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CHANNEL CHATTER

Traffic stop leads to half a million dollars in drug money

(HOUSTON, TX) - A traffic stop last week in east Harris County by an HCSO deputy led to the seizure of nearly \$500,000 in drug money. On Wednesday, October 29, 2014, a deputy with the HCSO's Criminal Interdiction Unit, noticed a suspicious vehicle traveling east on I-10. The vehicle eventually pulled into a business located in the

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Affordable Care Act workshop

Join Rep. Ana Hernandez Saturday, November 15, 2014, 9 am - 4 pm. At Houston Community College (NE Campus) Learning Hub. Bldg. General Assembly Rm 225, 55 Community College Dr., Houston, 77013. Call 713-675-8596 for more info.

Galena Park FFA Auction

Galena Park ISD FFA Livestock Show and Auction will take place next Thursday, November 20, 2014, 11-11:30 am Buyers Check-in; 11:30 am Buyers luncheon; 12:30 pm End of Silent Auction & Start Live Auction. To take place at GPISD Agriculture Facility, 2000 Hallond Ave., Houston, TX. 77029.

Galena Park ISD Vendor Hour

"The GPISD Purchasing Department will be hosting the first annual GPISD Vendor Hour. Current and future vendors are encouraged to attend to hear information on how to do business with GPISD, current and upcoming local bids, and online award notification. The event will be held at Galena Park ISD Board Room, 14705 Woodforest Blvd, Houston TX 77015 on December 3, 2014 @ 10:00 a.m."

VETERANS SALUTE:

Veterans recognized at North Channel EXPO event

NORTH CHANNEL – Hundreds of veterans, family and friends were present last Thursday, as the North Channel Chamber of Commerce held their Salute to the military Veterans of our community on the week before Veterans Day, Nov. 11th. The EXPO event was held at Armenta's Banquet Hall on Sheldon Road in Channelview. It included a lunch, speeches by service groups, and short club meetings by North shore Rotary, GP/JC Rotary, and the Pilot Club.

Participating in ceremonial flag presentations and music of the service groups were the C.E.King HS Junior ROTC. Introductions and Sponsor recognition were announced by Master of Ceremonies Greg Ollis, superintendent of Channelview ISD. Recognition of participating Law Enforcement agencies, Fire and EMT departments, was made by Bill Palko, a veteran and past president of North Shore Rotary. Palko also presided over the presentation of gift bags to all



THE VETERANS EXPO included this Texas Wall of Honor, depicting all those servicemen who have lost their lives in various wars over the years. The display was prepared and shown by Carson George, who lost a son in the Gulf War. This is his tribute to all veterans.

attending veterans, courtesy of the North Shore Rotary. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, members of the Rotary clubs boarded a bus to go to the Veterans Administration

Hospital to visit with other veterans who could not otherwise attend. Community businesses were sponsors of the event, and had booths and displays.

See more **VETERANS CELEBRATIONS**, page 2 & 3

Ship Channel celebrates 100 years



Officials present at the Houston Ship Channel 100 years Celebration were Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, Congressman Gene Green, Port Commission Chairman Janiece Longoria, Mayor Annise Parker, Congressman Al Green, Commissioner Jack Morman and Judge Ed Emmett with Port officials.

man Gene Green said. "I've never seen development and prosperity in Houston like there is today, and the ship channel has a lot to do with that. By the end of 2015, we'll see some of the largest ships ever constructed navigating the Houston Ship Channel. To maximize efficiency, productivity, and safety, we need to widen and deepen the ship channel, and that requires dredging and funding. Since the days of Jesse Jones, Houstonians and the nation have seen almost non-stop industrial expansion up and down the ship channel but we've got work to do if we want to see that growth continue."

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C.E.King defeats Crosby 28-21; playoffs next

HOUSTON – The Cougars were outscored by C.E. King Panthers by a single touchdown but the struggle for 21-5A continues. The result of the Nov. 7 Game of the Year did not yield the first time Crosby went undefeated since 1947 but did make the district conflict score 9-1 for both the Cougars and the Panthers. Co-District Champs with C.E. King, the top four teams go to play-offs. C.E. King is holding number one seed, Crosby number 2, Dayton number 3 and Kingwood Park is number 4. Crosby (9-1) plays Beaumont Ozen (4-6) Thursday at Channelview's Maddy Stadium at 7:00 p.m. and C.E.King (9-1) plays Beaumont Central (7-3) at Absher stadium, Friday at 7:00 p.m. C.E. King's Jonathan Brantley passed for a 21 yard touchdown to Desmond Coleman to break the



COUGAR'S Craig Williams sprints out of the grasp of a Panther defender in the second quarter of the C.E.King/Crosby Game and toward the goal line. Crosby had 160 passing yards, and 152 rushing yards, C.E.King had 90 yards passing, 382 yards rushing.

PHOTO BY TEXAS SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY

defensive stalemate half way though the first quarter. The second quarter was all Crosby on defense and two touchdowns. Tristan Cotton handed Carlos Grace a seven yard run to equal the score. Craig Wil-

liams would catch a fabulous pass from Tristan Cotton and put Crosby up by seven at the half. But #3, Trayveon Williams of the Panthers, was much like catching a

See **FOOTBALL**, page 6

Falcons playoff run falls short



Channelview High School's Bryant Valentine makes a dramatic over-the-shoulder touchdown catch that gave the Falcons an early lead against La Porte in their season finale at Ray Maddy Memorial Stadium last Friday. However, a second half surge by the Bulldogs spoiled the Falcons playoff hopes in a 36-20 loss. Despite the loss, Channelview finished with one of its best overall records at 7-3. They closed District 21-6A play with a 3-3 mark.

PHOTO BY MARK KRAMER, CHANNELVIEW ISD

LULAC ROAST & TOAST:

Constable Chris Diaz and Mayor Ana Diaz honored at banquet

JACINTO CITY – Everyone likes a good joke, unless its on you. That was the situation at the Roast & Toast for Constable Chris Diaz, and wife and Mayor Ana Diaz, held last Thursday night at the JC Town Center. The 14th Annual Roast N Toast was sponsored by LULAC Council #4703, with President Cruz Hinojosa, Jr. and VP Paul Rodriguez as hosts. Of course, Chris and Ana were gracious while they were "Roasted" by a series of their friends and associates, and then "Toasted" for their good humor through it all, and their service to their communities. The program introductions were made by Mistress of Ceremonies Sharron Melton, broadcaster with Channel 13. Speaking about the honored guests were Joe Stephens, Galena Park ISD board member; Dr. Angi Williams, GPISD superintendent; Ana Hernandez, State Representative District 143; and Mary Ana Perez, State Representative District 144. The Roaster and Toasters



ROASTED & TOASTED were Chris Diaz and Ana Diaz, holding the plaques. At left, Mistress of Ceremonies Sharron Melton, Lulac #4703 President & Founder Cruz Hinojosa, Jr., and Lulac VP Raul Rodriguez.

showed no mercy as they recalled incidents from the Diaz' past that were embarrassing and funny at the same time. And when there weren't enough laughs or mishaps, Joe Stephens stepped in with a video that purported to be from Chris' past, but the flops

and flubs were mostly fiction and hilarious, too. Music for the evening was provided by the GPHS Mariachi A Las De Oro. The event was actually a fund raiser for Lulac scholarships, which have reached over \$70,000 total over the years.

RED, WHITE AND U & EASTSIDE VETS COOK-OFF



Bob Ward and Don Guillory sign in at the Red White and U Veterans' recognition and celebration. Before a throng of specially honored Korean War Veterans and attendees, keynote speakers introduce ceremonies to take place on Thursday at right.



Eddie Foster and Cooking Teams provided the entertainment on Friday night.



Cougar Cheerleaders cheer for veterans.



Paratrooper and Tank Destroyer Raymond Hollub presented a flag of the 17th Airborne to the David H. McNerney American Legion Post 658 in a special ceremony during the recognition of veterans that served their country overseas in foriegn wars before a special movie presentation of the conditions and lifestyles of the Korean War from 1951 until 1958.



Parade Marshal Raymond Hollub, Word War II Veteran U.S. Army Bronze Star Recipient and Miss Highlands Morgan Birdsong together at the Veteran's Fete immediately after the parade.

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NOVEMBER
North Channel Library events
-Saturday, Nov. 15, 10 am - 3 pm, Scrapbooking with Mia; 2 pm, Faithful Paws.
-Tuesday, Nov. 18, 10:30 am, Toddler Time; 1:30 pm, Preschool story time.
-Wednesday, Nov. 19, 10 am, Book Club; 4:30 pm, Tween/Teen YMCA Boot Camp.
-Thursday, Nov. 20, 10:30 am Baby Time.
COMPUTER CLASSES
-Free Email, Lecture, Nov. 17, 1-3 pm.
-Free Email, Practice, Nov. 19, 1-3 pm.
-How to buy/sell on Ebay PART 1, November 19, 6-7:45 pm.
Registration required.

CLASES DE COMPUTACION
-Email gratis, Lectura, Nov. 18, 10-12 pm.
-Email gratis, Práctica, Nov. 20, 10-12 pm.
Se require registraci3n.
Library is located at 15741 Wallisville Rd., Houston, TX. 77049. Call 281-457-1631 for more information on other classes.

NOVEMBER
Galena Park Library events
-Tuesday, Nov. 18, 1 pm, Microsoft Word B3sico III; 4:30 pm, Microsoft Basics III.
-Wednesday, Nov. 19, 11 am, Children's Story Time.
-Thursday, Nov. 20, 11 am, Baby Time; 3:30 pm Family Movie Time.
Please call the library at 713-450-0982 for more details.
The library is located at 1500 Keene St. Galena Park, TX. 77547.

SATURDAY NIGHTS
The Buckshot Jamboree
Enjoy Classic Country music every Satutday night from 7 pm - 10 pm with The Buckshot Jamboree at 7414 Hartman near Old Beaumont Highway. More info, call 281-458-0729 or 832-444-5000.
2nd & 4th THURSDAY
San Jacinto Pilot Club meeting
San Jacinto Pilot Club meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays at noon at the Galena Park ISD Administration Building.

Mother's Day Out classes
Dell Dale Avenue Baptist Church Mother's Day Out Classes for ages 2 thru 5. The registration fee is \$26.00 per child with a daily tuition of \$14.00 per day. For more information please visit our webpage at WWW.DDABC.ORG. The church is located at 402 Dell Dale Avenue in Channelview. For more information call Kathy at 281 452-3704.

Channelview ISD honors local veterans

The sacrifices of military personnel who have served their country proudly were honored during the Channelview Independent School District's Veterans Day program held Nov. 5 at the Bill Neal Center.

The community-wide event was sponsored by the district and the Channelview High School Army ROTC and the Alice Johnson Junior High and Aguirre Junior High LOTC groups.

The event began with local veterans from each branch of service entering the arena with a Walk of Honor through crossed swords.

Alice Johnson's Elizabeth Tenorio then read a poem about the meaning of Veterans Day, followed by the introduction of every military veteran in attendance at the ceremony.

Retired Army Lt. Col. Berlin Marshall was the keynote speaker at the ceremony and was introduced by Alice Johnson's Chloe Munoz. He currently serves as the Deputy Director of Houston ISD's JROTC programs. In his career, he served in many capacities, including a tour of duty in Operation Desert Storm. Marshall has earned numerous military awards that include the Bronze Star Medal, the Legion of Merit and the Meritorious Service Medal.

The bands and choirs from Aguirre, Alice Johnson and CHS all performed during the ceremony. The ceremony concluded with bagpipe player William Titus performing "Amazing Grace" and Aureiyas Watson from the CHS Band playing TAPS.



U.S. Army veterans take the walk of honor at the beginning of Channelview ISD's Veterans Day ceremony.



Local veterans salute the American flag during Channelview ISD's Veterans Day Ceremony recently.

Two CHS students awarded prestigious Linda Lorelle Scholarship

Channelview High School seniors Chris Berryman and Frida Montoya both have dreams of attending major universities and tackling challenging areas of study – such as advanced technology and the medical field.

Those dreams will become a reality as Berryman and Montoya are both the recipients of the prestigious Linda Lorelle Scholarship, which is only given to 15 students in the Houston area out of more than 5,000 who applied.

"We try to instill in our students that if they are dedicated and are willing to put forth the effort and hard work, that college and goals you set out to achieve are well within your reach," said Steven Shoemaker, CHS Elective Teacher for the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program. "I am so proud of Chris and Frida – and this tremendous opportunity they have earned."

The two Channelview scholarship recipients have their sights set high for the future and both credit Mr. Shoemaker for being a positive influence on their lives. Berryman plans to attend either the University of Houston, the University of Texas at Austin or Rice University in the fall and major in computer engineering. Montoya is leaning toward attending Vanderbilt University, but also looking at the University of Texas at Austin, the University of Texas at San Antonio and Texas A&M University. She will major in biomedical engineering.



Chris Berryman

The Linda Lorelle Scholarship Fund was founded in 1991 to encourage and support middle-of-the road Houston area youth who may have had challenges in their lives, but have a desire to go to college. Lorelle is a widely known



Frida Montoya

former Houston television anchor of many years – and she and her husband started the fund because of their passion for helping local students achieve their dreams of attending college.

Berryman and Montoya applied for the scholarship during their junior year. The Lorelle Fund officially awarded the scholarships at its annual Gala recently.

"It's wonderful to see such deserving students being rewarded for their achievements," CHS Principal Cindi Ollis said. "I know this scholarship is just the beginning of

Anti-Bullying Campaign at North Shore Senior High School



As part of the Anti-Bullying campaign, North Shore High School students participate at several fun activities.

As part of an ongoing anti-bullying campaign, North Shore Senior High School invited the ASA Entertainment Tour to bring a positive message to students. The ASA High School Tour is an interactive action sports circuit that visits cities across the United States and supports the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids and StopBullying.gov.

ASA brings in five of the world's top professional skateboarders and BMX riders from the X Games to perform on a state-of-the-art half-pipe, while Emcee Micah Kranz delivers an educational message in a fun, positive and interactive fashion. Students can win prizes, get autographs and participate in a variety of contests sponsored by The United States Marine Corps.

"For 15 years ASA has been on tour," said Tyler Hank, ASA Tour Manager. "Our main message is to create awareness and try to reduce the amount of bullying that takes place in our schools. On any given day as many as 160,000 kids stay home from school because they have been bullied and are afraid to report to school for fear of being harmed." This is Hank's 11th year with the tour and North Shore Senior High was their 74th stop so far this year.

"The numbers are shocking," said Emcee Micah Kranz. "Ten percent of our dropout problem can be attributed in some way to bullying. Around 4500 suicides a year are due in some degree to cyber and physical bullying. It has to stop."

San Jac student likes innovation, helping others

Honors math student plans to transfer to pursue education

Joseph Barrera graduated from North Shore Senior High School in 2012. After earning an associate degree in mathematics at San Jacinto College, he plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in computer engineering, and a master's in system engineering at either Texas A&M University or Texas Tech University. He is an Honors student, and is active in student organizations, serves as president of the math and engineering club, is a tutor for Upward Bound Math & Science, is a robotics club member, and is a Bridge to STEM Careers club member.



Joseph Barrera
Photo by Rob Vanya

He was an intern at NASA's Texas Community College Aerospace scholar program.

a long and successful road for these two students."

Through the scholarship, the Lorelle Fund will work with the students during their senior year, providing college preparedness and life skills training, which includes everything from the college selection and application process to obtaining additional financial aid to etiquette and social skills training. The scholarships are sizeable enough and

make it possible for students to pay for a major part of their tuition costs and books.

Since its inception, the fund has awarded more than \$3 million to more than 300 students. Through the scholarships, college readiness training and financial support provided, 85 percent of the scholarship recipients are working toward college graduation – or have already received their degrees.



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OPINION PAGE



JUST BETWEEN US

By Kristan Hoffman & Angie Liang

Season of Change

By Kristan Hoffman

If you ask me, Fall is the most beautiful time of year. The leaves are changing colors, setting fire to the world. The air is crisp, like biting into a harvest apple. Simply being outside fills me with joy – and makes me feel like anything is possible. Maybe that’s the reason I’m itching to make a few changes right now.

At the top of my list, I want to do a better job of examining and appreciating life. After all, that’s why Angie and I created this column: as a space for reflection and sharing. We joke that it’s “just between us,” but by publishing our words, we do hope to connect with people like you, our readers.

We started writing JBU in college, a time in our lives when everything felt fresh and exciting. Even then, we weren’t terribly prolific, but at least it felt easier to come up with interesting ideas. We were always exploring – both literally and figuratively.

Now, as we near 30, things seem more static. We have each settled into our own routines, and there isn’t always something new to talk about.

But not all stories have to be epic sagas like *Game of Thrones*, or impassioned soap operas like *Grey’s Anatomy*. Home life, work life, love life – these topics have been mined for centuries. It’s time for Angie and I to start digging.

To begin, I’ll bring everyone up to speed on my 2014 so far. It’s been a pretty exciting year for me.

In January, after years of writing and revising my novel, I was finally ready to search for a literary agent. I sent out “query letters” describing my story and myself, then I tried not to obsessively check my inbox. Eventually the responses rolled in – some negative, some positive, and some in between.


The best email came in April, from an agent who loved my book and wanted to speak with me on the phone. After talking with her for over an hour, I knew she was the perfect champion for me and my work. Partnering with her is a huge milestone in my writing journey, and hopefully a big step in the right direction for my career.

Then, in case you missed the announcement that was printed in an earlier edition of the newspaper, I got married in September. After nine years together, Andy and I tied the knot in a small outdoor ceremony, with the wind whispering through the trees around us. A couple weeks later, our parents hosted receptions in each of our hometowns so that we could celebrate with a larger group of family and friends. All three events were lovely, and a ton of fun. And like any wedding, there were ups and downs and little emergencies that are just funny anecdotes now.

That’s what I’ve been up to recently! Hopefully there are still more good happenings to come. Either way, you’ll be hearing from me and Angie again soon.

- Kristan

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Abbott, Patrick win top posts as Republicans dominate

AUSTIN — Winners in the Nov. 4 general election on the whole proved that incumbency and/or running as a Republican continue to be assets when Texas voters hit the polls.

Democrats Wendy Davis and Leticia Van de Putte lost by wide margins to Republicans Greg Abbott and Dan Patrick for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor, respectively. In the Abbott-Davis race, the spread was 20 points: 59 to 39 percent. Similarly, the spread in the Patrick-Van de Putte race was 19 points: 58 to 39 percent.

Incumbent U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, rebuffed Democratic challenger David Alameel, a Dallas businessman, by a 27 percent margin or 2.85 million votes to Alameel's 1.59 million.

Incumbents, regardless of party, exacted a near sweep in races for congressional seats. The exception was incumbent freshman U.S. Rep. Pete P. Gallego, D-Alpine, who lost massive Congressional District 23 stretching from El Paso to San Antonio by two percentage points (about 2,500 votes) to Republican Will Hurd of San Antonio.

Republicans to head agencies

In the races to head state agencies, Republican state Sen. Ken Paxton of McKinney was elected attorney general, to replace Greg Abbott as the state's chief law enforcement officer. Paxton, of McKinney, received nearly 59 percent of the vote to Democratic challenger Sam Houston of Houston, who received 38 percent. Farmer and Republican state Sen. Glenn Hegar of Katy in the race to succeed Texas Comptroller Susan Combs, beat Houston-area accountant and Democrat Mike Collier by a margin of 20 points: 58 percent to 38 percent. Republican Fort Worth attorney George P. Bush in the race to succeed Jerry Patterson as land commissioner beat Democratic opponent John Cook by a 25-point margin, 60 percent to 35 percent.

Former state Rep. Sid Miller, R-Stephenville, won the race to succeed Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples, over Cleburne farmer and Democrat Jim Hogan by 20 points, 58 percent to 38 percent. Petroleum engineer Ryan Sitton, a Friendswood Republican, won a seat on the oil and gas regulating Texas Railroad Commission, beating Democratic opponent Steve Brown, a Houston businessman, 58 percent to 36 percent.

Most other posts go GOP

Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Nathan Hecht, a Republican, overcame Democratic challenger, El Paso State District Court 34 Judge William Moody, garnering 59 percent of the vote to Moody's 37 percent.

Incumbent members of the State Board of Education retained their seats but in a race between non-incumbents for SBOE Dist. 13, Democrat Erika Beltran won, getting 90

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling



percent of the vote to Libertarian Junart Soday's 10 percent.

Republican Konni Burton of Fort Worth won the race to succeed Wendy Davis in the state Senate Dist. 10 race, getting about 53 percent of the vote to Democratic opponent Libby Willis's nearly 45 percent. Sen. Leticia Van de Putte of San Antonio did not resign to run for higher office. She will continue to hold the Sen. Dist. 26 seat. Dan Patrick's successor in northwest Houston's Sen. Dist. 7 is Republican Paul Bettencourt, who got nearly 72 percent of the vote to Democrat Jim Davis's 26 percent.

Incumbents in the 150 state House of Representatives races, regardless of party, dominated their challengers. One exception was incumbent San Antonio Dist. 117 Rep. Philip Cortez, who with 47 percent of the vote lost to Republican challenger Rick Galindo's 52 percent. Another incumbent Democrat, Rep. Mary Ann Perez of Dist. 144, which includes parts of Houston, Pas-

adena, Deer Park and Baytown, lost to Republican challenger Gilbert Pena by 1.31 percent of the vote. Notably, Republican House Speaker Joe Straus, in his race to retain the San Antonio House Dist. 121 seat, won against Libertarian Jeff Carruthers, 82 percent to 18 percent. Straus must receive the support of at least 76 of the next Texas Legislature's 150 members to retain the speakership in the coming regular session convening in January.

Proposition 1 wins approval

Finally, Proposition 1 on the statewide ballot — “The constitutional amendment providing for the use and dedication of certain money transferred to the state highway fund to assist in the completion of transportation construction, maintenance, and rehabilitation projects, not to include toll roads” — passed with 80 percent of the vote in favor and 20 percent against.

Voter turnout figures normal

Secretary of State Nandita Berry, the state's chief elections officer, on Oct. 16 reported more Texans than ever had registered to vote: 14,025,441. About 4.7 million voters followed through and cast ballots in early voting or on election day last week. That's a 33.57 percent turnout, a little lower than the previous comparable election, in November 2010.

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Witching



“Hold these two wires like this,” I tell my fourteen year old daughter as she listens intently to my instructions. Just a couple of minutes earlier, I was in the house rummaging through our collection of clothes hangers. Most of them are plastic and a few are wooden but I finally lay my hands on a couple of metal hangers salvaged from the cleaners.

With wire cutters I trim the hanger and form two ninety degree pieces: each with a short “handle” and then turn 90-degrees to form the dowsing rods. After I take the rods outside, I walk down our county road with the rods held loosely in my hands. At first, they point straight ahead but soon, they ease in towards each other and cross to form an ‘X’. Still walking, the rods slowly turn back out. With the help of my dowsing rods, I’d just “witched” the water line that I was looking for.

I learned about witching when I was probably 14 or 15. I used to shoot my bow into hay bales and when the arrows would go through the bales, they’d bury up in the tall grass of our pasture. One day when I was looking for my arrows, my dad took a couple of brazing rods from his welding truck, bent them into 90-degree angles, and began walking in the grass.

“Let me show you something,” he said, motioning me over with his head. I followed him as he walked along and when the rods crossed, he reached down into the foot high bermuda grass and picked up a camouflaged, aluminum arrow. A few steps later, he did it again and then again until all of my stray arrows were accounted for.

Thirty years later, I have my wife and kids outside showing them the same trick. They are all a bit skeptical after I showed them where the water line should be. They thought I was the one moving the rods. But after letting each of them try, they too would see how the rods would magically move on their own.

With my spade, I dug down a couple of feet and found the white plastic pipe that supplies water to our house. Mission accomplished.

Over the years I’ve used the technique to find arrows or other metallic objects. While some people are skeptical, I’d always try to alleviate the skepticism by putting the rods in empty soda bottles where it was impossible for your hands to manipulate their motion. Sure enough, when you pass over water or a metallic object, the rods move.

Why? I don’t know.

Turns out, I don’t think anyone knows for sure. Skeptics say it doesn’t work and subconsciously, the user is manipulating the rods or tree branch (some use tree branches as a divining, or dowsing rod). It’s also called a pseudoscience since no one can actually prove its validity.

I am a believer, however.

A couple of days after showing my family how witching works, local well driller Brent Whitaker shows up to drill a water well at my house. Before he gets the drilling rig in place, he pulls out his brass dowsing rods and decides where he wants to drill. I ask him about the practice and he tells me that he can’t tell how deep how much water is in the spot, but based on his experience he knows that there is water.

Since I know that witching works, I can’t wait to see how much water he finds.

LIFESTYLE

Pastor’s message: Face the Book

By Dr. Mark Trice

Social Media is the going thing. You’ve got your Facebook and your Twitter and your Instagram... There seems to be no end to the ways you can connect with other people all over the world. But, although you see someone’s face on Facebook, that is no substitute for face-to-face conversation and text messages on your smartphone cannot replace a loved one’s warm hugs. There is no substitute for spending quality time together.

What holds true for human relationships holds true for our relationship with God. There are many ways to reach out to God, but the best way to show Him we love Him is to spend time with Him. The best way to grow in grace is to

spend time with Him. The best way to become more like Him is to spend time with Him. How do we spend time with Him? It’s pretty simple: Prayer, Word, and Worship.

First, we spend time with Him in prayer. He wants to fellowship with us one-on-one just as much as He wanted to fellowship with Adam and Eve face-to-face in the Garden. He appreciates our quick wave in passing, those brief prayers we mutter as we go through our days, but His real desire is for time alone with each one of us.

We also reach out to Him by getting into His Word and letting the Holy Spirit reveal vital truths to us. Here we learn about Him and His ways.

God’s Word is the Book we will live by forever, and it is a highly-detailed picture of HIM. As we take time to face the Book, instead of Facebooking, we are transformed; we begin to look more like the One with whom we spend our time.

And we worship. Both in the sanctuary and in our own homes, we enter into His presence with thanksgiving, praise, and worship just as the High Priest entered through the Outer and Inner Courts, then on into the Holy of Holies to spend face time with Him.

Facebook your friends, FaceTime your friends, Instagram your friends... Just remember the One Who is your Greatest Friend of All.

BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Is the book of Simon in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From 1 Samuel 3, whose voice did Samuel think it was when he first heard God calling him? Jonathan, Saul, Ahiah, Eli

3. How many chosen men of Israel did Saul take with him to the wilderness of Ziph to search for David? 12, 100, 200, 3,000

4. The word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any ...? Tongue, Knife, Two-edged sword, Wit

5. From Genesis 26, where did Isaac stay when there was a famine in the land? Gerar, Endor, Sychar, Lydda

6. What insect was a plague on the Egyptians? Wasp, Locust, Flea, Cockroach
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Eli; 3) 3,000; 4) Two-edged sword; 5) Gerar; 6) Locust



Students “Walk away from drugs”

Students in Susan Hillin’s class at Stephen F. Austin Elementary (GCCISD) wear crazy socks to “Walk Away From Drugs” during Red Ribbon Week.

May Community Center ongoing classes

May Belles and Beaus Chorus: Thursdays at 1 p.m. Enjoy singing your heart out at the Center and performing at area community events.

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Healthercise: Fridays at 2:30 p.m. A volunteer instructor leads this class which includes the same elements as line dancing and offers a good old-fashioned workout.

Trips: •Moody Gardens (Rainforest, Aquarium, and Festival of Lights) Tuesday, November 18 at 3 p.m. Cost is \$18 per person; lunch is on your own at Moody Gardens. Trip sign-up is on a first-come, first-served basis.

May Community Center is located at 2100 Wolf Road, Huffman 77336. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information regarding classes or other Center programs please call (713) 274-2434.



Crosby Chamber gets new member

The Crosby-Huffman Chamber new member Linda Averett of FGXpress. Linda is a long time resident of Crosby for more 30 years. She recently started selling FGXpress which is a new division of a 10 year old, publicly traded company ForeverGreen International. FGXpress is leading the way in holistic pain management with their unique product call the PowerStrip . A combination of modern energy and ancient herbs infused into an FDA listed class 1 medical device to naturally address body aced and pains. If you are interested in learning more about FGXpress please contact Linda Averett at www.lindaaverett.fgxpress.com or give her a call 832.691.8088.

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ICB's youth run/walk promotes fun, fitness and families



tudents from North Channel Area school districts, including Channelview and Galena Park, participated in the second annual International Community Builders 2K Empowerment Fun Run/Walk at the Channelview ISD Sports Facility.

Under a clear blue sky and mild temperatures, North Channel Area youth participated in the International Community Builders (ICB) Empowerment 2K Fun Run/Walk, Oct. 8 at the Channelview ISD Sports Complex, 828 Sheldon Road.

More than 600 youths, ages 7-12, who attend school in the Channelview, Galena Park Houston and Sheldon school districts participated in the event. Physicians ER served as the Presenting Sponsor for the event and covered the registration fees for all runners.

All participants received a

medal, a T-shirt and goodie bags full of a variety of items.

"We are so pleased with the amount of participation and we know this event is going to be bigger and better next year," said Irvin Clark, president of International Community Builders. "We believe this event is a perfect way to encourage kids to have a healthy and active lifestyle, while focusing on the benefits of education."

Clark said a Parents Run/Walk could be added to the event next year, stressing that it adds to the ICB mission of "keeping families involved."

ICB is committed to the revitalization of families by providing programs, methods and training to help them improve their lives.

Other sponsors for the event included Alice Johnson Junior High LOTC, All About the Family, Bates Collision, the Channelview Ministry Team, Dow Emergency, e-Vine Interactive Library, Houston Area Urban League, Iberia Bank, LB Marketing Solutions, and North Channel Assistance Ministries.

For more information on ICB, visit www.communitybuilders.me.



Mustangs take on the Longhorns in Playoffs

Trailing Port Arthur 27-28 at halftime, the North Shore Mustangs kept the Titans from scoring in the second half while adding 13 points to win 40-28. The Mustangs solidified their district championship with this win. They are now preparing to take on the Longhorns of Dobie High School in the first round of the playoffs. The game will be 7:00 p.m. Friday night, November 14 at Pasadena Memorial Stadium.

Diamond Jim... What is the big controversy surrounding "certification" of diamonds?



I strongly encourage my customers to become educated on the topic of certification of diamonds in order to make informed decisions regarding the use of grading certificates.

EGL International (European Gemmological Laboratory) has been guilty of providing diamond certification that I believe to be not only deceptive, but also fraudulent. Many jewelry stores provide certifications on diamond, but all certifications are not the same. GIA (Gemological Institute of America) developed the grading standards in order to make cutters, wholesalers, retailers, and customers speak about diamond characteristics on the same level. This allows comparisons by cut, color, clarity, and carat that are fair and standardized.

ASK DIAMOND JIM

Other labs have entered the market since GIA developed their high standards. The other labs have profited from substandard, and even fraudulent, grading standards. This allows unscrupulous dealers to attempt comparisons. With recent decisions by Rapaport, the premiere jeweler's report of wholesale pricing on graded stones, all EGL graded stones are being removed from Rapaport's list. I feel it is imperative for every jewelry customer to be knowledgeable in diamond grading. Whether you purchase GIA or EGL diamonds, my opinion is simple. Have your jeweler explain the differences in

the leniency of the grading of EGL versus GIA, and perform side by side comparisons to allow the customer to decide which they like and are willing to pay for. An educated buyer is the diamond dealer's best customer.

Diamond Jim is a diamond dealer and precious metals broker of NTR Metals.

If you have questions pertaining to jewelry, watches, diamonds, precious stones, precious metals, and other questions related to the jewelry industry, email jmills@pineforestjewelry.com. See more at www.pineforestjewelry.com.

UIL Football Playoff Pairings

CLASS 6A
Division I Region III
Pearland (9-1) vs Deer Park (8-2)
7 pm Friday UH
North Shore (6-4) vs Dobie (6-4)
7 pm Friday Pas. Vet. Memorial
CLASS 5A
Division I Region III
C.E.King (9-1) vs Bmt. Central (7-3)
7 pm Friday Abshire
Nederland (6-4) vs Kingwood Park (6-4)
2 pm Saturday GPISD Stadium
Division II
Crosby (9-1) vs Bmt. Ozen (4-6)
7 pm Thursday Maddry
North Forest (7-3) vs Waller (7-3)
7 pm Thursday Cowart
Port Neches-Groves (7-3) vs Dayton (7-3)
6 pm Saturday Stallworth
CLASS 4A Division I Region III
Huffman (9-1) vs Tyler Chapel Hill (6-5)
1 pm Saturday Lufkin
El Campo (9-1) vs Furr (5-4)
7 pm Thursday Butler

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FOOTBALL,

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greased pig at the hillbilly fair, he emerged from a cloud of red and white still charging throughout the third and fourth quarter. C.E. King's Panthers would make three touchdowns in a row. Williams would end up with 239 yards.

Not that Crosby's defense was lacking, A. Brown pulled down an interception that would put C.E. King off of their air war for several downs.

When minutes counted, just eight left, Cotton would connect with Trevian Edwards on a short pass after a long drive to pull within seven.

The game all came down to a snap over Cotton's head that lost 15 yards. It was something unfamiliar for Crosby a set back at a critical time.

According to Coach Rioridan, "I'm very proud of how

our team competed, they played very hard. They had a real good team. We gave them a run for their money, we were ahead at half time, just couldn't hold on. We still haven't played our best game yet. We are waiting to peak, it would be a good time to peak right now, right as we start the playoffs. We are excited because the kids came back hungry to work this week. Nobody likes to lose but sometimes a lose will wake you up a little bit."

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		W	L	W	L
Eisenhower		8	2	5	1
Memorial		7	3	5	1
Davis		6	4	5	1
Aldine		3	7	3	3
MacArthur		2	8	2	4
Nimitz		2	8	1	5
Northbrook		2	8	0	6

DISTRICT 21-6A		Season		Distr.	
		W	L	W	L
North Shore		6	4	5	1
Deer Park		8	2	4	2
La Porte		6	4	4	2
Channelview		7	3	3	3
Bmt. West Brook		5	5	3	3
Baytown Sterling		5	5	1	6
PA Memorial		3	7	1	5

DISTRICT 21-5A		Season		Distr.	
		W	L	W	L
Crosby		9	1	7	1
C.E.King		9	1	7	1
Dayton		7	3	6	2
Kingwood Park		6	4	5	3
Barbers Hill		6	4	4	4
New Caney		4	6	3	5
Humble		5	5	3	5
Porter		2	8	1	7
Galena Park		1	9	0	8

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCORES As of Nov. 9, 2014 Week 11:

Channelview 20, La Porte 36
Furr 49, Sterling 6
C.E.King 28, Crosby 21
Galena Park 0, Humble 6
North Shore 40, PA Memorial 28

Sam Houston MST 8, Westbury 47

Atascocita
Humble 6, Galena Park 0
Kingwood 27, The Woodlands 35
Kingwood Park 28, Barbers Hill 13
Summer Creek 22, Oak Ridge 38

North Forest 43, Sharpstown 0

Barbers Hill 13, Kingwood Park 28
Crosby 21, C.E.King 28
Dayton 49, Porter 7
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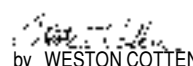
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"Proposals will be received by the Galena Park Independent School District until 10:00 a.m., December 2, 2014 for **SNACK VENDING SERVICE CSP 15-006.** At that time proposals will be opened at the GPISD Admin Bldg located at 14705 Woodforest Blvd., Houston, TX 77015. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Purchasing Dept at 832-386-1008 or on our website: http://galenaparkisd.com/purchasing_currentbids. The Galena Park ISD reserves the right to reject any or all proposals."

"The GPISD Purchasing Department will be hosting the first annual GPISD Vendor Hour. Current and future vendors are encouraged to attend to hear information on how to do business with GPISD, current and upcoming local bids, and online award notification. The event will be held at Galena Park ISD Board Room, 14705 Woodforest Blvd, Houston TX 77015 on December 3, 2014 @ 10:00 a.m."

LEGAL NOTICE

Applications are being made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for Wine and Beer Retailer's Off-Premise Permits by Family Dollar Stores of Texas LLC d/b/a Family Dollar Store #4273 located at 302 N Main St, Highlands, Harris County, Texas 77562-2899


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Notice of Draft Federal Operating Permit

Draft Permit No.: 03238

Application and Draft Permit. Rescar Companies, 407 W Brentwood St, Channelview, TX 77530-3952, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal and revision of Federal Operating Permit (herein referred to as Permit) No. 03238, Application No. 20491, to authorize operation of the Rescar Channelview Facility, a Transportation Services facility. The area addressed by the application is located at 407 W Brentwood St in Channelview, Harris County, Texas 77530-3952. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to the application. You can find an electronic map of the facility at: <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.777222&lng=-95.148611&zoom=13&type=r>. This application was received by the TCEQ on November 21, 2013.

The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10). The draft permit, if approved, will codify the conditions under which the area must operate. The permit will not authorize new construction. The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building E, First Floor, Austin, Texas; the TCEQ Houston Regional Office, 5425 Polk St Ste H, Houston, Texas 77023-1452; and the Harris County Library - North Channel Branch, 15741 Wallisville Rd, Houston, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The draft permit and statement of basis are available at the TCEQ Website:

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

Public Comment/Notice and Comment Hearing. Any person may submit written comments on the draft permit. Comments relating to the accuracy, completeness, and appropriateness of the permit conditions may result in changes to the draft permit.

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

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

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

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

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

Further information may also be obtained for Rescar Companies by calling Mr. Kevin Wilck at (281) 452-5481.

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Veterans Salute includes service flags and anthems



Each of the Military Services, Coast Guard, Navy, Air Force, Army, and Merchant Marines presented their flags to the Veterans Salute, and their anthems were played for the enjoyment of all present, and in honor of the veterans in each branch of service. Master of Ceremonies Bill Palko asked each group to stand as their service was so honored. Also on stage were Julie Fallin of the Pilot Club, Maria Rodriguez of Galena Park/Jacinto City Rotary Club, and Allatia Harris of North Shore Rotary Club, as part of the program honoring veterans and holding their meetings in the presence of the crowd.

Schochler Elementary celebrates Red Ribbon Week



A sea of red could be seen as students from Channelview ISD's Schochler Elementary School participated in their annual Red Ribbon Week parade recently. Students from all grades created posters and banners with anti-drug messages.

SHIP CHANNEL'S 100 YEARS,

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Part of the 1/2 million dollars seized on Market St. last October 29, 2014.

TRAFFIC STOP,

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17000 block of Market St.

That's where the deputy made contact with the driver who he noticed was acting very nervously.

The driver claimed to be a construction worker and was wearing a yellow safety vest. However, his vest and boots were too clean for the line of work he claimed to do. The tools and toolbox inside his truck were also quite new which made the deputy think they were all 'props', a common practice used by suspects involved in currency and/or drug trafficking.

During a consensual search of


the suspect and his vehicle, the deputy found 17 bundles of cash in a tool box, and several others in a bag on the front passenger seat.

In all, more than \$448,000 in cash was seized, along with the vehicle.

The driver and the vehicle were taken to the HCSO's Wallisville substation where a K9 unit made a positive alert to the presence of narcotics coming from the packages.

The driver told deputies the "Gulf Coast Cartel" paid him to deliver the currency. The man was not arrested pending further investigation.

The day before, the same deputy stopped another vehicle from which \$12,000 was seized. That money too is believed to be proceeds from drug trafficking.



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