By GILBERT HOFFMAN

Galena Park – Last Friday evening, April 25, candidates for the upcoming election of a Mayor and Council members in Galena Park participated in a Candidates Forum at Baggett Center. The Forum was hosted by this newspaper, the North Channel Star, and the Rotary Club of Galena Park City.

Four candidates for Mayor were present: Karmenida Maiz, Robert Clowers, Joseph Thibodeaux, and Cruz Hinojosa.

There are nine candidates for city council candidates, but only seven were present. That included Position #1 Watts & Evelyn De La Zarzo, Position #2.

Flaves due to prior commitments, Danny Stanlake for Position #3, and Zenaida Granado for Position #2 did not attend.

The format of the evening presentations, followed by the opening lap of the evening, the Survivor’s Lap.

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### CHANNEL CHATTER

North Channel annual Relay for Life, May 2

Relay for Life is the fight against cancer at the North Channel Area – Friday, May 2, 2014.

The fun-filled event will start at 6 pm, at the North Channel High School, 15333 Gulf Freeway. Local companies, area schools and other groups are invited to participate in the fun.

At the event, there will be food, games, music, and live auctions as part of the lively atmosphere.

The event will begin with special introductions and sentiments, followed by the opening lap of the evening, the Survivor’s Lap.

North Channel Senior Olympics Award ceremony

After full a week of activities, the 2014 North Channel Senior Olympics awards ceremony will take place Friday, May 2 at 11 a.m. at North Shore Rotary Pavilion, 14015 Middle Rd.

North Channel Area Chamber Luncheon

Monthly luncheon, Friday, May 2, 11:30 am - 1 pm. At San Jacinto College North, 5002 Univer- sity Dr. Contact Brenda Lemes 713-450-3630.

Jactinto City’s Annual Tire Round Up

A free collection day, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. City crews will pick up tires on city streets.

This is the only time during the remaining collection period.

There is a limit of 4 tires per address or business.

No rims of any sort. To insure pick-up. There is a limit of 4 tires per year when tires will be picked up. City crews will not two tires.

The tires will be collected until 3 pm, City crews will not place any tires the following day.

This is the only time during the year when tires will be picked up.

The tires are recycled and the mileage and condition.

Items collected will be donated to schools and other groups near Uvalde. Local companies, Grade Campus on Woodforest Drive.

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Judge Mike Parrott hosts Fish and Shrimp Fry

The guys from Baytown Buick GMC are on hand to bid on auction items. They claim they may not have had the best scores in golf but they had the most fun on the course. This year some of the specialists that work the Crosby Fair & Rodeo, Bill Rudby and Dianne Davis did a great job of describing the many items available from the golf tournament.

Students go to academic competition

Goose Creek Memorial High School students competed in the recent 4A UIL Academic competition. Pictured are (front, left to right) Michelle Fresnedo, Brittany Smith and Joshua Sherden; (middle, left to right) Utkarsh Sharma, Nikki Middleton, Pooja Bhula, and Chintmayee Kulkarni; and (top, left to right) Kyrie Yong, Christian Gonzalez, Dominic Borbon, Angelica Contreras, Shyloh Ferlance, Alondra Garcia, Kevin Trejo, and Nairobi Wright.

Touring site of new school

Stuart Career Center teacher Jeff Strobl’s Advanced Construction class recently toured the construction site of Dr. Antonio Bañuelos Elementary School. Pictured are (left to right) Aaron Kizer, Bañuelos Elementary School jobsite superintendent; Larry Jackson; Steven Contreras from Goose Creek Memorial High School (GCM); Rufina LaFernier from Stuart Career Center; Ricardo Vargas, GCM; Adrian Manzano, GCM; and Arthur Arclies from Robert E. Lee High School.

Denise Smith chats with Scott and Melody Stephens at the Fish and Shrimp Dinner last Monday evening. Standing at the serving tables.
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**East Houston Regional Medical Center**

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Houston, TX, April 28, 2014

The “Girls Impact The World” Film Festival, held at the University of Texas at Austin during state journalism competition.

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**Galen Park PARX**

Adriana Jackson inspired to impact the world

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**North Shore Rotary**

Fish Fry, Saffle

North Shore Rotary 38th Annual Fish Fry, Saffle, Saturday, May 3 at North Shore Rotary Nook, 14330 Wallisville Rd. Purchase your raffle and door prizes at Frontenac Bank. You don’t need to be present to win prizes. Raffle tickets are $5 each, page 4 for more details.

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**Ask Diamond JIM**

I’ve been pondering the following questions, and want to know… which are True and which are False?

1. Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning.
2. Alfred Hitchcock did not write the book *Darkest Hour*.
3. The first Harley Davidson motorcycle built in 1903 used a steam engine."
4. 40 people are sent to the hospital for dog bites every day.
5. 120,000 Americans are injured by their pets every year.
6. People don’t get sick from road winds, it’s from being in an automobile.
7. 40-people are sent to the hospital for dog bites every day.
8. Dogs are born without kneecaps in their legs, they grow in 24 years old.
9. People don’t get sick from strawberries, it’s from being in an automobile.
10. The best looking is true.
11. The average longest life for a woman is 80 years.
12. 40-people are injured by their pets every year.
13. A cat hanger in 64 inches long, it’s shaped right.
14. The average user computer bills $3.36 a minute.
15. The time, talent and artwork of students in the promotion/commercial category, walking away with $500.
16. Most of us have eaten a strawberry in our life.
17. The show’s main character is the main character in a show.
18. The only reason we are not stolen is to find out who owns us.
19. The average average person was 2.375 miles.
20. Michael Jackson owned the star that was on the ground.
21. In most television commercials, the music is different.
22. The most viewed… the most liked," was awarded a Silver Star by the University of Texas at Austin during state journalism competition.
23. The first Harley Davidson motorcycle built in 1903 used a steam engine.
24. Most hospitals make money on the surgery.
25. The average person was 2.375 miles.
26. If coloring weren’t added to the average photo album, there would be an increase in sales.
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**North Channel Library Events**

*Friday & Saturday, May 30-31, 2014*

Friday, May 30, 3:30 pm: Preschool Story Time
Saturday, May 31, 1:30 pm: Preschool Story Time
Wednesday, May 30, 4:30 pm: Family Story Time
Saturday, May 31, 10 am: Baby Time
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**HGISD**

*Festival of Visual and Performing Arts* in North Channel Area

Houston ISD, April 24, 2014

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**Galen Park PARX**

North Shore newspaper students dominate state Journalism competition

This past Saturday, students from North Shore High School (NSMS) traveled to the University of Texas at Austin for the annual Interscholastic League (UIL) Journalism competition. This was the first time that NSMS and SHSU journalism students joined forces in UIL competition.

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*Tuesday, May 6, from 1-3 pm: Computer Basics for Seniors; 101, 71, 8, and children’s Story Time*

*Wednesday, May 7, from 10 am-11:30 am: DIY Jewelry Class*

*Saturday, May 10, from 10 am-1 pm: DIY Jewelry Class*

*Saturday, May 10, from 1 pm-2:30 pm: Adult Story Time*
Working women deserve a raise

Believe it or not, nearly 100 years after the right to vote, women are still struggling to achieve equality in American society. From the factory floor to the boardroom, women have long been trapped in poverty, and have little room for advancement or equal pay.

Today, in addition to minimum wage earners, working women earn 64 percent less than men, and have equal pay for equal work. Women are tough, labor intensive and child care, make up retail, home health care, concentrations of women are tough, labor intensive and child care, make up maine, where women would have more expensive income for better goods, clothes for women and children, a vehicle that was previously unaffordable. All of this would mean more money being pumped into the Texas economy and less dependency on welfare programs. All at cost to the taxpayer.

In Texas, we have more women coming minimum wage earners, and have equal pay for equal work. In the country, and we would be the greatest beneficiary of an increase. With higher salaries, minimum wage earners would have more expensive income for better goods, clothes for their children, a vehicle that was previously unaffordable. All of this would mean more money being pumped into the Texas economy and less dependency on welfare programs. All at cost to the taxpayer.

Cost to the taxpayer. In Congress to afford the minimum wage. Texas weathered the past recession much better than other states and has responded to the needs of the country in terms of job growth. Yet most of our growth has come from the technology and manufacturing industries that employ very few minimum wage workers.

Still, for all of these reasons, I am happy that President Obama is continuing to urge Congress to raise the minimum wage. I am happy to see some movement out of the U.S. Senate. Congress has taken up this issue only three times in 30 years, and has failed to pass $7.25 per hour. If the minimum wage was raised to $9.00, millions of Americans would be lifted out of poverty, 15 million people would have equal pay for equal work, and 5 million would have equal pay for equal work.

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Library friends host garden Party

Friends of the Crosby Library hosted a Mentor Garden at their annual meeting last week principles of gardening and plant display were debated and exchanged in a lively topical dialogue. During the organizational meeting the guest speaker were officers were selected. The new President of the Friends of the Crosby Library is Sarah Davis. Elected Vice President is Carol Thompson. Secretary is Aida Dyer. Head of the treasury is Irene Cook. Publicity is headed by Sherry Bailey. Communications may be done by Aida Dyer.

Church of the Resurrection becomes Parish

Church of the Resurrection, in its fourth year, has reached the milestones to become a full parish. This Sunday, May 4, Bishop Royal Grote of the Anglican Church of North America will preside at a service of Confirmation and reception of the celebration. The Church meets at 9 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m. A service at 9 a.m. at Holy Family, 7122 Whiting Rock, Crosby is at 11:00 a.m. and serves the community for a lunch fellowship in fellowship.

OBITUARIES

Roy L. Tidwell

Roy L. Tidwell, 66, of Channelview passed away April 26, 2014. Roy was born May 16, 1947, in Houston, Texas to parents, Maxine K. and Roy L. Tidwell. He served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, served for 21 years and was a member of the American Legion. He was a member of the Moose Lodge 1304 in Channelview Texas.

He is preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his wife of 41 years, Patricia Yount (nee) Tidwell; by son, Jerry Tidwell; daughters, Sonya Hahn and husband, Richard, Katie Hahn and husband, Tim, Jenny Tidwell and husband, Craig, Gracelyn Garcia and husband, Jon, Brick Tidwell, Larry Tidwell & wife, Robyn Tidwell & friend, Gross Tidwell, as by grand children, Kyle, Emily, Cris, Jon, J. D., and Sadie Tidwell; by brother, Rick Tidwell and family; by sister, Dorothea Tidwell and family; by nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

A Visitation and Services will be held Monday, April 28, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at 5210 Main and Services starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Center Funeral Home Chapel. Call 281-328-9605 to contact Bobby at 281-328-9605 or e-mail graftonstar@aol.com

Liberal hosts fundraiser for Spring Fling

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Brethren have Spring Fling

Walter Boullion is auctioneer as numerous items go up for bids as a fundraiser for the Spring Fling of the Crosby Brethren Church. There was a delightful bake sale and aaffle of television, a shotgun and a lawn mower.
Baseball team raises $4,210 for Angel Flight South Central

HOUSTON - The San Jacinto College baseball team raised $4,210 at the recent Play Pink game, an event that supports Angel Flight South Central and raises breast cancer awareness.

The Play Pink event raised funds through a silent auction and donations. Since 2010, the San Jacinto College baseball team has raised nearly $24,000 for Angel Flight South Central through Play Pink activities. Angel Flight South Central is a non-profit organization that helps families fly to and from medical treatment not available to them locally.

For the San Jacinto College baseball team, the cause is a personal connection. Assistant coach Jimmy Durham grew up with Michelle, his best friend since he was in kindergarten. Just before Michelle was diagnosed with cancer 10 years ago, Durham was on the coaching staff at New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs, New Mexico. While Michelle was being treated in Houston, the couple used the services of Angel Flight South Central (then Grace Flight of America) to fly Michelle and the Durham family to and from New Mexico and Houston free of charge.

A number of Angel Flight South Central staff were touched by the support shown by fans and the community.

“Once again, the Greater Houston community was very gracious in supporting Angel Flight South Central at our Play Pink gatherings in helping us raise funds to sustain and expand our mission,” said assistant coach BJ Wilson. “It is a special event to us, as it is a way for the baseball program to give something back to Angel Flight for all they did for Coach Durham and his family. The family members of our players, the faculty, and the staff and students at San Jac from all across campus, were all so generous and great with both them monetary donations and the monetary work for the event.”

The team and coaching staff worked hard to raise funds for the cake and donations. The Region 4-A Region XI Tournament winner is the San Jacinto College baseball team.

At the recent Play Pink fundraiser, David Levine, board chairman of Angel Flight South Central (center), is shown flanked by San Jacinto College baseball coaches (from left to right) Tony Gomillion (head coach), Jimmy Durham, and BJ Wilson. Photo credit: Rob Van

Candy Bar

In the past, the Candy Bar has raised $21,000 for Angel Flight South Central and raises breast cancer awareness. The regional tournament runs through the Greater Houston Partnership.

Comment on financial condition of the city.

Moya: tax increases for greater Houston Partnership. Photo credit: Rob Van

Moya: need more police, and city departments need to clean up and build new. Thibodeaux: police numbers down, crime rate lower. Water rates fixed better.

Council questions and answers will be covered in next week’s edition of the North Channel Star.

Candies included:

Moya: bring in new businesses, work more closely with Greater Houston Partnership to get companies to move their buildings, get cooperation from Port and businesses to clean up and build new.

Thibodeaux: police numbers down, crime rate lower. Water rates fixed better.

Moya: need more police, and more volunteerism.

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GARAGE SALE
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Man dies in house fire

One man died last Wednesday night after getting trapped inside his mobile home as it burned to the ground, investigators said.

They said the body was found by firefighters around 9:30 p.m. after the mobile home at the 1200 block of West 27th Street caught on fire. The fire department said the home was fully engulfed in flames by the time they arrived.

The Harris County Fire Marshal is investigating, but says the initial cause appears to be accidental.

YMCA hosts Healthy Kids Day

YMCA hosted a day full of fun and healthy activities for kids last Saturday, April 26, 2014. The Healthy Kids Day program provided free immunizations and activities included a dance fun, games, activities and more. Parents also could register their kids for the summer program.

Kids enjoy learning about bike safety and kids with scooters, bikes or skateboards received a free helmet courtesy of the San Jacinto Pilot Club. The day also included a celebration where they made fitness fun through programs that teach ways to play and stay active, connected and healthy.

Pictured to the left, kids at the Bicycle course last Saturday at YMCA Healthy Kids Day. They were given the red helmets for their participation in the course.

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All three suspects then fled on foot. Herrmann was chasing the unidentified suspect when the suspect began climbing a fence to jump onto a home's roof. The suspect was on the roof when he pointed a weapon at Herrmann.

Fearing for his life he discharged his weapon at the suspect. The suspect was not hit and fled from Herrmann. An intensive search of the area was conducted by HCSO personnel.

They did locate Britten and Price hiding in backyards of the subdivision. The suspect who pointed his weapon at deputy Herrmann was not located.

He is only described as a black male, stocky build wearing dark colored clothing.

HCSO Robbery Investigators are interviewing Britten and Price, with pending additional charges to be filed.

Anyone with information about the suspects' identity in this case and/or location is asked to call Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS or to submit a tip via the iWatch-HarrisCounty phone app.

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