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CHANNEL CURRENTS

Jacinto City Police make narcotics bust

By Allan Jamail

JACINTO CITY, TX. - April 27, 2018  
Jacinto City Police Lieutenant D. Walker observed a car traveling at a high rate of speed Friday morning on the East Freeway feeder street. When Walker tried to stop the speeding car the driver identified as Miguel Angel Ibarra increased his speed and began driving recklessly.



Another Jacinto City's police officer C. Perez who was nearby observed what was happening so he too tried to stop the speeding car but the driver only increased his speed and began fleeing from Perez even though he had his emergency red lights and sirens on. The driver of the speeding car after being chased a while jumped out of his car and ran from Perez on foot but the officers caught him and placed him under arrest for fleeing from the police.

As normal policy under Chief Joe Ayala the suspect's vehicle contents was inventoried, it was then discovered a large amount of cash and illegal narcotics, Kush was in the car. Police are investigating the allegation Ibarra has been trafficking and selling Kush to juveniles.

Allan Jamail a former police chief now a writer for the North Channel Star said, "The designer drug, Kush, a form of synthetic marijuana, is dangerous, mind-altering. It has catchy names like, K2, Spice, Bling, Monkey and cartoon figures or "fake weed" — and it mimics the effects of natural marijuana. I'm afraid that when people look at that, it's something that's appealing, it's appetizing to them, surely they don't think, this is something harmful, but it is. It's loaded with as many as 12 different

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LIFESTYLE

## Galena Park Library reopens

By Allan Jamail

Galena Park, TX. – Tuesday, April 24, 2018 after months of refurbishing the Galena Park/Harris County Branch Library located at 1500 Keene Street is reopened.

Mayor Moya said, "Today is an example of progress, and this shows the city has the ability to create good relations with other governmental entities to benefit the citizens. It's all about the citizens."

Garrette Smith, Deputy Director Harris County Public Library said, "Harris County Library is excited in reopening the Galena

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## Volunteers help in Rep. Green's annual North Channel community clean up



Volunteers of Congressman Gene Green's 16th Annual North Channel Area Community Clean-up.

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX- Saturday,

April 14, 2018 volunteers came out to the North Shore Community Fellowship of Faith church on

Maxey Road to clean-up in the North Channel communities. Locations included the East Freeway

Corridor, Greens Bayou, North Shore Herman Brown Park Nature Walk and North Channel Areas.

Partners were, the City See Community Clean Up, Page 3

## GP Election this Saturday

GALENA PARK – Polls will be open Saturday, May 5th from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for voters to choose candidates in the municipal election.

Incumbents are being challenged by a loosely organized group of reform candidates who want to see change in the current governing atmosphere.

Incumbents that are on the ballot include Mayor Esmeralda Moya, City Commissioners Rodney Chersky, Eric Broussard, and Barry Ponder. Oscar

Silva Jr. is not running for re-election.

Challengers include for Mayor Paul Winfield, former mayor Bobby Barrett, and former commissioner Juan Flores.

For Commissioner Position 1, candidates are Zenaida Granados and Nicholas Alvarez. For Commissioner Position 2, newcomer Jamal Humphries is challenging Rodney Chersky, who currently is in Position 1. For Commissioner Position 3, Veronica Garcia and Sheila Hilton are running against Eric Broussard. For Commissioner 4, Maria Rodriguez is challenging Barry Ponder.

Voters in Precinct 208, 857, and 860 will vote at City Hall. Voters in Precinct 81 will vote at Baggett Center. Results will be available Saturday night on the North Channel Star website.

## Shooting victim in Galena Park

GALENA PARK, Texas - A man was found dead last Tuesday inside a car that was partially submerged in Hunting Bayou, near the Galena Park Woodland Hills neighborhood.

According to police, around 9:00 p.m. some kids were playing along Hunting Bayou on Dunaway Street near Strick when they saw the car in the bushes and partially in the water.

Galena Park police found the body of a man in his 20s lying in the back seat. They report that the man had



Police investigate partially submerged car in Hunting Bayou.

been shot twice. The cause of the man's death is under investigation. The man's was tentatively identified as Luis Carlos Flores. Neighbors said they heard gunshots early Sunday morning that may be connected.

## Galena Park High School celebrates 90th anniversary

By Allan Jamail

Galena Park, TX. – April 17, 2018 Hundreds of Galena Park High School (GPHS) Alumni came to celebrate their Alma Mater's 90th anniversary and to honor the tradition of, "Once a Yellow Jacket Always a Yellow Jacket."

Allan Jamail a North Channel Star writer and alumnus attended the event and said, "the event couldn't have been better, those in attendance spoke of their memories, experiences and the happiness felt in returning to their

school."

Everyone was provided a program with the school's history and enjoyed music from the band, choir and performances by the Jacketeers and Cheerleaders. Refreshments were prepared and given out by the culinary class.

Previous Yearbooks were on display and photos with Mr. Jack the school's mascot were taken.

State Representative Ana Hernandez presented Tony Gardea, the school's principal with a resolution,



State Representative Ana Hernandez presenting Tony Gardea Galena Park High School Principal with Resolution. (PHOTO BY ALLAN JAMAIL)

SEE EXCERPTS.

Excerpts from the Hernandez resolution; WHEREAS, Previously known as Clinton High, the school was renamed Galena Park High in 1928, and two years later, the Galena Park Independent School District was established; the campus moved to its current location on Keene Street in 1950, and over the next decade and a half, an auditorium, two music wings, and a larger gymnasium and library were constructed; during the 1990s, a new library and science wing were built, and in 2004, the Arthur C. Lilly Cen-

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## CHANNELVIEW SOCCER

### Falcon head coach, player earn top district honors

By Mark Kramer  
CISD Public Relations

The old saying goes that "good things happen in threes." For Channelview Falcon Head Soccer Coach Carlos Galuppo and senior defensive player Dariel Perez, that phrase certainly holds true.

Three years. Three deep runs in the playoffs. And in their third year together as coach and player, Galuppo has been named District 21-5A Coach of the Year and Perez was honored as



Channelview Head Soccer Coach Carlos Galuppo led his team to a third straight playoff berth this year and reached the quarterfinal round. In 2017, the Falcons came within one win of advancing to the State Tournament and added a Regional Finalist trophy to their display case.

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# COMMUNITY

## Crosby Native serves with the U.S. Navy half a world away

YOKOSUKA, Japan- A Crosby, Texas, native and 2016 Crosby High School graduate is serving in the U.S. Navy forward-deployed aboard USS Blue Ridge.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Sharissa Frank is a culinary specialist aboard the ship operating out of Yokosuka, Japan. The ship routinely deploys to protect alliances, enhance partnerships, and be ready to respond if a natural disaster occurs in the region.

A Navy culinary specialist is responsible for operating and managing Navy messes and living quarters established to subsist and accommodate Navy personnel.

Frank is proud to serve in the Pacific and fondly recalls memories of Crosby.



Officer Sharissa Frank

“Crosby taught me how to be outgoing, friendly, caring and helpful to others,” said Frank.

Moments like that makes it worth serving around the world ready at all times to defend America’s interests. With more than 50 percent of the world’s shipping tonnage and a third of the world’s crude oil passing through the region, the United States has historic and enduring interests in this part of the world. The Navy’s presence in Yokosuka is part of that long-standing commitment, explained Navy officials.

USS Blue Ridge serves as the flagship for the U.S. Seventh Fleet. It is one of only two U.S. Navy command ships in the world, providing command and

control for fleet commanders.

“It’s a blessing to be in a different country and experiencing different cultures,” said Frank.

Frank is also proud of making petty officer third class without having to take a test because she was the top in her class in ‘A’ school.

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy’s most relied-upon assets, Frank and other sailors know they are part of a legacy that will last beyond their lifetimes providing the Navy the nation needs.

“The Navy has taught me responsibility, discipline and being optimistic,” said Frank. “Serving in the

Navy means honor, courage, and commitment and also it gives you an opportunity to change your life for improvement and growth.”

Seventh Fleet, which is celebrating its 75th year in 2018, spans more than 124 million square kilometers, stretching from the International Date Line to the India/Pakistan border; and from the Kuril Islands in the North to the Antarctic in the South. Seventh Fleet’s area of operation encompasses 36 maritime countries and 50 percent of the world’s population with between 50-70 U.S. ships and submarines, 140 aircraft, and approximately 20,000 Sailors in the 7th Fleet.

## Former Crosby ISD teacher named principal of Forney High School

FORNEY- Dr. Jonathan Campbell has been named the new principal at Forney High School. Dr. Campbell comes to Forney ISD from Whitehouse High School in the Whitehouse Independent School District in Whitehouse, Texas.

Dr. Campbell began his career in education as a Career and Technology teacher at Crosby High School in Crosby ISD in Crosby, Texas and at Atascocita High School in the Humble Independent School District.

During his four year term as the principal at Whitehouse High School, the campus has seen double digit gains in mastery level performance on all End of Course state exams. Dr. Campbell has also implemented character and mentor programs for both students and staff. He is a certified ALICE safety trainer and his consistent positive discipline management approach has yielded a reduction in discipline referrals by more than 65 percent in two years.

In addition to his leadership in Whitehouse, his campus administration experience includes serving



Dr. Jonathan Campbell

as the Assistant Principal at Atascocita and at Kingwood High School in Humble ISD.

He is a Stakeholder Member and a Field Supervisor for Aspiring Principals for the College of Education and Psychology with the University of Texas in Tyler, Texas. He is also a board representative for the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals for Region VII.

“I am honored and excited to join Forney High School that has such a rich history and a standard of excellence,” Dr. Campbell stated. “With the help of students, teachers, parents, and community

members we will continue the Forney High School legacy of inspiring students through innovative ways.”

Dr. Campbell received his Bachelor’s Degree from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas where he also earned his Master’s Degree in Educational Leadership. He completed his Doctorate Degree in Executive Educational Leadership from the University of Houston in Houston, Texas.

In addition, Dr. Campbell has published numerous articles on classroom management, student achievement, effective partnerships and management success.

He holds a superintendent certification, a principal certification, a Master Teacher of Technology certification, a technology applications certification and a secondary business composite certification.

Dr. Campbell replaces Stephen Whiffen as principal at Forney High School. Whiffen was recently named the principal at the Forney Academic Center. Whiffen will complete the remainder of the school year at Forney High School.

## HAABE Teachers Honored

Pilar Recio-Moreno (middle), director of Bilingual/ESL, congratulates Goose Creek CISD’s Houston Area Association for Bilingual Education (HAABE) Secondary ESL Teacher of the Year Kristie Fudge (left) from Horace Mann Junior School and Elementary Bilingual/ESL Teacher of the Year Mariana Bailey from Alamo Elementary. The teachers were honored recently at an awards dinner at the Hilton Hotel at the University of Houston Downtown.



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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Stan Stanart: record keeper for the County

NORTH SHORE – The mysteries of the offices of County Clerk and District Clerk were explained in a talk at Highlands and North Shore Rotary recently.

Harris County Clerk Stan Stanart reviewed the many functions of his office, but made it clear he did not deal with criminal courts, which are the responsibility of the District Clerk.

However, Stanart is the chief election officer of the County, and in charge of record keeping for the Civil Courts, Probate Court, Mental Health Court, and Commissioners' Court.

His office also records all real property transactions, such as deeds. He said this amounts to 600,000 deals per year.

Stanart also manages all personal records, and issues marriage license. However, divorces are the province of the District Clerk.

Stanart's training and background is in information technology, or IT, with a degree from Oklahoma State University. He has brought this knowledge and modern digital techniques to the Clerk's office, where now all records are being digitized on computer, online, and scanable for the public. Go to [HCCountyClerk.com](http://HCCountyClerk.com) for access.

Stanart's office has 9 branches, with 266 regular employees but 1032 during election periods. Each year he presides over 62 elections, and oversees 46 temporary voting locations.



Harris County Clerk Stan Stanart

During Early Voting in 2016, almost one million people voted. This year he expects even more. Primary run-off is May 22, and the general election is November 6. Stanart will have 150 voting locations in the fall, he said. You can access election information, including your precinct voting location, at [harrisvotes.com](http://harrisvotes.com).

### GALENA PARK ISD

## Normandy Crossing elementary teacher receives grant from Texas Retired Teachers Foundation



On Wednesday, April 25, the Texas Retired Teachers Foundation (TRTF) presented Ms. Angel Herring of Normandy Crossing Elementary with a \$500 scholarship to purchase equipment for her classroom. Brenda Ritter, TRTF trustee, presented the scholarship to Herring in front of other members of the Texas Retired Teachers Foundation, her students and GPISD administrators. Congratulations, Ms. Herring!

### GALENA PARK ISD

## North Shore Senior High teacher receives \$500 scholarship



On Wednesday, April 25, the Texas Retired Teachers Foundation (TRTF) presented Ms. Jessica Hernandez of North Shore Senior High School with a \$500 scholarship to purchase equipment for her classroom. Brenda Ritter, TRTF trustee, presented the scholarship to Hernandez in front of other members of the Texas Retired Teachers Foundation, her students and GPISD administrators. Hernandez will be purchasing fabric, sewing machines and additional items for her students' annual fashion show. Congratulations, Ms. Hernandez!

## District Honors,

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the district's Most Valuable Player.

This isn't the first time the two have been honored by their district peers. In his first and second years as head coach, Galuppo was named Co-Coach of the Year, while last season Perez was named the district's Defensive Player of the Year.

Galuppo, who is also a Geometry teacher, assumed the role of head coach in 2016 after serving four years as an assistant coach. Perez joined the Falcons in Galuppo's first season.

While there was talent on team when Galuppo took over, the Falcons had yet to earn a postseason berth. He knew he had to instill confidence in his team.

"I remember my first meeting with the guys," he said. "I told them in order to be competitive, it would take their own two legs, their potential and hard work for us to achieve great things."

The players placed their trust in their coach and the positive results began to show. The Falcons made it the third round of the playoffs in Galuppo's first year as coach. His second year was extremely special as the Falcons were Regional Finalists, just narrowly missing a berth to the State Tournament. This year, the team overcame losing two of their top players to injury and finished the season as Regional Quarterfinalists.

Galuppo said he believes playing great defense is the key to winning. This is where the District MVP Perez has made a significant impact.

"Daniel is a special player," he said. "He is strong, fast and smart, all of which are important where he plays in the center back position. He makes everyone feel more secure on the field."

Perez served as a team captain this season, but is modest when asked about his talents and contributions to the team. However, he is quick to admit that practice makes perfect.

"As a defender, you have to anticipate the other team's moves to make sure that they do not have a chance to get a shot at the goal," Perez said. "The only way to become successful on defense is to practice all the time and study your opponent carefully."

Perez is quick to tell anyone that the Falcons' success comes from one shared vision among his team-



Channelview Falcon soccer defensive back Daniel Perez kicks the ball downfield during a game this past season. The three-year letterman who is known for shutting down opponents was named the 2018 District 21-6A Most Valuable Player.

mates. "We believe we can beat anyone, because we all know our role and do our job. We all have each other's back."

The graduating senior also shared praise for the coach he first walked into the locker with three years ago.

"Coach Galuppo brought us together and made us believe we could achieve anything if we worked hard and dedicated ourselves," Perez said. "We have all become a band of brothers. We are all family. Family takes care of each other."

## Library Opening,

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Park Branch to provide meaningful services and programs to the community."

To help celebrate, GPISD's MacArthur and Galena Park Elementary Honor Choir's performed with refreshments served afterwards.

The library is a pathway to knowledge, with programs for toddlers, preschool kids, teenagers and adults. Programs and services are in compliance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). Special accommodations can be requested in advance by contacting the library at

832-927-5470 or email [gp@hcpl.net](mailto:gp@hcpl.net), website at [www.hcpl.net](http://www.hcpl.net).

Hours of operation, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 10 AM – 6 PM, Tuesday 12 noon – 8 PM, Friday 1 PM – 6 PM, Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM and closed Sunday.

## Community Clean Up,

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of Houston, Keep Houston Beautiful, Department of Neighborhoods, Houston Police Department -NE Division, State Senator Sylvia Garcia, State Rep. Ana Hernandez, Sheriff Ed

Gonzalez, Commissioner Rodney Ellis, Constable Chris Diaz, Councilman Robert Gallegos, North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce, Northeast

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# OPINION PAGE

## TxDOT urges drivers to look twice for motorcycles to decrease fatalities

### 501 motorcyclists died in 2017 in crashes on Texas roads

HOUSTON – As part of National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in May, the Texas Department of Transportation’s “Share the Road: Look Twice for Motorcycles” campaign is urging drivers to watch carefully for motorcycles. Crashes killed 501 and seriously injured another 2,101 motorcyclists in Texas last year.

“Nobody wants to take a life in a crash or lose a loved one,” said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. “Motorcycles are small, they’re hard to see, and it can be difficult to judge their speed and distance. That’s why it’s critical that drivers take extra precautions to look twice for motorcycles, especially at intersections.”

Intersections are particularly risky areas for serious crashes involving motorcycles. From 2010 to 2015,

25 percent of crashes involving motorcycles occurred when one vehicle turned left in front of an oncoming motorcycle, likely due to the driver not seeing the oncoming motorcycle.

Motorcycle crashes also

are more severe than other types of crashes because motorcycles lack the protective and safety features of other vehicles.

To help everyone arrive safely at their destination, TxDOT’s “Look Twice for Motorcycles” campaign urges drivers to:

- Look twice for motorcycles, especially at intersections.
- Always assume motorcycles are closer than they appear.
- Avoid turning in front of an oncoming motorcycle.
- Use turn signals and check blind spots before changing lanes.
- Avoid following a motorcycle too closely.
- Give motorcyclists a full lane.
- Obey posted speed limits.

This year’s “Look Twice for Motorcycles” campaign will conduct events around the state to coincide with National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month and the start of the spring/summer driving season. The stops will feature a virtual reality game designed to educate motorists to look twice for motorcycles.

## An American Classic At Work

(NAPSI)—If you’ve ever served in the military, worked for the federal government, signed a visitors log in a federal building, or addressed a letter at a post office, chances are you’ve had your hands on an American classic.

That’s because you’ve probably used a SKIL-CRAFT® U.S. Government Pen. It’s really something to write home about. In fact, the pen can write continuously for a mile and in temperatures up to 160 degrees and down to 40 degrees below zero.

It all started 50 years ago, when National Industries for the Blind (NIB) and its associated nonprofit agencies met the government’s challenge of producing a jaw-dropping 70 million retractable ballpoint pens according to rigorous specifications.

Today, manufacturing the pen sustains employment for more than 100 people who are blind at three NIB associated nonprofit agencies: Alphapointe in Kansas City, Missouri; Industries for the Blind in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Industries of the Blind in Greensboro, North Carolina.

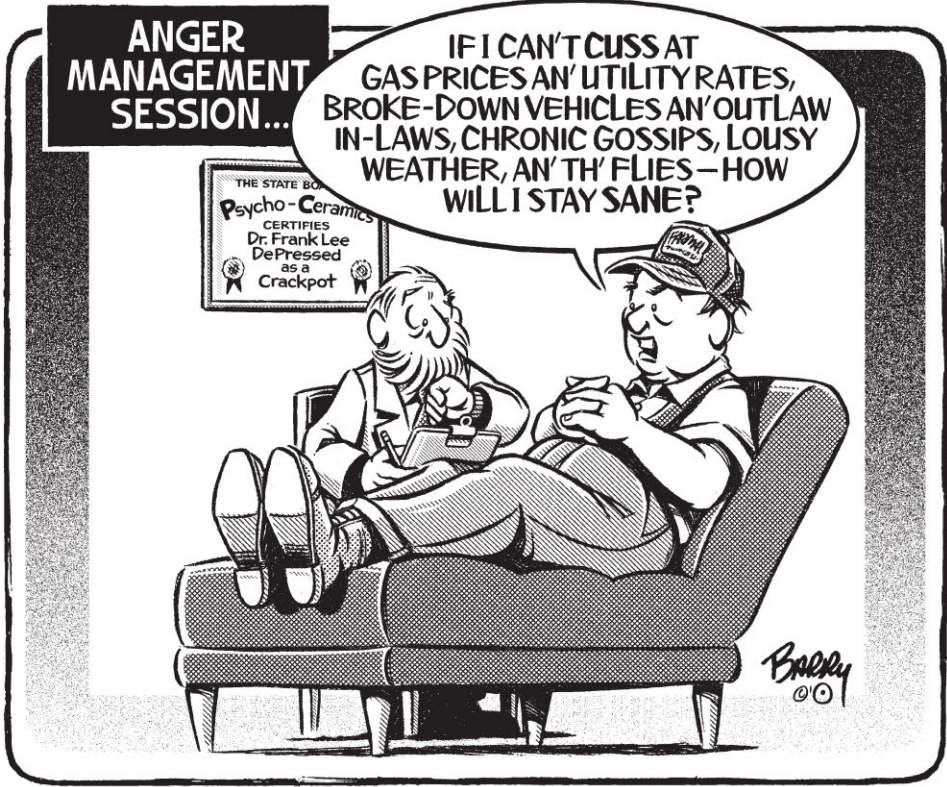
Perhaps the most significant aspect of the pen project was and remains the fact that this outstanding quality

writing instrument is produced by people who are blind working at NIB associated agencies. The quality of the pen they produce has shifted perceptions about the capabilities of people who are blind and led to new products introduced over the decades. More than just a writing instrument, the pen symbolizes the strength of American manufacturing and the nearly limitless capabilities of people who are blind.

Today, people who are blind working at NIB associated agencies produce more than 7,000 different products for the federal government, including office supplies, cleaning supplies, hardware and paints, and a wide range of products to equip the U.S. military, such as uniforms, bedding and protective equipment.

Since 1938, NIB has focused on enhancing the opportunities for economic and personal independence of people who are blind, primarily through creating, sustaining and improving employment. NIB and its network of associated nonprofit agencies are the nation’s largest employer of people who are blind.

Learn More  
Visit <http://NIB.org/pen> to learn more about this American classic.



## Abbott urges local officials to apply for Harvey funds

AUSTIN — Mayors, county judges and emergency management officials in communities impacted by Hurricane Harvey received letters last week from Gov. Greg Abbott, urging them to take advantage of available funding.

Some \$500 million in funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Hazard Mitigation Grant Program are available now, Abbott said. These funds are in addition to the more than \$10 billion in Community Development Block Grant funds approved by Congress and awarded to Texas earlier this year.

“The hazard mitigation funds available today can provide immediate relief and resiliency to your community,” Abbott wrote. “As of today, the Texas Department of Emergency Management has received only seven complete applications from the entire region impacted by Hurricane Harvey. That means hundreds of millions of dollars that are available to Texas communities today are not being put to use.”

Abbott reminded the officials that local governments would not be obligated to pay the typical 25 percent local cost share for hazard mitigation grants and that \$600 million of additional hazard mitigation funds will become available in four months.

Hazard mitigation funds can be used for purposes such as:

- Buyouts and elevations of flood-prone properties;
- Drainage and reservoir projects that eliminate future flooding;
- Projects to lessen the frequency or severity of flooding;
- Flood risk reduction projects such as dams, retention basins, levees and flood walls; and
- Large-scale channeling of waterways.

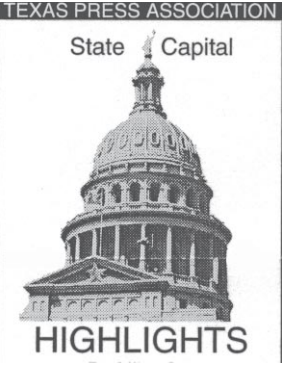
**Chiefs support proposal**

The Texas Railroad Commission on April 26 joined the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Public Utility Commission of Texas in submitting comments on a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proposal to repeal the Clean Power Plan adopted under the Obama administration in 2015.

A letter signed by the executive directors of the three state agencies supports the EPA’s proposed repeal of “Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Electric Utility Generating Units,” known as the Clean Power Plan.

## STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling



On April 27, Gov. Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton sent a joint letter to the EPA, praising its plan to repeal the plan. They said it “failed to produce evidence of greenhouse gases dangerous enough to necessitate federal regulation.”

**Abbott says pay for it**

Gov. Abbott on April 25 sent a letter to former U.S. Rep. Blake Farenthold of Corpus Christi, demanding that he cover costs for an upcoming emergency special election for the 27th Congressional District of Texas.

Abbott ordered the election to fill the seat made vacant by Farenthold’s recent resignation.

“While you have publicly offered to reimburse the \$84,000 in taxpayer funds you wrongly used to settle a sexual harassment claim, there is no legal recourse requiring you to give that money back to Congress,” Abbott wrote. “I am urging you to give those funds back to the counties in your district to cover the costs of the June 30, 2018, special election. This seat must be filled, and the counties and taxpayers in the 27th Congressional District should not again pay the price for your actions,” Abbott added.

Farenthold, whose tenure in U.S. House began in

January 2011, resigned from office effective April 6.

**Paxton welcomes ruling**

Attorney General Paxton on April 27 applauded a 2-1 ruling by a three-judge panel of the New Orleans-based U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit that upholds Senate Bill 5, Texas’ voter ID law.

“The court rightly recognized that when the Legislature passed Senate Bill 5 last session, it complied with every change the 5th Circuit ordered to the original voter ID law,” Attorney General Paxton said. “Safeguarding the integrity of our elections is essential to preserving our democracy. The revised voter ID law removes any burden on voters who cannot obtain a photo ID.”

SB 5 allows registered voters without one of the seven state-approved forms of photo identification to cast an in-person ballot by signing a sworn declaration of reasonable impediment stating why they could not obtain photo ID.

**May is awareness month**

The Texas Department of Transportation’s “Share the Road: Look Twice for Motorcycles” campaign is urging drivers to watch for motorcycles, as crashes killed 501 and seriously injured another 2,101 motorcyclists in Texas last year.

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## Home Country Slim Randles

It was like buzzards circling the body.

The Jones kid, Randy, was out in the Mule Barn parking lot with the hood up on his car. He was staring down into it the way a first-time parachutist would look out the airplane door. You never quite knew for sure what lay ahead.

“Looks like Randy’s got problems,” said Steve.

“Let’s have a look,” said Dud.

So coffee was left to get cold and the entire Supreme Court of All Things Mechanical – Steve, Dud, Doc, Herb and Dewey – trooped out to see what was going on.

They formed a powerful semi-circle of wisdom around the youth and his engine with folded arms and facial expressions that said, “It’s okay, Kid. We’re here.”

Dewey spoke first. “Having trouble, Randy?”

“Won’t start.”

Doc, who has the most initials after his name, said, “Give it a try.”

Randy ground the engine, but it wouldn’t kick over.

“Stop! Stop!” Doc yelled. “Don’t want to flood it.”

All Doc knows about flooding is that the animals went on board, two by two.

“Randy, I think it’s the solenoid,” said Steve, looking wise.

“Doesn’t have one, Steve,” Randy said.

“Sure it does. All cars have solenoids.”

“Not the new ones. Haven’t made solenoids in years.”

Steve’s expression said, “Young punks, what do they know?” But his voice said, “Well, what do you know about that?”

“Need a jump?” Dewey asked.

“Got plenty of spark,” Randy said.

Randy looked at the older men and then bent to the engine and smiled. His voice came floating up over the radiator. “Might be the junction fibrillator. Or it could be a malfunction of the Johnson switch. If I rerun the wire from the organ housing to the pump by-pass, that might get it done.”

When Randy looked up, all the men had gone back in for coffee. He smiled and called Triple A on his cell phone.

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William Earnest Holst

William Earnest Holst, Sr. 78, passed away April 24, 2018 in Corpus Christi, Texas. William was born on November 4, 1939 to parents Floyd and Rachel Holst in Manvel, Texas. He was a devoted Christian and cherished his relationship with the Lord. William lived in Cloverleaf for many years where he spent a lot of his time as well as raising his family. He moved to Corpus Christi in 1979 where he enjoyed the later time in his life. William was known to some as “Wild Bill” as a testament of how he enjoyed his life. He loved spending time with his family and teaching them his favorite pastime which was fishing. William is preceded in death by his parents; and siblings, Wilda Raines, Loraine Blackwell, Floyd (F.G.) Holst, Floye



Boren, Pauline Craver, Everett (Buck) Holst, Betty Jean Holst, Freida Wells, and Frances Reese. He is lovingly survived by his children, Eliza R. Pullishy and husband Ben as well as their children: Andrea E. Busa, John D. Mayfield, Robert J. Mayfield; William E. Holst, Jr. and wife Janice as well as their children: David A. Holst, Bradley W. Holst, Gary A. Holst, Richard Owens and Holly Coburn; Nancy Gosell and her children: Shel-

by Gosell, Taylor and Stacey Gosell; Kenny Holst and wife Kim and their children: Kenny A. Holst, Jr., Mathew Adams, Chris Adams and Amanda Holst; siblings, Mary Belle Helm, Joe Holst, and Nancy Moret; 24 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren; as well as numerous extended family members and friends. Friends are welcome to join the family for a visitation at 10:00 a.m. with the funeral service to begin at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 in the chapel of Carter-Conley Funeral Home. Graveside services will follow at 1:00 p.m. at Oak Dale Cemetery in Da-isetta, Texas under the direction of Carter-Conley Funeral Home.

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Richard Arlen Drew

On April 30, 2018 Richard Arlen Drew transitioned from the life we know, leaving those of us who knew him to feel great loss. And whether you knew him as Great-Grandpa, Grandpa, Dad, Dick, Dicky, Richard Arlen or Mr. Drew, meeting Richard Arlen Drew was sure to make an impression on you. The second of five children of James Ray and Hazel Constance Drew, Dick was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma on May 18, 1929. In talking about his admittedly feral childhood, he would say that when he was five or six years old, “they set a trap for me, put shoes on me, and made me go to school.” That rugged spirit, molded by the Oklahoma woods as seen through the eyes of the forming child, would come to define him throughout his life and become integral to the legacy of love for the Earth’s wildness that he would pass to his descendants.

While he had little use for titles, Dick Drew and his siblings were members of what’s been called the Greatest Generation, so Dick grew up during the Great Depression

and the time of World War II. Too young to go to that war, Dick volunteered for the Marine Corps during the time of the Korean War, although he was ultimately not to be shipped overseas. Which, we always told him, was good news for us, his kids born after that time. He married Barbara Jean Fuller on April 16, 1949. She would be his beloved companion and fellow traveler during their 69 years of marriage. Together they would have three children. In his early adult life, Dick learned carpentry from his dad, working with him building houses across the Houston area. This trade would form Dick into the hard-working, self-made businessman the world would come to know – who made his place in the heavy-equipment industry, with his companies Drew Rentals and, later, Champion Crane and Tractor. It was at the helm of Champion Crane that Dick Drew would come to do business with companies in dozens of far-flung capitals around the world.

In his family life as in his business life, you never had to wonder where you stood with Dick Drew. He was tender and he was harsh. He was stern and he was breathtakingly empathetic. And at his best

times, which were often, Dick’s sense of fun and humor shone brightly. His habit of not being able to finish telling a joke because of laughing too hard at the end of it would come to be a signature for him. Those of us who lived in that plentiful good humor will never forget it, and it will always be part of us. Richard Arlen Drew was a man if ever there was one: ruggedly brilliant, flawed, loving – human. We are all better for having known him. Mr. Drew is survived by his wife Barbara Jean Fuller Drew; son Glenn Arlen Drew and wife Ann Drew; daughter Constance Louise Drew; son Bradley Lawrence Drew and wife Yvonne Drew-Alvarez; his grandchildren Blake Arlen Drew and wife April Drew; Brett Lawrence Drew and wife Sharon Drew; and Brooks Cody Drew; and his great-grandchildren Madeline Drew, Brett Drew Jr., Taylor Drew, Alexa Drew and Ava Drew. In place of flowers, the family asks that you consider supporting the future of wild things on the Earth by donating to African Wildlife Foundation at awf.org. A memorial service will be held at Forest Park Lawndale Funeral Home Chapel of Angels at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 8, 2018. All are welcome.

THOUGHTS FROM MARANATHA CHURCH

You May Have a Point There

By Dr. Mark Trice

If you have ever walked through brush, ridden a horse through the woods, or even gone berry picking, you have more than likely felt the sharp prick of a thorn or a thistle. Thorns from numerous plants in various parts of the country have pierced the flesh of many of us. Whether or not the thorns draw blood, there is no mistaking the fact we live in a world cursed with thorns and thistles, and it takes work to pro-

tect ourselves from them. These thorns are more than a hassle, more than an inconvenience: They are a curse.

This curse started way back in Genesis 3:17-19. Because of Adam and Eve’s sin, the ground was cursed, and thorns and thistles are a sign of that very curse. The thorn would forever prick our sin-filled lives and guilty souls. Beautiful roses, great tasting berries and many other plants that benefit us also come with thorns to remind us of the curse. Ultimately, this curse on us would

be transferred to Jesus Christ on Calvary as another sign that Christ has truly redeemed us from the curse of the Law (Ga. 3:13).

God is holy and makes no exceptions when it comes to righteousness. At times our God is bound by His own holy nature: There must be a blood sacrifice for sin, and there is a clear separation between good and evil, light and darkness, righteous and unrighteous. The thorns formed a barrier between a loving God and a man who allowed sin to enter into

his heart. As we look at Scripture we see the trail of thorns as God’s presence appears to man, revealing the barrier between a holy God and sinful mankind.

• GE. 22:1-13 - When Abraham offers Isaac on Mount Moriah, the ram is caught in a thicket or thorns.

• EX. 3:1-3 - God speaks to Moses from the burning bush, a bush of thorns. He tells Moses to take his sandals off because he is on holy ground. In other words, “Don’t come any closer; you might step on a thorn.” Ah God later appears on that same mountain to give the Law, warning that if any touch the mountain they will surely

die (EX. 19:12).

• EX. 26:29 - God instructs Moses to build a Tabernacle. He specifically tells him to use acacia wood: its branches “Aghappen” to be covered with long thorns. They must remove the thorns, overlay it with gold, and then have the dwelling place of the fiery pillar of God’s presence.

• NU. 25:1 & JOS. 2:1 - The last place Israel camps before they enter the Promise Land is called Abel-Shittim, which means “Field of Thorns.”

• Solomon’s Temple, on Mount Moriah, houses the Ark of the Covenant (made of thorny acacia wood) and God’s presence beams from above the mercy seat. Many events have

transpired on Mount Moriah, but the trail of thorns is not complete.

• Also on Mount Moriah, they hang our Lord and Savior. Yes, I’m sure you have guessed by now; He wears a CROWN OF THORNS. Eden’s curse has become this mocking crown.

Every time we see a thorn, it should remind us we are redeemed from the curse, free from sin, new creatures in Christ Jesus. Jesus Christ, King of Kings, Lord of Lords: He truly is tougher than nails, sharper than thorns.

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# ASK THE EXPERT

## Reaching Out and Giving Back

Years ago, I met a young man who had a passion not just for sports but for helping youth see the best in themselves. DJ Wright or "Coach DJ" as he is known to most was looking to find a gym where he could work with area youth and help them to develop not just with athletic skills but with leadership skills and coping skills. We talked about how so many youth today face obstacles before they are out of high school that we, as older people, still have never faced. Many of the households are led by single parents, grandparents or sometimes, have additional people living there as an alternative to the streets.

Formerly known as the East Ballers and later as the Lady Houston Phenoms, the group today is known as the Phenoms. As early as 2005, Coach DJ was reaching out to those in fifth through twelfth grades to help them realize that life is worth living. To date over 83 scholarships have been awarded to youth who participated in the

CHARLOTTE'S WEB

By Charlotte Jackson



program. The impact of Coach DJ and the other adults who have dedicated time to help these young people is far reaching.

Former participants who have continued in college as well as professionally in sports include Tim Frazier (NBA Washington Wizards), Derrick Matthews (NFL Green Bay Packers), Cedric Reed (NFL Buffalo Bills), Courtney Williams (WNBA San Antonio Silver Stars) as well as countless others who have gone overseas to play professional basketball. Currently playing for the University of Houston, Jasmyne Harris and Angela Harris and Alyssa Okeone are among the ladies to watch in the years ahead. All three have a passion to work with youth in the future.

Mya Hollingshed is currently playing for the University of Colorado and continuing to make the North Shore Community very proud. Joyce Kennerson weathered Hurricane Harvey floods to lead the nation in scoring while playing at Texas Southern University. Unfortunately, just prior to the SSWAC Basketball Tournament, she fell ill and was unable to play, yet managed to be named the SWSAC Woman Player of the Year.

And a name that many of you have already heard, Eryka Sidney who was successful while playing at Wheatley High School and then made a name for herself while playing at San Jacinto College has just signed to play for Texas Tech University. While at San Jac, she won

the title of 2018 Region XIV Most Valuable Player. No doubt that in the years ahead, Eryka will not only continue to make the Houston area proud, but will be one of the Phenoms Alumni who come back to share with Coach DJ and the youth.

Each and every one of the youth who have worked with Coach DJ will tell you he cares about them off the court as much as on the court. He is a stickler for the youth showing respect to all adults as well as focusing on their academics. He is the first to tell them that while many make it to play professional sports, there are many more who do not. He encourages every one of the participants to further their education and at the same time, to learn about giving back. There are several opportunities each season for the youth to volunteer in the community and he makes them aware.

If more of us would stop, appreciate what we have and give of ourselves, and just imagine how much better our community would be.

### ASK DIAMOND JIM



Diamond Jim: "What are "Ethics" and why are they important?"

One dictionary definition of 'ethics' that I rather like is: "The basic concepts and fundamental principles of decent human conduct. It includes the study of universal values such as the essential equality of all men and women, human or natural rights, obedience to the law of land, concern for health and safety and, increasingly, also for the natural environment."

"...principles of decent human conduct." Those five words speak volumes. To better understand ethics or ethical conduct, let's talk about what unethical conduct is and how you'll know it when you observe it. Take a look around you every day and you'll see countless examples of unethical conduct or behavior. A "man" abusing or striking a child or a woman, a punk wearing his pants below his butt cheeks showing what we don't need to see, another vehicle cutting you off in traffic, someone tossing their garbage onto the ground, a thief breaking into your home and stealing what is not theirs, parents who fail to teach their children respect & manners, our "education system" indoctrinating our children rather than "teaching" our children, elected representatives violating local, state, and federal laws with no accountability, the complete failure of young people to take responsibility for anything, and finally the outright lack of respect for our elderly, our first responders, and our military & veterans. These are just a few examples of unethical conduct. For me, however,

there is one act of unethical conduct that tops them all...For someone to witness an act or action of gross unethical conduct and to do nothing about it. This makes you as unethical as the person or people who committed the original act. It is our core responsibility as parents, grandparents, citizens and human beings to immediately correct this behavior whenever and wherever we see or hear it occur.

You might ask, "Well, what can I do?" or "How can I stop unethical conduct?" or "Why is it up to me to do something?" If you don't say or do something to stop it, then who will? It's about time that we get control of our children and their education again, control of our neighborhoods again, and control of our liberties again. You must either get involved or live with the consequences associated with unethical conduct. Is such behavior acceptable, or not? I guess that's for each of us to decide for ourselves or you could allow someone else to make that decision for you. It's your personal 'Freedom of Choice'. "If you chose not to decide, you still have made a choice".

So again, "what are ethics and why are they important?"

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# Rotary awards Scholarships



THE ROTARY CLUB OF GALENA PARK/JACINTO CITY last week awarded 33 scholarships to students of the area. Scene above are the recipients at a ceremony in the Baggett Center. They also awarded a special “ABBY” scholarship in memory of Ibrahim “Abby” Abou-Awdi, a past president who died last year of cancer.

# Boy found dead inside dryer was electrocuted

HOUSTON - A 10-year-old boy was found dead inside a dryer in east Houston last Friday. According to the medical examiner's office, the boy was electrocuted. The boy, Fernando Hernandez, was playing hide-and-seek with other children Friday evening at the Falls of Birchbrook apartment complex in the 12300 block of Fleming



Drive. Police said he was found unresponsive inside the dryer in the laundry room at the complex. Hernandez suffered no obvious signs of trauma, according to police. Hernandez was taken to Bayshore Medical Center, where he later died, police said. The investigation continues.

# 90th Anniversary,

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ter, the Johnnie Rountree Fine Arts Center, and a field house were added; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its rich history, Galena Park High has built an impressive record of extracurricular accomplishments; in the 1960s, its Band of Gold performed for President Lyndon Johnson and the Yellow Jackets made it to the state football championship twice; in 2004, the football team finished the regular season with a perfect record, and the girls' volleyball team did the same in 2006; the following year, the robotics team advanced to the national championships, and in 2009, the Band of Gold reached the UIL state marching band competition, finishing as one of the top bands in the state. Today, Galena Park High serves some 2,000 students from 9th through 12th



Allan Jamail GPHS Alumnus and NC Star writer posing with Mr. Jack, the school's mascot. “Once a Yellow Jacket Always a Yellow Jacket” (PHOTO BY LINDA JAMAIL)

grades. Superintendent Dr. Angi Williams and many current and former school officials were present and spoke as well as Mrs. Kimberly Martin who'll become the high school's new principal this fall. For the school's complete history visit, <https://tx02217083.schoolwires.net/Page/4632>.

# NARCOTICS BUST,

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Jacinto City patrolman C. Perez, left, and Lieutenant D. Walker, right, with packets of Kush and cash from the bust.

chemicals which can produce serious health conditions and even lead to death.” Chief Joe Ayala said, “After booking the suspect when the officers were leading him out to the police car to transfer him to the Harris County Jail, Ibarra broke free from the officers and

escaped even though handcuffed. He was caught a few blocks from the police station.” Ibarra is charged with speeding, fleeing from the police, possession of a dangerous controlled substance and escape.

## GALENA PARK-JACINTO CITY CIP MEETING

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