Which Psalm begins, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want"? 1st, 15th, 23rd, 40th
4. From Genesis 17:15, what was the prior name of Sarah? Sarai, Huldah, Jael, Deborah
5. Where did David cut off a corner of Saul's cloak? Achaia, Edom, En-Gedi, Gilgal
6. Who is called a "prophetess" in Exodus 15:20? Eve, Miriam, Rachel, Zipporah

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) 600; 3) 23rd; 4) Sarai; 5) En-Gedi; 6) Miriam

You Just Can't Hide

My brother was at an important meeting recently when he accidentally leaned against an alarm. The alarm went off and two highway patrol, two sheriff's deputies, and one city police officer came charging into the room. I was told that Alan was standing there by the alarm with his lips moving, but no words were coming out! When I heard about the incident, I was reminded of Numbers 32:23, "Be sure your sins will find you out."

WESTON COTTEN, ATTORNEY
BAYTOWN
281-421-5774 5223 Garth Rd.
NOT CERTIFIED BY THE TEXAS BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION

www.starcouriernews.com
&
www.northchannelstar.com

Open M - F 8 AM - 5:30 PM
A-AUTOMOTIVE
Chris Arnold-Owner - 281-385-1782
2926 FM 565 Mont Belvieu, Tx 77580

OILWELL TUBULAR CONSULTANTS
P.O. Box 1267, Crosby, TX
281-328-6220

Complete Line of Groceries
KWIK MART FOODS
14443 FM 1409 281-576-5788

Attorney at Law
KAREN A. BLOMSTROM
281-328-7311
510 Church Street Crosby, TX 77532
NOT CERTIFIED BY THE TEXAS BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION

Pride only breeds quarrels, but wisdom is found in those who take advice. Proverbs 13:25

Be alert. Continue strong in the faith. Have courage and be strong.
1 Corinthians 16:13

Your ad could be here
Just \$10 a week.
Call 281-328-9605 to find out more information.

Hours: Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Sat 8 a.m.-1p.m.

KWIK KAR OIL & LUBE

Operated By Chris & Jennifer Arnold
11525 Eagle Drive
281-385-LUBE (5823)

Linda Daisy Johnston

Linda Daisy Johnston passed away on Thursday, January 30, 2014 in Forth Worth, Tx. She was born on June 16, 1942 to Ruben and Mertie Geiger Barnett in Lily Duke Hospital, Goose Creek, Tx. Linda worked for Kroger for 20 years as a cake decorator before retiring in 2005. After retiring she enjoyed spending time with her family, Walmart, road trips, and her four legged "children". She was preceded in death by husband, Cecil Johnston; one son, Edwin Johnston; her sister Patsy Barnett, and her parents. Linda is survived by her children, Lisa Boudreaux and husband Keneth of Highlands; Cindy Johnston and Michelle Hadaway of Flowery Branch, Ga; Troy Johnston and wife Ladonna

of Roanoke, Tx; Penny McMullen and husband Patrick of Houston. Also her grandchildren, Angi and Crissi, Alan, Oscar, Robert, Kristl, Shieva, Jared, Srah, Skyler, Zoe and honorary grandson Jarrel "JJ" Monroe. 3 great grandchildren and 2 more expected in April. She is also survived by twin brother, Rev. Gordon (Andrea) Barnett of Springfield, Mo; Brian (Alice) Barnet of Baytown; Harold Leon Barnett of Duncan, Ok; Sue Pena of Fort Worth, Tx. Many special nieces and nephews and other relatives that loved her dearly. In lieu of flowers, please donate to your local animal rescue shelter; animals were one of the loves of her life. A celebration of Linda's life will be held on February 15 at 400 E. Houston, Highlands, Tx.

Weldon Wayne Rawls

Weldon Wayne Rawls, 82, of Gonzales, passed away Sunday, October 20, 2013. He was born July 23, 1931 in Pelly Texas, the son of John Weldon Rawls and Nannie Mae Olive Rawls. He married Geraldine Goodman Janury 26, 1951 in Highlands, Texas. He was an operator and supervisor with the Rohm and Haas Chemical Company and retired on July 30, 1991 after over 37 years of service. After his retirement, Wayne and Geraldine moved to Gonzales on November 11, 1994 where they raised cattle, enjoyed gardening and life on the ranch. He was known as Paw-Paw to his

grandchildren and greatgrandchildren and was kwon for spreading "Wisdom" and speaking his mind. He was a member of Two Rivers Bible Church. He is survived by his wife of almost 63 years, Geraldine Goodman Rawls of Gonzales; daughter Susan Henley and husband Tommy of Highalnds; sons Michael Rawls and wife Marsha of North Carolina; Steven Rawls and wife Sharon of Highlands; Kent Rawls and wife Brenda of Mont Belvieu; sister Regina Hardin and husband Douglas of Conroe; brother John Winston Rawls of Gonzales; sisters-in-law Margaret Rawls of Angleton and Bonnie Parker and husband

Robert of Highlands. Also surviving are several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Charles Rawls and sister-in-law Marie Rawls. Interment will follow at the Gonzales Memorial Park Cemetery. Pallbearers include Brian Rawls, Cory Rawls, Joshua Henley, Toby Willburn, John Rawls Jr. and Arnulfo Reyes. Honorary Pallbearers include Jonathan Henley and Clay Rawls. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Two Rivers Bible Church.

Legalize pot bad idea

Laws that define behavioral, moral parameters in a nation, region, or local community are not an option but are absolutely essential. These parameters must be established for the best interests of individuals and the group as a whole. The United States is a constitutional republic, and the rule of law derives its authority from the people. If laws are established to wield political clout, such totalitarianism enslaves people. By contrast, libertarianism also chains people with the bondage of no rules. Both extremes regarding the rule of law have a fatal error due to a false foundation. In the United States, the basis for enacting the various laws has traditionally been the Bible, the Word of God. National, state, and local entities have legislated and continue to enact laws affecting morality and behavior. For over 225 years, the USA has been singularly blessed by God. Whether or not morality should be legislated is not debatable. The only question is regarding which moral issues will be addressed. All levels of government, national state, county, and municipal always are involved in legislating morality. Behavioral issues for either prohibition or regulation include the sale and consumption of alcohol, penalties for driving under the influence, gambling, prostitution, pornog-



raphy, advertizing of tobacco products, and the legalization of marijuana for medicinal use and recreational use. The legalization of marijuana is increasingly in the news. It is an issue that has been and continues to be addressed with significant misinformation. Christ-followers must confront the issue from the perspective of Biblical truth. It is likely that the issue of legalization of marijuana will continue to be a referendum for multiple states during the next few years, perhaps as early as the November elections in 2014. Two states, Washington and Colorado, recently voted to legalize recreational pot and the logistics of the sale and use of the drug are now being enacted. Baptist Press cites an interview with the New Yorker magazine in which President Obama states his viewpoint regarding marijuana use. "I view it as a bad habit and a vice, not very different from the cigarettes that I smoked as a young person up through a big chunk of my adult life. I don't think it is more dangerous than alcohol." Apparently, a majority of the voters in the two states that have legalized the drug hold that viewpoint. It is likely that some people in our community also believe this to

be true, but the facts do not substantiate assertions of the harmlessness of marijuana. Although unlikely as a referendum in the near future, it is highly possible that voters in Texas will deal with the issue of whether or not to legalize the recreational use of marijuana at some time in the future. The principle that must guide all Christ-followers regarding this moral issue and any other moral/social issues is that Christ-followers must vote by the truth of God's Word. The Holy Spirit inspired letter of the Apostle Paul to 1st century Corinth offers insight to 21st century Christians on how to live as responsible citizens. All persons in our country have the responsibility and the freedom to speak and vote your personal convictions. "... whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. Do not cause anyone to stumble" 1 Corinthians 10:31-32 In political/moral concerns and in your own personal habits, the goal of the Christ-follower must be to glorify God at all times. Be aware of the issues, and speak truth in love!

THRIFT-TEE FOOD CENTER

10955 Eagle Drive 281-576-5040

STERLING ~ WHITE

FUNERAL HOME & CEMETERY
11011 CROSBY-LYNCHBURG RD.
HIGHLANDS, TX 77562
(281) 426-3555
www.sterlingwhite.com

"A Tradition of Excellence Since 1824"

KMCO, INC.

Custom Chemical Manufacturer

16503 Ramsey Rd., Crosby 281-328-3501

I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Phillipians 4:13



Visit us on Facebook

facebook.com/StarCourier

&

facebook.com/NorthChannelStar

www.starcouriernews.com

Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God.
Leviticus 19:32

Once more the humble will rejoice in the Lord; the needy will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel
Isaiah 29: 10

Your ad could be here
Just \$10 a week.
Call 281-328-9605 to find out more information.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Call 281-328-9605

Your AD will reach up to 120,000 readers in our FOUR newspapers, with a combined circulation of 55,000 copies. Get ACTION on your AD. Rates start at only \$15 for 20 words. A bargain!

BUSINESSES

DUSTY'S ATTIC
RESALE SHOP. Buy and sale furniture, etc...Closed Sunday & Monday. OPEN Tuesday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1112 South Main in Highlands, TX. (Behind the house) 832-892-0888.

3-TFN

HELP WANTED

AVON
The Company for Women
Want To Make EXTRA MONEY?
Call today to become a Representative for only \$10.00
713-455-5464

4-2

HELP WANTED

LOCAL
Company in Highlands looking for Holiday help. Available positions include creating Floral Bouquets or Loading Delivery Vehicles. Please contact Young B. 832-474-9059 - ysboble@gmail.com for further information.

3-3

MISC. FOR SALE

OUTBOARD MOTOR,
8 HP YAMAHA, like new, long shaft for sailboat, can be seen in Clear Lake. \$890 obo. 713-252-8000.

59-4tn

RENT/LEASE

CROSBY. 3 BEDROOM/
2 Bath. Double car garage. Fenced Yard. \$1,200/month. Great Location. 281-705-9640.

5-2

DRIVERS WANTED



TRANSPORT SERVICE

Company, Chemical Division, a highway subsidiary of the Kenan Advantage Group, is now seeking Mechanics and Tank Washers out of Baytown, TX. There are many advantages to joining our team: Competitive pay, Excellent benefits, Paid vacations & holidays, 401 K with company match And so much more! Submit your resume to: safety@thekag.com to apply!

Leading at Every Turn

4-3

SERVICES

Experienced Video Photographer specializes in Weddings, Birthdays, Conferences. Call Ari @ 832-630-4487

AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE ACT.

Want to get covered? Financial help maybe available. Application help - FOR FREE. Call now 713-416-0765.

5-2

LEGAL NOTICE

DESTRUCTION OF EXPIRED SPECIAL EDUCATION RECORDS

As required by Federal Rule 34 CFR 300.624, Crosby ISD does hereby give notice to eligible students or the parents of students of the district's intention to destroy Special Education records that have expired retention periods. The retention period for Special Education records is five (5) years after graduation or cessation of services plus five (5) years. This will include those students receiving special education services who graduated in May of 2008. Those that have expired retention periods will be destroyed as noted by the rules of the Department of Education Federal Register, no sooner than February 28, 2014, unless objected to by eligible students or the parents of the student in writing to :

Karla McGee
Director of Special Education
Crosby ISD
706 Runneburg Rd.
Crosby, TX 77532
281-328-9200 X1108

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NUMBER 22012

APPLICATION Rescar Companies has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 22012, which would authorize continued operation of the Railcar Surface Coating Facility located at 407 West Brentwood Street, Channelview, Harris County, Texas 77530. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application.

http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.777222&lng=-95.148611&zoom=13&type=r. The existing facility and/or related facilities are authorized to emit the following air contaminants: organic compounds and particulate matter including particulate with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on December 20, 2013. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, TCEQ Houston regional office, and the Harris County Library - North Channel Branch, 15741 Wallaceville Road, Channelview, Harris County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Houston regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. In addition to the renewal, this permitting action includes the incorporation of the following authorizations or changes to authorized facilities related to this permit: amendments and permits by rule. The reasons for any changes or incorporations, to the extent they are included in the renewed permit, may include the enhancement of operational control at the plant or enforceability of the permit. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. **The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

PUBLIC COMMENT You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FORA CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 15 day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this application.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea Información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Rescar Companies, 407 West Brentwood Street, Channelview, Texas 77530-3952 or by calling Mr. Kevin A. Wilck, Vice President at (281) 452-4221.

Notice Issuance Date: January 21, 2014

Where can I pick up a Star-Courier?

HIGHLANDS:

Post Office
Library
Food Town
Community Center
Backdraft Rest.
Woodforest Bank
Conoco Station

CROSBY:

Post Office
Library
Community Center
Race Track
Arlan's Market
Kroger's
Community Bank

HUFFMAN:

Post Office
Exxon Station
Community Bank

HIGHLANDS

CROSBY

Star★Courier

USPS 244-500

and the Barbers Hill★Dayton PRESS

The Highlands Star Founded 1955
The Crosby Courier Founded 1958
Consolidated with the Star 1961

SERVING HIGHLANDS, CROSBY, HUFFMAN
AND NORTHEAST HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

Editor & Publisher..... Gilbert Hoffman
Associate Publisher..... Mei-Ing Liu Hoffman

Entered as Periodicals Class at Highlands Post Office, Highlands, TX 77562. Under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879. Published 50 weeks per year, on Thursday, by Grafikpress Corp., 5906 Star Lane, Houston, TX 77057. Opinions in this paper are those of the authors, and not necessarily this newspaper's. Any erroneous statement which may appear will be corrected when brought to the attention of the publisher. Liability for errors is limited to the reprinting of the corrected version. Submissions are encouraged, in person, by mail, by Fax, or by email, to grafikstar@aol.com.

GRAFIKPRESS is publisher of community newspapers, including Highlands STAR-Crosby COURIER; North Channel STAR, Barbers Hill Dayton PRESS; Northeast NEWS; North Forest NEWS. Combined circulation of these newspapers exceeds 55,000. Readership exceeds 110,000 according to industry standards. We also print dozens of school, ethnic, and government publications on contract. Call for information to 713-977-2555.

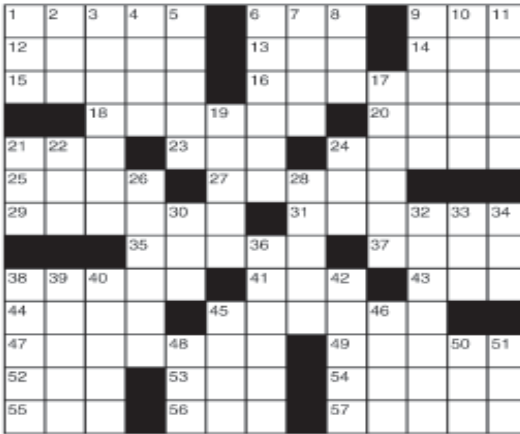
SUBSCRIPTION RATES: In-county, \$28.00 per year. Out of county, \$35.00 per year. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Star-Courier, P. O. Box 405, Highlands, TX 77562.

News and Ad Phones....281-328-9605
FAX Line....713-977-1188

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Paddock parents
6 Two-timer
9 Illustrations
12 Tolerate
13 "The ___ Daba Honey-moon"
14 Fresh
15 Earth tone
16 "Halo" singer
18 Beast
20 TV remote button
21 Have
23 Enthusiast
24 Dud
25 Indian royal
27 Ship of the desert
29 "The Godfather" star
31 Christmas carol starter
35 Someone in the kitchen?
37 Therefore
38 Eagle's nest
41 Toothpaste type
43 Current measure, for short
44 Pharmaceu tical
45 Psychiatrist
47 "Material Girl" singer
49 Idaho's capital



- 52 Chowded down
53 ___-relief
54 Showed again
55 Neither mate
56 Suitable
57 Cheer up
DOWN
1 Long March leader
2 Easy as ___
3 "Take a Bow" singer
4 First place
5 Letter line
6 Poolside structure
7 Explorer Tasman
8 Desk-calen-

- dar page
9 Per ___ (yearly)
10 Right-hand page
11 Seventh-grader, usually
17 Brunch entree
19 Georgia city
21 Sphere
22 Series of skirmishes
24 Started
26 Rainbow component
28 "Real Time With Bill ___"
30 Gaming cube
32 "Hips Don't
Lie" singer
33 Belly
34 Mindreader's claim
36 Shocked
38 Madison Avenue employee
39 Lyric poet's Muse
40 Less courteous
42 Cuba ___ (cocktail)
45 Child's play
46 Yule refrain
48 Cagers' org.
50 Perched
51 Away from WSW

© 2014 King Features Synd., Inc.



www.facebook.com/StarCourier
www.facebook.com/NorthChannelStar

COMMUNITY & CRIME

COMMUNITY
CALENDAR

FEB. 6, THURSDAY
Comm.-Industry Partnership meeting

Galena Park-Jacinto City Community-Industry Partnership meeting on how to get jobs in industry. 5:45 - 8:15 p.m. Alvin Baggett Community Center, 1302 Keene, Galena Park. Public invited. Call 281-326-5253 to sign up.

FEBRUARY 7, FRIDAY
East Houston Prayer Gathering

East Houston Prayer Gathering The East Houston Community Prayer Gathering event will be held on Friday, Feb. 7 at Channelview ISD's Bill Neal Center, 828 Sheldon Road. Community members, area pastors and school officials will gather at the event, which will begin with a "Prayer Walk" at 5:30 p.m., followed by a time of worship at 7 p.m. For more information, please call 281-924-1207.

FEBRUARY 12, WEDNESDAY
Dream of Doors

Celebrate Black History Month at The North Channel Branch Library! Express Children's Theatre presents Dream of Doors: Based on the lives of many historical figures who helped to open doors for those who came after them. Fully staged show! Wednesday, February 12 at 4:30 pm. Children's Area recommended for ages 4 and up. North Channel Branch Library, 15741 Wallisville Road-Houston, TX 77049. 281-457-1631.

FEBRUARY
Galena Park Library events

-Tuesday, February 11, 1:00 pm Microsoft Word Basics II
-Wednesday, February 12, 11:00 am Children's Story Time
-Thursday, February 13, 11:00 am Baby Time. 4:00 pm Valentine's Day Craft.
1500 Keene St. Galena Park, TX. 77547. Call 713-450-0982 for more information.

FEBRUARY
North Channel Library events

-Monday, February 10, Movie Madness at 4:30 p.m.
-Tuesday, February 11, Toddler Time, 10:30 am; Preschool Story Time, 1:30 pm.
-Wednesday, February 12, Strings attached, 4:30 pm; Express Children's Theater Black History month performance at 4:30 pm.
-Thursday, February 13, Baby Time, 10:30 am. AARP Tax Help from 12-4 pm. Lego play at 4:30 pm.
15741 Wallisville Rd., Houston, TX. 77049. Call 281-457-1631 for more information.

FEBRUARY- APRIL
Free tax help for seniors

The Tax-Aide program sponsored by the IRS and AARP Foundation. The program is designed to assist taxpayers age 60 and over but will also assist low and moderate income filers.
-North Channel Branch of Harris, County Public Library, Thursdays noon to 4 p.m.
Services are ongoing until Tuesday, April 15.
Taxpayers should bring the following items with them:
-Social Security cards for yourself and all dependents
-A copy of last year's tax return
-W-2 forms from each employer
-Unemployment compensation statements
-All 1099 forms (1099-INT, 1099-DIV, 1099R etc.)
-Some type of picture ID
For more information, call 1-888-227-7669 or visit www.arp.org/taxaide.

NORTH CHANNEL★STAR
5906 STAR LANE, HOUSTON, TX 77057
(713) 977-2555 FAX (713) 977-1188
email: northchannelstar@gmail.com
website: www.northchannelstar.com

Gilbert Hoffman *Editor & Publisher*
Mei-Ing Hoffman *Associate Publisher*
Lewis Spearman *Advertising Director*
Julietta Paita *Staff Reporter*
Luis Hernandez *Production*
Pedro Hernandez *Circulation/Mail Director*

Published each Wednesday by GrafikPress Corp. Any erroneous statement which may appear will be corrected when brought to the attention of the publisher. Liability for errors is limited to the reprinting of the corrected version. Submissions are encouraged, in person, by mail, by Fax, or by email, to: northchannelstar@gmail.com
Member Texas Community Newspaper Association
Member North Channel Chamber of Commerce
Member Texas Press Association

La Porte Head Start program recruits families of children ages 3-5

Head Start La Porte location is recruiting families of children ages 3-5 from targeted zip codes in La Porte, Pasadena, Deer Park and Clear Creek independent school districts. The program delivers services to ensure future success both academically and socially.
Harris County Department of Education provides services through 14 Head Start centers location in northeast Harris County. Addition locations include Baytown, J.D. Walker, Pugh, Tidwell, Humble, Fifth Ward, Channelview, Compton, Coolwood, Dogan, Barrett Station, San Jacinto and Sheffield.
Head Start develops partnerships with social service agencies, local businesses, uni-

versities and other community entities to offer combined services. Head Start is federally funded with the commitment that Harris County Department of Education will leverage community resources to provide services.
For information about enrollment or locations, call (713) 672-9343. For information about community partnerships or donations, call Armando Rodriguez at 713-696-2179 or email arodriguez@hcde-texas.org. Access www.hcde-texas.org for general information about HCDE Head Start and locations.

61 arrested in latest wave of prostitution sting operations

Forty eight men tried to buy sex, not realizing the women they had approached along the street were undercover HCSO deputies.
Nine women tried to sell their bodies, not realizing the men they had approached along the street were undercover HCSO deputies, too.
All were arrested and charged with prostitution in the last eight days in the latest HCSO sting operation against prostitution.
Four other people encountered in the operation were arrested on charges ranging from drug possession to driving without a license.
One of the men arrested for soliciting sex in exchange for money was on parole for aggravated sexual assault. He tried to escape by car and was captured after a brief chase.
The Precinct 3 and 4 constable's offices joined the operation. One of the solicitation charges was brought against a Precinct 4 deputy, as previously announced by that agency. That officer, who was not part of the sting operation, was wearing his uniform trousers when he was handcuffed and sent to jail.
The streetside operation took place near I-45 and FM 1960, Aldine Bender Road and U.S. 59 and I-10 at Freeport.
The stings were conducted as part of a national effort to fight prostitution in the days leading up to the Super Bowl on Sunday, which is among huge gatherings that

often attract the illegal industry.
"News flash to those who think prostitution is a victimless crime: It's a greedy industry that thrives on forced labor, drug addiction and sometimes even illegal imprisonment," Sheriff Adrian Garcia said. "Many of the reformed prostitutes who came through the Harris County Jail tell us that working the streets led them to using illegal drugs; others tell us they used illegal drugs and turned to prostitution to finance their illicit addictions."
"So stopping prostitution stops other crimes and emancipates victims. It also fights back against sex slavery and other forms of human trafficking."

often attract the illegal industry.
"News flash to those who think prostitution is a victimless crime: It's a greedy industry that thrives on forced labor, drug addiction and sometimes even illegal imprisonment," Sheriff Adrian Garcia said. "Many of the reformed prostitutes who came through the Harris County Jail tell us that working the streets led them to using illegal drugs; others tell us they used illegal drugs and turned to prostitution to finance their illicit addictions."
"So stopping prostitution stops other crimes and emancipates victims. It also fights back against sex slavery and other forms of human trafficking."

NEW PRESIDENT,

Continued from Page 1

served as president of the San Jacinto Pilot Club in 2001-2002, and been a member since 1997. Currently she is a member of the Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce Executives, and CAPLE (the Community Advisory Panel to Lyondell Equistar).
She has also served with the YMCA, Relay for Life, Green Valley Elementary PTA, and North Shore Little League.
According to chairman Greg Ollis, the Chamber is in good hands with Margie Buentello as the new leader.

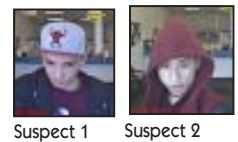
Intoxicated driver charged in crash death

A man was arrested after a man died in a car crash on Thursday, January 30.
According to police, the fatal traffic accident happened at 600 Maxey Road about 2 a.m.
The victim, 45, and whose name has not been released, was driving a green Nissan Altima southbound on Maxey Road, police said. When a white Ford F-150 pickup truck that was traveling northbound on Maxey, failed to yield the right of way as he turned west-

bound at the intersection of Wood Bayou, and struck the Nissan.
The male driver of the Nissan died at the scene. The driver of the pickup Ford, a 28-year-old man, exhibited signs of intoxication; he was transported to Ben Taub General Hospital with non life-threatening injuries and a charge of intoxication manslaughter is pending.
The investigation is continuing.

Sheriffs seek public's help to catch robbers

(Houston, TX) - Harris County Sheriff's Robbery Division along with the Houston Police Departments Robbery (Criminal Investigations Command) need the public's help in identifying two aggravated robbery suspects wanted for robberies in northwest and southeast Harris County.
The two suspects have robbed several cash advance businesses that include two Advance America Stores at the 10800 block of west FM 1960 at Jones Road and 10900 Grant Road at Jones Road. Also, the robbery of a Cash America located at 6920 Lakeview Haven Drive in the Copperfield area.
The robbery of two stores in the north Harris County, a Lone Star Title at 1200 Bammel N Houston at Veterans Memorial and an Advance America located at 2018 W FM 1960 at Sugar Pine Drive.
The robbery of a Check into



Cash store located at 13415 Woodforest Drive at Uvalde Drive in the Northshore area of Harris County.
Suspect 1 is a thin build Hispanic male, a light complexion with a possible neckline tattoo. Suspect 2 is shorter build Hispanic male with a mustache and goatee, with close cut brown hair.
Suspects have been observed in a black four door Toyota Camry.
Anyone with information about the suspects' identity in this case and/or location is asked to call Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS or to submit a tip via the iWatch-HarrisCounty phone app.

**NORTH CHANNEL
BUSINESS DIRECTORY**
Call 281-328-9605 to Advertise YOUR Business
in this Directory. 10,000 readers Weekly. B

FREE SERVICE CALL WITH REPAIR

Since 1972
A-1 AIR BRAND APPLIANCES
713-451-0753

All Makes & Models
*ADMIRAL *AMANA *CALORIC *FRIGIDAIRE *GE *GIBSON *HOT POINT *KITCHENAID *JENN-AIR *KENMORE *KITCHENAID *MAGIC CHEF *MAYTAG *MORSE *PHILCO *RICO *ROPER *Sears *SPEED QUEEN *SUB-ZERO *TAPPAN *THERMADOR *ULINE *WARD *WESTINGHOUSE *WHIRPOOL

Avon Products
Northshore/Channelview Area

Need a Brochure
Call Connie Owens at 713-455-5464

Se Habla Español
MR. ROOFER
(281) 452-0000
New Roofs, Repairs, Painting
HARDI PLANK SIDING
CALL FOR FREE ESTIMATES
Mroofer@hotmail.com

EILEEN BRIGHTWELL, DDS
www.brightwelldental.com
1820 Holland St. • Jacinto City, TX 77029
(713) 455-7923

DIANA'S HAIR SALON
1622 Federal Rd #28 Houston, Texas 77015

832-804-7146 713-677-9493
HAIRCUTS | COLOR | FADES | HIGHLIGHTS | MAKE-UP
UP DO'S | PERMS | WAX | KERATIN TREATMENT

Happy Valentine's Day February 14, 2014

DARK ORIGINS OF VALENTINE'S DAY



By Diamond Jim

Valentine's Day is a time to celebrate romance and love and kissy-face fealty. But the origins of this festival of candy and cupids are actually dark, bloody - and a bit muddled.

Though no one has pinpointed the exact origin of the holiday, one good place to start is ancient Rome, where men hit on women by, well, hitting them.

From Feb. 13 to 15, the Romans celebrated the feast of Lupercalia. The men sacrificed a goat and a dog, then whipped women with the hides of the animals they had just slain.

The Roman romantics "were drunk. They were naked," says Noel Lenski, a historian at the University of

ASK DIAMOND JIM

Colorado at Boulder. Young women would actually line up for the men to hit them, Lenski says. They believed this would make them fertile.

The brutal fete included a matchmaking lottery, in which young men drew the names of women from a jar. The couple would then be "coupled up" for the duration of the festival - or longer, if the match was right.

The ancient Romans may also be responsible for the name of our modern day of love. Emperor Claudius II executed two men - both named Valentine - on Feb. 14 of different years in the 3rd century A.D. Their martyrdom was honored by the Catholic Church with the celebration of St. Valentine's Day.

Later, Pope Gelasius I muddled things in the 5th century

by combining St. Valentine's Day with Lupercalia to expel the pagan rituals. But the festival was more of a theatrical interpretation of what it had once been. Lenski adds, "It was a little more of a drunken revel, but the Christians put clothes back on it. That didn't stop it from being a day of fertility and love."

Around the same time, the Normans celebrated Galatin's Day. Galatin meant "lover of women." That was likely confused with St. Valentine's Day at some point, in part because they sound alike.

William Shakespeare helped romanticize Valentine's Day in his work, and it gained popularity throughout Britain and the rest of Europe.

As the years went on, the holiday grew sweeter. Chaucer and Shakespeare romanti-

cized it in their work, and it gained popularity throughout Britain and the rest of Europe. Handmade paper cards became the tokens-du-jour in the Middle Ages.

Eventually, the tradition made its way to the New World. The industrial revolution ushered in factory-made cards in the 19th century. And in 1913, Hallmark Cards of Kansas City, Mo., began mass producing valentines. February has not been the same since.

Today, the holiday is big business. Valentine's Day sales are expected to exceed \$18.6 billion.

And so the celebration of Valentine's Day goes on, in varied ways. Many will break the bank buying jewelry and flowers for their beloveds. Others will celebrate in a SAD (that's Single Awareness Day) way, dining alone and binging on self-gifted chocolates. A few may even be spending this day the same way the early Romans did. But let's not go there.

I wish you a very happy Valentine's Day!

PRE-OWNED
ROLEX
WATCHES

We also want to be
your best friend.

Sell & Service
Harold Reese
Jewelry

713-910-0010

8481 Gulf Fwy., Houston

Not affiliated with Rolex USA

BBB

MYTH

-According to the Greeting Card Association, about 145 million greeting cards will be bought for Valentine's Day, making it the second most-popular card-sending occasion in the U.S. Christmas is the most popular.

-For people who have potentially life-threatening (severe) allergies, getting a box of chocolate might not be a welcome gift. Many chocolates may contain some of the most common food allergens like cow's milk, eggs, peanuts and tree nuts.

-More than half of people purchased flowers or plants as gifts for Valentine's Day 2013. 25% of adults purchased flowers or plants as gifts for Valentine's Day 2013; of those, 64% were

VALENTINE'S DAY POP QUIZ

men and 36% women, according to AboutFlowers.com

FACT
-The average adult spends more than \$100 to celebrate Valentine's Day. The average adult celebrating the holiday will shell out \$126.03, according to the National Retail Federation.

-You can experience a life-threatening allergic reaction (anaphylaxis) from a kiss. It is possible to experience a life-threatening allergic reaction if you kiss someone who has eaten something to which you are allergic. Your best bet is to ask your loved one to stay away from your allergens before your pucker up.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



Show Your Love
3 Ways
on Valentine's Day

With a Real Rose of your choice
trimmed in Pure 24k Gold that lasts forever,
a Freshwater Pearl Bracelet with SWAROVSKI™ Crystals
& Russell Stover Chocolates.

All for only \$99!

Just a Pinch

Sharing Hometown Recipes, Cooking Tips and Coupons

By Janet Tharpe

Impress Your Loved Ones with this Layers of Love Torte

"This torte is easy, yet elegant!"

Lorie Roach
Buckatunna, MS
(Pop. 3,689)

Show someone how much you care by whipping up something special this Valentine's Day. And, Lorie Roach's Layers of Love Torte is the perfect treat!

Each layer has a distinct flavor, but they combine to create an overall richness that is simply to-die-for. Easy to prepare and pretty to serve, this one is a must-try.

See step-by-step photos of Lorie's recipe plus thousands more from home cooks nationwide at:
www.justapinch.com/torte

You'll also find a meal planner, coupons and chances to win! Enjoy and remember, use "just a pinch"...

- Janet

Layers of Love Torte

What You Need
1 pkg chocolate sandwich cookies, finely crumbled or ground in a food processor
6 tbsp butter, melt and cool
2 c heavy cream
1 1/4 c powdered sugar, div
12 oz cream cheese, room temp, div
1/2 c cookie butter
3 tbsp heavy cream, div
1/2 c hazelnut spread
1/2 c peanut butter

Directions
• Preheat oven to 350. Place a 9-in springform pan on a baking sheet.
• Stir together the cookie crumbs and melted butter until just moistened. Press crumbs evenly over bottom and up the sides of the pan.
• Bake for 10 min, then cool completely on wire rack.

- Beat 2 c of the heavy cream with a wire whisk until foamy. Slowly add 1/4 c sugar and beat until stiff peaks form. Refrigerate until needed.
- In another bowl, beat 4 oz cream cheese, 1/3 c sugar, 1/2 c cookie butter, and 1 tsp heavy cream until very smooth. Fold in 1/3 of the whipped cream to the cookie butter mixture and spread evenly in the bottom of the crust.
- Rinse bowl. Beat another 4 oz cream cheese, 1/3 c sugar, 1/2 cup hazelnut spread, and 1 c heavy cream until smooth. Fold in another 1/3 of the whipped cream. Spread evenly on cookie butter layer.
- Rinse bowl, Beat remaining cream cheese, 1/3 c sugar, 1/2 c peanut butter, and 1 tsp heavy cream. Fold in remaining whipped cream. Spread over hazelnut spread layer.
- Chill torte in the fridge for 8 hours or overnight.

Submitted by: Lorie Roach, Buckatunna, MS (Pop.3,689)
www.justapinch.com/torte

Brought to you by American Hometown Media