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CHANNEL CHATTER

MONDAY



San Jacinto College-North to host 3 Basketball activities

HOUSTON - San Jacinto College will host three basketball activities in the next three months at the Nichols gym, located on the North Campus at 5800 Uvalde Road in Houston.

Unsigned Senior Day is open to female basketball players who have not committed to any college and who want to play college basketball this fall. Players will get a chance to play in at least two games and be evaluated by several college coaches. The event will be held Saturday, May 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost for participation is \$25 per player.

FUNDamental Basketball Camp is open to boys and girls ages 5 to 12. During the weeklong event, campers will learn the basic fundamentals of basketball. The camp will be held from June 9 through June 13 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The cost is \$80 per camper, and includes lunch, camp T-shirt, and motivational speeches.

Elite Basketball Camp is open to boys and girls ages 13 to 18. The weeklong camp is geared for more advanced basketball players who want to elevate their game. Players will learn how to market themselves to college scouts. The camp will be held from July 14 to 18 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The cost of \$120 per player includes lunch, camp T-shirt, notebook, and motivational speeches. There are limited spaces available, so campers should register early.

For information or to register, please email Brenita Williams-Jackson at brenita.williams@sjcd.edu, or call 281-459-7675.

PILOT CLUB

San Jacinto Pilot Club presents scholarships to local students

San Jacinto Pilot Club is proud to announce the winners of this year's scholarships.

Recipients were honored at a banquet held at Woodforest Presbyterian Church on Thursday, May 15, 2014. Julie Fallin, President, welcomed the winners and their families, while Rev. Cassandra Dahnke offered the opening prayer. The club is proud to be able to give out \$14,000 in scholarships this year. The following are the scholarship recipients:

Galena Park High School
Selena Garza
Arianna Ibarra
Cristian Garcia
Leslie Gallegos

C. E. King High School
Jassury Ceballos
Veronica Gomez
Jahzeel Galvan

Channelview High School
Adriana Galindo

North Shore Senior High School
Joshua T. Matthews
Lela S. Culpepper

NORTH SHORE ROTARY ANNUAL EVENT

Fish Fry draws big crowd, big dollars

NORTH SHORE -- A large crowd gathered at the Rotary North Shore pavilion on Wallisville last Saturday, for the 39th Annual Catfish Fry & Crawfish Boil.

Chairwoman Allatia Harris declared it a big success, with over \$300,000 raised for the club's community events for the coming year.

Live and silent auctions had hundreds of big ticket items, eagerly bid on by the audience. About 1500 raffle tickets at \$100 each were sold, with 20 valuable prizes awarded, including a new vehicle. And over a thousand catfish and crawfish dinners were served, as the afternoon progressed.

Corporate sponsors included San Jacinto College & Foundation, Community Toyota, Galena Park ISD Education Foundation, and others.

Club members thanked the community for the overwhelming support of this event, according to president Matt Davis.



Rotary Event Chair Allatia Harris, and past president Derrill Painter, pull the winning Raffle ticket at the end of the afternoon, after much anticipation and drama. The Winner was Shai Bigelow and husband Randall Rojas. They have their choice of a new Toyota pick-up or Sedan from Community Toyota.



Nothing like a Lobster Hat to set the mood for a jovial time at the Rotary Fry & Boil.



ROTARIANS Carol & Churck Radney brought one of their friends to the Event.

U.S. Army Corps issues dredging permits for Bayport, Barbours Cut channels

Both Channels will match depth of Houston ship channel and accommodate larger ships

HOUSTON, May 12 -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has permitted construction of the Port Authority's Bayport and Barbours Cut channel improvement projects and approved the federal assumption of maintenance of the channels when construction is completed.

The improvement projects at the Port Authority's two container terminals will deepen the channels from 40 feet to 45 feet, matching the depth of the Houston Ship Channel,

so the container terminals can realize the benefits of the HSC widening and deepening project completed in 2005. The project will also widen or realign the channels by up to 100 feet to better accommodate larger ships that are expected to call with increasing frequency.

"This is great news," said Port Commission Chairman Janiece Longoria, "We are investing in the future of our port. The projects demonstrate our commitment to facilitating

commerce. I sincerely congratulate the Port Authority staff for its diligent efforts working with PHA's stakeholders, the community and the Corps to get these projects ready for construction."

PHA expects to award the \$68 million construction contract to Orion Construction this week and start construction and dredging soon afterward. The work includes modification of the existing Bayport and Barbours Cut channels and berths and in-

creasing capacity of a placement area for future dredged material.

"PHA is pleased that we will be awarding a contract at an excellent, competitive price," said Executive Director Roger Guenther. "Overall, the project has really progressed at a quick pace. The federal approval of assumption of maintenance, which means the Corps of Engineers will resume responsibility for the channel after PHA's improvements, was a great team effort

between the Corps and PHA on a complicated process that has taken only 18 months."

The Port Authority is funding the projects at its sole cost to ensure the channels improvements are available as soon as possible to better accommodate larger, more efficient container ships, and in advance of the opening of an expanded Panama Canal in 2016. The work is expected to be completed in the second quarter of next year.

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Local jeweler travels 8,000 miles to purchase diamonds in Belgium

Diamond Jim & Linda Mills of Pineforest Jewelry in Houston recently returned from a buying trip to the Diamond Capital of the World ... Antwerp, Belgium -- where two-thirds of the world's diamonds are traded. While there, Diamond Jim & Linda had the unique opportunity to buy direct from the major Antwerp cutters and pass significant savings on to customers in the Houston area. Diamond Jim & Linda louped and handpicked all the diamonds purchased in Antwerp, Belgium.

Pineforest Jewelry has direct access to the Antwerp diamond trade as the area's exclusive Master IJO Jeweler member of the Independent Jewelers Organization (IJO), an international Buying Group and Educational Organization for retail jewelers. IJO has almost 900 members in the U.S., Canada, Great Britain, Australia & the U.S. Virgin Islands, and maintains buying offices in Antwerp for the use of its members.



Jim Mills and his wife Linda select diamonds at Antwerp, Belgium before bringing them to Pineforest Jewelry.

"It is generally out of reach for a single jewelry store or small chain to buy direct in Antwerp", said Diamond Jim. "One of the benefits of our IJO membership is that we become a direct importer of Antwerp diamonds and can save our customers the normal middleman's fee. We are excited

about opening a window on the international diamond world and look forward to making some diamond dreams come true for our customers!", Linda Mills added.

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★ COMMUNITY NEWS ★

Lil' Mr. & Miss Cowpokes Contestants of Crosby Fair & Rodeo



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Cowgirls 6 to 8



Rodeo Dress 3 to 5



Rodeo Clowns 3-5 playing Dewhurst and Patrick

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

MAY

North Channel Library events

-Monday, May 26, Memorial Dy, Library CLOSED.
-Tuesday, May 27, 10:30 am Toddler Time; 1:30 pm Pre-school Story Time.
-Thursday, May 29, 10:30 am Baby Time.
-Friday, May 30, 1:30 pm Strings Attached.
-Saturday, May 31, 11 am Books on the Big Screen.
15741 Wallisville Rd., Houston, TX. 77049. Call 281-457-1631 for more information on other programs/classes.

MAY

Galena Park Library events

-Monday, May 26, Memorial Day, Library CLOSED.
-Tuesday, May 27, 1 pm Practice Computer Basics; 4 pm Practica de Computacion Basica.
-Wednesday, May 28, 11 am Children's Story Time; 4 pm Boardgame Day.
The library is located at 1500 Keene St. Galena Park, TX. 77547. You may call 713-450-0982 for more information on other programs.

3RD. MONDAY

AARP Chapter

AARP Chapter #1160 Houston/ Northshore meets every 3rd Monday at Alvin Bagget Community Center, 1304 Keene Street Galena Park from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

JUNE

JC Heritage Hall Senior Center events

•Water aerobics for seniors 60+ at Jacinto City Pool starting June 10, 2014. Tuesdays and Thursdays mornings 10:30 am to 11:30 am.
•Senior swim for seniors 60+ at Jacinto City Pool starting June 10, 2014 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 4:00 pm to 5 pm.
•Beginners Bridge class taught by Pat Maberry at the Heritage Hall Senior Center. Mondays at 1 pm. First day of class is June 2, 2014. For seniors 60+ who want to learn play bridge. Registration is required. Please register at Heritage Hall.
Heritage Hall Senior Center, 1025 Oates Rd., Jacinto City, TX, 77029. Call 713-675-4487 for more information.

CORRECTION

On May 7, 2014 the North Channel Star reported on page 8 that a Galena Park ISD school bus was involved in a wreck; however, school district officials confirmed that the bus WAS NOT a Galena Park ISD school bus; it was a private bus owned by Erica's Bus Service.

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GALENA PARK ISD

Employees receive excellence in education award

On Thursday, May 8th 2014, The Goldin Foundation held its annual celebration and forum honoring the latest group of Goldin Foundation Award recipients at Goose Creek Memorial High School. This year, the award recipients included two employees from Galena Park ISD, Charlene Culpepper from North Shore Senior High - 9th Grade Campus and Maria D. Rodriguez from Galena Park High School.

The Goldin Foundation recognizes and rewards educators who have made outstanding contributions in their classrooms, schools and communities. At the Educators Forum, award recipients share their efforts to generate appreciation of educators and further dialogue on innovative teaching practices and programs.

Rodriguez, Galena Park High School Librarian Secretary, has been in charge of The Interact Club at Galena Park High School for the last five years. The students are immersed in community service by volunteering at a local food pantry and

helping to support the Rotary Club International through a program entitled "Purple Pink", which seeks to eradicate the disease of polio throughout the world. Additionally, GPHS Interact contributes to "Books for Around the World," a program supplying books to young people around the world including



Charlene Culpepper (left) and Maria Rodriguez (right) are honored with Goldin Foundation Award.

the Middle East and India.

Galena Park ISD's second nominee is a dedicated educator, as well. As a classroom teacher for the past 19 years, and a campus instructional leader at North Shore Senior High School - 9th Grade Campus, Culpepper's passion for teaching, and for students, is immediately evident. With a fondness for project-based learning, Culpepper is piloting a class called "Encounters," a Pre-AP English/GT (gifted & talented) class where students are producing a yearlong research-based project in conjunction with their pre-AP Biology class. This year's theme is "Containment,"

which requires students to research a biological or social "epidemic" and develop a viable solution with an action plan. The class will culminate with students creating original Public Service Announcements (PSA) and "TED Talks" to introduce their topics and PSAs. These will be presented at a district-wide event attended by hundreds of parents and community members called "Challenge of the Mind" in the spring.

Both 2014 GPISD recipients have shown outstanding commitment to students, and their innovative teaching practices continue to develop students' ultimate potential.

GPISD teachers honored as semi-finalist with HEB excellence in education award

Congratulations to HEB Excellence in Education Award semi-finalists, Nancy D. Sanchez of MacArthur Elementary and Olga Fula, campus instructional specialist at Sam Houston Elementary. Both educators were honored for their outstanding contribution to their students and schools. The teachers each received a certificate and a \$250 HEB gift card.

Ms. Sanchez is a 3rd grade bilingual teacher and is also MacArthur Elementary's teacher of the year. Sanchez graduated from University of Houston- Clear Lake with her bachelor of science degree and then earned her master's degree in early childhood education in 2009. She is a member of Kappa Delta Pi (Education Honor Society), Alpha Chi (National College Honor Scholarship Society), and she also received honors in her undergrad years with recognition on the Dean's List for outstanding academic performance. She credits her parents, who were born and raised in Mexico and only attended school until they reached third grade, as her defining role models for never giving up.

Ms. Fula has been an educator for more than 36 years and chose to join the profes-



Olga Fula



Nancy Sanchez

sion because of her mother's influence, which generated a life-long passion and love for teaching. Fula possesses a master of arts in education degree from the University of Texas at Arlington and a diploma in children's literature from the University Complutense of Madrid, Spain. She is certified in elementary education, bilingual ESL, and elementary geography, history, and social studies.

Galena Park ISD is extremely proud and fortunate to have outstanding professional educators such as Ms. Sanchez and Ms. Fula in its classroom.

North Channel Library celebrates 20th anniversary



Lots of fun was had at the North Channel Library 20th Anniversary Celebration last Wednesday, May 14th! Cake was eaten, scrapbooks were poured over and lots and lots of dancing was happening at our bubble party! If you missed the bubble party, don't worry. They'll be having another one on Monday, June 9th at 2pm to celebrate the start of our Summer Reading Program.

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TEXAS

With Russell A. Graves

Crawdads -Part 1

With bucket in hand me and my boy headed down to the duck marsh where we hunt. During the winter, the two acre marsh - which was created by my brother out of a flat bottomland hayfield that lies next to a creek - floods with about a foot of water and creates a wetland habitat that attracts ducks on a daily basis. After duck season, he drains the marsh so moist soil grasses and forbs will grow and provide food for next season's ducks. When the weather warms

where you are from. In Texas all the species are commonly called crawdads or crawfish. In the eastern United States, however, they are commonly called crayfish.

Whatever you call them, crawdads are a species of freshwater crustaceans that live in water that does not completely freeze. As bottom dwellers, they feed off of live animals, carrion, and plant materials. They are an old species and fossil records document their existence



and the water drains away, the flat marsh bottom (made from a thick clay gumbo mud for which the blackland prairies are famous) becomes a popular destination for scores of crawdads.

Mud chimneys are everywhere. At each place a chimney stands, a crawdad carefully dug a vertical burrow that fills with water and then capped the opening with the spoils from its labor: chunks of stacked mud.

We find a big chimney and carefully pluck it apart from the mud. In doing so, we expose a wide and nearly symmetrical hole that plunges deep into the marsh's basin. It's so deep, I can't even see a shiny disk of water down in the hole. However, the dig is fresh so we know a crawdad lurks beneath. So with bacon tied to a string harvested from the end of a feed sack, my boy lowers the bait into the hole and waits for a tug.

He doesn't have to wait long.

Crawfish, crayfish, or crawdad?

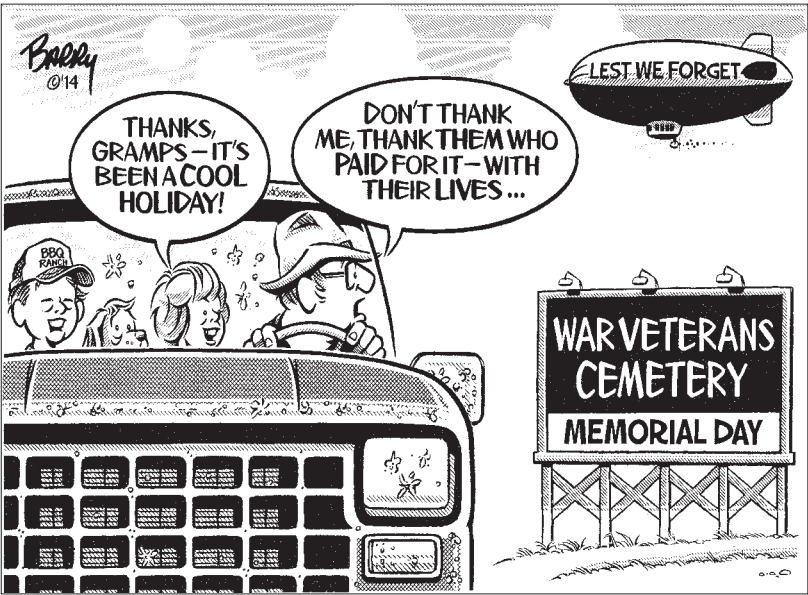
What the crustacean is called depends mostly on

for at least 30 million years.

Worldwide, over 500 species of crawdads are recognized, 350 of which live in North America. While crawfish are found all over the United States, they are found in greater numbers and species diversity in the southeastern United States in the warmer, wetter areas of the south.

Texas is home to at least 43 different species of crawfish - seven of which are listed either as endangered or threatened. The most pressing concern for Texas crawfish is habitat destruction due to development and pollution of waterways.

Most of the state's species diversity reside in the southeastern portion of the state where the climate is consistently warmer and wetlands are in more abundance. At least two species exist away from wetlands and burrow into the deep soils of the blackland prairies. These species emerge from the burrows to feed and are equipped to ride out times of drought as they dig their burrow deeper and deeper as they follow a shrinking water table.



Speaker wants highway fund for transportation only

AUSTIN — House Speaker Joe Straus on May 14 said the Texas House of Representatives would propose a budget next year that uses all of the money in the state highway fund for transportation instead of sending chunks of it to other state agencies.

Taxes and fees such as the gas tax and fees on drivers' licenses go into the state highway fund to pay for transportation, but for almost 80 years, Straus explained, some of that money has helped fund agencies that are not directly related to transportation.

Using the state highway fund exclusively for transportation would increase funding for roads by about \$1.3 billion over two years, Straus, R-San Antonio, added.

"This approach will make the state budget even more straightforward, just as taxpayers expect. It will also provide needed transportation revenue — without a tax increase — as Texas continues to grow twice as fast as the rest of the country," Straus said.

State adds jobs in April
Texas Workforce Commission on May 16 reported Texas employers added 64,100 jobs in April for a total of 348,000 seasonally adjusted non-farm jobs added over the year.

And, Texas' unemployment rate fell to 5.2 percent in April, down from 5.5 percent in March and down from 6.4 percent a year ago.

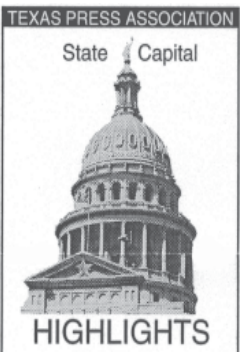
"April was a robust month for Texas job growth. The unemployment rate continues to fall and we posted the highest monthly job growth in well over three years," said Texas Workforce Commission Chairman Andres Alcantar.

In April, employment in professional and business services grew by 20,100 positions, the largest monthly increase ever recorded for that industry, and eight of the 11 major industries in Texas experienced positive growth, the agency reported.

Panel votes to impeach
The Texas House Select Committee on Transparency on May 12 met in closed session and voted 7-1 to impeach University of Texas Board of

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling



State Rep. Dawnna Dukes, D-Austin, will chair the panel. Members include Reps. Cindy Burkett, R-Sunnyvale; Tony Dale, R-Cedar Park; Jessica Farrar, D-Houston; James Frank, R-Wichita Falls; John Frullo, R-Lubbock; Bobby Guerra, D-Mission; Toni Rose, D-Dallas; and J.D. Sheffield, R-Gatesville.

Early voting period begins

Texas Secretary of State Nandita Berry on May 15 published a reminder to voters that early voting for the May 27 Primary Runoff Election begins on May 19 and runs through May 23.

"Statewide there are a number of contests in both the Republican and Democratic primary runoff elections. This election is a chance for voters to select party candidates for the November 4 Election," Berry said.

The runoff election is for races from the March 4 Primary Election where no candidates secured a majority. The top two finishers from those races will now face each other to represent their party in the November election, Berry said.

Sales tax holiday is set

State Comptroller Susan Combs on May 12 announced the May 24 through May 26 sales tax holiday for certain energy efficient household appliances.

The annual state sales tax holiday applies to "Energy Star" qualified air conditioners priced at \$6,000 or less, refrigerators priced at \$2,000 or less, ceiling fans, fluorescent light bulbs, dishwashers, dehumidifiers and clothes washers. Clothes dryers do not qualify.

"Shoppers can save money up front by not having to pay sales tax when buying appliances during the holiday weekend and the energy efficient products can help reduce utility bill costs," Combs said.

Regents member Wallace L. Hall Jr. of Dallas.

A report cited during the committee's open session alleges Hall, who was appointed by Gov. Rick Perry in February 2011, "abused the powers of his office and may have broken the law in his campaign to force the UT Regents to vote to fire UT President Bill Powers."

May 21 and May 22 meetings are scheduled for the committee to further consider and possibly take action on the issue.

Children are focus of work
Speaker Straus on May 15 announced nine appointees to the House Select Committee on Child Protection, a panel charged with studying abuse and neglect fatalities in Texas and making recommendations to protect children.

The panel will work with public members of the Protect our Kids Commission created by the Legislature in 2013 to study the rate of child abuse and neglect fatalities and to recommend strategies to prevent and reduce them.

"I am confident that this committee will provide meaningful recommendations to improve outcomes for Texas children," Straus said.

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TOUCH OF LIFE

By Don Springer



Betty White

"That was.....awful!" says Betty White at the end of a commercial for the Soul Man TV program. In that commercial Betty and the Soul Man are sitting at a piano with Betty playing a short ditty. The, "that was.....awful, comes at the very end and breaks me up every time I watch.

I like the bit so every time I see it I watch it closely and then give myself a big smile at the end. I'm a great fan of Betty White and have been ever since I first saw her as an entertainer. The internet says she has been doing TV since back in the '50s so that has been some long career. Her words, "that was.....awful" brings smiles but it is far from the truth. I don't think anything thing she does is, or ever has been "awful."

Betty has been in a number of TV shows, guests on many others, and a frequent invitee to talk shows and has been on a lot of game shows. I have not seen her perform that I haven't enjoyed the time watching. She is great with script parts and handling the talk show deals as well.

Betty is 92 and in my view is the George Burns of the female set. George was 100 when he died and performed almost to the end. I remember he was sick on his 100th birthday and could not attend his own birthday party. If memory serves correctly he had a date to play at the Palladium in London after he turned 100 but could not meet the date.

Betty White has all the markings of being that kind of entertainer and I can see her working until she is 100 and perhaps beyond. She has aged gracefully and hasn't seemed to have slowed down much physically when on stage. I love her on TV!

She has been a leading character on at least three shows in my past and present. I first remember her on "*The Mary Tyler Moore*" show, later in "*The Golden Girls*" and now on the cable show "*Hot in Cleveland*." I couldn't count the smiles and laughs she has given me as part of those three shows. I credit her with playing the stupid, naive person as well as anyone I have seen.

Her full name is Betty Marion White Ludden and was born in January 17, 1922. I also well remember her third husband, Allen Ludden, who was a TV game show host for a few years. He was taken from us rather early. Betty got her start working as an assistant at a local television station in the early 1950s. She and her family had moved to Los Angeles when she was two.

My research tells me she launched her first television series, "*Life with Eliza-beth*," in the early 1950s. That I don't remember. However I was overseas with the army a portion of that time so that may be why I don't recall the show.

Whatever her future this TV watcher will be looking for more of Betty White, her wit, her sharp tongue, her comedy style and her chemistry in working with others. I hope there is more and more of Betty White's, "that was.....awful!"

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

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OBITUARIES

Lois Evelyn Sullivan

Lois Evelyn Sullivan, 97 of Crosby, Texas went to be with the Lord on May 18, 2014. Lois was born March 25, 1917 in Noxubee County, Mississippi to William Nicholas Lee and Mary Lilla Lee. She was a kind, caring person who loved spending time with her family. Lois enjoyed crocheting, baking, gardening and sewing. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Lois is preceded in death by her husband, Quinton Sullivan, three brothers and three sisters. She is survived by her daughter, Sandra Moerbe and husband Rick; granddaughter, Angie Layne and husband Chris; grandson, Wesley Moerbe ; great-grandson, Chris Layne; sister, Oteen Manuell and numerous nieces, nephews family and friends.

A visitation for family and friends will be held Wednesday, May 21, 2014 , from 5-8



p.m. at Sterling White Funeral Home in Highlands, Texas. The funeral services will be held at Dry Creek Baptist Church in Preston, Mississippi at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 24, 2014.

Services have been entrusted to Sterling White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby Lynchburg, Highlands, Texas, 77562. To send the family condolences please visit www.sterlingwhite.com.

Summer reading program begins at Crosby library

Crosby, TX – June 2 – Aug 9 – The Crosby Branch Library is proud to announce Harris County Public Library Summer Reading 2014: Fizz, Boom, Read! It is for children and adults of all ages and begins on June 2nd and continues through August 9th. 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 science theme, the Crosby Branch Library will have activity days on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the summer. Mondays will feature hands-on

science activities for school age children, tweens and teens, all starting at 4:00 pm. Tuesdays will feature special guest performances beginning on June 10th, at 10:30 am, with Nicole Plowman from Texas Parks and Wildlife, presenting The Fish of Galveston Bay. On Thursdays, there will be story times for preschoolers and toddlers at 10:30 am that will feature different science themes 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 .

Carl Joseph Hite, Jr.

Carl Joseph Hite, Jr., August 12, 1937 – May 14, 2014. He was preceded in death by his father, Carl Joseph Hite, Sr., his mother, Annie Cecilia Rahm Hite, and his brother, Danny Hite.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Davis Hite, married June 12, 1959. His children, Denice and her husband Wade Harlan, Michael Hite and his wife Judee, Deidre and her husband Rich Harry, and Rene and her husband Ronnie Hollingsworth. His 10 grandchildren: Jacqueline Harlan, Sarah Harlan, Michael Hite, Andrew Hite, Clara Harry, Jennifer and Daniel Marquardt, Megan and Nate Scott, Sydnee Hollingsworth, Alexis Hollingsworth, Clifton & Amanda Nichols, and Kyle Cailleteau. His 4 great-grandchildren: Zain Foster-Hite, Dillon Nichols, Emily Nichols, and Hayli Nichols. Numerous nieces & nephews.

He lived most of his adult life in Houston, Texas with the love of his life, Sharon. They raised their four children with a strong work ethic that was part of his German heritage. He loved working whether it was flipping hamburgers at the Jack in the Box

Restaurants he owned, pouring steel at US Steel, or mixing chemicals at Oxy Chemical plant. His work ethic made him stand out from his peers in the workplace.

His life was one large Adventure which again was probably also part of his heritage thanks to August and Celia Merchant who came from Prussia and Wurstenburg, Germany to start a new life so very long ago.

He loved music, woodworking, gardening and researching on the internet. He spent many hours looking up information and sharing it with his children and grandchildren. He and Sharon took their children to see all the great Broadway shows at Theater Under the Stars in Hermann Park. He enjoyed going to the zoo and park with his kids and grandkids, and he loved to feed the ducks and geese at Newport Pond.

He was a cheerleader, groupie, team captain and yell leader at every event for every kid, grandkid and great grandkid. He was always ready to put his groupie shoes on to support every one of our endeavors.

He will be loved and missed by all who knew and loved him.

THOUGHTS FROM MARANATH CHURCH
Get Wisdom

By Dr. Mark Trice
Maranatha Church

We live in a day and time when evil is more actively after the Body of Christ than ever before, and on the surface it seems to be gaining some ground. The devil has infiltrated the church with false doctrines that, while they would never have flown forty years ago, are being accepted as truth by modern society. Some highly visible ministers are preaching counterfeit gospels that clearly contradict the Word of God, yet they have followers by the thousands. Why?

Think about counterfeit currency. Technology aside, how do bankers recognize counterfeits? They recognize counterfeits because they've spent hours studying genuine bills. They know what they look and feel like, and understand fine details the rest of us miss. You learn to recognize spiritual counterfeits the same way, by spending hours studying the Word of God for yourself, by getting to know God on a personal level, and by understanding things of the Spirit that others miss. Unfortunately, much of the

church today fails to make time for this necessary part of the Christian walk, and ignorance leaves them wide open to whatever false doctrine the devil decides to slip in. There lies spiritual destruction—destruction that could be avoided.

Those who read in Proverbs every day (Thirty one chapters allows a chapter a day) come to understand the importance of wisdom. Proverbs 4:5-6 says, "Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth. Do not forsake her, *and she will preserve you*; love her, *and she will keep you.*" Here is a power that can protect the child of God from false doctrine.

So let each of us pursue wisdom, seeking God's Word for ourselves rather than relying solely on what someone else claims about the Scriptures. Let us strive for relationship, spending time in His presence and getting to know Him face-to-face. And let us each follow God to the church HE leads us to, and learn from the pastor HE assigns to us so that we are regularly hearing a pure and uncompromised Word. Let us get wisdom.

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LITTLE BIDDY BITS
By Danny Biddy

One Billion

If you had one billion dollars you could spend one hundred thousand dollars a day for twenty-seven years! One billion dollars really is a lot of money and one billion years would really be a long time. The Bible does not try to explain eternal life in terms of


years. It simply calls it eternal, everlasting life. However, man has continued to try and explain it in terms of time. Perhaps the best effort is in a hymn by John Newton:

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun.

We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life."

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CHANNELVIEW ISD
Vaughan named District 21-5A Coach of the Year

Channelview High School head baseball coach Clanton Vaughan was recently named District 21-5A's Coach of the Year.

Vaughan, a 1984 Channelview alumnus, guided the Falcons to the Area round of the playoffs this year. His teams have made the postseason two of the past three years. This is his sixth season at the Channelview helm.

Success has followed Vaughan wherever he goes. In his 14 years at Crosby, he led the Cougars to several playoff appearances in the 1990s and also led Alief Hastings to the postseason during his stint there. He served as an assistant coach at Baytown Sterling before returning to Channelview.



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GALENA PARK ISD
Student wins national scholastic silver key writing award

Michael Norton, 9th grade student at North Shore Senior High School (NSSHS), recently received the Scholastic Silver Key Writing Award for his poetry collection, "Life in Pictures", "Pictures of Darkness", and "Pictures of Light." These poems metaphorically portray life as photographs, and they were inspired by his work as a yearbook photographer. To enter his work for judging, Norton was required to submit a personal video introduction, as well as a discussion of his poem. He was awarded the Gold Key Award at the Harris County regional level, which qualified him to progress to the national competition.

Norton, his parents, and administrators from NSSHS will travel to New York City in early June for the award ceremony at the legendary Carnegie Hall. In addition, all students recognized at this national event will have their names scrolling across the Times



Michael Norton

Square "jumbotron," a worldwide tourist attraction in the heart of New York.

Norton's first interest in writing poetry came after he read some poems written by his dad and he recalled something his father once told him, "Shoot for the moon because even if you fail, you will land among the stars." Michael shared, "Now, I often think of lines and phrases that might work well in a poem, and I have to write them down before I forget them."

Norton is interested in attending Rice University or Texas Christian University and majoring in computer technology. While he would like to pursue a career in software development, Norton plans to minor in writing.

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3. going on _____ with their families

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5. dressing in red, white and blue _____

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2. decorating service people's _____ with flags, flowers and wreaths

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4. wearing red _____ in honor of those who died serving our country

5. holding a holiday on the last Monday in _____

6. sharing stories and _____ of loved ones

7. visiting graveyards (Arlington National Cemetery) and _____ like the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

8. honoring all who have died fighting for our _____

9. thinking about Abraham Lincoln's _____, called the Gettysburg Address, which honored those who "...gave their lives that that nation might live."

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