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Texans QB DeShaun Watson highlights Chamber Gala

By Gilbert Hoffman

The North Channel Chamber of Commerce held their 42nd Annual Membership & Awards Gala last Thursday night. The event was held for the first time at a new beautiful venue, the Sylvan Beach Pavilion in Deer Park.

A crowd of several hundred enjoyed dinner, a silent auction, and chamber awards. A new board of directors was sworn in, and Chairman Shalonda Dawkins retired and Dr. John Moore was sworn in as the Chairman of the Board.

The featured speaker for the evening was Texans star quarterback DeShaun Watson, but he almost didn't make an appearance. After agreeing to Gala, he learned later that



TEXANS QB DESHAUN WATSON ANSWERS QUESTIONS AT THE NORTH CHANNEL CHAMBER GALA.

he had been chosen to play in the Pro Bowl football game, and would have to be in Orlando, Florida for the whole week, including the day of the Gala. However, Ronny Dwairy of Bestway Oilfield company made arrangements to fly Watson to Houston for the Gala, and then return him the same evening. Needless to say, it added some excitement to the evening.

Watson was his usual low-key and quiet self, but answered a number of questions from Dwairy and the audience as the format for his appearance.

Watson gave a brief talk about his life and previous football career. As one of four children to a single mother, he led a simple and sparse life, centered on

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Rep. Sylvia Garcia appointed to powerful House Financial Services and Judiciary Committees

By Allan Jamail

January 16, 2019 Congresswoman Sylvia R. Garcia of the 29th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives was recently appointed on two of the House's most influential committees.

To get appointed on the House Financial Services Committee and the House Judiciary Committee for the 116th Congress is a testament to her many accomplishments as a public servant.

"These assignments are vital to the Houston region, the State of Texas, and the nation. I've always fought for working families, and my appointments will allow me to use that experience to continue these efforts," Garcia said. "It is an honor to serve on two impactful Committees."

The Financial Services Committee has jurisdiction over issues pertaining to the economy, consumer financial services, housing, insurance, monetary policy, and banking. The Committee also has jurisdiction



Photo by Allan Jamail
Congresswoman Sylvia R. Garcia

over the Department of the Treasury and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

"We will use this assignment to protect consumers from predatory lending practices and further the practical, pro-consumer priorities laid out by Chairwoman Waters," Garcia said. "We must strengthen and expand the long-term stability of the National Flood Insur-

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North Shore Mustangs Basketball Team defeats C.E.King & Deer Park



North Shore Mustangs Coach Sam Benitez gives the team the offense and defense plays for final minutes of play near the end of the game.

January 29, 2019 the Mustangs defeated the Deer Park Deer 42 to 34. They have a 9 win and 1 loss district record and are tied for first with Beaumont United in 6A Region III District 21. Both teams have only four district games remaining.

The North Shore varsity basketball team has a home conference game vs. Sterling (Baytown, TX) on Friday, February 1 @ 7 PM. (Story & Photos by Allan Jamail)



North Shore's Mustang Jalen Means out jumps a C. E. King Defender to make a 2 point layup shot.

January 25, 2019 the Mustangs defeated the C. E. King Panthers 42 to 32. The North Shore varsity basketball team has a home conference game vs. Sterling (Baytown, TX) on Friday, February 1 @ 7 PM.

PHOTOS BY ALLAN JAMAIL

Harris County Judge Hidalgo launches community-wide survey on local government

Survey is a key component of Judge Hidalgo's signature civic engagement program, talking transition: Harris County

Harris County, TX - January 28, 2019 – Judge Lina Hidalgo announced today that she is launching a community-wide survey online as part of Talking Transition: Harris County, a civic engagement program designed to help shape the first year of her administration.

The first program of its kind in Harris County, Talking Transition will provide a forum for residents to discuss the issues that matter most to them, learn about the county government and budget, and weigh in on pressing public policy matters.

"Talking Transition is an initiative that invites Harris County residents to engage with their local government. We want residents to understand how Harris County government works and to feel connected to their county government," said Judge Hidalgo. "This is also an opportunity for my administration to learn from community members as we shape our policy agenda moving forward, so we can make sure our government works for everyone."

The survey is designed to elicit public feedback on several essential issues, such as the quality of early childhood education to the availability of reliable public transportation options. Harris County residents will also be able to express their opinions on how storm recovery resources should be prioritized.

The online survey is available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, and Vietnamese. Additionally, teams of canvassers will spread out across Harris

County with the survey starting Tuesday, January 29.

The survey launch is the first part of Judge Hidalgo's signature civic engagement program, which will feature a variety of ways for Harris County residents to interact with and learn more about their local government. Other core components include:

Transparency Project: Announcements throughout the County will provide easily-digestible information about how county government works along with statistics intended to make people eager to learn more.

Offered at a seven locations around Harris County, Civic Saturdays are a series of full-day public events happening on consecutive Saturdays. The first Civic Saturday will take place early February and will be announced soon. Civic Saturdays will be comprised of:

- **Civic School:** Features classroom-style lessons where Harris County residents learn how County government works.

- **Town Halls:** A large gathering organized around a specific policy area that will give residents a chance to share new ideas for improving their communities and to hear from others.

- **Action Plan Workshops:** Smaller working groups for thought leaders and people who have devoted time to specific issues to focus on how to best realize community-driven ideas through County government.

Local youth wins calf scramble at Fort Worth Stock Show

FORT WORTH, TEXAS, January 28, 2019 -- Roger Davis, a member of Sheldon FFA, caught a calf during Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo's Calf Scramble January 25, earning a \$500 purchase certificate for a show heifer and the chance for up to \$12,500 in scholarship awards. Davis's parents are Bobby and Nikole Davis. Davis's award was sponsored by David and Ginna Sauerwein.

During each of 28 rodeo performances, the Calf Scramble gives 16 Texas 4-H and FFA members the opportunity to catch one of eight calves released during the show in one of the most thrilling and unpredictable events. Justin Boots and Texas Mutual Insurance Company are long-time supporters of the Calf Scramble. Participants who do not catch a calf receive a pair of Justin Boots, a practice that has seen more than 227



Roger Davis, a member of Sheldon FFA, caught a calf during Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo's Calf Scramble, earning a \$500 purchase certificate presented by Paxton Motherall, a Calf Scramble Committee

pairs of boots awarded annually.

The Stock Show's Calf Scramble scholarship awards range from \$500 to

\$12,500, to participants who demonstrate dedication and hard work through monthly reports, and a final essay submit-

ted to their sponsors and the Calf Scramble Committee. Davis will use the purchase certificate to buy a registered beef or dairy heifer to raise and exhibit at next year's Stock Show. This year, \$292,000 in calf scramble scholarships will be awarded to 67 students.

Take in the sights, sounds, and smells of exciting rodeo action, awesome food, shopping, livestock and equestrian competitions, carnival/midway entertainment and an experience you'll always remember during 23 fun-filled days – January 18 through February 9 at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo. It's the kind of place where "Old School Cool" is fun, fashionable and hip for everyone. Get your tickets today and celebrate what makes Fort Worth the most awesome town in Texas. For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.fwssr.com or call (817) 877-2420.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Pct.2 distributes food during government shutdown

HARRIS COUNTY PCT. 2 – During the current federal government shut-down, veterans and federal employees impacted were able to get food baskets and resource guides at two Food Fairs held at Precinct 2 community centers.

Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia partnered with the Food Bank to provide drive-thru style support at the Northeast Community Center, and East Harris County Activity Center. Garcia said the event will repeat in the future if necessary.



Commissioner Garcia helps load food into an employee's car.



Precinct 2 staff turned out last Friday morning to help distribute the food.

Houston asks Feds for \$50 M. for 10 new flood gates on Lake Houston



The existing flood gates consist of two radial gates used to release high volumes of water and two flashboard gates to accurately affect water levels on Lake Houston.

HOUSTON The mayor and city council members agree that the most important flood prevention program in the Lake Houston Area is their request of \$50 Million from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to add ten gates to the Lake Houston Dam.

Last year the City of Houston submitted grant applications for about \$50 Million dollars to the Texas Department of Emergency Management to ask FEMA for a grant to begin the work on installation of the flood gates. The Texas agency approved the request and the paper work went on through channels to FEMA. If FEMA approves, and as yet no response has been heard from the Federal agency, work could begin within months.

The 10 new gates would in effect allow the City of Houston to release water at a much higher rate prior to heavy rain, storms or emergency events. It would give the City of Houston more leeway to control lake levels.

According to Matt Zeve, Harris County Flood Control District Chief Operations Officer, the new gates could “act as a flood control mechanism.”

Currently, other than the four gates there is a long spillway that overruns when the lake floods.

“This potential project is a major modification of the operation and purpose of Lake Houston,” said Zeve.

When Lake Houston was built in 1954 the sole purpose was to create a reservoir to provide for water for residents. However, since that time Lake Houston has fulfilled many useful purposes for local residents. At creation four flood gates were made to regulate water levels.

An engineering firm, Freese and Nichols had certified that with the four gates Lake Houston could release 10,000 cubic feet per second. Obviously, with ten gates it could release water much faster.

Previously, in response to Hurricane Harvey and other flooding events was to lower lake levels by two feet or more. The four gates are two radial gates used to release high volumes of water and two flash board gates to regulate the lake level according to the amounts of water coming from other sources.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Donation Drive for Coast Guard Families

Due to the government shutdown, the community will hold a donation drive on February 9, 2019 at Jacinto City Community Center, 1025 Oates Rd., Jacinto City, TX 77029 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

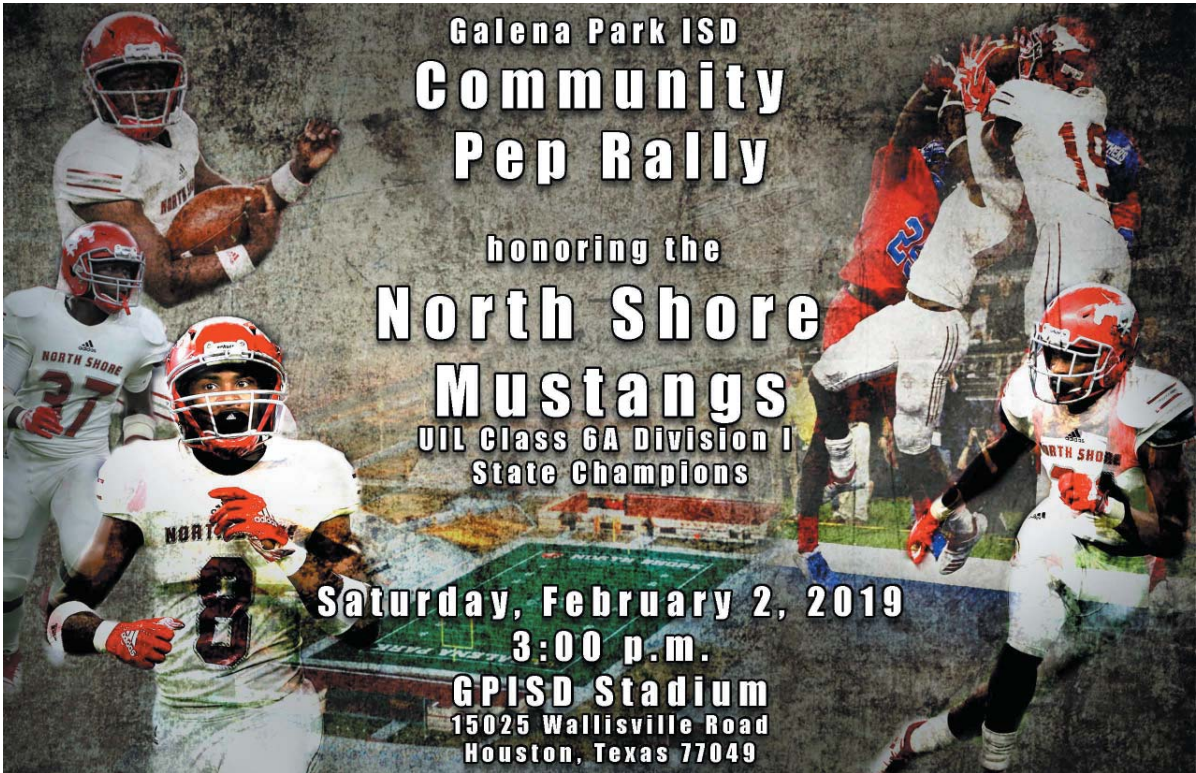
Cash donations can be accepted; household items needed.

Cleaning items – laundry detergent, dryer sheets, dish soap, toilet bowl cleaner, soft scrub, comet, multipurpose cleaner, floor cleaner.

Bathroom items – shampoo, conditioner, bath soap, lotion, disposable razors, women's feminine products, men/women's deodorant.

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Chamber GALA,

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THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH CHANNEL CHAMBER pose with the featured speaker of the evening, DeShaun Watson at center rear, with the new chairman Dr. John Moore just in front of him. The board was sworn-in by Judge Joe Stephens.

family, faith, and football. The audience was impressed with his sincerity and simplicity. He made the point several times in his talk that "I live my life from Love. I'm a man of faith."

Watson grew up in Gainesville, Georgia and helped his mother, who had tongue cancer. The lived in a Habitat for Humanity home, and his mother eventually got better. He did well in high school, and went to Clemson University for football. He finished in 2-1/2 years, with an outstanding record as their quarterback. His coach was the renowned Coach Dabo Swinney, who taught him about life as well as football.

Watson said of Swinney, "He turned me into a man. He said Live right, football will take care of itself." At Clemson, Watson led the team to a CFP championship in 2015, and a national championship win in 2016.

Watson was drafted two years ago by the Houston Texans, but late in his first

year tore his ACL, and did not play the rest of the season. In 2018 he also suffered an injury, a cracked rib, but continue to play for the next 9 games in the season.

Watson's presentation was in the form of a question and answer format, with Ronny Dwairy asking a number of questions about his life, family, and football career. Then the audience had the opportunity to ask too. Watson said his role models growing up were Tim Tebow and Tom Brady, and he wanted to play for the University of Florida.

Watson was a popular subject for photographs after his talk, posing with the new Board of Directors, and many of the members of the audience.

After the program speaker, the Chamber presented awards. Christie Gates welcomed the audience, and presented the awards along with Chairman Sholanda Dawkins and Margie Buentello.

Awards presented included Board Member of

the Year to Lon Squyres; Committee Member of the Year, to Dr. John Moore;

Dr. Ed Lehr award, for service above the call of duty, to Adam Lund;

Business of the Year, to Alamo RediMix, and

Organization of the Year, to San Jacinto College.

The special Bill Palko Scholarship, worth \$5000, was presented to Laura Delgadito, who is a student at San Jacinto College and plans to attend University of Houston for a Chemistry degree.

Closing remarks were made by outgoing Chairman Sholanda Dawkins, and incoming Chairman Dr. John Moore.

Gold sponsor for the evening was United Community Credit Union, other sponsors included CenterPoint Energy, Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital, LyondellBasell, PortHoustone, Woodforest Bank, and Speaker sponsor Ronny Dwairy of Bestway Oilfield.

Channelview ISD January students of the month



Channelview ISD recently honored January Students of the Month by hosting a recognition luncheon in the press box of the Ray Maddy Stadium. The Students of the Month include, top row, from left, Daniel Rubio (Alice Johnson Junior High), Se-koya Jones (Anthony Aguirre Junior High), Luna Altagracia Vallejo (Kolarik Ninth Grade Center), Nawal Mehdawi (Joe Frank Campbell Learning Center). Bottom row: Michelle Vidal (Cobb Elementary), Kayla Rangel (DeZavala Elementary), Annalisa Rosales (Barrett-Lee Early Childhood Center), Natalie Cortez (Brown Elementary), Katherynn Martinez (Schochler Elementary), Kimberly Soto-Banda (Hamblen Elementary), Evelyn Hernandez Ascensio (Crenshaw Elementary), Erik Hernandez (McMullan Elementary). Not Pictured: Matthew Applewhite (Channelview High School).

Channelview ISD Special Olympics team brings home awards




CISD Special Olympics team congratulated players during the Greater Houston Area Bowling Tournament.

The 2018-2019 Channelview Independent School District Special Olympics Team attended the 2018 Greater Houston Area Bowling Tournament in Houston, Texas. The team is under the leadership of Head Coach Jamie


Everett, Assistant Head Coach Gerrick Henry, and Assistant Coaches Rita Arredondo and Samantha Dickens. The following awards were earned at the tournament: Team- 2nd Place Daniel Elizando, Or-

landivas, Ryan Songy, and Leonardo Velasco Individual- 6th Place David Bates. Channelview ISD made its mark at this year's bowling tournament, and we cannot wait to see what the new year brings!



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SPORTS

SUPERBOWL PREVIEW

Patriots look to tie Steelers with 6th Lombardi: Rams look to make McVay youngest head coach to win SB

There will be a lot at stake on Sunday in Super Bowl LIII when the New England Patriots take on the Los Angeles Rams in Atlanta's Mercedes Benz Stadium.

A win by Bill Belichick's Patriots would give them six Lombardi Trophies and tie them with the Pittsburgh Steelers who earned their sixth SB title in 2009 with a win in Arlington over the Green Bay Packers. A NE victory would make Belichick and his quarterback, Tom Brady, the only head coach/QB combo to win six titles. The Steelers won four with Terry Bradshaw and two the Ben Rothlisberger.

A win by the Rams would make head coach Sean McVay the youngest head coach in NFL history to win the Lombardi Trophy. McVay turned 33 last Thursday and the young wonder kid has led the resurgent Rams to 26 victories in his first two years as their head coach. Ironically, the Rams are returning to the site of their lone Super Bowl victory, which came after the 1999 season in the old Georgia Dome when they defeated Tennessee 23-16

You will have to excuse New Orleans Saints fans if they decide not to watch SB LIII after a badly missed non-call could have cost them a trip to Atlanta. I'm sure most of you are aware of the play I'm referring to. With time running down in the NFC Championship game, quarterback Drew Brees lofted a pass down the right sideline to wide receiver TommyLee Lewis. Rams defensive back Nickel Robey-Coleman launched himself into Lewis before the ball arrived, but no interference, or helmet-to-helmet contact, was called. Saints head coach Sean Payton and their fans were livid, which they should have been, and NO had to settle for a field goal to take a 23-20 lead.



The Rams marched down the field and tied the game with a late field goal and won the game in overtime on Greg Zuerlein's 57-yard field goal.

The missed call was costly to the Saints, but give the Rams credit for battling after they fell behind 13-0 and scratched their way back into the game.

Super Bowl LIII should be a good one as both teams have loads of offensive talent and defenses that make plays when they need to. Weather won't be a factor since this game will be played indoors, which could result in an offensive shootout.

Many thought the Patriots' dynasty was over after a so-so regular season, but they've come alive in the post season routing the Los Angeles Chargers in the Division Round and then upsetting top seed Kansas City 37-31 in the AFC Championship game in frigid conditions.

Brady has thrown for 691 yards in his first two playoff games and two touchdowns, but the offensive star has been rookie running back Sony Michel, who has rushed for 242 yards and five touchdowns in the first two playoff games of his career.

Wide receiver Julian Edelman has been steady in the post season grabbing 16 passes for 247 yards, while tight end Rob Gronkowski looked like his old self in the AFC title game grabbing six passes for 79 yards.

He made a key grab in overtime that put the Pats in position for Rex Burkehead's game-winning touchdown. Brady will need Gronk to have another big day against a LA defense that is tough up front, but has issues in the secondary.

The Rams offense has been steady in the post season putting up 30 points in the Division round win over the Cowboys and 26 points in the NFC title game. Running back Todd Gurley rushed for 115 yards against the Cowboys, but was used sparingly in the NFC title game rushing for just 10 yards, but he did score a touchdown. Gurley missed the last two games of the season with a minor knee injury and some wondered if the injury was the reason McVay had him on the bench for much of the New Orleans game. With an extra week to rest for the Super Bowl, expect Gurley (1,251 yards rushing in regular season with 21 total touchdowns) to be at full force on Sunday in Atlanta.

With Gurley limited, the Rams called on C.J. Anderson, who they signed late in the season, and he has answered the call in the playoffs. Anderson, who won a Super Bowl with the Broncos in 2016, has rushed for 167 yards and two touchdowns and is proving to be a good insurance policy in case Gurley won't be 100 percent come Sunday.

In addition to a solid rushing attack, the Rams have a talented

young quarterback in Jared Goff and two dependable receivers in wide outs Brandin Cooks (11 receptions, 172 yards in the playoffs) and Robert Woods (12 receptions, 102 yards in the playoffs). Both could have big days on the fast turf in Atlanta. I expect Goff to take some chances down field early to loosen up the NE defense and open up the running game for Gurley and Anderson.

Brady doesn't have a burner at wide receiver, but he will use running back James White (87 receptions, 751 yards, 7 TDs in regular season) out of the backfield in the passing game. White should have success against the Rams linebackers, which should open up things for Edelman and Gronk across the middle.

Brady will need another big day from Michel in the running game, but the rookie from Georgia might find things a bit more difficult this week than he has in his first two post-season games. The Rams have a stout defensive front led by reigning Defensive Player of the Year Aaron Donald (20.5 sacks in regular season) and Ndamukong Suh. In their wins over the Cowboys and Saints, the LA run defense has been excellent, limiting Dallas' Ezekiel Elliot (the league's rushing champ) to 47 yards and NO's Mark Ingram and Alvin Kamara to 46 rushing yards in the NFC title game.

Look for Belichick to test the Rams front early. If the Patriots have trouble running the ball, look for Brady to turn to White to make plays in the passing game. Belichick is too good of a coach to abandon the running game. If they are successful making plays in the passing game, look for Michel to be a factor late in the game.

This is Brady and Belichick's ninth Super Bowl, and a majority of their roster has a lot of experience playing in the ultimate game (this is NE's third straight appearance in the Super Bowl), while the Rams are novices to the big stage. That could play a factor, but McVay is a cool customer who will have his team ready to play come Sunday.

I expect the Rams to give the Patriots all they can handle and this could turn into an offensive shootout. I think this game comes down to the team that has the most experience in big games and that edge goes to the Patriots.

After losing to the Eagles last year, you had better believe Belichick will use that as a motivating tool and with two weeks to prepare for one opponent, there's not a better football coach on the earth then Belichick.

When the dust settles, look for Brady, Belichick and the rest of the Patriots to hoist their sixth Lombardi Trophy and put to rest that the New England dynasty is over. My pick, New England 36, Los Angeles 33

Commissioner Adrian Garcia hosts Food and Resource Fairs for Veterans and Furloughed Federal employees

In Partnership with the Houston Food Bank Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia will host two more Food Fair for veterans and employees impacted by the Federal Government's shut-down.

The drive-thru style fairs will provide food and resource guides at two Precinct 2 community centers February 2nd and February 9th. Each family will receive at least 20 pounds of food, which include produce, fruit, non-perishable items and some meat products.

Federal Employees and Veterans are welcomed to attend and present their Federal I.D. at pick-up.

Supplies will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve Basis.

To register, visit Eventbrite.com, search "Precinct 2 Cares" and complete the form or call 281-479-4232.

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Galena Park ISD celebrates Board of Trustees



Back row: left to right- Adrian Stephens, Dawn Fisher, Minnie Rivera and Jeff Miller. Front row: left to right- Vice President Wilfred J. Broussard, Jr.; President Wanda Heath Johnson; and Secretary Ramon Garza

Each January is designated as School Board Appreciation Month in Galena Park ISD (GPISD). This month-long celebration is in honor of our Board of Trustees to spotlight their service to our schools, students and community.

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"We are blessed with a dedicated group of Board of Trustees who serve the interest of students, educators, employers and taxpayers in the communities that make up GPISD," Dr. Angi Williams, superintendent of schools, said. "The Board serves in numerous ways, including monthly meetings, ceremonial duties and approval of policies."

We would like to thank President Wanda Heath Johnson, Vice President Wilfred J. Broussard, Jr., Secretary Ramon Garza, and trustees Jeff Miller, Dawn Fisher, Minnie Rivera and Adrian Stephens for helping plant the seeds of success for GPISD students.

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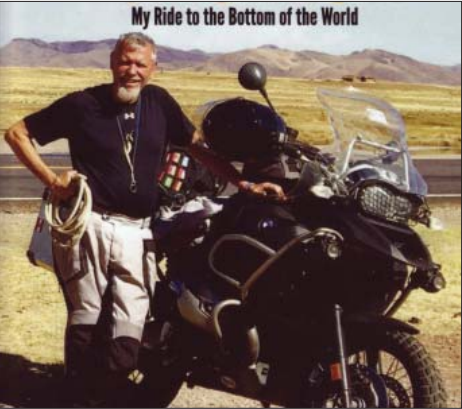
LIFESTYLE



HIGHLANDS ROTARY CLUB NEWS



“Do it. Leave Tomorrow”
adventurer tells Rotarians



DIRK WEISIGER with his BMW motorcycle that he rode from Austin to the tip of South America.

Dirk Weisiger is a businessman turned adventurer, travel trekker, trick roper, and storyteller. He brought all of these talents to last week’s Highlands Rotary luncheon, telling of his adventures on a solo motorcycle trip from Austin, Texas to Ushuaia, at the southern tip of South America.

He has written a book about his trip, entitled “Leave Tomorrow.” It reveals his decision to make the trip, against all conventional wisdom. His motivational talk is centered on the idea, “Do It. Leave Tomorrow.”

Dirk’s trip was 7000 miles long, and it took 14 months to complete. He traveled through 12 countries, including the U.S., Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa

Rica, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina. Or as he calls it, “the Bottom of the World.”

His talk was partially about the interesting things that happened along the journey, and partially about everyone’s need to follow their impulses, face your fears, and do something different with your life.

His book and his talk are full of Life Tips and Travel Tips.

Dirk noted that every small town along his trip, through the 12 countries, had a sign for a Rotary club.

His motivational message was set a goal, get a mentor or coach to help you, and get started. His advice to all, was “Live Your Movie.”

OBITUARIES

Cory Glynn Chesser

Mr. Cory Glynn Chesser, 38 of Snyder, TX died on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at his residence in Snyder. Services for Cory will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2019, at 2:00 PM at Calvary Baptist Church with Reverend Matt Lowery officiating. Services are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Cory was born on May 09, 1980 in Snyder, TX to Gary and Danna (Myers) Chesser. He was a lineman for North Houston Pole Line company and a member of Community Baptist Church in Crosby, Texas. Cory enjoyed being a lineman and devoted all his time to his girl’s Chloe and Claire, which he loved unconditionally.

He is survived by:

Father - Gary Chesser and wife Vickie, Snyder, TX

Mother - Danna Daughtry and husband Marc, Charlotte, TX

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Chloe & Claire Chesser, and Crystal, Crosby, TX

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Patricia Ann Mattingly



Patricia Ann Mattingly age 88, went to be with the Lord on Saturday January 19, 2019. She was born in Kirkland, Indiana on April 21, 1930 to Lelah Pauline Stowers Arney and Hermal F. Arney. She enjoyed gardening and playing her trumpet, watching religion on tv and caring for her dogs, but most of all spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She was a very loving wife and mother, always happy and she will be loved and missed by all who knew her.


She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Carl Mattingly; her son, Robert Mattingly and her grandparents, Flo and T.M. Stowers.

Patricia is survived by her children, James S. Mattingly, Debra K. McKinney and Susan M. Hering. Also survived by 3 grandchildren, other relatives and many friends.

A visitation for family and friends will be held at Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-

Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, on Friday afternoon, January 25, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. followed by services in Sterling-White Funeral Home. Interment will be private. Arrangements entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, Texas 77562. To offer condolences to the family, please visit www.sterlingwhite.com.

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Psalm: 46:1



OBITUARIES

Ruby Ethel (DuBose) Fawcett



Ruby Ethel (DuBose) Fawcett died on January 25, 2019, in Corpus Christi, TX. She was 90 years old. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lester (Les) Day Fawcett. Ruby is survived by her 3 children, Stephanie, Howard (Teresa), and Gregg (Cindy) Fawcett. She also leaves behind 5 grandchildren, Ryan Bird (Alexandra), Shanna Stone (Richard), Edward Settle, Miranda Fawcett, and Marah Fawcett, and 4 great-grandchildren, Heather Bird, Emma Stone, Victor Bird, and Margaret Bird.

Ruby was born on September 26, 1928 in Sandia, TX, to Ellie D. DuBose, Jr., and Fannie Ruby (Rees) DuBose of Sinton, TX. She graduated from Sinton High School and earned a bachelor of arts degree in business administration from Texas A & I University, now Texas A & M University – Kingsville. She married Lester Fawcett on October 27, 1951.

In addition to being a devoted wife and mother, Ruby had a successful business career. She was a highly regarded seamstress, a district manager for World Book Encyclopedia, and an entrepreneur. In the latter role she founded and oper-

ated three retail stores. Ruby retired at the age of 80 as the office manager for Baywood Exterminating in Crosby, TX.

Ruby was active in her community. She served as a room mother, cub scout den mother and girl scout leader. Her home was a bustling hub for children, friends and family alike. She always provided a shoulder to lean on and an ear to listen.

Ruby was a devout Christian and practiced her faith all her life. She taught Sunday School to young and old, visited shut-ins, provided meals to the sick, mentored and taught reading to prison inmates, organized and participated in other church-related activities too numerous to count.

Most of all, Ruby was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. She was a role model to emulate and a guiding light to all who

knew her. She will be deeply missed.


The family would like to express their profound gratitude to the staff of Villa Corpus Christi South, especially those working in the Stepping Stones Memory Care Unit, and the Christus Spohn Hospice workers. We will never forget the constant love, care and support you gave our mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother during the last months of her life. A visitation for family and friends will be held at Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, on Friday February 1, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. followed by services in Sterling White funeral Home. Interment will be in Sterling White Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, Texas 77562. To offer condolences to the family, please visit www.sterlingwhite.com.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Alzheimer’s Association.

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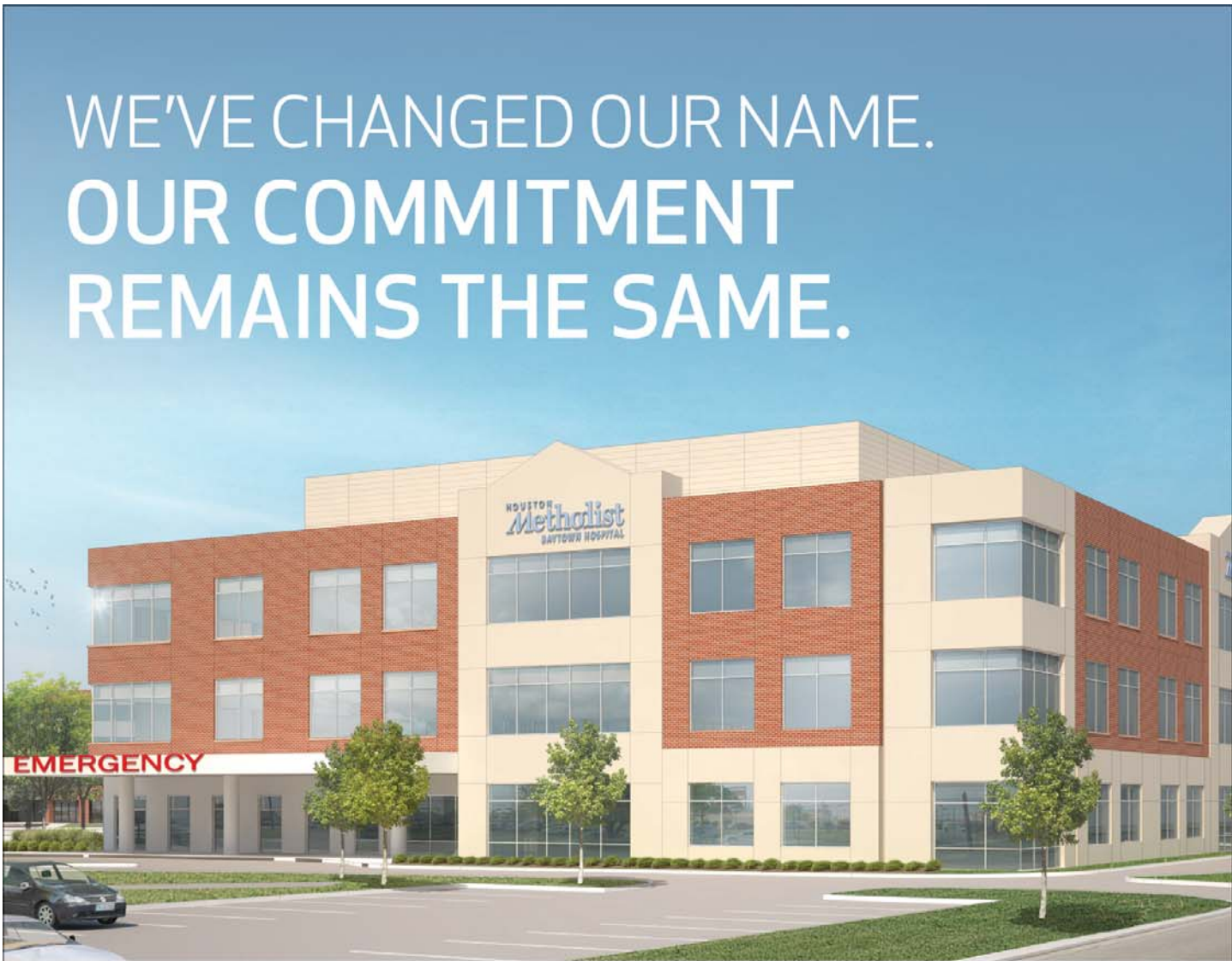
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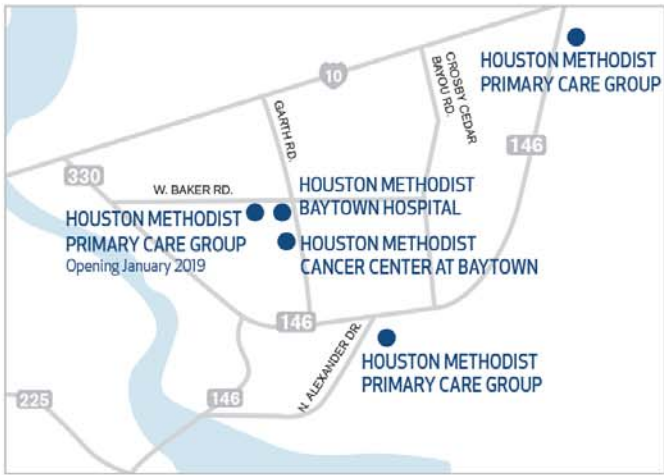
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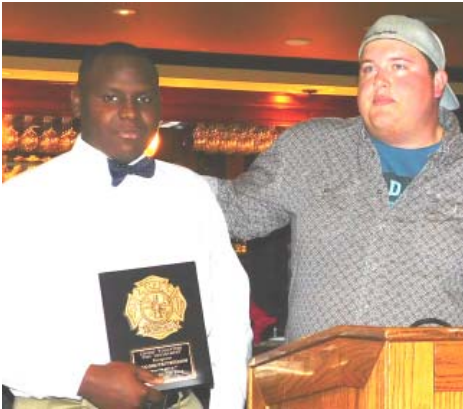
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House District 145 Election ends in Runoff

Tuesday's Special Election to replace the State Representative for District 145 ended with none of the eight candidates capturing more than 50% of the vote.

The leaders were Christina Morales with 1,238 votes, or 35.78%, and Melissa Noriega with 1,077 votes, or 31.13%.

The seat is vacant because the incumbent, Carol Alvarado ran for Senate District 6 and won, thus vacating the House seat.

A total of 3,460 persons voted, representing about 5 percent of the 73,000 reg-

istered voters in that district.

The House District encompasses parts of the Heights, downtown, along I-45, and parts of Pasadena and South Houston.

Morales is a city planning commissioner, and head of an East End funeral home. Noriega has been a city council member, and briefly serving in the Legislature in place of her husband, who was on active duty with the army.

The governor is expected to schedule a runoff date in the near future.

Rep. Hernandez appointed to Key House Committees

AUSTIN, TX- January 23, 2019, Dennis Bonnen, the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, appointed Representative Ana Hernandez (D-Houston) to two powerful House committees. She will serve as Vice Chair of the House Committee on State Affairs, and will also serve on the House Committee on Licensing & Administrative Procedures.

The House Committee on State Affairs has jurisdiction on all matters relating to the organization, operation, powers, regulation, and management of state departments, agencies, and institutions; the operation and regulation of public lands and state buildings; the duties and conduct of officers and employees of the state government; access of the state agencies to scientific and technological information; the regulation and deregulation of electric utilities and the electric industry; the regulation and deregulation of telecommunications utilities and the telecommunications industry; electric utility regulation as it relates to energy production and consumption, pipelines, pipeline companies, and all others operating as common carriers in the state; advances in science and technology, including tele-



Rep. Hernandez

communications, electric technology, or automated data processing; and cyber security.

The House Committee on Licensing & Administrative Procedures oversees matters pertaining to the oversight of businesses, industries, general trades, and occupations regulated by the state; the regulation of gaming industries; the Alcoholic Beverage Code; and various regulatory state agencies.

"I thank Speaker Bonnen for this tremendous opportunity to work with my colleagues on common-sense, practical solutions to the challenges that face our state both in business and in government," Hernandez said. "I look forward to working with my colleagues and stakeholders to adopt effective policies that advance Texas' interests and foster effective state leadership."

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Amethyst is purple quartz and is a beautiful blend of violet and red that can be found in every corner of the earth. The name comes from the Ancient Greek, derived from the word "methustos," which means "intoxicated." Ancient wearers believed the gemstone could protect them from drunkenness.

Amethyst, as previously mentioned, is composed of quartz, which is the second most abundant material found in the Earth's crust. Amethyst gets its color from irradiation, iron impurities and the presence of trace elements. Its hardness (a 7 on the Mohs scale) is the same as other quartz, which makes it a durable and lasting option for jewelry.

While amethyst is most commonly recognized to be a purple color, the gemstone can actually range from a light pinkish violet to a deep purple that can read more blue or red, depending on the light. Sometimes, even the same stone can have layers or color variants, so the way the gemstone is cut is important to the way the color shows in a finished piece.

Amethyst often occurs in geodes or in the cavities of granitic rocks. It can be found all over the world, including the United States, Canada, Brazil and Zambia. The

amethyst is not only the February birthstone, it is also used to celebrate the 6th and 17th year of marriage. It has been associated with many myths, legends, religions, and numerous cultures. Some historical accounts say that Saint Valentine had an amethyst ring carved with an image of Cupid. And for those familiar with Old Testament history, amethyst was one of the twelve gemstones that represented the twelve tribes of Israel.

For many years, amethyst was held to be one of the most precious gemstones, often favored by royalty or exclusively by the clergy as a symbol for the diety of Christ. It was even held for many years in the same regard as the diamond. It wasn't until the discovery of more abundant supplies of amethyst that it became a gemstone enjoyed by more than just the wealthiest buyers.

Many wearers of amethyst throughout history and even today prize the gem for its symbolism as well as its beauty. Leonardo da Vinci once said that amethyst helps to quicken intelligence and get rid of evil thoughts. Other qualities like peace, stability, courage and strength are said to be derived from this gemstone. Today, many wearers simply prize the amethyst for its beautiful shade and the way it complements both warm and cool colors.

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The Impact of Roots

The North Channel Area has undergone some turbulent times in the past month. From almost weekly arrest of individuals charged with drug possession, intent to deliver controlled substances, robberies, thefts, vehicular manslaughter and more. We see homelessness, unemployment and the many negative situations which are around. Yet in spite of these actions which make the news, there are some other amazing things that happen which not only help direct the community towards a positive future but are the direct result of the deep roots that are found in our community.

As tragedy struck in late December, many from outside of our community showed up to hold a rally in remembrance of a young girl killed. There were people from outside of our community who spoke before they really knew what was going on. Yet in the midst of that, members from the North Channel Area who were had already been holding monthly prayer gatherings for the past nine years who had already announced that the focus of the January 4 Prayer Gathering would be on the young girl and her family. Bob and Diana Jones have been gathering with other believers on the eastside of Houston monthly, on the first Friday at various locations to pray for the community. This week, the Houston East Side Prayer Gathering will be held at the LaQuinta on Sam Houston Parkway between Woodforest Boulevard and Wallisville Road. For more information please contact HEPGprays@gmail.com or at 281.924.1207.

The impact of many leaders is seen and felt monthly as Channelview ISD Superintendent Greg Ollis hosts the Channelview Ministry Team Meetings on the last Friday of the month at 9 a.m. in the Administration Building. This group includes local pastors, ministry leaders, law enforcement officers, bus drivers, neighbors and community

leaders who are concerned with how to reach out and show the love of God to our hurting neighbors. Annual events include the National Day of Prayer, Celebration of First Responders, Annual Toy Drive and a Bicycle Give-a-way to children who have improved overall during the school year. This group has been meeting for the past eight years and is led by three men with deep roots to the community, Pastors Irvin Clark, Charlie Tutt and Kent Wilson.

Look a little farther and you see our homegrown Justice of the Peace Joe Stephens who works tirelessly to reach the community. Between the Teen Court and the Boyz Rock 2 Camps that he hosts, there are always deep roots. Joe is a product of the area and wants to continually reach out to make it better.

Another example of someone who grew up in the community and with the foundation he was given, he continues to come back annual and make a difference is retired NFL Player Cory Redding. His career in football may have taken him in several cities but his heart is right here. Each year on the Saturday following Father's Day, he brings friends and former teammates to the GPISD Stadium to teach the basic skills of football to 200 young people. Yet ask any of the past attendees and they will tell you that what they learn in the fieldhouse is just as important. Cory brings together a unique group of volunteers to share life with the attendees. These people plant seeds into the youth. Many of the North Shore State Championship Football Team have been there and had seeds planted.

Anytime you hear something negative about the North Channel Area, please try to share some of these tidbits of hope with others. We never have problems. We have opportunities to stretch our faith and build relationships. The impact of our community roots will long be felt.

Appointment,

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ance Program and reform the Community Development Block Grant Program."

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