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Channelview ISD campuses schedule Meet the Teacher, Open House events

GALENA PARK ISD SENIOR GOLD CARD

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•Aguirre Junior High Packet Pick-Up – 8 a.m.-Noon and 1-4 p.m., August 1-5

•Aguirre Junior High Bulldog Nights -- 5:30-7:30 p.m., August 9 (Sixth Grade), August 10, (Seventh Grade) and August 11 (Eighth Grade)

•Channelview High School/Kolarik Open House – 6-8 p.m., Aug. 16

•Alice Johnson Junior High Hornet Night (Sixth Grade only) – 5 p.m., Aug. 18

•McMullan Elementary Meet the Teacher Night – 5 p.m, Aug. 18

•Hamblen Elementary Meet the Teacher Night – 5:30-7:30 p.m, Aug. 18

•DeZavala Elementary Meet the Teacher Night – 5:30-7:30 p.m, Aug. 18

•Schochler Elementary Meet the Teacher Night – 4:30-6:30 p.m., August 18

•Crenshaw Elementary Meet the Teacher Night – 5:30-6:30 p.m., August 19

•Cobb Elementary Meet the Teacher Nights -- Kindergarten Meet the Teacher – 6-7:30 p.m., August 18th and 1st- 5th grade Meet the Teacher - August 19th – 6-7:30 p.m.

•Barrett-Lee Early Childhood Center Meet the Teacher – August 19 with choice of times. Morning Sessions: 8:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m., Afternoon Sessions: 12:30 p.m. or 2 p.m.

•Brown Elementary Meet the Teacher Night - 4:30-6:30 p.m., August 19.

Harris County confirms first Zika-associated death in Texas

Harris County, Texas (August 9, 2016) - Harris County Public Health (HCPH) has confirmed a Zika-associated death in a newborn female, making it the first Zika-related death in the State of Texas. HCPH received a positive Zika test result on an infant who was born with birth defects, including microcephaly. The child died shortly after being born. The mother traveled to Latin America during her pregnancy where it is suspected she became infected, and delivered the baby in Harris County.

"The saddest outcome of Zika's health effects often impact the most vulnerable. We are devastated to report our first case of Zika-associated death and our hearts go out to the family," stated Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH, Executive Director of HCPH.

"While this is a travel-associated case, we know that prevention is key to reducing the risk of Zika virus infection. Harris County Public Health continues to actively work on protecting the community from mosquito-related dis-

eases, but individuals must also protect themselves from getting bitten by mosquitoes locally and abroad."

HCPH continues to encourage residents to take precautions to prevent Zika infection. When outdoors, prevent mosquito bites by using an EPA-registered insect repellent that contains one of the following: DEET, picaridin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus. Follow product instructions.

Harris County Judge Ed Emmett, a member of the state Task Force on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response said, "Despite the horrible news regarding the recent Zika-related death, the residents of Harris County should be reassured that their county and state officials are continuing to monitor Zika-related developments worldwide and have plans in place to respond to any potential risks to public health. County health officials and emergency management personnel have been studying Zika intently and are prepared to respond to any local developments."

Zika virus is spread primarily through the bite of the Aedes species mosquito. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), symptoms of Zika are usually mild and include fever, rash, conjunctivitis (red eyes), and joint-pain, lasting several days to a week. Zika can also be transmitted sexually. CDC has confirmed Zika is linked to birth defects. Severe disease requiring hospitalization is uncommon and death is rare. There is no vaccine to prevent or medicine to treat Zika virus infection.

The CDC recommends that all people who are traveling to areas where the Zika virus is found should take precautions to avoid mosquito bites. CDC recommends that pregnant women should avoid traveling to Zika affected areas.

Before traveling abroad, HCPH recommends individuals contact their healthcare provider who may recommend vaccines or important preventive medication for travel-related diseases.

KENNY STREET

Father killed in front of son

EAST HARRIS COUNTY – A father was killed in front of his son in a drive-by shooting last Monday night.

Investigators said Tyrone Scyrus, 38, and his friend, Jason Caldwell, 34, were working on a car in front of a home in the 14700 block of Kenny St. around 8:30 pm when a man with his face covered jumped out of a silver Impala and started shooting at them. Scyrus ran while Caldwell was shot in the stomach. Then, Scyrus fell and the shooter shot him at least one time, killing him. Scyrus was killed in front of his 15-year-old son, the teenager was not hurt, authorities said. Caldwell was transported to Ban Taub Hospital and is expected to survive.

After the shooting, officers spotted the described car on Freeport and I-10.



Tyrone Scyrus was killed while working on a car, his son was with him at the time of the shooting.

Officers arrested and man and a woman who jumped out of the car and ran across the freeway, a K-9 unit was sent after her. The woman was taken to the hospital to be treated for dog bites in an unknown condition.

If anyone has information about this case, is ask to contact Harris County Sheriff's Office Homicide Unit at 713-274-9100 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

COMMUNITY PROFILE

San Jac grad sets sights on opening her own nursing home

PASADENA, Texas - While working as a Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA), Abbie Dillard befriended a fellow CNA. Her new friend was attending San Jacinto College with plans of becoming a registered nurse (RN), and suggested that Dillard do the same.

"She encouraged me to attend San Jacinto College and become a nurse," said Dillard. "She told me I was smart and had the skills. The only problem was I had a fear of needles, but I got over that quickly." Dillard enrolled in classes at the College while maintaining her position as a CNA and soon became a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN).

"Getting my LVN at San Jac helped me earn the money I needed to continue my education and become an RN," Dillard continued. During her time at San Jacinto College, she found a mentor in Dr. Karen Alexander, who served as director of the nursing program at San



PHOTO BY CALYN HOERNER
Abbie Dillard works to achieve her own goals and inspires others to do the same.

Jacinto College at the time.

"Dr. Alexander took me under her wing almost immediately," commented Dillard. "She was the one who always pushed me to continue my education and never give up. I went with her to Reno, Nevada for a service-learning project, an experience that helped me realize I really was on the right path." Dillard is still working with her mentor, as she is

now at the University of Houston-Clear Lake (UHCL) preparing to graduate with her bachelor's degree in nursing with a minor in health management.

"Abbie was a delight to teach as she worked diligently to retain all the information that she was provided with during the nursing theory and clinical courses," said Alexander, who is now the director of the nursing program at UHCL. "I found her to be very proactive, positive and zealous to continue her education at the RN level. Abbie's ability to apply her nursing knowledge to the fullest in a real time environment became evident during all her clinical assignments. Abbie has consistently shown progression, and she always strives to raise the bar of excellence in nursing."

After earning her Nurse Practitioner License, Dillard hopes to open her own nursing home. She has been

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NORTH CHANNEL CHAMBER EVENTS

Chamber hears of SETRAC Emergency Organization

JACINTO CITY – The CEO of SETRAC, the SouthEast Texas Regional Advisory Council, was the featured speaker at this month's Chamber luncheon, held at the Jacinto City Town Center last Friday, August 5.

After an introduction by JC City Manager Lon Squyres, who is on the board of SETRAC, Mr. Pile explained to the audience the purpose and work of his organization. Pile is previously a healthcare administrator for the last 25 years. He also was the board chairman of the Northwest Houston Area Chamber.

Pile explained that SETRAC is a non-profit coalition that unites area first responders, physicians, hospitals and healthcare leaders. The organization coordinates emergency medical response planning and establishes life-saving protocols in a nine-county region. The region includes over one hundred hospitals and over sixty 9-1-1 EMS agencies. The initiatives are funded through the Department of State Health Services, and encompass pre-hospital emergency services, trauma care, stroke care, cardiac care, perinatal care, and disaster preparedness and response.

In a disaster the agency runs a CMOG, or Catastrophic Medical Operations Center. It can allocate and direct assets such as mass evacuation buses, communication trucks, morgue trucks, tents, ambulances from other counties, and needed emergency equipment.

Some typical trauma events are falls,



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and vehicle accidents. A current concern is a possible epidemic of the ZIKA virus.

SETRAC is one of a series of national Regional Advisory Councils established by the federal government.

In other Chamber news, current board chairwoman Lucia Bates reminded everyone of the Casino Night to be held this Friday, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Jacinto City Town Center. The event benefits the North Channel Area Foundation. Individual tickets are \$75 and Corporate Sponsorships start at \$600.

Games include poker, blackjack, roulette, and craps. So throw the dice and have some fun! Call the office at 713-450-3600 to reserve your spot.

SCHOOL NEWS

Channelview ISD offers free Mobile App

The latest news and information from schools in Channelview ISD are now available on smartphones and mobile devices with a free mobile app. The district partnered with SchoolWires to expand its communications outreach with a mobile app that is now available in the online iTunes® and Google Play® app stores for free.

The Channelview ISD mobile app will offer a constantly updated feed of district news and events with photos and links to the district's mobile responsive website. The app can also be customized by the user by selecting specific schools. Users can also choose to receive push notifications to get breaking news and updates about school closures, calendar changes, or even sports updates.

Parents and the public are encouraged to download this free mobile app to their smartphones by following the instructions below:

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passionate about caring for the elderly ever since she was a child. "When I was younger my great-grandma had bladder cancer, so I was always helping my grandma take care of her," said Dillard. "I have always loved elderly people, and that situation made me realize how I could help care for them."

Dillard currently works as the overnight charge nurse for the post operation unit at the Bay Area Regional Medical Center. In this position she is in charge of all activity and patients within the unit. If Dillard ever has any problems or dilemmas, she is still able to rely on her old professors from San Jacinto College for help.

"I keep in contact with most of my professors from San Jac," noted Dillard. "If I ever have a question, I always go to them for advice."

Dillard has inspired many at San Jacinto College since her graduation. She is often asked to come back to the College and give speeches, telling her own story and offering words of encouragement to others following in her footsteps. "The key is that you just can't give up; you have to reach for the stars," she says. "There is a light at the end of the tunnel. Your education is worth all of the stress and tears."

COMMUNITY EVENTS

21 Annual Immunization Day

Congressman Gene Green invites parents to take their kids for free immunizations. Please bring your child's shot records. Saturday, August 20, 2016, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at North Shore Senior High School (Galena Park ISD), 353 N. Castlegory, Houston, TX, 77049.

North Channel Library Programs

- Saturday, Aug. 13, 11 am, Ask-A-Lawyer.
- Monday, Aug. 15, 4:30 pm, Teen Advisory Group.
- Tuesday, Aug. 16, 10:30 am, Toddler Time; 1:30 pm, Oreschool Story Time.
- Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2:30 pm, Movie Madness: Open Season 3. Library is located at 15741 Wallisville Rd., Houston, 77049. For more details on these and other programs, please call 281-457-1631.
- Thursday, Aug. 18, 10:30 am, Baby Time.

The Buckshot Jamboree

Enjoy Classic Country music every Saturday night from 7 pm - 10 pm with The Buckshot Jamboree at 7414 Hartman near Old Beaumont Highway. More info, call 281-458-0729 or 832-444-5000.

Galena Park Senior Dance

Senior Dance is every Monday at the Alvin D. Building, 1302 Keene St., Galena Park. 7 pm - 9 pm. No cover charge. Live band Country music. Call for more information: 713-455-7335.

North Shore Senior Dance

North Shore Seniors holds a dance every Thursday from 1 - 4 pm at the Grayson/Baldree Building, Corpus Christi street. Live bands and refreshments. Cost is \$ 5/per person. For more information call 713-455-3660.

San Jacinto Pilot Club meeting

The Club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Mr. Gatti's on Uvalde at noon.

Jacinto City Library programs

- Sat., Aug. 13, Family Movie Theater, 12:30 pm.
- Tue., Aug. 16, Computer Basics, 11 am; Calmer Life (Seniors) 2:30 pm.
- Wed., Aug. 17, Baby Time, 10:30 am; ESL Class, 12:30 pm; Wii Games, 3 pm.
- Thur., Aug. 18, Children's Storytime, 3 pm.

Jacinto City Branch Library, 921 Akron, Jacinto City, TX. 77029. For more information on other programs, call 713-673-3237.

Voter Registrar Training

MIKE SULLIVAN brings you FREE Non-Partisan Volunteer Deputy Voter Registrar (VDVR) training. Monday, August 29, 2016 at 6:00 pm at Alvin D. Baggett Community Building, 1302 Keene St. Galena Park, TX 77547. If you have any questions please contact LULAC Council 4708 President Cruz Hinojosa at 832-434-1591. Refreshments will be served. Volunteer Deputy Voter Registrar Training conducted by the Office of Mike Sullivan Tax Assessor-Collector & Voter Registrar.

****Participants must arrive on time and attend the training in its entirety.**

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Channelettes earn awards at summer competition

The 2016-17 Channelview High School Channelettes Field and Social Officers received the "Circle of Gold" awards at the Marching Auxiliaries of America Officer Dance Camp in June. The officers also received special recognition for their "Home Routine." Pictured left to right are Historian Katie O'Brien, President Kaylinn Cortez, Sr. Capt. Melissa Mora, Major Karla Gonzalez, Vice President Isabell Garcia and Reporter Kaelyn Berry.

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Rescue Medications and Treatment: Why both are critical to addressing America's Opioid Epidemic

(NAPSI)—Tragic stories of opioid abuse, dependence and lives lost to overdose emerge each day in communities across the country. Opioid pain relievers and heroin are responsible for an increasing number of drug overdose—related deaths in the U.S., with more than 28,000 deaths involving prescription opioids and heroin in 2014, up from approximately 24,000 deaths in 2013.1

In response, elected state officials are advocating to equip first responders, including local law enforcement and health professionals, with naloxone to treat an overdose in an emergency situation. Naloxone is a “rescue drug” that can be administered as a nasal spray or injection to counter the effects of opioid overdose.2

The majority of states now have laws in place providing medical professionals clearance to prescribe or dispense naloxone to community and family members concerned that a loved one may overdose. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) recently announced that it is accepting applications from states for \$55 million in grant funding to provide first responders training and access to naloxone.3

Although medical professionals in different parts of the country view naloxone as a valuable tool for saving lives in emergency scenarios, some caution that it cannot replace ongoing treatment and recovery support for those struggling with opioid abuse.

“There will not be any opportunity to provide a person who has overdosed a meaningful course of treatment if they don’t survive the day,” explained Dr. Torin Finver, Director of Addiction Medicine Fellowship Training at the University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine. “Rescuing that person gives them a second chance at life. Getting them into

treatment increases the chances that the life they will lead will be happy and healthy from that point forward.”

Katie Downey, a licensed clinical social worker who provides psychosocial support to those struggling with addiction at Cross Roads Agency in Western Massachusetts, echoes Dr. Finver’s sentiments. “Rescue therapy is a valuable tool to reverse an overdose, but we can’t rely solely on rescuing those who are addicted. Instead, we want to treat them and help them recover before they reach that breaking point again,” she said.

Without intervention, many who have overdosed and survived will revert back to lives of addiction. Research has shown that combining medication with psychosocial support is a comprehensive way to help patients with addiction, and including medication with psychosocial support is now considered the optimal evidence-based approach to treatment.4 Treatment should be tailored to the patient’s needs by offering all available treatment options, including naltrexone, buprenorphine and methadone, and psychological support such as cognitive or behavioral therapy.5 Some medications, such as buprenorphine and methadone, mimic opioid use. Other options, such as naltrexone, block the effects of opioids.6

“Access to medication-assisted therapies can be particularly valuable in the aftermath of an overdose when patients are vulnerable to relapse to opioid dependence,” Dr. Finver said. “These therapies that address the physical changes addiction causes in the brain can help guide patients on an enduring path to recovery.”

For more information about opioid dependence and treatment, please visit www.recoveryispossible.com.



Parties to campus-carry lawsuit to return to court

AUSTIN — Three University of Texas professors are seeking a temporary injunction “to at least retain the option of maintaining their academic classrooms as gun-free zones when classes start again.”

In a motion filed in connection with a federal lawsuit filed July 6, the professors are asking the court to bar enforcement of the law when the UT fall semester begins Aug. 24. Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton filed a brief in opposition.

In an Aug. 4 hearing, U.S. District Judge Lee Yeakel ordered the university to clarify its campus-carry policy on Aug. 8 and for parties present their arguments again on Aug. 10.

“In a cruel irony,” the professors’ petition begins, “the Texas Legislature has mandated that 50 years to the day after one of the worst gun-related massacres ever on a college campus — when Charles Whitman gunned down 43 people on or about the campus of the University of Texas in Austin — UT-Austin must begin allowing the concealed carrying of handguns on campus and in class rooms.”

Paxton, on Aug. 1, called the professors’ lawsuit — filed in the Austin Division of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas frivolous and said, “I’m confident it will be dismissed because the Legislature passed a constitutionally sound law. There is no legal justification to deny licensed, law-abiding citizens on campus the same measure of personal protection they are entitled to elsewhere in Texas.”

Voter ID rolled back
Texans voting in the November 8 general election might not be required to present a state-approved form of photo identification in addition to their voter registration card.

The state attorney general’s office indicated last week that the State of Texas would not stand in the way of the federal judiciary in relaxing the photo identification requirement that became law in 2011.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling



The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit ruled the Texas law, while not discriminatory in intent, is discriminatory in effect, and instructed Corpus Christi U.S. District Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos to approve any changes relaxing the law before the November general election.

Late toll fees to hit
Toll road customers with overdue toll charges should pay their balances by Aug. 31 to avoid possible late fees and additional penalties, the Texas Department of Transportation announced on Aug. 2. TxDOT said late fees on unpaid tolls were suspended in 2015 as the agency migrated to a new billing system, but in September 2016, the agency said, it plans to resume late fees for unpaid tolls.

Threat of Zika is high
Texas remains on high alert for the transmission of Zika virus disease by mosquito bites.

The State Department of Health Services on Aug. 3 urged Texans to take the following precautions against the disease:

- Apply Environmental Protection Agency-approved insect repellent;
- Wear pants and long-sleeve shirts that cover exposed skin;
- Use screens or close windows and doors to keep mosquitoes out; and
- Remove standing water

ter in and around the home in any container that can hold water.

Texas has reported 93 cases of Zika, all related to travel abroad to areas with active Zika transmission but no local transmission through mosquito bite has been detected yet in Texas, according to Dr. John Hellerstedt, Texas Department of State Health Services commissioner.

“If Texas has local transmission, we’ll quickly announce it and describe the area of potential risk for Texans,” Hellerstedt said. “We’re working in lockstep with our local and federal partners to ensure a strong Texas response,” he added.

Meanwhile, Texas Medicaid announced Aug. 3 that the cost of mosquito repellent for eligible women who are between the ages of 10 and 45 or pregnant would be covered. More information is available at TexasZika.org.

Revenue report is in
State sales tax revenue totaled \$2.37 billion in July, 1.5 percent lower than in July 2015, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced on Aug. 2. Furthermore, Hegar added, “State sales tax collections continue to be down, largely due to depressed spending in the oil and natural gas-related sectors. By contrast, collections from the construction and retail trade sectors rose compared to the previous year.”

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in July 2016 is down 3.3 percent compared to the same period a year ago.

Give your kids a world of fun

(NAPSI)—In today’s globalized world, it’s more important than ever for children to learn about other countries and cultures along with their own. Fortunately, there are a number of fun ways parents can help their kids explore the world and learn geography without leaving the country.

For example:

1. Give them a taste of other lands by making one meal a week a foreign specialty. Have the kids research the country of its origin and the ingredients that go into it.
2. Watch foreign language TV, with the captioning on in English, or watch English language TV with the captioning switched to some other tongue.
3. Go to the library and check out books about the art and music of other places.
4. Host an exchange student.
5. Give your kids toys that teach about other countries in a delightful way, such as the international mini-dolls featured in the Gift Items collection celebrating 84 different cities around the world. Each mini-doll comes in her own gift box. When your child opens it, the doll and the country she represents are revealed. It can be a delightful surprise and a gift of friendship for a world of friends.

Inside the box is the doll’s name, city and country, and iconic scenes from the doll’s hometown, as well as an image of the country’s flag. Each is also marked on a rarity scale as common, rare, ultra rare, special edition and limited edition and has four main components that kids can pop and snap together to mix and match thousands of fashions for their own unique doll. There’s even pencil topper access on the doll’s feet and a collector guide so children can mark off which dolls they have and which countries they’ve discovered.

In addition, there’s an app to let kids play with the characters online, and such accessories as a Hotel and Spa where the figurines can splash around, watched over by an exclusive lifeguard boy mini-doll. It closes for storage and can hold eight gift boxes.

The Tour Bus set can seat up to 20 mini-dolls and take them on a wonderful tour around their world with the help of an exclusive boy tour guide.

Learn More
For further facts on the mini-dolls, including how to get them, visit www.giftitemsdolls.com.

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Good Will talks about Goodwill



HIGHLANDS – Rotarians were thoroughly entertained, and informed, by Will Lufburrow of Goodwill Industries Houston, at their luncheon on August 2nd. Lufburrow is the Director of Development & Special Projects for the organization, and his father is the CEO of Goodwill.

In fact, his grandfather Bill Lufburrow started the Houston division of the national Goodwill Industries in 1945, with the help of the Rotary Club of Houston. Today Goodwill Houston has over 62 stores, 50 donation centers, and over 2,200 employees.

Goodwill Houston is more than donation centers and clothing stores, Lufburrow explained. Their goal is to provide education, training and job opportunities to people with “barriers to employment.”

These might include veterans, homeless, older



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workers, youth, the formerly incarcerated, and of course individuals with disabilities.

Goodwill Industries is established in most cities through the country. It started in 1902 in Boston, by a Methodist Minister observing homeless with no hope for their future.

Today, stores are also training centers, Lufburrow said that of every dollar spent, 95 cents goes to jobs and job training.

The goal for Goodwill Houston is to “See People change their lives.” Goodwill looks for people that want to work, and want to be self-sufficient.

Crosby Church Mother's Day Out Pre-K Program

BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Is the book of 1 Chronicles in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Judges 11, what judge of Israel was a prostitute's son?

- Hosea, Jephthah, Samson, Lot
3. In Ruth 1, who called herself Marah, a name meaning "bitter"?
4. Which was a city of Ephraim and home of the Ark of the Covenant? Ai, Sardis, Gaza, Shiloh
5. From 2 Timothy 1, who was Timothy's devout grandmother? Dorcas, Lydia, Lois, Hannah
6. Ahasuerus was also known as? Noadiah, Agrippa, Joash, Xerxes
- ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Jephthah; 3) Naomi; 4) Shiloh; 5) Lois; 6) Xerxes

We are so excited about the upcoming school year at the Crosby Church Mother's Day Out Pre-K Program. We have lots of educational and fun activities planned for the children. Here are just a few things we did last school year...

Each student was taught age-appropriate curriculum to prepare them for the next year.

The children memorized all of Psalm 100.

- Observed and learned about the metamorphosis of butterflies.
 - Held a fundraiser that provided a new swing set for all of the students.
 - Had a great end of year program to celebrate all that our students learned and to honor our graduates.
- We are also excited to announce the launch of our Huffman campus MDO program. Our Huffman days are Monday & Wednesday, 8:30AM - 2:30PM, ages one year to Pre-K. Crosby campus days are Tuesday & Thursday, 8:30AM - 2:30PM, ages six months to Pre-K. Enrollment forms are available at the (Crosby campus) church offices located at 5725 Hwy 90. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:30AM-4:30PM. For more information, please call (281)328-1310.

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By Dr. Mark Trice

I have a revelation for you.

When you stop doing what you're anointed to do, you'll start doing something else.

You know what I mean. You've seen it yourself through the years as highly visible ministers lost sight of their calling and veered away from the straight and true path. You've also seen it if you've studied the life of King David.

In Second Samuel, chapter 11, we see a king who has stopped doing what he is anointed to do. "It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out to battle, that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem." (emphasis mine) It is the time of year in which kings go out to battle; it's what they do. But David doesn't. As a result, he ends up doing something else.

Read the story and you learn that, being where he wasn't supposed to be, he saw something he wasn't supposed to see. Having made it that far down the road of temptation, he kept on and did something—multiple somethings—he wasn't supposed to do. Before all was said and done, he'd committed both adultery and murder. Before all was said and done, he'd lost more than we can comprehend; it only began with the loss of his and Bathsheba's son.

In Ephesians 4:1, Paul exhorts us "to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called." Each one of us is called to our own, personal walk. It doesn't matter if you're a preacher, a scientist, or a street sweeper, you have a calling that involves living a life that lines up with God's Word and His will. Walk worthy of that calling. Stick close to Him so that you always know what He wants you to do—and do it. Focus daily on doing what He has called and anointed you to do. This is the best way to guard against doing something else.

LITTLE BIDDY BITS By Danny Biddy

Do You Know Jesus?

While spending the night with us, our middle grandson had one of his baby teeth come out. I noticed he was writing a note, so I asked who it was to. Dylan said, "It's to the Tooth Fairy. I'm asking her if she knows Jesus."

I looked at his note later and sure enough, the note on the inside asked that very question and on the outside he had written John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son and whoever believes in Him will have eternal life."

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1 Corinthians 16:13

Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God.
Leviticus 19:32

BUSINESS



Diamond Jim: "Who or What is the United States Marine Corps?"

The United States Marine Corps(USMC) is a branch of the United States Armed Forces responsible for providing power projection, using the mobility of the United States Navy to, by Congressional mandate, rapidly deliver combined-arms task forces on land, at sea, and in the air. The U.S. Marine Corps is one of the four armed service branches in the U.S. Department of Defense and one of the seven uniformed services of the United States. The current Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the highest-ranking military officer in the U.S. armed forces, is a Marine Corps general.

The Marine Corps has been a component of the U.S. Department of the Navy since 30 June 1834, working closely with naval forces for training, transportation, and logistics. The USMC operates posts on land and aboard sea-going amphibious warfare ships around the world, and several of the Marines' tactical aviation squadrons, primarily Marine Fighter Attack squadrons, are also embedded in Navy carrier air wings and operate from the Navy's nuclear-powered aircraft carriers.

Two battalions of Continental Marines were formed on 10 November 1775 in Philadelphia as a service branch of infantry troops capable of fighting for independence both at sea and on shore. The role of the Corps has since grown and evolved, expanding to aerial warfare and earning popular titles such as, "America's third air force", and, "second land army". The United States Marine Corps has distinguished itself as it has served in the majority of American wars and armed conflicts, from its inception to the modern era, and attained prominence in the 20th century when its theories and practices of amphibious warfare proved prescient and ultimately formed the cornerstone of the Pacific theater of World War II.

By the mid-20th century, the U.S. Marine Corps had become a major theorist of and the world's dominant practitioner of amphibious warfare. Its ability to rapidly respond on short notice to expeditionary crises gives it a strong role in the implementation and execution of American foreign policy. As of 2016, the USMC has around 182,000 active duty members and some 38,900 reserve Marines. It is the smallest of the U.S. armed forces within the U.S. DoD.

Mission
The USMC serves as an expeditionary force-in-readiness. As outlined in 10 U.S.C. § 5063 and as originally introduced under the National Security Act of 1947, it has three primary areas of responsibility:

•The seizure or defense of advanced naval bases and other

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land operations to support naval campaigns;

•The development of tactics, technique, and equipment used by amphibious landing forces in coordination with the Army and Air Force; and

•Such other duties as the President may direct.

This last clause, while seemingly redundant given the President's position as Commander-in-chief, is a codification of the expeditionary responsibilities of the Marine Corps. It derives from similar language in the Congressional acts "For the Better Organization of the Marine Corps" of 1834, and "Establishing and Organizing a Marine Corps" of 1798. In 1951, the House of Representatives' Armed Services Committee called the clause "one of the most important statutory – and traditional – functions of the Marine Corps." It noted that the corps has more often than not performed actions of a non-naval nature, including its famous actions in Tripoli, the War of 1812, Chapultepec, and numerous counter-insurgency and occupational duties (such as those in Central America), World War I, and the Korean War. While these actions are not accurately described as support of naval campaigns nor as amphibious warfare, their common thread is that they are of an expeditionary nature, using the mobility of the Navy to provide timely intervention in foreign affairs on behalf of American interests.

The Marine Corps fulfills a vital role in national security as an amphibious, expeditionary, air-ground combined arms task

force, capable of forcible entry from the air, land, and sea. It is capable of asymmetric warfare with conventional, irregular, and hybrid forces. While the Marine Corps does not employ any unique combat arms, as a force it can rapidly deploy a combined-arms task force to almost anywhere in the world within days. The basic structure for all deployed units is a Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) that integrates a ground combat element, an aviation combat element and a logistics combat element under a common command element. While the creation of joint commands under the Goldwater–Nichols Act has improved inter-service coordination between each branch, the Corps' ability to permanently maintain integrated multi-element task forces under a single command provides a smoother implementation of combined-arms warfare principles.

In addition to its primary duties, the Marine Corps conducts Visit, board, search, and seizure (VBSS) operations, as well as missions in direct support of the White House and the State Department. The Marine Band, dubbed the "President's Own" by Thomas Jefferson, provides music for state functions at the White House. Marines from Ceremonial Companies A & B, quartered in Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., guard presidential retreats, including Camp David, and the Marines of the Executive Flight Detachment of HMX-1 provide helicopter transport to the President and Vice President, with the radio call signs "Marine One" and "Marine Two",

respectively. The Executive Flight Detachment also provides helicopter transport to Cabinet members and other VIPs. By authority of the 1946 Foreign Service Act, the Marine Security Guards of the Marine Embassy Security Command provide security for American embassies, legations, and consulates at more than 140 posts worldwide. The relationship between the Department of State and the U.S. Marine Corps is nearly as old as the corps itself. For over 200 years, Marines have served at the request of various Secretaries of State. After World War II, an alert, disciplined force was needed to protect American embassies, consulates, and legations throughout the world. In 1947, a proposal was made that the Department of War furnish Marine Corps personnel for Foreign Service guard duty under the provisions of the Foreign Service Act of 1946. A formal Memorandum of Agreement was signed between the Department of State and the Secretary of the Navy on December 15, 1948, and 83 Marines were deployed to overseas missions. During the first year of the MSG program, 36 detachments were deployed worldwide.

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ASK THE EXPERT

By Edward Jones

Diversification Is Still Important for Retirees

During your working years, your primary investment goal is generally growth – you need your money to grow so that you can eventually afford the comfortable retirement lifestyle you've envisioned. But when you retire, should you change course and adjust your investment strategy from "offense" to "defense"?

Actually, it's not quite that simple. To begin with, even while you are working, you don't want your portfolio to be completely filled with growth-oriented investments, such as stocks. If it were, you would likely be taking on a degree of investment risk that's too high, because, as you may know, stocks will fluctuate in price – sometimes significantly. And if you only own stocks, you could take a big hit during a market downturn. That's why you need to have an array of investments – stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit (CDs) and so on. By spreading your investment dollars this way, you can give yourself more opportunities for success while reducing the impact of volatility on your portfolio. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, can't guarantee profits or protect against all losses.)

Now, let's fast-forward to your retirement date. Once you retire, you may need to look at your investment portfolio

somewhat differently – instead of "building it up," you may now want to think of "making it last." So, your first impression might be that instead of maintaining the diversified portfolio you had when you were working, you need to switch to predominantly "safe" investments, such as CDs and Treasury bonds, to reduce the risk of losing principal.

And such a strategy might indeed be effective – if your retirement were only going to last a year or so. But the chances are reasonably good that you could be retired for two, or possibly even three, decades. If that's the case, then you will have to deal with a threat to your lifestyle that you might not have considered: inflation. We've had low inflation for several years, but that could change in the future. Consider this: Even at a relatively low 3% inflation rate, prices double roughly every 25 years. And depending on your personal needs and spending patterns, your personal inflation rate might be even higher.

To protect yourself against inflation, you will find that investments such as CDs and Treasury bonds are typically not much help. In fact, in a low-rate environment, your returns on these investments may not even keep up with inflation, much less keep you ahead of it. That's not to say they have no value – they can provide you with an income stream and help lower your overall investment risk.

But to defend your purchasing power, you will still need some growth potential in your investment portfolio during your retirement years. Your exact percentage of stocks and other growth-oriented investments will depend on a variety of factors – your projected longevity, other sources of income, family situation, risk tolerance and so on. You may want to consult with a financial professional to ensure that your portfolio mix is suitable for your needs.

Many things may change in your life when you retire – but the need for investment diversification is not one of them.

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The Galena Park Independent School District will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Senior Director of Human Resource Services at (832) 386-1003, and/or the Section 504 Coordinator at (832) 386-1000. More information can also be obtained at the G.P.I.S.D. Administration Building located at 14705 Woodforest Boulevard, Houston, TX 77015.

Notificación Pública de No Discriminación en los Programas de Educación Profesional y Técnica

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Galena Park ofrece programas de Educación Profesional y Técnica como Agricultura, Alimentos y Recursos Naturales; Arquitectura y Construcción; Arte, Tecnología en Audio y Video y Comunicaciones; Manejo y Administración Empresarial; Educación y Entrenamiento; Finanzas; Ciencias de la Salud; Hospitalidad y Turismo; Servicios Humanos; Tecnología de Información; Leyes, Seguridad Pública, Correcciones y Seguridad; Manufacturación; Mercadeo; Ciencias, Tecnología, Ingeniería y Matemáticas; y Transportación, Distribución y Logística. La admisión a estos programas está basada en el interés, aptitud, edad apropiada y un lugar disponible en la clase.

Es norma del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Galena Park el no discriminar basado en la raza, color, nacionalidad, origen, incapacidad, orientación sexual o edad, trato o participación en sus programas de educación profesional y técnica, servicios o actividades como lo establecido por el Título VI de la Ley de los Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; Título IX de las Enmiendas de Educación de 1972; y en la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.

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El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Galena Park tomará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de destreza en el uso del idioma inglés no sea una barrera para la admisión y participación en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.

Para información sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, contacte al Director Ejecutivo de Servicios de Recursos Humanos en el teléfono 832-386-1000, y/o a la Coordinadora de la Sección 504 en teléfono, 832-386-1003. También puede obtener más información en el Edificio Administrativo de G.P.I.S.D. ubicado en el 14705 Woodforest Boulevard, Houston, TX 77015.

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Channelview welcomes new teachers!



The Channelview Independent School District welcomed more than 140 new educators at its New Teacher Welcome on August 8. Superintendent Greg Ollis (pictured above) shared words of encouragement with the employees and expressed his confidence how he believes they will make a difference in the lives of students. Principals such as DeZavala Elementary's Manuel Escalante were also able to spend more time with new staff members such as third grade teacher Grace Tolleson and teacher aide Deborah Ransom.



DeZavala Elementary Principal Manuel Escalante talks to teachers and staff.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Galena Park Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 PM, August 23, 2016 in Galena Park Independent School District Admin. Bldg., 14705 Woodforest Blvd., Houston, TX 77015. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.2433/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)				
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.3376/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)				
Approved by Local Voters					
Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget					
The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:					
Maintenance and operations	3.50 % increase				
Debt Service	45.07 % increase				
Total expenditures	7.24 % increase				
Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)					
	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year			
Total appraised value* of all property	\$10,338,433,867	\$10,593,149,187			
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$476,273,453	\$197,836,556			
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$8,181,788,371	\$8,383,368,888			
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$376,920,591	\$156,566,928			
*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(9), Tax Code.					
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.01(2)(17), Tax Code.					
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.					
Bonded Indebtedness					
Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$302,413,669					
*Outstanding principal.					
Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.2433	\$0.2701*	\$1.5134	\$5,816	\$4,642
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.4827	\$0.2384*	\$1.7211	\$6,690	\$4,277
Proposed Rate	\$1.2433	\$0.3376*	\$1.5809	\$5,870	\$4,321
*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.					
The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.					
Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence					
	Last Year	This Year			
Average Market Value of Residences	\$81,204	\$92,179			
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$48,683	\$55,564			
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.5134	\$1.5809			
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$736.77	\$878.41			
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$141.64			
Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.					
*Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.5892. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.5892.					
Fund Balances					
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.					
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$134,533,000				
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$5,992,000				

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