

LOCAL

School notes



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Incarnate Word Academy High School Level's Mission Team returned home March 31 after serving others throughout Holy Week. Eighty-six students from the high school level's Mission Team traveled to Big Wells and Asherton on March 24.

Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) honored **Beverly M. Naismith** of Portland, as a 50-Year member at the 2013 MTNA National Conference held March 9-13 in Anaheim, Calif. Naismith, a nationally certified teacher of music, has been teaching piano, violin and viola at her Naismith Studio of Music since 1963. She was Texas Music Teachers Association Chamber Music Chairman for three years and has also sung with the Corpus Christi Chorale since 1989. In 1992, Naismith founded the Sunshine Melodies Fine Arts Summer Camp, a one-week camp that uses composition, visual arts, choir, dance and

drama to tell the story of a composer and an artist from a historical era. For information about MTNA, visit www.mtna.org.

The Baylor Alumni Association will offer eight different reading skills programs for ages 4 through adults in Corpus Christi. Tuition and materials fees vary by program level. Programs begin the week of July 15 at Annapolis Christian Academy. Information/registration: 888-201-2448, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday; 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Incarnate Word Academy sixth-grader Gabriel Rauen

competed in the State Geography Bee on Friday in Bedford. The state winner will receive \$100, the "Complete National Geographic on DVD" and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., to represent the state of Texas in the National Geographic Bee from May 20-22. The national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship, a lifetime membership in the society, and a trip to the Galápagos Islands, courtesy of Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic. Gabriel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rauen Jr. of Corpus Christi.

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Class reunions

Wynn Seale Jr. High School is planning a 2013 reunion in the spring for all classes. Information: Linda, 361-549-6206; Al, 361-549-8531; Joanne, 361-215-7560.
Ella Barnes Jr. High Class of 1956-76. Original committee will hold the second reunion July 19 (social) and July 20 (formal dinner) at Holiday Inn Airport. Information: Rosalva Ortiz, 361-563-8693; John Richard G. Ortiz, 361-

563-1378; Rosalinda Garcia, 904-2385.
Miller High School Class of 1963 will hold its 50th reunion Aug. 30-31 at Omni Hotel. The event is open to all Miller graduates. Information: Tony Torres, 331-4369; Minnie Sanchez, 945-0242; Kathy Freyer Kern, 832-723-4226; Joe Barrientes, 443-3266; or Josie Gomez, 563-4189.
Calallen High School graduating classes of 1943-

75 will hold a four-decade reunion Sept. 20-22 at Holiday Inn Emerald Beach. The event features a football game Sept. 20; dinner and dance, Sept. 21; and farewell breakfast, Sept. 22. Information: Brenda Roe Bonaventura, 832-326-0053, or email grandparents34@yahoo.com.

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College notes

Amanda L. Gutschow, of Corpus Christi, was placed on the dean's list for the 2012 fall semester at Texas State University-San Marcos. Gutschow is a 2011 graduate of Carroll High School and is the daughter of Chris and Annette Gutschow.

Allison Calloway, of Corpus Christi, was inducted into Delta Mu Delta at the Paul R. Carter College of Business at Harding University during March 24 ceremonies. She is a junior marketing major.

Graduate teaching assistants, **Romeo Garcia** and **Michelle Garza**, both received "Scholars for the Dream" awards for their presentations at the Conference on College Composition and Communication (CCCC) held March 13-16 in Las Vegas. Garcia and Garza were chosen based on the originality of their research and their overall contributions to the field. The Conference on College Composition and Communication sponsors

the "Scholars for the Dream" Awards to encourage scholarship by historically underrepresented groups. Recipients of the awards receive monetary travel awards and a one-year membership to both the conference and the National Council of Teachers of English.

The Center for Academic Student Achievement's (CASA) AIM Program at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has been recognized by the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA) for adopting and using the association's standards and guidelines for effective mentor training and best practices. The award was accepted by **John Fortiscue** and **Colin Bohne**, both CASA Retention Specialists. The program has met the training requirements for International Mentor Training Program Certification (IMTPC). The center is now equipped to ensure their

employees are receiving the most current research-based training, mentoring skills for "best practices" when assisting students, and tools for program documentation and assessment, according to a university news release.

Apurba Bhattacharya, associate professor of chemistry at Texas A&M University-Kingsville, has been selected by the university's Faculty Senate committee to deliver the 33rd Annual Faculty Lecture beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Biology-Earth Science Building, Kingsville campus. His topic is green chemistry in the pharmaceutical industry. This event is open to the public. Bhattacharya has some 30 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry, working for companies like Merck and Bristol Myers Squibb and Hoechst.

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City scoops

Bridge inspection will close lanes daily

Texas Department of Transportation officials Monday are beginning an inspection of the Harbor Bridge that will result in lane closures for two weeks.

Every two years, experts inspect the bridge's steel structure and identify any joints or connectors that might need maintenance. Weather permitting, the inspection is expected to be completed in two weeks.

The first phase of the inspection will be on the east side of the bridge and will result in the right northbound lane being closed from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. TxDOT officials said the access ramp will be closed, and there is a possibility that the middle lane will be closed temporarily as well. The second phase is schedule to begin April 15 on the west side of the bridge. The southbound right lane will be closed from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the middle lane will be closed at times.

John Allen

Surveying project will restrict roadway

An ongoing AT&T project will result in various lane closures during the next four weeks starting Monday, according to a news release from the city of Corpus Christi traffic engineering office.

During the surveys, traffic will be reduced to one lane at the work site. Contractors will be surveying at these locations:

- Comanche Street, between Ayers Street and Staples Street
- Alameda Street, from Comanche Street to Ayers/Staples (Six Points)
- Staples Street, from Six Points to Kostoryz Road
- Kostoryz Road, from Staples Street to Gollihar Road
- Gollihar Road, from Kostoryz Road to Carmel Parkway
- Carmel Parkway, from Gollihar Road to Staples Street
- Staples Street, from Carmel Parkway to Autotown/Gollihar Road

- Gollihar Road, from Staples Street to Airline Road
 - Airline Road, from Gollihar Road to Saratoga Boulevard
- Information: 361-826-3547.

John Allen

City warns drivers of Everhart delays

Northbound Everhart Road near South Padre Island Drive will be reduced to one lane for approximately two weeks starting Monday, according to a news release from the city of Corpus Christi traffic engineering office.

Contractors will be working on the new Sam's Club in the 5100 block of Everhart.

Traffic barricades will be removed after each work day.

Motorists should expect delays in the usually heavily traveled area and if possible, avoid the area. Information: 361-826-3547

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Area scoop

Couple killed in head-on collision

BEECOUNTY—A couple were killed in a head-on collision Saturday on U.S. Highway 181 between Kenedy and Beeville.

Officials said that a man driving a Volkswagen Jetta southbound on U.S. Highway 181 attempted to pass another vehicle in a

no-passing zone at about 5:30 p.m. Saturday when his vehicle collided with a northbound sedan driven by 70-year-old Jesus Rodriguez. Rodriguez was pronounced dead at the scene, officials said.

His wife, Nora, was a passenger in the vehicle and was taken to University Hospital in San Antonio, where she later died.

The driver of the Jetta also was taken to University Hospital, where he was listed in serious condition.

All involved in the collision were wearing seat belts, and there is no suspicion of alcohol being involved, officials said.

The wreck is under investigation.

Brittney Richerson

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Stella Grace in her first beauty pageant. She was crowned Tiny Miss Round-Up in Ingleside's annual pageant. She is the daughter of Patricia Duran and Richard Fuentes, of Portland.

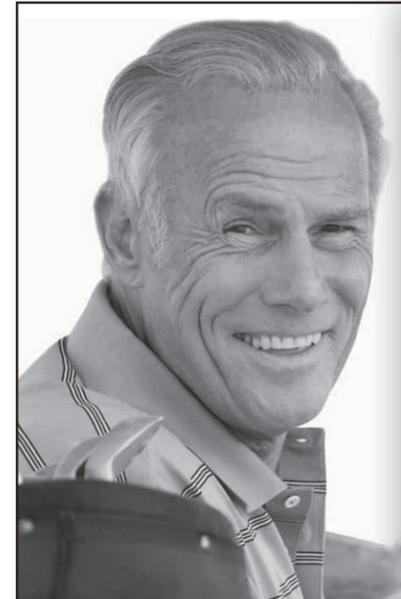
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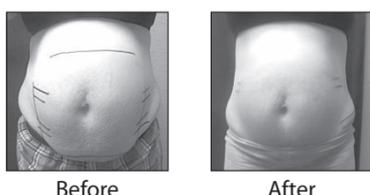


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