## North Channel Star

### Commissioner Garcia details his plans for Pct. 2 improvements

By Gilbert Hoffman

Speaking last week at a North Channel Chamber luncheon, Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia said that he is at a time in his career where he had to make some changes for the benefit of the Precinct 2 constituents. Garcia noted that he had a history of action and commitment to better conditions there. He said a fundamental change in how the county is run has left Harris County fighting for money every year, and this has been a key to implementing better conditions.

Garcia reflected on his first term and said that he had to make some changes in the county, and he found it much easier to implement these changes in Precinct 2.

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SPOUSE ABUSE TURNS TO MURDER IN HIGHLANDS

HIGHLANDS – According to Sergeant Ben Beall, on Tuesday, August 06, at 11:30 a.m. Harris County Sheriff’s Deputy responded to a Domestic Disturbance/Shooting at a residence, located at 8235 Thompson RD, in east Harris County.

The husband, Billy Warford, stated that he argued with his wife, Roselee Salazar. Warford claimed that Salazar pointed a pistol at him, and he then attempted to disarm her. While they struggled for control of the pistol, the pistol discharged, striking Salazar in the chest.

Hightows EMS responded to the scene and pronounced Salazar dead. Sheriff’s Office Homicide and Crime Scene Investigators responded to the scene. Warford provided investigators with a statement. Investigators contacted the Harris County District Attorney’s Office.

Murder charges are pending against Billy Warford. The case is being investigated by the Harris County Sheriff’s Office Homicide Unit.

RUOK? program expands with CASA

Now includes Senior Hispanic community

Harris County Precinct 3 Constable Sherman Eagle-ton is on the move again. Constable Eagle-ton has a heart for people and is fervent about putting the community first. Upon taking office in January 2017, he created a program called RUOK? The purpose of RUOK is to focus on the well-being of elderly members of the community. Ms. Charlotte Jackson coordinates the RUOK program which consists of making a phone call to seniors of the community enrolled in the program. Ms. Jackson simply asks, “Are you OK?” If the senior answers the call and responds that all is well, they move on to the next individual. If, however, the senior does not respond after three calls, a deputy is dispatched to their location to check on their welfare.

Recently, Constable Eagle-ton saw a need to extend this program to the Hispanic community. With this in mind, CASA was created to work in conjunction with RUOK. CASA was designed for those in the Hispanic community whose primary language is Spanish. The coordinator for CASA is Ms. Rebecca Gonzalez. Gonzalez, who is fluent in Spanish, contacts seniors in the Spanish-speaking community simply to ask if everything is okay. CASA offers this service for seniors, or those with disabilities who have no family living in the area. When there is no response, it could indicate that individuals may have fallen, misplaced their phone, or may be injured. The CASA phone call maintains connection with the individual.

CASA stands for Cuidando Ancionos con Seguridad y Asistencia. To participate in this program at no cost, and complete an application to enroll, contact:

RUOK? (713) 274-2113
CASA-Ms. Rebecca Gonzales (713) 274-9072

Shots on Ulrich becomes murder

CHRONOLOGY – The first call in what the Harris County Sheriff’s Office would call a murder case came in at 4:37 a.m. Saturday of a shooting of a man on Ulrich Road.

That man would be identified as James Lindsey by Harris County Sheriff’s Media Relations after he had been flown by LifeFlight Helicopters to Hermann Memorial Hospital.

Witnesses indicate that there was a scrum of shots after a punch and a man known in the neighborhood as Sonny Ramey Sty in the street. He reportedly died of gunshot wounds Tuesday Morning.

Two die in Old 90 bike - truck crash

According to Deputy L. Andrus, “On August 3, 2019 at approximately 10:10 a.m. James Wesley Watson was operating a motorcycle eastbound in the 13800 block of Buena Vista Highway with a female passenger. A tow truck was exiting the Chevron gas station and attempted to cross the northbound lanes in front of his motorcycle. A collision resulted with the tow truck.

The impact caused Watson and female passenger to be thrown from the motorcycle. Both the Watson and female passenger were wearing helmet at the time of the collision. The tow truck driver was transported to the hospital by ambulance with minor injuries. A passenger inside the tow truck was also transported from the scene with minor injuries. The complaint was found at the scene with no sign of life. The female passenger on the motorcycle was transported to the hospital by ambulance with severe injuries. The female passenger of the motorcycle later died at the hospital from her injuries. This case remains under investigation by the Harris County Sheriff’s Office Vehicular Crimes Division.

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“Strike Out Cancer” supports Coach Garcia

Fantastic barbecue and myriad festivities raised fund for Coach John Garcia as Crosby locals moved to Strike Out Cancer at Country Chic, 18302 Noyce Rd. on August 4 Strike Out Cancer was a family friendly event with a host of festivities for the whole family.

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Strike Out Cancer was hosted by County Chic in Crosby last Sunday in support of John Garcia and his family, who is treated for Acute Myeloid Leukemia and is currently undergoing cancer treatments at MD Anderson. This event was scheduled in hope of raising funds to help ease this tremendous financial burden. Donations are still being accepted.

With the support of Ms. Charlotte Jackson, CASA was performing the auction at 3:00 p.m. Larry Stanley enjoying festivities at Country Chic last Sunday indicated that Fast Eddie Foster would conduct a Live Auction. There was a Silent Auction and a raffle drawing in lavish settings of Country Chic. The auction was said to have taken in about $24,000.

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CRIME WATCH

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East Loop Driver shot in back by another car’s passenger

Crime Stoppers and the Houston Police Depart-
ment’s Major Assaults De-
partment are asking for the public’s assistance identifying the suspects responsible for a drive-by shooting.

Aggravated Assault –

On Saturday, June 22, 2019, at approximately 4:15 p.m., the victim was shot in the 100 block of the North Shore area.

During the incident, the victim was driving on the ship channel bridge when a vehicle (a white four door Nissan Maxima or Altima) merging onto the freeway

sideswiped the victim’s vehicle. The suspect vehicle then slowed down and fired several times into the victim’s vehicle.

A passenger from the sus-
ppect vehicle then opened fire on the victim’s vehicle.

The bullet came through the driver’s seat, through the rear hatch of the victim’s vehicle, and into the victim’s back.

The victim was transported to a local hospital and treated for multiple internal injuries.

The suspects fled the scene in a Nissan in an un-
known direction of travel.

The suspect vehicle is described as a white four door Nissan (Maxima or Altima), around the 2010 model.

Anyone who can

aid is asked to contact Crime Stoppers at 713-266-3444 or call anonymously.

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A person is guilty until proven innocent or wealthy. This is how our old outdated justice system has been working in Harris County for far too long. There have been countless studies that show an individual may stay in jail just because they cannot afford to pay a bond. This may be a single mother who is arrested for failing to pay a traffic ticket, loses her job, loses payments for her mortgage and as a result, loses her home. She is now homeless. Or it could be a young man who was wrongfully accused but cannot afford to wait 6 months in jail before someone can take a closer look at that case. We can do better. We must do better.

My career in law enforcement has shown me where government systems can go wrong and how they could improve. Not every person who is accused of a crime will fail to pay their court date.

The old outdated system of holding people in jail until they pay bail or keep them until trial if they cannot – does not make the public safer; it just contributes to overcrowding, which is a problem that could otherwise be contributing to our community. Instead, they are in jail awaiting trial, being represented by a tax dollar.

The old outdated system holds people in jail until they can pay bail – or keeping them until trial if they cannot – does not make the public safer; in fact, studies have shown it incurs crime. A 2013 study by the law firm of John Arnold Founda-

tion found that people who were detained after arrest were more likely to commit more crimes. In fact, the longer a person was detained, the more likely they were to re-offend. After the disposition of their current crimes, it was the former Sheriff, Iaty Heggan, who made it clear that the length of time a person would stay in jail would be released under.

Under the current system, the judges would be more likely to sentence the poor to jail. This means that poor individuals would be torn apart, with no money, dollars. Some families have to fix this. We can do better. We must do better.

A person is guilty until proven innocent. Freedom should not be for all, and it is a national security threat. Let us commit to our constitution that proclaims a person innocent until proven guilty.

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Forgiveness, Hope, Eternal Life Jesus, God the Son, died on the cross for our sins and rose again, so that we could be made right with God. If we confess our sins and believe in Jesus – We will be forgiven, saved, have eternal life. Jesus Christ loves you!

God’s Word, the Bible, says: For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. – Romans 6:23 NASB

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. – Romans 5:8

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. – John 3:16

God, be merciful to me a sinner! – Luke 18:13

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. – 1 John 1:9

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved. – Acts 6:31

To sum up: Repent, Believe, Jesus Saves

We invite you to Northside to learn more about God’s love and salvation. Join us each Sunday at 11am, 6pm.

- David R. Brundibely, pastor, Northside Baptist Church, 317 Burbers Hill Rd., Highlands, TX 77562. northsidehighlands.org

Peggy Sue Mathews, 85, went to be with her Lord on July 17, 2019. She was born to parents E.D. and Nettie Bell (Jenkins) Cargill on June 15, 1934 in Baytown, Texas. Peggy married the love of her life, Herbert Ray Mathews, on December 31, 1953 and would be celebrating their wedding anniversary, if not for her passing in 1998. She was a lifetime member of Uvalde Baptist Church, where she was a leader of the Kestnera Group. Peggy spent numerous days a week volunteering at East Houston Regional Medical Center, where she also ran the gift shop for 27 years until the hospital’s closing.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and brother, Ray Cargill.

Peggy is lovingly survived by her children, Sherry Carkhuff and husband Sharon, Spain, Terri Van Horn, granddaughter, Jonathan for Pumpills and hus- band Donal, great-grandchildren, Luke Pumpills, and Cameron Pumpills, as well as numerous extended family members and friends.

Memorial services for Peggy will be held at a later date.

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by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor, Stacy Association of Mature American Citizens

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2019

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LIFESTYLE PAGE
9/9/2019 Galena Park Fun Club

Event begin at 12:00 p.m. before meeting. Covered dish luncheon after meeting. 
Free for members and $5 for guest. 
Meeting location at the Alvin Baggett Center.

9/10/2019 East Harris County Community

Education Commission at 1:30 p.m. at the East Harris County Education Center.

9/10/2019 Back 2 School Weekend! 
Backpack Giveaway

A Back to School event will be held at the North Shore Rotary Park located at 14600 Forte Street. Free bus to school supplies. Requires MUST bring current utility bill show proof of address. The event is sponsored by Junture Church’s Backpack, and 36th Avenue.

9/10/2019 Galena Park Community

Empowerment Commission Hurricane Recovery

A free family event beginning at 10 a.m. at the Alvin Baggett Center, 13200 Koven Road.

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Empowerment Commission Back to School

Back to School Back to School event will be held at North Shore Rotary Park. Free backpacks will be given away.

9/10/2019 North Shore Alumni Kickball

Alumni are invited to come out to North Shore Alumni Kickball Game at 5 p.m. for a friendly game of kickball. The event is open to all classes from 1965 to 2019.

9/15/2019 East Houston Democrats

Monthly Meeting

Meeting held at 6:30 p.m. at the Milton J. Lask Youth Activity Center on Mercury Drive to learn about upcoming issues and events. For more information, please contact Curtis at 832-789-3377.

9/17/2019 GPISD and Harris Health Sys-

Annual District Immunization Day

This event will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the North Shore Senior High School. All children ages two months to 18 years old be vaccinated by a parent or must have shot record. There will be activities for children, children’s health and children’s health information for parents. For more details, please call 281-396-1053.

As the Expert

Welcome to the world of pearls. With the tremendous variety of pearls in the market today, pearls are considered one of the most understood of all gemstones. From the little that is known about Tahitian pearls to the different types of pearls, pearl pricing is a complex one. When one imagines a round strand of white pearls, they are usually thinking of a strand of Akoya pearls.

Although rare black pearls and pearls with more silver-blue to gold in their hue is another breed for another article and many, many more, the round style is far too appealing to ignore.

For those looking for something a little different, here’s a look at the different types of pearls, pearl pricing and how to best care for the pearls you’ve chosen.

The Classic Pearl

For nearly 300 years, almost every single type of pearl was thought of as a round pearl. This is because the pearl most closely resembles a circle and is the most reflective shape. When most people think of pearls, they are thinking of a strand of Akoya pearls. If you are looking for a classic strand of round white pearls, you are probably looking for a strand of Akoya pearls.

The Freshwater Pearl

The most affordable pearls sold today, freshwater pearls are known for their luster, their beauty and their color. They are also the most affordable of all pearl varieties. The most common freshwater pearls are coming from China and Japan. China is the largest producer of freshwater pearls, followed by Japan, the United States and the Philippines. If you are looking for a hint of color in your pearls, freshwater pearls are a great choice. These pearls can range in size from 5 to 12 mm.

SELECTING A PEARL

One of the most popular conditions in selecting a piece of pearl jewelry is the shape of the pearl. While there are specific conditions when it comes to pearls such as round to drop to baroque, round is generally accepted as the perfect shape of a pearl. The best round pearls have little to no irregularities such as holes, dents, or flat places.

The Best Pearls

If you are looking for the best pearls then you are not looking for the most expensive. The best pearls have the most luster and the most total and the most beautiful of all pearls. The best pearls are freshwater pearls, although many high-quality freshwater pearls can be had for a reasonable price.

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Dear Commissioner Adrian Garcia:

We are pleased that you are considering updates to our community. But, before you start investing your time and our money to enhance parks in our community, maybe you should consider improving the neighborhood.

We read and saw pictures in the NORTH CHANNEL STAR newspaper where you attended the community meeting to promote parks in Channelview. Without you and your council, we do not know what your plans were for the next community meeting on June 20th at the Martin L. Flukinger Community Center, where we voiced our concern.

You would have been made aware that we all had the same concern and vision for Precinct 2. The number one complaint was the problem with the homeless people under I-10 and Sheldon Road. Every time you exit the freeway to enter our community, that is what we the residents and potential new residents to our area first see.

It is illegal to allow your dog to foul in a public place and clean it up after it. But you allow the homeless to foul, fight, do drugs, drink alcohol and litter the streets of Channelview not inside, under the eaves, of their homes, but outside in the open under the I-10. Is this what you want to make our neighbors think of when they think of Channelview?

The number two concern that residents had was lack of “street lighting.” We all know that illumination helps prevent crime. Street lighting also improves safety for drivers, riders, and pedestrians. Especially around parks, like River Terrace Park on Lakeside Drive. Nowhere on your list of Proposed Improvements to that park did you mention lighting. Main streets, like Market Street, Sheldon Road, Dell Dale, Lakeside Drive and other streets need lighting.

Another concern is stray dogs and cats. They are a big nuisance. We understood that there is a law in place that says all pets must be on a leash. That need to be enforced for everyone’s safety. The animal problem must be addressed so no one will be able to enjoy the parks.

Other concerns we have are that we do not have Urgent Care or a Hospital in Channelview. We have to travel to Houston to get health care. We do not have access to large trash dumps where our residents use their front yard, back yard, and make their own dump sites along abandoned streets. We have vacant homes and abandoned properties that attract drugs, crime, squatters, and fires.

We hope that you can get with court officials to add a law to your list of things to improve before you start spending money trying to enhance the parks.

Respectfully submitted,
Citizens of Channelview

Reader asks Commissioner to reconsider priorities