

APPLAUSE

Volunteer Fire Department rewards outstanding service

The League City Volunteer Fire Department hosted its annual awards ceremony to celebrate firefighters and department supporters who were instrumental in continuing the department's tradition as one of Texas' strongest all-volunteer forces. This special evening marked the close of League City Volunteer Fire Department's 70th year by highlighting those who help make the department great. Gavino "Vinny" Rivas, a volunteer firefighter with the department, acted as master of ceremonies for the event. Daniel Gibbs and Ken Howe took the evening's top honors as Officer and Firefighter of the Year, respectively. Gibbs, vice president for Skilled Craftsmen of Texas Inc., serves as a lieutenant out of station No. 5. He earned recognition for his work developing and running the city's fire academy. Howe, a civil engineer and station No. 4 firefighter, led the development of community-focused emergency



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gibbs

action plans, streamlining station response while increasing individual fire truck effectiveness. Members from neighboring departments also received service recognition for their support during emergency operations. The Santa Fe Fire Department, one of several departments providing mutual aid to League City, had its fire chief, C.T. Anderson, on



Gavino "Vinny" Rivas, left, and Santa Fe Fire Chief C.T. Anderson

hand to receive his department's award. The recognition extended beyond those uniformed members of the fire service. Mali Cornitius, Heather Pritchard and Erin Moeller, all wives of station No. 5 firefighters, were recognized for raising funds for the Firefighter Relief Fund through developing and marketing the departments' first firefighter calendar.

MathCounts team wins top performance at state

The Westbrook MathCounts team crunched the numbers, and there was tough competition at the state competition in Austin. The Westbrook team, under the coaching of WAVE teacher Cathy Wolfe placed fifth in the state. Patrick Pan, the Westbrook MathCounts team captain, won the entire tournament. The eighth-grader thanked his math teachers for their efforts in helping him to become the math student he is today. Gov. Rick Perry was on hand to congratulate the team and Patrick Pan on their win.



Pictured, from left, are MathCounts substitute coach Feng Chen; Gov. Rick Perry; Patrick Pan, team captain and first-place winner in Texas; Michael Tian; William Wu; Eric Ho and Daniel Ho. Not pictured are coach Cathy Wolfe and Raymond Fang, individual competitor.



Anne Bentley, yard of the month chair for Galveston Area Realtors, awards the Harts the Yard of the Month designation.

Hart family earns April's yard of month

The Galveston Board of Realtors selected 3207 Dominique as the April Yard of the Month. Jenn, Danny and Jacob Hart own the home and are ready for spring as their hard work shows.

Psst!

See what interesting facts and stories Ilan White will discover from across the county next week.

Torres earns leader award

Maria Torres received Industrial Material Corp.'s Company Leader Award for the first time. Torres joined IMC in 2009, is an administrative



Maria Torres

assistant in the industrial coatings work group and serves on the IMC safety team. The IMC Company Leader Award is given quarterly to the representative who best exemplifies its commitments to safety, quality, production and morale. Founded in 1958, Industrial Material Corp. is a metals service center, structural fabricator and industrial painter. IMC is located in Galveston.

DAR honors good citizens and essayists

The Daughters of the American Revolution had a tea to recognize the recipients of the organization's Good Citizens award and the winners of its annual American history essay competition. The DAR Good Citizens are Olivia Osband, of La Marque High School; Christina Fernandez, of Santa Fe High School; Morris Tuck, of Hitchcock High School; and Kathryn Westerman, of O'Connell College Preparatory School in Galveston. In the high school level essay contest, senior Ashleylynn Hallee took second place, and senior Devyn Sims tied for first place with junior Ernest Stephenson. All are students at Hitchcock High School. The winners of the junior high essay contest all attend Crosby Middle School in Hitchcock. They are Emily Desormeaux, second place, sixth grade; Drager Landry, first place, sixth grade; Nathan Quintanilla, second place, seventh grade; Tajinderpal Walia, first place, seventh grade, and Brittney Johnson, first place, eighth grade.



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Pictured, from left, are Peter Holt, chairman of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Commission; Walt Dabney, director of parks; Don Ware, with Friends of Galveston Island State Park; rangers Karen Montgomery, Jeff Winchester and Hans Haglund; Justin Rhodes, TPWD Region 4 director; and Carter Smith, executive director of TPWD.

Park rangers honored for restoration work

Galveston Island State Park rangers were recognized for their efforts "above and beyond the call of duty" in the restoration of Galveston Island State Park. The award was presented during the executive session of the March meeting of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Commission.

THE GREEKS ARE BACK!

KNOCKED DOWN BY IKE, BUT NOT KNOCKED OUT. THE GREEK COMMUNITY WILL CELEBRATE THE REBUILDING OF THEIR CHURCH AFTER A YEAR AND A HALF OF HARD WORK, WITH A SPRING GREEK FEST

Saturday, April 17 & Sunday, April 18
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