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CHANNEL CHATTER

County Attorney sues Channelview Truck Stop

Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan has filed suit against the owner and operator of a Channelview truck stop claiming it is a public nuisance because of criminal activity.

Ryan is asking a court to order that the Key Truck Stop on I-10 East, take action and stop criminal activity that has been taking place at this location for years.

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Galena Park-Jacinto City Community Industry Partnership

The Public is invited to the meeting of Galena Park-Jacinto City Community-Industry Partnership (CIP) on Thursday, March 6, 2014. The meeting will be at Alvin Baggett Community Center located at 1302 Keene in Galena Park from 5:45 pm to 8:15 pm.

The main topic will be: What San Jacinto College and Galena Park ISD are doing to help develop an industry workforce. Call CIP facilitator Diane Sheridan at 281-326-5253 to sign-up.

Galena Park ISD observes National Signing Day

On February 5, 2014, high school football players across the U.S. signed letters of intent to the college of their choice. Sixteen athletes from Galena Park ISD made these official commitments - one from Galena Park High School and fifteen from North Shore Senior High School.

GPISD is extremely proud of the young men who have shown superior talent on the football field and academic excellence in the classroom, paving the way for them as they successfully transition to college. The athletes and the universities they will attend are: GALENA PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Anthoula Kelley-Fresno State University

NORTH SHORE SENIOR HIGH

Bryce Alley - Montana State University

Brandon Darjean-East Texas University

Kevian DeLeon-Nicholls State University

Isaiah Freeman-Central Oklahoma University

Christian Jacobs-McNeese State University

Anthony Jammer-Central Oklahoma University

John Joseph-Morehead State University

Chris Leger-Ouachita Baptist University

J.T. Matthews-West Texas A & M

Eric Quezada-Peru State University

Austin Smith-Angelo State University

Trevon Tate-University of Memphis

Najee Toran-U.C.L.A.

Jack Whitley-U.C.L.A.

Jordan Wright-Trinity Valley Junior College



Student Athletes left to right are Jordan Wright; Trevon Tate; Austin Smith; Eric Quezada; J.T. Matthews; Chris Leger and John Joseph sign letters of intent.

Submitted photo



Students Athletes Anthony Jammer; Christian Jacobs; Isaiah Freeman; Kevian DeLeon; Brandon Darjean; and Bryce Alley sign letters of intent.

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COMMUNITY PROFILE: Market Street Feed continues a long history of Service

By Randy Arter

Market Street Feed was founded by J.D. Adams in 1942, when Market Street was made of just shells. He ran it until 1963, when it was then bought by Joe Cox and his wife. In the year 1979, I, Randy Arter, started moving the property at the age of 15, never expecting to one day become the owner. On February 28, 1980, Joe Cox hired me as an employee, I really enjoyed working for Joe Cox and the Feed Store business. After twenty-four years, Joe Cox passed away, and I became the proud owner of Market Street Feed on January 1, 2004. I was taught the value of running a successful business.

Over the years, time has changed our products and clientele. I have learned that



Behind Randy Arter, owner of Market Street Feed, the old style of the country feed store can be observed. The antiques hanging on the walls are a unique characteristic of the feed store.

you have to keep up with time, no matter how you have become accustomed to doing things the way you like. My

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CHANNELVIEW RESCUE: Homeless man nearly killed, rescued from trash truck

CHANNELVIEW, Texas -- A homeless man was rescued from a trash truck in Channelview last Friday.

According to authorities, the homeless man sleeping in a dumpster was nearly killed when trash was emptied into a compactor in the back of a trash truck; the man was sleeping in the dumpster because it was warmer.

The incident happened around 4:59 am last Friday, February 21, at a business along the East Freeway near Sheldon in Channelview.

The driver's truck heard the man screaming as the trash was being compacted, authorities said. Then, he called Channelview Fire Department. Channelview Assistant Fire Chief said the homeless man suffer some injuries due to the compactor but because of the driver was alerted in time; he did not have any severe injuries.



This is a similar truck where the homeless man was nearly killed. The compactor in the back of the truck is where he ended after the dumpster where he was sleeping was emptied. He is a lucky survivor thanks to the truck driver who hear him screaming and called Channelview firefighters for help.

The rescue team worked for about 25 minutes to free the man who was then transported by ambulance to East Houston Medical Center to be treated for a broken leg and numerous cuts.

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Rotary Clubs attend City Wide All-Club Meeting



HIGHLANDS ROTARY CLUB was well represented at the Rotary District 5890 All-Club Banquet, held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel ballroom at Reliant Center. Attending in the photo were Denise and Jerry Smith, Andy and Tricia Scott, Raymond Gonzalez, Weston Cotten, and Gilbert and Mei (let me take the picture) Hoffman. They were joined by an outgoing exchange student from Willowridge HS, who will spend the summer in Brazil as a Rotary ambassador.



NORTH SHORE ROTARY CLUB attended the All-Club event, represented by Derrill Painter, Dr. Don Nino, ADG Bill Palko, President Matt Davis, Scott Stephens and several others. The All-Club Banquet is held once a year, with all 62 clubs from District 5890 attending, as well as foreign exchange students, distinguished guests, and the speaker.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER at the dinner was Rotary International President Ron Burton, seen above at the podium. Burton is an attorney in Norman, Oklahoma. At the left is 5890 President Bob Gebhard and wife Dianne, and to the right is Master of Ceremonies, sportscaster and TV personality Spencer Tillman. A colorful highlight of the evening was the Rotary Youth Exchange Flag Ceremony, seen at the rear of the speakers platform, and representing all the countries that currently have students in the U.S. for the exchange program. About 700 Rotarians attended the dinner, Burton gave a speech on the Rotary Theme "Engage Rotary Change Lives" and the evening ended with everyone singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth." The Bronze bust in the foreground is of Rotary's founder, Paul Harris.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Galena Park

Library events

-Thursday, February 27, 11:00 am Baby Time. 6:00 pm I Have a Dream Clouds Ends.

1500 Keene St. Galena Park, TX. 77547. Call 713-450-0982 for more information on other programs.

FEBRUARY

North Channel

Library events

-Thursday, February 27, Baby Time at 10:30 am. AARP Tax Help from 12-4 pm.

15741 Wallisville Rd., Houston, TX. 77049. Call 281-457-1631 for more information on other programs/classes.

MARCH 1, SATURDAY

Gospel Concert

Saturday night, March 1, 2014 at 6:30 pm at M.L. Flukinger Community Center located at 16003 Lorenzo Street, Channelview, Texas. FREE Admission, refreshments. Featuring Holley Family Singers and others.

MARCH 3, MONDAY

Galena Park-Jacinto

City Rotary Club

Golf Tournament

Scholarship Golf Tournament at Texaco Golf Club. 8 am registration and 9 am shotgun start. Registration \$100 per player includes breakfast and lunch and much more. For more detailed information, please contact Galena Park/Jacinto City Rotary Club at 281-850-0064.

FEBRUARY-APRIL

Free tax help for seniors

The Tax-Aide program sponsored by the IRS and AARP Foundation. The program is designed to assist taxpayers age 60 and over but will also assist low and moderate income filers.

-North Channel Branch of Harris, County Public Library, Thursdays noon to 4 p.m.

Services are ongoing until Tuesday, April 15th.

Taxpayers should bring the following items with them:

-Social Security cards for yourself and all dependents

-A copy of last year's tax return

-W-2 forms from each employer

-Unemployment compensation statements

-All 1099 forms (1099-INT, 1099-DIV, etc.)

-Child care provider information

-Receipts or cancelled checks if itemizing deductions

-Some type of picture ID

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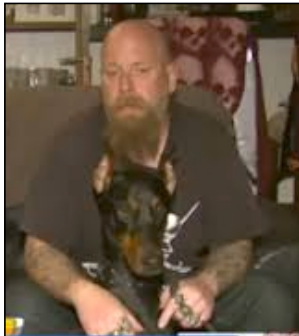
War veteran & service dog refused service at restaurant

CHANNELVIEW, Texas - A Marine Corps veteran was denied service at a local restaurant because of his service dog.

Don Brown, a veteran of the Gulf War, says he feels embarrassed and angry after he was denied service at River Side Inn Marina in Channelview, according to local KHOU 11 news. Last Wednesday, Brown went to buy a burger with his certified service dog Truman and his best friend but a waitress went to tell the manager after Brown had explained her that Truman was a service dog. When the manager came out, he asked Brown to leave because of an "attitude problem."

A service dog and owner can be asked to leave only if the animal is causing disturbance or threat. Brown said that was not the case. It is also against the law to deny service to anyone because of a service dog and federal and state laws prohibits anyone from asking a person about their disability.

Brown of Spring was medically discharged after being diagnosed with PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder). Brown has had his service dog Truman for eight months; this helps him to get back to normal life. Brown said he avoided to go out for a long time and his service dog Truman has helped him to get back and start enjoying life.



Marine Corps veteran Don Brown and his service dog, Truman were denied service at a local restaurant.

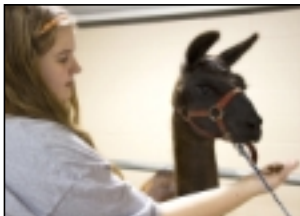
Super Star Rodeo shines as big as Texas

Houston, Texas-Each early spring semester, the Galena Park/Jacinto City Metro Go Texan Rodeo Committee and GPISD team up at the District Agriculture Facility for the amazing experience, Super Star Rodeo Day. Students are treated to lively music, tasty hot dogs, and a day of ongoing fun and activities. Prior to the event, students spend time learning about farm animals and rodeo concepts. The event is staged as an opportunity to attach the abstract classroom concepts to real experiences, including all the stimulating sights, sounds, and activities of a rodeo environment. In addition to language and vocabulary skills practiced on this day, teachers often incorporate math, art, and science learning opportunities into the festivities. While the event is tremendously engaging for students, they are

practicing essential life experiences that include following rules and directions, waiting in line, using appropriate social skills, and greeting familiar and unfamiliar adults.

The Special Education Department of Galena Park ISD works year round on this event to come up with the various activities, games, and face painting which help to make the event a success.

Cavenders Boot City gives each and every student a rodeo themed bandana. The Metro Go Texan Committee funds goody bags for each and every student to take home as souvenirs. Members from the constable's office participate in



Feeding the pets at the Super Star Rodeo.

cooking the hotdogs and serving lunch.

This yearly event, both exciting and educational, is made possible through the close collaboration of teachers, parents, district leaders, and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo committee members who all equally share in the delight of seeing GPISD students learn and grow.

Educators may learn about new financial aid regulations at town hall meeting

HOUSTON - Area college educators can find out about new federal financial aid regulations and other timely issues at the College Success and Survival town hall meeting at San Jacinto College on Thursday, Feb. 27 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The meeting is free and will be held in the Monument Room, located in the Slovacek

Student Center on the North Campus, 5800 Uvalde Road in Houston.

In addition to financial aid regulations, discussion will also focus on state accountability measures for higher education. A panelist of experts in the field of higher education accountability will be on hand to provide informa-

tion and updates.

Panelists will include Linda Ballard, Texas Southern University (TSU) executive director of financial aid; Dr. Ronald Brown, TSU Jesse H. Jones School of Business executive director for organizational effectiveness; and Robert Merino, San Jacinto College financial aid director



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JOB OF A LIFETIME,

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employees and I continue to make many changes on the appearance of the store, but the theme will always be the same- old, rustic flooring, an inviting atmosphere, and antiques hanging on the walls. Over the years, we've had school field trips come through to experience the old style of the country feed store. We have a wide variety of dog supplies such as collars, dog food, and shots. Most importantly, we have the knowledge that is required to help the customers with

their needs. Whether it be getting rid of their insects that occupy their home and gardens, to helping save their family pets. Over the past 33 years of working here at this feed store, I have learned to appreciate the knowledge to help others with their needs. There is nothing better than owning and running a feed store- every day is a new challenge for my employees and I. Since this is still my first and only job of 33 years, I suppose you could say this is a job of a lifetime, my lifetime.

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OPINION PAGE

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TOUCH OF LIFE

By Don Springer



Like to be served with a smiling faces

All of us eat at a restaurant at least occasionally. Some eat there more than less. Count me on the extreme side of the “more” group as that is where I belong. That goes for back home as well as here in Texas. Name a restaurant in the Crosby-Highlands-Baytown- Atascocita area and I have probably been there.

If I haven’t, it is probably because it is part of a chain, I have experienced the food in another location, and decided I would prefer to eat elsewhere.

Should I plan to eat at a restaurant more than once or twice I’m going to consider the menu, its preparedness and the dining staff. Of course, if I enter a restaurant, take of its food, and don’t care for it I’m not likely to return. To me, on an equal basis, is the dining area staff. When I enter a restaurant I hope for, no, expect, to be greeted with a meaningful hello accompanied by a big smile. And, I have a responsibility to return similar words. It all starts the event off to a good beginning.

The former has been the case for me in many of the eateries in this area and that always makes me feel good. Sometimes that is a little difficult for the staff to do in a buffet type restaurant or in a fast serve place but it can be done.

Among those successful in making me feel right at home are two young ladies that I have had the pleasure of interfacing with on several occasions. They are Alicia Dillard and Brett Allison, both of the Crosby Whataburger outlet. When I walk into their place of business and find one of them on duty I always get a big “good morning,” an accompanying smile and a few follow-up words. It makes my day! If the morning is dreary I suddenly feel better and perhaps believe someone is glad to see me.

When I have a seat and begin to eat, it isn’t unusual for one of those two to walk by as they are cleaning tables or carrying food to other customers to again get a few words of conversation. All of this is good and I believe their employer would appreciate such acts as well. That, along with good food, brings customers for return visits. There are many servers in local restaurants that react as do the two mentioned above.

We are fortunate to have them. While I can’t recall the exact quote, don’t I remember the Bible saying something like, “those who have chosen to serve me are better than I?” All this makes sense to me! Have a good day!

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

TEXAS

With Russell A. Graves

The Pig Explosion - Part 3
How a species went from obscure to a nuisance in a quarter century

In 2004, the Texas Agrilife Extension conducted a survey that placed the annual pig damage to Texas countryside at \$52 million with an additional \$7 million spent to control the animals or correct the damage. Some estimates place the total damage caused by pigs at \$200 per pig per year. The damage is defined primarily as agricultural damages. Perhaps the most danger that pigs pose to humans is when the two meet on Texas roadways.

While numbers are sketchy, potentially the most devastating damages come from when cars collide with hogs. East of Austin, State Highway 130, or the “Pickle Parkway” is a newly opened road that’s touted as the fastest highway in the United States. With speed limits in sections of 85mph, the tollway is designed so that motorists can make a quick trip between the San Antonio and Austin areas.

According to Bloomberg.com, pig versus vehicle collisions begin to occur even before the highway opened. Pig collisions aren’t uncommon but when they occur at the posted 85mph speed limits, the encounters will be undoubtedly devastating.

Insurance industry estimates place the total damage per pig/auto collision at \$1,200. As the pig population expands across the state, anecdotally, the number of collisions are bound to be on the rise thus resulting in more money out of the pockets of consumers.

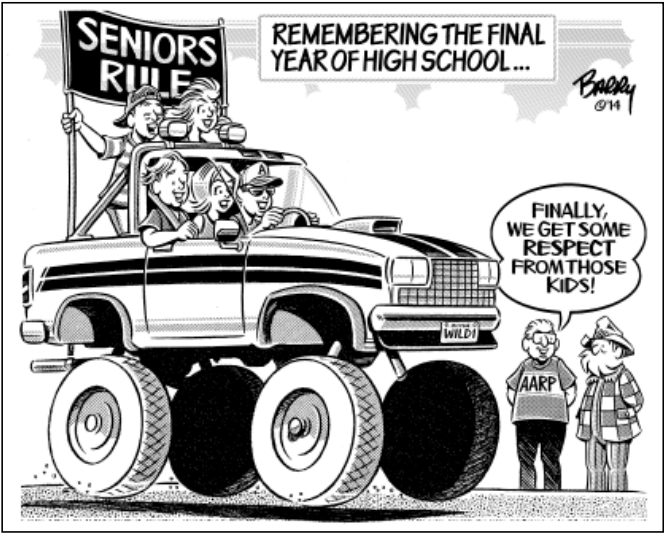
To combat the growing pig problem, state agencies are

implementing programs to help counties organize and battle the invasive species. The United States Department of Agriculture along with Texas Parks & Wildlife is working on a poisoning

program that will only target wild pigs.

In 2010, the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) launched the Hog Out County Grants program. The program is designed to encourage counties to “make a concentrated and coordinated effort to reduce the feral hog population and damage caused by these animals...” According to the TDA, counties compete for funding to further their hog eradication efforts and are scored on various metrics including the number of hogs killed and the number of county residents participating.

The Hog Out occurs each year from October through December and in 2012, 15 counties participated and 1,577 pigs were eliminated. Over the course of the program, the challenge has removed 27,934 pigs at an estimated savings of more than \$4 million to Texas landowners.



Law clarifies where electioneering may occur

AUSTIN — Questions over where you may stand, what you can say and when you can say it arise here and there around Texas at election time. A new law to solve such issues is on the books.

House Bill 259, which took effect when Gov. Rick Perry signed it into law on June 14, 2013, allows political speech outside of the 100-foot zone at public buildings where election polls are located.

The new law trumps local practices that previously may have prevented citizens from engaging in political speech outside of the 100-foot zone. “This change in law protects First Amendment rights by assuring that people are able to express their political views without fear of prosecution or persecution,” said state Rep. Ron Simmons, R-Carrollton, primary author of HB 259, in a Feb. 18 statement.

“Language was specifically included in the bill to authorize reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions on electioneering conducted outside of the 100-foot marker, so long as electioneering is not prohibited altogether,” Simmons added. “HB 259 protects some of our nation’s most fundamental rights: the freedom of speech and the right to vote.”

DPS offers election ID

On Feb. 18, the first day of early voting in the primary election, the Texas Department of Public Safety publicized a reminder that election identification certificates are available at driver license offices, with select offices open on Saturdays and at mobile stations in select counties.

State law requires voters to present their driver license or suitable photo identification at the polls prior to voting. There is no fee for the election identification certificate. Informa-

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling



tion on how to obtain a certificate can be found online at dps.texas.gov or by telephoning (512) 424-2600.

More health funding comes

The state announced the awarding of \$45 million to supplement the amount the 2013 Texas Legislature appropriated for women’s health services for use in 2015. “We’re providing women greater access to a broader range of health services in Texas,” said Department of State Health Services Commissioner David Lakey on Feb. 14. “These dollars will help women receive the family planning and screening services they need to be healthy.”

According to Lakey, the entities to receive the supplemental fund which include local health departments, hospital clinics and other health

clinic serve about 170,000 low income women per year with services including family planning and health screenings.

The agency estimated more than 60 percent of the women served will receive family planning services and that to be eligible for the program women must be 18 years of age or older and at or below 200 percent of Federal Poverty Level guidelines. According to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, 3.3 million Texas women are at or below the Federal Poverty Level.

Panel eyes health, safety

Reducing child fatalities and improving access to women’s health services were the subjects of a Feb. 20 interim meeting of the state Senate Committee on Health and Human Services. While child deaths due to abuse and neglect are down overall, there has been a recent spike in foster care fatalities, according to a statement released by Committee Chair Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound. “It is unacceptable for any child to die from abuse or neglect, certainly when that child has been entrusted to the state.”

Regarding women’s health care, Nelson noted that the 83rd Texas Legislature provided \$240 million in funding for women’s health services, including cancer screenings, wellness exams and other health services to an additional 170,000 women. “As a result, women’s health in Texas is now funded at record levels and Texas has the capacity to serve more women than ever before,” she said, adding, “Now we need to ensure that the resources we invested are truly meeting the needs of Texas women.”

Sen. Kirk Watson, chair of the Texas Senate’s Democratic Caucus, posted a reaction saying, “We’re encouraged by Chairwoman Nelson’s pledge to have ‘a thorough discussion of every aspect’ of the state’s efforts to provide healthcare to Texas women.”

Court to hear EPA cases

An appeal filed by the State of Texas was among six lawsuits against the federal Environmental Protection Agency grouped and scheduled 90 minutes of collective time for arguments be heard by the United States Supreme Court on Feb. 24.

In its case, Texas is petitioning the high court to stop the EPA and the Obama administration from broadening greenhouse gas enforcement standards to include more sources of carbon dioxide emissions.

MEDICARE

By Toni XXX

New to Medicare!!
What do I do NOW?

Dear Toni,
I will be turning 65 on September 2nd and absolutely don’t know anything about Medicare, how to apply, when to apply where to apply?? How to select to what and when?? Which Medicare plan is good and which one is not??
I own a small business (Just me and my wife) I intend to keep working until my body allows. If you can show me direction and help me, I will really appreciate your help. Thanks...A Confused New 65 year old from Sugar Land, TX

Dear New 65 Year Old:
I am asked this question at least 10 times a week and this is what I tell a new client when they are trying to navigate the maze of Medicare. In my book the Medicare Survival Guide, it discusses the two main Medicare coverage choices; Original Medicare Parts A and B with a Medicare Supplement and Medicare Part C also known as Medicare Advantage Plans. Page 59 of the 2014 Medicare and You handbook, also discusses your Medicare options.

When it comes to Medicare, it is not a one size fits all type of policy. Take your time and search your options. Below are the steps to help you decide what option is right for you:

Step #1: Decide if you want “Original Medicare” with or without a Medicare Supplement or a Medicare Advantage plan.

-Talk to your doctor and see which plan he/she recommends. Many doctors are accepting “Original Medicare” and not Medicare Advantage plans.

-A Medicare Supplement helps to fill the deductibles and co pays in “Original Medicare”. You can purchase a Medicare Supplement policy from a private insurance company. Cost will vary by plan and company.

-If you have a doctor that is in the Medicare Advantage plan’s provider directory, make sure you call to verify that he/she is still accepting that particular Medicare Advantage plan. Sometimes providers are in the directory, but stopped accepting the plan long before it went to print.

-The main difference between “Original Medicare” with a Medicare Supplement and Medicare Advantage plans is “Original Medicare” works only with Medicare and generally, you or your supplemental coverage pay the deductibles or coinsurances. You will use your Medicare (Red, White and Blue) card. Medicare Advantage plan is also called Part C and is administered by private insurance companies that are approved by Medicare. You must use that insurance company’s card not your Medicare (Red, White and Blue) Card.

There is an important disclaimer at the bottom of page 59 of the Medicare handbook and it states: ‘If you join a Medicare Advantage plan, you don’t need a Medicare supplement policy and if you already have a Medicare supplement, you can’t use it to pay the out of pocket or co pays for the Medicare Advantage plan’. It also states that “if you already have a Medicare Advantage plan, you can’t be sold a Medicare supplement/ Medigap policy.”

Step #2: Decide if you want Part D prescription drug coverage. (Remember there is a Part D penalty if you don’t enroll at the right time)

-If you want Medicare Prescription Drug coverage to go along with “Original Medicare” then you must enroll in a Medicare Part D plan with a private insurance company that is approved by Medicare and generally there is a premium.

-If you choose a Medicare Advantage plan, please make sure that the plan has Part D Medicare Prescription Drug coverage included.

To enroll in Medicare contact Social Security at 1/ 800-772-1213 or visit www.socialsecurity.gov at least 90 days before you turn 65 and enroll in both Part A (hospital) and Part B (Medical) of Medicare.

Join Toni and her team at the Confused About Medicare workshop:

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OBITUARIES

Hazel Ennis Sowders Clemmons

Hazel Ennis Sowders Clemmons, 85, of Highlands was born April 22, 1928, in Kosse, Tx and was called home to be with the Lord February 19th, 2014.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Bessie Sowders and husband of 61 years Ivan Clemmons and son, Jimmie Clemmons; brothers, John Earl Sowders and Jack G. Sowders; and sisters, Imogene Griffin and Lola Fay Stock.

She is survived by her brother Billy Sowders of Mont Belvieu, her sons, Gary Clemmons and wife, Arlene of Highlands, Randy Clemmons and wife Shirley of Crosby, her daughter Peggy Satherley and husband John of Huffman and her daughter-in-law, Vickie Clemmons of San Antonio.

10 Grandchildren: Angela Weyand and husband Ricky, Jimmie Clemmons & wife Michelle, Jeffrey Clemmons and wife Leslie, Sean Clemmons and wife Cynthia, Jessica Clemmons, Eric Clemmons and wife Laura, Jason Clemmons and wife Erika, Michael Clemmons, Trevor Satherley and Aaron Satherley.

10 Great Grandchildren: Christopher Neuendorff and wife Chelsea, Natalie Neuendorff, Emily Neuendorff, Jesse



Neuendorff, Jacie Clemmons, Reagan Clemmons, Jared Clemmons, Sophie Clemmons, Lillian Clemmons & Dominic Clemmons

1 Great Great Grandchild; Kyla Neuendorff Hazel was known for her unwavering faith in Christ and a devoted Christian. She was a true servant of God and faithfully served her family as a wife for 61 years, a loving mother, sister, and friend. She loved the church and served throughout her life.

Everything she did was to glorify God and to see others come to know Christ. She has left a fine example of how to live by her words and her actions. She will be greatly missed.

J W passed away on December 2, 2013 in Bayshore Hospital after a long fought battle with lung cancer.

J W was born in Wells, Texas and resided in Houston, Texas most of his life. He retired from Armco Steel and Simplex Grinnel, J also served in the United States Navy and was a Master Mason at the South Houston Lodge.

J W never met a stranger and welcome everyone, he had a laugh that was contagious and always had a smile on his face, even in time of pain.

He is preceded in death by his parents Byron and Purl Seay.

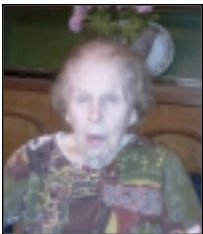
Survived by his wife Pat of 22 years, stepsons Keith Wood and Wife Mindi, Tim Wood and Wife DeNise, sisters Frances Hardman and Loly Carter, grandchildren Jodie Cason and Husband Chris, Nicholas Pawlikowski, Matthew Pawlikowski, Paige Vaughn, Kody Wood; great-grand-daughter Nevaeh Cason, mother-in-law Lucille Bullard, bothers-in-law John and Robert Bullard,



as well as numerous nieces, nephews, other family, dear friends and his loving dog "Sushi".

Funeral services were December 8, 2013 at Carter Funeral Chapel with Rev. Joey Galloway officiating. Guest book and video memorial available at www.carterfuneral-houston.com

Happy 100th Birthday



Ms. Elise Guidroz is celebrating her 100th birthday today, Feb. 27

Elise was a popular student at Dominican High School in New Orleans and enthusiastically attended every reunion until her husband's death. She studied photography at Tulane University in the 1950s and was a Girl Scout leader for many years. She also studied millinery in Houston in the 60s and made many gorgeous hats.

Elise really likes residing at the Highland House – especially the food! She is always commenting on how good the food is.

Elise Guidroz will be celebrating her 100th birthday on February 27, 2014. She has been living at the Highland House Assisted Living Facility in Highlands almost 10 years. Elise loves socializing with others, working crossword puzzles, and going out to eat almost weekly with her daughter, Anne Marie Wewer who lives in Baytown.

Elise Guidroz was born Elizabeth Davison Bosarge on February 27, 1914 in Laurel, Mississippi. She was the youngest of Modeste Marie Cousin Bosarge and Robert Bosarge. When she was two years old, her parents moved the family back to New Orleans, Louisiana. This is where the Modeste's family had lived even before the Louisiana Purchase.

Elise met her husband, Henry F. Guidroz, Jr. in an employment agency in New Orleans when he registered with her to get a job. They married on June 18, 1938 and remained married until her husband's death. They had one daughter, Ann Marie Guidroz Wewer and one foster son, Jose Arnold Paz.

Russell P. Redford

Russell P. Redford was born February 15, 1920, in Kerens, TX, son of Lloyd Linwood Redford and Donna A. Hodge. He passed away at his home Monday evening, February 24, 2014 at the age of 94. He was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Margueritte Reed Redford who died in 2009 and an infant daughter Diann Redford in 1954.

He is survived by 2 sons, Russell P. Redford Jr. and daughter-in-law Dorothy Johnson Redford of Birmingham, Alabama and Rodney W. Redford and daughter-in-law Gayle Shaw Redford of Channelview, Texas. He had 5 grandchildren, Deborah Redford Brisky, spouse Russell A.



Brisky Jr., Russell P. Redford III, spouse Kristy Carter Redford, Kyle Page Redford, Cory Reed Redford and Bryan Seale, 5 great-grandchildren, Lacey Brisky Stroud, Caitlyn Brisky, Madison Paige Redford, Grayson Cole Redford, Summer Elizabeth Seale and 2 great great-grandchildren,

Owen Stroud and Rylie Stroud.

Russell was a decorated World War II combat veteran serving in the Texas National Guard and the US 5th Army under Major General Mark Clark. He received his Honorable Discharge as a Sergeant. He was an electrical supervisor for Armco Steel, retiring after 35 years of service.

The patriarch of our family, he was a man of honor and integrity; loved his family, enjoyed the great outdoors, had many friends and a passion for fast cars and boats.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Russell P. Redford, III, Kyle Page Redford, Cory Reed Redford, Brian Seale, Grayson


Cole Redford and Russell A. Brisky Jr.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, February 27, 2014 at Navarre Funeral Home. Services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, February 28, 2014 at the funeral home with burial to follow at San Jacinto Memorial Park in Houston.

To view his online obituary, or post a tribute to his family, go to www.navarrerefuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Navarre Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 2444 Rollingbrook Drive, Baytown, Texas 77521, (281) 422-8111.

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He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?

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Bizarre rituals

An example of a gross misunderstanding of scripture is in the news during this last week of February. Jamie Coots was co pastor of the Full Gospel Tabernacle in Jesus Name, in Middlesboro, Kentucky. On Saturday night, February 15th, he died from a rattlesnake bite after he "took up" the serpent in a religious ritual at church services earlier that night. Coots refused treatment for the snake bite both at the church and later at his home. Coots and his church are one of an estimated 125 USA congregations that practice a religious ritual of "taking up" snakes. This bizarre ritual is based on a misunderstanding of a phrase in the Gospel of Mark. They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them. Mark 16:18 Coots was featured last year in the National Geographic reality show Snake Salvation. He is a 3rd generation pastor leading his church in the snake handling ritual in their church services. The ritual is illegal, but local authorities generally tend to not prosecute snake handlers. Virtually all of the groups that hold to this belief are located in rural communities such as Middlesboro. Coots has led his church in this ritual for many years, and this was the 10th time he was bitten in a church service. Several years ago, Coots lost a portion of a finger as it literally rotted away to the bone due to a snake bite. The family views Coots death as simply God's will. His son, Cody Coots said, The snake that bit him, we've been carrying him to the church for about four months. It's been carried hundreds of times, handled all kinds of times but now when it's your time to go, it's just your time to go.

Andrew Hamblin, whose mentor is Coots, is another pastor featured in the Snake Salvation reality show. Hamblin's church, Tabernacle Church of God is across the state line in La Follette, Tennessee. In Tennessee, the conflict between over religious freedom is more than just a

PASTOR'S NEWS VIEWS
By Tim Edwards

philosophical debate. The possession of the snakes is a clear violation of a 1947 law banning ownership of poisonous reptiles. These sincere snake handlers base their religious ritual on the Mark 16:18 scripture. Proper interpretation is that Jesus is simply stating the supernatural power of God in the lives of His followers. One example of that power is an incident recorded in the book of Acts. The apostle Paul was not hurt and God was glorified when he was bitten by a poisonous snake after surviving a storm and being shipwrecked. (Acts 28:5)

In response to this recent tragedy, please note two NewsViews conclusions. The 1st application is that all have every right to practice their religion as they choose. Neither the government nor other Christians have the right to prohibit the free expression of any religious belief, regardless of how bizarre it may be. Even to the point of death, these sincere, yet misguided believers must be free to express their religion. If the government is ever given the right to determine which religious rituals are acceptable, even the most orthodox church has the potential of being controlled by government. The 2nd application is that churches & Christians must make it a priority to train believers in the application of scripture. Paul's challenge (accurately handling the word of truth 2 Tim 2:15) is just as practical in 2014 as it was in the 1st century.

The snake handling heresy is bizarre and dangerous and brings ridicule by those who are skeptical of Christians. There is, however, an even greater heresy regarding scriptural truth far more prevalent

than snake-handlers in rural Appalachian states. This truly dangerous doctrinal error is the widely held belief in a universal grace. Biblical truth is that grace and justice complement each other. There cannot be one without the other. If there is grace, there must first be consequence for sin so that Christ's sacrifice has purpose. Universalism is a worldview that must be challenged by truth. It is heartbreaking that a very sincere man, like Pastor Coots, would die with snake venom in his veins due to his misapplication of scripture. It is even more heartbreaking that millions of people are inflicted with the venom of sin. This venom brings eternal death and separation from God. As recorded in Genesis, Satan deceived humanity as the serpent in the garden. The promise from the very beginning is that God will ultimately crush the power of Satan. God cursed the serpent and spoke prophetically. He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel. Genesis 3:15 The power over the "serpent" is Jesus' death burial and resurrection! All humanity has the venom of sin, but truth is now a song of triumph. O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING? ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; ⁵⁷ but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor 15:55-57 Today's NewsView is a call to fervently defend our Constitutional rights for religious freedom. NewsViews is also a reminder to clearly teach salvation by grace instead of the heresy of universalism... but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor 15:55-57

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SPORTS, CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS

Coach Garrett Cross named 2013 Sectional Coach of the Year

By Jonathan Frey

Garrett Cross, head track & field coach at North Shore Senior High School, was named the 2013 Sectional Coach of the Year by the University Interscholastic League (UIL) and the National Federation of State High School Associations. The North Shore track team has won the regional championship the past five years in a row. Two of those years the team won a state championship.

Also the cornerbacks coach for the football team, Cross builds relationships with athletes during football. Recruiting athletes to participate in track & field is notoriously difficult. The relationships Cross builds during football season establishes trust and respect, helping build one of the larger track teams in the area. "This award is a great honor," Cross commented. "This is a reflection of the hard work put in by the coaching staff, administrators, and athletes," he added.

Cross joined Galena Park ISD in 2003 as a football



Coach Garret Cross named 2013 Sectional Coach of the Year in Boys Track & Field.

and track coach at Cunningham Middle School. He became a member of the high

school staff in 2005. He was assistant track coach in 2006 and took over as head coach in 2011.

Super Spelling Bee participants showcase talent

Houston, Texas: The GPISD Language Arts Department hosted the annual District Spelling Bee competition where each elementary and middle school was represented by each campus' top spelling champion. Students who participated in the District Spelling Bee have been practicing for several months to prepare for the contest.

The 2014 GPISD Spelling Bee winner was Cobb Sixth Grade Campus's Sena Ahadzic. Sena will now represent the District at the HoustonPBS Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 29, 2014 at 11:00 am on the campus of the University of Houston.

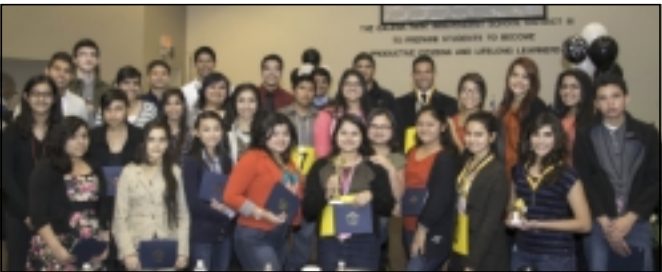
The live television broadcast will begin at 2:00pm.

Help cheer Sena on to victory since the top two spellers of the HoustonPBS Spelling Bee will advance to the 2014 Scripps National Spelling Bee.



Sena Ahadzic, 2014 Spelling Bee Winner and Liz Lator, Executive Director of Education Support for Galena Park ISD

Galena Park ISD sponsors first Spanish Spelling Bee



Spanish Spelling Bee Contestants and Coaches

Houston, Texas: Galena Park ISD held its first Spanish Spelling Bee on Thursday, January 30, 2014 at the Administration Building Board Room. The competition was open to all students at each high school, Galena Park and North Shore 9th Grade and Senior High Schools. All three campuses held their own spelling bee contest in November to select the students who would represent their school in the District finals. The top ten students from all three high schools were selected for the inaugural District Spelling Bee.

The word list for the District finals featured academic content words from the four core areas of math, science, social studies, and language, so students were learning subject matter terms and concepts while practicing for the competition. Students spent months working diligently

with their coaches before and after school. A total of 30 students participated in the District finals, and their countless hours of hard work showed as the students took the stage to shine.

First place was awarded to Michelle Quiroz of North Shore Senior High School. Second place winner for the District was Genesis Rodriguez-Perfume of North Shore Senior High School, and Third place went to Daniel Santa of North Shore High School - 9th Grade Center.

"We are so incredibly proud of the rich and rewarding efforts these young men and women have displayed in our first GPISD Spanish Spelling Bee. This was an opportunity for our bilingual students to be exposed to some very difficult words that will ultimately help them in the classroom. The stronger a student's foundation

is in their native language, the better the skills transfer to a new, second language," said Dr. Wanda Giacoma, Executive Director of Special Populations.

The event required the tremendous commitment of spelling bee coaches: Luis Valle, North Shore High School - 9th Grade Center; Jose Sanchez, Galena Park High School; and Gerald Love, North Shore Senior High School. Judges included: Bilingual and English as a Second Language (ESL) Department staff, Marisa Martinez, Maria Garcia, Juanny Aguirre, and Eunice Renteria. Campus personnel also assisting as judges included Idalia Lopez, Galena Park Middle School and Macaria Cuevas, Cunningham Middle School. Erika Gonzalez, North Shore Senior High, served as the Spanish Spelling Bee pro-nouncer.

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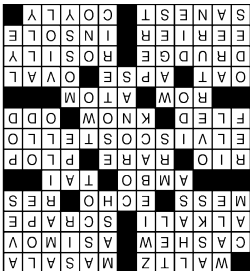
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EMERGENCY SERVICES
DISTRICT #14

To all interested persons:

Notice is hereby given that there are three positions on the Board of Emergency Services Commissioner os HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #14 scheduled for election on **May 10, 2014**

HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 14 (ESD #14) is a political subdivision of the State of Texas, operating under Chapter 775 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (H&S Code) and provides fire suppression and emergency medical and rescue services.

The ESD #14 board is a five member board. The board members serve staggered four (4) year terms. In this election three seats are up for election.

As provided in Chapter 775 , H&S Code, to be eligible for election to the ESD #14 Board, a person must be at least 18 years of age and reside within the boundaries of the District (See Section 141.001, Texas Election Code and Section 775.0355, H&S Code for additional eligibility requirements) A person interested in being a candidate must give a sworn application of intention to run for the Board. The general for of the application is set forth in Section 141..031 Texas Election Code and may be obtained from the Texas Secretary of State website. Prepared forms may also be obtained from the District Secretary, at the Highlands Volunteer Fire Department located at 123 San Jacinto St., Highlands, TX 77562 or from District Council, Weston Cotten at 5223 Garth Road, Baytown, TX 77521, or by calling 281-421-5774 and requesting an application, or by e-mailing weston@westoncotten.com.

The Completed application must be received by the District Secretary located at 123 San Jacinto, Highlands, TX 77562, or Weston Cotten at 5223 Garth Road, Baytown, TX 77521 **on or before February 28, 2014.**

The procedures and time requirements for a write in candidate for Commissioner are governed by Subchapter C, Chapter 146, Election Code

ALL APPLICANTS ARE REFERRED TO THE TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION FILING REQUIREMENTS UNDER TITLE 15, TEXAS ELECTION CODE

Harris County Emergency Services District #14.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Stately dance
6 Spice blend in Indian cuisine
12 Nut in a toxic shell
13 "I, Robot" author
14 Acid neutralizer
15 Abrade
16 Disorder
17 Reverberate
19 In medias
20 Early pulpit
22 Skater
24 Carnival city
27 Exceptional
29 Make a splash
32 He sang "Alison" and "Veronica"
35 Took off
36 Recognize
37 Peculiar
38 Theater ticket datum
40 Teensy bit
42 Feedbag tidbit
44 Vaulted recess
46 Ellipse
50 Lowly worker
52 With optimism
54 More goose-

- bump-inducing
55 Dr. Scholl's product
56 Least bananas
57 As a coquette would
DOWN
1 Corduroy ridge
2 Requests
3 Tibet's capital
4 — Aviv
5 Dry, crisp bread
6 Pulverize
7 Foppish
8 Knightly
9 Texas city
10 Easy bounding gait
11 Birds, to Brutus
12 Video maker, for short
18 Long, blunt cigars
21 "— Doubtfire"
23 Mimic
24 Gridiron arbiter
25 Under the weather
26 Flip
28 Not widely known
30 Antiquated
31 Spacecraft

- address
33 Altar
34 Seesaw quorum
39 Pay
41 Unlike rolling stones?
42 Poets' tributes
43 Neighbor-hood
45 Saucy
47 String instrument
48 Partner
49 Caustic solution
51 "Trivial Pursuit" need
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COMMUNITY NEWS

County Attorney sues Channelview truck stop

Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan has filed suit against the owner and operator of a Channelview truck stop claiming it is a public nuisance because of criminal activity such as prostitution and robbery.

Ryan is asking a court to order that the Key Truck Stop located at 17124 I-10 East, take action to stop the criminal activity that has taken place at that location for years.

"Since January of 2010, the Harris County Sheriff's Department has handled multiple criminal cases at the Key

Truck Stop including prostitution, robbery, aggravated assault, and drug offenses," said County Attorney Ryan. "The defendants are aware of these crimes yet have done nothing to stop them. It will obviously take legal action for them to do the right thing for this community."

The defendants are Desai Pratap, owner of the property, and Channelview Enterprises, Inc., operator of the truck stop.

The County Attorney's Office, representing the State of Texas, is asking for a temporary injunction ordering the

defendants to take steps to stop these crimes, as well as a bond to ensure compliance with the court order. If the defendants violate the court order, Ryan will sue to forfeit the bond and close the location for a year.

"The County Attorney's Office will continue to hold property owners accountable so that businesses do not become nuisances in their communities," Ryan said. "The people who live, work and travel through an area have a right to be safe and not be subjected to criminal activity."



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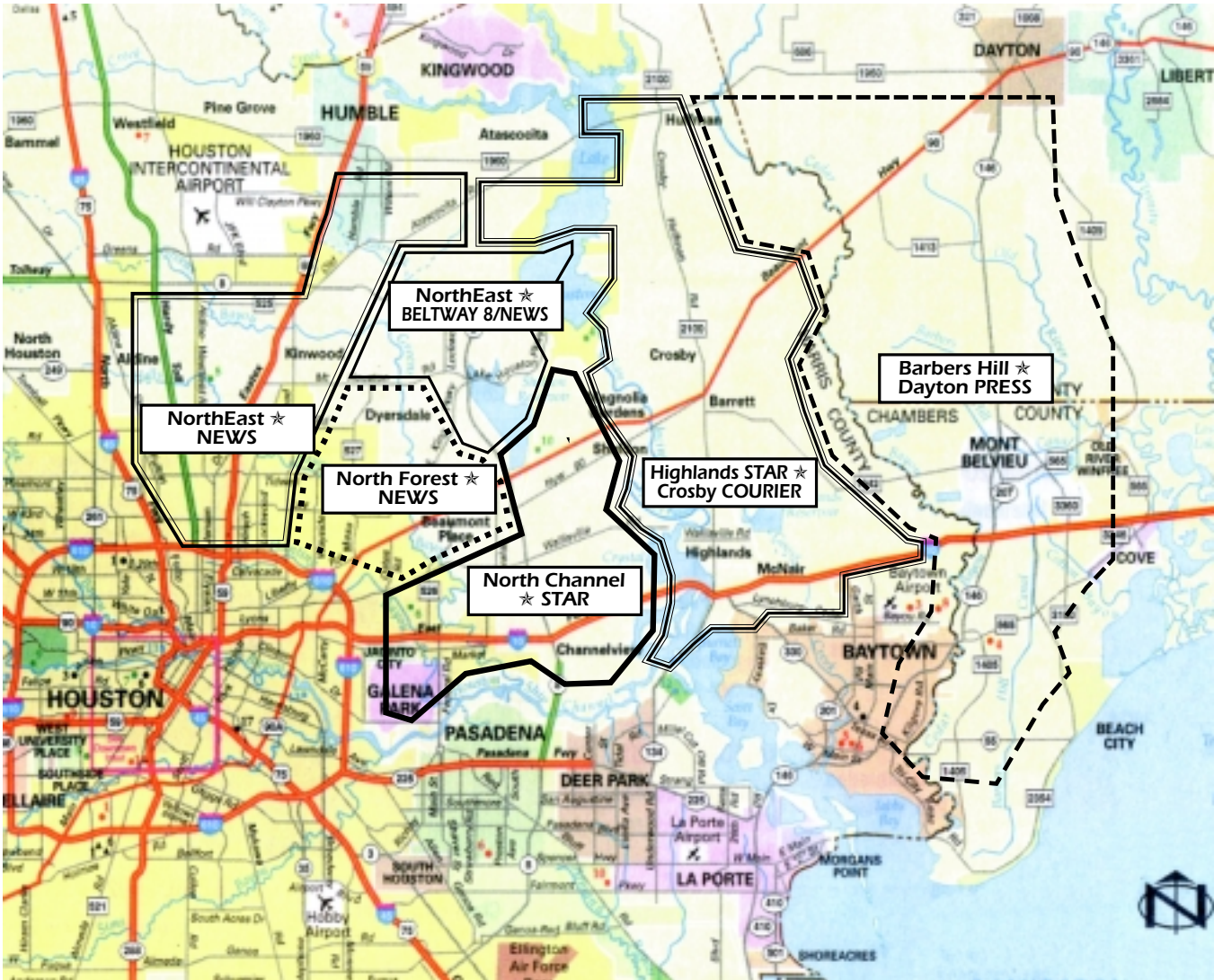


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