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#### **CHANNEL CHATTER**



#### North Channel Golf tournament

North Channel Chamber will hold their Golf Tournament, May 21, 2015. 8 am Shotgun start. At TOUR 18, 2102 FM 1960 East, Humble, TX. Call the Chamber at

#### **GP/JC Rotary Club** Scholarship Ceremony

Galena Park/Jacinto City Ro-tary Club will hosts a scholarship ceremony for 26 students of the



#### Correction to CIP Article on K-M

In the North Channel STAR issue of 4-22-15, the article on Kinder-Morgan's new facility should have said the output is 50,000 barrels a day in Unit 1. Also, the products are sent via pipeline to Kin's Galena Park Facility for distribution. Thanks to KM's Darrick Bockius for the cor-

## Rotary Fish Fry & Car Raffle huge success, fun for all

NORTH SHORE – The Rotary Club of North Shore held another successful Fish Fry, their 40th Annual event of this type, and entertained and fed about a thousand people last Saturday afternoon, at the Rotary Pavilion on Wallisville Road.

A donation of \$100 gave you

A donation of \$100 gave you a chance to win a new vehicle, your choice of a Toyota Tundra truck, or a Avalon sedan. Nineteen other prizes were also awarded. See list to the right.

The event was held from 11 a.m. to over 4 p.m., due to a large number of auction items that had been donated. Auctioneer Lynn Spell and Scott Stephens were busy taking bids on almost 100 items, that ranged from handmade objects such as a quilt, sports memorabilia, and exotic trips and vacations. Bidding was lively, and reached very high prices on some items. Fish Fry chairman Mike

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ROTARIANS Mike Williams, Derrill Painter, and Shawn Silman pull the winning ticket for the new vehicle. It was #1068 and the winner was Matt Clendenin. MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 8.

additional income from sponsorships and silent auction. This money is returned to the community throughout the

year, in scholarships, support of youth projects, and other community projects as well as the Rotary Foundation nation-

the Rotary Foundation nationally.

Major sponsors included Holiday Inn Houston East, Basic Equipment, Bestway Oilfield, Blue Northern A/C, Community Toyota Honda Kia, Galena Park ISD Education Foundation, and San Jacinto College Foundation. In addition, there were 23 other sponsors.

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The vehicle for the winner was provided by Community Toyota of Baytown. The winner, Matt Clendenin, said that he would choose the Tundra pick-up truck of the two choices he had.

es he had.

The Fish Fry is an event that involves all the club members, and takes a great deal of work to accomplish, said club president Allatia Harris, who thanked all that participated as Rotarians, sponsors, bidders, and attendees.



LIST OF DRAWING WINNERS:

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  1. Juanita Corley \$200 Gift Card

  2. Teresa Martin 6 Rodeo tickets

  3. Bestway Olifield 19: LCD TV

  4. Bill Bowes Restaurant Gift Cards

  5. Suzi Urbantike \$250 Gift Card

  6. Gahlen Carpenter Parrot Drone

  7. Betty Smith YMCA membership

  8. David Jones Restaurant Gift Cards

  9. Marfanne & Rick Bates Mountain Bike

  10. Jackie Barmore Nilkon camera

  10. Dorden Burke IPad

  12. Beckle Cooper 4 Astros tickets

  13. William P. Bowes Whole hog

  14. Lou Greer 4 Astros tickets

  15. Rick Helton 9. Texans tickets

  16. Jim Hildebrand Fireworks package

  17. Jack Cates VFII 35 Cooler

  18. Julian Gonzalez YMCA membership

  19. Virgina Truck Half side of beef

  20. Matt Clendenin new Truck or Car

## JACINTO CITY COUNCIL OFFICIALS SWORN INTO OFFICE

Jacinto City's regular council meeting friends, family mem-bers and citizens came and witnessed the taking of the Oath of Office of the Mayor

witnessed the taking of the Mayor and two city council members. Other business on the agenda was the establishing of the salaries and gasoline reimbursement amount for the elected officials.

The City Council voted to set the Mayor's monthly salary at \$350 with Council positions set at \$300 monthly. For gasoline reimbursement for the use of their personal vehicle while taking care of city business a monthly gas allowance was set at \$300 for the Mayor and \$225 Councils.

The Council appointed Councilman Mario Gonzales as Mayor Pro-tem for the next



Mayor Ana Diaz takes Oath of Office with her mother Mrs. Baldramina C. Gonzalez and Justice of the Peace of Precinct 2 Judge George Risner

year to be acting Mayor in the Mayor's absence. Taking the oath was Mayor Ana Diaz, Council members Carmela Garcia and Mario Gonzales. All three was unop-posed so the city council at a



Councilman and Mayor Pro-tem Mario Gonzales takes the oath, his wife Dina is holding the Bible





PHOTOS PROVIDED BY: ALLAN JAMAIL

The City Council also appointed City Manager Lon Squires as the city's Investment Officer and Assistant City Manager Kathy Greiner as Assistant Investment Officer. and five city council positions. The city has staggered elections where in odd ending year's the Mayor and two council positions is up for election and the remaining three council seats is in even ending year's

## JACINTO CITY DRAINAGE PROBLEM Main Drainage Channel requires urgent work to clear blockage

JACINTO CITY - The Har-JACINTO CITY - The Har-ris County Flood Control Dis-trict main drainage channel from this city to the Ship Channel has had major block-age since November of last year, due to a collapse of the concrete liner along the south surface near Holland Avenue.

concrete liner along the south surface near Holland Avenue. This drainage channel is known as Turkey Run Gully, emptying into Hunting Bayou to the east, according to local resident Allan Jamail.

This channel reportedly is responsible for draining 75% of the watershed around Jacinto City, and citizens are concerned that if a major hurricane were to hit this year, flooding and water damage would be widespread.

Marvin James, manager with the Harris County Flood Control District, has advised the Star that repairs for the channel have been bid, and are awaiting approval of the Commissioners Court, which could come as soon as next Tuesday, June 2.

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June 2.
Then the contractor, N and Z Contracting, could start work shortly thereafter, according to James. Mr. Jamail termed this a "vital repair" for the safety of all Jacinto City residents, prior to hurricane



MAJOR OBSTRUCTION SEEN LOOKING EAST TOWARD HOLLAND.



BLOCKAGE OF TURKEY RUN GULLY, LOOKING WEST FROM HOLLAND

## **COMMUNITY PROFILE** LyondellBasell Manager presents at North Shore Rotary

NORTH SHORE - Rotari-NORTH SHORE – ROTATI-ans heard about the past, present and future of the Ly-ondell Channelview refinery, at a talk given last April 23rd by plant manager Todd Monby plant manager 1000 111011-ette at their regular weekly

previous council meeting had canceled the city election. Justice of the Peace of Pre-cinct 2 Judge George Risner performed the swearing in cer-emony for all three. Jacinto City has a mayor

luncheon.

Monette also explained the organization known as EHCorganization known as EHC-MA, a joint mutual aid associ-ation of all the ship channel

and, a joint mutual and association of all the ship channel refineries.

Monette expressed a pride in the Channelview facility, and said that today the refining business is going strong.

The Channelview plant was started 50 years ago on Sheldon Road, one of the first for Texas Butadine, later known as Atlantic Richfield refining, then as Arco, and later LyondellBasell. They have three refineries in the area, at Channelview, LaPorte, and Corpus Christi. The local plant is known as a "turnaround" or a shutdown for heavy maintenance. The plant has 998 employees.

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nance. The plant has 998 employees.
LyondellBasell is the third largest refiner in the world, Monette said, with 55 manufacturing locations, 13,000 employees worldwide, and \$44 billion annual revenue.
Monette said that the industry has become very profitable, with the advent of shale



LYONDELLBASELL Channelview Plant Manager Todd Monette answers a question from a Rotarian, as club president Allatia Harris waits to present him with a club tradition, a "Gold Rim Cup" to all the speakers.

oils, crude, and tidal oil. Nationwide these developments have led to 1000 permenent jobs, 30,000 construction jobs, and \$40 billion in additional business. They generate low-cost Ethane, an advantage to the U.S. in the world market. About EHCMA, or East Harris County Manufacturers Association, Monette said that it is a association of 90 companies with 130 facilities in the Gulf Coast region, and

30,000 employees, sharing best practice information and safety practices. EHCMA companies spend \$12 Billion yearly in taxes, payrolls, and purchases locally. They have invested \$5 Billion for air quality improvements in the past 10 years.

LyondellBasell is a major supporter of the Galena Park ISD Education Foundation, having given \$30,000 in scholarships this year.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

## **Crosby Stars present Super Spring Event at High School**



The Crosby Stars debuted as Star of their own dance show last Friday and Saturday dancing in a variety of styles and themes for a packed audience inside the Crosby Gym. Above the ladies and their instructor have changed from their ensemble costumes back into their athletic field wear to make them more recognizable.

## Summer reading program begins at Crosby Library

Crosby, TX – June 1 – Aug 8 – The Crosby Branch Library is proud to announce Harris County Public Library Summer Reading 2015: Reading is My Superpower! It is for children and adults of all ages and begins on June 1st and continues through August 8th. Its purpose is to encourage reading and foster a love of libraries. Sign up in the library or online at www.hcpl.net.

Following this year's hero theme, the Crosby Branch Library will have activity days on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the summer. Mondays will feature superhero themed activities for school age children, tweens and teens, all starting at 4:00 pm. Tuesdays will feature special guest performances beginning on June 9th, at 10:30 am, with Mick Corley, presenting Heroes, Superheroes and

Villains. On Thursdays, there will be story times for preschoolers and toddlers at 10:30 am that will feature different community heroes and related activities. Stop by the library for an activities calendar for a full list of all programs.

All programs are free and open to the public. For more information, call the library at 281-328-3535 or log on to http://www.hcpl.net/location/crosby-branch-library.

## Crosby Lions tap president and Lion of the Year



Dr. James Gracey is now President of the Crosby Lions Club. He is joined by Cora Thomas a Crosby High School Bus driver who has been tapped Lion of the Year for the Crosby group. President, Carla Montero and Treasurer, Megan Eagleton below join the Crosby Leos Club from Crosby High School as they commit for another year with members of the local boy scouts.





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#### SCHOOL NEWS

#### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

#### **HELP ESTABLISH A GP FOOD BANK**

AARP local chapter 1160 is spear heading a fundraiser to establish a food bank in Galena Park. AARP is running this fundraiser in conjunction with the support of the Galena Park Parks support of the Galena Park Parks and Recreation Department and the Galena Park and Jacinto City Rotary clubs. The fund raiser will be a garage sale and bazaar. Tables can be reserved for \$20 each. Vendors and business are welcome to participate. Sponsor signs can be purchased for \$25. The fundaraiser will take place on June 18, 2015 from 9:00 AM – 3 PM at Keene street Galena Park, TX., 77547.

Contact Chuck Lewis to reserve tables and sponsor signs. at 713-455-4698

#### **North Channel** Library events

-Thu., May 21, 10:30 am, Baby Time. -Saturday, May 23, 3-4 pm,

-Monday, May 25, Memorial Day, CLOSED.

-Tuesday, May 26, 10:30 am, Toddler Time; 1:30 pm, Preschool

Story Time.
-Wednesday, May 27, 4:30 pm,
Tween Time: Dolphin Tale 2. Thursday, May 28, 10:30 am,

COMPUTER CLASSES:
-How to Email Part 1, May 20, 6-7:45 p to Email Part 2, May 27, 6-

-Power Point Básico, Práctica, Mayo 21, 10-19 pm. -Introducción a Email, Parte 1, Mayo 6, 6-7:45 p.m. -Se requiere registración. Library is located at 15741 Wal-lisville Rd., Houston, TX. 77049. Call 281-457-1631 for more information

#### Galena Park Library events

-Thursday, Myay 21, 11:00 a.m. Baby Time; 3:30 pm, Family Movie Time.

Time.
-Monday, May 25, Memorial Day, Libray CLOSED.
-Wednesday, May 27, 11 am, Story Time; 1 pm, Internet Básico I; 3:30 pm, Internet Basics I; 3:30 pm, .....e, , pin, internet Básico I; 3:30 pm, Internet Basics I; 3:30 pm, Boardgame Day.
-Thursday, May 28, 11 am , Baby Time.

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Please call the library at 713-450-0982 for more details.
The library is located at 1500
Keene St. Galena Park, TX. 77547.

#### SATURDAY NIGHTS The Buckshot Jamboree

Enjoy Classic Country music every Satutday night from 7 pm -10 pm with The Buckshot Jam-boree at 7414 Hartman near Old Beaumont Highway. More info, call 281-458-0729 or 832-444-5000.

#### 2nd & 4th THURSDAY San Jacinto Pilot Club meeting

San Jacinto Pilot Club meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays at noon at the Galena Park ISD Administration Building

#### **North Shore Senior** Dance

North Shore Senior Citizens hold a monthly dance the second Thursday of every month 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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#### Channelview ISD's May students of the month

Channelview ISD recently honored their May Students of the Month by hosting a recognition luncheon in the top level of the press box at Ray Maddry Memorial Stadium. The May Stu dents of the Month include, top row, from left, Edlyn Robles (Channelview High School), Brenda Herrera (Schochler Ele-mentary), Ashley Davis (Ham-blen Elementary), Yiyang He (Joe Frank Campbell Learning (Joe Frank Campbell Learning Center), Emireth Negrete (Alice Johnson Junior High) and Bray-an Gutierrez (Aguirre Junior High). Pictured in front are, from left, Albert Salgado (De Zavala Elementary), Diego Martinez (Cobb Elementary), Matthew



Flores (Brown Elementary), Lucero Esparza (Kolarik Ninth Grade Center) and Eduardo

Ramirez (McMullan Elementary) Not pictured is Julie Ann Castillo from Crenshaw Elementary.

#### **SAN JACINTO COLLEGE**

## Outstanding students recognized



The San Jacinto College North Campus recently held an Outstanding Student ceremony to recognize students for academic and service achievements. Students honored at the event include, from left (first row): Emanuel Juarez (student development), Amber Smith (pharmacy technology), Jessica Gonzalez (international business logistics), Megan Carpenter (business office technology), Grecia Benitez (Phi Theta Kappa), Cloe Balderas (community service), and Meliza Aguilera (medical assisting); (second row): Kechia Mayo (chemistry), Joseph Barrera (Upward Bound Math and Science), Maria Perez (health information management), David Perez (cultura) aray 1st.) Elizabeth Martinez (pastry chef), Gabriel Lopez (modern language), and Danielle Caskey (registered nursing); (third row): Sheena Garza (welding), Maria Martinez (pharmacy technology), Dalsy Salazar (Emerging Leader of the Year diorientation Leader of the Year), Glovanna Randazzao (Student Government Association), Lauren Sandefer (community service). Leader of the 'Pear'), Glovanna kandazzao (Student Governiment Association), Jauerne sanaderer (Community Service), LaQuinta Laoy (vocational nursing), and Eldon Samos (computer information technology); (back row): Tiffany Gossett (biology), Dagoberto Gonzalez (engineering), Jeremy Penny (Student Government Association), Matthew Yates (math and engineering), Xavier Edwards (Men of Honor), Jimmy Steele (Men of Honor), Timmy Steele (Men of Honor), Timmy Steele (Men of Honor), Pinty Myntjes (mental health services), Cody Seals (Phi Theta Kappa), Sasha Perez (English), and Gary Alston (Phi Theta Kappa).
Photo by Rob Vanya, San Jacinto College marketing, public relations, and government affairs department.

## Galena Park High School teacher is appreciated



Pictured with Mr. Kingsmill are the GCEFCU representatives and senior debate students Jacob Moncivais, Raymond Medellin, Elias Vega, and Ammy DeLeon.

Representatives from the Gulf Coast Educator Federal Credit Union (GCEFCU) pre-sented James Kingsmill, Ga-lena Park High School Speech and Debate Teacher/Debate Coach, with the 2015 Gulf Coast Educator Appreciated Teacher Award.

Coast Educator Appreciated Teacher Award. Gulf Coast Educators Fed-eral Credit Union annually recognizes five outstanding teachers within the credit

union's field of membership which includes all school dis-tricts in Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery and Waller Counties. A committee of credit union employees se-lected finalists from the hun-dreds of nominations received. Winners were selected based upon their dedication and their ability of improving the

quality of education for students. The Gulf Coast Appreciated Teacher Award recipients were named during Teacher Appreciation Week. The GCEFCU representatives visited GPHS on May 14 to present Mr. Kingsmill with his award and honorarium. In addition, they also gave GPHS a donation in Mr. Kingsmill's name.

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**GALENA PARK ISD** 

## **High School hosts Law Enforcement day**



North Shore students get an up close view of the inside of the division's boat.

division's boat.

On May 15, 2015, North Shore Senior High School hosted its 2nd Annual Law Enforcement Day, which spotlighted all the law enforcement agencies that protect our local communities. The purpose of this event is to give students the opportunity to interact with members of our law enforcement ommunity and experience first hand some of the technologies utilized in maintaining the safety of our roads and neighborhoods. North Shore Senior High School staff and students showed their support for our officers who can face extremely dangerous situations while carrying out their duties. NSSH also recognized and thanked these brave men and women who protect and serve our communities day after day. Michael Dirden, Exec-

utive Assistant Chief of Police for the Houston Police Department, spoke to the students about career opportunities in the law enforcement. He emphasized the importance of making good decisions and the effects that will have on their lives. Harris County Sheriff's Office, Houston Police Department and Texas Department of Public Safety each sent representatives from various divisions that make up their agencies, including: SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics); Air Support; Bomb Squad; Marine Division; Mounted Patrol; K-9; Crime Scene Unit and others. Representatives from the University of Houston-Downtown and San Jacinto College spoke with students about education and career pathways.

## Registration underway for Summer and Fall weekend College classes

PASADENA, Texas – Registration for Summer and Fall 2015 Weekend College is currently underway at San Jacin-to College. Course offerings range from \_sociology, English composition I and II to Texas government and college algebra.

a. Weekend College provides an alternative option for stu-dents who work during the week or cannot take classes in the traditional format. It is a district-wide prescribed aca-demic pathway to allow studays, and Sundays and earn their Associate of Arts and transfer to the university of their choice within two years. During the first year of Weekend College at San Jacinto College, approximately 1,100 students took advantage of the alternative course schedule.

Summer Weekend College begins this Fieldy, May 22

begins this Friday, May 22, and Fall Weekend College will begin on Sept. 11. \_To view a complete schedule and to register, visit sanjac.edu/apply-register/types-admissions/ weekend-college.

#### Channelview ISD launches Summer food program

Channelview ISD's Nutri-Channelview ISD's Nutrition Services Department will
provide free breakfast and
lunch to those 18-years-old
and younger as part of its
Summer Food Program.
The program will be held at
several locations throughout
the Channelview area in June
and July. Locations and serving times are as follows:
• Kolarik Ninth Grade
Campus, 1120 Sheldon Road,

• Kolarik Ninth Grade Campus, 1120 Sheldon Road, June 9-July 30. Breakfast: 6:45-8:30 a.m., Lunch: 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday • McMullan Elementary, 1290 Dell Dale, June 9-June

23. Breakfast: 7:15-8:05 a.m., Lunch: 10:45 a.m., 12:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday
• Early Childhood Center, 911 Sheldon Road June 9-July
9. Breakfast: 7-8:15 a.m., Lunch: 11 a.m.-12:20 p.m. Monday through Thursday
• De Zavala Elementary, 16150 Second Street, June 9-June 25. Breakfast: 7:30-8 a.m., Lunch: 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Monday through Thursday.
For more information, please call the district's Nutrition Services Department at 281-860-3807.



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## **OPINION PAGE**



#### Protecting unborn children from late-term abortions

Washington, DC – U.S. Representative Brian Babin (TX-36) voted today for House-passage of the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (H.R. 36), legislation he cospon-sored, which prohibits the abortion of unborn chil-dren after twenty weeks. The legislation was endorsed by a large number of pro-life organi-zations, including Nation-al Right to Life.

al Right to Life.

Babin spoke on the
House floor in support of
the legislation and urged
his colleagues to join him
in voting to protect innocent life. To view the
video, please click here.
The transcript is as
follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 36, the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. This bill takes an important step to protect innocent life. Scientific evidence shows that unborn babies have the capacity to experience pain after 20 weeks. Ending these lives through abortion is both a unconscionable and inhumane.

"As Members of Con "As Members of Congress – it is our duty to protect those who are defenseless. Our bill affirms the humanity of the unborn while curbing the inhumanity of abortion. As one of seven children with five child." children, with five children of my own and grandfather of twelve, I ask my colleagues to support this pro-life bill."

#### Babin issues statement on the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act

Washington, DC – U.S. epresentative Brian Babin Representative Brian Babi (TX-36) released the following statement after voting against the Senate-passed Iran Nuclear Agreemen Review Act (H.R. 1191):

Review Act (H.R. 1191):

"Allowing a nucleararmed Iran would be the
worst national security
mistake of our lifetime. In
my view, this bill falls short
of what is needed to prevent
a nuclear Iran. I cannot
support any effort that
condones President Obama's
appeasement to the Iranian
regime – nor can I support a
measure that limits the
ability of Congress to stop a
bad deal with Iran.

"This bill could have

"This bill could have included critical amer ments to require Iran to submit to full intrusive inspections of all their civil and military nuclear sites, fully recognize Israel's right to exist, and give Congress we exist, and give Congress the final say on whether to approve this deal – not just offer a resolution of disap-proval which President Obama can easily veto. Mon Obama can easily veto. Most of these amendments would have passed with strong, bipartisan support, but they were not even considered at the President's request. My support for a nuclear-free Iran could not be stronger, but when these important provisions were rejected, the bill lost my support.

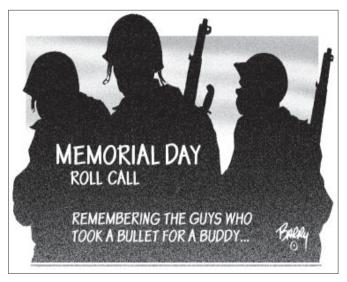
"On May 1st the House unanimously adopted my amendment to impose a restriction on the ability of the Obama Administration to use federal funds in any deal with Iran that falls short of requiring the country to end its pursuit and development of nuclear weapons. I made it clear that we must draw a line when it comes to negotiating with Iran. Unfortunately, H.R. 1191 fails to address these concerns. You already have the Obama Administration interpreting the nuclear deal framework one way and Iran the opposite. That should be a clear warning that we are "On May 1st the House the nuclear deal framework one way and Iran the opposite. That should be a clear warning that we are heading down the dangerou path of a nuclear-armed Ira I will do everything I can to derail this situation."



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## Agreement on state budget evades House, Senate

AUSTIN — June 1 is the last day of the 84th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature. From now until then is all the time that remains for the House and Senate to decide if they're going to agree on a 2016-2017 state budget.

Both chambers could be ordered to meet around the clock until an agreed-upon budget is passed, if House Speaker Joe Straus and/or Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick deem it necessary or worthwhile. Any proposed agreement would originate in a House Bill 1 conference committee composed of five House members and five Senate members. House members are: Appropriations Committee Chair John Otto, R-Dayton and Vice Chair Sylvester Turner, D-Houston; Trent Ashby, R-Lufkin; Sarah Davis, R-Houston; and Larry Gonzales, R-Round Rock. Senate members are: Finance Committee Chair Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound; Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen; Joan Huffman, R-Houston; Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham; and Charles Schwertner, R-Georgetown.

Charles Schwertner, R-George-town.

As reported repeatedly since
March, the main obstacle toward agreement on a budget is
the two bodies' disagreement
over how to cut state taxes. The
Senate voted to cut ad valorem
taxes while the House voted to
cut the state sales tax from 6.25
percent to 5.95 percent. Both
bodies want to cut the business
franchise tax, which would
please Gov. Greg Abbott, who
made that task one of several
stated priorities for the Legisstated priorities for the Legis-

lature to accomplish.

If the Legislature is unable to adopt budget in the regular session, the governor may call a special session.

#### STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling



Governor signs 29 bills
Even though the Legislature
has not achieved its required,
primary task — final passage of a state budget — one House bill and 28 Senate bills, as of May 15, had managed to survive the bicameral squeeze chute and earn the governor's

signature.
That lone House bill was HB That lone House bill was rib 181 by primary author Rep. Cecil Bell, R-Magnolia, and joint author Rep. Matt Krause, R-Fort Worth. The bill, which look effect May 13, intends to reduce printing costs and the cost of correcting errors on in-dividualized high school diplo-mas.

Here are three of this session's 28 successful Senate bills, beginning with SB 125 by Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, and sponsored in the House by Rep. Dan Huberty, R-Houston. The legislation, effective Sept. 1,

ends the Family Code to re amends the Family Code to re-quire the Department of Fami-ly and Protective Services to conduct a developmentally ap-propriate assessment 45 days after a child enters conservatorship. The assessment must include a screening for traur and interviews with individuals who have knowledge of the

who have knowledge of the child's needs.
SB 293 by Senate Finance Chair Nelson and sponsored in the House by Rep. Jason Isaac, R-Dripping Springs. The legislation, which took effect April 8, amends state statutes to expand the definition of "site selection organization" for purposes of selecting a site in Texas for certain events that are eligible to receive funding from the major events trust from the major events trust fund, to include ESPN or an affiliate, NASCAR and the Ulti

mate Fighting Championship. SB 835 by Sen. Van Taylor, SB 835 by Sen. Van Taylor, R-Plano, addresses those who make fraudulent claims of military service. The legislation, effective Sept. 1, amends the Penal Code to increase the penalty for the offense of fraudulent or fictitious military record from a Class C misdemeanor to a Class B misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than B misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$2,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, or both.

School finance bill fizzles

School finance bill fizzles Bill movement deadlines hit the Legislature last week. For example, during House floor debates on May 14, House Education Committee Chair Jimmie Don Aycock, R-Killeen, pulled down his school finance reform bill when it became clear that opposition to it would drag on long enough to prevent consideration of a mountain of other bills.

"Like many of you — I have other bills on this calendar bills that are important. We could kill all day with this bill,

could kill all day with this bill, easily," Aycock said.

In its 24 pages, HB 1759 addresses a range of issues, with language amending laws governing equalization of wealth level of school districts, taxation and funding formulas, transportation allotments, academic acceptability standards and consequences, and more.

Deciding such high stakes issues defaults to the courts when the Legislature does not act on them. A case brought by some 600 Texas school districts alleging unfairness in the state's law funding public education was decided in the school districts' favor by a Travis districts 'favor by a Travis County state district court last August. The State of Texas ap-pealed the ruling to the Texas Supreme Court. The case is pending.



#### *Texas* Legislature OKs Three-Judge District Panel

AUSTIN -- Senate Bill 455, authored by Senator Brandon Creighton (R-Conroe) and sponsored by Representative Mike Representative Mike Schofield (R-Katy), has passed both chambers of the Texas Legislature and will be sent to the Governor for approval. This legislation allows the Texas Attorney General to petition the Texas Supreme Court for the formation of a three-judge panel to hear school finance and redistricting cases with major statewide impact.

"It has been a pleasure

"It has been a pleasure to work closely with Representative Schofield on the historic passage of S.B. 455," said Senator Creighton. "School finance has been a forty-year saga for Texas because one court has held the power to dictate the outcome on these constitutional issues. From here forward, Texans will have representation and a voi cases of this magnitude that affect citizens across the entire state. "

the entire state. "
"It is fundamentally unfair for the voters of one county to pick the judge who decides the school finance or redistricting system for the entire state, leaving Texans in the 253 other counties with no say at all," said Representative Mike Schofield, the House sponsor of S.B. 455. "By creating a three-judge panel for these cases, made up of judges from different parts of Texas, we can ensure that more Texans are represented in Texans are represented in the decisions that affect their children, their property taxes, and their rights as voters. All Texans owe Senator Creighton a debt of gratitude for bringing this bill."

Under Senate Bill 455, one judge on the panel would automatically be the district court judge from the court where the case was originally filed. This will ensure that the original court's jurisdiction is protected. The other two judges would be appointed by the Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court. If assembled, the panel would consist of another district court judge and an additional appellate court judge from elsewhere in the state.

SENATOR BRANDON CREIGHTON represents District 4, which encom-passes Chambers, Jeffer-son and parts of Montgomery, Harris, and Galveston Counties. He currently serves on the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water and Rural Affairs, the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, the Senate Com-mittee on State Affairs, and as the Vice-Chairman of the Senate Committee of the Senate Committee on Business and Com



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#### LIFESTYLE

## Sampson Masonic Lodge awards scholarships

Sampson Masonic Lodge #231 awarded three \$2,000 scholarships to area student at an award presentation at the lodge May 18, 2015. Students were selected to receive the scholarships based on character, merit, community involvement, financial need, and grades. The recipients are Dianie Fontenelle (GCM High school) Karla Montero chool). Karla Mo (Crosby High), and Kevin Land (Crosby High).

Pictured area Craig Sorrels with Sampson Masonic Lodge #231, Karla Montero, Dianie Fontenelle, middle, and Kevin Land, right.





#### Yard of the Month

## Rickey Pittman brings a bit of Scotland to the Highlands

Highlands Rotarians were treated to some Scottish folklore and music at their luncheon meeting last Tuesday, May 5th. On that day, Rickey Pittman, a Rotarian from Louisiana who prefers to think he is from Scotland, brought his brand of entertainment and enlightenment to the Highlands club. Pittman is actually an author, musician, historian, and teacher in Monroe, Louisiana. His most re-

Pittman is actually an author, musician, historian, and teacher in Monroe, Louisiana. His most recent book is "Scotttish Alphabet" a primer with a small snippet for each of 18 letters of the Scottish alphabet, a poem, or some folklore. The illustrations are by Connie McClennan, a California illustrator, and are rich and imaginative.

Pittman has won the prestigious Ernest Hemmingway Short Story competition in 1998, and written 10 books, and taught since then.

He is also a Civil War Re-enactor, and a musician that specializes in Civil War period music. To demonstrate this, he played and sang several songs at the Rotary meeting.

Pittman brought with him a Rotary club flag from his home club in Twin Cities (Ouachita) Louisiana, and exchanged it for a Highlands Rotary Club flag, presented by club president Raymond Gonzalez. This is a longstanding Rotary tradition, and Gonzalez added it to the club's collection from about 50 various clubs around the world.

lez added it to the club's collection from about 50 various clubs around the world.

Pittman was visiting the Highlands club and several others in the area, with his Scottish tales and demonstrations. He said he is often in this area, especially when the Houston Highlands Games Association is having their biannual meet. He expects to be back next year for this event, he said.

Pittman was wearing a kilt with a traditional Tartan plaid, similar to a tie that Gilbert Hoffman acquired when he attended Carnegie Tech, founded by a Scotsman, Andrew Carnegie. Pittman said that many Houstonians are familiar with another local famous Scottish person, Ima Hogg.



Rickey Pittman, visiting Rotarian, brings his Scottish Tartan Kilt and Tie, along with his guitar to



Exchanging club flags is a tradition in Rotary, here a Ouachita for a Highlands.

#### Daisies

Have you ever asked a flower to tell you if you were loved or not? Some of you remember taking a daisy and picking the pedals off one by one. As you did, you would say, "Loves me, loves me not," until all the pedals were gone. The idea was to end on a "loves me" pedal. I sure destroyed a



lot of daises, when I was young, looking for one with right number of pedals! There is an old song enti-

tled "You're Nobody Till Some-body Loves You." Thanks to John 3:16 you are somebody. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begot-ten son, that whosoever be-lieves in Him will never perish but have everlasting life."

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In "give us this day our daily bread" we express our trust in God to provide the physical food we need for the day. (Interestingly enough, it's amazing how many times I've ben invited out for a meal after praying this prayer.) It is good

to acknowledge that literally everything we have, including our daily bread, comes from Him. We must also understand that He wants us to not only ask for these things, but trust Him to give them to us as any good Father would.

Even more important, however, is our daily need for spiritual bread. As we pray these words we should trust God to feed us on His Word, to give us fresh revelation from the Word of God. Jesus spoke profound truth when He said to the devil, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the word that proceeds from the mouth of God." (Matt 4:4) Just

as one must eat daily to prosper physically, one must eat daily to prosper spiritually. God wants us to have a regular, well-rounded diet of His Word. With this in mind, I encourage you: Get into the Word daily, and don't just read it—chew on it.

daily, and don't just read it – chew on it.

Meditate on the Word, give it serious consideration, study it, and go to the One who is best able to teach you through it – the Holy Spirit. When you pray "Give us this day our daily bread," trust the Holy Spirit to give you fresh revelation, new insight, and the wisdom to annly it to your everyday. to apply it to your everyday



#### Chamber welcomes new member

The Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Chamber welcomed New Member The Clothes Line Laundromat at their Grand Opening. Locally owned and operated by Jessica Butler and Andy Burger. They are located at 5303 Main St. in Crosby and can be reached at 281.462.4363, so if you want to go do your laundry yourself or you would prefer they wash and fold for you stop by or give them a call. Welcome to our Chamber.

#### **BIBLE TRIVIA**

1. Is the book of Judges in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From 2 Corinthians 3:17, "Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is ..." Independence, Freedom, Patriotism, Liberty

3. Which scripture contains, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death"? Ruth 4:10, Job 7:2. Psalm 23:4, Amos 1:1 4. Though lame on both feet, what descendant of Saul continually ate at King David's table? Mareshah, Methusael, Micah, Mephibosheth

5. Under what type of tree would the children of Israel come to Deborah for judging? Palm, Sycamore, Fig, Cypress 6. From Matthew 8, who was

6. From Matthew 8, who was the first woman that Jesus healed? Paul's sister, Naomi, Peter's mother-in-law, Deborah ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Liber-ty; 3) Psalm 23:4; 4) Mephib-osheth; 5) Palm; 6) Peter's mother-in-law

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## SPORTS, CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS

#### **GALENA PARK**

## Roach strikes Gold metal again

Kerwin Roach has seen his share of success the past two years. Last year he was part of the state championship basketball team as well as the triple jump state champion. At the state track meet held at the University of Texas in Austin May 14-16, Roach took another gold medal home. His jump of 50i 6.25" launched him to victory and secured his place as the reigning state 6A triple jump champion. Roach, in a way, jumped in front of his "home crowd" since he is slated to attend UT and play basketball for the Longhorns. Roach in the state of the IT beautiful to the IT broad team. indicates he will also walk on the UT track team.

#### **GALENA PARK** Black and Gold gets a Little Extra Gold

Fletcher Sherrard, Galena Park High School Yellow Jacket and outstanding athlete, brought gold home from the state track meet held at the University of Texas in Austin May 14-16. Sherrard competed in the triple jump in the state meet Thursday night, and with a jump of 491.25" Sherrard won first place. This is the second time in two years GPHS has brought home a gold medal - the only two in the school's long history. Last year Athbulla Kelly brought a gold the school's long history. Last year Anthoula Kelly brought a gold medal home to Galena Park in the long jump. Sherrard is undecided on which university to attend; however, his athletic abilities in basketball and track have several programs courting him





Fletcher Sherrard

# **CAPITOL UPDATE**

#### Rep. Hernandez passes Bill to strengthen local emergency response services

AUSTIN, TX- Last week, the Texas House of Representatives passed HB 973, which provides greater local control over the operation of Harris County emergency service districts.

Emergency service districts are political subdivisions, similar to a school district or hospital district, which provide emergency response services to communities that lack municipal fire or EMS departments.

"Emergency service districts in Harris County provide critical fire control and EMS services to our unincorporated communities, such as Channelview," said State Rep. Ana Hernandez. "By giving our elected ESD boards greater local control over their resources, we en-sure that our emergency response personnel are equipped to effectively face the unique situations pre-sented to them."

#### **DOE** authorizes LNG exports for Corpus Christi Liquefaction Project

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HOUSTON—Last Week, the
Department of Energy (DOE)
issued authorization for the
Corpus Christi Liquefaction
Project to export domestically
produced liquefied natural gas
(LNG) to countries that do not
have a Free Trade Agreement
with the United States. The authorization allows the Corpus
Christi facility to export up to
2.1 billion standard cubic feet
of natural gas per day to these
countries for the next 20 years.
Representatives Gene Green
(D-TX-29) and Filemon Vela (DTX-34) issued the followin
statement:

TX-34) issued the following statement:
"We applaud the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for completing the en-vironmental review of the Cor-pus Christi Liquefaction Project

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#### **CHANNELVIEW ISD:**

## Falcons' Cooper signs with Bethel College

Channelview Falcon Gavin Cooper received a scholarship to Bethel College in Kansas in the amount of \$20,000 for 4 years. He will play football for the Bethel Threshers and will major in Pre-Engineering. He wants to thank Coach Averion Hurts, Coach Randall Tannert and his parents for the influence and support they have given him. His advice to the underclassmen is "work out as much as you possibly can and when you are on the field, give everything you have. Don't cheat your teammates or your coaches.' Pictured with Gavin, from left, are Coach Tannert, Coach Hurts and Coach Ephraim Patterson.

#### **CHANNELVIEW ISD:**

## Cobb students will benefit from generosity of Trans Siberian Orchestra

An act of kindness from Cobb Elementary School mu-sic teacher Heather Urs-prung's favorite group will benefit students at the cam-

prung's favorite group will benefit students at the campus.

Ursprung has been a long-time fan of the Trans Siberian Orchestra and she has met and visited with members of the group on several occasions. She had given the group's members Christmas cards in December and then a couple months later, the group's lyricist, Paul O'Neill contacted her. After O'Neill learned that Ursprung was an elementary music educator, he asked if her classroom had a keyboard. When she explained that the current keyboard was extremely worn, O'Neill purchased a new keyboard for the music program at Cobb.

However, the Trans Siberian Orchestra wanted to do more. The group then donated \$1,000 for new instruments for the school's music program and additional funds to take students to see "Tales of a

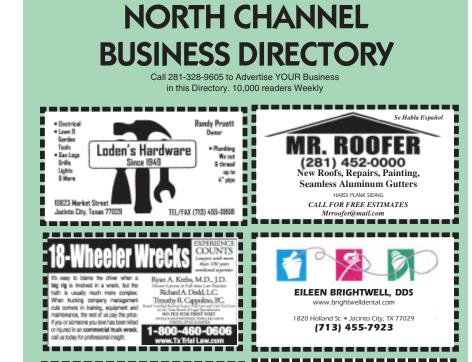


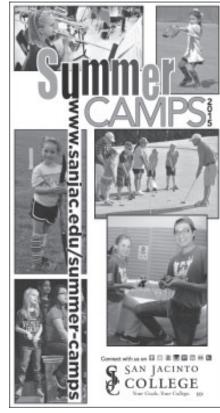
Cobb Elementary music teacher Heather Ursprung and kindergarten students learn a song as Ursprung plays a new keyboard that was donated to the school by the Trans Siberian Orchestra.

Fourth Grade Nothing" at Main Street Theatre in Hous-

Main Street Theatre in Hous-ton. "Never in my life did I think this would happen," Ursprung said. "And it all started with a simple Christmas card. It just goes to show how one act of kindness can make a differ-

As a "thank you" for the Trans Siberian Orchestra's donation, Ursprung is having all students working on a CD that they are planning on sending to the group. "I want to them to see how much we appreciate everything," she said. "I want them to know what their act of kindness has done for our school."







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## Notice of Draft Federal Operating Permit Draft Permit No.: O1543

Application and Draft Permit: Owens Corning Roofing and Asphalt, LLC, 8360 Market Street Rd, Houston, TX 77029-2418, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Federal Operating Permit (herein referred to as Permit) No. 01543, Application No. 21182, to authorize operation of the Houston Roofing And Asphalt Felts and Coatings facility. The area addressed by the application is located at 8360 Market Street Ag in Houston, Harris County, Texas 77029-2418. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to the application. You can find an electronic map of the facility at: <a href="http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.771666&lng=95.279444&zoom=13&type=r">https://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.771666&lng=95.279444&zoom=13&type=r</a>
This application was received by the TCEQ on March 20, 2014.

The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10). The draft permit, if approved, will codify the conditions under which the area must operate. The permit will not authorize new construction. The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building E, First Floor, Austin, Texas; the TCEQ Houston Regional Office, 5425 Polk St Ste H, Houston, Texas 77023-1452, Texas, and Pleasantivill Neighborhood Library, 1520 Gellhom Drive, Houston, Texas 77029 beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The draft permit and statement of basis are available at the TCEQ Website: www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/tvnotice

at the TCEQ central and regional offices, relevant supporting materials for the draft permit, as well as the New Source Review ermits which have been incorporated by reference, may be reviewed and copied. Any person with difficulties obtaining these naterials due to travel constraints may contact the TCEQ central office file room at (512) 239-1540.

Public Comment/Notice and Comment Hearing: Any person may submit written comments on the draft permit.

Comments relating to the accuracy, completeness, and appropriateness of the permit conditions may result in changes to the draft permit.

A person who may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the permitted area may request a notice and comment hearing. The purpose of the notice and comment hearing is to provide an additional opportunity to submit comments on the draft permit. The permit may be changed based on comments pertaining to whether the permit provides for compliance with 30 TAC Chapter 122 (examples may include that the permit does not contain all applicable requirements or the public notice procedures were not satisfied). The TCEQ may grant a notice and comment hearing on the application if a written hearing request is received within 30 days after publication of the newspaper notice. The hearing request must include the basis for the request, including a description of how the person may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the application area. The request should also specify the conditions of the draft permit that are inappropriate or specify how the preliminary decision to

issue or deny the permit is inappropriate. All reasonably ascertainable issues must be raised and all reasonably analable a ments must be submitted by the end of the public comment period. If a notice and comment hearing is granted, all individ that submitted written comments or a hearing request will receive written notice of the hearing. This notice will identify date, time, and location for the hearing.

Written public comments and/or requests for a notice and comment hearing should be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at <a href="https://www.tecq.texas.gov/about/comments.html">www.tecq.texas.gov/about/comments.html</a> and be received within 30 days after the date of newspaper publication of this notice. If you communicate with the TeXe electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record.

A notice of proposed final action that includes a response to comments and identification of any changes to the draft permit will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments, a hearing request, or requested to be on the mailing list for this application. This mailing will also provide instructions for public petitions to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to request that the EPA object to the issuance of the proposed permit. After receiving a petition, the EPA may only object to the issuance of a permit which is not in compliance with the applicable requirements or the requirements of 30 TAC Chapter 122.

Mailing List: In addition to submitting public comments, a person may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Chief Clerk for this application.

nformation: For additional information about this permit application or the permitting process, please contact the Texas commission on Environmental Quality, Public Education Program, MC-108, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or oll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

on may also be obtained for Owens Corning Roofing and Asphalt, LLC by calling Ms. Rhonda Hrabchak at Further informat (972) 439-8075.

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#### **SECTION 1 NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed proposals for Repairs of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 50 Sanitary Sewer System in Harris County, Texas will be received at the office of Harris County, M.U.D. No. 50 Office, 12900 Crosby-Lynchburg Road, Crosby, Texas 77532, until 10:00 A.M. local time, June 16, 2015 and then publicly opened. A NON-MANDATORY BUT HIGHLY RECOMMENDED PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE OFFICE OF HARRIS COUNTY M.U.D. No. 50 on June 1, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. Each bid must be submitted in a "y" x12" envolope and accompanied by Cashier's Check or Bid Bond, duly executed, in the amount of not less than five (5%) percent of the bid.

ed sanitary sewer lines and manholes throughout the District. The District recently completed a Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) Initiative Program which identified high-need areas within the Barrett, TX collection system that will require significant rehabilitation. The first phase of the project will be to clean and televise all the 15-inch, 12-inch, 10-inch and selected main line 8-inch sanitary sewers throughout the District. This will confirm repairs that already have been identified during smoke testing and indicate any new or en-larged leaks which have occurred since the initial smoke testing was completed. This project will repair problem in all the locations identified. All work will occur in existing right-of-ways and easements. Various types of improvements will be made to eliminate infilitation, inflow and any discovered cross connections. Manholes that are in need of repair will either be repaired or replaced.

This project is eligible for CWSRF funding, therefore, the following requirements apply

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This project is subject to the American Iron and Steel (AIS) requirements of P.L. 113-76Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014. All iron and steel products for construction, alteration, maintenance, or repairs incorporated in these plans must be produced in the United States.

"Equal Opportunity in Employment - All qualified Applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap or national origin. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations 41 CFR Part 60.\*

This contract is subject to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) "fair share policy", which includes EPA-approved "fair share goals" for Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women Business Enterprise (MBE) after the Construction, Supplies, Equipment, and Services procurement atelegories. EPA's policy requires that applicants and prime contractors make a good faith effort to award a fair share of contracts, subcontracts, and procurements to Minority Business Enterprise and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Irms. Although EPA's policy does not mandate that the fair share goals be achieved, it does require applicants and prime contractors to demonstrate use of the six affirmative steps. The current fair share goals for the State of Texas are as follows:

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Copies of the bidding documents may be obtained from <a href="www.CivCastUSA.com">www.CivCastUSA.com</a>: Search Harris County MUD No. 50 Sanitary Sewer Repairs. Questions deadline is June 5, 2015 at 5:00 PM. Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download specifications, and plans for this project. There is NO charge to view or download documents.

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## Constable Hickman sworn in as new Sheriff



HOUSTON - Pct. 4 Constable Ron Hickman has been sworn in as the new Harris County Sheriff.
Hickman is replacing Adrian Garcia who last week announced he is running for Mayor of Houston.
The new sheriff was sworn in by Harris County Judge Ed Emmett last Tuesday morning, May 12th.
Hickman began his law enforcement career in 1971 with the Houston Police Depart-

ment where he was a cadet. And in 1983 he moved to the Pct. 4 Constables Office.

Hickman was one of several candidates' on a list to replace Adrian Garcia. Judge Ed Emmett endorsed Hickman, saying "I've known Constable Hickman for a long time, and worked with him. He's one of these people who looks ahead. He's savvy when it comes to technology and new approaches." Hickman may be asked to agree to a separation of the jail

function from the Sheriff's of-fice, which some of the Com-missioners favor. However, it must be aligned with state law, which currently does not pro-vide for this separation. One of the first things he plans to do is an audit, he said. Some of his priorities during his term are protection for the community and care of detain-ces in the Harris County Jail. Hickman also mentioned he plans to run for sheriff in 2016.

# Additional Photos from the Rotary Fish Fry

Channelview FFA names 2015-16 officers

The Channelview Future Farmers of America named its new officers for 2015-2016 at the FFA's Annual Banquet on May 14. Pictured from left are Vice President Trever Thompson, Student Advisor James Hare, Sentinel Yvette Leos, President Hunter Bell, Secretary Kirsten Dominy, Treasurer Clayton Hutchins, Reporter



Colton Taylor and Chaplain/Parliamentarian Nicholas Bratton

WINNERS CHOICE: Tundra or Avalon.



Was that Past District Governor John Painter, or just another crawfish?



A popular auction item, Arian Foster helmet and signed action photo



Best shoes of the day definitely went to Karen with these colorful gems.

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Continued from page 6 quickly and efficiently. We also commend the Department of Energy for the reasonable turnaround. This application was part of a large backlog at DOE, but thanks to process changes last July, we're now seeing movement. We're hopeful that FERC and DOE will continue to expedite the remaining LNG export applications in the backlog so the United States can capitalize on its abundant domestic supplies of natural gas, and capture a large portion of the world market."

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