Business Tax Cuts, **Special Ed Reform Pass Senate SEE PAGE 7**



Sharks Tread Water With Cobra Split SEE PAGE 11

City talks water

The City of Palacios held a

The scope of the project presented by City Manager Cindy Raleigh and Jared Sienkiewich, P.E. of Garver Engineering, was mainly fire protection, regulaliability, and potential impacts from replacement of older water system pipes on insurance rates. The overall goal would be to increase high service capacity, comply with Texas Center for Environmental Quality (TCEQ), and address storage and system reliability.

The evening workshop presentation consisted of 17 pages of graphs, maps and pictures, which outlined a menagerie of water woes, with cross talk between Raleigh and Sienkiewich

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Early voting

begins Tues. for

City, PISD races

Early voting in the City of Palacios and Palacios ISD

general election in May will begin on Tues. (April 22) and runs thru April 29. Ballots

may be cast between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Port of Pa-

lacios Administration Building, located at 1601 Main St. **City Ticket** On the City of Palacios ticket, voters will have their say in a pair of contested

Voters are assured of at least one new face at the

Council table as former Councilman Mike Dotson faces off against Victoria Duran in the race for Place 4.

Incumbent one-term Coun-

cilmemember Margie Wier

decided against a reelection

cumbent Joe Ramirez must

contend with the challenge

posed in his bid to replace outgoing Place 3 Council-

man Chip Woolf, who opted

against a run at reelection.

from Kent Adams.

In the race for Place 5, in-

Two-time former Councilman Larry Glenn is unop-

races.



Dirt moving underway at Bowers Park

BY BRANDI GARCIA WEST Palacios Beacon

If you turn down the recycling center road, off of Hwy 35, you'll see dirt work starting at the new Bowers Park, the 20 acres of land donated by Harold and Cheryl Bowers specifical-

soon be positively impacted upon the completion of Bowers Park, the sports complex projected to be com-

pleted in the Spring of 2026.
According to Kristen Kubecka, the Matagorda County Auditor, "The

first Matagorda County owned Pa- different means including the Precinct lacios Park. Countless children will #3 departmental budget, certificates of obligation, grants, and donations. The Trull Foundation has graciously awarded a \$100,000 grant in support of the Palacios Park, and the Bowers family has donated land and services.

ly for the purpose of establishing the (See PARK, Page 3) project will be funded through several Easter Bunny pays early visit for Eagles Easter Egg Hunt...

(See VOTING, Page 5) **'Unmodified** opinion' on Seawall's audit

BY RYAN WEST Palacios Beacon-Publisher

The Matagorda Co. - Palacios Seawall Commission received the highest mark it could received, an 'unmodified opinion' on its annual

At last week's regular monthly meeting, Jenna Coulter of KM&L Public Accountants presented the audit report to the Commissioners and reported "absolutely no

The 'unmodified opinion' on the auditors findings, Coulter reported, "That is

Project Updates
Matt Glaze of Urban Egnineering reported the Seawall's Boating Access Grant project is needing to resend a copy of the coastal easement to the GLO, who somehow misplaced the document sent five years ago when the project initially began.

Glaze noted the Living Shoreline Project received its Corps of Engineers per-

(See SEAWALL, Page 4)

BY MARICA ELLIS

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Council workshop last Thursday to discuss improvements to the City's water infrastructure and updates pertaining to a potential \$15-million funding application to the Texas Water Development

tory compliance and system re-

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Century Club membership drive underway

The Friends of the Palacios Library launched has their annual Century Club Membership Drive. Century Club membership dues are \$150. In appreciation of your support, members will two complimentary tickets to the Harvest Moon Dinner-Dance on October The names of Century Club members are on a plaque that is prominently displayed in the library. To become a member of the Century Club, you can pay online at www. palacioslibrary.net/century-club or make your check payable to the Friends of the Palacios Library. Dues may be mailed to P. O. Box 2, Palacios, TX 77465 or taken to the Library.

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Photos by Ryan West)

ROUGHLY 100 children turned out for the

13th annual Fraternal Order of Eagles #3821

Easter Egg Hunt in the 6th St. Park last week-

end. Scattered across four different divisions,

hundreds of candy and treat filled Easter Eggs were scooped up in a matter of minutes

while the Easter Bunny watched on. (Beacon