Six year-old boy wounded in shooting by brother

HOUSTON – A 5-year-old boy shot his 6-year-old brother in north Houston, police said.

The shooting happened Monday afternoon around 10:30 a.m. in the 16800 block of Faring Road, near Old Sabine Road. The 6-year-old boy was in the 7400 block of Imperial Stone Drive.

Family members said they do not know why the boys got the gun since they have a gun safety locks for the gun. They were supposed to be in the presence of a guardian.

A neighbor said the area was in critical condition as of last night.

At the time of the shooting, the mother of the boys was home with her four kids when she heard the shot and called 911.

An investigation continues and official charges have been filed at this time.

Deputies for precaution searched the area.

This is the third shooting case involving kids between 3 and 6 years old in less than a week in Houston.

On Friday, February 27, a 3-year-old died after an accidental shooting.

On Sunday, another boy, 4, also died after an accidental shooting.

On Saturday, another boy, 5, was shot.

Law enforcement is reminding parents to secure weapons and keep them out of the reach of children. They are also offering free gun lock ceremonies.

A member of the North Shore Rotary Club has been chosen District Governor Nominee, to lead the area’s District 5390 for a year, starting in July 2017. The announcement was made last week by the current District Governor Lisa Faith Massey.

Bill Palko has been a Rotarian in the NE Chamber area, with over 63 clubs, and has been the District Governor from 1999 to 2000.

Bill is an Assistant Manager with Amegy Bank and Community Development Manager with Amegy Bank.

Bill was chosen District Governor in 2011-2012. He is Past President of the Harris County Rotary Club and Governor Lisa Faith Massey.

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Rep. Gene Green votes to fund DHS

Full funding for DHS will be critical to protect the American people from threats. After months of negotiation with House and Senate Republicans, we have reached an agreement to fully fund DHS. This is a victory for our nation and a step forward in ensuring the safety and security of our citizens.

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Newport Replat Questioned

To the Editor:

For the third time in the last eleven and a half years a request to replat the undeveloped portion of Newport Section 8 has been submitted to the City of Houston Planning and Development Department. Since this request was denied twice before in 2004 and 2016, I am wanting to know that there is someone who actually make someone think that it will pass this time except for the fact that most of the people that opposed the request have moved from the neighborhood and the board of directors has changed. My request for information from the City has so far gone unanswered.

Thank you very much.

W. (Bud) Drofgenoase

Letters to the Editor

Editor’s Note: Opinions expressed in Letters to the Editor are the opinions of the writer and do not necessarily reflect those of this newspaper. Two opinions on the same subject may be submitted for consideration for publication. Errors brought to the attention of the newspaper will be promptly corrected.

Austinites

AUSTIN – The Senate Transportation Committee on Feb. 25 tentatively approved two pieces of legislation that would take a portion of existing highway infrastructure revenue and allocate it to road maintenance and construction.

Senate Bill 6, enabling legislation, and Senate Joint Resolution 1, which would not a constitutional amendment on the November 2016 ballot, are to dedicate a portion of the motor vehicle fuel tax and other associated vehicle taxes with funds that pay the road tax, to TxDOT and allow the agency to maximize potential grant and performance project to 10 years into the future, to replace congestion with revitalization and maintenance.

The state commissioner would be required at the beginning of each fiscal year to deposit the credit to the state highway fund all money that comes from the local and regional transportation districts. SB 6 and SJR 1 are authored by Senate Transportation Committee Chair Robert Nichols, R-Jefferson and Senate Finance Committee Chair John Hebert, R-Henderson.

Signed Mound as constituents are Ray Hendrickson, Ray Bass, Tom Herr, Richard Herr, Austin P. Craig, and Leslie Taylor of Collin County.

On Aug. 9, 2017, the legislation was referred to the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water and Rural Affairs, the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, the Senate Committee on State Affairs, and as the Ver- Chairman of the Senate Committee on Business and Commerce.

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Republicans against Medicaid Expansion

AUSTIN – March 2, 2015 – Senator Brandon Crefright (R-Creedmoor) issued the following statement in response to today’s Texas newspaper opinion piece to alerting our readers that Medicaid expansion was a position that I, as a member of the Senate Committee on State Affairs and as the Ver- Chairman of the Senate Committee on Business and Commerce, will remain a top priority for me, as the Senate majority leader, as we move forward with health care decisions.

The Texas Medicaid program is a jointly state and federal funded and state program designed to provide health care to our states most vulnerable citizens, the disabled, elderly, pregnant women, and children. The program currently insures about 4.1 million Texans across the state.

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The Senate panel passes legislation to fund state highways

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

In total to fund

During the 2016-2017 session of the Senate, state Rep. John Otto (R-Dayton) expressed the body’s intention to “fully” fund TRE-CORE — the health care plan that is dedicated to health care employees and eating rental tax on unoccupied rental property was set to analyze the bills. The second $2.5 billion would be divided equally between the State Highway Fund with the restrictions that the funds would be appropriated to construct, maintain, or acquire rights-of-way for public roads either that toll road. These funds also be used to repay Proposition 12 bonds that currently are paid with general revenues funds, which total about $300 million per year. Furthermore, “Any additions to highway projects that would increase the present $3.5 billion for the State Highway Fund would be divided equally between these two funds,” TxDOT has to know, six, eight, ten years out what they’re going to have or they can’t even begin design work. Chairman Nichols said.

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Children who eat school provided breakfast at the start of the day are ready to learn. They have more energy and are more likely to have better grades. In addition, school breakfast programs improve student behavior. However, only half of the children who are eligible eat school breakfast according to the Food Research and Action Council. To encourage increased participation in the School Breakfast Program, school cafeterias have added variety to the menu and worked with local produce vendors to offer a healthier breakfast option. The breakfast program offers students a healthy start to the school day and, by offering free or reduced-price breakfasts to low-income students, helps students focus in the classroom and perform better. This year’s School Breakfast Week theme, “Make a Healthy Start in the Morning,” is aimed at increasing awareness of the School Breakfast Program among students and parents.

The 2015 National School Breakfast Week theme, “Make a Healthy Start in the Morning,” reminded parents, students and administrators that a healthy school breakfast is an important part of a healthy school day. Breakfast serves meals that meet federal standards limiting fat, calories, and sodium. GSPPD cafeterias are engaged in the Texas Heart Smart program as a part of a variety of Texas grown foods served during this special week.

The GSPPD Student Nutrition Department encouraged all students to celebrate this special week by eating breakfast in the school cafeteria. Every school day Galena Park ISD’s breakfast program offers students a healthy breakfast so they may be prepared for a busy school day. Breakfast is always free of charge to all students.

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Texas Independence Day: Happy 179th Birthday, Texas!

By Contributing writer

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Northeastern Trail Ride ends journey to the Rodeo

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A signature tradition that dates back in January of 1952, trail rides continue to be a destination for the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo this year.

Last Friday and after a week of riding, the tough- down trail rides from all across the state of Texas arrived at Memorial Park in Houston for the annual event.

The Northeastern Trail Ride went to Texas about a week ago, under the direction of Northeastern’s boss, Bruce Burns, trail boss, and Kirk Master.

Wednesday night they camped at the fair- grounds in Crosby, Texas and then rode the rest of the way through campsite at Triangle 7 Are- na in Parker Road in North Forest.

Along the way, they stopped in and out to give children the horses and wagons, and share stories about Western life. The schools they stopped at in the 1900s, Kipp Academy, Rusk Elementary, Rusk Middle, and Bruce Elementary. Last Thursday, this trail of history had again reigned supreme, as one form of the original founders, J.L. Fort, died of heart attack the morning after he arrived in North Forest. Horace, Kevin, and Constanden the traditional this year. Brian Richard, son of Northeastern’s owner-coun- selor, Martin Constanden, also remained in place of his fa- ther, who died before last year’s ride. Both Robert and Bruce Hag- chie, northeast of Canton, and the San- for

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