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CHANNEL CHATTER

EPA meeting on toxins in river Jan. 30

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SJRiver Coalition

HIGHLANDS – The EPA has announced that it will host a community meeting in Highlands, Texas on Thursday, January 30th at 6:00 p.m. to hear concerns of residents and stakeholders. Meeting will be at the Highlands Community Center. TexansTogether say "Let's make our voices heard! It's our time to make sure the river gets cleaned permanently. Toxic chemicals should not be stored near major waterways!"

Last Thursday (January 9) 7,500 gallons of 4-methylcyclohexane methanol leaked into West Virginia's Elk River, less than two miles upstream from a major water treatment facility. The spill left nearly 300,000 people in nine counties without access to the most basic necessity. West Virginians - and concerned citizens across the country - were left to wonder why such toxic chemicals could be kept so close to a water way.

But for residents of East Harris County, this is nothing new. Cities like Highlands and Baytown have been dealing with contaminated water for years and for nearly two decades we've been warned about the dangers of consuming fish caught in the San Jacinto River or Galveston Bay. All of this is due to irresponsible chemical storage near a major waterway.

The San Jacinto River waste pits, a 14 acre site near Interstate 10, were dug in the '60's as a dumping ground for industrial paper waste. Mercury, PCB's, even dioxin compounds such as Agent Orange, were dumped in the pits and left. The San Jacinto River Coalition, along with residents from all over the Gulf Coast Region, believe that this waste should be permanently removed from the site and moved to a different location, not near a major waterway. "The San Jacinto River is used by thousands of people each year for fishing, swimming, and boating. Riverfront property is a major economic draw for the region," said Jackie Young, an environmental geologist and organizer with Texans Together. "This spill in West Virginia only underscores the inherent danger of keeping toxic chemicals near rivers."

Galena Park Rodeo Art Show sparkles

Hundreds view GP District Rodeo Art

Hundreds of students, parents, art lovers and art teachers turned out last Thursday, Jan. 16 at the North Shore High School, for a large display of award winning Rodeo and western art from all the grades in the district. The prize winners will be sent to the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo art judging, for possible additional prizes and a chance to be auctioned for scholarship money.

Sam Harris, Director of GP Fine Arts programs, explained how teachers worked with the students over a period of time, sketching, giving them exam-

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A Western Silhouette.



Noah Brown, a first grader at Havard Elementary, won Best of Show. His mother Miranda is at left, art teacher Tonya Lloyd at right. His cow is in watercolor & crayon, happily kicking up his legs.



ART FROM ALL GRADES is displayed on the North Shore HS stage.
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Webster's Auction Palace sells Michael Brown's Estate

Bill Webster, owner of Webster's Auction Palace on Luthe Road in Aldine, has been in business for 35 years, but this month he is auctioning the Estate items from Michael Brown, the Houston hand doctor that spent lavishly, but died at the age of 55 in a Florida hospital.

The auction took 4 Sundays, and included vehicles, furniture, guns, animal trophies, jewelry, clothing, and more. It would be an understatement to say that everything was special and expensive, but the enthusiastic crowd got many bargains. Rolex watches sold for \$3000, antique gold \$1 coins for \$500, a \$29,000 necklace for \$15,000 as examples.



A LARGE CROWD packed the auction house, as jewelry, guns, taxidermy, gold coins and more were sold at auction last Sunday.
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Congressman Green holds Town Hall meeting at North Channel Library

Congressman Gene Green met with his constituents in the North Shore area last Wednesday night, updated them on legislative action in Congress, and answered questions from the audience.

Green said that he meets with the public on the twice yearly Congressional breaks, in January and August, but is always available to take phone calls, or have his offices work on problems that a resident of his district might have.

This Town Hall meeting is only one of about five public events that Green has conducted in January. He also held a Senior Issues Forum Wednesday morning, at the Baldree Center on Corpus Christi in Channelview. At that Forum, representatives from federal and county agencies were on hand to answer



CONGRESSMAN GENE GREEN talks about Congressional bills that have recently been enacted, and legislation such as the Affordable Care Act, that affect local citizens.
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questions from senior citizens, and help them with needed service. These included Social Security Administration,

County Area on Aging, and the Better Business Bureau.

Green reminded the audience that on Monday, Febru-

ary 10th, he is sponsoring a workshop on "Paying for College" at Chavez High School, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Issues that Green spoke about at this Town Hall included the omnibus Budget Bill that was recently passed, federal debt reduction, healthcare benefits and limitations due to Texas not participating, a Job Fair that will be held soon, increased domestic energy production in the U.S., because of the hydraulic fracturing technique and horizontal drilling, and what it means to more jobs in the Houston area, and how it affects the local economy.

Green plans another Healthcare or ACA workshop on March 15th, at M.O. Campbell Center in Aldine, just before the deadline to sign up for ACA this year. He said that

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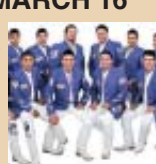
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the ACA is more important in Texas, because this state has the highest percentage of uninsured, and the largest number of people uninsured, in the United States.

Green also serves on Energy and Commerce committees, as well as the healthcare subcommittee.

Questions from the audience included whether he would participate in the 100th Anniversary of the opening of the Houston Ship Channel, which he said he was working on, and how his "ADAPT" leg-

islation would help the pharmaceutical industry search for a substitute for the common antibiotic drugs in use today that are no longer as effective.

Green also said he was actively attempting to get more FQHC, or Federal Quality Health Clinics set up in the Houston area, and more specifically his 29th District, due to the lack of insured healthcare services.

He is also working on Job Fairs for San Jacinto College North in May, and one sooner in Jacinto City.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Kevin Pipes was awarded by Bob Boyles and Chief Kulak for Officer of the Year.



Officer Rubin Leal presents the first Safety Award to Chris Reed for mentoring other fire fighters in practices.



Isaac Pinson was awarded for 10 Years of Service to the department by Chief Kulak

Crosby Fire Fighters earn respect



The New Executive Board of Officers are Isaac Pinson, Mike Sims, Rodney Reed, Chief Alan Kulak, Russell White, Ruben Leal and Kevin Pipes. Below, Crosby Volunteer Fire Dept. Ladies Auxillary make the effort




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rades. It was a great natured celebration attended by the Board of the local Emergency Service District and special guest of Emergency Service District #4 board and HCESD#5 Coordinator, Christy Graves. In addition to the awards ceremony a buffett surf and turf dinner. Following the awards, Rodney Reed poked fun at some of the more humorous incidents and individuals involved in those incidents in the prior year.


This year the Firefighter of the Year went to Thomas Jett, to his surprise. He indicated that he did the same as the rest and was honored by the recognition of his fellow firefighters. Kevin Pipes, a Fire Marshal and active volunteer was selected as Officer of the Year and that token is said by his peers to represent lots of devotion. When asked why he got the award he simply responded that "The membership thought I did the best job of the seven of us."

But when further pressed Pipes admitted "I did not expect to receive this award, so many other officers contribute so much to the department. I spent a lot of time and hours at the fire department I feel like the membership saw my contribution more than others' efforts, but it was certainly worth it to get the award." Chris Reed, father to Rodney Reed, husband of Chairperson of the Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce, Wendy Reed, was the first to receive the Safety Award, really for being mentor to other fire-

fighters. He is credited taught the most skills and concepts to other firefighters. Isaac Pinson was awarded for 10 years of service to the department. He is also a member of the executive board of officers. Sam Parker and Clay Budd were recognized for the number of calls they responded to within the year. The Executive Staff Officers this year are Isaac Pinson, Mike Sims, Rodney Reed, Chief Alan Kulak, Russell White, Ruben Leal, and Kevin Pipes.



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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Report proposes paths toward water security

AUSTIN — State Comptroller Susan Combs on Jan. 14 released “Texas Water Report: Going Deeper For The Solution,” a study of water issues Texas faces, and a set of recommendations.

“Texas has been prone to cycles of drought for centuries and there is no reason to expect that basic pattern to change,” Combs said in bringing



attention to the report. “Yet our state has changed and its booming population and economy are creating an increasingly unquenchable demand for water,” she added.

Available now at the comptroller’s web site (cpa.state.tx.us) the report also explains the \$2 billion in new funding for water projects approved Nov. 5 by voters in a constitutional amendment. Voter approval was a positive step, Combs said, adding, “We need a revolution in water technology. We need a breakthrough in this field, and some of our state funding should be used for innovative technologies which increase conservation.”

In the report, Combs recommends:

- A “prize framework” to be established by the Legislature, “to reward those who develop proven new, cheap sources of drinking water.”
- Cost-effective supplements to reservoirs and aquifers.
- A grant program to provide assistance to local water authorities “including but not limited to” cities, counties, river authorities, water conservation districts and municipal utility districts that achieve “meaningful and verifiable increases in water efficiency due to conservation activities.”

“Although we tend to point to the historic drought as a singular cause for our water problems today, we’re not blameless,” said state Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, in quoted material included in Combs’ release.

“Moreover, there exists no single silver bullet solution. To make matters more complicated, Texas is so geographically and meteorologically diverse, that what may work in one part of the state would be ineffective in another. That is why it is so critical that the Legislature continue to promote conservation and innovation for municipal, industrial and agricultural water uses,” Duncan said.

Drought disaster continues

Gov. Rick Perry on Jan. 16 renewed his July 5, 2011 drought disaster proclamation certifying that exceptional drought conditions posed a threat in 120 counties in Texas.

“State rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat are suspended for the duration of the state of disaster,” according to the document.

Get flu shot, says first lady

With medical providers seeing an increase in flu across Texas, Anita Perry, first lady of Texas, on Jan. 9 said it’s not too late for Texans to get immunized.

“As a nurse, I know how safe and effective the flu vaccine is, and how easy it is to get. I’m urging all Texans to protect themselves and their fellow Texans from this potentially deadly disease by getting vaccinated,” she said in a Jan. 9 announcement along with state Health and Human Services Commissioner Kyle Janek.

Flu kills an average of 23,600 Americans a year, say statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Safety meetings scheduled

The State Fire Marshal’s Office on Jan. 13 announced plans to conduct a series of meetings with county officials and first responders to reinforce best practices for ammonium nitrate storage facilities.

Partnering in the initiative are the Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas Department of State Health Services, Texas Office of the State Chemist, and Texas A&M Engineering and Extension Service. The purpose of the meetings is to review lessons learned from the April 2013 fertilizer plant fire and explosion in West, Texas, best practices for storage of ammonium nitrate with facility management, and response techniques and strategies of first responders to these type of incidents.

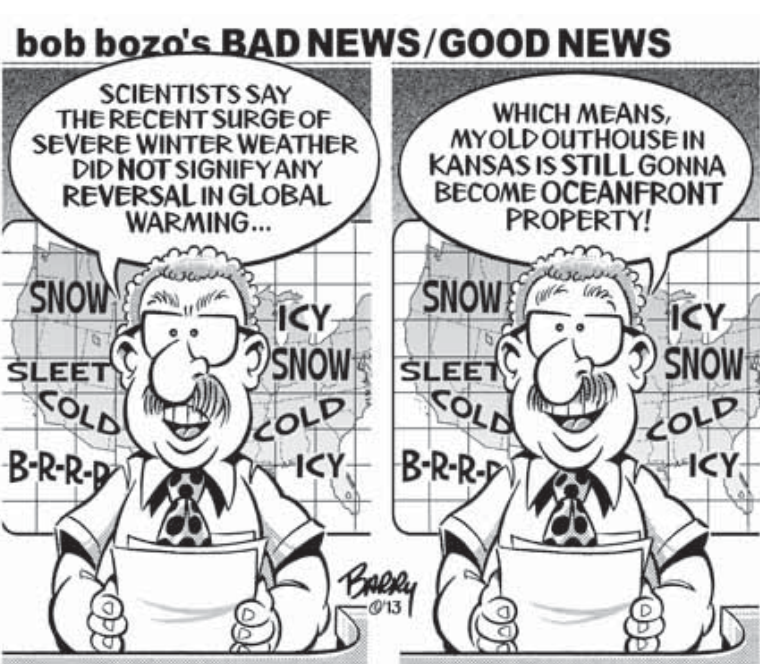
Meetings were scheduled in Edinburg Jan. 15, Hillsboro, Jan. 23, and Pasadena, Jan. 31.

‘Wanted’ program sets records

Texas Department of Public Safety announced Jan. 14 its Texas 10 Most Wanted Program set records in 2013 in total captures, including sex offender apprehensions.

The program’s 32 total apprehensions during the past year broke the record of 30 arrests in 2012. The 19 captured sex offenders exceeded the previous record of eight also set in 2012. And, the \$77,500 paid in rewards is the second-highest total payout in a year, the DPS stated.

DPS Director Steven McCraw said, “Tips from the public are just as essential to the success of this program, and we are grateful for the public’s efforts to protect our communities from these dangerous criminals and sexual predators.”



Cat-Dog relationship

Have you ever seen a dog kiss a cat? No? Neither have I. Why would I ask such a question?

I am currently reading columnist Charles Krauthammer’s new book “Things that Matter,” which I find most interesting. It is a compilation of his columns from the Washington Post, Time, etc. over the past three decades.


In the early part of his book, Krauthammer, talks of a dog that had been in the family for a few years and suddenly died. His pre-teen son had a friend that visited often and upon hearing of Chester’s death (the dog’s name) he said he was sorry Chester had died as he was the only dog he had ever seen kiss a cat. Krauthammer dropped that subject there and didn’t explain, if he knew, how that kissing scene came about. Most of his columns are far more serious and deal with national government, politics, and relationships that fit that ilk.

Back to the dogs. As written earlier, I have never seen a dog kiss a cat or vice-versa. Most of the cat-dog relationships I am familiar are: 1) Dog chases cat and cat runs up a tree ending incident; 2) Dog catches cat, fight pursues, dog wins and cat avoids dog for rest of life; 3) Dog chases cat, catches same, fight occurs, dog

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TOUCH OF LIFE

By Don Springer



ends up with a severe scratch on tender nose and no longer chases cat. Our family once owned a fine collie named Sunday (we bought her on a Sunday) and she was shortly thereafter joined by a second family pet, a Siamese kitten named Mr. Chicken. Why we named him Mr. Chicken is an explanation that would require more space than allowed here.

Sunday was about a year old and Mr. Chicken just a few weeks. We wondered how the relationship would turn out. The answer was; well. Sunday was much larger and saw this kitten far less than a challenge. Something that needed help one might say. I guess Mr. Chicken was too young to know he was supposed to hate dogs and stay away from them. He did not.

As the years progressed the two grew up enjoying togetherness. I never saw them kiss. Mr. Chicken would play with Sunday’s tail and fur. Other

times she would find the dog asleep and curl up beneath her feet and legs and enjoy some “ooooo” of her own taking advantage of the additional warmth from Sunday’s fur.

This went on for years as both lived long lives. Our offspring grew to see and know this relationship as well and we talk about these pets often. If you are a pet-lover, you know pets get into your heart quickly and you feel it deeply when they pass on. Both are buried at the home place and I still think about them when I cut the grass. Good memories I have of both.

Since then we have had a bouvier named Abbey, who was with us for nearly 12 years and now an Old English named Maggie who is over 13. Abbey is also buried on the home place and, if I out live Maggie, the same will be her resting place.

Such are the people, places and things that have touched my life in my home!

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OPINION

SCAM WARNING: Impersonators soliciting money over the phone

(HOUSTON, TX) – The Harris County Sheriff’s Office reminds the public about a scam involving suspects contacting victims by telephone or email claiming to be law enforcement officers collecting debts.

The scammer will try to intimidate the victim by threatening to put the victim in jail if the money is not paid.

The impersonator will ask the victim to purchase pre-paid gift cards and provide him/her with the card information when he/she calls back. In most cases, the victim has no knowledge of any debt.

In some cases the scammer falsely claims to be a police officer or deputy. However, it is important to know that the Harris County Sheriff’s Office does not solicit or collect money for unpaid tickets, fees, or any other debts over the phone or via email.

If you receive such a phone call, never give any personal information to the caller. Make the scammer answer your questions. Always get a call back phone number and never send money to anyone you don’t know.

If you do indeed have a debt that needs to be paid, make the necessary arrangements with the entity to which you owe money.

If you feel you have been a victim of such a scam, please contact your local law enforcement agency and the Better Business Bureau.

Response to President Obama’s remarks regarding the use of marijuana

Houston— Devon Anderson, Harris County District Attorney, issued the following in response to President Obama’s remarks regarding the use of marijuana:

“I adamantly disagree with the President. According to a 2012 Drug Use and Health survey, marijuana is the number one drug that citizens over the age of 12 are addicted to

or abuse. The negative effects of marijuana use on a developing brain can be permanent, and our President is recklessly giving what amounts to parental permission to our most impressionable citizens to break the law. Marijuana is creating deadly situations right here in Harris County. I welcome the President to come to Houston to review the

same Capital Murder cases I did just last week that were the result of marijuana drug deals. Maybe then he will see that the most effective way to keep our law-abiding citizens safe is to obey all laws that our legislators put on the books at our State Capitol.

“I am acutely aware of the high price society pays for the

misuse of alcohol. This is not a debate about whether alcohol or marijuana is more dangerous. The President’s comments notwithstanding, marijuana is illegal under the Texas Penal Code, and we vigorously prosecute drug possession and alcohol related offenses in Harris County.”

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FINE JEWELRY

With Jim Mills

Diamond Jim... what is the difference between "karat" and "carat"?

Often the source of much confusion, the difference between a karat and carat is fairly easy to understand, but may be somewhat hard to remember. A karat is simply a unit of measurement to indicate the purity of a metal, usually gold. The term carat is used to note the weight of a precious stone, especially diamonds.

The term karat is necessary, especially for gold, simply because the nature of the metal means it must be made into an alloy. Pure gold, or 24K gold, is a very soft metal that is not

able to used practically as jewelry in its purest form. It would quickly become deformed and scratched. Therefore, jewelry makers must do something to fortify the metal. This task is accomplished by mixing gold with a harder metal.

The karat is responsible, in most cases, for determining the relative value of the gold piece. The difference in price between 10K, the lowest purity that gold can be and still be

considered gold, and 18K, the highest purity of gold jewelry commonly available, can be significant. Gold designated as 10 karat is less than half gold, while eighteen karat gold is 75 percent gold.

If you have questions pertaining to jewelry, watches, diamonds, precious stones, precious metals, and other questions related to the jewelry industry, email jmills@pineforestjewelry.com.

Chambers Health adds Christopher Wallace to medical team

Physician assistant part of growing healthcare provider

ANAHUAC, Texas (Jan. 8, 2014) – Chambers Health has announced the recent addition of Christopher Wallace to the healthcare provider's medical team. Wallace, a physician assistant, is licensed to practice medicine and will work with Chambers Health physicians to prevent and treat common illnesses and injuries of patients.

"Our focus continues to be on serving our community," said Chambers Health CEO Steven Gualarte. "We have an amazing medical team that performs miracles each day, and I'm excited that Christopher has joined our staff to support patient care."

Shortly after serving as a combat medic in the U.S. Army, Wallace followed up with a Bachelor's Degree in physician assistant studies from Wichita State University in 1994.

Wallace came to Chambers County following a tenure at a family medicine and acute care facility in San Antonio, Texas. His professional experience also includes work in

multiple rural health clinics and emergency departments.

"I think what I look forward to most about working in this community is connecting with patients in the surrounding area by providing the quality of care they've come to expect from Chambers Health," Wallace explained. "My experience in healthcare and genuine interest in family medicine is what drives my passion and I know our patients will see that when I meet with them."

Wallace is now seeing patients through West Chambers Medical Center in Mont Belvieu, a facility of Chambers Health. For more information, please contact the medical center at 281-576-0670 or visit www.chambershealth.org.

About Chambers Health Founded in 1950, Chambers Health is a community-based healthcare organization that provides essential health services and wellness programs for residents of Chambers County, Texas. At the center of the health system is Bayside Community Hospital, a 24-hour critical access hospital



Christopher Wallace

that provides advanced radiology services including CT scanning and MRIs, outpatient lab, physical therapy, surgical services, swing bed services, patient education, and more. Chambers Health also operates Bayside Clinic, West Chambers Medical Center, The Wellness Center at Bayside, and Bayside Dental. For additional information, please visit www.chambershealth.org.

When should I go to the doctor if I have symptoms of the flu?

Guidance for the public during the influenza season

Most people with seasonal flu fully recover without going to the doctor or taking antiviral medications. However, some people are more likely to experience complications if they become ill with influenza-like illness.

Talk to your healthcare provider

Most people recover fully from the flu (influenza) without complications. However, persons at higher risk for complications from the flu or who have already developed severe illness should be treated as quickly as possible after signs and symptoms of influenza-like illness develop.

People with influenza-like illness who are at high risk of flu complications should speak with their healthcare provider as soon as possible. They include:

- Children younger than 5

- but especially children younger than 2 years old
- Adults 65 years of age or older
- Pregnant women
- Persons with the following conditions:
 - Chronic pulmonary (including asthma), cardiovascular (except hypertension), kidney, liver, blood disorders (including sickle cell disease), or metabolic disorders (including diabetes mellitus);
 - Disorders that can make it hard for people to breathe normally or to swallow normally (for example spinal cord injuries, seizure disorders, other neuromuscular disorders, certain types of strokes)
 - Immunosuppression, including those caused by HIV or medications (chemotherapy);
- Persons younger than 19 years of age who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy, be-

cause of an increased risk for Reye syndrome.

People with flu-like illness who are taking medications not related to the flu (either prescription or over-the-counter) should check with their healthcare provider or pharmacist before adding any medications to help lessen symptoms of the flu.

Get Emergency Medical Care if you:

- Have difficulty breathing or are having chest pain
- Have purple or blue discoloration of the lips
- Are vomiting and unable to keep liquids down.
- Have signs of dehydration such as dizziness when standing, or lack of urination (or in infants, a lack of tears when they cry)
- Have seizures or convulsions.
- Are becoming confused

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COMMUNITY & SCHOOL NEWS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY

Galena Park Library events

-Tuesday, January 28, 1:00 pm Microsoft Word Basics II
-Wednesday, January 29, 11:00 am Children's Story Time
-Thursday, January 30, 11:00 am Baby Time.
1500 Keene St. Galena Park, TX. 77547. Call 713-450-0982 for more information.

JANUARY

North Channel Library events

-Monday, January 27, Family Night at 6:00 p.m.
-Tuesday, January 28, Toddler Time, 10:30 am; Preschool Story Time, 1:30 pm.
-Wednesday, January 29, Tween Time, 4:30 pm.
-Thursday, January 30, Baby Time, 10:30 am.
15741 Wallisville Rd., Houston, TX. 77049. 281-457-1631.

FEBRUARY

Public input sought for textbook adoption

Channelview ISD community members are invited to view textbooks and materials being considered for adoption in 2014-2015 at a public meeting on Thursday, February 6.
The community is invited to view and provide feedback on the materials under consideration from 8-4 p.m. at the Joyce Hendrix Educational Support Center.
Under Proclamation 2014, Channelview ISD is currently evaluating materials being considered for adoption in K-8 Math and K-8 Science, along with textbooks and materials associated with a multitude of high school science courses.

OBITUARY

Beulah Kilough

Beulah C. Kilough, 90, of Channelview went to be with the lord on January 17, 2014. She was born January 8, 1924 in Diboll, TX, the daughter of Jeremiah and Lizzie Anthony. She was a member of Second Baptist Channelview.
She was preceded in death by her husband, William H. Kilough; one son, Herrel Wayne Kilough.
She is survived by her son, James Raymond Kilough and wife Carolyn Kilough; five grandchildren, Gina Marie Manear, William E. Kilough, Kenneth Wayne Kilough, Kathleen Suggs, and Frank Kilough; as well as numerous step grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.
The family will receive friends on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 from 11:00am to 12:00pm at Second Baptist Church, 1315 Dale Dell Ave., Channelview, TX 77530.
Funeral Services will be held at the church immediately following the visitation at 12:00pm.
Burial will follow immediately at San Jacinto Memorial Park, 14859 Market Street, Houston TX 77015.
May she rest in Peace.
To view the online obituary or post a tribute to the family visit
www.earthmanbaytown.com
Arrangements are under the direction of Earthman Funeral Home, 3919 Garth Rd., Baytown, Texas 77521; (281) 422-8181.

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Chase and San Jacinto College to bring petrochemical focus to high school students

PASADENA, Texas - Chase and San Jacinto College are partnering up to inform thousands of high school students about the clear-cut pathways to jobs within the petrochemical industry.



Left to right Dr. Allatia Harris, San Jacinto College Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives, Workforce, Community, and Diversity; Carolyn Watson, relationship manager for Global Philanthropy with Chase bank; Martha Van Buskirk, grant writer with the San Jacinto College Office of Grants Management; Dr. Brenda Hellyer, San Jacinto College Chancellor.
Photo by Andrea Vasquez

Chase recently donated \$100,000 to the College for the Great Jobs=Great Careers=Your Future grant, which will fund a pilot program at North Shore High School, La Porte High School, South Houston High School, and Channelview High School. The program will provide information to educate students, their families, and their school counselors about the high-wage/high demand jobs in the areas of oil and gas; process technology; diesel technology; accounting; heating, ventilation and air conditioning; engineering design graphics; welding; construction; computer science; and pipefitting.

Designed by both Chase and San Jacinto College, the program is the first of its kind that is both "practical and game-changing," said Carolyn Watson, relationship manager for Global Philanthropy with Chase bank. The goal is to enroll approximately 150 students into San Jacinto College workforce training programs.
"We consider community colleges as the workforce training institutions of the 21st century," said Watson. The grant is a part of Chase's commitment with its New Skills at Work initiative to train the workforce for a demand-driven system. "Our region doesn't produce enough skilled workers for the jobs that are readily available. We have a fundamental responsibility to find a solution that will bridge this gap. We must ensure that we are making the investments needed for our region's economy and for our workers."

Participants of the grant program will include high school juniors and seniors and their families, and high school guidance counselors. San Jacinto College will develop materials to outline educational pathways that lead to particular jobs in high employment industries, videos that feature young professionals in their careers, and presentations delivered by Chase volunteers who will provide financial education for college planning and how to manage finances once employed.

San Jacinto College will host outreach sessions at the high schools to inform students and their parents of the jobs that offer high wages and are in high demand and that

have resulted from the shift in the Houston economy. Chase will assist in these sessions by discussing the funding of higher education.
"Chase and San Jacinto College share the same vision,

to help more people realize their full potential by providing them with the means necessary to attain an education and a career," said Dr. Allatia Harris, San Jacinto College Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives, Workforce, Community, and Diversity.

"Thanks to the generosity of Chase, we will have the means to implement this program that will provide high school students with their road map to one of these industries that are calling for more skilled workers."


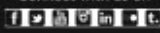
The careers identified for the Great Jobs=Great Careers=Your Future grant program are designed to have students job ready in two years or less to meet the demands of the expansion of the petrochemical industry in the greater Houston area, Harris noted.

"We want to be a part of the solution," said Watson. "As a result of this grant, San Jacinto College graduates will have the credentials and skills they need to successfully secure high-wage, high-demand jobs. It's a win for San Jacinto College's aspiring and hard-working students, a win for local companies, and a win for Houston's economy."

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CHANNELVIEW INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2013					
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Data Control Codes	General Fund	National School Breakfast/Lunch Program	Debt Service Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:					
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 25,367,774	\$ 817,054	\$ 10,869,961	\$ 28,402	\$ 37,083,191
5800 State Program Revenues	38,554,772	44,274	1,295,194	467,669	40,361,909
5900 Federal Program Revenues	432,950	4,268,905	1,143,063	3,998,263	9,843,181
5020 Total Revenues	64,355,496	5,130,233	13,308,218	4,494,334	87,288,281
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0011 Instruction	40,831,715	--	--	3,473,456	44,105,171
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	437,405	--	--	--	437,405
0013 Curriculum and Staff Development	332,466	--	--	--	332,466
0021 Instructional Leadership	1,168,472	--	--	271,738	1,440,210
0023 School Leadership	4,238,116	--	--	--	4,238,116
0031 Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services	1,959,344	--	--	640,657	2,600,001
0033 Health Services	737,903	--	--	--	737,903
0034 Student Transportation	2,271,548	--	--	--	2,271,548
0035 Food Service	--	6,256,384	--	58,705	6,315,089
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	1,164,982	--	--	--	1,164,982
0041 General Administration	2,384,487	--	--	--	2,384,487
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	5,728,220	--	--	--	5,728,220
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	795,567	--	--	--	795,567
0053 Data Processing Services	450,780	--	--	--	450,780
0061 Community Services	--	--	--	19,998	19,998
0071 Principal on Long-term Debt	--	--	4,665,000	--	4,665,000
0072 Interest on Long-term Debt	135,409	--	6,561,853	--	6,697,262
0073 Bond Issuance Costs and Fees	--	--	20,228	191,798	212,026
0081 Capital Outlay	135,031	--	--	7,105,336	7,240,367
0093 Payments to Shared Service Arrangements	2,384,481	--	--	--	2,384,481
6030 Total Expenditures	64,955,926	6,256,384	11,247,081	11,761,686	94,221,079
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)					
1100 Expenditures	(600,430)	(1,126,151)	2,061,137	(7,267,354)	(6,932,798)
Other Financing Sources and (Uses):					
7911 Capital-Related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	--	--	--	9,999,996	9,999,996
7915 Transfers In	--	--	--	915,213	915,213
7916 Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds	--	--	3,035	1,171,918	1,174,953
7949 Other Resources	--	--	5,152	--	5,152
8911 Transfers Out	(186,154)	--	--	(915,213)	(1,101,367)
8949 Other Uses	--	--	--	(10,980,116)	(10,980,116)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	(186,154)	--	8,187	191,798	13,831
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(786,584)	(1,126,151)	2,069,324	(7,075,556)	(6,918,967)
0100 Fund Balances - Beginning	21,415,861	4,858,005	8,573,478	7,624,883	42,472,227
3000 Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 20,629,277	\$ 3,731,854	\$ 10,642,802	\$ 549,327	\$ 35,553,260
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Galena Park Rodeo Art



NEIL NOLAZCO, Best of Show, Woodland Acres Middle School



MARIA RIVERA, Best of Show, North Shore High School



SAMANTHA MARTINEZ, Gold Medal, North Shore High School



ART EXAMPLES and subject matter varied, from farm and domestic animals, to still lifes and landscapes.B

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ples and photos to work from, and helping them with their techniques and mediums. the results could only be described as very high quality artworks.

As an example, teacher Tonya Lloyd, who's student Noah Brown won Best of Show for elementary students in the whole district, spends weeks on this project with Noah and the other students, drawing examples on the whiteboard in the classroom, showing videos, choosing photos to work from, and studying shapes and mediums. The students gradually built up an understanding not only of the visual example, but also the meaning behind the subject in the artwork. They also learned through various study techniques how to use the different mediums, such as pencil, crayon, and watercolors, so achieve their results.

FEBRUARY
Free tax help for seniors at Harris County Libraries

The Tax-Aide program sponsored by the IRS and AARP Foundation is again providing free federal income tax assistance this year. The program is designed to assist taxpayers age 60 and over but will also assist low and moderate income filers.

There are three locations supported by the local volunteers:

- Sterling Municipal Library in Baytown, Tuesdays/ Thursdays, noon to 4 p.m.
- Stratford Library in Highlands, Tuesdays 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- North Channel Branch of Harris, County Public Library, Thursdays noon to 4 p.m.

Services will begin on Tuesday, Feb. 4th and conclude on Tuesday, April 15th.

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- Some type of picture ID

Additional information can be obtained by calling 1-888-297-7669 or visiting the website at www.arp.org/taxaide.

Ceremony celebrates naming of Early Childhood Center

The Channelview ISD Early Childhood Center has served as some of children's first building blocks in education. Now, the campus has been named after two longtime educators that positively impacted countless young lives.

A special ceremony celebrated the name of the Glenn Barrett-Judy Lee Early Childhood Center. Lee is the current principal of the campus that began her career in CISD in 1974. Barrett is a retired CISD principal that served 33 years in education.

The district's Board of Trustees approved the naming of the facility earlier this year. The campus opened March 2012, replacing its former location in one wing of the original Channelview High School campus. The building of the campus was funded through the community support of a \$111 million bond program approved by voters in 2009.

"It is only fitting that this campus is named after two people that have made a difference in the lives of young people," said Greg Ollis, Channelview ISD superintendent.

Lee, who grew up in Channelview, graduated from Channelview High School in 1969 and then received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Houston in 1974. After her graduation from UH, she returned to CHS as a Home Economics Teacher - a position she held for 18 years. In 1992, she became the Director of the Endeavor High School alternative program, which serves at-risk teens.

Lee headed Endeavor for 11 years and she said one of her proudest moments is that the program gave pregnant teens a way to complete their education. She had said that "way too many students that were expectant teen moms were dropping out of school." In helping these students to complete school, she was able to secure more than \$1 million in grant funding during her time at Endeavor.

Ms. Lee became Principal of the Early Childhood Center in



Current Channelview ISD Early Childhood Center Principal Judy Lee, left, and retired McMullan Elementary Principal Glenn Barrett, stand in front of the campus that bears their names before a special ceremony recently. Lee has served as an educator in the district since 1974, while Barrett served for 33 years in education before retiring from McMullan in 1993.

1999. To this day, she has been able to secure several million dollars in grants for programs for teachers and students. During her career, she has obtained more than \$11 million in grant funding for the district.

Mr. Barrett, as he says, "got to Channelview as quick as he could." After serving in the U.S. Army, he received his degree from Stephen F. Austin State University in 1957. He taught in Lufkin and then became the Physical Education teacher at Viola Cobb Elementary in 1969.

While at Cobb, Mr. Barrett also pursued his Master's Degree, eventually receiving it from the University of Houston in 1972. Two years later, he moved into the administrative ranks as Assistant Principal at De Zavala Elementary School. In 1978, he became the Assistant Principal at Schochler Elementary.

In February 1978, Mr. Barrett recalled being named Principal-elect of "10-acres of prairie" where the new McMullan Primary was to be built. From that spot of land, the school building emerged and

opened its doors under Barrett's leadership in 1980. He served as Principal until his retirement in 1993.

Both Mr. Barrett and Ms. Lee said they are blessed with the support of their families. Mr. Barrett and his wife Linda have a daughter, Janean Barrett Murphy and husband Adam and son James Barrett and wife Candus. He also has a twin brother Robert Barrett and wife Jaunice, sister Faye Russell and husband William. He is also supported by his mother-in-law Ruth Patton.

Lee has two daughters, Jennifer Carnathan and husband Matt and Jamie Romero and her husband Mason. She has three grandchildren, Logan Carnathan, Caden Carnathan and Jackson Carnathan. Lee said the ceremony brought back special memories of Ms. Lee's husband, the late Dr. John Lee.

"The influence that Ms. Lee and Mr. Barrett have had on students' lives is far-reaching," Ollis said. "They have certainly helped show students the way toward bright futures."

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