SHELDON – A 60-year-old woman is alive after being trapped for 45 minutes in her car, which was submerged in Lake Houston Thursday afternoon, according to the Harris County Sheriff’s Office.

According to the Fire Department, the accident happened around 3 p.m. near the North Channel Park. Rang in North Shore after fishermen saw the submerged red car then floated out of the water. The woman was talking through the window to the surface and gasped for air after being in the submerged car for about 45 minutes.

The woman was not in response to a call, so the Sheriff’s Office has initiated an investigation by the Houston Police Department to determine if anything can be done.

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Fair & Carnival

Annual Country Fair & Carnival

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Two Crosby FFA members catch at the Houston Rodeo calf scramble

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Chanelview ISD March students of the month

Chanelview ISD recently honored one of their Students of the Month by hosting a recognition luncheon in the top level of the press box at Ray Maddry Memorial Stadium. Students were treated to lunch, along with a year in the press box at the Channelview ISD Stadium. The students selected include: from left, Hazel Arendell (Colbo Elementary), Sai Guanadilla (De Zenia Elementary), Christian Suarez (De Zenia Elementary-Fahmo honor), Kait Mclellan (Aquamarine Junior High), Ricardo Martinez (Chanelview High School), Angel Alvarado (Tolokia North Grade Campus), Trinity Cabot (Allison Johnson Junior High) and Janelle DeC.Hammond Elementary). Following to right are Gary Arcenio (Colbo Elementary), Mauricio Montes (Brown Elementary) and Stephanie Flores (Nolithic Elementary). Not pictured is Carmen Martinez from Joe Frank Campbell Learning Center.

The Galena Park High School Speech and Debate Team - National Forensic League Charter Members

On March 5, 2014, the Galena Park High School Speech and Debate Team received notification from the National Forensic League that they have been granted Charter Membership in the National Forensic League NFL. This significant distinction is the highest school membership honor in the NFL. On April 8, the Galena Park High School Speech and Debate Honor Society, schools have three years in which to work to attain the Charter Member status. This prestigious honor demonstrates hard work and dedication by the all of Galena Park High School Speech and Debate Team members.

Gulf Coast Educators FCU donates $9,500 to Education Foundation

Gulf Coast Educators Federal Credit Union recently donated $9,500 to the Chanelview ISD Education Foundation for their third consecutive year. Presenting the ceremonial check to Foundation Executive Director Mark Kamer, left, and COO of Trustee President and Foundation member Steven Dennis and are Gulf Coast Educators Federal Credit Union are: Delmy Escobar - Distinction, Danielle Galvan - Distinction, Joanna Elizondo - Distinction, Jacob Moncivais - Distinction, Naomi Marroquin - Honor, Kingsmill, Speech and Debate Coach - Not pictured is Nelia Martinez.

Open House 2014 will showcase San Jacinto College

PASSADENA, Texas – San Jacinto College will host Open House 2014 events at all of its campuses, providing the public an opportunity to view or learn about the programs, services, and facilities available in face-to-face and online and open to the public. Academic and student programs, Continuing & Professional Development, Honor programs, dual credit programs, career and technical programs, student life activities, athletic and student services will be showcased at Open House 2014. Faculty, staff, and students will be on hand to answer questions about enrollment, financial aid, and academic planning. Activities will include campus tours, presentations and resource fair One-Sitting San Jacinto College scholarship will be awarded by drawing at each campus. Area high school students, veterans, and working professional looking to attend college for the first time, return to college, upgrade job skills, or receive additional advising are encouraged to attend Open House 2014 at their closest campus.

The following are campus event times, locations, and descriptions:

• North Campus - Wednesday, April 23 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Welcome Center. The North Campus is located at 13735 Beamer Road in Houston. For more information, visit nxcc.tmc.edu or call 281-714-6400.

• Central Campus - Wednesday, April 16 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Interactivity Learning Center Lobby. The Central Campus is located at 5800 Uvalde in Houston. For more information, visit tcjc.tmc.edu or call 281-714-6200.

• South Campus - Thursday, April 17 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Welcome Center. The South Campus is located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena. For more information, visit ssc.tmc.edu or call 281-714-6200.

For more information about Open House 2014, please visit www.sanjac.edu or call 281-998-6150.

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Old stores in Orla, Texas.

They are ghost towns but not in the popular sense that you see in old west mining towns. Texas ghost towns often just consist of closed-down businesses and homes. Maybe it’s an old concrete foundation or it could be a scintillated cotton gin. Either way, the western part of the state is, surprisingly, full of places where the people have vanished. In some of the places one can see what people were living on – and find a few opportunities presented in nearby towns or fairway cities. People who, for a variety of reasons, still hold a dear connection with the land.

When I travel, I have the modern convenience to aid me in navigating to any destination – and always carry my Roads of Texas atlas. The atlas is an exquisitely detailed map of the state and is especially useful for the highway routes in Texas. From the highest mountain to the lowest county road is described in detail. Aside from the roads, the book documents places and their names as well. Great if many of the places named, nothing exists – at least not anything you can see from the public roadways. Sometimes in my quest I come up empty on finding where I thought that’s just part of the quest. Each place provides some idea of how many build-

Ghost Towns in Texas

They may or may not appear on a modern, automobile-integrated GPS or a Google maps website that are there nonetheless. If you drive enough through the vast highways and byways of the Texas Rolling Plains, the High Plains, or the Permian Basin you will find places where people used to live.

STATE CAPITOL HIGHLIGHTS

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12.7 percent African American, 3.8 percent Asian and 1.8 percent American Indian. This is a significant improvement over 2010 when 7 percent were African American, 3.0 percent Asian and 1.7 percent American Indian. In 2012-2013 school year blacks made up 35.3 percent of the student body, 21.4 percent were Hispanic, 29.3 percent were white, 1.3 percent were Asian, 0.5 percent American Indian and 2.4 percent other.

About to retire

The Mrs. has brought home some other ideas about upcoming retirement as soon as her birthday comes in June. She has been retired now for 4 years and she has been using my car so much of my life, not missing the bank that goes with it. The peace and quiet all day long, with not so much traffic noise as with many miles a day in a small town car. I assure you, never used to be so much traffic noise to one another. But the fact is, the town on which we live is just an hour South of Austin and I’ve never heard of perfectly straight roads in Texas. From the state capital building to the stockyards in Fort Worth is a 60 mile trip or so, and small towns like Lampasas, beachfronts and numerous others have been accomplished during that time. Amazing that one never realized he or she could drive that far as much, ever!

She also wants to do some traveling and that is fine as long as it’s June, July or August. For one thing during this time of year it’s pleasant to start planning by sticking it in to see me, John G., with his wife. Not the type to come here rather than go to the beach home in the other house.

Plenty of room in this new little home. She wants that new little home with a kitchen and an air mattress that is like three small mattresses but one another. The mattress is placed in the living room on the floor above the fireplace; the air mattress is placed in the bedroom on the floor above the bed. She did kick the mattress off the ground to see it. No problem to hold her since she’s been up and around.

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Abstinent — A Fort Hood soldi-er brought a civilian snowman-like object to the sprawling military post 60 miles north of the Capital city and wrote a 10-page note explaining to the Fort Hood police service members and in writing 30 letters before turning in the 150-gram weapon on himself.

The suspect, from Logan, 34, died of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound reportedly at about 3 p.m. Wednesday. The Fort Hood police officer confirmed the death.

The local police release the day of the shooting, said, “Today, Fort Hood was once again struck by tragedy. sharpest priority must be toward the victim and those families directly affected by this event.”

“Due to law enforcement, the Fort Hood area will be secure and will be open to public.”

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Statewide enrollment claims

Public school enrollment statewide was 4,085,840 in 2012-2013 and continued to increase, growing by 90,016 students or more than 2 percent over the past decade,” the Texas Education Agency reported on April 3. The 2012-2013 school year marked the first time that enrollment in Texas exceeded five million, the agency said and from the 2012-2013 school year enrollment was a record 5.14 million students. The 2012-2013 school year marked the first time that enrollment in Texas exceeded five million, the agency said and from the 2012-2013 school year enrollment was a record 5.14 million students.

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Lloyd George Polyard was preceded in death by his father George; mother Verna and 14 great grandchildren.

Lloyd was born in Austin, Texas on September 13, 1936. After high school he continued on a career in the United States Marine Corps, serving two full terms as well as serving in Vietnam. After serving his tour in the Marine Corps he returned home to Texas where he worked in construction at Carpenters Union and Cyconcy Lumber until he retired to midway group in Crystal Beach, TX, and Linthicum Park Farms in Houston, TX.

Lloyd enjoyed hard work, cooking, fishing, boating, riding his Harley Davidson, spending time with family and friends.

Services for David will be graveside at Elsinore Cemetery with military honors on Saturday, April 12, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. promptly. The family will be receiving our love and support after services at the form.

Education is Texas' biggest need and a solid language foundation across STAAR is exactly the most recognizable education accomplishment, and one that is among the most significant, especially during this week of state testing. STAAR’s “State of Test Assessment of Academic Readiness” mandate is currently upheld by the Texas Education Agency, which replaced the TAKS test. STAAR stands for “State of Test Assessment of Academic Readiness.” STAAR replaces the TAKS and is based on the TEKS standards set by the TEA. If all or some areas make the grade, then a new STAAR test will be made for the next year, and so on until they all make the grade.

The STAAR for all other assessments is determined as the knowledge level at standards, and is an evaluation of the effectiveness of the standards and teachers. Educators, parents, and even students recognize that academic skills and knowledge are necessary for future success in college and in the workplace. The STAAR Test is the only state test in the nation, and the only test that measures students' performance against standards.

Steffes was the first to offer a Texas STAAR test in 2002, and the test was created by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to replace the TAKS test. The STAAR test is a standardized test that measures student performance against the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) standards. The STAAR test is administered to students in grades K-12 and is used to assess student achievement in reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies.

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GALENA PARK ISD

North Shore senior high principal named HEB excellence in education finalist

Houston - Congratulations to Dr. Joe Coleman, Principal, North Shore Senior High School, on being named a finalist in the HEB Excellence in Education Award for 2014. Dr. Coleman was surprised on Wednesday, April 9th by Dr. Aang Williams, Superintendent of Schools, New Walla Walla School District, Washington. The HEB Excellence in Education Awards recognize educational leaders, administrators, and members of their faculty, staff, as well as students. Along with banners, balloons, and a cake, the overall finalist will receive $5,000 for NSHS and $2,500 for NSSHS. Dr. Williams was unaware of the award being presented by HEB representatives. Martha Barrera, as the shook the reveal the the audience full of students who gave him remaining cheers and up

During the ceremony, Dr. Williams commented, “HEB is a family, and when one of our members is a winner we are a winner as well. The award is not just for Dr. Coleman, but for the entire Galena Park ISD at-

ment and the students of Galena Park ISD.”

“Winning this award is a great honor for our school and all of the students who have worked so hard to make it a success this year. It is a testament to the dedication and hard work of everyone involved,” said Dr. Coleman. “I am very proud of our students and their accomplishments.”

The HEB Excellence in Education Award is a year-round program: Tolerance, Job Readiness, Responsibility, Confidence, Kindness, Excellence in Education Award for 2014.

HEB has been awarding excellence in education awards to educators, both teachers and administrators, for over 20 years. The award is given to educators who have demonstrated excellence in their field and who have made a positive impact on the lives of their students. The award is open to all educators in Texas, and is judged by a panel of educators and business leaders.

At the ceremony, HEB representatives presented a check for $5,000 to Dr. Joe Coleman, Principal, North Shore Senior High School, and a check for $2,500 to NSSHS. The money will be used for programs that benefit the students of the school.

Dr. Coleman expresses his gratitude to all of the students, parents, and staff who have contributed to the success of the school.

“Thank you to all of our students, parents, and staff for your support and dedication,” said Dr. Coleman. “This award is a testament to the hard work and effort that everyone has put in to make our school better at the same time that we improve our community. We are truly honored to be recognized for our efforts.”

The HEB Excellence in Education Award is the result of the collaborative efforts of HEB and its partners, including the Texas Education Agency, the Texas Association of School Boards, and the National School Board Association. The award recognizes educators who have demonstrated excellence in their field and who have made a positive impact on the lives of their students.
COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSAL NOTICE
HVAC Roof Top Unit Replacement @ Drew Intermediate-Barrett Primary-Newport Elementary
Crosby Independent School District

Crosby Independent School District requests sealed proposals for the replacement of roof top HVAC equipment and related work at Drew Intermediate, Barrett Primary and Newport Elementary Schools until the time and date shown:

- **Project:** HVAC RTU Replacement @ Drew Intermediate, Barrett Primary & Newport Elementary Schools
- **Crosby ISD**
- **Texas:** Crosby, TX 77532

**Proposal Date:**
- **10 April 2014**
- **2:00 PM Base Proposal**
- **3:00 PM Alternate Proposals**

**Proposal Location:**
- **Crosby ISD Administration Building**
- **706 Runnlegate Road**
- **Crosby, TX 77532**
- **Phone:** 281-328-9200

**Proposal Documents:**
- **Documents may be examined at the Architect’s Office and designated plan rooms. Documents are available for a refundable deposit in the amount of $200 on 17 March 2014:**
  - A & E – The Graphics Complex – Vault Department
  - 4235 Richmond Avenue
  - Houston, TX 77006
  - 713.621.0022

**Architect:**
- **cros Architects**
- **3815 Montrose Boulevard – Suite 123**
- **Houston, TX 77006**
- **281-328-2900**

**Owner:**
- **Crosby Independent School District**
- **706 Runnlegate Road**
- **Crosby, TX 77532**
- **281-328-9200**

**ATTN:** Kari Kominek – Purchasing Manager

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COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSAL NOTICE
Newport Elementary School Auto Drive
Crosby Independent School District

Crosby Independent School District requests sealed proposals for the construction of a new drive for stacking of automobiles at Newport Elementary School. Proposals are due by the date and time indicated below:

**Proposal Date:**
- **24 April 2014**
- **2:00 PM Base & Alternate Proposal**

**Proposal Location:**
- **Crosby ISD Administration Building**
- **706 Runnlegate Road**
- **Crosby, TX 77532**
- **Phone:** 281-328-9200

**Proposal Documents:**
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  - A & E – The Graphics Complex – Vault Department
  - 4235 Richmond Avenue
  - Houston, TX 77006
  - 713.621.0022

**Architect:**
- **cros Architects**
- **3815 Montrose Boulevard – Suite 123**
- **Houston, TX 77006**
- **713.526.2738**

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Galena Park ISD Chief Bry-

If you would like to be a PICK-UP LOCATION, let us know.

281-328-9605 or northchannelstar@gmail.com.

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Food Fair, Sheldon Rd @ I-10

Woodforest Bank, Sheldon Rd

Walgreens, 155111 Wallisville Rd

North Channel Library, Wallisville Rd

Senator Sylvia Garcia office, in Woodforest Bank

Post Office, Mesa Road

Shipley’s Donuts, Uvalde @ I-10 E

CiCi’s Pizza, Uvalde @ Woodforest

Panera Restaurant, Beltway 8 @ Wallisville

YMCA, Wallisville Rd

Foodtown, Uvalde Rd

GP Bicyclist dies hit by truck

The accident is still under

The victim was transported to Memorial Hermann Hospi-

the trash.

The accident occurred in the

JC Police looking for robbers

JACINTO CITY – Police are looking for two men in-

A. Clark Market, Main Street

September 9, 2014

City Hall, Main Street

All Alco Market, Main Street

Community Center/Senior Center, Ochre Rd

Capital Bank, 201 Ccil

Cичetti-City Branch Library, Almere St

310 Rep. Ana Hernandez office, Berryhill Drive, Sellers-Brothers Market, Market St

251 Fax Dept., Market St

Market Street Food Store, Market St

GALENA PARK

Biggby Community Center, Exeene St

Order of Malta, Office Center

Galen High School, Exeene St

Galen Park City Credit Union, Market St

Galen Park Library, Exeene St

Pecan Street Candle Company

1244 Market St

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