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## CHANNEL CHATTER

### Rep. Gene Green's 21st Annual Immunization Day

Congressman Green invites parents to his 21st Annual Immunization Day events. Rep. Green will open with welcoming remarks and introduce school administrators and community health partners. These events will be held in partnership with: Galena Park ISD School Based-Clinic, North Shore Rotary Club, AAMA, Rotary International District 5890, Lyondell Basell, and Walgreens. Saturday, August 20, 2016, 9:00 a.m. at North Shore Sr. High School (Galena Park ISD), 353 N. Castegory, Houston, TX 77049 OR Saturday, August 20, 2016, 10:00 a.m. at AAMA Learning Center, 6001 Gulf Freeway, Building E, Houston, TX 77023.

Students and families are invited to start the school year with a discussion about children's health and health policy. Free immunizations will be available for school-aged children without health insurance coverage. Parents must bring their child's shot record with them.

### BACK TO SCHOOL HEALTH FAIR

ABC Dental and the City of Galena Park will host a back to school event this Saturday, August 20, 2016 from 4 pm - 7 pm at 1302 Keene, Galena Park, 77547. There will be school supply give away, health and dental screenings. Backpacks will be distributed one first come first serve basis (students must be present). Vision exams, blood pressure exams, cholesterol exams and much more. Call 713-672-2556 for more information.

### NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MEETING

Monday, August 22, 2016, 8:30 A.M. at East Freeway HPD Storefront, 12001-A East Freeway (Next to Burlington).

## Heart Screening extended to general public

### ECG tests for students and adults this Saturday

CROSBY — ECG Screenings are going to be performed at the Crosby Community Center this Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until Noon by the Cody Stephens Go Big Or Go Home Memorial Foundation to the general public from 7th grade and up, not just first year athletes or children.

The Cody Stephens Go Big Or Go Home Memorial Foundation was begun by Scott and Melody Stephens following the death of their son, Cody, May 6, 2012 to Sudden Cardiac Arrest also called sudden death. When that



Melody Stephens uses the new ECG device on a first time athlete to test for heart defects.

happened only about 5% of Texas used ECG screenings in addition to the check ups traditionally used and required by the State U.L.L. committee. Now about 25% of school districts in Texas are using the screenings due to foundations throughout the state.

Those wishing to have their heart checked by an ECG screening can register at the website www.codystephensfoundation.org. A limited number can be performed in the time allotted so make your registrations soon.

"This website is created to share Cody's story with others and do anything and everything we can to raise awareness of this silent killer and help prevent other families from experiencing the loss and heartache that we know."

This is a free heart screening, however donations will be accepted the day of the event. Because funding can detect life threatening conditions.

As an example of the impact that the screening can have on seemingly healthy people, the University of Pittsburgh now screens their first time athletes with an ECG. This year their freshman class of athletes had two students discovered to need heart surgery.

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## GALENA PARK LULAC awards scholarships to seven local students



Galena Park LULAC Council 4703 recently held its 15th Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner at Don Chile Mexican restaurant. They have donated over \$100,000 in scholarships since 2001. In the photo are Cruz R. Hinojosa, Jr., LULAC President, Scholarship recipients Amanda Alvarado, Naydelin Cruz, Elizabeth Rangel, Oscar Teran, Louis Cortez III, Natalia Vasquez, Veronica Gonzalez and Juan Flores, LULAC Scholarship Chair.

### GALENA PARK CITY COMMISSION:

## Council excludes citizen comments

GALENA PARK - Mayor Esmeralda Moya continues to mold the city government into her own rules, as evidenced by actions at last Tuesday's Commission meeting.

Greeting the audience in English and Spanish, she then asked the city attorney, Robert Collins, to explain why citizens would no longer be able to bring up their own interests in a public comment period.

According to Collins, the Open Meetings Act says all business of the Commission must be on the written Agenda, with no other comments allowed. His reasoning was that this protected citizens who were not present or not knowledgeable about what would be discussed. He suggested "workshops" as an alternative for citizens to express themselves.

Although it was not dis-



ROBERT COLLINS, Galena Park City Attorney

cussed officially by the Commission, citizens outside the meeting were distributing flyers questioning why the attorney had presented an invoice of \$26,000 for 7 days work. Collins told the North Channel Star that \$19,000 of this was for "investigations" but declined to elaborate on what was being investigated. Collins also to express themselves.

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## COMMUNITY PROFILE

### Lieutenant Longrigg prepares to better serve the community

JACINTO CITY, Texas — Lieutenant Mark A. Longrigg of the San Jacinto Police Department, recently graduated from the Leadership Command College — Class 77 of the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas. The program, taught by a consortium of universities throughout Texas, provides law enforcement administrators and executives with the skills necessary to effectively manage police agencies and deliver a high level of service to their community. Module I, focusing on leadership, is taught at the Center of Executive Development at Texas A&M University. Module II at Texas Woman's University focuses on the political, legal and social environment of law enforcement. The program concluded on August 12, 2016 with training in law enforcement administration at the third module, held at Sam Houston State University.

Each of the 3-week modules attended by participants in the program is taught by top national and



Mark Longrigg, Lieutenant Operations Commander Jacinto City Police Department.

international law enforcement experts. Topics include leadership, professional ethics and integrity, communication, and personnel management issues. The Command College curriculum also strives to keep participants on top of contemporary issues in Criminal Justice.

This program is one of many offered by the Bill Blackwood Law Enforce-

ment Management Institute of Texas, headquartered on the campus of Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. The Institute, known as "LEMIT", has been training law enforcement managers and executives since its inception in 1987. LEMIT offers numerous seminars, training for police chiefs, and the leadership program, which is one of the premiere law enforcement academies in the nation. No tax monies are necessary to support LEMIT, which is funded by a surcharge on criminal court costs; affording eligible Texas Law Enforcement managers and executive's essential professional development. Between one to two thousand Texas law enforcement personnel benefit from LEMIT training each year.

"I'm extremely grateful to the City of Jacinto City and in particular to Chief Ayala for the opportunity to attend such a school and I hope to utilize the information I received to better serve citizens of Jacinto City," said Lieutenant Longrigg.

## COMMUNITY SPORTS

### 5 San Jac men's soccer players sign National Letters of Intent

San Jac men's soccer players look to further their collegiate careers

HOUSTON, Texas - San Jacinto College sophomores Roberto Diaz Fernandez, Derick Gonzalez, Ricardo Olaya and freshman David Koloko have signed National Letters of Intent to continue their educations and soccer careers at four-year colleges and universities.

"It has been an honor and privilege to work with these guys over the past two years and see their growth on and off the field," said San Jacinto College Men's Soccer Head Coach Ian Spooner, who has been at the helm of the program for four years.

Fernandez, a 6-2 defender, committed to the University of the Incarnate Word. Last season the Madrid, Spain (Maria Inmaculada HS) native led the team in games played and started with 14. Diaz had 2 assists for



PHOTO BY ANDREA VASQUEZ, SAN JACINTO COLLEGE  
Five San Jacinto College men's soccer players signed National letters of Intent to continue their education and soccer careers at four-year institutions.

a total of 2 points, and in 2014 he was named the team's newcomer of the year.

Fort Hays State University secured Gonzalez, a 5-5 midfielder/forward. The Pasadena (Sam Rayburn HS) local led the team, and was second in the region, with 8 assists, recording a

total of 12 points. Gonzalez had the third highest shot percentage on the team with .667.

Ihenacho, a defender, has chosen Lubbock Christian University to continue his collegiate career.

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## Starting, dismissal times for Channelview schools

When Channelview ISD schools begin classes on August 22, their starting and dismissal times for the 2016-2017 school year are as follows:

- Channelview High School - 7:05 a.m. - 2:35 p.m.
- Aguirre Junior High and Alice Johnson Junior High - 8:35 a.m. - 4:05 p.m.

- Cobb, Crenshaw, DeZavala, Hamblen - 7:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

- Brown, McMullan, Schochler - 8:10 a.m. - 3:40 p.m.

- Barrett-Lee Early Childhood Center (Pre-K) - 8-11 a.m. (Morning Session), 12-3 p.m., (Afternoon Session)

## Letters of Intent

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The 5-8 Houstonian (Alief Elsie HS) appeared in six games last season, starting in four. Henacho was named to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) All Region XIV team in 2014. Central Methodist University guided Ricardo Olaya, a 5-8 defender from Bogotá, Columbia (Colegio Retos). Olaya played and started in 11 games last season, having 4 total points.

David Koloko is on his way to Garner-Webb University. The 6-2 defender from Atlanta, Georgia (Berkmar HS) both played and started in 13 games last season. In the summer of 2016 Koloko is playing with Kalamazoo PC, a Na-

tional Premier Soccer League team.

"Every one of them played instrumental parts in our program and I have no doubt that they will do the same at their future universities," concluded Spooner.

Last season the team went 12-6-1 overall, ranking second in Region XIV. Nine players from last year's squad will return to the team this fall.

To learn more about San Jacinto College Athletics, visit sanjacsports.com.

For more information about San Jacinto College, please call 281-998-6150, visit sanjac.edu, or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

## Channelview ISD Elementary School Supply List 2016-2017

### Kindergarten

- 1 pkg. Washable markers (8t color color-Crayola)
- 1 pair of Scissors (blunt-Fiskars or Colorations)
- 2 bottle of Glue (4 oz. Elmer's)
- 4 Thick plastic pocket folders with brads (solid colors)
- 1 Plastic school box (small)
- 3 Large boxes of tissue
- 6 Large glue sticks (Elmer's)
- 4 Composition notebooks (wide-ruled, no spirals)
- 12 #2 Pencils (wooden)
- 4 boxes of Crayons (24 ct-Crayola)
- 1 pkg. Dry erase markers (Expo2-bullet tip-4 set-blue, black, green, red)
- 2 Erasers (pink bevel bar)
- 1 pkg. Baby wipes (80ct)
- 1 pkg. 5x12 Asst. Colored construction paper (50ct)
- 1 pkg. 12x18 White construction paper (50ct)
- 1 box Reclosable bags (sandwich size 50ct)
- 1 box Reclosable bags (gallon size 20ct)

### First Grade

- 1 White binder 11" or 11" width, 3-ring with clear plastic front cover
- 36 #2 Pencils (wooden)
- 1 Plastic school box (small)
- 2 boxes of Crayons (24 ct-Crayola)
- 3 bottles of Glue (4 oz. Elmer's)
- 4 Large glue sticks (Elmer's)
- 3 Large boxes of tissue
- 1 pkg. 12x18 White construction paper (50ct)
- 1 pkg. 5x12 Assorted Colored construction paper (50ct)
- 4 Thick plastic pocket folders w/ brads (1red, 1blue, 1green and 1yellow)
- 1 pkg. Dry erase markers (expo2-bullet tip-4 set-blue, black, green, red)
- 1 box Reclosable bags (sandwich size 50ct)
- 1 box Reclosable bags (gallon size 20ct)
- 4 Composition notebooks (primary-preferred, wide-ruled, no spirals)
- 2 Erasers (pink bevel bar)
- 1 pkg. Baby Wipes (80ct)

### Second Grade

- 1 White binder 11" or 11" width, 3-ring with clear plastic front cover
- 36 #2 Pencils (wooden)
- 2 Highlighter Markers
- 1 pair of Scissors (pointed-Fiskars or Colorations)
- 1 bottle of Glue (4 oz. Elmer's)
- 4 Large glue sticks (Elmer's)
- 3 Large boxes of tissue
- 2 boxes of Crayons (24 ct-Crayola)
- 1 Pencil pouch (nylon or mesh) or Box (small)
- 1 pkg. Notebook paper (wide-rule)
- 4 Thick plastic pocket folders w/ brads (1red, 1yellow, 1green, 1blue)
- 1 pkg. 12x18 White construction paper (50ct)
- 1 pkg. Dry erase markers (expo2-bullet tip-4 set-blue, black, green, red)
- 1 box Reclosable bags (sandwich size 50ct)
- 1 box Reclosable bags (gallon size 20ct)
- 1 pkg. 5x12 Assorted colored construction paper (50ct)
- 4 Composition notebooks (wide-ruled, marble)

### Third Grade

- 1 White binder 11" or 11" width, 3-ring with clear plastic front cover
- 6 Thick plastic pocket folders w/ brads (red,

- blue, yellow, green, purple, orange)
- 1 pkg. 5x12 Assorted Colored construction paper (50ct)
- 1 pkg. 12x18 White construction paper (50ct)
- 2 pkg. Notebook paper (wide-rule)
- 1 Bx. Crayons (24 ct-Crayola)
- 36 #2 Pencils (wooden)
- 2 Red pens
- 2 Highlighter Markers
- 1 pair of Scissors (pointed-Fiskars or Colorations)
- 3 Large boxes of tissue
- 4 Large glue sticks (Elmer's)
- 1 bottle of Glue (4 oz. Elmer's)
- 1 box of colored pencils (12ct)
- 1 Pencil pouch (nylon or mesh)
- 2 Spiral notebooks (single subject, wide rule)
- 1 pkg. Dry erase markers (expo2-4 set-blue, black, green, red)
- 1 pkg. 3x5 Index Cards (100ct)
- 4 Composition Notebooks (wide-ruled, marble)
- 2 pkg. Post-it notes (3x3 square)

### Fourth Grade

- 1 White binder 11" or 11" width, 3-ring with clear plastic front cover
- 3 pkg. Notebook paper (wide-rule)
- 36 #2 Pencils (wooden)
- 2 Red pens
- 2 Highlighter Markers
- 1 pkg. Washable markers (8 ct. Crayola)
- 1 pair of Scissors (pointed-Fiskars or Colorations)
- 1 pkg. 5x12 Assorted Colored construction paper (50ct)
- 1 pkg. 12x18 White construction paper (50ct)
- 3 Large boxes of tissue
- 4 Large glue sticks (Elmer's)
- 4 Thick plastic pocket folders w/ brads (red, blue, green, yellow)
- 4 Composition books (wide-ruled, marble)
- 1 Pencil pouch (nylon or mesh)
- 2 pkg. Post-it notes (3x3 square)
- 1 pkg. 3x5 Index Cards (100ct)
- 1 pkg. Dry erase markers (expo2-4 color set-blue, black, green, red)
- 1 box of colored pencils (12ct)
- 2 Spiral notebooks (single subject, wide rule)
- 1 Protractor

### Fifth Grade

- 2 pkg. Notebook paper (wide-rule)
- 36 #2 Pencils (wooden)
- 2 Highlighter Markers
- 3 Large boxes of tissue
- 2 pkg. colored pencils (12ct)
- 2 Blue pens/2 Red pens
- 1 Pencil pouch (nylon or mesh)
- 4 Thick plastic pocket folders w/ brads (red, blue, green, yellow)
- 1 pkg. 5x12 Assorted Colored construction paper (50ct)
- 1 pkg. 3x5 Index Cards (100ct)
- 4 Large glue sticks (Elmer's)
- 1 bottle of Glue (4 oz. Elmer's)
- 1 pair of Scissors (pointed-Fiskars or Colorations)
- 2 Spiral notebooks (single subject, wide rule)
- 4 Composition notebooks (wide-ruled, marble)
- 1 pkg. Dry erase markers (expo2-4 color set-blue, black, green, red)
- 1 White binder 2" width, 3-ring with clear plastic front cover
- 2 pkg. Post-it notes (3x3 square)
- 1 box Washable markers (8 ct. Crayola)
- 1 box Reclosable bags (sandwich size 50ct)

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Town Hall Meeting

Congressman Gene Green invites the community to attend the upcoming town hall where he will discuss current legislation and other issues of importance to the district. Wednesday, August 31, 2016, 6:30 pm at HPD East Freeway Storefront, 12001-A East Freeway, Houston, 77029.

### North Channel Library Programs

- Saturday, Aug. 20, Faithful Paws, 2 pm; Pokémon Club!, 3 pm.
  - Tuesday, Aug. 23, Toddler Time, 10:30 am; Preschool Story Time, 1:30 pm.
  - Wednesday, Aug. 24, North Channel Book Club, 10 am; Klds Game Day, 4:30 pm.
  - Thursday, Aug. 25, Baby Time, 10:30 am.
  - Mon., Aug. 22, Basic Excel, Lecture, 1-3 pm
  - Wed., Aug. 24, Basic Excel, Practice, 1-3 pm
  - Tue., Aug. 23, Excel Básico, Lectura, 10 am - 12 pm
  - Thur., Aug. 25, Excel Básico, Práctica, 10 am - 12 pm
- Library is located at 15741 Wallisville Rd., Houston, 77049. For more details on these and other programs, please call 281-457-1631.

### 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. 20, Family Movie Theater, 12:30 pm.
  - Tue., Aug. 23, Power Point, 11 am, Adult Coloring, 1 pm.
  - Wed., Aug. 24, Baby Time, 10:30 am, ESL Class, 12:30 pm.
  - Thur., Aug. 25, Children's Storytime, 3 pm
  - Frid., Aug. 26, Clases de Inglés Usando Mango, 1 pm.
- Jacinto City Branch Library, 921 Akron, Jacinto City, TX. 77029. For more information on other programs, call 713-673-3937.

## ECG Screenings,

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This screening however is only the beginning of the outreach done by this foundation and its impact on the State and the nation is difficult to determine. 60 Minutes Sports recently did a televised report on Scott and Melody's efforts. Many leave the program asking "Well, why doesn't every school screen first time athletes with ECGs?"

In the last legislative session the House of Representatives Committee unanimously approved a measure to make screenings an addendum to the physicals now done. The Senate Committee however saw the measure stall. Now, Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, R., has expressed interest in the legislation.

### BENEFIT DINNER TO BE HELD SATURDAY AUGUST 27

Saturday, August 27, at 7:00 p.m. until about Midnight at the David H. Mc Nerney American Legion Hall 658 in Crosby the annual fund-raiser is to be held. Tickets are available and tables are still for sale. Tickets are going to be available at the door this year. Live Auction items are still being collected. Details for buying tickets are available on the facebook site Cody Stephens Go Big or Go Home Foundation or

the website or call Stephens at (713) 451-3600.

Previously, this event has been among the best charity events of the year. Leaders from throughout the country and northeast Harris County will be in attendance including the legislature and Harris County. Live auction items include a week stay at a condo in Puerto Vallarta. An axis hunt, sport memorabilia, concerts including Dolly Parton and many more are offered.

Speakers from throughout the country will share their stories and a young man from Deer Park whose heart surgery begins days before the event will share how his mother's insistence on an ECG due to Cody's story may have saved his life.

Catfish on Wheels is catering the event. D.J. Dennis Butterworth will be playing the music. Bill Busby will be the auctioneer. In the Deer Park case the doctor did not want to do an ECG even after he had heard a problem but the youth's mother insisted. His best friend since the third grade had the surgery just days before he was to have the ECG. But the doctor was upset that the mother insisted.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Port Authority expands Gulf Coast Industry Forum

DEER PARK –The Port of Houston Authority (PHA) Executive Director Roger Guenther's keynote presentation kicks off a new two-day format of the Economic Alliance Gulf Coast Industry Forum (GCIF) Wednesday, August 24 at 1:00 p.m. Guenther is expected to discuss recent Port Authority projects and activities as well as outline strategies for future growth, including plans to handle increased capacity from shipments through the expanded Panama Canal.

The PHA will once again be the presenting sponsor of the Gulf Coast Industry Forum (GCIF). PHA has played this role since the 2010 inception of the forum, formerly known as the Petrochemical & Maritime Outlook Conference (PMOC). The PHA's leadership along with maritime and industry expansion has allowed the

industry forum to shift to a two-day format for the first time. The event begins Wednesday, August 24 at 1:00 p.m. with Guenther's opening keynote and concludes with an afternoon closing keynote by General Land Office Commissioner George P. Bush on Thursday, August 25.

"I am very excited to have the Port of Houston Authority and Roger Guenther back in 2016. Roger and the Port Authority play a central role in much of the region's economic activity," said Chad Burke, president and CEO of the Economic Alliance Houston Port Region. "I cannot think of a better way to kick off the forum than with Roger Guenther giving an update on the Port Authority.

Export, Shipping and Logistics panels round out a robust industry outlook at Gulf Coast Industry Forum

Following Guenther's keynote on Wednesday, a panel of experts continues the dialogue by highlighting the area's role in energy exports. Serving on that panel will be Lawrence Waldron (Jefferson Energy Companies), Mark Mallett (Freeport LNG), Anatol Feygin (Cheniere LNG), and Bill Ordemann (Enterprise Products).

The maritime discussion continues on Thursday as a shipping and logistics panel takes the stage. Eric Chance with Hanjin Shipping and Andy Powell with Grieg Star Shipping, Inc. will examine and forecast the state of the shipping and logistics industry.

People wanting to attend or sponsor the conference can contact Economic Alliance Houston Port Region, [www.allianceportregion.com](http://www.allianceportregion.com)

## Galena Park Commission,

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introduced another attorney, Dennis Houfek, who is aiding him in the investigations. Houfek was once an FBI agent, Collins noted.

The Commission acted on several items, including an amendment to an ordinance that substituted the word Mayor for all references to City Administrator, consolidating all "duties and powers of the Mayor... with the City Ad-

ministrators."

In a discussion on a proposed resolution amending the current budget, Commissioner Broussard asked for \$49,000 to spend on the Galena Manor community building, namely the Evelyn Churchill building. Broussard said that the building was in extremely poor condition, needing immediate work. Commissioner Ponder questioned why to spend money on a

building that some felt should be torn down. Mayor Moya said that she was committed to repairing or replacing the Churchill building, but felt that it could wait for the next budget year, which starts in two months.

In a break in the previous unanimous feeling among the commissioners, they voted 3 to 2 to leave the item for the next budget year.

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# OPINION PAGE



## Training Wheels: Learning How to Be a Mom

By Kristan Hoffman

Earlier this summer, my husband Andy took his parents and siblings on a tour of Italy. Being five months pregnant, and having visited Italy before, I decided to skip the trip. So while they visited ancient ruins and art museums, ate pasta, drank wine, and hiked the Mediterranean coast, I stayed home



and took care of our niece, JB.

With no childcare experience under my belt, I was going from zero to Substitute Mom. Luckily I had gotten through the constant nausea and exhaustion of my first trimester. I did my best to prepare, shadowing my sister-in-law before she left, learning how to change diapers, fill bottles, and put JB down for naps and bedtime. I scheduled playdates with my friends who had children close to JB's age. And I toddler-proofed our house, covering outlets and putting away breakables.

But there's a big difference between being ready and being ready. I'm not even sure it's possible to be ready. You just have to dive in and do it.

So I did. For the first few days, I tried to be Aggerfect. Ah I talked to JB constantly, used every little moment as a teaching experience, and tried to limit her time in front of the TV. I also packed our days full of activities that I thought would be fun and stimulating. The park, the grocery store, the library, the mall. JB seemed to enjoy everything, but the nonstop schedule left us both crashing hard at each naptime and at the end of every night. On our playdates, I watched my friends and saw that their parenting styles were more relaxed, and their kids were still doing great. I wondered if I should ease up with JB, but I was scared to.

There's a big difference between knowing that everything is (most likely) going to be fine, and actually being responsible for making sure that's true.

The turning point came when my mom made a last-minute decision to visit for a few days. As soon as she arrived, everything felt more manageable. Having extra hands and eyes really helps when it comes to taking care of a bright, energetic toddler. My mom also encouraged me to pull back, to give both JB and myself more down time. She re-

minded me that I watched plenty of cartoons growing up and turned out just fine.

Throughout it all, JB was a delight. Brown-skinned and curly-haired, with pensive eyes and a sunny disposition, she charmed everyone we encountered. In public, dozens of people stopped us to say hello and tell me how beautiful JB was. At home, she found joy and wonder in the smallest things — a shiny lamp, a spray bottle, my husband's guitar, the stairs. In spite of my exhaustion, and occasional frustration, I felt my heart swell with love whenever she pulled me over to play with her, or cuddled with me on the couch, or clung to my neck as I carried her in my arms.

When the ten days were over, and my husband and his family returned from Italy, I was relieved but also sad. I knew that pretty much as soon as they drove away, JB's memories of our time together would begin to fade. It made me think about my own aunts and uncles, and all the special things they may have done with me or for me that I had no memory of. It made me sad to think of how little I appreciated them while growing up. And it made me glad that starting in college, I've gotten to know most of them so much better, developing my own relationships with them that don't depend on my mom or dad being there too.

Hopefully JB will seek that out with me someday too. But even if she doesn't, I will always strive to be a loving aunt to her, and I will always treasure our ten days of learning and laughing together.



## Court relaxes Texas voter ID law in time for fall election

AUSTIN — Voters will have more options when presenting personal identification at the polls for the November 8 general election, Texas Secretary of State Carlos Cascos announced last week.

Pursuant to an Aug. 10 federal court order, Cascos said, if a voter is not able to obtain one of the seven forms of approved photo ID, the voter may vote by: (1) signing a declaration at the polls explaining why the voter is unable to obtain one of the seven forms of approved photo ID; and (2) providing one of various forms of supporting documentation.

Supporting documentation can be an original, certified birth certificate, a valid voter registration certificate or one of the following:

- Current utility bill;
- Bank statement;
- Government check;
- Paycheck; or
- Other government document that shows the name and address of the voter.

The seven forms of approved photo ID are:

- Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety;
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS;
- Texas personal identification card issued by DPS;
- Texas license to carry a handgun issued by DPS;
- U.S. military identification card containing the person's photograph;
- U.S. citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph; or
- U.S. passport.

The court-ordered change to voting requirements came after the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in July ruled Texas' stringent "voter ID" law put an unconstitutional burden on minority voters. The Fifth Circuit instructed U.S. District Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos of Corpus Christi to approve less-restrictive requirements, which she did. Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton agreed to the changes in requirements for the November election, but said he plans to file an appeal.

Voters with questions about how to cast a ballot may call 1-800-252-VOTE.

### Death is linked to Zika

An infant who died in Harris County recently had microcephaly linked to the Zika virus, the Texas Department of

## STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling



May and June by quarterly filers.

"The cities of San Antonio, Austin, Fort Worth, Arlington, Plano and Irving saw noticeable increases in sales tax allocations," Hegar said. "Energy-centric cities, such as Houston and Midland, continue to see decreases in sales tax allocations," he added.

### Game gets folks outdoors

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department on Aug. 4 said state park sites are using the "Pokémon GO" smart phone game as "a new way to introduce the real natural world to players venturing into the great outdoors while on virtual hunts for the illusive Japanese characters known as Pokémon."

The Texas Parks & Wildlife Magazine has created a new digital guide in its free mobile app that has a wide range of helpful tips and tricks for gamers planning their next Pokémon hunting adventure in a Texas State Park.

"Pokémon GO is a cultural phenomenon and we're embracing it," said Nathan Adams, Texas Parks & Wildlife Magazine art director. "This new section of our app features an overview of the game, Pokémon vocabulary and tips. We're also spotlighting the PokéStops, Gyms and rare Pokémon found in our Texas State Parks. We'll continue to add to the app in the coming weeks."

State Health Services announced Aug. 9.

During her pregnancy, the agency said, the mother was in Latin America, where she was infected. The baby acquired the infection in the womb and test results confirmed the baby's condition and link to Zika.

The DSHS has been emphasizing precautions, specifically for travelers and pregnant women, through an ongoing public education campaign and via [www.TexasZika.org](http://www.TexasZika.org).

School ratings released

The Texas Education Agency on Aug. 9 released preliminary financial accountability ratings for approximately 1,200 school districts and charters across the state.

According to the TEA, nearly 98 percent of all Texas school districts and charters earned an A, the highest preliminary rating possible for 2015-2016.

Ratings are based on annual financial reports provided to TEA by districts and charters from the 2015 fiscal year. A school district or charter is assigned one of four possible letter grades (A, B, C or F) and a financial management rating of Superior, Above Standard Achievement, Meets Standard or Substandard Achievement.

Revenue is distributed Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Aug. 10 announced he would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$769.3 million in local sales tax allocations for August. The amount is 1.2 percent greater than in August 2015. Allocations are based on sales made in June by businesses that report tax monthly, and sales made in April,



## Addressing Problems in Zika Prevention

Emmett Had Criticized Mosquito Repellent Giveaway As Overly Cumbersome, Unrealistic

Harris County Judge Ed Emmett thanked state health officials today for their efforts to make Zika-combatting mosquito repellent widely available to low-income women of child-bearing age by eliminating requirements he criticized last week as inefficient and "almost dysfunctional."

State Health and Human Services Commission officials announced this week that they had agreed on a standing order that allows pharmacies and others to dispense two cans of free mosquito repellent per month to eligible women ages 10-45 and those who are pregnant.

HHSC officials had initially said that federal rules would require eligible recipients to obtain a medical prescription for the free repellent, even though such repellents are available for purchase without a prescription. That prompted Emmett, a member of the state's Task Force on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response, to respond that such a system would likely discourage, rather than encourage, participation.

"If you tell people, well, if you call your doctor and get a prescription - you know, a lot of the target audience, they're not going to hear that message," Emmett said last week. "Frankly, I would rather... just figure out a way to give away mosquito repellent and be done with it."

State health officials announced today that they had done just that, by having a doctor write a "standing order" that would serve as a prescription for repellent for the entire state.

"Zika preparedness and prevention is one of our top health concerns in Harris County and throughout Texas," Emmett said today. "I applaud our state officials for finding a common-sense approach to comply with the often cumbersome federal rules they face. Anything we can do to encourage prevention is welcome, and this is a perfect example of a sensible approach to a participation problem."

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# LIFESTYLE

**Fred W. "Buddy" Wilson**



Fred W. "Buddy" Wilson died August 10, 2016 at his home.

He was a native Houstonian, born November 21, 1935 and graduated from Galena Park High School in 1953.

He was a registered medical laboratory and medical x-ray technician who spent several years

...serving medicine before switching gears to join Brown & Root, Inc. in the late 1960's. He began his assignments at NASA as a NDT Technician and was promoted to Systems Specialist. For his design work on Apollo 7 flotation bags, Fred received... the "Snoopy" Flight Crew award. He was on the "Tiger Team" that rescued air supply to the Apollo 13 crew. He volunteered for human centrifuge and vacuum chamber testing. He was proud to have been selected as the 95% man. His measurements were used for the first Apollo space suit. This space suit is now part of the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum in Washington, D.C. In the early 1970's Fred moved to Brown & Root's Power Division working as an instrumentation en-

gineer. He was transferred in 1975 to work in Scotland, Norway and Iran Project Management groups.

Fred was married to Rosemary for over 55 years. They have two daughters, Ann Wilson of Channelview and Mary K. Wilson of Austin, Texas.

Fred belonged to Clear Lake Masonic Lodge #1417 of Seabrook, Texas since 1974. He was an avid radio controlled airplane flyer. He also held a private airplane license in his earlier years. Since 1995 he belonged to PFLAG; he spoke for and marched for gay rights. He had the "time of his life" every day of his life. He will be deeply missed.

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**Robert Arthur Trivitt**



Robert Arthur Trivitt, 75, of Houston, Texas, passed from this life August 11, 2016.

Robert was born June 20, 1941 in Jonesboro, Arkansas. He served his country in the U.S. Army. He was former owner of Bud's Muffler & Brakes in Channelview and was a 32nd degree Mason with the Masonic Lodge 271 in Springfield, Missouri. He was preceded in death by his parents and by one brother, Jim Trivitt. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Jo Lynn Trivitt; by step-child-

ren, Michael Phillips and Kevin Phillips and by one brother, Clifford Trivitt. There will be inurnment services at Houston National Cemetery on Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. with military honors and Masonic ceremonies. Attendees are requested to be at cemetery at 10:15 a.m. for participation of services.

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## THOUGHTS FROM MARANATHA CHURCH

### Wield the Word!

By Dr. Mark Trice

No matter who you are or what kind of life you're living, you, like everyone else, face situations and circumstances that challenge you. They try your patience and your peace; they attempt to woo you with various temptations; they push your buttons and test your strength, mental capacity, and relationships. So... What do you do in those situations? How do you respond? Do you crumble under the load? Do you shout and cry out? Do you lash out at those around you even though you know they're not really the problem?

Mankind is in a constant battle. Too often, we think it's a physical battle, but although it has physical effects ours is most definitely a spiritual battle that requires spiritual warfare. Second Corinthians 10:4 declares, "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds." The greatest warrior of them all, Jesus Christ, knew this. So, if we want to know how to do battle with the great tempter, we should look to Him. What did

Jesus do?

He wielded the Word! In Luke chapter four we see this clearly. Repeatedly, Jesus hit Satan with the words, "It is written..." followed by Scripture... He fought the devil with the double-edged sword that is the Word of God as skillfully as - any skillfully than - any swords master has ever fought with an edged weapon. He battled the great tempter and sent him away in defeat. So here is our answer: We are to wield the Word.

Knowing this, we also know that it is our responsibility to train ourselves in the use of this weapon. To wield the Word, we must know it. You can't say, "It is written..." if you don't know what is written. So let's dig in. Let's put our energies into reading and studying the Word of God just as seriously as a swordsman studies his craft or a sharpshooter gets to know his gun. Let's get ourselves to church so we can receive the teaching God has made available to us. And then let's put it all into action. Let us use the Word of God as Jesus did so that we, too, may see the devil and his minions depart in defeat.



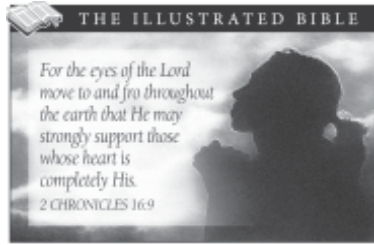
### My Small Part

The summer before my first year in college, I went to work for Brown and Root Construction as an insulator's helper. One day my foreman, Mr. Phillips, a godly man, showed me something I never forgot. I was running a supply cable to several men working on top of a tower. Mr. Phillips took a piece of cardboard and began to add up the wages of all the men on the tower. Though I was the lowest paid man on this particular project, he showed me how much it cost if the rest of them had to wait on me. It taught me the value of doing my small part.

There are people the Lord is waiting to use in a mighty way and maybe He is waiting on you or me to do our small part. "Whoever is faithful with very little will also be faithful with much." (Luke 16:10)

### BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Is the book of Song of Solomon in the Old or New Testament or neither?
  2. From Revelation 21, what perfectly square city is described as having walls made of jasper? New Damascus, Jericho, New Jerusalem, Philadelphia
  3. In 2 Samuel 4, what 5-year-old boy was dropped by his nurse and lamed for life? Moses, Mephibosheth, Peter, Andronicus
  4. Who became leader of the children of Israel after Moses' death? Isaac, Joshua, Aaron, Abraham
  5. In Matthew 5, Jesus compared Christians to salt and ...? Water, Bread, Light, Mountains
  6. What prophet was the son of Elkanah and Hannah? Samuel, Huldah, Daniel, Nathan
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**Earl "Skip" Douglas Wheeler Jr.**



Earl "Skip" Douglas Wheeler Jr., 69, went to be with the Lord on Friday, August 12, 2016. He was born in Houston, Texas on March 16, 1947 to Earl D.

Wheeler and Jeanette E. Gardner Wheeler. He had an outgoing and helpful personality that never met a stranger. He enjoyed bible study and was a great story teller. Some of Earl's hobbies were woodworking, photography, playing guitar and collecting guns. Earl served his country and was honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps and worked in the area as a plumber.

He is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Brenda Frost; and grandparents, Leonidas M. Wheeler Sr., and Faye Wheeler.

Earl is survived by his beloved wife of 30 years, Kathy Wheeler; son, Randy Wheeler; daughter-in-law, Amanda Wheeler; granddaughters, Regan Wheeler, Riana Wheeler, Remi Wheeler and Bree Davidson; grandson, Bryce

Davidson; brother, David Wheeler; sister-in-law, Anita Hillard; brother-in-law, Franklin Dubeak; and family friends, Harold and Charley Cuniff, Steve McCray and wife Linda, and Jeff Price and his wife; and a host of other extended family and friends. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Thursday, August 18, 2016 from 9 am to 10 am in the chapel of Sterling-White Funeral Home. Funeral services will immediately follow at 10 am also in the chapel. Graveside services will begin at 1:45 pm in Houston National Cemetery. Services have been entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd, Highlands, Texas. Please visit [www.sterlingwhite.com](http://www.sterlingwhite.com) to share memories and condolences with the family.

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Leviticus 19:32

# BUSINESS

## Diamond Jim: "Does a genuine Violet Diamond really exist?" Rio Tinto Unveils 'Impossibly Rare' Violet Diamond



The 2.83-carat Argyle Violet is "impossibly rare and limited by nature," said Patrick Coppens, general manager of sales for Rio Tinto Diamonds, and will be "highly sought after for its beauty, size and provenance."

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Melbourne, Australia—Last year, Rio Tinto made an astounding discovery at its Argyle mine in Western Australia and never said a word about it.

The diamond mining company unearthed a 9.17-carat piece of rough that yielded a stone Rio Tinto Diamonds' Patrick Coppens describes as "impossibly rare"—a 2.83-carat fancy deep grayish blue violet diamond that it dubbed the "Argyle Violet."

It is the largest violet diamond ever recovered from the mine. And now it will embark on a world tour, of sorts, as part of the 2016 Argyle Pink Diamonds Tender.

The Gemological Institute of America assigned the oval-shaped stone a color grade of fancy deep grayish blue violet. In a peer-reviewed article in the spring 2009 edition of *Gems & Gemology*, the GIA noted that the Argyle mine is the world's only known source of type IaB hydrogen- and nitrogen-rich diamonds colored gray to blue to violet. The article also noted that the more violet-hued stones in this range are colored by nickel defects.

### ASK DIAMOND JIM

Rio Tinto said the Argyle Violet has a clarity of SI1.

When asked for an estimated sale price, the mining company said it is difficult to know what the stone will sell for given the rarity of violet diamonds but noted that "violet diamonds sit in the limited company of red diamonds as an indicator of value."

In November 2014, Christie's Hong Kong auctioned a heart-shaped 2.09-carat SI2 fancy red for \$5.1 million, or \$2.44 million per carat.

If the Argyle Violet garners the same per-carat price, its sale price will total nearly \$7 million.

The oval-shaped Argyle Violet will be the star of the 2016 Argyle Pink Diamonds Tender, Rio Tinto's annual sale of rare diamonds from its Argyle mine in Western Australia. The mine produces 90 percent of the world's pink diamonds.

The tender will commence with private trade viewings in June, traveling to Copenhagen, Hong Kong and New York. More details on other diamonds in the tender will be released at its launch in Copenhagen in early June.

The closing bid date for the tender is Oct. 12. Note worthy:

Pure violet diamonds, which are so rare as to be almost non-existent, are sometimes created by the existence of hydrogen in the diamond's crystal lattice.

Fancy violet diamonds are an extremely rare member of the purple diamond family, which frequently come with gray or blue as secondary colors. In the past decade or so, pure purple and violet diamonds have become highly sought after by both collectors and investors.

There are very few violet diamonds with a single, pure color and others exist with Grey, Greyish, and Bluish secondary hues.

Depending on the color combination of the stone, they have Fancy, Fancy Intense, Fancy Deep and Fancy Dark intensity grades.

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](mailto:jmills@pineforestjewelry.com).

*Diamond Jim is a diamond dealer and precious metals broker of NTR Metals. See more at: [www.pineforestjewelry.com](http://www.pineforestjewelry.com).*

## What Can Investors Learn from Roller Coaster Rides?

If you have an interest in looking up obscure holidays and celebrations, you will find that August 16th is National Roller Coaster Day. As you know, a roller coaster is used as a metaphor for many areas of life — including the financial markets. As an investor, what can you learn from this thrill ride?

Here are a few suggestions:

- **Don't jump off.** This is pretty standard advice for all roller coaster riders — but it's also a good recommendation for investors. Specifically, you don't want to exit the financial markets when they turn volatile. It can be tempting to do so, because the markets do indeed experience dizzying drops from time to time. But if you jump out of the markets when they're down, you may be on the outside when they start their climb, potentially missing out on gains.

- **Protect yourself.** When you're on a roller coaster, you are typically advised to keep your arms and legs inside the car to protect your extremities from dangerous contact with the track and other cars. As an investor, you also need to protect yourself from dangers such as a market downturn. If you owned just one type of asset, such as aggressive growth stocks, and a downturn occurred, you'd likely take a big hit. One of the best ways to help avoid this possibility is to diversify your holdings among stocks, bonds and other investments. Although diver-

### ASK THE EXPERT

By Edward Jones

sification can't guarantee a profit or protect against losses, it can help reduce the impact of volatility on your portfolio.

- **Keep looking forward.** When you're on a roller coaster, you don't want to look backward. Not only could you strain your neck, but you'll also be unprepared for the ups, downs, twists and turns that await you. When you invest, you want to keep looking forward as well. By keeping your eyes, and your focus, on your long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement, you can be better prepared to follow a consistent strategy designed to help get you to your destination.

- **Don't bring extra baggage.** For obvious reasons, it's not a good idea to bring any loose or extra baggage inside a roller coaster car that may have you going upside down at 90 or so miles per hour. As an investor, you don't want to be saddled with any ex-

tra "baggage," either — and one of the biggest sources of this baggage is unrealistic expectations. If you think you will earn double-digit returns every year, you will likely be disappointed — and your disappointment could lead you to make unwise decisions, such as constantly buying and selling investments to improve your performance. This type of activity is expensive, time-consuming and usually futile. So, when you invest, maintain realistic expectations — it can help you stay on track toward your goals.

By following these basic guidelines for roller coasters, you'll enjoy a safer ride. And by observing similar rules for investing, you can help make your investment "journey" smoother — and less scary.

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**BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED AT JACINTO CITY CITY HALL, 1301 MERCURY DR. UNTIL 5:00 P.M. ON AUGUST 25, 2016 AND WILL BE OPENED AND READ AT THE COUNCIL MEETING AT 10301 MARKET ST. AT 6:00 P.M. ON SAID DATE. ALL BIDS SUBMITTED TO JACINTO CITY MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A BID BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF 5% OF TOTAL BID.**

**THE CITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY/OR ALL BIDS, TO WAIVE ANY/OR ALL TECHNICALITIES AND TO ACCEPT ANY BID OR PART THEREOF WHICH IN THE OPINION OF THE CITY COUNCIL IS MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE CITY.**

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The Mayor and City Council of Jacinto City will meet in Special Session on Thursday August 25, 2016 at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber, 10301 Market Street for the purpose of the first public hearing on the anticipated budget for the Fiscal Year 2016/2017. Public participation is encouraged.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The CHANNELVIEW INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2016 in THE JOYCE HENDRIX ESC BOARD ROOM LOCATED AT 828 SHELDON RD, CHANNELVIEW, TX 77530. 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	\$ 1.04	/ \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ .38	/ \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

**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	2.4203	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Debt service		% increase	or	2.7814	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	1.7359	% increase	or		% (decrease)

**Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)**

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 3,487,222,768	\$ 3,658,701,696
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 15,281,872	\$ 29,603,152
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 2,965,637,521	\$ 3,011,467,770
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 15,632,318	\$ 25,175,397

\* Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.0418.  
\*\* New property is defined by Tax Code Section 26.01(2)(7).  
\*\*\* Taxable value is defined by Tax Code Section 1.0419.

**Bonded Indebtedness**

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$ 148,112,041.25

\* 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	\$ 1.04000	\$ .37500*	\$ 1.415	\$ 4596	\$ 5093
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Operations & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.09648	\$ .32816*	\$ 1.42464	\$ 4417	\$ 4935
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$ .38000**	\$ 1.42000	\$ 4423	\$ 4852

\* 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	\$ 99,820	\$ 110,730
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 74,813	\$ 82,617
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.415	\$ 1.42
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 1,058.60	\$ 1,173.16
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 114.56

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 1.4201. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.4201.

**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)	\$ 27,854,565
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 13,839,241

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters of Administration for Docket No. 449,930; Estate of KRISTY STALLINGS, Deceased; In Probate Court No. 1, of Harris County, Texas, Deceased, were issued on August 9, 2016.

**BRENT STALLINGS**

The residence address of the administrator is in Harris County, Texas. The mailing address is:

c/o Weston Cotten  
5223 Garth Rd.  
Baytown, TX 77521

All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated this August 15, 2016.

*Weston Cotten*  
by WESTON COTTEN  
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## Joe Stephens helps students prepare for Back to School



At North Shore, the goal was to give out 1000 backpacks. Hot dogs, jump houses, and fire trucks were all part of the fun.



Stephens also held a backpack giveaway at Barrett Station, where he is chairman of the Civic League.

What could be more appropriate, than the president of a school board encouraging kids to think about "Back to School" with a backpack giveaway.

That is exactly what Joe Stephens, Galena Park ISD school board president, and candidate for Justice of the Peace, did last Saturday in several locations.

At the North Shore location on

Wallisville, his team cooked hot dogs, had several fire engine displays, and jump houses to entertain. With the help of the Anchor Club from North Shore High School, he stuffed school supplies in 1000 backpacks for needy students.

Stephens also held a similar event at Mt. Rose Church in Barrett Station, giving away 100 backpacks.



Members of the North Shore Anchor Club, which is sponsored by the San Jacinto Pilot Club, were on hand to help stuff backpacks with School supplies.

## Drum Cafe rocks Channelview ISD Convocation



The sounds of drum beats and positive messages from The Drum Cafe filled the air at the Channelview ISD District Convocation on Thursday, August 11 at the Bill Neal Center. All teachers, staff, administrators and auxiliary employees in attendance were provided with bongo drums and The Drum Cafe led the audience in various "team building" drum and dance routines, as they shared inspirational messages of reaching the minds and hearts of students, which is reflected in this year's district theme of "One Passion...One Dream...One Heartbeat."



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