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CHANNEL CHATTER

State Run-off Primaries puts conservatives ahead

By Lewis Spearman

TEXAS – The catbird seat is being held by conservatives for the November election but not everyone that won was Tea Party endorsed in the Run-Off Primary last Tuesday.

Replacing Steve Stockman as the US Congressman for an area that runs from inside Harris County all the way to the Louisiana border is Dr. Brian Babin, a dentist and the former Mayor of Woodville. He won over Ben Streusand 58% to 42%. Streusand a Tea Party operative and former mortgage banker funded his own campaign and was former chairman of Americans for Prosperity. Streusand lives in Spring and has houses west of the district. He attacked Babin

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Run-off election for Galena Park

Early Voting is June 9- 17th
June 9th and June 10th 7:00 am- 7:00 pm
June 11-17- 8:00- 5:00 p.m.
Early voting for Pct. 81 & 208 in person will be at City Hall.

Election Day is June 21 7:00 am- 7:00 p.m.
Precinct 81 votes at Alvin D. Baggett Community Building on Keene St.
Precinct 208 votes at City Hall

Kinder-Morgan Splitter Tower traverses streets of Galena Park



KINDER-MORGAN's T-102 SPLITTER made the trip down Clinton Drive last Monday, from the old Brown & Root dock on the ship channel, out on the roadway, and finally into the driveway of their new plant on the east side of Galena Park. The Tower is 20 feet in diameter, and when transported it is over 25 feet high and 200 feet long. Help was needed from the Galena Park police department for traffic control, and Centerpoint Energy to raise wires and traffic lights to make clearance for the height of the tower. Plant Manager Derrick Bockius reported that the move went as planned, and no major problems were encountered, due to advance planning and some modifications to the original plans. (K-M Photos).

GALENA PARK – Kinder Morgan has moved the largest piece of their new plant, a Condensate Processing Facility, onto the site from the fabricator's plant a few miles west on Clinton Drive.

The original plans had called for a totally overland route to transport the tower, using Clinton Drive, Market Street, McCarty, and back to Clinton. However, obstructions and scheduling made the planners revise the route, using a barge on the ship channel for part of the trip, and the final leg from a dock down Clinton Drive, through the heart of Galena Park, and eastward to the plant site.

Plant Manager Derrick

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AERIAL VIEW on the new plant site shows the T-102 Splitter Tower negotiating a turn in the driveway, after it safely left Clinton Drive, out of view on the left. Galena Park is in the distance, looking west.

Employees and friends give back on 15th Annual LyondellBasell Global Care Day

VOLUNTEERS REVITALIZE LOCAL PARK ALONG GREENS BAYOU



Volunteers planting shrubs and flowers at Thomas Bell Forest Park, on Greens Bayou near Normandy Road.

CHANNELVIEW, Texas - May 19, 2014 - LyondellBasell Channelview Complex employees and their families planted more than 2400 shrubs and trees at Thomas Bell Foster Park as part of the company's Global Care Day. The event encourages LyondellBasell employees around the world to collectively participate in community service projects on the same day.

"As a dedicated organization that cares about the community and committed to being involved and making a difference," said Lyondell-Basell Senior Engineer Susie Geraci. "This project will leave a lasting impression for everyone that visits the park."

For the company's 15th annual Global Care Day, volunteers in 20 countries on six continents demonstrated their commitment to their neighborhoods on Saturday, May 17.

"Few corporations make the commitment to impact the community the way that Ly-

ondellBasell does with the Global Care Day Project. We were delighted that Thomas Bell Foster Park was selected because we knew what the volunteers could accomplish," said Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition Executive Director Jill Boullion. "We now have a park that is planted with native species, bringing the ecosystem back into balance."

Over the past 15 years, approximately 25,900 Lyondell-Basell employees and their families have donated more than 162,800 volunteer hours supporting their communities on Global Care Day.

Volunteers also cleaned county roadways of trash and debris along Wallisville and Sheldon Roads that the plant adopted from Harris County last year. Also, children of volunteers presented hand painted flower pots with plants to local residents of the Legend Oaks Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center.

51st Annual Livestock Show & Sale Channelview FFA Livestock Show grows in size and scope

By Mark Kramer, CISD

The Channelview FFA held its 51st annual Livestock Show at the Allen Hall Fairgrounds in Channelview on April 2nd through 5th. The community event highlights projects from the members of the Future Farmers of America and the 4-H Club. Students compete for thousands of dollars in scholarships through the show and auction of livestock projects.

The FFA has been a part of the Channelview ISD educational landscape since the mid 1960s. Over the last 50 years, the FFA's livestock show has grown in both size and scope.

"In the early days, everything happened under one large event tent," said Allen Hall, retired Channelview agricultural sciences teacher, director of vocational education, and director of transportation (1965-1998). "The first one I helped with was 30 ft by 60 ft, and was set up behind the old high school."

In 1971, the livestock show moved to what is now referred to as the 'old fairgrounds,' which were part of the YMCA.

"Everything the FFA needed then was built by students, parents, volunteers and all from donated materials," said Hall. "By 1984, the event and the organization had outgrown the YMCA location's



Grand champion Steer shown by Colton Taylor

seven acres and the drainage problems made parking seem like a mud hike."

Much like the need for updated facilities, the need to elevate the FFA mission to better suit the changing needs of student members, fueled one of the livestock show's most significant changes in 1984, with the building of the Allen Hall Fairgrounds located on Wood Drive.

The traditional auction of prize-winning steers, goats, lambs, hogs, broilers, rabbits, horticultural exhibits, and the FFA sweetheart cake, leads the fundraising arm of the show. This year's event raised

over \$100,000 with "add-ons" still being tallied. "Add-ons," straightforward cash contributions paid directly to named participants, are a second method in which the community-at-large can assist these students earn cash for college.

For students whose projects don't sell at auction, the show's "under the barn" sales bring in last-minute funds for those hoping to add every dime possible to his or her college fund.

In addition to the Livestock Show, The Mighty Thomas Carnival provided entertainment, as well as the annual FFA Parade on the final day of the event.

NORTH SHORE ROTARY Winning Raffle Ticket goes to Shari Bigelow of North Shore



DECISIONS, DECISIONS. Shari Bigelow, second from left, had the winning ticket last Saturday at the North Shore Rotary Fish Fry and Raffle, and had her choice of a new Toyota Avalon auto or Toyota Tundra pick-up truck, and was leaning toward the truck. The vehicles were provided by Community Toyota of Baytown. With the winner is Rotarian Jim Mills of Pineforest Jewelry, at center her husband Randall Rojas, and at right North Shore Rotary Fish Fry chairwoman Allatia Harris. Hundreds attended the annual Catfish Fry and Crawfish Boil at the North Shore Rotary pavilion on Wallisville.

In addition to the raffle, Rotarians also raised money from the sale of lunches, a live auction, and a silent auction, as well as donations of support from sponsors such as San Jacinto College, SanJac Education Foundation, Community Toyota/Kia/Honda, Galena Park ISD Education Foundation, and 18 other corporate or individual sponsors.

This annual event of the source of funds for the club's support of many worthwhile projects in the North Shore community, and student scholarships, and international work through the Rotary International Foundation. The preliminary estimate is that the club raised about \$400,000 at this event.



CHANNELVIEW 2014

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2014

GRAND CHAMPIONS



GRAND CHAMPION STEER
Exhibitor: COLTON TAYLOR Buyer: ASKEW & WORKERS/YATES REMODEL \$7000



GRAND CHAMPION HOG
Exhibitor: KATIE CARSON Buyer: TUBULAR SERVICES \$4000



GRAND CHAMPION GOAT
Exhibitor: SYDNEE BEACH Buyer: MR & MRS WALTER TUTOR \$1750



GRAND CHAMPION LAMB
Exhibitor: SKYLAR WEBB Buyer: SHORELINE CONSTRUCTION \$2300



GRAND CHAMPION BROILERS
Exhibitor: SYDNEE BEACH Buyer: MR & MRS WALTER TUTOR \$1900



GRAND CHAMPION RABBITS
Exhibitor: MATTHEW YATES Buyer: MR & MRS KENNETH WILLIS \$2400



SWEETHEART CAKE
Exhibitor: SYDNEE BEACH Buyer: TJ'S KITCHEN \$1000



GRAND CHAMPION HORTICULTURE
Exhibitor: BRANDON MOORE Buyer: CEDILLO TAX SERVICE \$700



FCCLA CAKE
Exhibitor: JOSETTE ZAVALA Buyer: MR & MRS WALTER TUTOR \$700



FCCLA CAKE
Exhibitor: OKARYS BONILLA Buyer: MR & MRS WALTER TUTOR \$650

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RESERVE CHAMPIONS



RESERVE CHAMPION STEER
Exhibitor: SYDNEE BEACH Buyer: MR & MRS WALTER TUTOR \$6000



RESERVE CHAMPION HOG
Exhibitor: MADISON HALL Buyer: TUBULAR SERVICES \$6250



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Exhibitor: SKYLAR WEBB Buyer: DR DONALD NINO \$1800



RESERVE CHAMPION LAMB
Exhibitor: MADISYN BEACH Buyer: ASI APPLIANCE \$1800



RESERVE CHAMPION BROILERS
Exhibitor: ALEXIS BROWN Buyer: WOODFOREST BANK \$1800



RESERVE CHAMPION RABBITS
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Buyer: GULFTEX FEEDS \$500



3RD PLACE BROILERS
Exhibitor: MADISYN BEACH
Buyer: CEDILLO TAX SERVICE \$400



3RD PLACE RABBITS
Exhibitor: SYDNEE BEACH
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3RD PLACE HORTICULTURE
Exhibitor: JOSHUA MURILLO
Buyer: CLARK HACKETT FAMILY \$500



4TH PLACE STEER
Exhibitor: MADISON HALL
Buyer: MR & MRS OSCAR MCKEE \$4250



4TH PLACE HOG
Exhibitor: JOSH NASH
Buyer: GULFTEX FEEDS \$1000



4TH PLACE GOAT
Exhibitor: MADISYN BEACH
Buyer: THOMPSON & MARCET \$1000



4TH PLACE LAMB
Exhibitor: MADISON HALL
Buyer: SHORELINE CONSTRUCTION \$800



4TH PLACE BROILERS
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Buyer: ROBERT & SHIRLEY TAYLOR \$950



4TH PLACE RABBITS
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Buyer: THOMPSON & MARCET \$250



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Exhibitor: BRADLEY RUSSELL
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Buyer: ARCHIE YATES \$3750



5TH PLACE HOG
Exhibitor: MACIE STEPP
Buyer: NORTH SHORE ROTARY \$1600



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Exhibitor: YVETTE LEOS
Buyer: NORTH SHORE ROTARY \$500



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Exhibitor: MICKINZE EWING
Buyer: MR & MRS WALTER TUTOR \$400



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Exhibitor: KIRSTEN DOMINY
Buyer: KAREN YATES \$450



5TH PLACE RABBITS
Exhibitor: KATIE CARSON
Buyer: RUS INDUSTRIAL \$1000



6TH PLACE STEER
Exhibitor: TREVOR THOMPSON
Buyer: NORTH SHORE ROTARY \$3500



6TH PLACE HOG
Exhibitor: SAVANNAH STEPP
Buyer: MR & MRS KENNETH WILLIS \$1400



6TH PLACE GOAT
Exhibitor: KATIE CARSON
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OPINION PAGE

A MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE

By Kristan Hoffman

Bringing Them Home

We were not pleased. For over an hour we had been crowding around the gate like dogs at dinnertime, and now they were telling us it would be another twenty minutes before boarding. A plane they had been waiting for had just arrived, but on the opposite side of the airport. There were certain passengers who needed to make their way here.

We rolled our eyes, thinking that no plane had ever waited for *us*.

There was sighing, grumbling, and quick trips to the restroom. At long last, the gate agent called for those passengers requiring assistance. Then priority members and first class tickets. Then the lowly masses, row by row.

We shuffled down the jetway with our backpacks and our rolling cases. We settled into our seats with our laptops and our headphones. When everyone was finally seated, we expected to push back and take off. Instead we waited. Again.

The air in the cabin grew warm and stale from our bodies, from our frustration. We were about to complain to a flight attendant when a clomping noise came from the jetway, like horses on cobblestone. We all sat up and peered over the headrests in front of us.

A small group of soldiers came on board. Clean-cut and stone-faced, they quickly took their seats in the first two rows behind business class. They had no luggage.

Okay, we thought. For them, we would gladly give our time.

But by then, the plane was pushing back. The engines spun. The wings trembled. We took off.

The flight was long but smooth. We sailed over the city, twinkling lights spreading out below us. We nosed up through the clouds, the thin air icing and cracking our skin. We leveled out, surrounded by stars, and then we read, worked, watched videos, and slept.

The soldiers sat like statues the whole time. Hands in laps, faces forward, mouths silent.

Hours later, the plane began its descent. Another city, another constellation of lives fanning out across the earth. Our stomachs dropped as the Fasten Seatbelt Light dinged on. A tired voice asked us to return our tray tables and seat backs to their upright and locked positions. We stowed our personal belongings and leaned forward in our seats, eager to get up and off this plane, eager to stretch our legs, eager to be home.

The captain came on the speaker. He thanked us all for our patience at the beginning of the flight, and asked us for just a little more patience now at the end.

This is a bit unusual, he said.

We were carrying fallen soldiers in our cargo hold. If everyone could remain seated until the bodies were transferred off the plane and into the waiting vehicle, he would be most appreciative. Also, we shouldn't worry about the airport's fire trucks stationed along the runway. They were only there to do a water salute.

The cabin went completely silent. We looked at each other, and out the windows, and at the magazines peeking out of the seat pockets in front of us. We snuck glances at the soldiers sitting at the front of the plane.

There was a loud whir and a soft whine as the wings adjusted and the wheels went down. There was a *whump* as we landed, and the screeching of wind as the plane sped up to slow down.

As promised, two boxy red trucks sat on either side of the runway. They let loose two giant arcs of water, and we passed underneath. Droplets fell onto the plane and ran

down our windows, glistening in the blue and yellow runway lights. An unnatural rain.

The plane pulled up to the gate and stopped, but we didn't stand. We didn't even unfasten our seat belts. We didn't reach for our phones.

The cabin door opened, and a military officer stepped on board. He walked past first class and found his fellow servicemen. They stood as one.

Whatever words they spoke, brief and low, were lost to us. Afterward, the officer dismissed each soldier with a nod. They marched past him, off the plane, out of sight.

The officer stayed, moving back a little ways into the first class cabin. He addressed us in a gentle but resounding voice.

Those men took an oath, he said. To bring home the fallen. To get them back safely to their families. You all did not take that oath, but tonight, you fulfilled it nonetheless. Your country thanks you.

The heel of his polished boot clicked against the thin carpet as he did an about-face and exited the plane. We were left floating in his wake, suddenly adrift from a shore we hadn't known we were standing on.

The flight attendant kindly threw us a line. She let us know that it was now safe to move about the cabin. She thanked us for choosing her airline, and hoped to see us again on a future flight. She knew the script and gave us our cues.

We stood. We opened the overhead bins and pulled down our bags. We emptied out, row by row, and shuffled up the jetway.

The airport was dim and sleepy. A lone janitor wearing headphones was running a vacuum right in front of the gate. He paused the machine when we emerged, his eyes passing over us with disinterest before settling on the view through the window.

The way his brows drew together made us look too.

A casket draped with the American flag. Then a second. A third. A fourth. They slid out of the plane's belly on a conveyor belt, like babies being born.

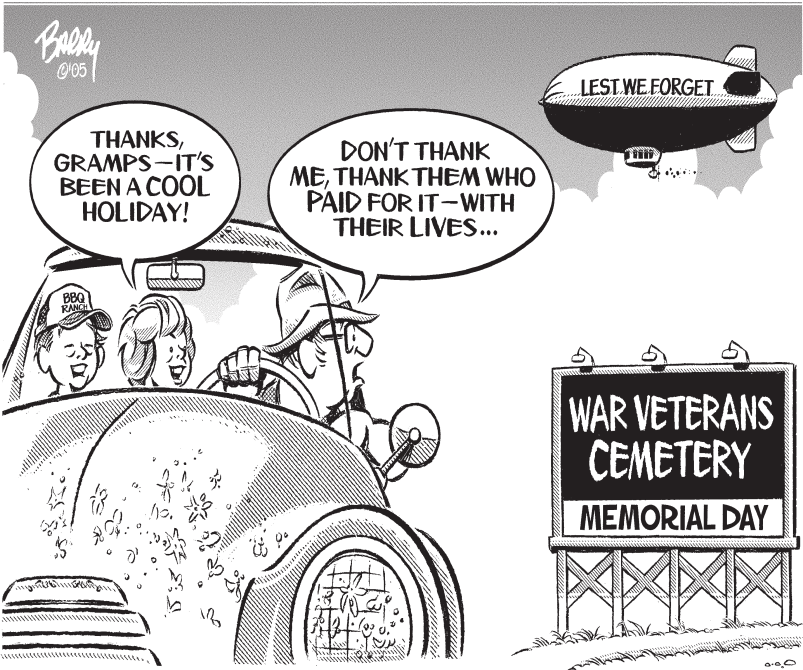
The soldiers stood next to the caskets, one apiece. They waited, patiently, as a small herd of people walked across the tarmac. The herd separated, peeling apart at the direction of the military officer. He pointed each family to their fallen soldier. When everyone had gone past him, he looked at the ground and sighed.

We all crowded around the window, lips pressed together, hands over hearts. We watched as an older woman in a purple shawl collapsed against the first casket in a tearful embrace. The man next to her grasped her shoulders as if to hold her up, but his head was shaking so hard that the tremors rippled down the pleats of his suit. Several men, women, and children surrounded the second casket, clasping each other's hands and crying into each other's chests. The circle of their bodies was like a halo. At the third casket, two dark-haired women with a toddler between them laid their palms against the red and white stripes of the flag. They lowered their heads and began to pray.

A young man stood alone by the fourth casket. He stared at it for a long time, hands in his pockets, mouth in a hard line. He stepped forward and leaned in, squinting as if to see through the fabric and wood. Then he pounded his fist against the casket, once, with force.

Shocked, the soldier standing next to him grabbed the man's wrist and yanked him away. The man didn't resist. He simply turned and fell into the soldier, sinking to his knees.

That was when we turned away.



Big posts at stake in primary runoffs

AUSTIN — Early voting ended May 23 and Tuesday, May 27, was state primary election runoff day.

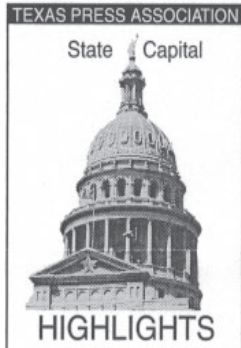
Voting records available to the public at the Office of the Secretary of State show that turnout is historically low for mid-term primaries and even lower for primary runoff elections. But what's different about this set of runoffs — and something that should stimulate voter turnout — were the powerful offices at stake.

Tops in that regard was the race for lieutenant governor, the state's second-highest-ranking executive post. Three of the lieutenant governor's many important duties are picking committee chairs and members, controlling the flow of legislation and shepherding the state budget as a member of the Legislative Budget Board.

Republicans voting in the runoff for lieutenant governor chose between incumbent Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst of Houston and challenger Dan Patrick, a state senator representing northwest Houston. Dewhurst, as lieutenant governor, has presided over the Senate since 2003. Patrick, first elected in 2007, served as chair of the Senate Committee on Education in the 2013 regular session of the Legislature.

The winner will face Leticia Van de Putte of San Antonio, a state senator who ran unopposed in the March Democratic primary. Van de Putte served as a member of the Texas House of Representatives from 1990 to 1999 and has been a member of the Senate since 1999. She joins fellow state Sen. Wendy R. Davis, candidate for governor, on the Democratic ticket. Davis will face Republican candidate for governor Greg Abbott, current Texas attorney general, in November.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling



the November ballot. And, for agriculture commissioner, Democrats chose between author-musician-humorist Richard S. "Kinky" Friedman of Medina and farmer-rancher-insurance agent Jim Hogan of Cleburne.

Texas Tech picks Duncan

Texas Tech Board of Regents on May 19 announced state Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, as the sole finalist for chancellor of the Texas Tech University System. He is expected to resign from the Texas Senate and start in his new capacity on July 1.

As chancellor, Duncan will serve as chief executive officer and will report to the system's board of regents. Current Chancellor Kent Hance reportedly will become chancellor emeritus at that time.

Duncan, 60, was born in Lubbock, grew up in Vernon, and earned his bachelor's degree and law degree from Texas Tech. He was elected to the House in 1992 and in 1996 won a special election to the Senate.

Perry writes to president

Gov. Rick Perry, who ran for president in 2012 and may run for president again in 2016, on May 19 posted an 873-word letter he signed and sent to President Obama about energy and the economy.

"You reassured the American people of your commitment to an all-of-the-above energy strategy to bring our nation closer to energy independence while creating needed jobs," Perry wrote, and then suggested that the president take a "Texas approach" to create jobs and stimulate the nation's economy by switching to a less-regulated strategy. That strategy would include such actions as stepping up coal-burning power plant capacities, opening the Keystone XL pipeline and increasing oil and gas operations on land and offshore.

Hurricane season nears

Texas Department of Public Safety on May 19 drew attention to the upcoming hurricane season, June 1 through Nov. 30, and urged Texans to assemble an emergency kit.

An emergency kit, the DPS suggested, should include essential documents, supplies and provisions. And, Texans should:

— Review hurricane evacuation maps and pick routes to safe locations;

— Plan how all family members and pets will evacuate safely and consider any

TEXAS

With Russell A. Graves

Crawdads - Part 2

"Crawfish are typically located where habitat requirements are met: surface water or reachable water below ground," says Ken Johnson, co-author of the book *Texas Crawdads*. "In Texas these are available generally in the central



and eastern part of the state."

In western areas, he explains, crawdads are found in streams or reservoirs and in wet weather spots like ditches and nearby watersheds. "Ponds are also populated here and there but these may be introductions. We have found them though all the way to the caprock in several counties of dry West Texas."

"If one must choose a most common species for Texas, the red crawfish (or Louisiana Swamp Crawfish) might fit the bill," Johnson says.

"It is very common in the southern part of the state from east to west and in certain ponds and lakes in the northern part where released by intentional and unintentional stocking."

In Texas crawdads are a commercially viable crop as they are raised for food consumption and bait. While Louisiana grows most all of the crawfish sold for food consumption, Texas is in second place with some 147,000 pounds produced annually according to the last agriculture census: a document released in 2007 by the United States Department of Agriculture. At the time of the last census, eight Texas farms were raising crawfish for the table.

With modern aquacultural methods, crawfish are either grown in dedicated ponds and harvested when ready for market or they are double cropped with rice when it is flooded during the growing season.

Traditionally, crawfish were raised and consumed on a local scale. With the rise in popularity of cajun inspired foods, more and more of the harvest is packaged and shipped.

While there are a variety of ways to cook crawfish like in étouffée, jambalaya, or pie, by far the way most people enjoy crawfish is in the crawfish boil. Essentially, crawfish are boiled in seasonings like peppercorns, allspice, and others and additional ingredients like corn, potatoes, andouille sausage, and garlic is added to the pot. Like lobster and shrimp, the tails are primarily consumed while some will eat the crawdad's insides as well.

special needs for individuals with disabilities or older persons; and

—Stay informed about changing weather conditions.

In other news, the DPS announced on May 21 that trooper patrols would be "significantly increased" during the Memorial Day holiday, May 23-26.

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What do you do after the worst day of your life? Do you just give up and quit? Think about this... You could say that Peter was the "right hand man" of Jesus. When we see Peter in Acts 2:36-41, he is giving quite a sermon, admonishing those who had crucified Jesus, declaring that Jesus was the Christ that Isaiah had prophesied about, and exhorting them to repent and be baptized. The Bible says that about 3,000 were added to their number that day.

That was an awesome altar call, but Peter had to battle some bad days to get to that point. Peter did not think he was worthy when Jesus asked him to follow Him. He sank after his faith failed while walking on water, he was afraid in the storm before Jesus lifted him, and at one point his unbelief kept him from casting out demons. To make it worse, in Luke 22:54-62, he denied and cursed Jesus.

How did the Peter of Luke 22:54-62 become the Peter of Acts 2:36-41? It was all due to his relationship with God. Deuteronomy 33:26-27 tells us that we are held in the everlasting arms of God. God must be our refuge. When we fall, we must repent, receive God's forgiveness, and then forgive ourselves. No matter how bad it gets, refuse to lose; don't give up and quit. Let God do something with your life – use your experiences to help you restore others. Romans 8:37-39 tells us we are more than conquerors. We have much to give...we have Jesus in us!



Memorial Day observed at schools

Goose Creek CISD Bowie Elementary School choir director Elaine Black leads the Bowie Honors Choir in "The Star-Spangled Banner" at the Memorial Day activities at Bicentennial Park. Also pictured is the Baytown Veterans Honor Guard.

Photo by Carrie Pryor-Newman

Community wide prayer night
in Highlands set for June 3

To Borrow A Quote from a Very Famous Person:

I have a dream, or vision, of men and women praising God side by side regardless of color, race, or nationality. Christians praying side by side regardless of peripheral doctrines and denominational barriers! Christians showing the community that we are a family; and we do have love for one another.

I see a city where there are no drug dealers, no spouse or child abusers, no game rooms, no taverns, no druggies or alcoholics. I see a city where the glory of God shines where the darkness of evil used to smother

the life of the city. I see a city where children will play in the streets; and parents will not worry about them. I see a city where we don't lock the doors at night and we leave our vehicles unlocked because there is no crime to watch out for!

This city can only exist if the Church will rise up and demand the removal of evil and establish the presence of God through our prayers!!!

We at Restoration Church at 1609 Jones Road in Highlands will host a community wide prayer night for the cities of Highlands, Lynchburg,

and McNair on June 3, 2014 between 7:00 & 8:00 PM. Everyone is invited to come out and come together in agreement in prayer for our cities.

God said in Matthew 18:19-20 - Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.²⁰ For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

We have the power of God to rid our city of darkness and usher in the kingdom of God "on earth as it is in heaven".

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OBITUARIES

Rita Ruth Cotharn

Rita Ruth Cotharn, 80, passed away Wednesday, May 21, 2014 in Houston, Texas. She was born September 30, 1933 in Fallon, Texas to parents Thomas and Bertha Humphus. Rita's bright and loving spirit will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Rita was a member of Christian Tabernacle where she enjoyed the fellowship of her church family. She is preceded in death by her parents; and sisters, Martha Helen Williams and Virginia Eloise Vasey.

Rita is lovingly survived by her husband of 64 years, John Cotharn; sisters, Anna Mary Hulsey, Robbie Geraldine Beebe; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends. Friends joined the family from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday, May 23, 2014 for visitation at Carter Funeral Home. A celebration of Rita's life was held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 24, 2014 at



South Drive Baptist Church 15229 South Dr., Channelview, Texas. Graveside services followed at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Wheat Cemetery in Millican, Texas under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

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COMMUNITY, SCHOOL NEWS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY North Channel Library events

-Friday, May 30, 1:30 pm Strings Attached.
-Saturday, May 31, 11 am Books on the Big Screen.
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JUNE 6, FRIDAY

North Channel Chamber monthly luncheon

Next luncheon is June 6, 11:30 am at the San Jacinto College North in the Monument Room of the Student Center. Guest speaker will be Senator Sylvia Garcia. PLEASE RSVP by June 3rd. NEW MEMBERS: We encourage you to attend, we make time in our program for you to introduce yourself and your organization. You may bring flyers and marketing materials. If you have any question contact the chamber office at 713-450-3600.

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.

STATE RUN-OFF,

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for raising property taxes in a factually disputed ad.

Dr. Babin will face Michael Cole in November.

Attorney General Gregg Abbott must be looking at election results with a smile at fellow gubernatorial candidate Wendy Davis as he waits on the November election. Not so many Democrats turned out for the Primary.

The Lieutenant Governors' race got the most notice this year. Dan Patrick, a Tea Party radio talk show host, defeated David Dewhurst 65% to 35%. Dewhurst the current Lieutenant Governor was an energy mogul that many Republicans blamed the fiasco of the abortion filibuster upon that would launch Wendy Davis into the spotlight.

Patrick will face Senator Leticia Van De Putte of San Antonio in the November election that has already weighed in on Patrick saying he would stop the "illegal invasion from Mexico" and "lower property taxes."

The Democrats have their work cut out for them pitting David Alameel against Senator John Cornyn, the Minority Whip of the Senate, in his third term bid. Steve Stockman resigned his congressional seat to run against Cornyn in an ineffectual but amusing race. Alameel defeated Kesha Rogers Tuesday in a landslide. Kesha is a Lyndon LaRouche devotee that promised to impeach Obama.

In the race for Attorney General Dan Branch conceded to Ken Paxton at 8:50 p.m. as Paxton had surmounted 63% of the vote. Ken Paxton will face Sam Houston in November. There is a history lesson in there somewhere.

The Ag Commissioner had two Democrats and two Republicans run that never said a word about farming during a drought. Republicans Sid Miller and Tony Merritt did talk about gun rights and abortion however in their ads. Sid Miller got a rare endorsement from Gov. Rick Perry and had Ted Nugent as his campaign treasurer. He had been a representative in the Texas House for over a decade but lost about two years ago.

Jim Hogan for the Democrats beat Kinky Freedman without hardly campaigning.

Someone once said that in the event of rain Democrats turnout spacially. Judging by the percentages it must have rained all over Texas.



Channelview ISD May Students of the Month

Channelview ISD recently honored its May Students of the Month by hosting a recognition luncheon in the top level of the press box at the Ray Maddy Memorial Stadium. The Students of the Month include, top row, from left, Isaiah Mottu (Hamblen Elementary), Daniel Ruano (Aguirre Junior High), Blanca Vasquez (Channelview High School), Summer Grace Ijarah (Alice Johnson Junior High), Cynthia Vaca (Kolarik Ninth Grade Center), Karen Viero (Campbell Learning Center) and Sebastian Aguilar (De Zavala Elementary). Pictured in front are, from left, Brandyn Johnson (Crenshaw Elementary), Abigail Schwer (Brown Elementary), Karla Telles (Schochler Elementary), Jocelyn Contreras (McMullan Elementary) and Valerie Arango (Cobb Elementary).

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COMMUNITY WATCH

6 years-old boy killed in a car accident

Last Sunday, May 25, 2014 a 6 years-old boy was killed, his mother and sister send to the hospital when their car flipped, landing upside down in a ditch in east Harris County.

According to investigators, the tragic accident happened around 7:50 am in the 16200 block of De Zavalla in east Harris County.

Investigators said the mother, Zulma Sevilla, lost control of her 1997 Toyota Corolla and crossed the center line. The Corolla slid into the roadside ditch, hit a concrete retention area and flipped.

The 6 years-old boy, Carlos Chavez, was taken to Memorial Hermann Hospital by life flight where he later died. The mother and her 9-year-old daughter were transported by ambulance to the same hospital in serious but stable condition.

The investigation continues.

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San Jacinto Pilot Club presents "Civility in Government" check

The San Jacinto Pilot club presented a check to the Institute for Civility in Government.

This 501(c)3 organization, founded by Rev. Cassandra Dahnke, takes high school students to Washington, D.C. annually to teach them about our nation's government.

Monies for community donations and scholarships are raised by the San Jacinto Pilot Club primarily at their annual spaghetti dinner. This year's event will be held Saturday, October 11, 2014.

The San Jacinto Pilot Club is a 501(c)3 organization, part of Pilot International an international service organization dedicated to brain safety and health.

For more information: www.SanJacintoPilot.com.



Julie Fallin, San Jacinto Pilot Club president; left, presents check to Rev. Cassandra Dahnke, founder of the Institute for Civility in Government.

KINDER-MORGAN SPLITTER,

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Bockius reports the plant will be in operation by October.

He said that the new "Splitter" would cost \$370 million to build, and generate hundreds of temporary construction jobs and 23 full time positions. This is in addition to the 400+ employees that now work for Kinder-Morgan in the Galena Park area. Given industry standards, the community can expect another 150 jobs to be created in support of this plant by other businesses.

Tax revenue paid by Kinder-Morgan for this plant will have an enormous impact on local government. Bockius said that they estimate property tax revenue to the City of Galena Park at \$1.4 million annually, and \$2 million to the school district. Another \$900,000 would be paid to Harris County.

Kinder-Morgan currently has several large terminal operations in Galena Park or the immediate area. A pipeline is being built that will bring more crude to the area for processing.

Bockius said that there is an immediate need for new hires, citing 3 operators, 1 coverage operator for nights, and a supervisor. Jobs are posted online at www.kindermorgan.com, or www.indeed.com. Bockius also recommended interested

applicants should consider taking a Petroleum Technician course of study at San Jacinto College. He said that he had received 2000 applications, all had been considered and reviewed, and only a few were qualified for the type of work involved.

The new plant site covers 67 acres, and will eventually hold 17 storage tanks. Production of the plant will be 1000 barrels a day at capacity. It is expected to be in operation by October 2014.

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Rep. Gene Green's 12th annual job fair draws 400 participants



Congressman Gene Green with high school seniors from North Shore High School at his 12th Annual Job Fair at San Jacinto College North.

(Houston, TX) – Over 400 participants attended Congressman Gene Green's 12th Annual Job Fair which was held at San Jacinto College North Campus in partnership with Workforce Solutions, San Jacinto College North and the North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce. Participating employers and professional groups included: the City of Houston, Galena Park ISD, Houston Independent School District, Boasso America Corporation, Lowes, Harris County Toll Road Authority, Jacinto

mark, Walgreens, Mission Foods, Concordia University, Johnny Carinos Restaurant, Houston Police Department, Harris County Department of Education, Gulf Stream Marine, Dow Emergency, Laborers International, Houston Area Plumbers and Joint Apprenticeship, Job Sparx, United States Steel, YMCA, Southwest Shipyard and Pasadena Police Department.

"We saw people interviewing for job openings, and some were even hired to start immediately," Green said. "This is why we do what we do. We're

happy when our local businesses partner with our communities and hire locally, that helps to build a stronger economy."

Job training professionals were also present to offer career assessments and employment counseling, as well as to assist with resume writing and interviewing techniques.

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