JACINTO CITY – Known for her good works for the people of her community, and an iconic campaign to save the beaches of Texas from a garbage plague program, a friend, family and city colleagues gathered last Friday at City Hall to unveil a memorial plaque in her honor.

Rachel Nunez died on Jan. 4, 2013 after several months of battling breast cancer since 2009, and her first major surgery since 2011. She was diagnosed after a breast cancer screening.

At the unveiling ceremony, friends and family received an expression of gratitude and love over the years she served Jacinto City. Many tears and hugs were the emotions of her love for her family, and service to all, brought back dear memories.

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Same, the North Channel STAR and the GIS Rotary Club held a Candidates’ Forum last Friday, April 26.

Candidates were given an opportunity to present their qualifications and ideas for their council, and then answered questions from a panel and the public. About 100 people were in the audience for the event, held at Baggett Community Center.

In the Council races, candidates Joe Pero/Toyo recollected his 35 years in Galena Park, and said: “This was a great opportunity to talk about the state of our city.”

The city’s current mayor, Ana Diaz, hosted and spoke in memory of Rachel Nunez, as did the city council members behind her at the ceremony.

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Harris County – The grace period will soon be over. Starting May 30, 2014, the Harris County Sheriff’s Office will begin cracking down on game rooms in the unincorporated area of Harris County not in compliance with the recently enacted game room regulations.

Under the new regulations, game rooms housing six or more ‘eight-liner’ machines will be required to have a permit to operate, pay a $1,000 annual fee, close between 10 p.m. and 8 a.m., and cannot require a membership for entry.

New game rooms must also be located at least 1,500 feet from schools, churches and residential neighborhoods.

“Every game room in unincorporated area of Harris County must comply with the new regulations,” said Lt. Randy Tunches with the HCSO’s Game Room Task Force.

“There will be no exceptions. If someone does not abide by the new rules, not only will it cost them hefty fines but they may also end up behind bars.”

Under the regulations violators will be charged with a Class A misdemeanor and could face fines of up to $10,000 and possible jail time.

Game rooms have proven to be magnets for criminal activity. There have been numerous aggravated robberies, assaults, and homicides at several of these locations.

“We have seen time and time again that dangerous crimes occur at these game rooms. But with these new regulations in place we will be able to get more access and oversight, and better protect the public,” added Lt. Tunches.

It is estimated that about 300 game rooms currently operate in the unincorporated area of Harris County.

Game room owners and operators in unincorporated Harris County can read more about the new regulations and apply for a permit by visiting the HCSO’s website: www.harriscountyso.org/Permits_GameRooms.aspx

Students in Linda Le-Day’s 4th grade GATE class conducted a Literacy Fair for the students and parents at Harlem Elementary School.

The goal of the Literacy Fair was to get the students and parents excited about integrating reading and writing in the classroom and at home.

Jose Avalos and Robert Carson O’Neal display their projects during the 4th grade GATE teacher Linda Le Day’s Literacy Fair at Harlem Elementary School.

“Students participate in Literacy Fair

As a classroom teacher, I realize that families play an integral role of developing literacy skills in children,” said LeDay. “Although schools are an important component in teaching reading and writing, parents and other family members can lay a foundation for lifetime literacy through reading and writing in their daily lives.”

In addition to reading, the students demonstrated literacy ideas that the parents could use at home. At each station, the students modeled hands-on activities, such as facts and opinions, inferring, author’s purpose, six traits in writing (voice and word choice), autobiography/biography and several additional topics.

“We even had a very creative student Amber Worley create a play, which included STAAR Stem questions,” said LeDay. “All of our parents left with ideas, games and a free book.”

Goose Creek CISD Students were recognized at the recent meeting of the Goose Creek CISD Board of Trustees for receiving State Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE) honors. Pictured are (l to r) Jannah Janobas and Angel Guzman, Goose Creek Memorial High School; Johnna Morris, GCM teacher; Annie Watson, Ross S. Sterling High School teacher, Courtney Infante, RSS; Rebecca Carroll, RSS teacher and Cindi Li, RSS. All three teachers received a School Bell Award from the Board of Trustees.

Goose Creek Memorial High School All-State Choir student (right) Rachel Freeman was recognized at the April 28 meeting of the Goose Creek CISD Board of Trustees. Teacher Holly Lewallen received a School Bell Award.
Local Representatives gather at a GISPD Forum

On Tuesday, April 29, 2014, Galena Park ISD hosted a forum bringing together State Senator Sylvia Garcia, State Representative Ana Hernandez, and area superintendents and school board members to discuss critical issues concerning education, including funding and House Bill 5.

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Working Women do not deserve a raise, but it can’t happen without Legislation

I normally do not react to the time I get to read an editorial, but after reading the Opinion Statement printed May 7, the North Channel Star, I felt I had to react.

The Op-Ed piece reflects the disconnect between the government today and the real world of most of us at all class levels. For example, the idea that we need to create a new job with increased productivity is a prime goal. Ms. Garcia states that “It appears with increased productivity, differences in wealth will decrease...”

This is not just a magical government plan. It is more likely to be a result of increased production and income. Ms. Garcia’s plan would give the government the ability to redistribute wealth.

We should have a third party in our country that would regulate wealth distribution. We need to focus on the real world of most of us and what we can do to create a new job that will increase productivity and, therefore, income.

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Resurrection Church celebrates being a Parish with a picnic

Pecan Street Christian Academy Youth fishing tournament

Vicer Russell Editor had his parish visit his home with the Bishop on Sunday after services at the Church of The Resurrection, a Eucharistic community in the Anglican tradition following service at 11:00 at 5202 First Street where the Brethren Church meets for the morning service. The youth turned up the flip with inside the trapmingle, Keassey Marie Holt.

Keassey Marie Holt was born on April 28, 2014 in Houston, Texas to Brandon and Amanda (Pogue) Holt on May 1, 2014. She is preceded in death by her great-grandfather, Chris Brown; great-grandmother, Bill and Amanda Holt of Pearland, Texas; aunt, Ashley Pogue of Highlands, Texas; cousins, Landon Pogue of Highlands, Texas; great-grandmother, Margaret Joye Pogue of Altoona, Texas; great-grandmother, Joyce Pogue of New Caney, Texas; cousins, Jayden, Briana, Brinna, Nicholas Gonzales of Oahu, Hawaii; cousins, London Pagis of Highlands, Texas; and many other relatives and friends. Services for Keassey Holt will be held at Sterling White Funeral Home, 11313 Crudey-Eaklethburg Rd. Highlands, Texas 77541. To extend the family condolences, send the family condolences to Sterling-White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Conroe, TX 77302.

Pecan Street Christian Academy (PSCA) held its first annual fishing tournament last Saturday at Shelby Lake State Park. Approximately 1000 students representing 22 schools north of PSCA and the surrounding areas attended the event and much fun was had by all. All kids receive a PSCA patch initiated and coordinated the event with much help from parents, teachers, and administrative staff. Again she proved that “teamwork makes the dream work.” In addition to fishing the students took a nature walk through the park with park director Kim Simmons and studied plant, tree, and wildlife identification. PSCA student Colin Walker caught the first fish to be weighed in the tournament. He also caught the biggest fish to be weighed in the tournament. Colin Walker also took the Grand Champion award followed by 3 year old Thomas Stephenson for the second place. PSCA’s focus is to first, safety discipline and rigorous academic in reading, math, and science. For more information visit www.pacalgos.org or come by for a facilities tour at 1255 Pecan Street Chan- nesvile, Texas 281-452-1333.

Colin Walker wins first place in the tournament.

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5. Who was the father of Joshua? Ncn, Abraham, Aaron, Noah


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As Christ-followers in this 21st century, the actions of the world and the local church must be the fundamental example of cultural and racial diversity, but the local church does not serve as a mirror to God nor to Jesus for the world to see. The national church is more to be done to erase racism from the world. Much has been achieved and yet there is still much work that needs to be done. God is the one who asks us to have a change of heart. He speaks love as an offer of grace. Any act of love that we do has the potential to change the world.

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Channelview advances to Area round with win over Dobie

PEARLAND - It’s on to the next round with a championship baseball performance for the Channelview Falcons.

Andy Montelongo ended the game in dramatic fashion with a game-winning single to give Channelview a 9-8 victory over Pasadena Dobie in the Class 5A bi-district championship at Dawson High School Friday night.

The Falcons, the fourth seed from District 21-5A, now advance to the Area round of the playoffs, as Deer Park, La Porte and North Shore have been eliminated.

After several missed opportunities by both teams, the Falcons snuffed out Dobie’s suicide squeeze opportunity to try and take the lead in the bottom of the ninth inning, forcing the contest to extra innings. Seth Campbell started out on the mound for the Falcons, pitching 5 2/3 innings, before giving way to John Masin, who struck out the side in the ninth.

Channelview’s Mark Chance led off the bottom of the ninth with a single to left field. He advanced to second with a strikeout, and moments later on a wild pitch, jumped to third and then scored on a sacrifice fly to left to end the Longhorns’ season.

The Galena Park/Austin City Rotary held its annual cake auction at the Alvin ISD Rotary/Community Center last Saturday night, raising more than $8,000.

While students of GPISD celebrate, there is one person who is living proof.

Rotary Club president said, “It’s a simple thing, really, to bake a cake or raise $8,000. But, the proceeds from that act of service help students go to college. A small investment in time yields long-lasting benefits to our community. All who donated, all who participated, they’re all contributing to the success of our students,” Henry said.

The Channelview HS students earn top spots at state

The Channelview High School Construction Technology students know how to create a blueprint for success - SkillsUSA State Competition. The students competed in Corpus Christi, receiving first place in the SkillsUSA Texas State Competition.

The students were 10 first place winners at the statewide event, held in Corpus Christi. The participants were required to construct various projects such as, an oak bookcase, cedar lined trunk seat, patio table and chairs.

Community donates to make Men of Honor clothing drive a success

Purple Heifer representative, Joseph Fulling, collected donated clothing from Paul Zardo, educational planner with San Jacinto College. Photos credit Jeannie Pongracz, San Jacinto College marketing, public relations, and government affairs department.

PASADENA, Texas - Thanks to the San Jacinto College community, the Men of Honor’s clothing drive was a success with donations of more than 45 men’s blouses and sports jackets, 25 suits, 100 pairs of pants, 50 button-up shirts, 40 pairs of shoes, 15 belts, and socks. Women’s clothing included four suits, more than 40 tops, 10 pairs of pants (including jeans), and 10 pairs of shoes.

Many students were able to create their clothing drives thanks to the remaining donations were gathered up by Purple Heart due to the work of the Men of Honor’s student volunteers and the San Jacinto College Men of Honor clothing drive by Leon- dar Nash, disability services coordinator with San Jacinto College.
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The Request for Proposals and further information may be obtained by emailing kkominek@crosbyisd.org or contacting Kari Kominek at 281-328-9200 x 1213.

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Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at the Channelview I.S.D. Educational Support Center, 828 Sheldon Road, Channelview, TX 77530. A copy of Request for Proposals is available at the ISD website www.cvisd.org, under Departments – Business Office – Purchasing. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Galena Park ISD school bus involved in a wreck

A light brown sedan and a Galena Park ISD school bus crashed at 3 p.m. on Thursday near the Greenville area. The accident happened at the 14200 block of Greenville. The driver of the bus, Erika, was transporting about 15 North Shore Elementary students back home at the time of the accident. No injuries were reported.

Photo courtesy of KHOU

CITY ELECTIONS,
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Candidate Veronica Garcia spoke on economic development in East Galena Park. She would work to secure more funding for low income families. She wants to attract more businesses to the city.

Candidate Mark Groba, a businessman and builder, said the city should have more “Greektown” in its future. He supported the city developing the land on the landfill for economic benefits and sales tax revenue. On this issue, others spoke about the impossibility of building there, which Groba disputed.

Candidate Martha Flores said the city should meet with city council members to discuss how the city could be expanded. Another controversial idea was to buy scrap metal from the city by charging tolls for track traffic, rather than transport it, or as they enter the Port. As for air quality, he said it is bad, and Harris County needs to do something about it. He said the county has basically “forgotten about us” citing the need for a housing authority and health department facilities.

Candidate Juan Flores presented his qualifications, as a lifetime of work in public service. He is a member of the Greater Houston management center. He said he sponsored a high school youth group, and started the First National Night Out event in Galena Park in many years. He urged people to know their neighbors for a better city, and to get the county to help develop the Port. He would form a committee to work on the city’s economic development for the city.

Candidate Maria Flores said she was a medical doctor and an RN. She has been a teacher in Pasadena, and a Head Start worker. Her compassion leads her to special needs therapies, and work on Special Olympics. On city finances, she thinks the budget should be public, and the city should have more money in their reserve fund.

She would work on collecting more delinquent taxes, and attract new grants and new partnerships. She wants the city to work on improving the existing infrastructure. The voting in Galena Park was at the Galena Park ISD school board meeting.

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Green commented on the bill and the situation in his district:

“I have an expanding chemical industry in Reelfoot, Harris County — that’s jobs in our community — and I also like to have reasonable pricing natural gas for our chemical industry in East Galena Park. We have an LNG plant here in our district:

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track. She has been cancer-free since 2001. She once said: “You must always keep a positive attitude in everything you do.” She also said: “I believe that’s what helped me beat cancer and what has kept me alive this long — and the grace of God.”

Local companies, area students, and groups set up tents for the all-night event. Food, special games and music added to the lively atmosphere. Platinum Sponsors included Briggs Equipment and the North Shore Rotary Club, while Don Emergency Center served as Gold Sponsor. LyondellBasell served as Silver Sponsor for the event, and a Silver Sponsor was the Houston Zoo.

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Special event chairpersons for Relay led to lead those in attendance throughout the night, including the ‘Fight Song’ announcement and the closing ceremony. Such announcements were held at dusk toward the end. For more information on Relay for Life, please log on to www.relayforlife.org.