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New Kemah store is the largest in Texas.



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y Area residents will to the polls Saturday, 12, to elect a number of officials, Clear Creek ol Board trustees and to osts on the Harris Coun-CID # 50 Board and the veston WCID #12

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most cases, voters will to cast ballots at two difit polling places as city, ions will be held at varicity halls and the school d elections at various

as will be open from 7 to 7 p.m.

me cities will not hold ions. League City has poned its election until ember and Nassau Bay Taylor Lake Village cantes have no opponents. most all cities will convoting at their city halls. exception is Clear Lake es with the Clear Lake es Clubhouse designatthe polling place for the icipal election, and votfor three seats on the reston County WCID poard and a Kemah Voler Fire Department fee

ment fee increase at the fire station.

Voting for the Harris County WCID # 50 Board will take place at the WCID office, 1122 Cedar Lane in El Lago, where Russ Gartman, Mario Runco, J.L. Restivo, Ralph Toennies and Jon Vernon are vying for seats.

CCISD POLLING PLACES

Voters can cast their ballots for the CCISD trustees at a number of places:

At-Large Position A Amr Abouleish, MD Charles Pond **Harris County**

Precincts #0090, #0333, #0377,#0415, #0692, #0703, #0290 at Robinson Elementary . 451 Kirby Drive . Seabrook

Precincts #0907, #0091, #0391, #0746, #0748, #1040, #0750, #0416, #0174 at Space Center Intermediate • 17400 Saturn Lane • Houston

Precincts #307 at Nassau Bay City Hall • 18100 Upper Bay Road • Nassau Bay

Precincts #0473, #0568, #0699, #0715, #0744, #0745, #1037, #0732, #0728, #1040, #0750 at Ward Elementary • 1440 Bouldercrest • Hous-

Precincts #0092, #0306, #0718, #0721, #0724, #0174 ease at the Kemah Fire at Clear Lake 9th Grade Cen-

KEELS & WHEELS, GRAND MARSHAL BOBBY UNSER DELIGHTS CROWD AT POPULAR ANNUAL BAY AREA CELEBRATION



Photos by KAR B HLAVA

Bobby Unser, who is the 2012 Grand Marshal met with visitors and signed autographs during the show.

Perry pushes legislators to keep Texas on right track'

By FLORIAN MARTIN fmartin@hcnonline.com

Texas is the best state when it comes to business development but the Legislature has to continue to make sure it stays that way, Gov. Rick Perry said at a lun-cheon at the Clear Lake Hilton Monday, May 7.

Perry spoke in front of about 300 Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership members, including many elected officials, to talk about his Texas Budget Compact, which he announced last month.

The compact supports a constitutional limit to spending to the growth of population and inflation, opposes any tax increases; supports a permanent tax exemption for small businesses, demands preserving a strong Rainy Day Fund and proposes cutting unnecessary government pro-grams and agencies.

Speaking infront of exclusively fellow Republican lawmakers, such as State Reps. Larry Taylor, Ken Legler and John Davis, and State Sen. Mike Jackson, Perry admitted that he may be preaching to the choir but said it is important for Texas not to get lazy. .

We got to look into ways how we can maintain our lead," Perry said, and that is by following his budget



Photo by ALEXANDRIA RANDOLPH/For The Citizen

West Marine Assistant Manager Michael Valeasquez (left) and General Manager Nolan Vander-Haagen (center).



A wide variety of boating equipment supplies, fishing tackle, clothing and more can be found in the expanded West Marine store, at 25,000 square feet the largest

supply

marine

store in Texas.

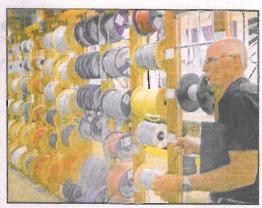


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General manager and Clear Lake resident Nolan Vander-Haagen details the features of the store's boating supply area.

Vest Marine launches flagship store in Kema

By JIM MOLONY jmolony@hcnonline.com

West Marine held grand opening festivities for the first flagship store in Texas over the weekend as more than one thousand people showed at the 25,000-square foot

'We wanted to make sure that we cater to everybody that owns a boat or enjoys boating, fishing and being on the water," Nolan Vander-Haagen, General Manager and Clear Lake resident said. "We will offer everything needed, in terms of fishing gear, engine parts, clothing -

whether on Galveston Bay or the Gulf of Mexico.'

kind in the state, features a 2,500-square feet fishing section with a fishing shack for local anglers. The focus is on up during three days of events saltwater fishing, both inshore and offshore. An impressive array of reels, rods they enter the main entrance

"This is something the customers have expressed an interest in, and we had the space, so it just made sense to do it," Vander-Haagen said of adding the fishing lines.

An on-site sailboat rigging

parts counter staffed by spe-The store, the largest of its cialists. A wide variety of kayaks and inflatable boats are available.

line of shoes and clothing to fit the boating crowd. Everything from sunglasses to high heel boating shoes can be and tackle greet visitors as found in the clothing sec-

day of boating and fishing, boat hardware department is customers an opportunity to years. The 30 associates have on site as well as an engine try out the latest in boating electronics gear in a hands on setting

Adding so many lines and additional floor space West The store has an expanded Marine needed to add more employees.

> We went from 12-15 to 30 associates," Geoff Eisenberg, President and CEO, said.

That crew brings a lot of experience to bear. Vander-There are 125 live units in Haagen has been with West

more than 330 years of combined boating, fishing and sailing experience with more than 50,000 nautical miles to their credit.

West Marine is located at 1401 Marina Bay Drive in Kemah.

The store is one of four flagship stores opened by West Marine this year. The others are in Honolulu, Hawaii, Old Saybrook, Conn. and Fort Myers, Fla. Overall Watsonville, Calif.-based West Marine has 310 stores worldwide.













