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## CHANNEL CHATTER

### North Shore Rotary Fish Fry & Raffle tickets

Tickets are on sale for the 40th Annual North Shore Rotary Catfish Fry & Crawfish Boil. Raffle tickets \$100, include 2 meals and a chance to win the Grand Prize. Saturday, May 16, 2015 at North Shore Rotary Pavilion. Grand Prize, your selection of a Toyota Tundra pick-up or a Toyota Camry. Buy your tickets from any Rotarian, at local banks and Pineforest Jewelry.

### Rotary Food & Resource Fair RESCHEDULED!

In collaboration with the Houston Food Bank, South Texas Dental, Galena Park Resource Center, City of Galena Park, and City of Galena Park the GP/JC Rotary Club is providing Communities with Food and much needed resources and direct services. The fair has been rescheduled for Friday, May 1, 2015 from 9 am - 12 pm. It will take place at 1302 Keene St., Galena Park, TX, 77547.

Other services include dental information, help for applying for SNAP (Food Stamps) and TANF (Temporary Assistance), Children's Medicaid/CHIP.

For more information or questions on the services needed please contact Josh Moreno at jmoreno@southtexasdental.com or Francis at frios@houstonfoodbank.org or by calling 832-369-9390.

### LULAC 15 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE FETED

LULAC Council #4703 will be celebrating its 15th year of Community Service, Friday, April 17, 2015 from 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm at Alvin D. Baggett Recreation Building, 1302 Keene Street in Galena Park. The Quinceanera will include food, celebration, and fellowship. Honorary speaker will be Johnny Mata.

LULAC Charter was established April 15, 2010.

### NORTH SHORE

## Rotary prepares for 40th Annual Catfish & Crawfish Boil May 16th

NORTH SHORE -- Rotarians are busy preparing for their annual fundraiser, the 40th Annual Catfish Fry & Crawfish Boil, that will be held at the Rotary Pavilion next to the Courthouse Annex at 14350 Wallisville Road, Saturday May 16th.

This annual event brings out almost a thousand people each year, eager to try the fresh catfish and crawfish seafood meal and try to win a new car in the raffle.

This year's prize is either a new Toyota Camry or a Toyota Tundra pick-up, courtesy of Community Toyota in Baytown. There are a total of 20 prizes in the drawing, which costs \$100 to enter, and includes 2 meals with your raffle ticket. Also available are meal tickets for a \$10 donation for one serving. Food will be served from 11 am to 3 pm, but come early for there is a high demand.

There will also be a entertainment, and a live auction and a silent auction, and each year about 100 unique items are up for bid. There is a lot of

## Police chase ends in shooting, suspect killed

HOUSTON-- A suspect is dead after a police chase ended in a shooting Wednesday morning in the North Shore/Channelview area.

According to police, the chase started after Houston Police Officers were conducting an operation near Highway 59 and Crosstimbers when they observed a car making unsafe lane changes. The chase began after a patrol unit did a traffic stop but the driver of the blue Chrysler 300 refused to stop and chase ensued at around 10:40 a.m.

The suspect drove from the Eastex onto Beltway East, then south on the Sam Houston Tollway.



Suspect lies on ground, shot after a high-speed police chase.

Photo courtesy Allan Jamail

Spike strips were used in an attempt to slow down the vehicle, but failed. The chase ended on Wallisville Road and N. Castlegory in Northeast Harris County where the suspect's car

crashed into a small white car. He then lost control and crashed his car into an SUV near the Wendell Ley YMCA.

Two HPD officers in pursuit exited their units and



Houston Police fire on suspect after chase, as he reaches inside his car for an unknown object.

Photo courtesy KPRC

approached the suspect's vehicle ordering him to show his hands. As the officers were approaching, the suspect got out of his vehicle, turned towards the officers, then reached back

inside of his car. The officers, believing the suspect was reaching for a weapon, and in fear for

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## Channelview FFA auction highlights successful show

The bids were going fast and furious between prospective buyers and students proudly showed their animals as the auction highlighted the conclusion of the 52nd annual Channelview ISD Livestock Show on Saturday, April 11.

As of press time, funds raised from the livestock sales were still being totaled. Funds from the event go toward the Channelview FFA Scholarship Fund.

The week-long event featured many livestock, horticulture and craft exhibits. In addition, the annual parade took place before the auction with the route travelling between Schochler Elementary and Channelview High School. Longtime FFA supporters and livestock show buyers Walter and Martha Tutor served as Grand Marshalls of the parade.

Of particular interest was the bidding for Madisyn Beach's Grand Champion Steer, which earned \$6,000 with Tutor Security's winning



Madisyn Beach shows her Grand Champion Steer at the Channelview ISD Livestock Show at the Allen Hall Fairgrounds on April 11. Beach's steer sold for \$6,000.

bid. Alexis Brown's Reserve Champion Steer also brought in quite a payday, as it was purchased by Tubular Services for \$6,500.

Other major winners included:

Grand Champion Rabbits -- Matthew Yates Reserve Champion Rabbits -- Madisyn Beach

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## Stephens EKG bill passed in Texas House

AUSTIN-- Nearly three years since Cody Stephens died of sudden cardiac arrest the Texas House approved HB 767. Cody wore number 76 for the Cougars, but did not have a heart screen done prior to practicing to play for Tarleton State University.

Chairmen Wayne Smith, Dan Huberty, and Sylvester Turner, enabled passage of HB767 on the third reading last Tuesday, the vote went 60 to 40. The day before it had tentatively passed 86 to 57. It was a bi-partisan effort to pass as some Republicans in the House are against any new regulations.

"This is not about somebody making a decision for the school board," said Scott Stephens, explaining that the bill is really moving the tests

performed on potential athletes into the 21st Century.

"The bill would not go into effect until the next school year, 2016-2017," Stephens said, "that gives the U.I.L. a year to get ready."

The bill puts the non-invasive electrocardiogram test of heart electrical activity as part of the regular check-up done on high school kids. The bill now allows parents to opt out of having the test done on their child "for any reason."

The bill unanimously passed the House Education Committee and members of the committee stood and applauded the decision. According to Stephens, "We are heading to the Senate Educa-

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### NORTH CHANNEL CHAMBER:

## Mattress Mack speaks at luncheon

By Gilbert Hoffman

I've known Jim "Mattress Mack" McIngvale since about 1980, when we both arrived in Houston from "up north" -- he Dallas, me Pennsylvania. Over the years, I have heard him speak dozen of times, yet I never tire of his message, and his delivery. His energy, dedication, and focus is amazing for a man with 300 employees, and major health problems.

His message is about hard work as the key to success, and the importance of the customer and his or her interests.

Over the years, his "stump speech" has been refined, and now it is not just about his life's story of creating a successful business, but more about the trials, challenges, and triumphs he and his family faced along the way, and the importance of relationships.

Do you know anyone else as optimistic, with a big smile, who has had their building set on fire by an arsonist, undergone major heart surgery, and had a daughter with a serious debilitating disease, OCD?

Mack paced the stage of the San Jacinto Monument Room last Friday, as he told his story



MANY FACES OF MATTRESS MACK AS HE TALKS ABOUT LIFE, HEALTH, AND GALLERY FURNITURE.

to an enthralled room of Chamber members and guests.

He talked of how his daughter Elizabeth, faced with an overwhelming case of Obsessive Compulsive Disease, with the help of her parents had embraced therapy and become a

poster child for the Menninger Clinic, and gone on to make helping other OCD cases her life's work.

He talked about heart disease in his family, with his brother

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NORTH SHORE ROTARIAN JIM MILLS, owner of Pineforest Jewelry on Uvalde, displays the Toyota pick-up truck, which is one of the two vehicles that the winner of the Raffle can choose on May 16th. Tickets are available from any Rotarian, or at the Pineforest Jewelry store. Mills dog friend "Dutch" might be able to give you a tip on which ticket will be the lucky one.

interest in this, due to the special types of prizes.

North Shore Rotary uses the proceeds from the event to fund community projects all year long, including youth

projects, scholarships, and international projects.

Major Sponsor this year is the Holiday Inn East. Come and have a good time, plenty of free parking.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Highlands VFD vehicle strikes 5 year old girl on city street

HIGHLANDS – A five-year-old girl, walking with her uncle and the family dog on Bluebell Street near Del Monte, was struck by an emergency ‘first responder’ fire truck last Thursday night, April 9.

The truck was driven by Assistant Chief Bobby Birdsong, who said that he saw the girl but she suddenly dashed into the street

while running with her uncle, and he was unable to miss her.

A witness, Raul Guerra, said he heard a thump, and the words “Oh my God!” When he looked over, he saw the girl on the ground, bloody and bruised.

The girl was LifeFlighted to Hermann Memorial Hospital, in stable condition. At the hospital, it was

determined that she had a broken arm and pelvic bone.

She recuperated in the hospital for about a week, but is now back in Highlands, at home. She is using a wheelchair to get around, while her wounds heal more.

She is expected to make a full recovery, according to authorities.

## Highlands man arrested for aggravated sexual assault of a child

District Attorney Devon Anderson announced on April 8 that her Office's Fugitive Apprehension Unit captured two defendants wanted for Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child Under 14. In 2004, Armando Gonzales, 50, of Highlands was charged with Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child Under 14. Jesus Zamarrripa, 68, of Houston was charged in 1987 with Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child Under 14. Both men were arrested on April 7.

“It is our mission to get the most violent offenders off the street and to seek justice for all victims. Today I am happy to announce that we apprehended two men who have been on the run for several years. They will finally be held accountable in a court of law, bringing their victims much deserved closure,” said DA Anderson.

Gonzales is being held in the Harris County Jail with-

out bond. His case is in the 208th District Court. He will appear in court on Friday, April 10th. Assistant District Attorney Tiffany Larson in the Child Abuse Division will handle the case. Zamarrripa is currently in the process of being extradited from Chicago, IL. He is being held with \$50,000 bond. Assistant District Attorney Melissa Munoz will handle the case.

“The District Attorney's Office's Extradition Unit receives tips on wanted fugitives frequently. That's how we found Gonzales,” said Kim Bryant, Extradition Administrator, Fugitive Apprehension Unit. “However, our Fugitive Apprehension Specialist and DA Investigator Charlie Propst and I are always actively searching for wanted fugitives. It was through our proactive efforts that we were able to find Zamarrripa.”

The arrests were part of a joint effort with the Gulf



Armando Gonzales

Coast Violent Offenders Task Force, the Harris County Sheriff's Office, the Baytown Police Department, and the Chicago Police Department. The Harris County District Attorney's Office Fugitive Apprehension Section and Extradition Unit are responsible for the return of all fugitives.

## Refinery tube to be transported thru 4 corners & Decker Drive



SIXTEEN LARGE PIECES OF A REFINERY TOWER, OR TUBE, are scheduled to be transported in the next two weeks, first through 4 corners on a specially prepared path from the river, and then down Decker Drive to the ExxonMobil refinery in Baytown. The equipment was built in Germany. This piece measures about 25' in diameter and 65' long. Wires and lights along the path have been raised, and a reinforced steel bridge built at 4 corners over the fresh water canal.

## Bad weather causes accident

Heavy rain and wind caused poor visibility and slippery roads for most drivers at mid-day on Tuesday.

This car didn't make the curve in front of the Holiday Motor Court, and hit the guard-rail before turning over and ejecting the driver.

Deputies said that Octavio Cruz was found lying on the ground next to his vehicle, and transported by Highlands EMS to San Jacinto Hospital in Baytown. His injuries did not appear to be severe, but his car was totaled.



STAR-COURIER PHOTO/Hoffman

## DPS rescues at-risk, endangered children in 2014

AUSTIN, April 10, 2015 – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) announced today that DPS officers – with the support of the DPS Interdiction for the Protection of Children (IPC) program – rescued 48 missing or exploited children in 2014.

“When a child goes missing, that boy or girl becomes exponentially more vulnerable to being abused, exploited or harmed in other ways by the deplorable predators who seek them out,” said DPS Director Steven McCraw. “DPS is committed to pursuing the criminals who participate in the trafficking and sexual exploitation of children, and this premier interdiction program has been crucial to our efforts to detect and rescue endangered children.”

Launched in 2009, the IPC

program is designed to teach troopers and other law enforcement officers how to recognize indicators of endangered children who do not exhibit obvious signs of abuse. This program offers invaluable and sophisticated training created to assist law enforcement officers in identifying and recovering missing or exploited children, and arresting suspects for sexual offenses against children.

As a result of this training, DPS has initiated more than 50 criminal investigations, and recovered 160 missing and exploited children since the program's inception. In 2014 alone, 48 children were recovered by DPS in Texas. Throughout the years, the IPC program has been responsible for uncovering crimes affecting children and arresting the perpetrators in instances involving: Possession of child por-

nography, Sexual assault of a child, Human trafficking/commercial sexual exploitation of children, Violation of registered sex offender requirements, Enticing a child.

To date, DPS has provided the IPC training to its own officers as well as other law enforcement, including more than 4,577 officers in Texas and approximately 4,519 officers outside of Texas, nationally and internationally. In addition in 2014, DPS offered the first IPC train-the-trainer class.

Also in 2014, DPS established the Texas Crimes Against Children Center to provide support to local, state and federal partners on investigations related to missing and exploited children, the trafficking of children, child abductions and other high-risk threats to children.



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# CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### APRIL

#### North Channel Library events

-Saturday, April 18, 10 am - 3 pm, Scrapbooking with Mia; 2 pm, Faithful Paws; 3-4 pm, Pokemon Club.  
-Tuesday, April 21, 10:30 am, Toddler Time; 1:30 pm, Polliwog Club-Animals Underground.  
-Wednesday, April 22, 10 am, Tween Time: Autism Awareness Month Craft.  
-Thursday, April 23, 10:30 a.m, Baby Time.  
**COMPUTER CLASSES:**  
-Free email, Lecture, April 20, 1-3 pm.  
-Free email, Practice, April 22, 1-3 pm  
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Library is located at 15741 Wallisville Rd., Houston, TX. 77049. Call 281-457-1631 for more information

### SATURDAY NIGHTS

#### The Buckshot Jamboree

Enjoy Classic Country music every Saturday night from 7 pm - 10 pm with The Buckshot Jamboree at 7414 Hartman near Old Beaumont Highway. More info, call 281-458-0729 or 832-444-5000.

### 2nd & 4th THURSDAY

#### San Jacinto Pilot Club meeting

San Jacinto Pilot Club meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays at noon at the Galena Park ISD Administration Building.

## EKG BILL,

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tion Committee now and talking to all 12 members. We have more momentum and groups backing us now."

According to Republican Dan Huberty on the house floor with the newly designed, tested and implemented EKG test "can be done for \$15 per child."

According to Rep. Wayne Smith, R-Crosby and Baytown, "If we can save one kid's life, it is worth it."

Fortunately, sudden cardiac arrest is rare, of those screened by the Cody Stephens Memorial Go Big or Go Home Foundation only 15 were found to have conditions that required further testing and two were told outright not to play school sports.

Representative David Courreges expressed, "Congratulations to Scott and Melody Stephens, Bart Koontz and every parent and family that has had to endure the devastation of losing a child to a detectible heart defect."

The senate version was written by "Chuy" Hinojosa D- District 20.

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MATTRESS MACK WITH ANGI WILLIAMS & JOE STEPHENS.

er suffering a major heart attack and aneurism, and his own need for heart surgery. But out of this experience he met some leading heart surgeons and specialists at St. Luke's Heart Institute. Men like Dr. Bud Fraser, and Dr. Jim Grata. As a result, he became interested in how to prevent and treat these trauma cases involving the heart, and he chose to help fund a radical new approach, a Mobile Stroke Ambulance equipped to diagnose and treat stroke and heart attacks prior to transport to the hospital.

Mack's final story of the day was about the Brookwood Center in Brookshire, an institution devoted to the care and treatment of children with severe learning and behavior disabilities. Mack praised the head of the school, who had started it

because her own daughter had down syndrome, but with her care lived a full and useful life, and is now 60 years old, unusual for someone with that disease. Another successful patient of this Center, Mack said, was actor Woody Harrelson.

Mack tailored his talk to his audience, and what was on his mind from recent experience. He also joked about writing the outline of his talk on a handy copy of the North Channel STAR that I placed on his table.

But as usual, he not only entertained but informed the chamber group.

His signature commercial message "Save You Money" he skipped, probably because his red shirt said "Is Made in America Important to You?"

An apt message for one that strongly believes, "Work is Life's Great Therapy."

## COMMUNITY WATCH

### Suspect sought on aggravated robbery

Crime Stoppers and Robbery Investigators with the Harris County Sheriff's Office need the public's help in identifying one male suspect responsible for an aggravated robbery at a fast food restaurant in Harris County, Texas.

On March 7, 2015, Harris County Deputies responded to a call at a fast food restaurant, located in the 300 block of Uvalde Rd., in reference to an aggravated robbery. Deputies arrived and met with a female employee. She told the Deputy that at approximately 9:15 p.m. the suspect approached the service counter, grabbed her by her shirt collar while holding a knife to her throat and demanded all the cash in the register. The victim complied and the suspect then fled the scene.

If you have any information about this crime, or any other felony crime, please call Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

You never have to give your name, and if your information leads to the criminal's arrest,



Suspect wanted

you may be eligible for a reward of up to \$5,000.

**SUSPECT DESCRIPTION**  
The suspect is described as a black male, standing approximately 5'7" to 5'8" tall and weighing approximately 180 pounds. He was wearing a white baseball cap, dark blue shirt and tan pants at the time of the crime.

### Driver who fatally struck 28-year-old man wanted

HARRIS COUNTY – Crime Stoppers is offering a reward for a driver who struck and killed a man last month.

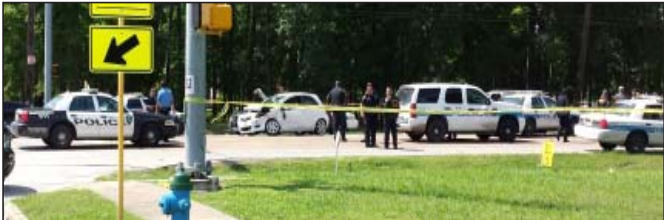
Armando Gonzales, 28, was walking between construction barrels and talking on his cell phone in the 1100 block of Freepart near the East Freeway in the Cloverleaf area around 6:45 a.m. on March 9. At that moment, the driver of a white Ford F-150 struck him. The driver of the pick up truck did not stop, Harris County Sheriff's deputies said.

Gonzales landed in a ditch and died at the scene.



Armando Gonzales, and fender killed in a hit-and-run accident

A anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 713-222-8477 (TIPS).



Police chase ended on Wallisville Road at Castlegary, near North shore Middle School, where a small white car pictured in the middle was hit by the suspect's car.

Photo by Allan Jamail

## POLICE CHASE,

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their life and those of citizens nearby, discharged their weapons into the vehicle, striking the suspect multiple times. He died at the scene and he has unofficially been identified by family as Frank Ernest Shepherd, III, a man 41 years old.

The female driver of the small white car was transported to an area hospital with minor injuries. The driver and passenger of the SUV were treated at the scene and released.

The intersection of Wallisville and Castlegary remained closed until late

Wednesday afternoon.

North Shore Middle School and Havard Elementary were temporarily on lockout. Parents with children in those schools were able to pick up their children after classes.

The HCSO's homicide unit, the Harris County District Attorney's Office, and HPD internal affairs will take over the investigation. No officers were injured.

## YOUTH REACH Fresh Air Fest

The Youth-Reach Organization, dedicated to intervention and help for troubled boys, held a Family Fun Fresh Air Fest last Saturday, April 11 at their campus on Reservoir Drive of Beaumont Highway.

Director Kurt Williams reported that dozens of families and supporters attended. There was music by the All Stars Youth Banjo Band, a Bounce House, a Climbing Wall and a Pull competition.

Food for the BBQ was generously provided by Goya Foods.

Youth-Reach's motto is "A fresh chance for troubled kids," appropriate for this day.

For more information, you can call them at 281-459-4555 or visit youth-reach.org.



Bounce House and Pull Competition Slide



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Rock Climbing kept everyone at the end of their rope

## Senator Garcia believes Senate budget falls short of funding State priorities

AUSTIN - April 14, 2015 – Senator Sylvia Garcia voted against the Senate's State Budget proposal. The Senate Budget failed to address billions of dollars in identified needs such as: education, facilities, healthcare, pre-k, and transportation.

"Texas should not be conducting corporate tax giveaways at the expense of kids and families – it should be providing the services that taxpayers have paid for, such as schools and highways. We made a promise to invest in

Texas schools after the 2011 cuts, but instead we face a looming school finance lawsuit," Senator Garcia stated.

"We were elected to wisely invest Texans' hard-earned money and grow the Texas dream, but this budget does neither. When the state underfunds schools and roads, it penalizes the hardworking taxpayers that rely on the state to meet these fundamental needs. The budget fails to adequately fund healthcare, pre-k, and other priorities of working families in Texas."

"In an unprecedented move, Department of Public Safety's budget is nearly tripled to \$811 million in an alleged response to border security threats in South Texas. Meanwhile, crime rates are increasing across Houston and other areas of the state. I cannot honestly tell my constituents that we're representing their best interests by putting \$811 million into policing the border, when they feel unsafe in their own communities hundreds of miles away."

## EPA announces deadlines on Volume Standards

WASHINGTON – April 10, 2015 – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced a proposed settlement with the American Petroleum Institute (API) and the American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM) over deadlines for issuing annual requirements under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program. Under the agreement, EPA would issue final annual volume standards for 2014 and 2015

by the end of this year. Congressman Gene Green released the following statement:

"While I am in favor of reforming the RFS, I am pleased that the EPA has committed to getting the Renewable Volume Obligations (RVOs) out on time. Industry—biofuels, refiners, or cellulosic—de-

serves certainty in the marketplace. The EPA has an obligation to meet the timelines set forth under law, but unfortunately that hasn't happened in the last few years. I hope what's been agreed to today gives all sides breathing room to operate until Congress can permanently solve the problem."

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# OPINION PAGE

## TEXAS With Russell A. Graves

### Botsky's

The menu speaks volumes: MacDaddy & Cheese, Slawdog Millionaire, and other fun and catchy names hint at the fun you'll have in this downtown Lake Charles, Louisiana eatery long before the hot dogs are delivered to your table.

This unique eatery does one thing and does it remarkably well. They specialize in hot dogs.

I parked just down the block on Pujo Street and headed west towards the place and one of the first things I noticed was the simple sign hung from the vintage building's facade. It features a mythical creature: the jackalope.

This is my kind of place.

I can't say that found this place on my own. Elizabeth Eustis with the Lake Charles Convention and Visitor's Bureau is the one who guided me there and within five minutes of my arrival, she drives up and joins me and my son for dinner.

From the outside, the building looks as if it was once a mechanic shop. What were once big garage door bays are now glass enclosures that are lowered in inclement weather but were raised on nice days. The weather is nice so we benefit with an open air environment.

Looking up at the hand scribed menu, I cannot decide from a variety of delicious sounding hot dogs. The meat is premium and made from Kobe beef so it's likely that all the flavors are good. Therefore, I settle on the Slawdog Millionaire with a side of sweet potato fries and an iced tea to wash it all down. While Botsky's offers a great variety of craft beers, tea seemed to suit me the best.

While we set and make small talk at the high

table in the front of the restaurant, I'm impressed by the exposed brick and beams of the restaurant's interior. Not at all flashy but functional in a rustic and effective way.

Within minutes, Mike Krajicek owner of Botsky's brings our hot dogs to the table and as a bonus,

invites us to try a new dog he's created: a kobe beef dog topped with Southern Louisiana inspired shrimp étouffée. I cut into the enormous dog with my fork and took a bite. I love beef and shrimp étouffée but I wasn't sure that I'd like it all together.

I was wrong.

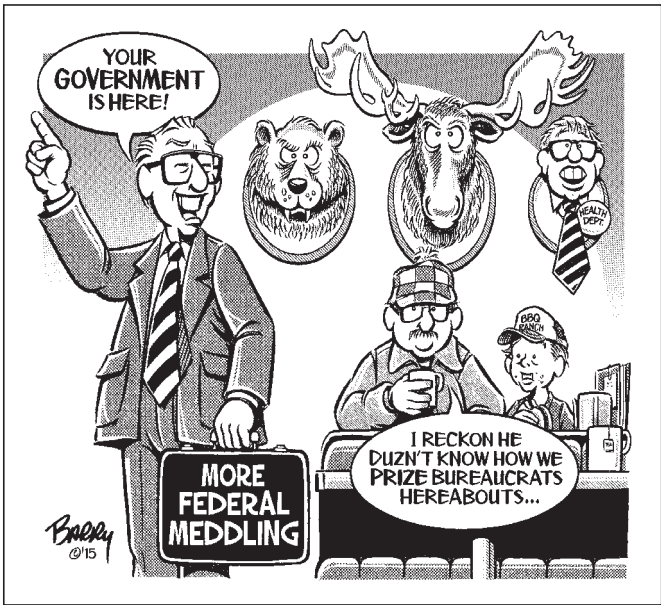
The ingredients blended well together and the étouffée's creaminess sat well with the crispness of the frank. And the bun... The bun was soft with a fine texture and a sweet taste - sort of like a pretzel bun.

Immediately after imbibing a swill of tea, I started in on my Slawdog Millionaire and took in some sweet potato fries. This dog had the same bun and meat as the étouffée dog but with coleslaw on top. The sweetness of the cabbage balanced well with the spice of the dog. The sweet potato fries had the perfect mix of sweetness and saltiness and I could have had them as a meal all on their own.

I was in heaven.

In the end, I never thought I'd consider hot dogs as gourmet fare but Botsky's shifted my paradigm. The food, fellowship, and atmosphere of the place is infectious.

I'll never look at hot dogs the same way again.



## Senate passes bill to remake Public Integrity Unit

AUSTIN — Statewide authority to investigate and prosecute public corruption would be moved out of the Travis County District Attorney's Office under Senate Bill 10, legislation approved by the Senate on April 9.

Sen. Joan Huffman, chair of the Senate State Affairs Committee, wrote the legislation under which the Texas Rangers, a division of the Department of Public Safety, would reestablish and support the state's Public Integrity Unit and assume the initial investigatory role when a complaint is filed against a public official. Cases would be prosecuted in the county where a public official resides. "After more than three decades of accepting this cultural norm, the public has lost confidence in this tacit scheme, and Texas needs a fair and explicit process to hold wrongdoers accountable," Huffman said.

The unit has been located in Travis County since 1982, when it was created by an act of the Texas Legislature. Efforts toward stripping the unit and its authority from Travis County began two years ago when Travis County District Attorney Rosemary Lehmberg, who heads the unit, was arrested and pled guilty to drunken driving. Then-Gov. Rick Perry called for Lehmberg's resignation approaching the end of the 2013 legislative session, but Lehmberg rebuffed Perry by remaining in office. Perry vetoed the unit's \$7.5 million budget. He was later indicted on a charge of official coercion for using his veto power in an attempt to force Lehmberg to resign. Lehmberg was elected to a four-year term as district attorney in 2012.

SB 10, approved by the Senate with all 20 of the body's Republicans voting in favor and all 10 of the body's Democrats voting in opposition, has moved to the Texas House for consideration.

### Senate's budget bill moves

The Senate Finance Committee on April 8 unanimously approved Committee Substitute House Bill 1, its version of a state budget for fiscal years 2016 and 2017. Coming in at a \$211.4 billion — about \$1.5 billion more than the version passed earlier by the full Texas House — the legislation was authored primarily by Senate Finance Committee Chair Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, and Vice Chair Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen. Next step in the process will be for the bill

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and patients facing dire circumstances could be easily deceived by people making false promises for profit. Language in the bill was amended so that a company offering a drug covered under the bill or a doctor administering the treatment must agree to do so at no cost to the patient.

### Sales tax revenue increases

State Comptroller Glenn Hegar last week said state sales tax revenue in March totaled \$2.12 billion, a 1.5 percent increase compared to March in the previous year.

"State sales tax collections have now grown for 60 consecutive months despite weakening in the energy sector. This moderated growth was expected and is currently in line with estimates presented in January," Hegar explained in an April 8 news release. "Receipts in the construction, services and restaurant sectors remained relatively strong. We will continue to monitor the state's economic activity and its impact on key revenue sources."

Cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts will receive their April local sales tax allocations totaling \$576.6 million, up 4 percent compared to April 2014.

to be passed by the full Senate and then to iron out differences with the House version, be assigned to a joint House-Senate conference committee, to be named by Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the Senate, and House Speaker Joe Straus. Regarding the Senate version Hinojosa said, "We increased access and funding to services needed by our most vulnerable populations: the young, elderly, sick and poor. We invested in infrastructure, border security, and our students. The budget is well within all constitutional spending and debt limits, and will pave the way for an educated and healthy workforce and a successful Texas economy."

### Senate passes Right to Try

SB 694, legislation to give terminal patients quicker access to experimental treatments, unanimously passed the Senate on April 9.

Freshman Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston, said he offered the legislation because he believes the current system is too cumbersome and slow to help people who need treatment fast.

Bettencourt said his bill would create a "framework to help those with a terminal disease get access to drugs and treatments still in the federal Food and Drug Administration trial process quickly and safely."

In Senate floor debate, Health and Human Services Committee Chair Charles Schwertner, R-Georgetown, raised a concern that families

## ★ OPINION

### Protecting private property rights

AUSTIN — On April 9, legislation strengthening Texas' commitment to private property rights passed to engrossment in the Senate. Filed as Senate Bill 474, this bill knocks down one of the largest cost barriers standing between landowners and their right to receive adequate compensation by requiring condemning entities to reimburse court costs and attorney's fees incurred whenever the entity undervalues property by twenty percent or more lower than the value as determined by the court. Senator Lois Kolkhorst (R-Brenham) is the primary author and Senator Brandon Creighton (R-Conroe) is a co-author of this private property rights legislation.

"Eminent domain reform is vitally important in protecting our private property rights and assuring our infrastructure needs are met in a manner that is fair to landowners," said Senator Creighton. "Landowners should never have to settle for an offer below their property's fair value."

"Senator Kolkhorst and I are deeply committed to ensure landowners are vindicated in their right to adequate compensation and equipped with the opportunity to enforce those rights in open court," Senator Creighton continued.

Senate Bill 474 is strongly supported by Texas and Southern Cattle Raisers Association, Texas Farm Bureau, and the Texas Wildlife Association.

**SENATOR BRANDON CREIGHTON** represents District 4, which encompasses Chambers, Jefferson and parts of Montgomery, Harris, and Galveston Counties. He currently serves on the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water and Rural Affairs, the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, the Senate Committee on State Affairs, and as the Vice-Chairman of the Senate Committee on Business and Commerce.

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**Douglas Jesse Keith**  
**August 31, 1945-March 31, 2015**

*A Cowboy Rode Away*

In St. Paul, Virginia, on August 31, 1945, Douglas Jesse Keith was born to Una B. and Edward Keith. The hills and trails of Virginia were his classroom, and soon he was helping to provide for the Keith family. The lessons and bounties of God's green earth were his church and were daily; not just on Sunday's or when the weather was good. Later, and not by much, Doug would trade the ole straw hat for a helmet and serve his country in the U.S. Army from January 8, 1966 to January 30, 1969. Doug worked to defend the DMZ between North and South Korea. There may have been a taller soldier in boots, but not by much and not by many. Not only was Doug a "Big-gen", but he was as handsome as a Texas sky.

Doug came to Texas in 1970 and settled in Houston.

Doug was a brother to Virginia (Jenny) Saul, Ralph and Joe Keith. In addition, he is survived by his wife Layne of 33 years, sons Larry Douglas and his wife Lauren, Douglas James and his wife Beverly, Bobby Joe and his wife Sherrie.

Grandchildren Kirby Douglas (USAF) deployed in Germany, Amanda Ray Keith (currently attending college at LoneStar University). As many families are



today, we are blessed and blended. Brittany is currently working on her nursing degree. Jonathan, Elizabeth, Michael and Mallory are enjoying busy, productive lives. He is also survived by his daughter Renee, loving sister to his rowdy sons.

Great grandchildren include Sean David, Mason Bradley, Abigail and Aiden. Nephews include Mike Saul, Michael and Danny Keith.

Doug and Layne enjoyed a full life together. They spent much of their time together fishing, hunting, camping and raising their children, laughing, loving and just a swingin'.

Arrangements were made by Sterling White, and in lieu of flowers the family request that donations be made to [www.woundedwarriors.org/portoconnor](http://www.woundedwarriors.org/portoconnor).

We all wear different hats and boots...some just make them look better. Rest in Peace, Doug (Golly), friend, husband, father and one of God's favorite sons.

CROSBY BRETHREN CHURCH

*Spring Fling*

Crosby Brethren Church will be hosting its annual Spring Fling on Sunday, April 26, at the American Legion Hall from 11am- 2pm. Activities for the day include:

Worship 9.30am including the singing group, Rendered Heart.

Fish Dinner for \$10.00 will be serving 11am -2 pm.

Live Auction that begins at Noon

A raffle at 2pm with the opportunity to win a shot gun, rifle and pistol

Proceeds from this year's festival will benefit local ministries: Churches United in Caring and Meal Ministry to shut-ins and seniors. It will also benefit a mission, Cade Lake Community Chapel in Burleson County.

Crosby Brethren Church has been blessed and seeks to be a blessing to others in the community, state and world. A meal, a kolach, a raffle ticket, an auction item donated or bought, will bless another life in Crosby, in Texas, and around the world.

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By Danny Biddy

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Danny R. Biddy, Pastor of the Church on Old River since 1977. [www.olderdriverbaptist.com](http://www.olderdriverbaptist.com)

**BIBLE TRIVIA**

1. Is the book of 1 Timothy in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. What did the Lord cast down among the Israelites who complained about their wilderness misfortunes? Fire, Hail, Stones, Winds

3. From Romans 3, who have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God? Jews, Gentiles, Heathens, All

4. What idol fell and broke after the Ark of the Covenant was placed nearby? Edrei, Dagon, Molech, Golden calf

5. Who built an altar and called it "Jehovahnissi"? Isai-ah, Baal, Moses, Malachi

6. What was the name of John the Baptist's mother? Elisabeth, Miriam, Sarah, Ruth

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Fire; 3) All; 4) Dagon; 5) Moses; 6) Elisabeth

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# SCHOOL NEWS, SPORTS

## GALENA PARK:

### Mustangs outlast Titans in marathon Baseball game

The plan was simple: start the game at 6:00 instead of 7:00, play seven innings, and let the Port Arthur Titans head home at a decent hour. But how many times to things actually turn out like they're planned? The game played on April 8, 2015 got off to an even start, a 1-1 tie after the first inning.

The Titans scored 2 more runs in the third inning, giving them a short-lived lead.

The Mustangs galloped back in the bottom of the fourth scoring five runs, then scoring two more in the fifth, giving the boys in red a comfortable 8-3 lead. However, the Titans fought back and in the seventh inning they mustered five runs to tie the game 8-8, a score that would remain intact for six more innings.

At the top of the thirteenth inning, the Titans scored two runs and took their first lead since early in the game. Tension was palpable and exhaustion was setting in; yet, the there was still life in the Mus-



Gilbert Cavazos, who scored the first run for the Mustangs, knocked in the winning run.

tang dugout. Refusing to give up, North Shore scored two runs in the bottom of the thirteenth with a runner on third and only one out. Unfortunately they couldn't bring the winning run home, so the Titans got another chance. But with strong pitching and solid defense, the Mustangs retired

their batters. With a new pitcher on the mound for the Titans, the Mustangs bats were working and Gilbert Cavazos hit a well placed double to bring in the winning run.

After fourteen grueling innings, the Mustangs defeated the Titans 11-10.

## Carnival atmosphere to highlight Relay for Life

It's going to be a "Carnival of Hope" as the community joins together in the fight against cancer at the Relay for Life-Houston North Channel on May 1.

The fun-filled event will be held from 6 p.m. - 1 a.m. at the track of the North Shore High School Ninth Grade Campus on Woodforest near Uvalde. More than 40 local companies, area schools and other groups are setting up tents for the event. At the event, there will be food, special games and music as part of the lively atmosphere.

Members of the North Channel Area Relay for Life steering committee have been busy for months planning for the event. The committee is comprised of volunteers from the Channelview, Galena Park and Sheldon areas.

In 2014, the event raised \$113,000 to go toward cancer research. The funds were raised through individual pledges and corporate donations. This year,

hopes are high that the North Channel Relay will exceed that total.

"Relay is about celebrating our survivors, remembering those that lost the battle and to fight back through raising funds for patient services and most importantly cancer research," said Vince Bradshaw, event co-chair for North Channel Relay for Life.

The event will begin with special introductions and presentations, followed by the opening lap of the evening - the Survivor's Lap. The Parade of Teams is then held, with some of them wearing "crazy" outfits to get in the spirit of fun for the evening.

Throughout the night, music from different groups is provided, along with a Disc Jockey - and it's not unusual to find groups of people dancing in the middle of the football field. Also, community members and others make laps around the track and also participate in different

"themed" laps. Different games for the kids, including inflatable slides, are also situated on the football field.

Relay attendees will also have an opportunity to put bids in on many Silent Auction items that were donated for the event.

At dusk, the Luminaria Ceremony is held to remember those who valiantly fought the fight, those who continue to fight and those who have lost their battle with cancer. Guests at the Relay may purchase bags and design them in memory or in honor of a family member or friend and the bag is placed around the track. As the stadium lights go dark, candles inside the bag are lit for the ceremony.

Special event chairpersons for Relay will also continue to lead those in attendance in a variety of fun activities until closing ceremonies are held around 1 a.m.

For more information on the North Channel Relay for Life, you may call 281-452-8080.

## GALENA PARK

### \$25,000 grant awarded to North Shore High Thespian Society

The North Shore Senior High School Thespian Society was awarded a grant from the National Thespian Society.

Given to one school in the country, the grant, worth approximately \$25,000, covers expenses for students and teachers to compete in the Thespian Festival at the University of Nebraska this June.

The NSSHS troupe had a record setting 19 students qualify for the competition this year. Veronic Stell, lead director, and Stephanie Hatten, booster club president, applied for the grant, hoping to provide a life changing event for these students. "This is a learning opportunity for these students. It's a time where they can focus on their craft. But it's much more than that. Colleges attend these festivals. Each of these students can visit with college representatives and audition for



North Shore HS Thespian Society.

scholarships," said Hatten.

There are four categories for thespian scholarships: performance, technical, theatre educator, or playwriting. "We hope attending the festival will create an excitement about the thespian society here at North Shore, and, in

turn, we will have more students qualify for the festival next year," commented Stell.

In fact, the troupe is already starting to raise money for next year's trip. "We can only get the grant once. Next year, we'll have to raise the money ourselves," Hatten noted.

## Channelview HS Interact students score big for charity at Shell Houston Open

The recent Shell Houston Open was an exciting tournament for professional golf fans. However, behind the scenes, student volunteers from Channelview High School's Interact Club rolled up their sleeves in an effort to raise funds for a deserving local charity.

CHS Interact volunteers worked in various areas of the tournament and helped raise more than \$13,000 for Project Joy and Hope, a charity in Pasadena that strives to prevent and relieve suffering for children with life-threatening medical conditions and their families through community awareness, education and special supportive care services and programs.

In the past three years that Channelview's Interact has been involved with the tournament, more than \$40,000 has been raised for Project Joy and Hope.

Interact sponsor Steven Shoemaker said this is the third year that his students have served as volunteers at the Professional Golf Association (PGA)

event. The students volunteer in areas such as greeting fans, selling tickets, child care, helping schedule tee times and escorting tournament VIPs.

"This is an event that our Interact students look forward to every year," Shoemaker said. "They stay extremely busy the whole time, but it all goes toward a good cause."

As one of the largest high school InterAct clubs in the area with more than 70 members, the students involved in the organization participate in many projects throughout the year that help make a difference in the community and in the lives of others.

Interact is Rotary International's service club for high school age students. The CHS organization is sponsored by the North Shore Rotary Club, which provides support and guidance, but the high school group is self-governing and self-supporting. Over the past year, CHS Interact students have participated in more than 40 community service projects.

Most recently, several Inter-

act members spoke to the North Shore Rotary Club about their experiences at the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA). In November, students collected items for goody bags and delivered them to veterans staying at the VA Hospital in Houston.

The Interact schedule continues to be busy throughout the end of the school year in May. Students will be participating in the North Channel Area Relay For Life, benefitting the American Cancer Society. The group will also take an active role in a beautification project at Hermann Park in Houston and then they will give a helping hand to the North Channel Rotary's Fish Fry and Crawfish Boil.

"One of the values we try to teach our students is the importance of giving back," Shoemaker said. "The only way for students to develop leadership skills is through real-life experiences," he said. "We strive to provide those experiences through Interact so that they may become the leaders of tomorrow."

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Elección Especial

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SE NOTIFICA POR EL PRESENTE que la Comisión Municipal de la Ciudad de Galena Park, Texas, ha ordenado y programado una Elección Especial (la "elección") para el 9 de mayo del 2015, en el horario de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. con el fin de presentar ante los votantes habilitados de la Ciudad de Galena Park, Texas, varias proposiciones para cambiar la Carta Orgánica de la Ciudad de Galena Park, Texas.

## Sección 1. Emendaciones propuestas a la Carta Orgánica

El texto de las emendaciones propuestas a la Carta Orgánica de la Ciudad es el siguiente:

## ENMIENDA PROPUESTA 1

1) *Cambiar la designación del órgano de gobierno de la Ciudad de "Comisión Municipal" a "Consejo Municipal";*

Emendar el Artículo VIII (DISPOSICIONES VARIAS), Sección 6 (DESIGNACIÓN DEL ÓRGANO DE GOBIERNO) de la Carta Orgánica de la Ciudad de Galena Park, Texas para que diga: "Sección 6: DESIGNACIÓN DEL ÓRGANO DE GOBIERNO. El término "Comisión Municipal", "Consejo Municipal", "Órgano de gobierno" y/o otra designación similar siempre que se utilice en la presente Carta Orgánica significará el Consejo Municipal, todo órgano de gobierno de la Ciudad de Galena Park, Texas, que sea designado por el Consejo Municipal y/o otra designación similar siempre que se utilice en la presente Carta Orgánica, incluida la Alcaldía y cuatro (4) miembros del Consejo Municipal.

Se estima que no habrá un impacto fiscal anticipado para la Ciudad de Galena Park si se aprueba esta Emenda en la Elección.

## ENMIENDA PROPUESTA 2

2) *Establecer un Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad para supervisar las actividades de desarrollo, planificación y aplicación del código de construcción de la Ciudad;*

Emendar el Artículo VIII, Sección 17-A (DEPARTAMENTO DE DESARROLLO DE LA COMUNIDAD) (DISPOSICIONES VARIAS) de la Carta Orgánica de la Ciudad de Galena Park, Texas para que diga: "Sección 17-A: DEPARTAMENTO DE DESARROLLO DE LA COMUNIDAD. Habrá un Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad para el Administrador de la Ciudad, designado, sujeto a la confirmación y la aprobación del Consejo, un Director de Desarrollo de la Comunidad, y cuatro (4) asistentes como el Consejo considere adecuado. El Director de Desarrollo de la Comunidad supervisará los procesos de desarrollo de la Ciudad, incluida la planificación y construcción, ingeniería, aplicación de códigos e inspecciones, y desempeñará todas las demás funciones asignadas por el Consejo Municipal y otras designadas en otros lugares de esta Carta Orgánica y las leyes del Estado de Texas."

Se estima que no habrá un impacto fiscal anticipado para la Ciudad de Galena Park si se aprueba esta Emenda en la Elección.

## ENMIENDA PROPUESTA 3

3) *Establecer un Departamento de Bomberos y los cargos de Jefe de Bomberos y el Inspector de Bomberos y determinar los requisitos y las obligaciones de dichos cargos.*

Emendar el Artículo VIII (DISPOSICIONES VARIAS), Sección 18 (DEPARTAMENTO DE BOMBEROS) de la Carta Orgánica de la Ciudad de Galena Park, Texas para que diga:

"Sección 18: DEPARTAMENTO DE BOMBEROS. El Departamento de Bomberos de la Ciudad... El Departamento de Bomberos se establecerá para la protección general contra incendios de los residentes de la Ciudad, para la educación de prevención de incendios, y la aplicación de los códigos para las operaciones de salvamento y rescate, y para otras actividades relacionadas que podría asumir el Consejo. El departamento, según lo considere el Consejo, podrá emplear voluntarios, de tiempo completo, medio tiempo o cualquier combinación de los mismos. Todos esos miembros responderán a las Directivas emitidas por el Departamento de Bomberos de la Ciudad."

A. Jefe de Bomberos. El Jefe de Bomberos es el funcionario de mayor categoría del Departamento de Bomberos. Será designado por el Consejo Municipal del Consejo Municipal, por un periodo indefinido. Será un miembro pleno con experiencia en las operaciones de un departamento de bomberos... deberá contar con experiencia en supervisión y gestión, y deberá cumplir con ciertos otros requisitos que el Consejo Municipal podría determinar. Con la aprobación del Consejo Municipal, se destina a la Ciudad de Galena Park, Texas, un Jefe de Bomberos. Será responsable ante el Consejo Municipal de la administración del Departamento de Bomberos y, del desarrollo y la implementación de las políticas y directivas establecidas por el Consejo.

B. Inspector de Bomberos. El Jefe de Bomberos escogerá un Inspector de Bomberos, con la aprobación del Consejo Municipal, y se establecerá para la aplicación de los Códigos contra incendios de la Ciudad y otras funciones que podría asignar el Jefe de Bomberos. Será miembro del Consejo Municipal, un Departamento de Bomberos, y podrá ser destituido de su cargo por el Jefe de Bomberos con la aprobación del Consejo Municipal.

C. Asesores de ayuda mutua con otros departamentos de bomberos. Sujeto a la aprobación del Consejo, el Departamento de Bomberos podrá celebrar acuerdos de ayuda mutua y entre los departamentos de bomberos de la zona, mediante los cuales, podrá proveer y recibir asistencia en situaciones de emergencia."

Se estima que no habrá un impacto fiscal anticipado para la Ciudad de Galena Park si se aprueba esta Emenda en la Elección.

## ENMIENDA PROPUESTA 4

4) *Emendar la Carta Orgánica respecto del establecimiento de un cargo de Jefe de Policía y el cargo de Jefe de Policía y determinar los requisitos y las obligaciones de dicho cargo.*

Emendar el Artículo VIII (DISPOSICIONES VARIAS), Sección 18-A (DEPARTAMENTO DE POLICÍA) de la Carta Orgánica de la Ciudad de Galena Park, Texas, para que diga:

"Sección 18-A: DEPARTAMENTO DE POLICÍA. Se establecerá un Departamento de Policía para preservar el orden, preservar la seguridad de los residentes, prevenir la violencia y proteger la vida y la propiedad de los ciudadanos y la propiedad dentro de los límites y la jurisdicción asignable de la Ciudad."

A. Jefe de Policía. El Jefe de Policía es el funcionario de mayor categoría del Departamento de Policía. El Jefe será designado mediante el voto mayoritario de todo el Consejo, por un periodo indefinido. El Jefe deberá ser un oficial de policía certificado con experiencia en el Estado de Texas. El Jefe deberá contar con experiencia en supervisión y gestión, y deberá cumplir con ciertos otros requisitos que el Consejo Municipal podría determinar ciertos otros requisitos que considere adecuados para el Jefe de Policía. Sujeto a la confirmación y la aprobación del Consejo Municipal, se destina a la Ciudad de Galena Park, Texas, un Jefe de Policía. Será responsable ante el Consejo Municipal de la administración del Departamento de Policía y del desempeño de las obligaciones y directivas establecidas por el Consejo.

B. Policía de Reserva. Sujeto a la confirmación y la aprobación del Consejo Municipal, el Jefe de Policía podrá designar a destituir al cargo de la Ciudad de Galena Park, Texas, una Policía de Reserva. Será responsable ante el Consejo Municipal de la administración del Departamento de Policía y del desempeño de las obligaciones y directivas establecidas por el Consejo. Ninguna otra persona, salvo la designación de otro por parte de las leyes del Estado de Texas, actuará como "policía suplente" dentro de la Ciudad."

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## ENMIENDA PROPUESTA 5

5) *Analizar una disposición para resolver conflictos entre disposiciones de la Carta Orgánica de la Ciudad en la misma elección;*

Emendar el Artículo VIII, Sección 24: Clausula de salvaguarda, etc. de la Carta Orgánica de la Ciudad de Galena Park, Texas para añadir el siguiente párrafo: "Sección 24: CLÁUSULA DE SALVAGUARDIA, ETC.

Para la presente se preservan todas las facultades hasta ahora concedidas a las ciudades. En caso de cualquier conflicto irreconcilable entre las disposiciones de la presente Carta Orgánica y cualquier ley estatal o federal, las facultades de la Ciudad y sus funcionarios serán las definidas en dichas leyes superiores. En caso de cualquier insuficiencia de la presente Carta Orgánica, el Consejo de la Ciudad puede ser satisfecho por referencia a las leyes generales, por la presente se adoptan las disposiciones correspondientes de la ley general, y la Ciudad tendrá y ejercerá el beneficio de ellas, como si fueran adquiridos por adoptar e incorporar expresamente en esta Carta Orgánica todas las disposiciones de dichas leyes superiores y generales, desde la intención de la presente Carta Orgánica que ninguna facultad legal de la Ciudad fuese debida a una omisión, insuficiencia o incoherencia que aparezca en la Omisión, insuficiencia o incoherencia o invalidez de cualquier parte o partes de esta Carta Orgánica sino que la misma se interpretará como si adoptara sin dicha parte, talada, incluida o en su totalidad."

En caso de que hubiera alguna disposición en la Carta Orgánica de la Ciudad, según lo presente en las Emendaciones adoptadas por los cambios de Galena Park, Texas, en la elección en la cual se adoptaran las Emendaciones, dichas disposiciones en conflicto de la Carta Orgánica de la Ciudad se denegarán expresamente. Si se aprueban en la misma elección dos o más emendaciones incompatibles a la carta orgánica, prevalecerá

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## inicamente aquella que reciba la mayor cantidad de votos.

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## ENMIENDA PROPUESTA 6

6) *Cambiar las duraciones de los cargos de Alcalde y Concejales de dos años a tres años; disponer mandatos, intersticios, y disponer límites para los mandatos;*

Emendar el Artículo IX (DISPOSICIONES DE ADMINISTRACIÓN), Sección 13 (COMISIONES MUNICIPALES) de la Carta Orgánica de la Ciudad de Galena Park, Texas para que diga:

Sección 13: COMISIONES MUNICIPALES. a) Las facultades del gobierno municipal y la administración de los asuntos comerciales de la Ciudad serán ejercidas por el Alcalde y cuatro (4) Comisionados Municipales, que, juntos, serán conocidos y nombrados como Comisión Municipal, siendo todos y cada uno de ellos elegidos por los votantes habilitados de la Ciudad en general, y quienes mantendrán sus respectivos cargos por tres (3) años, y hasta que sus sucesores hayan sido elegidos y cumplan con los requisitos, a menos que sean destituidos antes según lo dispuesto en la presente Carta Orgánica y las leyes del Estado de Texas. El Alcalde será para todos los fines un miembro del Consejo de la Comisión Municipal y el Alcalde será para todos los fines un miembro del Consejo de la Comisión Municipal.

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## ENMIENDA PROPUESTA 10

10) *Emendar la Carta Orgánica de la Ciudad para disponer una forma de gobierno con un Alcalde y un Concejal, y un Concejal designado a un profesional habilitado para administrar las operaciones cotidianas de la Ciudad, para crear el cargo de Administrador de la Ciudad, y para establecer los requisitos y responsabilidades del Administrador de la Ciudad.*

Emendar el Artículo IX (DISPOSICIONES DE ADMINISTRACIÓN), Sección 13 (COMISIONES MUNICIPALES) de la Carta Orgánica de la Ciudad de Galena Park, Texas para que diga:

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Emmett hosts Astrodome 50th Birthday party

HOUSTON – Judge Ed Emmett and two preservation groups hosted a “Birthday Party” last Thursday night, to mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Astrodome in 1965.

The sponsors invited the public, and set the time for 6 to 8 pm, but so many people showed up that they extended it until after 10 pm, and said the count was almost 25,000 people.

The event included dome tours, food, entertainment, a piece of the birthday cake, and souvenirs. Speaking at the ceremony were Edgar Colon, Chairman of the Harris County Sports & Convention Corp. who manage the dome and NRG Park and Judge Emmett. Also on hand were members of the Hofheinz family, in honor of the man who was most responsible for conceiving and getting the Dome built, Judge Roy Hofheinz.

Also invited, and on hand, were many sports personalities that played football or baseball in the Dome, including Oilers quarterback Dan Pastorini, and Astros baseball player Jose Cruz. Emmett took them inside the Dome after the formal remarks, for a group photo.

The preservation groups participating in the event were Preservation Houston, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The public is invited to purchase cupcakes with the shape of the Astrodome, from 3 Brothers Bakery, with part of the proceeds going toward a preservation fund.



A special Birthday Cake shaped like the Astrodome was baked by 3 Brothers Bakery. Judge Emmett and the Hofheinz family had the honor of cutting the cake, but pieces of cake and cupcakes were shared by the public.



Over 25,000 people were able to view the inside of the Astrodome as part of the Birthday Celebration. Many commented that they were overwhelmed by the site, or had memories of their attendance over the years.

## Diamond Jim... What is the birthstone for April?



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## FFA AUCTION,

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Grand Champion Meat Goat – Madisyn Beach  
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### APRIL 15, 2015 PICK-UP LOCATIONS FOR THE NORTH CHANNEL STAR

#### NORTH SHORE

North Channel Chamber Office, I-10 in Woodforest Bank Bldg  
Pineforest Jewelry, Uvalde Rd  
Carter Funeral Home, 13701 Corpus Christi St.  
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  
Kroger's, Woodforest @ Beltway 8  
Fuddruggers, 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  
United Comm. Credit Union, Normandy  
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#### CHANNELVIEW

K&T Western Wear, 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

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#### SHELDON

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

#### CLOVERLEAF

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

#### 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  
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