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## CHANNEL CHATTER

### GP Candidates Forum set for April 25

A Municipal Election will take place in Galena Park on May 10th, for the offices of Mayor and City Council.

The North Channel STAR in cooperation with the Galena Park-Jacinto City Rotary Club, will host a Candidates Forum on Friday night, April 25 at 6 pm. in the Baggett Center, to introduce the candidates to the public, who are invited to attend.

All candidates have been invited, but to date not all have accepted and indicated they would attend. They will have an opportunity to speak on whatever they wish, and to present their history and qualifications. There will be a panel, made up of Bob Bartel, Ernesto Parades, and Gilbert Hoffman, to pose questions to each candidate. In addition questions from the audience will be written on cards, and asked of the candidates.

Candidates for Mayor of Galena Park are Robert Clowers, Cruz Hinojosa, Esmeralda Moya, and Joseph Thibodeaux.

Candidates for City Council of Galena Park are:

Position 1, Water & Sewer: Joe DeLaTorre, Danny Simms

Position 2, Police & Fire: Zenaida Granado, Lois Killough

Position 3, Parks & Recreation: Veronica Garcia, Maricela Serna

Position 4, Street & Bridge: Juan Flores, Martha Flores, Mark Groba.

All are welcome. Contact the NC Star for more information, 281-328-9605.

#### Jacinto City Election

There will also be a City Council election in Jacinto City on May 10th. Candidates are as follows: Position 1, Jimmy Rivas, Diego Lopez; Position 2, Gregg Robinson, LaGloria Sephus; Position 3, Allen Lee, Raymond Morlock. Early voting in both elections starts April 28th, and finishes May 6th.

## Easter observed with Egg hunts, Church Services



The Easter Egg Hunt and photos with the Easter Bunny last Saturday in Jacinto City were typical of Easter celebrations for all ages, taking place from last Saturday through Easter Sunday.

At right, Mayor Ana Diaz and Constable Chris Diaz hand out candy and gifts to some of the children waiting in line for the egg hunt. Below, kids scramble to pick up the 5000 eggs provided by the city. Four of them had special prizes inside.

Religious services and Sunrise Services were also planned for this weekend, see the chart below for some of these events.



## Jacinto City Police foil gas station's ATM burglary

JACINTO CITY – Police were called to the Come & Save food store and gas station at 1509 Mercury Drive last Thursday morning, when a would-be thief broke a store-front window, tied a rope around an ATM machine inside, and pulled it out into the parking area with his car.

The crime happened early in the morning, according to Jacinto City Police Chief Joe Ayala, but an alarm and video equipment brought a quick response from the Jacinto City police patrols.

On the surveillance video, the thief can be seen breaking open the ATM, and attempting to pull the cash out. Almost immediately one police



The Burglary was at this convenience store on Mercury Drive.

cruiser arrives on the scene, and the thief enters his car and flees south on Mercury Drive. At that time, two other cruisers arrive and give chase,

apprehending the thief a few blocks away. He has been identified as Gustavo Barriga, a 22 year old Hispanic male. He is currently in the Harris

County jail, awaiting arraignment.

Assisting in the arrests were Jacinto City Police officers Cpl. Nieto, Sgt. S. Flores,



The broken ATM machine.

and Officer D. Reyes. They were commended by Chief Ayala for their quick action and apprehension of the suspect.

## THE THRILL OF THE CHASE

### Channelview's student grabs spotlight, prize calf at Houston Rodeo Scramble

By Mark Kramer

As she stepped into the dirt arena at Reliant Stadium, Yvette Leos looked up in amazement at the thousands of spectators and bright lights of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

She and 30 others took their place in the spotlight – a 3-acre spotlight, that is. Their objective: catch one of 15 calves and bring it back to the center of the arena. Her eyes watched carefully at the starter's hat. As his hat dropped, she took off in a full sprint with her sights on catching a

See **RODEO SCRAMBLE**, page 6



Channelview High School sophomore Yvette Leos hangs on tight to a calf during the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's Calf Scramble at Reliant Stadium recently. Leos wasn't able to hang on to this calf, but ended up grabbing another one to take to the winner's circle.

## NORTH SHORE

### Motorcyclist killed on Market St.

NORTH SHORE – A motorcyclist died in a fatal traffic accident in North Shore.

The accident happened at 13400 Market Street, near I-10 about 11:45 a.m. last Thursday morning, April 10, 2014.

According to the Houston Police Department, a 44-year-old man was driving a Honda motorcycle eastbound on Market Street when he failed to maintain a single lane and struck a curb. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

It was reported that a pickup truck may have been involved in the accident; however, there are some discrepancies, and a HPD report states that no other vehicles or individuals were involved in the accident.



Houston Fire Department cleans up the accident scene on eastbound Market Street, near the intersection with I-10 and Uvalde. A 44 year old male died when he lost control of his motorcycle after striking the curb. (Photo montage by North Channel Star)



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**OLD RIVER TERRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
-Easter Festival, Saturday, April 19 from 9 am - 3 pm. Come and enjoy an egg hunt, food, games, yard sale, entertainment and much more. 16102 I-10 East, Channelview, Texas.

**ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
-Easter Sunday: Resurrection services, flowering of the cross and celebratory music 10 - 11 am.  
-Easter Egg hunt at 11:30 am.

**ST. ANDREW ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
-Holy Friday, April 18, 7 pm Stations of the Cross.  
-Holy Saturday, April 19, 8:30 pm Vigil Mass for the Resurrection (Bilingual)  
-Easter masses, 10 am & 12:30 pm (Spanish)  
827 Sheldon Rd., Channelview, Tx. 77530



★ COMMUNITY NEWS ★

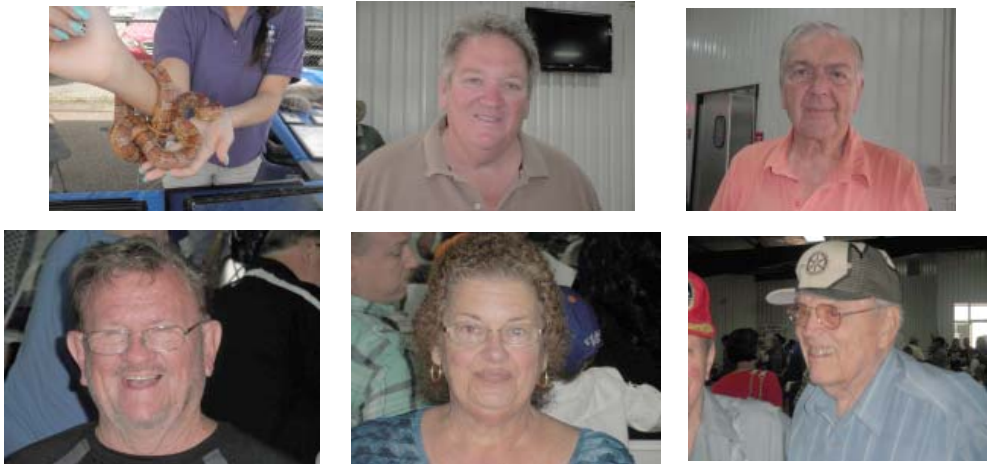


**Book Fair at De Zavala**  
Lendon Henry (middle) and his children Leilah and Lance Henry shop at the recent Scholastic Book Fair at GC CISD De Zavala Elementary School.

Our roving columnist captures some familiar faces at the Rotary Club of Baytown's annual Shrimp & Catfish fry. Caution: YOU may be the next one in front of the camera!

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**WHO DAT?**  
Charlie Farrar's  
Candid Camera



Crosby High School bands enter “Sweepstakes” award



Crosby High School Band Directors are Kevin Knight and Jennifer Villarreal.



The Crosby High School Symphonic and Concert Bands recently performed at the UIL Stage & Sight-Reading Contest. For the first time in history, both bands earned a “Sweepstakes” Award! This means that both bands earned top Division One ratings from the judges.

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# SCHOOLS, CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### APRIL

#### JC Heritage Hall Senior Center events

-Good Friday, April 18, Closed  
 -Monday, April 21, Game night, 4 - 7 pm.  
 -Tuesday, April 22, Dollar Tree, 9:30 am  
 -Wednesday, April 23, Breakfast 9 am \$3. Site Council 10 am; Bridge 1 - 4 pm.  
 -Thursday, April 24, JC City Council 6 pm.  
 -Friday, April 25, Bingo 11 am.  
 -Exercise class: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9 am.  
 -Ceramic class: Wednesdays 9 am.  
 Heritage Hall Senior Center is located at 1025 Oates Rd., Jacinto City, TX, 77029. Call 713-675-4487 for more information.

### SATURDAYS NIGHTS

#### The Buckshot Jamboree

Enjoy 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.

### APRIL

#### North Channel Library events

-Thursday, April 17, 10:30 am Baby Time. Library closes at 5 pm.  
 -Friday, April 18 - CLOSED  
 -Saturday, April 19, 10 am - 3 pm Scrapbooking with Mia; 3 pm Faithful Paws.  
 -Monday, April 21, 4:30 pm Board Game Day.  
 -Tuesday, April 22, 10:30 am Toddler Time; 1:30 pm Traveling Naturalist preschool program.  
 -Wednesday, April 23, 10 am Book Club; 4:30 pm World Book Night.  
 -Thursday, April 24, 10:30 am Baby Time; 4:30 pm Lego Play.  
 -Friday, April 25, 1:30 pm Gardening basics.  
**COMPUTER CLASSES**  
 -Monday, April 21, Introduction to Power Point (lecture) 1-3pm  
 -Wednesday, April 23, Introduction to Power Point (practice) 1-3pm; Introduction to Word 2013, Part 2 from 6-7:45 pm.  
 15741 Wallisville Rd., Houston, TX. 77049. Call 281-457-1631 for more information on other programs/classes.

### APRIL

#### Galena Park Library events

-Thursday, April 17, 11 am Baby Time; 3:30 pm Family Movie Time. Library closing at 5 pm.  
 -Tuesday, April 22, 1 pm File & Folder Mgmt I; 4 pm Practica de Primeros.  
 -Wednesday, April 23, 11 am Childrens' Story Time.  
 -Thursday, April 24, 11 am Baby Time.  
 1500 Keene St. Galena Park, TX. 77547. Call 713-450-0982 for more information on other programs.

## Galena Park Rotary holds annual Country Fair & Carnival



Community Health Choice, next to the Bounce House.



FAVORITE BOOTH? Free Popcorn courtesy of the Galena Park Rotary.



ROTARIANS greeted everyone at the door of the Baggett Center. President Ernesto Parades at right.



CIP BOOTH included science experiments that you could try yourself. Careful. Diane Sheridan at right.

## ASK DIAMOND JIM



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## Spring concerts to feature a variety of musical styles

HOUSTON – San Jacinto College will showcase the versatility of student and faculty musicians in spring concerts that will feature a wide variety of musical styles.

•April 22, 7:30 p.m. – A jazz band concert will feature a diverse selection of styles including swing, rock, funk, and Latin to showcase student musicians. Selections will include "Danny Boy," a Maynard Ferguson hit featuring student Frank Saavedra on the trumpet; "Birdland," a driving fusion song featuring student Eric Meneses on soprano sax; "Booze Brothers," a swinging blues tune from the Count Basie library; and "Attitude Dance," featuring student vocalist Charisma Black.

•April 29, 7:30 p.m. – The wind ensemble, led by student conductors, will perform a diverse selection of styles including marches, orchestral

transcriptions, and classics of the concert band literature. Selections will include "Procession of the Nobles," in recognition of the recent Winter Olympics; "American Salute," to honor military veterans; "Salvation is Created," conducted by music student Jeremy Dergent; "Elsa's Procession," a tribute to the late Adonis Pantoja, Channelview High School band director.

•April 30, 7:30 p.m. – A choral concert, under the direction of music professor Dr. Edgar Moore, will feature folk songs, spirituals and the music of Viadana, Victoria and Leonard Bernstein.

All concerts are free and open to the public. The North Campus concerts will take place in the Dr. Charles Grant Fine Arts Center auditorium, 5800 Uvalde Road in Houston.

## Symposium to offer networking opportunities

HOUSTON – San Jacinto College will host the seventh annual International Business and Logistics and Supply Chain Symposium offering students, educators, and area business people networking opportunities.

The event will take place in the Monument Room of the Slovacek Student Center located on the San Jacinto College North Campus, on Tuesday, April 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and includes lunch. The North Campus is located at 5800 Uvalde Road in the North Channel area.

Keynote speaker Josh Jungwirth, regional vice president of Houston Crane Worldwide Logistics, will discuss various aspects of international business and the state of the logistics industry in the region. John A. Moseley, general manager of trade development for

the Port of Houston Authority, is also scheduled to make a presentation.

An estimated 150 international business and logistics leaders, including executives, officers, directors, and employees from major companies in the greater Houston area are scheduled to attend the meeting.

Symposium speakers will provide updates on current and future issues and information about opportunities for companies involved in international trade and maritime industries.

For registration details and other information, please contact Margaret Kidd at 281-998-6150 extension 7380, or by email at [IBUS.Symposium@scjd.edu](mailto:IBUS.Symposium@scjd.edu). Online registration is also available at [www.sanjac.edu/IBUS-Symposium](http://www.sanjac.edu/IBUS-Symposium).

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MEDICARE COLUMN

By Toni King

I Did Not Enroll in Obamacare...Will I Get A Penalty?

Good Morning, Toni:

I am a 58 year old female who qualified for Social Security Disability this February because I have MS which keeps me from working. I am waiting for Medicare to begin and because of that I did not enroll in Obamacare. I think I made a mistake because the enrollment has ended and I have not received my Medicare card.

Can you please advise me what I should do? I've been unemployed for 2 years and my COBRA has ended. I have no other health insurance to use. Thanks, Phyllis

Phyllis:

I do not know who advised you that your Medicare was beginning before Obamacare enrollment ended on March 31<sup>st</sup>, but that person gave you the wrong information. You should have enrolled in an Affordable Care Act also known as Obamacare health insurance plan.

You have 2 years or a 24 month wait to begin your Medicare and you should begin receiving Medicare automatically on your 25<sup>th</sup> month of receiving your Social Security Disability. Make sure that you have applied for both Medicare Part A and Part B at least 3 months prior to the 25<sup>th</sup> month. Phyllis...your Medicare should begin on March 1, 2016.

Most people apply for Medicare when they are completing their Social Security Disability applications you should receive your "Welcome to Medicare" kit by your 25<sup>th</sup> month of receiving your Social Security Disability. When you receive your "Welcome to Medicare" kit then your Medicare card should be included in your kit. If your Medicare card is not in the kit, then call Social Security at 1/800-772-1213 and make sure your Medicare card has been ordered.

One good thing that the ACA (Obamacare) does do is help those that have a serious health condition that has keep many from receiving individual health plans because there are no pre-existing conditions for any health insurance since

January 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. People who could not qualify for a health plan can now enroll in any health plan they want. Now you will have to wait until the next Obamacare enrollment period and your new health plan will begin January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

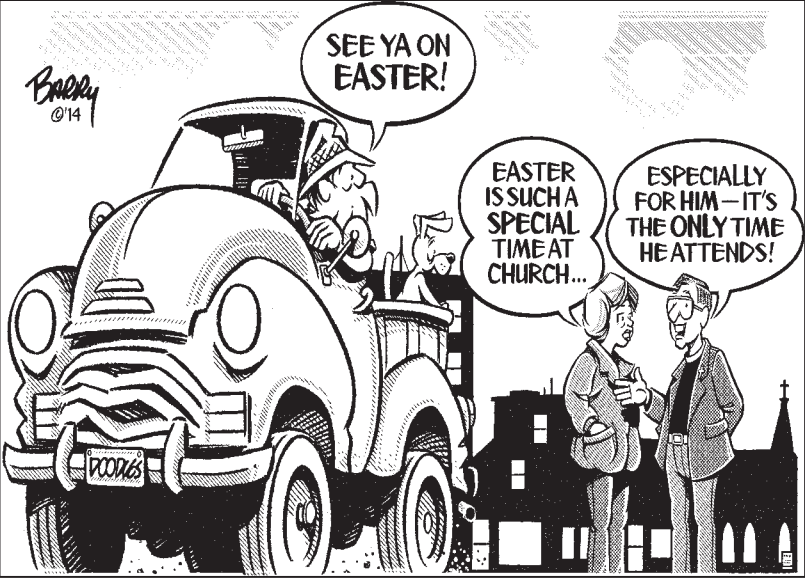
Yes, Phyllis...you will have to pay a fee or a nice way to say penalty. The 2014 penalty for not enrolling in an ACA plan or having minimum health coverage is 1% of your annual income or \$95 per person or whichever is higher. The fee for uninsured children is \$47.50 each, with a maximum of \$285 per family.

The ACA penalty or fee changes each year and only goes up. I would advise anyone who did not enroll this year to do so when the ACA open enrollment begins this fall 2014.

Healthcare.gov will accept applications outside of the normal enrollment period for people who experience certain "qualifying life events" like getting married, having a child or losing a job that provided insurance. I do not believe that leaving your job over 18 months ago because of a disability and losing COBRA coverage instead of recently losing your job with benefits does not qualify you for a "qualifying life event".

On your 25<sup>th</sup> month when your Medicare begins is when your Medicare Parts A and B should start. At that time you can apply for a Medicare Supplement with a Medicare Part D Prescription Drug plan or a Medicare Advantage Plan with Medicare Part D included or just enroll in a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan only with Medicare.

Contact Social Security to ask questions about enrolling in Medicare. Sometime a well meaning friend gives the wrong information. And in today's enrollment periods for the ACA and Medicare, it is best to get these enrollments done right. No one ever wants a penalty if they can keep from getting one. No matter how big or small the penalty is...A penalty is a penalty!!



LBJ School hosts civil rights summit

AUSTIN — President Barack Obama and former Presidents Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush spoke at the Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library's Civil Rights Summit, held April 8-10 in Austin.

The summit marked the 50th anniversary of President Johnson's efforts culminating in Congress' passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Johnson's signing the bill into law on July 2, 1964.

"As we commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act, we honor the men and women who made it possible," President Obama said in his address. "We recall the countless unheralded Americans, black and white, students and scholars, preachers and housekeepers whose names are etched not on monuments, but in the hearts of their loved ones and in the fabric of the country they helped to change. But we also gather here deep in the heart of the state that shaped (President Johnson), to recall one giant man's remarkable efforts to make real the promise of our founding: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.'"

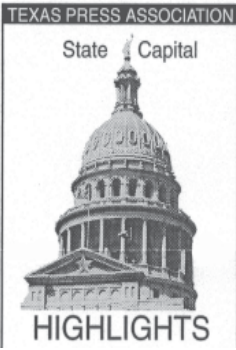
Obama and the past presidents each uttered words to the effect that while Johnson's accomplishments serve as durable bridges to a better America, every generation has civil rights challenges that must be recognized and addressed, and the value of teaching and learning about the work of predecessors is critical to the health of the nation.

Panels composed of historians, scholars, current and former public officials and noted personalities addressed a range of topics, including: LBJ and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., heroes of the civil rights movement, social justice in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, immigration policy, education, gay marriage, music and social consciousness and professional sports.

Presidential historian Doris Kearns Goodwin said, and others agreed, LBJ's

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling



Rock and Roll Hall of Fame musicians Mavis Staples and Graham Nash performed songs and participated as panelists.

Governor looks for MIAs

Gov. Rick Perry and first lady Anita Perry traveled to the Republic of Palau in the Western Pacific Ocean to participate in the BentProp Project, April 5 to April 17.

BentProp is an ongoing effort to find the remains of U.S. soldiers and sailors listed as "Missing in Action" in World War II battles fought in the South Pacific. Joining the Perrys on the island of Peleliu were former U.S. Navy SEAL Marcus Luttrell and Romus Valton Burgin, a veteran of the September 1944 Battle of Peleliu.

According to the governor's office, the Perrys "are traveling as guests of the BentStar Project, which assists in funding the BentProp Project and Pursuit Productions, which is filming a documentary on the 2014 expedition."

Revenues grow in March

State Comptroller Susan Combs on April 9 announced state sales tax revenue in March was \$2.09 billion, up 5.6 percent compared to March of the previous year.

"The growth in sales tax revenues was led by business spending in the oil and natural gas mining, wholesale trade and construction sectors," Texas chief revenue officer explained. "Collections from restaurants were also strong. This marks 48 consecutive months of growth in state sales tax collections."

Combs said her office would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their April local sales tax allocations totaling \$554.5 million, up 6.2 percent compared to April 2013.

ASK THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

By Gregg Abbott

National crime victims rights week

April marks an annual opportunity to observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW). This year marks an important 30-year milestone of championing support and services to crime victims through the Victims of Crime Act. As NCVRW celebrates three decades of defending victims' rights, we are reminded how far we have come – and how much more we can do to reach and serve every victim.

Thirty years ago, the world was very different for crime victims and their families. Local service providers who could meet victims' needs for shelter, support and counseling were few. The criminal justice system failed to include victims in the justice process – commonly excluding them from courtrooms and denying them the chance to speak at sentencing. Crime victim compensation programs were not consistently available; victims were on their own when it came to recovery.

In the early 1980s, the country made dramatic progress toward securing legal rights, protections and services for crime victims. In 1982, President Ronald Reagan established the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime, which held hearings nationwide and gathered testimony. In its final report, the task force made more than 65 recommendations – among them that Congress enact legislation to provide federal funding to assist state compensation programs, establish a federal resource office and provide funding to assist in the operation of federal, state, local and nonprofit victim assistance agencies that provide comprehensive services.

The final report from the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime was the impetus for Congress's 1984 passage of the Fair Standards for the Treatment of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act – as well as the creation of the federal Office for Victims of Crime. Equally important, federal lawmakers in 1984 enacted the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) – which created a matching grant program to encourage states to create victim compensation programs and local programs to assist crime victims.

In 1980 – years before the creation of VOCA, the Lone Star State established the Texas Compensation to Victims of Crime Fund. Funded by fees imposed on offenders, the Texas CVC Fund provides financial assistance to innocent victims for certain crime-related expenses that cannot be reimbursed by insurance and other sources.

Since the creation of the CVC Fund in 1980, the Texas CVC Program has made more than \$1.3 billion in payments to or on behalf of victims and their families. And in addition to compensating victims for crime-related expenses, the Office of the Attorney General's Crime Victim Services Division also reimburses law enforcement agencies for sexual assault medical forensic exams, administers the Address Confidentiality Program, and awards grants to nonprofits that serve victims of violent crime.

Texas was also one of the first states to pass legislation to pay for forensic sexual assault exams. In 1979, the Texas Legislature created the Texas Crime Victims' Compensation Program to oversee the Texas CVC Fund. Since 1991, the Office of the Attorney General's Crime Victim Services Division has had administrative authority of the Texas CVC Program.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week was held April 6-12 in communities statewide.

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EASTER SERVICES

Highlands Methodist to bring Holy Week to life!

Members of Highlands United Methodist Church are planning to bring new and meaningful experiences to the Highlands community during Holy Week. Starting this Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday will be dramatically remembered as Jesus (portrayed by John Powell) rides through Jerusalem (really a part of Main Street in Highlands), as onlookers wave palms and shout “Hosanna”. The procession starts at 10:30 am.

On Holy Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm, the Last Supper with Jesus and His disciples will be presented for the third year. This year, Pastor Susan Grittmann has written a new drama to present the Last Supper event in a fresh, relevant way. Holy Communion will be celebrated, with the table open to all.

On Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm, a unique service has been written by Pastor Grittmann, continuing the series on “Characters You Meet on the Journey with Jesus.” Pastor Grittmann stated, “As we remember the passion of Jesus as He suffers and dies for us, we will meet Mary who anointed Jesus’ feet before His death, Malchus whose ear was healed at the arrest of Jesus, and Simon who carried the cross.”

Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, begins with the Community Sunrise Service at 6:45 am at the San Jacinto Community



2013 Palm Sunday had John Mason portraying Jesus. Since donkeys are difficult to find, a horse sufficed!

Center in Highlands. At 9 am, Highlands United Methodist is having an Easter breakfast for all, cooked and served by the men of the church. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:45 am. Worship begins at 10:45, with Children’s Church during worship for ages 3 years old to 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

Highlands United Methodist Church is a great choice for anyone who is looking for a

church for Easter. United Methodists practice “Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”. The mission statement of Highlands UMC is “We are the hands and feet of Christ, embracing our community with His love.” Highlands UMC is located at 107 W. Houston in Highlands. For more information, call 281-426-3614 or visit the website at highlandsmethodist.com.

19<sup>th</sup> Annual Czech SpringFest set for April 27

This year the festival Czech SpringFest will be held on Sunday April 27, 2014 starting at 11am til 7pm.

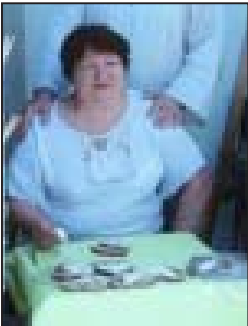
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Entertainment by The Kovanda’s Czech Band, and Chris Rybak Band.

Master artist Anna Burilova from Hodonin, Czech Republic will demonstrate decorating Perniks (gingerbread pastries).

Several Booths such as Country Store, Plants, Silent auction, Cultural booths and many Vendors selling their wares.

Traditional Czech Sunday Dinner served 11am til 2pm. Adults \$10, children under 11, \$7. Czech soup and sausage w/ sauerkraut served after 1pm. Sponsored by the Harris



Anna Burilová from Hodonin, Czech Republic will attend the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Czech SpringFest on April 27, 2014.



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Crosby Church Easter Services and Egg Hunts begins April 20

Crosby Church will host Egg Hunts and Multiple Services to celebrate the risen Lord on Saturday April 20 at the Huffman Campus beginning at 6:30 a.m. with an egg hunt. A service will follow at 7:00 a.m. Then on Easter Sunday, a service will be presented at 9:00 a.m. and an egg hunt will follow at 10:00 a.m.

Crosby’s Campus will see an early morning serviced at 7:00 a.m. At 8:15 a.m. and at 9:30 a.m. an egg hunt will be held. A service will follow at 10:30 a.m.

Samantha Christine Kirk Harper

A longtime Highlands friend to all left this moral coil to be with her daddy on April 15, 2014. Chris Harper left from San Jacinto Methodist Hospital in the company of her family and husband of 40 years this year at 6:00 p.m. She had suffered declining health since her heart attack on March 29. In her final conversation on this earth with her husband she mentioned that she was going to “go and be with my daddy.”

She was proceeded in death by her parents, T.J. Kirk and Feral Skidmore Kirk. Surviving are her husband Thomas Harper, son Robert Elton Harper and daughter Tarshira

Harper; aunts Martha Crowder, Margarete Dean, Nancy Sue Atkinson, numerous cousins, uncles, and multiples of friends including reporters of this journal.

Chris Harper had been a U.S. Army wife for 9 years as she was with her husband during his time of service in the military.

A viewing will be held at the First Assembly of God Church at 406 North Magnolia in Highlands, times are under arrangement, visitors are asked to call 281-426-4209. Following services her body will be taken back to Barsola, Texas to be buried near her mother’s grave.

OBITUARIES

Randy Scott Cole



Randy Scott Cole 50, of Crosby, Texas went to be with the Lord on April 9, 2014.

Randy was born on October 31, 1963 in Mt. Gilead, Ohio to Clyde and Wanda (Clark) Cole. Randy Honorably served his country and retired after serving 20 years from the United States Marine Corps. He then worked in industrial battery sales, and in his spare time he enjoyed fishing, boating, off-roading, hunting, golfing and most of all spending time with his family and friends.

Randy was a very strong willed, caring man who had a good heart and will be missed by all who knew him.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Wanda Mae Cole; grandfather, Andrew Clark and grandmother, Loree M Clark.

Randy is survived by his loving wife, Kelly Cole; son Andrew Cole; brother, David Clark; and many other relatives and friends.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 from 10am

-11:30am with funeral services to follow at 11:30am at Atascocita United Methodist Church 19325 Pinehurst trail Drive Humble, Texas 77346. Burial will follow at 2:15pm at Houston National Cemetery with military honors. Services have been entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd Highlands, Texas 77562. To send the family condolences please visit www.sterlingwhite.com

Indio Dennis Gregory Cosek

Indio Dennis Gregory Cosek, 58, of Cleveland, died Thursday, April 3, 2014, in Houston.

Memorial services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, April 10, 2014, at the Pace-Stancil.

Funeral Home Chapel. Services are under the direction of Pace-Stancil Funeral Home in Cleveland.

Indio was born November 14, 1955 in Alexandria, VA, to parents; William Nicholas Cosek and Darlene Rose Hanks. He was a self-employed carpenter. In his spare time he enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle.

Mr. Cosek was preceded in death by his daughter, Jennifer Mae Cosek. He is survived

by his parents, William N. and Darlene R. Cosek; wife, Melissa Birchall Cosek; daughters, Sarah Ann Corbin and Lena Mae Cosek; sons, Micah Cosek, Nathaniel Cosek, and Zeth Cheveyo Cosek; step-daughter, Lisa Stromski; sisters, Robin Ann Cosek, Penny Lynn Dockray, and Patricia J. Rice; brothers, Scott William Cosek and Richard Fredrick Cosek; grandchildren, Kierra, Travis, Micah Jr., Cory, and Savannah; numerous nieces, nephews, and other cherished relatives, and friends.

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3. When Mary Magdalene and “the other Mary” came upon the risen Jesus, whom did He ask them to inform? Priests, Disciples, No One, Villagers

4. Which disciple doubted Jesus had risen unless he could see the wounds? Peter, Andrew, Thomas, Thaddeus

5. From Acts 1, how long did Jesus remain after His resurrection before He ascended into heaven? Instantaneously, 1 hour, 7 days, 40 days

6. As found in Mathew 27:5, what happened to Judas, the betrayer of Jesus? Flew into night, Stoned to death, Jumped from cliff, Hanged himself

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Matthew; 3) Disciples; 4) Thomas; 5) 40 days; 6) Hanged himself

LITTLE BIDDY BITS By Danny Biddy

Wake Up, Lord!

One of our grandsons had spent the night with us. The next morning my wife started outside to take him home. It was a very foggy morning and our four-year-old grandson said, "I can't see."

My wife said, "It's just the fog. God will take it away with the sun comes out."

Then he said, "He's not up yet?"

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# BUSINESS & EDUCATION NEWS

## Channelview AVID students tour UT, Rice

Students in the Channelview High School (AVID) Advancement through Individual Determination program got an up-close look at college academic life as they visited the University of Texas at Austin and Rice University in Houston.

AVID is a program offered at Channelview High School, Aguirre Junior High School, and Alice Johnson Junior High School that provides students with the tools and support necessary to achieve their goals of attending and graduating from college following high school graduation.

On March 1, the students traveled to Austin to visit the University of Texas. The UT Explore program is a day-long celebration and open house during which the doors of UT are opened to the students of Texas. CHS AVID students had the opportunity to unravel scientific mysteries, unleash creative energies and uncover the realms of discovery that are a part of everyday life as a student at The University of Texas.



Channelview High School AVID students toured many buildings on the University of Texas-Austin campus, including the University of Texas Tower and at the Texas Union Hospitality Center.

Later in the week, CHS juniors in the AVID program traveled to Rice University to experience life on a college campus. Students explored various career opportunities, received information on financial planning, set college and career goals, and learned the value of networking.

### GALENA PARK

## Tice elementary student named Texas winner in national mission children's day poster contest

The Texas State Winner of the National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest is Anna Eligio, a 5th Grade student from Tice Elementary in GPSD, and a new advocate for bringing missing children home. Anna's beautiful poster was made to help bring missing children back home. Anna stated, "If I could just help them go back to their families, I won't hesitate to do so." Her compassion and desire to help missing children is evident in her poster, which includes bright depictions of happy children being reunited with their families.

Entries for this year's contest were received from all across the state. The poster judging was conducted Wednesday March 5, 2014, at

the offices of Texas Center for the Missing, a Houston-based non-profit and the Amber Alert provider for the Houston-Galveston region. Texas Center for the Missing has been coordinating the state-level judging for Texas entries of the National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest since 2006.

Tice Elementary counselor, Elisa Segura taught the students about stranger danger and that they should always be aware of their surroundings. She said, "I had received communication from the organization of missing children explaining they were having a poster contest, so since we had studied that very subject I asked the students to participate. Anna submitted her poster and was selected! We



Anna Eligio

are all so thrilled for her!" Anna also exclaimed, "My wish is that the poster will give the missing children hope."

The criteria for judging were based on creativity, coherence with the theme, and

Anna's written description of her work. All entries must have included the phrase "Bring Our Missing Children Home." Tice Elementary principal, Amy Cole, stated, "Anna is an all-around great student, and her interpretation of the theme was moving. I am so proud that her picture won for the State of Texas and that she represents Tice."

Anna will receive a certificate and a framed copy of her artwork from Texas Center for the Missing. Her poster will then be entered into the national level of the poster contest, with a chance to receive a trip to Washington D.C. for the artist, her parents, and teacher to participate in the National Missing Children's Day ceremony at the U.S. Department of Justice in May.

## RODEO SCRAMBLE,

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calf.

It was a task she truly took by the tail. However, the elusive calves had other ideas.

"On my first few attempts, I grabbed them by the tail and got dragged a good 10 yards. Then, on another attempt, I got kicked in the head to the point my ear was bleeding. I never felt a real headache until that moment," said Leos, a Channelview High School sophomore and first-year Future Farmers of America member.

Calf scramble committee members tried to convince her to go to seek first aid, but Leos said, "I kept running away from them because I was determined I was going to catch a calf - nothing was going to stop me."

In what Leos described as the "longest field ever," she grabbed hold of the neck of a calf, fastened a halter on, and guided the animal into the square. "I was exhausted, but it was exciting to see the committee member's flag go up as



Yvette Leos, center, is all smiles after catching a calf at the 2014 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Calf Scramble. Celebrating the achievement are, from left, Channelview High School Agriculture instructors Wesley Hutchins and Dominic Mazoch and representatives from Rockin' D Fencing Co., owned by Adan DeSplinter.

I pulled the calf across the line, she said. "Words cannot really explain how amazing it felt."

Leos said she has always wanted to participate in the HLS&R Calf Scramble.

"Since the first time my parents took me to the rodeo, the Calf Scramble has always been interesting to me," she said. "I always laughed at how a calf would drag a participant or throw them into the fence. It's not as funny when that

participant is you!"

For catching a calf at this year's show, Leos received a \$1,500 certificate to purchase a steer that she will show at the 2015 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. She will also receive \$250 for turning in a record book of future experiences with the calf she will be raising this year.

In addition to raising her new steer, she is also raising a goat and a pig that she plans

to show in the future.

Leos' performance in the Calf Scramble certainly has made a memorable impression among her friends in FFA.

"Everyone I have told about my experience is shocked, because they didn't realize that I am such a tough, brave, crazy girl with a lot of guts to do such a thing as being a part of the biggest calf scramble in Texas," she said.

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SPORTS NEWS

GALENA PARK  
North Shore boys and girls track team runs up the point total, clinch district championship

On Thursday, April 10, 2014, the District 23-5A boys and girls track meet was held at the North Shore Senior High Ninth Grade Center track. Seven teams competed in the meet: Baytown Sterling; Beaumont West Brook; Channelview; Deer Park; La Porte; Port Arthur Memorial; and North Shore. The North Shore boys and girls track teams both won the district meet with astonishing point totals. This is the tenth year in a row for the boys' team to win the district title.

Points are earned by placing in track and field events. In an individual event, point totals are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> place – 10 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> place – 8 points; 3<sup>rd</sup> place – 6 points; 4<sup>th</sup> place 4 points; 5<sup>th</sup> place – 2 points; and 6<sup>th</sup> place – 1 point. In relay events, the point totals double. The boys' team earned 248 points, 98 points more than the second place team. The girls' team earned 221 points, defeating their closest opponent by 102 points! Multiple North Shore athletes finished in the top four in numerous events.

The top four event qualifiers will compete in the area track meet, which will be held at Pearland High School on April 16. An astounding 19 boys and 16 girls will represent North Shore at the area meet, many in multiple events. These athletes and their events are:

**GIRLS**  
Aysha Anderson - 300m hurdles, 100m hurdles, pole vault  
Caylan Barnes - 4x100, 4x200  
Teshaye Berry - 4x100, 200m dash, 4x200  
Taylor Crouch - 4x400, 400m dash, high jump, triple jump  
Zavier Fields - 4x400, 400m  
Taelor Hanney - discus  
Jukendrial Harvey - 100m  
Desiree Horn - 4x100, 100m, 4x200, long jump  
Deja Hughes - 4x400, 400m  
Adriana Jackson - 4x400, 800m dash  
TyDesha Lewis - 4x100, 200m dash, 4x200, triple jump  
Chardon Mucker - triple jump  
Khala Scott - pole vault  
Timara Simmons - 200m dash  
Taryn Smith - 3200m run  
Tarryn Surratt - 1600m run

**BOYS**  
Bryce Alley - 4x100, 4x400, 4x200  
Rasheed Corner - 4x400, 4x200  
Eduardo Garcia - 1600m run, 800m run  
Carl Guillory - 300m hurdles, 100m hurdles



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- Arno Hamilton – 4x100, 100m hurdles, long jump  
Dashon Hamilton – 300m hurdles, 100m hurdles  
Jalen Hart – high jump, long jump  
Tristan Houston – 4x100, 100m, 4x200
- John Joseph – 300m hurdles, 4x400  
Robert Lewis – 4x400, 400m  
Geren Mills – high jump  
Zafir Murphy – pole vault  
Enrique Perez – 3200m run
- Kerwin Roach – triple jump  
Daniel Skelton – 1600m run, 800m run  
Austin Smith – discus  
Keenan Sneed – 4x100, 200m, 4x200  
Daven Steen – pole vault  
Dionte Williams – 800m, 400m

CHANNELVIEW  
Falcons in playoff hunt



Channelview Falcons pitcher Seth Campbell fires a strike during a recent game. Campbell has served as one of the Falcons leaders on the mound this season.

(Photo by Mark Kramer, Channelview ISD)

The Channelview Falcons baseball team is still in the thick of the District 21-5A playoff race after a 5-4 victory over Baytown Sterling.

Going into the game, a win was crucial for the Falcons, as they were tied for the fourth playoff spot with the Rangers. The victory moved the Falcons into fourth with a 5-4 league record.

The Falcons now face Beaumont West Brook, La Porte and Deer Park in the final weeks of regular season play. Two wins would solidify Channelview's grip on a postseason berth.

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