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CHANNEL CHATTER

Labor Job Fair in Jacinto City Town Center free of cost

(Houston, TX) - Representative Gene Green invites Texans to the first of many Joint Labor Job Fairs in the Houston area in partnership with State Senator Sylvia Garcia, Jacinto City Mayor Ana Diaz, City of Houston District I Councilman Robert Gallegos, Pct. 2 Constable Chris Diaz, Harris County AFL-CIO, and Gulf Coast Building Trades.

Participating companies and unions will provide information about union membership and trades, and job placement opportunities for residents in the Gulf Coast region. Attendees will also be able to visit informational booths for information about apprenticeship programs.

Additionally, the fair will host employers from a variety of industries that are looking to hire full and part-time employees immediately. This event is free and open to the public, and high school students are also encouraged to attend to learn more about scholarship opportunities and apprenticeship programs.

The Job Fair will take place this Friday, March 7, 2014 from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 8, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Jacinto City Town Center, 1025 Oates Road, Jacinto City, Texas, 77029.

Candidates Forum set for March 28

A municipal election will take place in Galena Park on May 10th, for the offices of Mayor and City Council.

The North Channel STAR will hold a Candidates Forum on Friday night, March 28 at 6 pm. in the Baggett Center, to introduce the candidates to the public. All are welcome. Contact the Star for more information, 281-328-9605.

North Shore basketball Mustangs play in finals in Austin this week

The District Champion North Shore Mustangs boys basketball team defeated Cy-Lakes High School 75-52 in the 5A Boys Basketball Regional Semi-Finals on Friday, February 28, 2014.

The following day, the Mustangs defeated Fort Bend Bush 60-58 in a hard fought regional final game. The state championship title is now only two victories away.

North Shore will battle the DeSoto Eagles in the semi-final round at 3:00 pm on Friday, March 7th at the University of Texas, Frank Erwin Center.

The winner of that game will move on to play the winner of Converse Judson and Allen on Saturday, 8:30 pm in the Frank Erwin Center.



Player Roster

10 - Brandon Etienne
11 - Jalin Hart
14 - Dominique Poledore
15 - Marion Roy
20 - Alexander Roy
21 - Brandon Green
22 - Jordan Banks
23 - Kerwin Roach
25 - Jarrey Foster
32 - Michael Capers
33 - Chukumeke Egbule
34 - Derec Burks
35 - Adrian Brown
40 - Dorance Armstrong

Head Coach - David Green
Assistant Coach - Kenneth Coleman
Assistant Coach - Michael Williams

Pictured North Shore Mustangs Jarrey Foster #25, left, and Marion Roy # 15 to the right.
Submitted photos

Trail Ride goes through North Shore, Sheldon

Tragedy befalls group as one of founders dies

ON THE TRAIL - Thirteen Trail Ride groups started toward Houston and the big Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo last week. One of these ride groups was the Northeastern Trail Riders, starting in Cheek, Texas on February 23rd. The group consists of 12 wagons, about 300 riders, and lots of support vehicles and campers.

The Trail Riders covered 108 miles in their ride, stopping in Cheeks, Devers, Raywood, Dayton, Crosby, and



RIDERS from the Northeastern Trail Ride near their last stop, at the Triangle 7 Arena on Parker Road in Houston. They spent the previous night camped at the Fairgrounds in Crosby, Texas.

North Forest in Houston.

Thursday they travelled down old US90, Beaumont Highway, stopping at Sheldon Ag barn and greeting the North Shore public along the way.

In Crosby they had camped overnight at the Fairgrounds on Wednesday night, Feb. 26th. The next morning, Thursday, they broke camp and headed for their next to last stop in Houston. However, they received word that one of their group, Robert Joe, 79 had suffered an apparent heart attack that morning at the campgrounds on Parker, and was taken to LBJ hospital, where

See TRAIL RIDE, page 8



TRAIL BOSS Anthony Bruno expresses his grief to an interviewer, after one of the founders of the Northeastern Trail died of a heart attack the morning before they camped in Houston. Northeastern Trail Ride included 12 wagons and almost 300 riders from the area.

COMMUNITY PROFILE:

Cowboy Poet appears on TV's "Good Morning Houston" show

Chamber events are great for networking, as one local "cowboy" Ron Gann found out recently.

Gann is a retired postal worker, who is now a freelance photographer, poet, and author of a self-published book of photos and western poems entitled "Cowboy & Western..". Although not a cowboy himself, he claims a long family history of involvement with Texas and ranching. He is a Galena Park native.

At the Chamber Gala last month, he was able to talk with TV personality Debra Duncan about his book, and she asked him to appear on her Channel 11 TV show, "Good Morning America." Since the Houston Rodeo was about to start, she wanted a



RON GANN, Debra Duncan and the old "Saturday nite tub" on TV.

western theme, and Ron's work fit. He appeared on her show of Wednesday, Feb. 26 and was able to read three of his poems during the hour-long show. He also brought along his favorite photo prop,

an old horse-watering trough he uses as a bathtub in his studio. He promoted his book, too, which you can buy. Contact him at 713-494-6591, or his website: www.sites.google.com/site/newworldphotos2.

BOYS ATHLETIC COORDINATOR:

Aymond steps into new leadership role for Galena Park ISD

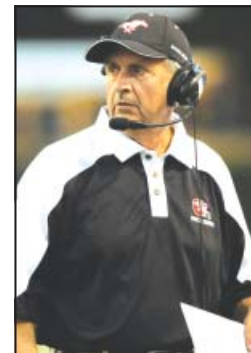
The Galena Park Independent School District is proud to announce that long-time, record setting North Shore Senior High School Head Football Coach, David Aymond, will be stepping into a new role for the 2014-2015 school year.

"Making the decision to promote Coach Aymond into a position which will assist us in strengthening and sustaining our programs across the entire district was a simple one. His winning record speaks for itself, and we felt we couldn't have found anyone who knows our students and community better than Aymond. Because of this, we stayed here in our own district when deciding to fill the new position of Boys'

Athletic Coordinator. With athletic participation and student involvement in GPISD at an all-time high, sustaining and improving the success of our athletic programs for our young athletes is imperative. We pride ourselves in being the extended family for our youth, and I can't think of a better model and mentor to help us continue providing stellar programs to our students than David Aymond," stated Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Angi Williams.

During his tenure as Head Football Coach at North Shore Senior High School, Aymond has racked up quite an impres-

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David Aymond



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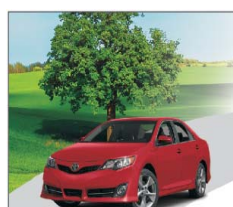
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COMMUNITY NEWS



Board of Trustees member takes Oath

Vicky Melo, who was appointed to the Goose Creek CISD Board of Trustees to represent District 4, is administered the Oath Of Office by Rick Peebles, attorney for the District, at the regular meeting of the Goose Creek CISD Board on February 24, 2014.



FFA Week's Proclamation

Mayor Pro Tem David McCartney presents a Proclamation, signed by Mayor Stephen DonCarlos, declaring February 17-22 as FFA Week in Baytown to Jamie Bennett, president of the Baytown Junior School FFA.

Students attend STEM day



Robert E. Lee High School students Janine Batongmalaki and Justine Batongmalaki, 11th grade, and Valeria Calvario, 10th grade, learn to program robots in the Robotics session during the recent Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Day at Lee College. More than 180 students from Goose Creek CISD attended, rotating through sessions to learn more about STEM-related topics.

Photo by Carrie Pryor-Newman



(l to r) DeDe Griffith, of Lee College, director of Gulf Coast Partners Achieving Student Success (GC-PASS), shows Diana Alvarez and Karen Chavez, seniors at the Peter E. Hyland Center, a dolphin skull in the Forensic Science session during Lee College's recent Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Day. More than 180 Goose Creek CISD students attended the event.

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OPINION PAGE



JUST BETWEEN US

By Kristan Hoffman & Angie Liang

Reflecting on Our 10-Year Reunion

Ten years later, there we were. Somewhere between 100 and 200 members of the Bellaire High School class of 2003 had gathered in a dive bar near the Southwest Freeway, overtaking the regular customers. Red and white banners staked our claim and announced our continued school spirit. Camera flashes kept going off. The entire night was dedicated to mingling and catching up, drinking and sharing stories, shouting to be heard over the other voices and music.

Like true best friends, the two of us stuck together for much of the night, trying to spend time with each other, while also wandering around and reacquainting with our old peers. Despite people's newly acquired beards, changes in fashion, or extra pounds gained here and there, everyone still felt vaguely familiar. It made us wonder: Were we mostly the same too?

A sense of curiosity had us talking to everyone we passed, whether we recognized them or not. Former boyfriends, dance team buddies, tag-along spouses, and even one lovely girl who remembered us far better than we remembered her. Like a choreographed dance, the crowd kept splitting into pairs and small groups, then swirling around and dividing again. In each new configuration, we laughed over fond memories, reminisced about old teachers, and marveled at all the things that had fallen between the cracks, waiting

until that night to be unearthed again.

Once or twice we were ignored by people who we approached or waved to, which was puzzling more than offensive. It seemed to go against the whole spirit of a class reunion. But it didn't matter — such petty matters were left behind in high school — and only showed us who our friends really were, both then and now.

Overall, the reunion was enjoyable in an inessential way, like eating a slice of cake. It tastes good in the moment, but you don't need it. It doesn't nurture or fulfill you in any way. On the one hand, it didn't really matter how our classmates had turned out. They had been absent from our lives for a long time, and as soon as we walked out the door, they would disappear again, with no impact on us one way or another. But on the other hand, it was nice to look around the room and think, "Hey, we did all right." As a group, we've experienced such interesting things over the past decade — like working on Wall Street, studying volcanoes for NASA, becoming parents, chasing and living our dreams.

At the end of the night, we felt a sort of collective pride — and honestly, a sense of reassurance. We had all survived, and maybe even thrived, in these first ten years after high school. That meant we were probably in good shape to do the same or better in the decades to come.



TWO CENTS WORTH

By Charlie A. Farrar

Early girl tomato plant, my favorite one

Been out scratching around the garden hoping it'll help it dry out from last night's shower. Spread Perlite in and over the surface of the garden, then raked it in. Perlite is the Styrofoam looking little - white pieces added to help the structure of the soil, aids in moisture and aerating the soil or so they say.

Finally found some Early Girl Tomato plants, they are not available in some stores, but these will be in the ground in the morning if the creeks don't rise. Hopefully will have the first ripe tomato by say the end of May, first of June, maybe so?

The Early Girl tomato plant is preferred because of its large leaves which produce shade for the tomatoes and soil. Having seen the Guru's tomato garden, one surely must get some Early Girls, as they make the best sandwiches too.

It has been what seems like a long winter with a sore back and all those long winter sports on TV.

At least NASCAR has the engines cranked and running in oval today and playing follow the leader. Do not watch of the races or TV much, but did see one car in pit row facing the wrong way; luckily someone did not get a hurt back in that incident. Pit crew workers have a job as dangerous as being a logger.

One spends many occasional moments on this computer; one of the many things besides the news groups is Facebook. Lots of hoo-ha, cooking, praying and little quotes from anybody and everybody. Do a few Groucho Marx's and W. C. Fields getting a lot of likes. Anyway, saw one of a sign in the woods with particular interest and sent it to the hunting buddies and others who do not hunt but it goes like this:

TO THE SCUMBAG WHO STOLE MY TRAIL CAM
YOU MISSED THE 2ND ONE! I KNOW WHAT YOU LOOK LIKE! DUMBASS
OPTION # 1 – PUT IT BACK
WHERE YOU FOUND IT
OPTION # 2 – I WILL HUNT YOU THIS YEAR

Interesting, but it was not my cam, used mine more, or did, for white wing dove, but since moving, no more birds or hummers. Do not plan on feeding the dove like before, had more weeds and everything else in the garden but something you could eat. Those web or game cam's are neat and show very interesting subjects unknowing to being on camera.

Get well Dickie Woods; miss your words of wisdom via email!

Charlie Farrar can be reached by email: xuscg@yahoo.com



Federal court rules on same-sex marriage

AUSTIN — In the final week before Tuesday, March 4, Primary Election Day, candidates put on final pushes in hopes of getting enough votes to be their party's nominee for the general election in November.

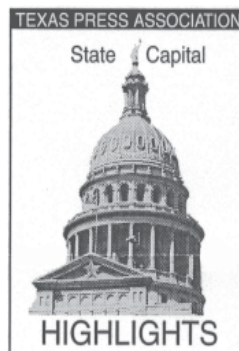
A ruling by a San Antonio federal court on Feb. 26 moved a hot-button issue front and center, giving candidates a last-minute opportunity to delineate their stand. In a case brought by two same-sex couples, San Antonio U.S. District Judge Orlando Garcia declared unconstitutional the Texas law and a related state constitutional amendment that prohibit same-sex marriage and the recognition of out-of-state same-sex marriages. On page 46 of his ruling, Garcia wrote, "Equal treatment of all individuals under the law is not merely an aspiration — it is a constitutional mandate. Consequently, equal protection is at the heart of our legal system and is essential for the existence of a free society."

Right away, however, Garcia placed a stay on his order preventing the state from enforcing those laws, pending an appeal filed by the Texas attorney general's office in the Fifth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals.

Gov. Rick Perry reacted, saying, "It is not the role of the federal government to overturn the will of our citizens. The 10th Amendment guarantees Texas voters the freedom to make these decisions and this is yet another attempt to achieve via the courts what couldn't be achieved at the ballot box."

Texas Roman Catholic Bishops issued a joint statement expressing disappointment in the court's decision.

There are "good, well-meaning people" on both sides of the



issue, said Texas Attorney General and GOP gubernatorial candidate Greg Abbott. But, he added, "The Texas Constitution defines marriage as between one man and one woman. If the Fifth Circuit honors those precedents, then today's decision should be overturned and the Texas Constitution will be upheld."

Texas Democratic Party Chairman Gilberto Hinojosa, in a statement released after Judge Garcia's ruling, said: "The Texas Democratic Party believes that everyone should have the right to be with the person they love and we look forward to the day in Texas when everyone can marry who they love. This is a historic day for the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual) community and the state of Texas. As Dr. (Martin Luther) King (Jr.) once stated, 'The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice.' Today,

all Texans can celebrate that we are one step closer to justice and equality for all."

Awareness day is proclaimed

Gov. Perry proclaimed Feb. 27 as Human Trafficking Awareness Day in Texas, saying the key "to preventing and ending this horrible crime is public awareness that millions still suffer exploitation around the nation and the world."

He urged Texans to join him "in bringing awareness to this important issue as we continue to fight to bring justice to human trafficking offenders, and help to their victims."

Schools achieve progress

State Comptroller Susan Combs on Feb. 26 called attention to the new "Financial Allocation Study for Texas" available at the website fastexas.org which shows an increase in school districts earning the highest ranking of five stars.

"FAST" was created by the comptroller's office in response to 2009 legislation directing the agency to "identify school districts and campuses that use resource allocation practices that contribute to high academic achievement and cost-effective operations."

"I am pleased to see more schools being better stewards of our citizens' tax dollars while achieving better academic outcomes," Combs said.

Chair lauds pipeline progress

Barry Smitherman, Texas Railroad Commission chairman and Republican candidate for the office of Texas attorney general, spoke in Beaumont Feb. 26 in a ceremony marking the "start of operation" of TransCanada's Gulf Coast Pipeline Project.

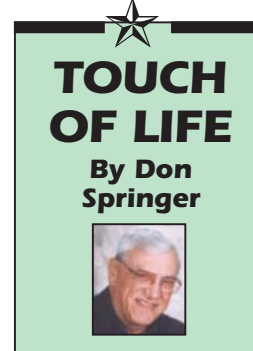
"On behalf of the Texas Railroad Commission and the people of Texas, I welcome the Gulf Coast Pipeline project and look forward to hearing that the Keystone XL Pipeline, its northern leg, is approved as soon as possible in Washington, D.C."

A presidential permit has not been granted to complete the project.

Interim charges announced

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst on Feb. 26 publicized interim charges for the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice.

Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate and is campaigning to be the Republican Party's nominee for lieutenant governor in the November general election, asked the committee to study and make recommendations on "health within the prison system" and "jail diversion for mentally ill" before the next Texas Legislature convenes in regular session in January 2015.



TOUCH OF LIFE

By Don Springer

Love driving scooters

Aaaah! These warm spring breezes running thru my helmet and the sun warming my upper body feels really good on some of the early days of March. And it is a 45 minute to an hour challenge for me as we tool through the streets of Newport.

Sometime in 2013 David bought two electric scooters—he spoils me on my visits—that we have been riding around on decent days when weather permits. The scooters are the size one might see kids riding about using their own legs for power and are called E Zip 1000. They work on normal 110 power and one charge lasts a few minutes more than an hour.

As the days get warmer we go more often and I believe we have traveled all the back streets of Newport (from Gum Gully to Challenger) on several occasions of late. I'm still a little unsteady riding them so we don't go on South Diamondhead and have only been on Golf Club Rd. once between Chart and Country Club Road. I don't like the heavy traffic and still feel quite uneasy when a car comes from behind.

The first couple of times I did mostly traveling in circles and didn't go far from home until I got used to the accelerator and brakes. The scooters will travel up to 18 miles per hour and I only do that on some of the straight-aways. If Dave gets far ahead of me he has a choice, stop and wait, or go off and leave me. So far he has always done the former.

We've attracted a little attention from some of the home owners and workers in the area and we have stopped for short conversations here and there. For some they have not seen such vehicles and inquire of the facts from Dave. A week or so ago we were a block from the Country Club and we noticed a brass statue of a little girl sitting on a lawn. We stopped for Dave to take a photo and the gentleman living there was working about and wondered why these weirdo's were taking a photo of his house.

After a short conversation that included more questions about our mode of transportation he was satisfied and we moved on. We always cut our trips short of the hour mark and arrive back home before they run out of juice. A short plug-in and we retire to Dave's home until the next beautiful day. I'm having a ball!

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

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OBITUARIES

June Walker McCarty

June Walker McCarty, 70, born June 13, 1943 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to David and Sara Walker, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 2, 2014.

She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Dennis McCarty Sr.; her eight children, eldest daughter June McCarty and husband Shannon; son Dennis McCarty Jr. and wife Heather; son Shawn McCarty and wife Miranda; daughter Shannon Durbin and husband Shawn; son Patrick McCarty and wife Kim; son Christopher McCarty Sr. and wife Lana; son Kevin McCarty; son Josh Gee. She is also survived by her 16 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild, and was considered a second mother by many.

She found joy in music and dancing, and especially enjoyed the jitterbug. After moving from Philadelphia to Channelview, Texas in 1983, June spent her time as a loving housewife and mother. Always the talker, June had the unique ability to sit and talk to anyone and could keep anyone entertained for hours. She also loved spending time with



all of her grandchildren whether it be singing silly songs or teaching them “I love you” sign language. June will be missed dearly by not only her family but by all who knew and loved her.

A Celebration of Life for June will be held on Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 2:00 P.M. in the Chapel of Sterling Funeral Home, 602 N. Main St. Dayton, Texas.

Services are under the direction of Sterling Funeral Home in Dayton, Texas.

Edna Mae Crockett

Edna Mae Crockett, age 77, of Lovington, New Mexico, passed away on February 27, 2014, in Clovis, New Mexico. She was born on November 26, 1936 in Bowling Green, Kentucky to Tracey and Ella Edna Martin. Funeral Services are scheduled for Monday, March 3, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Stevens Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Tommy Jackson of First Apostolic Church of Highland, Texas officiating. Burial will follow at Lovington City Cemetery. Visitation is scheduled for Sunday, March 2, 2014 from 4 p.m.-8 pm at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel in Lovington, NM. Arrangements are under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home of Lovington, NM.

Edna was married to Reed Vinson Crockett on May 21, 1955 in Lovington, NM. They moved to Lea County in the late 60s. After his passing in 1973, Edna went on to marry Thomas L. Booth in Odessa, Texas. Edna was a homemaker and loved her grandkids. She also enjoyed gardening and raising chickens.

Edna is survived by her husband, Thomas Booth of Del Rio, Texas, six sons, Mike (Mary) Crockett of Gunnison, Colorado, Ronnie (Patti) Crockett of Carlsbad, New Mexico, Donnie (Pam) Crockett of Crosby, Texas, Johnny Crockett of Lovington, New Mexico, Billy (Angie) Crockett



of Crosby, Texas, and Terry (Sheila) Crockett of Hobbs, New Mexico, two daughters: Linda (Bobby) Blackwood of Lovington, New Mexico and Vicki (Leonard) Trevino of Hobbs, New Mexico, one brother, Billy Smith of Palestine, Texas, and two sisters, JoeAnn Lawler of Palestine, Texas and Tracine (Vic) Duran of Cortez, Colorado, twenty grandchildren, twenty-seven great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband, Reed Vinson Crockett, her daughter, Debbie Varner, her great granddaughter, April Trevino, and two great grandsons, Billy Blackwood, Jr. and Julian Trevino and 2 sisters: Jerril Dean Oliver and Nellie Fisher.

Online condolences may be made to www.stevensfuneral.com

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PASTOR'S NEWS VIEWS

By Tim Edwards

Winning & Losing

Wins and losses define success in this 21st century world. This week, newspapers, magazines and the Internet headline several events where winners and losers are recognized in virtually every facet of life. There are actually only a few life situations where no one keeps score. Winners are honored and losers are eliminated in sports, entertainment, business, politics, and education. For example, athletes trained for the 2014 Sochi winter Olympics with goal of winning medals. Certainly there are other lofty ideals such as fostering positive international relations, but the focus is on winning and losing. They keep score at the Olympics with the medal count updated every day.

The entertainment industry is also highly competitive with the 86th annual Academy Awards on Sunday March 2nd. Although the nomination itself is an honor, producers, actors and studios care deeply whether or not they win the Oscar in the numerous categories. The box office is also a scorecard as blockbuster or bust measured by profit or loss due to high or low ticket sales.

Politics is another arena that is highly competitive and affects the quality of life of virtually all residents coast to coast. Elections never result in ties. There will always be a winner in every election! The March primaries signal the beginning of a very volatile, competitive 2014 political season. It matters greatly who wins or loses this March as nominees are chosen for the general election next November. Winning versus losing is the only goal for those who are now inundating the media with attempts to get your vote.

In this highly competitive world, a Biblical perspective regarding winners and losers must be modeled by the current generation and communicated to the next generation. Some persons devalue the importance of striving for excellence with attitude that all should be treated equally regardless of their actions or attitudes. This is mentality of playing a game and just not keeping

score. Those with such a non-competitive philosophy often have very good intentions, but the ultimate result is a loss of productivity. Specifically, this attitude fosters laziness in children and youth if they do not learn the value of study and hard work. The contrast to this devaluing of competition is the philosophy that a person's worth is measured by their performance. An overemphasis on winning has potentially dire consequences with the possibility of pride by winners and depression by losers.

The Biblical balance is to recognize the limitations of success relative to the eternal spiritual values. Paul expressed this contrast in his Holy Spirit inspired letter to 1st century church and pastor, Timothy. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance. That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God... 1 Tim 4:8-11

Biblical teaching is for Christ-followers to do all we do to honor God. Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father Col. 3:17 The Scriptural rationale for giving our best efforts in all ventures applies to athletes, employees, and students in 21st century just as it did to 1st century slaves to whom it was originally addressed. Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, Eph. 6:6-7.

Olympic medalists, Oscar presentations, and 2014 political campaigning are a NewsViews reminder to Christ-followers that the Ultimate Winner is Jesus Christ. Thus, we are victorious in our relationship with Him. We are never losers, but always winners in Jesus...we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither.

Jeffrey Robert Bobzien

Jeffrey Robert Bobzien, 54, of Highlands, Texas passed away February 24, 2014 in Corpus Christie, Texas. Jeffrey was born on February 1, 1960 in Alma, Michigan to Robert and Helen (Greer) Bobzien. Jeffrey worked as a superintendent for a construction company for many years and in his spare time he enjoyed fishing, get togethers

around the bonfire and spending time with his family and friends. Jeffrey was a very optimistic, loving and caring man who was always willing to help a friend in need, and he will be missed by all who knew him. He is preceded in death by his mother, Helen Bobzien and stepson, Jody Bloss. Jeffrey is survived by his loving wife Laureen Bobzien; father, Bob Bobzien; step son, Josh Bloss; brother, Bobby Bobzien and wife Beth; brother, Rick Bobzien and wife

Kim; 6 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; and many very close friends. A visitation for family and friends will be held on Friday, February 28, 2014 from 4pm-7pm at Sterling-White. A visitation will also be held on Saturday, March 1, 2014 from 2-5pm at Sterling-White. Services have been entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, Texas 77562. To send the family condolences please visit www.sterlingwhite.com

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Channelettes win top awards at regional dance competition



Members of the award-winning Channelview High School Channelettes dance team that competed at regional contest include (Front Row) Alexa Montes, Paolinn Ramos, Okarys Bonilla, Ashley Collier, Magali Chapa, Yomira Calles and Zoie Nobles. (Second Row) LaTonya Davis, Ana Ramirez, Kenya Brooks, Laurelee McDonald, Rosalinda Alvarez, Nathalie Diaz and Nelda Martinez. (Third Row)Magaly Escalera, Emily Hardy, Alexis Gonzales, Sharon Colocho, Erica Johnstone, Briana Rodriguez and Aimee Caballero. (Fourth Row) Maryah Reyes, Melissa Mora, Lexi Lorentzos, Sa'Kea Vallery, Briana Vitan, Karla Gonzalez and Idalis DeLaRosa. Channelettes not pictured but attended the competition were: Adriana Daniels, Aerial Davis, Erika Gonzalez, Amari Jeffrey, Alexandra Soliz and Hannah Torres.

Science in the spotlight at district fair



The winners in the elementary, junior high and high school divisions were honored at the Channelview ISD Science Fair recently.

More than 70 projects shined in the spotlight at the Channelview ISD District Science Fair recently. The student projects advanced to the district event after earning top spots in their campus competitions. At the district fair, winners were chosen in the elementary, junior high and high school categories. Representatives from Lyondell Basell and Woodforest Bank along with district personnel spent several hours judging all of the work that was submitted. McDonalds, Woodforest, and United Community Credit Union donated

some prizes including gift baskets, free food and gift cards. The winners in the different divisions are as follows: Junior High -Best in Show - Rachel Mendidza, Alice Johnson Junior High -First place - Summer Ijarah, Alice Johnson Junior High -Second place - Frida Torres, Alice Johnson Junior High -Third place -Taya Johnson, Alice Johnson Junior High High School -Best in Show - Angel Zepe-da and Osvaldo Portillo, Channelview High School

-First place - Alan Moore and Aaron Moore, Channelview High School -Second place - Jazmine Sanchez and Jessica Telles, Channelview High School -Third place - Angelica Sanchez, Channelview High School Elementary -Best of Show - Evelyn Hernandez, Brown Elementary -Fifth grade - First place - Sammy Ijarah, Hamblen Elementary -Fourth grade - First place - Emily Zambrazo, Schochler Elementary -Third grade - First place - Antonio Sergura, McMullan Elementary

Channelview High School's Channelettes dance team won several awards at the Crowd Pleasers Dance Competition in Baytown recently. The Channelettes received a Super Sweepstakes for all first divisions in Jazz, Lyrical, and Hip Hop with all scores

being 90 or above. They also received second runner-up in Jazz, first runner-up in Hip Hop and Best In Class in Lyrical. The Channelette Field Officers received a Super Sweepstakes for all first divisions in Jazz, Lyrical, and Hip Hop with all scores being 90

or above. In addition, the Channelette officers also received second runner-up in Jazz and first runner-up in Hip Hop with a special judges award for Hip Hop. The Channelette Reserves received a first division in Jazz and also a Best In Class for Jazz.

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sive list of accomplishments which include, but are not limited to, 187 college scholarship signees, five U.S. Army All-American Bowl participants, five NFL players, thirteen District Championships, twenty straight play-off seasons and, of course, a State Football Championship in 2003. This last season also marked a milestone for Aymond as he and his team celebrated their 200th win, in addition to other records of his such as the state record for 78 regular wins in 2008, ten perfect regular seasons over a twenty year period, and eight consecutive undefeated regular sea-

sons from 2001-2008. As Aymond begins to prepare for his new role, he will be able to draw upon many of his past experiences such as serving as the 2010 and 2011 U.S. Army All-American Bowl Coach, Director of the Texas High School Coaches Association from 1997-2001 and Director of the Greater Houston Football Coaches Association from 1995-1996, just to name a few. "We are ready to get started. David is a pillar in this community and having him share his leadership and mentoring expertise with our dedicated coaches and young men district-wide will only

strengthen our program and benefit our youth in many aspects of their lives, both athletically and academically as well," stated Vince Sebo, Director of Athletics for GPISD. When asked how he felt about the new venture awaiting him, Aymond replied, "This transition will be one I plan to make with zealous devotion to GPISD. Teaching, learning and motivation will be applied primarily with coaches of all sports, not limited to just football. I am looking forward to serving in this new capacity."

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COMMUNITY NEWS

North Shore Rotary Club hears Ryan on community issues

By Don Springer
For the North Channel Star

The North Shore Rotary Club heard a three-faceted talk from the Harris County Attorney at its luncheon meeting last Thursday, February 27, in Channelview. Vince Ryan talked on several issues but highlighted his own Harris County Attorney's office, the City of Houston government and the dealing of environmental issues with Harris County.

Ryan, a graduate of the University of Houston Law School, said the State of the County is "good" at present. He said there are now 4.2 million people living in Harris County and the county recently went through a budget cut-back that took 25% of his own office budget. The Harris County Attorney's office includes approximately 200 people with 100 of them being attorneys, he said.

"Our goal is to be of service to all in accordance with the law," he commented. "Our County office is a good place to work and the people there have a sense of service to our citizens." He said one-third of his attorney staff deal with child protective services. He



Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan at last North Shore Rotary Club meeting talked about community issues like the lawsuit against owner and operator of Key Truck Stop in Channelview.

further commented that he likes the law allowing the county to hire on contract. "I have two attorneys on contract currently."

The former Houston City Council member said his office activities are tight with the staff available. "Give me 100 more attorneys and I'll show you how much we can get done." His voice and demeanor did not indicate he expected that to occur any time soon.

Ryan was less than flattering in discussing the government of the City of Houston. "Houston has a strong mayor style government--most powerful mayor. Only the mayor can hire and fire and that is not a good form of government." He didn't address any possible changes, or a will within the city to make changes.

While he discussed environmental issues most of that subject came up during the

question and answer portion. He said the San Jacinto River issue is one of the largest currently in the hands of his office. "I have three attorneys that work full-time on environmental subjects." The issue revolves around dioxin and other contaminants in the water from industrial waste caused by alleged past industrial dumping.

The contamination of the bay at the mouth of the river is a matter he laid at the feet of two large national companies, Waste Management and International Paper. He said both companies are throwing high-power attorneys from their staff at us knowing they have an unlimited amount of funds at their use and public funded offices such as ours have limited financial resources. "I don't know how long it may take, he said, "but we will prevail on this issue."

Ryan advised people who catch fish in the bay where the issue is at hand not to eat their catch. The area is full of dioxins and other chemicals from the offending companies. Members of the audience said they know some fish caught there are taken for consumption.

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At San Jac, Shell Deer Park delivers equipment needed to train future workforce

PASADENA, Texas - San Jacinto College and Shell Deer Park are working together to produce job-ready graduates in the fields of process technology and non-destructive testing by providing them with realistic experiences in the classroom.

Shell Deer Park recently donated and delivered a large amount of equipment to the College that included operator training boards showing valves, pipe fittings, hoses, and lab supplies; and materials such as microscopes, light tables, and coatings testers, all used to ensure pressure equipment integrity. Such equipment donations from industry benefits everyone involved, from the students to their future employers, according to Michael Speegle,



(left to right) Stephen Rowland, San Jacinto College non-destructive testing program director; Leslie Crnkovic, San Jacinto College non-destructive testing professor; Michael Speegle, San Jacinto College department chair of process, instrumentation, electrical, non-destructive testing, and welding technology; and Steve Martinez, Dale Auterson, and Bryan Olson from the Shell Deer Park's maintenance department.

Photo by Jeannie Peng-Armao

department chair of process, instrumentation, electrical, non-destructive testing, and welding technology. "The better training equipment we have, the better a graduate we'll produce for the industry," said Speegle. "This equipment is going to our process technology and non-destructive testing programs. Some of it will be used in an introductory process technology course so that students will learn to recognize the different items because there are tens of thousands of types of equipment that includes attachments, valves, and piping pieces." Having access to equipment actually used in industry allows students to test and retest their skills before entering the field. Instructors can set up various situation exercises, throw in a couple of curves, and allow

students to find the solutions in a controlled environment before entering the workforce. Last year, Shell Deer Park

donated \$10,000 in scholarships for San Jacinto College process technology students.

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NORTHEASTERN TRAIL RIDE,

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THE WAGON HEARSE of Robert Joe continued in the Trail Ride, after the untimely death of Mr. Joe.

he was pronounced dead. Joe was one of the last two founders of this trail ride group, who with eight friends has started it in 1982. Association secretary Barbara Williams said that Joe told his son and wife he was hurting, and they called an ambulance.

In honor of Joe, the trail ride continued with his wagon as part of the parade. Coincidentally it was styled to resemble an old hearse, painted in black. Later in the day current trail boss Anthony Bruno recalled Joe's contributions, and how he was an important part of the Northeast Trail Ride association.

After leaving Crosby, the riders continued down Beaumont Highway, making stops at the Sheldon ISD ag barns on old US90, and stopping at several schools along the way to talk with the students and

introduce them to horses and the concept of the old West. Schools they stopped at, from their preliminary schedule, included Hilliard Elementary, KIPP Academy, B. C. Elmore, and Bruce Elementary.

After leaving the Triangle 7 Arena on Friday morning, they proceeded to Liberty Road, the frontage road of US59, and finally to Memorial Park around 3:30 p.m. on Friday afternoon.

Each leg of the 108 mile journey was planned to be about 20 miles, and took six days for the whole trip.

Along the way, the rider attempts to teach school children the history and heritage of the American Cowboy, as well as the contributions of the African American Cowboy and others.

The Northeastern Trail Riders always stop at the Tri-

ple E Workshop, in the Sheldon Ag barn, because this company manufacturers buttons for many of the trail rides that come from Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas.

The Northeastern Trail Ride has awarded scholarships for continuing education in the AgriBusiness over the years, and has also formed their own 4-H program.

Trail Boss is Anthony Bruno, Assistant Trail Boss is Henry Charles, and Secretary is Barbara Williams. Even though this ride starts in Cheek, Jefferson County, many of the riders are actually from the Houston, North Shore, Sheldon and North Forest areas of the city.

The ceremonial events in Memorial Park on Friday evening include an award for Best Trail Ride in various divisions, by size. There is also a Spirit Award. The Northeastern Trail Ride has won the Best Trail Ride award in 1997, 2003, and 2007.

The Trail Ride emulates the important cattle drives of the last century, and as such is a learning experience for the riders and the public.

The 13 trail rides meet together in Memorial Park on Friday, and after an evening of camaraderie and awards, prepare to go into downtown on Saturday morning and participate in the Downtown Rodeo Parade, the official start of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. The 13 trail rides involve a total of over 3000 riders, from as far away as 386 miles, from Reynosa, Mexico.

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NORTH SHORE
North Channel Chamber Office, I-10 in Woodforest Bank Bldg
Pineforest Jewelry, Uvalde Rd
San Jacinto College North, Student Center & Library
Fonteno Court House, Wallisville Rd
East Houston Hospital, I-10
Foodtown, Uvalde Rd
Sellers Brothers Market, Uvalde Rd
YMCA, Wallisville Rd
Fiesta Market, I-10
HPD Substation, I-10
Federal Road Barber Shop, Uvalde @ Halifax
Panera Restaurant, Beltway 8 @ Wallisville
CiCi's Pizza, Uvalde @ Woodforest
Shipley's Donuts, Uvalde @ I-10 E
Post Office, Mesa Road
Kroger's, Woodforest @ Beltway 8
Fuddruckers, Normandy Rd
Walgreens, Maxey Rd @ Woodforest
Senator Sylvia Garcia office, in Woodforest Bank Bldg
North Channel Library, Wallisville Rd
North Shore High School, at Wallisville Rd
Walgreens, 15511 Wallisville Rd

SHELDON
Sheldon ISD Admin Bldg.
C. E. King High School, Tidwell Rd
Kroger's, Normandy at Woodforest Parkway Feed, CE King Blvd
Community Bank of Texas, Tidwell Road

CLOVERLEAF
HC WCID #36, Hollywood St
Grayson Community Center, Corpus Christi St
Galena Park Admin Building, Beltway 8 at Woodforest
CommunityBank of Texas, I-10 E @ Freeport
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Jacinto City Branch Library, Akron St
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Sellers Brothers Market, Market St
JC Police Dept., Market St
Market Street Feed Store, Market St

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