

CHANNEL CHATTER



North Shore Girls Basketball Team loses at State

North Shore Lady Mustangs had a loss vs. Dekaney last Friday, March 4, 2016. The Dekaney Wildcats girls basketball team won last Friday in the playoff game against North Shore Mustangs by a score of 62-51. The game was played in San Antonio at the Alamodome.

Eastside Neighborhood Safety Meeting

The next Neighborhood safety meeting with Congressman Gene Green is scheduled for Monday, March 21, 2016 at 8:30am at the East Freeway HPD Storefront, 12001-A. East Freeway.

North Channel Area Community Clean-Up

The 14th Annual North Channel Community Clean-up that is scheduled on Saturday, April 9, 2016 from 8:30am – 12:00noon. The kick-off location is the East Freeway HPD Storefront.

4th Annual North Channel Job Fair

A Job Fair has been scheduled on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at San Jacinto College North Campus from 10:00am – 2:00pm.

Houston Community College-NE renews plans for expanded campus in North Forest

NORTH FOREST – Shadydale Elementary was the site for a community meeting last Monday evening, hosted by Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee.

The purpose of the meeting was to report back to the North Forest community, on current plans for the Houston Community College to proceed with construction of three new buildings and a new campus, at the site on Little York at Homestead Road. The meeting opened with a moment of silence marking the passing of longtime North Forest Trustee Lois Edwards.

The project had been proposed in a referendum that the community approved in 2008, but budget shortfalls with all of HCC

had curtailed construction until now.

As presented to the public by HCC Chancellor Cesar Maldonado, vice Chancellor Margaret Ford-Fisher, and Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, the site will get three new buildings: a 20,000 sf Academic building, a 35,000 sf Automotive Technology building, and an existing building renovated into a workforce Training facility with welding, and building trades. New parking for 275 will accommodate additional students and faculty.

Total cost for these structures is expected to be \$43.8 million, much of it spent in the community and employing local workers, said vice Chancellor Ford-Fisher. Total campus



VIEW OF NEW ACADEMIC BUILDING ON HOMESTEAD ROAD.

size will eventually be 97,000 sf. It is anticipated that the project will not only provide new educational and job opportunities, but will be a catalyst for other development, and a turning point for the moribund North Forest neighborhood. Construction

is expected to be completed by June 2017. Project contractor at risk is Durotech Corp., and the architect is PGAL.

Maldonado said the goal is to have 500 students at the new campus, with a state of the art Automotive Technology training.

A “blue-ribbon” committee has been working with HCC to insure the buildings were what the community needed and wanted. However, the meeting was not without controversy. Several mem-

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Sheldon ISD calls for \$285 M bond election

On Thursday, February 18, 2016, the Sheldon ISD Board of Trustees voted to call a school bond election. The recommended package totals \$285 million and will include funds for:

- A new high school
- A new elementary school
- Renovations to current middle schools
- Technology upgrades throughout the district
- Land purchases for new SISD facilities

The proposal will go before voters on May 7.

Sheldon ISD is considered a fast-growth district. According to a June 2014 demographic study, district enrollment was projected to be at nearly 8,300 by 2015. The district exceeded that projection with an enrollment of more than 8,500 by December 2015. This year alone, the dis-

trict saw a 7% growth rate. At this rate, Sheldon ISD can expect to have a student enrollment of more than 11,000 by 2023.

Based on the recommendation from the Texas Association of School Boards Facility report, and needs relating to the district's potential growth, there are several other areas that will be addressed such as:

- Parking and parent drop off lanes at Sheldon ECA and Cravens ECA
- Extending the covered walkways at the student drop offs at Sheldon ECA and Cravens ECA
- Energy management projects which will improve building efficiencies and reduce utility cost
- Athletic facility projects to include a new stadium

The last time Sheldon

had a major bond election was in 2006. That \$98.7 million bond passed and allowed the district to build schools, purchase necessary land, upgrade technology and renovate facilities. In 2000, Sheldon passed a \$97 million bond, which allowed the district to prepared for expected growth. In 1998, Sheldon approved a \$23.5 million bond that funded the renovation of many facilities.

The district has set up town hall meetings where Superintendent King Davis, along with members of the board, will address any questions or concerns parents and the community might have. The first one is scheduled for Monday, March 28, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at C. E. King High School. More information can be found at sheldonisd.com/bond.

Candidates file for Galena Park Municipal election

No challengers in Jacinto City

The deadline for filing to have your name on the ballot for the municipal elections, to be held on May 7, has passed with the following results:

In Galena Park, candidates for Mayor are Dawn Thompson-Fisher, 57, listed as a Legal Assistant, and a member of the Galena Park ISD board; and the incumbent, Esmeralda Moya, 49, listed as occupation Mayor.

For Galena Park Commissioner Position 1, Water and Sewer, Rodney Chersky, 50, listed as a deputy constable; and incumbent Danny “Bevo” Simms, 55, listed as a lead painter with GPISD.

For Position 2, incumbent Cruz R. Hinojosa, Jr.,

63, listed as retired; and Oscar Silva, Jr., 47, listed as a production coordinator.

For Position 3, Parks & Recreation, the incumbent Maricela Serna, 59, listed as a tax preparer; and Eric Broussard, 59, listed as an aircraft mechanic; and Mark Groba, 59, listed as a real estate occupation.

For Position 4, Streets & Bridges, incumbent Juan L. Flores, 38, listed as an outreach coordinator; and Barry Ponder, 62, listed as self-employed.

In Jacinto City, no one filed against the incumbents, who will remain in office and that part of the

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COMMUNITY PROJECTS

North Shore Rotary club receives support for annual fundraising event



LyondellBasell presents a sponsorship check supporting the North Shore Rotary's 41st annual Fish Fry and Raffle fundraising event, benefitting various community projects. (Left to right) LyondellBasell Reliability Manager and North Shore Rotary member, Christopher Ryan; North Shore Rotary President-elect, Kimberly Gonzalez; North Shore Rotary President, Mike Williams.

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Galena Park ISD announces Principals and Assistant Principals of the Year

On Tuesday, February 23, 2016 Galena Park ISD announced the Secondary and Elementary Principals and Assistant Principals of the Year:

PRINCIPALS OF THE YEAR: Pictured to the right is Bianca Shaughnessy, Woodland Acres Elementary School Principal and GPISD's Elementary Principal of the Year and Lee Ramirez, Woodland Acres Middle School Principal and GPISD's Secondary Principal of the Year (both pictured with Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Angi Williams).

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS OF THE YEAR

Pictured to the right are Justin Bromley, Galena Park High School Assistant Principal and GPISD's Secondary Assistant Principal of the Year and Stephanie Chavez, Pyburn Elementary Assistant Principal and Elementary Assistant Principal of the Year.



SCHOOL NEWS

Galena Park ISD recognizes outstanding volunteer

Galena Park ISD recognized Juanta Leyvi Puente, a volunteer at Green Valley Elementary School, at the March meeting of the Board of Trustees. Ms. Puente was recognized for her hard work and dedication to Green Valley Elementary. She is dedicated to helping the school, whether it is taking work home or even volunteering to monitor lunch schedules. She has two children attending GVE, and the teachers get very excited when they see Ms. Puente coming their way.

Ms. Maria Rodriguez, Communities In Schools representative, and Ms. Alberta Sinnette, counselor at Green Valley, said, "Ms. Puente is one of the unsung heroes of Green Valley and her hard work definitely stands out among the rest. Success can never be achieved unless someone like Ms. Puente has the vision and desire to initiate it!"

Ms. Puente is pictured here with Wilfred J. Broussard, Jr., GPISD Board of Trustees Vice President; Ms. Maria Rodriguez, Communities In Schools representative; Ms. Alberta Sinnette, Green Valley Elementary Counselor; Ms. Grace Devost, Green Valley Elementary Principal; Dr. Angi Williams, Superintendent of Schools; and members of her family.



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NEWS COLUMN

By Texas Attorney General
Ken Paxton



Protect Yourself:
Hang Up, Shred It,
Opt Out

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It is unfortunate that senior Texans are targeted by scammers. However, you can take action to protect yourself. For nearly every scam or fraud, there is a simple strategy that you can use to stay safe.

Hang Up!

Unsolicited phone calls are a very real danger to Texas seniors. These are calls from someone you do not know, and this includes people you do not know who claim to be someone who has real business with you.

It is important to remember that a caller could say he or she is with your bank or your credit card company, a state or federal agency, or any other organization with official credibility or a reputation you trust. Always bear in mind that sometimes these callers are imposters.

A definite red flag is when a caller asks you for personal information such as your Social Security Number, date of birth or financial information such as your credit card or bank account number. The simple strategy to stay safe? When in doubt, JUST HANG UP.

Never give out personal information to anyone who has called you, no matter what they say. You are under no obligation to remain on the line with someone who is trying to talk you into (or out of) something. Just hang up.

If you think the call might be legitimate (for instance, you think it may really be your bank calling about a problem with your account), tell the caller you'll get right back to them. Do not use a number the caller has given you when you make the return call. Look up the number of your bank yourself by consulting the phone book or a recent paper statement.

Shred It!

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in America today. You can lose your money, ruin your good name, have your credit destroyed and find yourself deep in debt, all through no action of your own.

Identity theft often begins when someone obtains key personal and financial information such as your Social Security number or bank account number. Personal information such as your mother's maiden name may also help the thief "prove" his or her identity on a loan or credit card application.

Be careful that you're not helping identity thieves by discarding papers with this key information whenever you throw away old bank statements, cancelled checks, or other financial documents. In addition,

many consumers routinely receive "pre-approved" credit offers which a thief could take from their mailbox.

You can protect yourself by shredding all documents that contain personal information, including pre-approved loan and credit card offers, insurance forms and financial statements. The information in these documents could be used by an identity thief to open accounts and charge up debts in your name.

As an additional level of protection, you may also want to consider placing a credit freeze on your account with the three major credit bureaus. This will prevent other people (mainly creditors) from accessing your credit report unless you specifically authorize them access. This will in turn prevent anyone (including you) from being able to get quick, on the spot credit. For you, this may be a small inconvenience requiring you to temporarily "lift" the freeze whenever you apply for new credit, but for the would-be identity thief, it is a tough barrier to get around.

Opt Out!

You can limit the number of pre-approved credit offers issued in your name by removing your name from the marketing lists of the three credit reporting bureaus. Call 888-5OPT-OUT or (888) 567-8688. A representative will ask for your Social Security number and will then ensure that your information is protected from general disclosure.

It is not unusual for businesses to sell your information to marketing agencies as a source of revenue. While they are prohibited by law from disclosing your Social Security number and other identifying financial information to others, these businesses may sell your name, address, phone number and other personal information on a regular basis.

If you prefer to stop receiving such offers, you can contact your creditors in writing and ask that you be removed from their solicitation lists and to withhold your information from their affiliates. You can also contact the Direct Marketing Association's Mail Preference Service and request that they remove your name and home address from national mailing lists.

You can add your name, address and telephone number to state and federal "no-call" lists, which will identify you as someone who does not wish to receive telemarketing calls. Being on these lists will stop many unwanted sales calls.



Cruz, Clinton emerge as winners in Texas primaries

AUSTIN — March 1 Super Tuesday election returns posted by the Texas Secretary of State's Elections Division show 2.8 million (about 20 percent) of the state's 14.2 million registered voters cast a ballot in the Republican Party Presidential Primary.

In the Democratic Party Presidential Primary, the statewide turnout was 1.4 million, or about 10 percent of the state's registered voters.

U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas won the GOP contest with 1,239,370 votes, or 43.75 percent. Coming in second was New York businessman Donald Trump with 757,618 votes, or 26.74 percent. In third place was U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida with 502,223 votes, or 17.73 percent. Ohio Gov. John Kasich placed fourth with 120,257 votes, or 4.24 percent.

Former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton of New York won the Democratic contest with 934,999 votes, or 65.21 percent. U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont placed second with 475,561 votes, or 33.16 percent.

In 2012, about 1.45 million people voted in the Texas Republican Party Primary and about 590,000 people voted in the Texas Democratic Party Primary. Those primaries were held on May 29, 2012.

Court hears HB 2 case

Before the U.S. Supreme Court on March 2, Texas Solicitor General Scott Keller delivered oral arguments in support of House Bill 2, legislation passed by the Texas Legislature in 2013 in to toughen existing abortion laws.

Supporters of HB 2 say the legislation improves patient safety and raises the standard of care for

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling



More are taking tests
Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath on March 1 announced the number of Texas graduates taking at least one "Advanced Placement Program" exam during high school has more than doubled over the past decade, according to College Board's AP Cohort Data Report for the Class of 2015.

Also, according to the announcement, the percentage of Texas students taking at least one AP exam in high school continues to outpace the national average.

DPS Upholds Decision

Texas Department of Public Safety Director Steven McCraw on March 1 issued a letter of final termination, upholding his Jan. 28 preliminary decision to terminate Trooper Brian Encinia from the department for reasons related to the trooper's traffic stop of Sandra Bland on July 10, 2015, in Prairie View.

Encinia has the right to appeal his termination to the Texas Public Safety Commission, the five-member oversight board for the DPS, McCraw stated in the text of the letter. Bland was booked into Waller County Jail following her arrest by Encinia. She was found hanged in her cell three days later, on July 13. The assistant county medical examiner issued an autopsy report on July 24, ruling the death a suicide.

Zika cases increase

The Texas Department of State Health Services on March 4 reported Texas so far has had 18 confirmed cases of the Zika virus disease.

Of those cases, 17 were found in travelers who were infected abroad and diagnosed after they returned home. One case involved a Dallas County resident who had sexual contact with someone who acquired the Zika infection while traveling abroad.

Case numbers by county were listed as follows: Bexar, 3; Dallas, 2; Fort Bend, 1; Harris, 9; Tarrant, 1; and Travis, 2.

Economy adds jobs

Texas employers expanded their payrolls in January with the addition of 31,400 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs, marking the tenth consecutive month of job growth for Texas, the Texas Workforce Commission reported March 4.

Also, Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.5 percent in January, down from a revised 4.6 percent in December, and remained below the national average of 4.9 percent.

CYBER SAFETY

(NAPSI)—Each year, 9 million people fall prey to cyberattacks, according to the Federal Trade Commission. Data breaches wreak havoc on one's personal and financial lives and can cause headaches for years to come. Unfortunately, you or someone you know has already likely been hacked at some point—and if you haven't, now is a good time to make sure you're fully protected.

Hackers use a variety of means to capture personal data, from keystroke logging and phishing e-mails to credit card or other financial information theft. While you can protect yourself by changing passwords and verifying where an e-mail originated, consumers need to take less obvious steps to protect themselves.

Dan Konzen, Phoenix college campus chair for University of Phoenix College of Information Systems & Technology, and a cybersecurity expert, teaches others how to protect themselves online by performing live hacks of social media sites, starting with information they thought was secure.

"Social media sites like Facebook lead users to believe their information and data are secure through a few self-selected security settings," said Konzen, who co-founded his own cybersecurity company.

"The best way to protect yourself is knowing what information is available online and how to reduce access. Consumers think because they have a password on an account, they're protected. But today's cybersecurity criminals can often get around basic passwords and uncover personal information like addresses and GPS coordinates on things like a photo."

Konzen often performs live hacks to show people just how easy accessing blocked or hidden information can be. He offers the following tips for people to protect themselves:

1. Use VPN networks and Tor browsers on public networks when available.
2. Use websites like www.agilebits.com/onepassword or guerrillamail.com to protect passwords and e-mail addresses. And make sure passwords are more than eight characters long and contain numbers and symbols.
3. Remember that nothing posted online is truly hidden, secure or private—and that doesn't pertain only to the Internet; information from apps, smartphones and tablets can also be accessed. Take extra steps to keep financial information, passwords, e-mail addresses and other personal information secure.
- "We can't just turn off our phones and never use electronics again; that's not realistic," Konzen said. "You need to be aware of what is being put out there and make sure all your data is secure."

For people interested in additional ways to protect their online identity, or interested in courses on cybersecurity, many colleges offer cybersecurity degree programs. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, cybersecurity jobs are expected to grow 37 percent by 2022. University of Phoenix, for example, offers associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees and a number of certificates in cybersecurity on campus or completely online. For more information, visit www.phoenix.edu/colleges_divisions/technology.html.

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LIFESTYLE

OBITUARY

Margit Henry



Margit Henry, 68, passed away March 3, 2016 in Baytown, Texas.

Margit was born February 10, 1948 to parents E.B. and Anna Kasiske in Ried im Innkreis, Austria.

She is preceded in death by her father; and husband, Bobby Henry. Margit is lovingly survived by her children, Warren Henry & wife, Allison Henry and Amber Henry and husband, Bert Yates; mother, Anna Kasiske; brothers, Ernest Kasiske and John Kasiske.

Friends are welcome to join her family for visitation Wednesday, March 9th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Carter Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 10th in the chapel of Carter Funeral Home. Graveside services will follow at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 11, 2016 at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery in Plugerville, Texas under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

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Sheldon’s students and educator of the month honored at Chamber luncheon

On Friday, March 4, 2016, the Students of the Month from C. E. King High School, C. E. King Middle School, and Null Middle School were honored at the North Channel Area of Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon. Null’s Educator of the Month was also honored.

C. E. King High School’s Student of the Month is junior, Frida Rivera. Frida is the assistant section leader of the high school marching band. She is also a member of the FFA and PALs. After high school, Frida would like to attend Texas A&M University.

C. E. King Middle School’s Student of the Month is Nadalie Carmona. Nadalie is an eighth grader at the middle school and has lived in Sheldon all her life. She’s an honor roll student and is part of the AVID program. In the future, Nadalie wants to attend San Jacinto College to complete her basic studies, and then go to the University of Houston and study radiology.

Null Middle School’s Student of the Month is Stephanie Villanueva. Stephanie is an eighth



From left to right: Leroy Bradley, Null Middle School Principal; Frida Rivera, King High School Student of the Month; Stephanie Villanueva, Null Middle School Student of the Month; Kimberly Matthews, Null Middle School Educator of the Month; Nadalie Carmona, C. E. King Middle School Student of the Month; Juan Melendez, C. E. King Middle School Principal and Demetrius McCall, C. E. King High School Principal.

grader and is very involved in her school. She’s a member of the Honors Band, National Junior Honor Society, and Student Council. She says she’s preparing for college by taking many pre-AP and high school credit classes. After high school, Stephanie wants to follow in her sister’s footsteps and attend the University of Houston and major in psychology.

Null’s Educator of the Month is Kimberly Mat-

thews. Kimberly teaches U.S. History at the middle school and has been in the district for nine years. She majored in psychology and graduated from the University of Houston. Later, she returned to school to complete her teacher’s certification. In the future, she wants to pursue her master’s degree in school counseling. Kimberly is married and is the proud parent of a 7-year-old boy and she has another on the way.

GALENA PARK ISD: HCDE announces 2016 Scholastic winners

On Saturday, March 5th, Harris County Department of Education presented the Regional Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. Established by Maurice Robinson, founder of Scholastic Books Inc., it is the largest and most prestigious recognition program and source of scholarships for creative teens in the U.S. Works were displayed by the regional 7-12th grade students who advanced to the Silver Key Award level. Thousands of students from public, private, charter, and home schools...submit their work each year to this fierce competition. GPISD is proud to announce our five Scholastic awardees for 2016:

* Mariah Garcia - Cunningham Middle School (Teacher: Jaclyn Campion) (pictured) * Zaria Hamilton - North Shore 9th Grade Center (Charlene Culpepper)

* Autumn McMillan (pictured) - North Shore 9th Grade Center (Teacher: Charlene Culpepper)

* Sofia Armintor - Galena Park High School (Teacher: Jonalyn Evora)

* Angelica Torres (pictured) - Galena Park High School (Teacher: Jonalyn Evora)

Angelica Torres was also named as one of only five students from the regional Gold Key writing entries to be nominated for the best-in-region for the national American Voices/ American Visions awards. These awards are judged nationally for American Voices/American Visions Medals. One of these pieces judged in art and writing will be selected for the national award, so we look forward to hearing from Angelica soon!



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Leviticus 19:32

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International investing can expand your horizons

If you don't mind slow trips, you can go around the world in 80 days. But it takes almost no time to become a global investor. So, should you look abroad for good investments?

You may not have thought about it. And that may not be all that surprising, because when Americans check market updates, they typically see data for the Dow Jones Industrial Average, the Standard & Poor's 500 Index and the Nasdaq Composite, all of which provide information for essentially one asset class: large-capitalization domestic stocks. Yet, U.S. equities actually only represent slightly more than one third of world equities, according to Bloomberg, a financial news service – so if you're confining yourself to the U.S., you may be missing out on an opportunity.

By investing internationally, you can gain at least two significant benefits:

- Growth potential – U.S. stocks have achieved good returns for long stretches of time. Yet, in any given year, markets in other countries can outperform the U.S. – and they have done just that.* By looking beyond our borders, you can invest in - regions with different prospects for economic growth.

- In mature economies, such as those found in Western Europe, you can find investment possibilities in companies that produce high-quality, well-known products. Like many of the best American businesses, these foreign companies are likely to remain competitive far into the future – which means they can be attractive to serious, long-term investors.

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- Diversification – If you invest entirely in domestic investments, and the U.S. financial markets suffered a downturn, your portfolio would likely take a big hit. But if you spread your investment dollars between both U.S. and international investments, you could lessen the impact of the U.S.-based volatility. The U.S. financial markets do not always move in tandem

with global markets, so, when we're down, they might be up. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, can't guarantee profit or prevent losses.)

- While investing internationally offers some advantages, it also carries some specific risks. Here are a few to consider:

- Political or economic instability – A quick glance

at the headlines can tell you that different parts of the world may be undergoing political or economic turmoil – or both at the same time. This instability can obviously affect the investment outlook within these regions.

- Fluctuating exchange rates – The exchange rate between U.S. and foreign currencies fluctuates all the time. This movement can decrease or increase the dollar value of your investment even if its actual price remains unchanged.

- Difficulty in obtaining information – Financial information about specific companies in emerging markets can be hard to obtain, which is why it may be better to invest using professional managers.

Given these factors, if you are going to invest internationally, it's probably a good idea to do so with the help of a financial professional – someone with the resources and experience to help you avoid potential pitfalls. But don't ignore the opportunities available internationally. The exact amount depends on your risk tolerance, goals and time horizon.

The world is a big place – investing an appropriate portion of your portfolio in international investments could help broaden your investment horizons.

*(Please include the source of these statements.) Past performance is not a guarantee of future market performance.

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Channelview ISD Community Health Fair



More than 30 vendors and community agencies participated in the Channelview ISD Community Health Fair that was held Saturday, March 5 at the Ray Maddy Memorial Stadium Complex. A variety of entertainment was featured, including a magic show with Ronald McDonald. Children were able to tour ambulances, fire trucks and an emergency helicopter. The Houston Police Department's Mounted Patrol and the Harris County Fire Marshal's K-9 Unit were in attendance.

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bers of the audience, including Ivory Mayhorn and wife Jackie, raised the objection that the building design was too plain and simple, and not monumental or commanding like suburban "Katy-like" schools. However, Maxine Seals suggested that they should be "satisfied with what we get. We need it now."

Ford-Fisher said that in the future other buildings

will be built, and that this campus will offer a better education that will attract others into the community, giving it an economic boost.

Election,

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election will be cancelled. However, the ballot will have one issue, whether the local income tax should be increased from 7.25% to 8.25% with the income reverting to the city.

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North Shore Seniors holds a dance every Thursday from 1 - 4 pm at the Grayson/Baldree Building, Corpus Christi street. Live bands and refreshments. Cost is \$ 5/per person. For more information call 713-455-3660.

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The Club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Mr. Gatti's on Uvalde at noon.

Heritage Hall Senior Center

-Exercise class: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays at 9 am. -Streight and Balance class: Tuesdays at 9 am. Heritage Hall Senior Center is located at 1025 Oates Road, Jacinto City, TX. 77029. 713-675-4487.

Channelview FFA

Channelview FFA Livestock Show is April 4-9, 2016. The Parade will be held down Sheldon Road at 10 am, Saturday, April 9. The Auction will be held at 1:15 pm, Saturday, April 9 at the Allen Hall Fairgrounds.

Jacinto City Library programs

•Children's Programs:
-Children's Story Time is at 3 pm every Thursday. Join us for a story, finger play, and a fun craft! Preschool ages and up welcome.
-Baby Story Time every Wednesday at 10:30 am. Fun interactive playing time and stories. Recommended for ages 0-2 years.
•Children Holiday Program:
-Spring Time Puppet Show. Join us Thursday, March 17 at 3 pm for a special presentation of the classic story, Tortoise and the Hare, re-enacted by puppets! Children of all ages are welcome.
•Computer Classes:
-1-on-1 Tech Help. We will be having a special session on Friday, March 11, 3-5pm to answer any questions regarding any digital device and smartphone.
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Channelview dance teams perform well at regional event



The Channelettes dance team took first place in the Production Category at the HTE Regional Competition and also earned a Sweepstakes Award.

The Channelview High School Channelettes, Channel-ette Reserves and the new boys dance team captured several top awards at the HTE Goose Creek Memorial Regional Championship Competition recently.
“Our teams had a lot of fun competing, especially the boys dance team since this was their first time ever to compete,” said Suzanne Hutchins, Channel-ettes director. “All three teams made Channelview proud.”
Awards received were:
Soloist-1st division rating: Kaelyn Berry, Karla Gonzalez, Leslie Montes, Melissa Mora and Katie O'Brien.
Duets-1st division rating: Alize Carrizales and Alexa Pereznegron. Karla Gonzalez and Alexa Montes.
Social Officers-1st division rating: Kaylenn Cortes, Magaly Escalera, Isabell Garcia, Alexandra Soliz.
Channel-ette Reserves: Outstanding Presentation
Boys Dance Team:
-1st place Championship in the Boys Novelty Category
-1st place Championship in the Boys Hip Hop Category.
-1st place Championship in the Boys Break Category.
-Sweepstakes with a score of 85 and above on 3 routines.
Specialty Awards presented for
Entertainment
Outstanding Presentation

Channel-ette Officers
-1st place Varsity Officer Championship in the Open Category.
-Sweepstakes with a score of 85 and above on 3 routines.
-Officers include Major Alexa Montes, Sr. Captain - Lauralee McDonald.
-Jr. Captain Karla Gonzalez
-Jr. Captain Melissa Mora
Specialty Awards were presented for:
Technique, Showmanship, Entertainment, Choreography, Outstanding Presentation
Channel-ette Team
-1st place Varsity Team Championship in the Production Category.
-Sweepstakes with a score

of 85 and above on 3 routines.
Specialty Awards include: Entertainment, Choreography, Outstanding Presentation.
The Channelettes are under the direction of Suzanne Hutchins and assistant director Angela Upshaw. The boys dance team is directed by Severo DelaGarza.

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