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## CHANNEL CHATTER

### North Channel annual Relay for Life, May 2

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

The fun-filled event will start at 6 p.m. at the track of the North Shore High School Ninth Grade Campus on Woodforest near Uvalde. Local companies, area schools and other groups will set up tents for the all-night event. At the event, there will be food, special games and music as part of the lively atmosphere.

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

### North Channel Senior Olympics Award ceremony

After a full week of activities, the 2014 North Channel Senior Olympics award ceremony will take place Friday, May 2 at 9 a.m. at North Shore Rotary Pavilion, 14350 Wallisville Rd.

### North Channel Area Chamber Luncheon

Monthly luncheon, Friday, May 2, 11:30 am - 1 pm. At San Jacinto College North, 5800 Uvalde Rd. 77049. Contact Blanca Lerma 713-450-3600.

### Jacinto City's Annual Tire Round Up

On Saturday, May 10 from 8 am until 3 pm, City crews will pick up tires from residences. This is the only time during the year when tires will be picked up. There is a limit of 4 tires per address, no large truck tires and no rims may be on wheels or rims of any sort. To insure pick-up, tires must be curbside by 8 am.

## NORTH SHORE

### Rotary hears of Greater Houston Senior Football Showcase

North Shore Rotarians heard two speakers at their luncheon last Thursday, explain how the five year old program known as the Greater Houston Senior Football Showcase, gave graduating athletes a second chance to win a college scholarship, based on their academic standing first and their athletic abilities.

The annual trials took place in February, and over 300 players showed up at the Texans/Methodist training field to get the attention and approval of at least 43 coaches from smaller colleges.

Since the program was started by Milby Coach Phil Camp in 2009, over 500 kids have won another chance, with over \$50 million given to them for college expenses.

By GILBERT HOFFMAN  
North Channel Star

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-Jacinto City.

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

There are nine candidates for city council's four positions, and most of the candidates were present. That included Position #1 Water & Sewer: Joe DeLaTorre, Position #2



MAYORAL CANDIDATES

L to R, Esmeralda Moya, Robert Clowers, Joseph Thibodeaux, and Cruz Hinojosa presented their ideas, qualifications, and experience record to the audience for evaluation and consideration at the Candidates Forum last Friday night at Baggett Center.

Police & Fire: Lois Killough, Position #3 Parks & Recreation: Maricela Serna and Veronica Garcia, and Position #4 Street & Bridge: Mark Groba, Juan Flores, and Martha

Flores. Due to prior commitments, Danny Simms for Position #1 and Zenaida Granado for Position #2 did not attend.

The format of the evening was an open 5 minute presentation by the candidates, followed by questions from a panel, and the audience.

The panel consisted of Rotary President Ernesto Parades, Journalist Bob Bartel of the North Shore News web-

site, and publisher Gilbert Hoffman of the North Channel Star newspaper.

First, candidates were asked to tell of themselves, and their qualifications. Briefly, these were the responses:

Esmeralda Moya, a master's degree in Clinical Psychology, employed previously by the Port of Houston, now the Harris County Dept. of Education.

Bob Clowers, current city councilman, retired steelworker, advisory committee to the Port. Instrumental in acquiring federal and county funds for improvements to parks, at least \$400,000.

Joe Thibodeaux, current city councilman, studied at San Jacinto college, electronics background, 38 years with

See Candidates, page 3

## CHANNELVIEW

### Deputies capture two involved in robbery rampage

Harris County Sheriff's Office deputies have arrested two of three aggravated robbery suspects who led them on a chase that culminated in a deputy involved shooting last, Wednesday morning, April 23, 2014, in east Harris County.

Deputies charged Jeffrey Britten, 20, and Javon Price, 19, with aggravated robbery, evading arrest and aggravated assault on a peace officer.

The trio attempted to rob the Texaco gas station at 15600 East Freeway around 12:15 am. The store manager had locked the doors as two of the suspects wearing bandannas over their faces tried to enter.

They fled the scene in a black Saturn after not being able to gain entry.

At 1:10 am, the suspects robbed at gunpoint the Exxon gas station at the 200 block of Dell Dale and the East Freeway, fleeing with \$130.

The description of the robbers and vehicle matched that of the earlier attempted robbery.



Javon Price



Jeffrey Britten

While deputies were searching the area, they observed a black Saturn parked across from the Valero gas station at Dell Dale and Wallisville Road.

Price, Britten and an unidentified third suspect were ordered to exit the vehicle.

As Deputy S. Herrmann, a 14 year veteran assigned to East District patrol was ordering the driver Britten to exit

the vehicle, Britten accelerated the vehicle and the driver side door struck Herrmann on the arm, causing a cut.

Deputies pursued the suspects in the Sonoma Ranch subdivision until they crashed their vehicle at Fallow Lane and Rock Ridge Drive.

See ROBBERY RAMPAGE, page 8

## BOMB THREAT

### Bomb scare empties Galena Park High



Galena Park High School

GALENA PARK, TEXAS—Students and staff at Galena Park High School were evacuated last Monday morning after a bomb scare.

According to Galena Park ISD, a suspicious package was found hanging in a tree near the high school around 9 a.m.

All students and personnel, approximately 1,000, were evacuated from the building to a soccer field, then to nearby middle and elementary schools. "We moved them into our schools, and elementary school and a middle school, so they could have air condition-

ing and easier access to water," said Jonathan Frey, Galena Park ISD Director of Communications and spokesman.

Galena Park ISD law enforcement, Galena Park Police and other emergency teams were on the scene to investigate. They said the box found on the tree did not have anything dangerous inside. The bomb scare was cleared at 1 pm.

Some parents took students home and other students walked back to the high school to resume classes for the rest of the day.

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**Vote in the Galena Park City Election**

You may cast your vote early at Galena Park City Hall at 2000 Clinton Drive on the following dates:

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★ COMMUNITY NEWS ★

# 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 Busby and Dixon Davis did a great job of describing the many items like the guitar from ZZTop's J.D. Hill.



Denise Smith chats with Scott and Melody Stephens at the Fish and Shrimp Dinner last Monday evening. Standing at the serving tables.

# 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 Fresno, Brittany Smith and Joshua Sherden, (middle, l to r) Utkarsh Sharma, Nikki Middleton, Pooja Bhula, and Chinmayee Kulkarni and (top, l to r) Kyrie Yong, Christian Gonzalez, Dominic Borbon, Angelica Contreras, Shyloh Ferlance, Alondra Garcia, Kevin Trejo, and Nairobi Wright.

Goose Creek Memorial High School and Robert E. Lee High School brought home awards from the recent 4A UIL Academic competition. Several students will advance to the Regional Meet on May 3 at Sam Houston University. From Goose Creek Memorial High School, the team of Pooja Bhula, Hiral Waghela, Dominic Borbon and Utkarsh Sharma received 1<sup>st</sup> place in Calculator Applications, advancing to Regionals. Bhula will also compete in Regionals for winning 1<sup>st</sup> place individually. In Number Sense, Kyrie Yong, Chinmayee Kulkarni, Bhula and Sharma will compete at Regionals. For Computer Applications, Bhula took home the 2<sup>nd</sup> place award, advancing to Regionals, and Sue Wilson won 4<sup>th</sup> place. In Spelling, Kulkarni won 1<sup>st</sup> place. Rachel King, Michelle Davila and Sharma also earned the right to compete at Regionals. Alondra Garcia will advance to Regionals for her 3<sup>rd</sup> place award in Ready Writing, and Nikki Middleton will compete in Feature Writing after receiving 2<sup>nd</sup> place. GCM's Yong won the Mathematics competition, advancing to Regionals along with Bhula, Sharma and Kulkarni. In Social Studies, Dominic Borbon picked up a 5<sup>th</sup> place award. GCM's UIL coordinators are Angie Johnson and Stephanie Schrull. From Robert E. Lee High School, Makenna Leatherwood won 5<sup>th</sup> place in Prose Interpretation, and Shivamkumar (Shiv) Patel placed 4<sup>th</sup> in News Writing. REL's UIL coordinator is Kurt Bouillion.



# 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 (l to r) Aaron Kizer (left), Bañuelos Elementary School jobsite superintendent; Larry Jackson; Steven Contreras from Goose Creek Memorial High School (GCM); Rufina LaFemier from Stuart Career Center; Ricardo Vargas, GCM; Adrian Manzano, GCM; and Arthur Arcles from Robert E. Lee High School.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY 1, THURSDAY Channelview Information Session

Texas Connections Academy, a virtual public school, will have an information session on how virtual public school offered tuition-free on Thursday, May 1, 6:30pm-8:00pm at Holiday Inn Houston East- Channelview, 16311 E. Freeway Channelview, TX 77530.

MAY 1, THURSDAY GP-Jacinto City (CIP) Meeting

Galena Park-Jacinto City Community-Industry Partnership (CIP) will hold a meeting on Thurs. May 1, 2014 from 5:45 - 8:15 p.m., Alvin Baggett Community Center, 1302 Keene, Galena Park. Topic: Update from Kinder Morgan on Expansion Project Call 281-326-5253 for more information

MAY 3, SATURDAY Church Bazaar

Ralston Memorial Presbyterian Church invites you to their annual bazaar on Saturday, May 3, 2014 from 9 am - 3 pm. 12026 Beaumont Hwy., Houston, TX 77049. There will be GARAGE SALE! PLANTS & OUT-DOO CRAFTS!! County Store (Baked Goods). RAFFLE DRAWING (6 Prizes) BRISKET - CHICKEN - SAUSAGE.

MAY 17, SATURDAY North Shore Rotary Fish Fry, Raffle

North Shore Rotary 38th Annual Catfish & Crawfish Fry, Saturday, May 17th at North Shore Rotary Pavilion, 14350 Wallisville Rd. Purchase your raffle and dinner tickets at Pineforest Jewelry. You don't need to be present to win your truck or car. SEE AD, page 8 for more details.

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.

MAY North Channel Library events

-Friday & Saturday, May 2&3 book sale.  
-Monday, May 5, 4:30 pm Board game day.  
-Tuesday, May 6, 10:30 am, Toddler time; 1:30 pm Preschool story time.  
-Wednesday, May 7, 4:30 pm Asian Pacific Heritage month.  
-Thursday, May 8, 10:30 am Baby Time.  
15741 Wallisville Rd., Houston, TX. 77049. Call 281-457-1631 for more information on other programs/classes.

MAY Galena Park Library events

-Tuesday, May 6, 1 pm Computer Basics; 4 pm Computation Basica.  
-Wednesday, May 7, 11 am Children's Story Time.  
-Thursday, May 8, 11 am Baby Time; 4 pm Mother's Day Craft.  
The library is located at 1500 Keene St. Galena Park, TX. 77547. You may call 713-450-0982 for more information on other programs.

CHANNELVIEW ISD

Trio of CHS students advance to Texas Art Educators VASE state competition

The time, talent and artwork of three Channelview High School students are being rewarded as they are advancing to the Texas Art Educators Association's Visual Art Scholastic Event (VASE) state competition.

Brittney Summers, Maciel Perez and Luis Ovalle all earned gold medals at the VASE Regional Competition and will see their work displayed among other entries at the State VASE Event in Bryan in April. Perez and Summers are students in Tamara Foster's art class, while Ovalle is a student in Abraham Quintanilla's class.

More than 100 art students at Channelview High School submitted artwork for judging in the VASE competition.

During the competition, the students' artwork was not only displayed, but judges asked the students questions about their compositions, uses of the elements and principles of art.

The artworks are judged by a team of certified adjudicators comprised of art educators, university instructors and area artists.

Jurors looked for originality of concept, technical expertise, understanding of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for visual art, and the interpretation of the student's stated intent.



Diamond Jim... I've been pondering the following questions, and want to know... which are True and which are False?

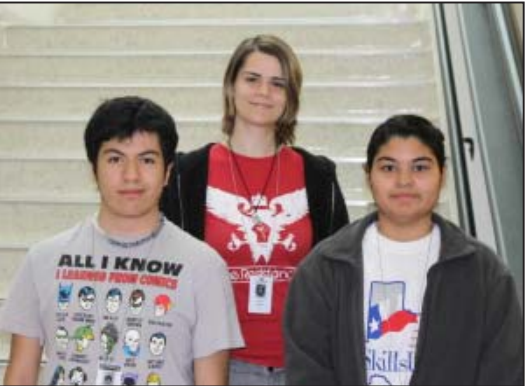
ASK DIAMOND JIM

- 1. Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning.
- 2. Alfred Hitchcock did not have a belly button.
- 3. A pack-a-day smoker will lose approximately 2 teeth every 10 years..
- 4. People do not get sick from cold weather; it's from being indoors a lot more.
- 5. When you sneeze, all bodily functions stop, even your heart!
- 6. Only 7% of the population are lefties.
- 7. 40-people are sent to the hospital for dog bites every minute.
- 8. Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until they are 2-6 years old.
- 9. The average person over 50 will have spent 5 years queuing.
- 10. The toothbrush was invented in 1498.
- 11. The average housefly lives for one month.
- 12. 40,000 Americans are injured by toilets each year.
- 13. A coat hanger is 44 inches long when straightened.
- 14. The average computer user blinks 7-times a minute.

- 15. Your feet are bigger in the afternoon than any other time of day.
- 16. Most of us have eaten a spider in our sleep.
- 17. The REAL reason ostriches stick their head in the sand is to search for water.
- 18. The only two animals that can see behind themselves without turning their heads are the rabbit and the parrot.
- 19. John Travolta turned down the starring roles in 'An Officer and a Gentleman' and 'Tootsie.'
- 20. Michael Jackson owned the rights to the South Carolina State Anthem.
- 21. In most television commercials advertising milk, a mixture of white paint and a little thinner is used in place of the milk.
- 22. Prince Charles and Prince William NEVER travel on the

- same airplane, just in case there is a crash.
- 23. The first Harley Davidson motorcycle built in 1903 used a tomato can for a carburetor.
- 24. Most hospitals make money by selling the umbilical cords cut from women who give birth. They are used in vein transplant surgery.
- 25. Humphrey Bogart was related to Princess Diana. They were 7th cousins.
- 26. If coloring weren't added to Coca-Cola, it would be green.

Answers: All are true!  
If you have questions pertaining to jewelry, watches, diamonds, precious stones, precious metals, and other questions related to the jewelry industry, email jmlms@pineforestjewelry.com.



Channelview High School students Luis Ovalle, left, Brittany Summers and Maciel Perez advanced to the TAEA Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE) in Bryan in April.

GALENA PARK

North Shore newspaper students dominate state Journalism competition

This past Saturday, students from North Shore Middle ('Stang Express news staffers and video students) and North Shore HS (Mustang Media) traveled to the University of Texas at Austin for the annual Interscholastic League Press convention/state journalism competition. This was the first time that NSMS and NSHS journalism students joined forces in UIL competition.

The 'Stang Express newspaper of NSMS was honored with an Award of Distinguished Merit (1st place in state - 4th year in a row) and was awarded a Silver Star Award by the ILPC (3rd consecutive Star Award). Individual students also placed in 23 categories (newspaper IAAs start on page 12) and walked home with 34 medals.

Juan Pena, one of NSMS's video students, also placed 2nd in the Promotion/Commercial category.

The Mustang Media video

program at North Shore HS was honored with an Award of Achievement (2nd place in state) and placed in several categories, walking away with 7 medals.

We also had a very special thing happen: Melanie Gomez, the 2nd year photographer for the 'Stang Express newspaper, was honored as a Tops in Texas recipient for one of her Sports Feature Photos. That means her photo was selected over ALL the other sports feature photos from all the high schools and middle schools in the entire state!

Personally, I've NEVER seen a middle school student win a Tops in Texas award and I've taught journalism for over 10 years. She's in amazing company on that list (very strong HS journalism programs). Outstanding achievement!

Congratulations to all North Shore students! They represented Galena Park ISD well!



Eighth graders Joanne Cobos, Hallie Russell, Daniel Davila, Patrick Martin, Victor Davila, Leonardo Reyes, and former Editor Cindy Mai and former Features Editor Christine Cabang (front) represent North Shore Saturday, April 26, at the University of Texas at Austin during state journalism competition.

GALENA PARK ISD

Adriana Jackson inspired to impact the world

At the "Girls Impact The World" Film Festival, held at Harvard University, Adriana Jackson was presented with the People's Choice Award and a scholarship for her film "What's L.O.V.E." As a top 15 finalist, Jackson was invited to attend the festival in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The "Girls Impact The World" competition was based on the premise that, in any given culture, women and girls are best suited to address the issues directly facing them. With this in mind, Connecther and the Harvard College Social Innovation Collaborative invited high school and undergraduate students from around the world to submit a three to five minute video addressing a variety of issues with which women are faced. Many topics were covered, including poverty, health care, teen marriage, and other persistent problems.

Jackson, a junior at North Shore Senior High, saw the invitation to enter the contest

while searching for scholarship information. She enjoys filming and acting, and believed the opportunity to empower other young women around the world would be a meaningful experience. When she received the People's Choice Award, her efforts were rewarded. "It made me feel good that my work was the most viewed... the most liked," Jackson said. More important, however, is the inspiration she gained through the process. "A lot of girls don't realize how much we can impact the world. I learned if women and girls can come together like we did at Harvard, then the world could become a better place. I want to move that notion forward," she commented.

Jackson aims to continue her education at Harvard, Rice, or Baylor, where she hopes to play basketball and major in physical therapy. Her career plan is to become a physical therapist.

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# OPINION

By Sen. Sylvia Garcia



## Working women deserve a raise

Believe it or not, nearly 100 years after earning the right to vote, women are still struggling to achieve equality in American society. From the factory floor to the boardroom, women here in Texas face wage discrimination at every level of employment in every industry, making only 79 cents for every dollar a man earns. For women of color the situation is even more disheartening, with African American women making 78 cents, and Latinas making 59 cents for every dollar their male counterparts earn. This is despite the fact that women are now the primary breadwinners, or joint breadwinners in two-thirds of American households.

On the more extreme end of this problem, women make up two-thirds of those earning the minimum wage in America and are more likely than men to live in poverty. Despite the misconceptions that some people may have, your average minimum wage earner is not a high school student working to save up for their first car. Your average minimum wage earner is an adult woman with a high school diploma struggling to keep food on the table and living paycheck to paycheck.

Industries that traditionally employ high concentrations of women such as food service, retail, home health care, and child care, make up the lion's share of minimum wage jobs. These are tough, labor intensive jobs that aside from paying the minimum wage generally have no benefits, lack a steady schedule and have little room for upward mobility.

After a year of working full time at the minimum wage, a woman can earn a little over \$15,000. If she is the head of a household with just one child, she falls below the federal poverty line. And once you are trapped in poverty, it can be very difficult to escape.

For women who work in

the service industry and rely on tips such as restaurant servers, the minimum wage is currently \$2.13 per hour, a rate which has remained unchanged for over thirty years. Restaurant servers, of which 70 percent are women, experience poverty at nearly three times the rate of the workforce as a whole.

In Texas, we have more people earning minimum wage than any other state in the country, and we would be the greatest benefactors of an increase. With higher salaries, minimum wage earning women would have more expendable income for healthy foods, clothes for their children, a vehicle and gasoline 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 no cost to the tax-payer.

Texas can afford to raise the minimum wage. Texas weathered the past recession much better than other states and has far outpaced the rest of the country in terms of job growth. Yet most of our growth has come from the energy, manufacturing and technology industries which employ very few minimum wage workers.

For all of these reasons, I am happy that President Obama continues to urge Congress to raise the minimum wage, and I am happy to see some movement of this in the US Senate. Congress has raised the minimum wage only three times in 30 years, and it is now just \$7.25 per hour. If the minimum wage had kept pace with inflation since 1968, it would be nearly \$10.80 per hour today.

It is high time that we have equal pay for equal work in Texas, and raising the minimum wage would be a big step towards achieving that goal. But even more importantly, we need to ensure that no one who is willing to put in an honest day's work has to live in poverty in America, especially in Texas.



## Officials jump into river boundary case

AUSTIN — When a temperamental river with mud banks and sand bars defines the border between two states or two countries, there's a natural potential for conflict between humans on both sides of it.

And so, a 140-acre plot of land along the Red River border between Texas and Oklahoma became a growing news topic last week. That particular plot is within some 90,000 acres of land along a 116-mile stretch of the river that has some people worried about federal tinkering with border.

While the U.S. Bureau of Land Management stated it is not expanding federal holdings along the river and is not involved in litigation between two landowners vying for the 140 acres, a lineup of lawmakers floated statements on the issue.

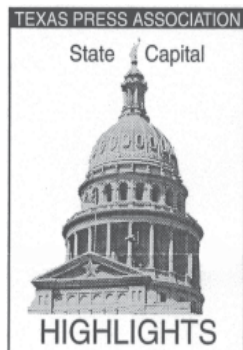
Gov. Rick Perry called what was going on a federal land grab. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said what the BLM is doing makes his blood boil. Attorney General Greg Abbott blasted what he termed a "potential seizure of land that rightfully belongs to Texas landowners." Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples urged the BLM "to immediately cease any attempt to seize private lands from Texas citizens."

U.S. Congressional District 13 Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Amarillo, whose sprawling district includes those 116 miles, wrote to the BLM in January to head off the threat of potential losses to Texas landowners. In a reply to Thornberry dated March 17, a BLM official wrote "... there are no claims to Federal land south of the gradient bank of the river, and no claims to Federal land in the State of Texas as defined by multiple rulings of the U.S. Supreme Court."

The letter to Thornberry, signed by Steven G. Tryon of the BLM's Tulsa, Okla., field office, went on to state that the agency's short-term goals involve installing signs in a certain previously surveyed area, cleaning up federal land that is already charted, checking the land to see that the signs remain in place and to work

## STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling



mean low tide to the line of vegetation bordering the Gulf of Mexico.

House Bill 3459, signed into law last year, created a process allowing the land commissioner to suspend the designation of a new line of vegetation for three years. The committee also will examine the feasibility and desirability of maintaining a coastal barrier system in Texas and of authorizing coastal property owners to grant easements to governmental entities to build and maintain stabilized dunes, according to the Speaker's statement.

### Unemployment rate drops

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 5.5 percent in March, down two-tenths of a percentage point from February's rate of 5.7 percent, Texas Workforce Commission announced April 18.

Employers added 9,100 jobs in March for a total of 310,000 jobs added over the year and the annual growth rate for total nonagricultural employment has remained at or above 2.6 percent since January 2012, the agency said.

### Runoffs set for May 27

April 28 was the last day to register to voice in the May 27 primary runoff elections. According to the Secretary of State's Elections Division, "If a voter voted in the primary election, the voter must vote in the same political party runoff election. If a voter did not vote in the primary election, the voter may still vote in the runoff election and for the party of their choice. Early Voting begins May 19 and ends on May 23. During early voting, you may vote at any polling location in your county."

### Panel to study coastal barriers

House Speaker Joe Straus on April 25 named 11 legislators to the Joint Interim Committee to Study a Coastal Barrier System.

Straus said the committee will study the effects of recent changes made to the Texas Open Beaches Act, a law that grants the public a free and unrestricted right to access state-owned beaches and a right to use any public beach extending from the line of

## TOUCH OF LIFE

By Don Springer



## Yard Work

I've been home a month today and I'm right back where I am every year at this time—behind. At least the grass has been cut twice since returning and trimmed almost all the way around the house at least once, mostly twice.

Every year I think I'm returning earlier so I will be in step with my neighbors on outside house and lawn care but it never happens. I think of the colder temperatures here in March and decide the Houston area is more appealing to me. Now, everything is nice and warm here and Dave tells me you have had some really hot and humid weather there already.

Saw in the paper where the temp. hit 106 in Brownsville a few days ago. Hottest April day in history I read. I'm ready to submit to the gods when it gets that hot and humid. Experienced a lot of those hot temperatures the two years we were in Saudi, but never the humidity.

Walked outside yesterday with Maggie and my daughter's dog Harvey. There were three big bunny rabbits in the grass several yards away. They didn't move until we started walking out the drive. Maggie isn't interested in the chase and little Harvey, a Shiatzu didn't know quite what to think. The rabbits were at least as big as he is and one of them much larger.

We have had a couple of deer killed on the semi-rural road that least too our subdivision already this year. Both happened the same day I believe. Our access road is between the forested hill and the river. All sorts of animals come out of those trees and head for the river with the result of some collision. The animals always get the worst of it.

Not only am I behind on outside work but after being away for over three months the inside of the house isn't the cleanest thing around. Anyone want to buy some dust balls? I got lots of them.

Shortly after coming home had to make a serious trip to the grocery store. I made a list as long as my arm before leaving to stock-up. As I went through the check-out I felt as though I was being separated from my life savings. I hate to grocery shop and usually spend as little time as I can at it. Linda did all of grocery shopping while we were together with my contribution was an occasion loaf of bread, milk, as I drove by a store on my way home. I was spoiled for 56 years.

One of the big problems I have in a large Wal-Mart or Kroger's is remembering what aisle holds what items. Signs don't always help me. Linda has been gone for 4 1/2 years now and I should be used to grocery shopping now, but it hasn't happened.

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

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Highlands Methodist announces new youth director

Highlands United Methodist Church is excited to announce Rachel Leon is the new Youth Director.

Rachel, a mother of seven and a resident of Highlands, stated, "I look forward to making a difference in our church and in our community. Between me and our awesome team of volunteers we will be working hard to build relationships with youth."

Pastor Susan Gritman stated, "Rachel is going to be a huge asset to our church and community youth and their parents." All families with

junior and senior high students who are looking for a supportive group to nurture their students through the teen years are invited to a "Youth United" Kickoff Dinner, to meet Rachel and her team and to hear the plans for Wednesday nights, the youth band, and summer activities. The Kickoff Dinner will be on Wednesday, May 14 at 6 pm. Highlands United Methodist is located at Main Street and West Houston Street in Highlands. For more information or to reserve childcare for younger children, contact the church office at 281-426-3614.



Rachel Leon, new Youth Director

Library friends host gardener



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

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children.

1 THESSALONIANS 2:7

Mother and Child by Pablo Picasso (1929)

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 Holy Communion in recognition of this celebration.□The church meets in the Crosby Brethren Church at 5202 1<sup>st</sup> Street in Crosby at 11:00 am and invites the community for the service with a lunch fellowship to follow.□

OBITUARIES

Roy L. Tidwell

Roy L. Tidwell, 66, of Channelview, passed from this life April 26, 2014. Roy was born May 23, 1947 in Carmona, Texas to parents, Horace R. & Elvira Tidwell.

He served his country in the U.S. Navy during Vietnam, worked for HL&P as an insulator for 27 years and was a member of the C.A.Fortner Masonic Lodge 1304 in Channelview, Texas.

He is preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his wife of 41 years, Patricia Dianne (Brown) Tidwell; by son, Jerry Tidwell; daughters, Tonya Hazel & husband, Thomas; and Tina Tidwell; by sister, Gwenlyn Garza & husband, Homer; by brothers, Erick Tidwell, Larry Tidwell & wife, Debbie; and Remus Tidwell & friend, Gwen Thayer; as well as by grandchildren, Ryan Morris, Kathryn Childress, Teslyn Tidwell, Taylor Kibodeaux, Aaron Tidwell and Paxton Tidwell; and great-grandchildren, Amberleigh, Ariel, Carley and D.J.; along



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Jesus and His Horse

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As I rode along thinking about the Resurrection, something else came to mind: the Return of Jesus. "Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters... I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True... The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean." (Revelation 19:6,11,14)

Brethren have Spring Fling



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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.

Firefighters from the Sheldon Fire Department were sent to the scene of a fire on Green River at Wanda around 8:45 p.m. They arrived to find a small mobile home fully engulfed in flames.

After extinguishing the blaze and sifting through the debris, they found a man dead. He was the only person who lived in the home.

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

## VOTING INFORMATION

### Early voting underway, Election Day May 10

<b>GALENA PARK</b> <b>EARLY VOTING</b> Location: City Hall, 2000 Clinton Drive May 1, 2, 5, 6 - 8 am to 5 pm  <b>GENERAL ELECTION</b> May 10 - 7 am to 7 pm Location: Pct. 081 - Baggett Comm. Ctr., 1302 Keene Street Pct. 208, 857, 860 - City Hall, 2000 Clinton Drive	<b>JACINTO CITY</b> <b>EARLY VOTING</b> Location: City Hall, 1301 Mercury Drive May 1, 2 - 8 am to 5 pm May 5, 6 - 7 am to 7 pm  <b>GENERAL ELECTION</b> May 10 - 7 am to 7 pm Location: Pct. 163, 229 - Jacinto City Town Center, 1025 Oates Road
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## YMCA hosts Healthy Kids Day

Wendel D. Ley Family YMCA hosted a day full of fun and healthy activities for kids last Saturday, April 26, 2014.

The Healthy Kids Day provided free immunizations and activities included fitness fun, kid friendly games and many more. Parents also could register their kids for the summer program.

Kids enjoy to learn about bike safety and kids with scooters, bikes or skateboards received a free helmet courtesy of San Jacinto Pilot Club.

YMCA Healthy Kids Day is a celebration where they make fitness fun through programs that teach ways to play and to 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.

Photo by Richard Hernandez

## ROBBERY RAMPAGE,

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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 him. 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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