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CHANNEL CHATTER

Port Authority Small Business Advisory Council prepares for Legislative Session

A 2017 legislative briefing was provided by the government relations department for the Port of Houston Authority's Small Business Advisory Council during its quarterly meeting that was held Nov. 7.

Commissioner John Kennedy led the meeting with the support of the port's small business outreach department in a discussion related to promoting small businesses in Harris County. Port Authority Senior Director of Small Business and Maritime Education Gilda Ramirez provided an update on recent port engagement activities and events.

Port Authority Government Relations Director Spencer Chambers discussed state and federal policy priorities for the port, and highlighted the ongoing efforts to secure the necessary resources to dredge and maintain the Houston Ship Channel. Also mentioned was the Texas Legislature's efforts to study ports to determine how the state can best support these economic engines.

Commissioner Kennedy highlighted the importance of focusing on freight mobility for future infrastructure improvements, particularly to support growing exports, such as plastic resins, as well as increase cargo efficiency.

The council is made of industry professionals and agencies including the City of Houston, Metropolitan Transit Authority, U.S. Small Business Administration and Houston Minority Supplier Development Council.

Carter-Conley Funeral Candlelight Remembrance

Carter-Conley Funeral Home invites the families and the general public to celebrate the Christmas holidays with a time of remembrance at its annual Candlelight Remembrance, Sunday afternoon, December 4, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. 13701 Corpus Christi St., Houston, TX. 77015. 713-455-5100.

2017 calendars available.

20-17

North Shore wins in goal line stand

HOUSTON -- In a battle between two Championship teams, the North Shore Mustangs came out on top, and will advance to the semi-final regional play-offs this Friday in the NRG Stadium.

The final five minutes of the game were exciting, and determined the win.

North Shore's Kerrion Hadnot ran 48 yards for a touchdown, thwarting Katy's defenders. With five minutes left, the score was then 20-17, but Katy wasn't through trying.

On the next round, Katy QB Rocky Emery hit JC Angulo with a 43 yard pass, bringing them to the Mustang 2 yard line, and what looked like a game winning TD.

But four plays later, on a 4th and goal on the 1 yard line, Katy coach Gary Joseph decided to try for a winning TD instead of a tie with a field goal. The Mustang defense was up to the challenge. Jacoby Allen stopped Katy's Josh Oglesby with a 1 yard loss, and a turnover.

Katy's five year championship run ended with a 10-3 record, while the North Shore Mustangs,



The Mustang defense was the key to victory in the game against Katy. The goal line stand stopped them on the 1 yard line.



The North Shore Mustangs have defeated Dickinson 17-7 and Katy 20-17 in the regional play-offs.

now 12-1, go on to the regional semi-finals Friday against Atascocita (11-1). A large contingent of fans is expected at the NRG stadium to cheer the Mustangs on toward the state playoffs.

Mayor Turner lights up Christmas season Dec. 2



Mayor's Holiday Celebration Join it Friday, December 2.

Ring in the season with the 97th Annual Mayor's Holiday Celebration and Tree Lighting Presented by Reliant, an NRG Company on Friday, December 2, 2016 in the heart of downtown Houston. The spectacular event is a holiday tradition of music, Santa, fireworks and family fun. A towering Holiday Tree, glowing with energy efficient LED lights, shimmering ornaments and a stunning star topper will light up the streets of downtown Houston this holiday season. The event takes place in Hermann Square at City Hall from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

The public is invited to bring a new, unwrapped toy to the Reliant booth at the Mayor's Holiday Celebration to help make the holidays brighter for a child this season. Everyone who brings a toy will receive a light-up Santa hat from Reliant. The annual toy drive benefits the Salvation Army Greater Houston Area Command.

Parking is available for a fee in SP+ Parking lots as well as in the Theater District Tranquillity Garage.

Rep. Green calls to abolish the Electoral College

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- On Thursday, November 17th, Congressman Gene Green will introduce legislation in the House of Representatives to amend the Constitution of the United States to abolish the Electoral College and instead use direct election to decide presidential elections. The resolution is co-sponsored by 16 Members of Congress. In the Senate, Senator Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) filed legislation Tuesday, November 15th, to abolish the Electoral College in light of Demo-

cratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton winning the popular vote but still losing the election.

"This marks the second time in 16 years that a clear plurality of Americans voted for a presidential candidate who did not win the White House, undermining our nation's most basic principles of democracy and equality," said Congressman Gene Green.

"In 1913, Congress and the states trusted the people to elect their Senators. Do we trust the people to-

day? Every American citizen's presidential vote should count equally in 2016, not just the votes of delegates in the Electoral College who are not bound to follow the will of the people. Our modern democracy calls for every vote to carry the same weight in the election, no matter where in the nation it was cast," added Green.

The Electoral College was created in the 18th century when communications were poor, literacy was low, and voters lacked information about



Congressman Gene Green

out-of-state candidates. Section Three of Congressman Green's pro-

posed Amendment reads: "The persons having the greatest number of votes for President and Vice President shall be elected."

The co-sponsors of the resolution are: Reps. Brendan Boyle, Julia Brownley, David Cicilline, Yvette Clarke, Steve Cohen, Keith Ellison, John Garamendi, Jared Huffman, Steve Israel, Ted Lieu, James McGovern, Jan Schakowsky, Jose Serrano, Eric Swalwell, Juan Vargas, and Filemon Vela.

COMMUNITY GROWTH

Frost Bank opens new North Shore Financial Center

HOUSTON, Nov. 21, 2016 -- Frost has opened its newest branch, the North Shore Financial Center, to serve customers in the rapidly growing neighborhood. Grand Opening events will follow in February, but the new center is already open for business and serving customers at 13630 East Freeway, Suite 300 in Houston. A 148-year old bank with deep Texas roots, Frost currently operates 134 financial centers across Texas, including 31 in the Houston region.

The new financial center offers the latest in Frost's innovative Financial Center design, offering both a welcoming and interactive customer experience, and provides a full



range of financial services for consumer and business customers. The new design includes a Frost Room complete with an online banking center where customers can access their accounts through the Internet, and a Community

Room, where local groups can gather.

The North Shore Financial Center is also home to one of Frost's newer design features, a welcoming

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GALENA PARK ISD

North Shore teacher wins TextESOL teacher of the year

Congratulations to Ms. Elva Williams from North Shore Senior High for winning the TextESOL Region 4 Teacher of the Year award. TextESOL recognizes teachers of English to speakers of other languages. This award is given for making an impact on students' lives and a difference in the community.

Ms. Williams strives to help others reach their full potential and discover their passion for learning. She spent six years in Turks and Caicos working with local families and teaching English to students with limited access to educational opportunities. In the summer of 2008, she traveled to China, where she taught students English and the American culture to secondary students.

For the past 12 years, Ms. Williams has taught Spanish at North Shore Senior High, as well as, English to new arrival students. North Shore Senior High enrolls over 100 foreign students from all over the world each year. The students rely on Ms. Williams, the New Arrival Center teacher, for support.

Ms. Williams also enjoys helping students by participating in the GPISD Bilingual Mini-Conference, the Literature and the Literacy conference and curriculum writing for the New Arrival Center.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Highlands Christmas Market



Marcelous Williams Resource Center offers Market Place in Highlands to give vendors opportunity to attract potential customers outside the mainstream, attendance seems off on Friday.

CROSBY: Box of Joy Project at Sacred Heart Catholic School



In the past few weeks, Sacred Heart Catholic School-Crosby students have collected gift items for the Box of Joy Project, a Christmas gift program organized by the Cross Catholic Outreach. By packing Boxes of Joy with toys and other gifts, the students learned to bless the children their age, who are suffering from extreme poverty, by sharing the joy of Christmas and planting seeds of hope through the Gospel. The students were excited to learn more about compassion and share in our Lord's mercy in this experience!

At first, the students set a goal to bless 40 children with 40 gift boxes this Christmas. However, it turned out to be a huge success: we exceeded the goal with a total of 78 gift boxes collected by first through eighth graders! Parents and students donated and collected the items for the boxes as well monetary donations to cover shipping the boxes. There are many children in Haiti, Dominican Republic and Guatemala who will be grateful to receive these gifts.

Sacred Heart Catholic School serves students in Pre-K through 8th grade. For more information, visit sacredheartschoolcrosby.org or call 281-328-6561.

GCCISD Choirs score big in Region Vocal Auditions



Thirty-eight Gentry Junior School vocalists were named to the All-Region Choir. Directors are Mireya Mejia and Maribel Kohles.

Goose Creek CISD's secondary level fine arts students in vocal music (choir) have traveled the region recently in hopes of earning coveted positions in the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) Region Choirs. After being moved to Region 19, a new collection of districts which are known for strong choral programs, Goose Creek CISD students tested their mettle against some of the best.

At the junior school level, GCCISD choir programs auditioned and earned 55 seats in the Region 19 choirs, with all campuses qualifying students to the TMEA event. The campuses sent a number of students (Baytown Junior - 4, Horace Mann Junior - 1, Cedar Bayou Junior - 5, Highlands Junior - 7) to the Region. An outstanding point of focus, however, was Gentry Junior School, which placed an unprecedented 38 students into the region choir, four of whom were 1st chair singers. With 38 qualifiers, GJS edged out all other districts in Region 19, including Deer Park and Pearland, with the most student vocalists named to that honor. Mireya Mejia, Gentry head choir director, contributes the success to the students and some creative classroom motivation.

"The success of our students stems from the culture that we've created in the choir program through leadership and high expectations. Our students focused tremendous energy in class time rehearsals. They worked harder this year than they ever have before and the students garnered a huge reward for that. We made a Region Wall of Fame and challenged the students to earn their name on it. They came in after school, during lunches and in their free time and rehearsed their music – they wanted to paint their name on the wall and that's exactly what they did. They set goals and achieved them," Mejia said.

In the high school arena, all three GCCISD choral programs qualified a total of 74 students to the Region 19 choirs. Ross S. Sterling High School led the charge, notching 36 qualifiers to the region and advancing 11 individuals to the Pre-Area round of the TMEA All-State Vocal Auditions.

"We're just very fortunate to have students that work hard and want to be successful. They truly love singing and love the contest. Driving that passion for choir and success has really propelled them to these results," said Levi Duncan, head choir director at RSS.

Pre-Area qualifiers were Zoey Henderson, Karsyn Heyen, McKenzie Comeaux, Carolina Villegas, Tomas de la Rosa, Cody Harris, Nic Pompa, Jayce Howard, Alex Contreras, Peyton Moseley and Andrew Beck.

Goose Creek Memorial High School bested that number of advancers, sending 12 of its own vocalists to the Pre-Area round while qualifying 35 students to the region choirs.

"Hard work and determination is what got our students here. We're up against harder competition in the new region and our kids did wonderfully. I'm proud of what we've accomplished," said Holly Lewallen, GCM head choir director.

Pre-Area qualifiers for GCM were Skylar Newton, Seth Baal, Edgar Landa, Aidan Cottar, Angel Amador, Trueston Buxie, Jalon Douglas, Erica Inman, Reyna Jackson, Courtney Riffle, Axel Rodriguez and Abigail Rodriguez.

Robert E. Lee High School did not have advancers to the Pre-Area playoff, but will send four of its outstanding male vocalists, Justo Rodriguez, Joel Lopez, Michael Sanchez and Jacob Benitez, as members of the Region 19 Men's Choir.

Phillip Morgan, GCCISD's director of fine arts, was highly impressed with the results of the auditions.

"For Goose Creek to place 74 high school students in the new Region 19 choirs and advance 23 to the Pre-Area playoff/audition round is truly phenomenal. Our district has some of the most talented vocal instructors and students in the state of Texas and these results reflect that belief. Having Gentry Junior School boast 38 into the choirs speaks volumes to the superior instruction by our teachers in the development pipeline of our choral system at that level. They have amazing skill sets and our students reap the benefit of that fact," Morgan said.

High School all-region qualifiers performed Saturday, November 12, at the Deer Park ISD Performing Arts Center. Qualifying All-Region Junior School choir students will perform in their respective concerts on Saturday, December 3, at the Deer Park ISD Performing Arts Center. Advancers to the Pre-Area round of TMEA All-State auditions will compete at the same location on Thursday, December 1, to try to earn a trip to the TMEA Area round of playoffs.

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SCHOOL NEWS

GALENA PARK ISD

Stripes makes a donation to North Shore Senior High



Dr. Coleman, principal of North Shore Senior High, Stripes representative and students from North Shore Senior High.

On Monday, November 7, the North Shore Senior High cheerleaders, Scarlets and spirit leaders made an appearance at the Stripes grand opening located at the corner of Woodforest and Normandy. The North Shore Mustangs led the ribbon cut-

ting ceremony with a few cheers to pump up the crowd.

During the ceremony, Stripes representatives presented North Shore Senior High Principal, Dr. Coleman, with a \$1,000 donation to North Shore Senior High. Stripes has

committed over one million dollars to schools that are near recently opened Stripes locations.

Thank you, Stripes, for making a donation to North Shore Senior High and we appreciate your support!

Channelview ISD Education Foundation awards Innovative Teacher Grants



CHS/Kolarik Theater Arts teacher Rodrigo Mireles and students show their excitement as the CISD Education Foundation Sur-Prize Patrol presented Mireles with an Innovative Teacher Grant.

Excitement and the sound of music filled the air as the directors of the CISD Education Foundation Sur-Prize Patrol, Superintendent Greg Ollis and the Channelview High School Falcon Band and Cheerleaders made their way through the halls of five campuses to award seven Innovative Teacher Grants.

First year teacher, Mr. Rodrigo Mireles, was all smiles as he accepted his grant award for sound engineering software and equipment for use in his theater arts class. Mr. Mireles said, "By providing resources, such as the innovative teaching grant, the Education Foundation has empowered my stu-

dents who are interested in pursuing audio designer fields beyond high school. They are going to be receiving hands-on experience with professional sound design software, which, without the Education Foundation would be much harder to access at an early age. The CHS/Kolarik Theatre program is grateful for the generosity and support of the Educational Foundation."

The Foundation received 28 applications for the innovative grants of which the seven selected awards totaled \$25,987.34. This Sur-Prize Patrol awarded the largest dollar amount for grant awards to date for the Foundation, which is in its fourth full

year of existence. "We are extremely proud and work diligently to solicit donors who provide the funds for these wonderful grants that allow our teachers to offer students with different approaches to learning," stated Foundation President Mr. B. R. Hendrix.

The Channelview ISD Board of Trustees play a part in the grant funding, as they vote to accept the donation to the district for the purchasing of items in the grant. On November 15, the Trustees unanimously accepted the Foundation's grant donation and thanked the directors in attendance for their service to the district, students and staff.

North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce welcomes new member 'Homes for Heroes'



North Channel Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome new members Homes for Heroes. They hold a ribbon cutting on November 10, 2016.

For information on this new members, please call Ramonica Caldwell at 832-293-5385.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Hope Memorial Candlelight Service

Hearts of Parents Endure (HOPE) will hold its fifteenth annual candlelight ceremony at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6, at San Jacinto College North Campus, 5800 Uvalde, for parents, families, and friends to honor and remember children who have passed away. The ceremony will be held at the site of The Christmas Box Angel Memorial Garden.

The ceremony is open to the public, and anyone who has lost a child is invited to be present to lay a white flower in memory of their child. For additional information, please contact Velma Chesnutt at 713-453-5266.

Holiday Open House

Stop by & bring in the holidays with State Representative Ana Hernandez, Thursday, December 8, 2016, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at District Office, 1233 Mercury Dr., Jacinto City, Tx. 77029 (corner of Mercury Dr. & Market St.) Refreshments will be served! For more information please call 713-675-8596.

Tis the season for giving: Donate new, unwrapped toys. Donations accepted from now until December 15, 2016. Please drop off all donations at 1233 Mercury Dr.

Galena Park ISD Community Holiday Open House

Come and enjoy door prizes, student performances and Santa Claus, Friday, December 9, 2016, 9:00 am - 11:00 a.m. at the GPISD Administration Building located at 14705 Woodforest Blvd., Houston, Texas, 77015.

New - evening San Jacinto Pilot Club

Meetings began on November 1st at 7 pm at the Woodforest Presbyterian Church (next to Walmart) and continue every 1st Tuesday of each month. The charter ceremony for this new club, made up mostly of former Anchors, will be Saturday, Jan 21, at 6 pm. More information to follow. For answer to your questions or to JOIN us, call Ericka at 832-264-1565.

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 Lyondell-Basell on Sheldon Road at noon.

Galena Park Library programs

-Thur., Dec. 1, Kid's CreationSnow Day, 4 pm.
-Sat., Dec. 3, Family Games-Juegos para la Familia, 3 pm.
-Wed., Dec. 7, Computación Básica, 10:15 am; Computer Basics, 1 pm; Get Active/Activate, 4 pm.
Galena Park library is located at 1500 Keene St., Galena Park, TX. 77547. Call 713-450-0982 for more information on these and other programs.

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Recognized business leader to deliver commencement address

PASADENA, Texas – Mrs. Gina Luna, former Chairman of JPMorgan Chase in the Houston Region and founder and CEO of Luna Strategies, will speak to December graduates at the San Jacinto College commencement ceremony on Sunday, Dec. 11, 2016 at 2 p.m.

The December commencement ceremony will bring together San Jacinto College graduates from each of the four campuses for one combined ceremony. It will take place at Minute Maid Park.

“Gina Luna is one of the most respected and accomplished business leaders in Houston,” said San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer. “She understands what it takes to be successful in business and in life, and is highly engaged in supporting the Houston community. She is a champion for education, and has eagerly supported our efforts here at San Jacinto College to help more students graduate and transfer on to continue their education or enter the workforce with the skills needed to begin a successful career.”

As CEO of Luna Strategies, Luna counsels companies and their leaders on complex strategic issues and growth initiatives. She has established a reputation of collaborating with management teams from a broad spectrum of industries to develop creative solutions and drive results. Prior to founding Luna Strategies she held the prestigious role as Chairman of JPMorgan Chase in the Houston Region and was head of the Middle Market Banking business. During her 22-year career with JPMorgan Chase she served in a number of high profile leadership positions, including marketing and communications, talent development, risk management and strategic planning.

Luna is deeply engaged in supporting the Houston community. She was elected Chairman of the Greater Houston Partnership in 2015, and currently serves as Chair of the Greater Houston Partnership Nominating Committee. She also serves as Chair of the nationally acclaimed workforce initiative, Up-skill Houston, of which San



Submitted photo. Gina Luna, CEO of Luna Strategies, will address graduates and guests at the San Jacinto College December commencement ceremony at Minute Maid Park on Dec. 11.

tions, while also working with numerous community organizations and youth programs as well as her children's schools.

Her efforts and accomplishments have earned her numerous accolades, such as the Bob Onstead Leadership Award, Greater Houston Women's Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame inductee and Houston's 50 Most Influential Women. Luna is a summa cum laude graduate of Texas A&M University with a bachelor of business administration degree in finance and management. She is married to Carl Luna, and together they have two sons.

San Jacinto College remains focused on helping students complete what they start. Since 2007, the College has increased the number of certificates and degrees awarded by 140 percent, and is ranked 15th in the nation by “Community College Week” for awarding associate degrees.

More information about the San Jacinto College commencement ceremony can be found at sanjac.edu/commencement-ceremony.

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Ellis Burnham

Ellis Burnham, 90, long time resident of Channelview, Texas, passed from this life on November 21, 2016.

Ellis was born September 15, 1926 in Puckett, Mississippi to parents, Maura McLaren Burnham and Lessie Walters Burnham. He served his country in the Merchant Marines during World War II. He worked some as a Longshoreman, helped in the construction of the Washburn Tunnel and later retired from Houston Lighting and Power after 38 years. He was a member of the Channelview I.S.D. school board for many years and was an avid supporter of the Channelview Athletic Programs and the Channelview Little League. He will be deeply missed by all



who knew him. Services are set for 1:00 p.m. Saturday, November 26, 2016 at Carter-Conley Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Sterling White Cemetery in Highlands, Texas under the direction of Carter-Conley Funeral Home.

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Christmas Program at Northside Baptist, Highlands

Northside Baptist Church of Highlands, TX will present its Christmas Program Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 6pm. A time of Fellowship will follow.

Participants and singers in the Christmas Program include: Footprints (Ray & Donna Walker), Patricia

Brockinton, Eva Arriaga, David Gilmore, Linda Sonnier, Josie Rodriguez, Nita Ford, Karen Bascom, led by Gene Littlejohn.

Pastor David R. Brumbelow invites everyone to attend. Northside is located at 317 Barbers Hill Road in Highlands.

Lois Diane Havard Carey

Lois was a wonderful daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt. Lois' life reflects a commitment to God, her church and community, and a love for her family and friends. She was a long-time member of Central Baptist Church in Sanford, Florida. There she sought to beautify the church with many seasonal displays. She was an avid volunteer in the libraries of churches she attended. She enjoyed Bible study classes, participating in senior adult activities, and special events. She was an energetic supporter in all of Mike's, Jeff's, and James' athletic activities. Most of all, she cherished her special time with her family and friends.

Lois was born August 19, 1948, in Baytown, TX to Eugene Weldon Havard and Alicia Josephine Houston Havard. Lois went to be with her Lord and Savior on November 19, 2016 after a long and courageous struggle with Alzheimer's. She passed away peacefully in her sleep at her home in Altamonte Springs, Florida.

Lois grew up in Highlands, Texas where she made her profession of faith and was baptized in the First Baptist Church when she was nine years old. After graduating from Robert E Lee High School in Baytown, Texas, she attended Lee College. Later, she transferred to Howard Payne University in



Brownwood, Texas where she earned a BS degree in Education with a major in Elementary Education. While at Howard Payne, she met the love of her life, Michael Lee Carey who was in the Army and stationed at Fort Hood in Killeen, Texas. She and Mike were married in the First Baptist Church of Highlands, Texas, September 5, 1970.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Frances Jean Havard Bennett, who passed away January 15, 2016. Lois is survived by her beloved husband of forty-six years, Michael, her two sons, Jeffery, of Palm Beach Gardens, and James and his wife Darby, of Winter Park, and her brother, Dr. Harold W. Havard and his wife, Janice, of Plano, Texas. She is also survived by her four grandchildren, Dayton, Ava, Annabelle, and Beckham, and many other dear relatives and friends.

Memorial services will be held Monday, December 5, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.----- at Central Baptist Church, 3101 West State Road 46, Sanford, FL.

Joyce Wetuski

Joyce Wetuski of Crosby, Texas went to be with the Lord on Friday, November 25, 2016. She was born on December 6, 1935 to Raymond Hans and Leona Bitterly in Hockley, Texas. Joyce was a feisty, compassionate woman with a good sense of humor who loved spending time with her family. She worked for many years as an Accounting Clerk for Mike's Pharmacy in Highlands. She enjoyed painting, woodworking, sewing, and making jewelry. She also volunteered at Churches United in Caring, St. Vincent De Paul, and was a devoted member of St. Jude's Catholic Church.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband of 59 years, John Wetuski; her parents; brothers, Larry Hans, Bill Hans, and Joe Hans; and sister, Rosemary Richard.

Joyce is survived by her daughters, Joni Hord and husband Vernon, Jeri Silvey and husband Roy, Jana Wetuski and Lisa Skupin. Joyce leaves behind six grandchildren; Jacob Hord, Brandi Summersill, Katie Hanus, Shane Silvey, Emily Kinkler, John David Skupin-Wetuski and nine great grandchildren, Bailey Summersill, Lane Silvey, Grace Silvey, Merritt Ha-



nus, Hank Hanus, Newton Hanus, Isabelle Hanus, Bryson Hord and Landon Hord; surviving siblings, John Hans and Tommie Lastovica. Joyce also leaves many nieces, nephews, family and friends to cherish her memory.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Monday, November 28, 2016 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. with a rosary at 7 p.m. in the chapel of Sterling-White Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church in Highlands, Texas. Interment will be private. Arrangements have been entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, Texas 77562. To offer condolences to the family, please visit www.sterlingwhite.com.

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Diamond Jim: "What is an "Eco-Drive" watch?"



ASK DIAMOND JIM

Eco-Drive is a model range of watches manufactured and marketed worldwide by Citizen Watch Co., Ltd. — and powered primarily by light. As of 2007, the company estimated the drive system had eliminated disposal of 10 million batteries in North America.

Citizen introduced the Eco-Drive line to Asia, Latin America and Europe in 1995 and to the United States in April, 1996.

The Eco-Drive concept introduced several technical refinements over previous solar powered watches, including light-capturing cells that could be made virtually invisible behind the dial instead of highly conspicuous-enhancing the appearance of the watch.

History Eco-Drive concept

The technical platform that made the Eco-Drive concept possible was the Eco-Drive caliber 7878 movement. This movement was the first light powered movement where the solar cells could be mounted under the dial. Previous light powered watches from Citizen and other manufacturers had the solar cell(s) mounted directly on the dial. This innovation was enabled by marked improvements in thin film amorphous silicon solar cells, which, by the early 1990s had become significantly more efficient. By locating a sufficiently translucent dial material over the now more efficient solar cells, enough light could pass through the dial face to power the movement. Though the Eco-Drive caliber 7878 movement solar cells remained slightly visible through the dial, the physical styling of the light-powered watch was no longer constrained by visible solar cells.

To store electrical energy the first Eco-Drive movements employed titanium lithium-ion rechargeable or secondary batteries. This battery type became available in the early 1990s, enabling an Eco-Drive 7878 movement to run 180 days on secondary power before requiring recharging via light exposure — a marked improvement in energy storage over previous light-powered watches. The movement also featured an "insufficient recharging" indicator.

Eco-Drive technology Light as power source

Most Eco-Drive type watches are equipped with a

special titanium lithium ion secondary battery charged by an amorphous silicon photocell located behind the dial. Light passes through the crystal and dial before reaching the photocell.

Depending on the electronic movement, a fully charged secondary power cell could run with no further charging from 30 days to 3,175 days (8.7 years), though most Eco-Drive men's watch models offer a six-month power reserve. If kept from light for an extended period, some Eco-Drive movement models can hibernate, where the hands of the watch stop and the internal quartz movement continues to track the correct time. When subsequently exposed to sufficient light, the hands move automatically (without human intervention) to the proper positions and resume regular timekeeping.

Temperature difference as power source

Citizen Eco-Drive Thermo watches were introduced in 1999 and use the temperature difference between the wearer's arm and the surrounding environment as a power source. The rare Eco-Drive Thermo watches use the "beck effect" to generate thermo electricity that powers the electronic movement and charges the secondary power cell. In the sun or in the tropics the ambient temperature can come close to or exceed the temperature of the wearer's wrist causing the watch to stop generating thermo electricity. In case no power is generated, an Eco-Drive Thermo movement will save power by moving the second hand in ten second increments until the production of thermo electricity is resumed. Citizen has stopped making Eco-Drive Thermo watches.

Hybrid Eco-Drive movements

Citizen also built an automatic quartz powered watch, the Citizen Promaster Eco-Duo Drive (released in December 1998). Novel to this watch was the use of both mechanical power as well as a solar cell to power the electronic movement and charge the secondary power cell. This model was an attempt to enter higher-priced markets (at a cost of around \$1,000 USD). The Eco-Duo Drive technology failed to attract consumer interest and Citizen has since stopped making use of the unique movement.

Solar cell and secondary battery life expectancy

According to Citizen, experimental data showed the solar cell and secondary battery will last for more than 10 years. According to Citizen Europe, laboratory tests showed that after 20 years the secondary battery retains a power storage capacity of 80% of its initial capacity.

Maintenance

For water resistant and diving Eco-Drive watches Citizen recommends a watch gasket exchange every 2 or 3 years to preserve their water resistance because watch gaskets, which form a watertight seal, degrade as they age. Further, Citizen recommends maintenance for Eco-Drive watch movements in regular intervals in order to extend the life of the watch movement, since the gears used in running watch movements are subject to slow wear. Citizen states that their lubricants for Long-Lasting Precision Equipment when used in watches, timepiece movements remain smooth for a long time as the oil does not harden even after 20 years.

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ASK THE EXPERT

By Edward Jones

Now that we are in the heart of the holiday season, you may be thinking about ways you can put your money where your heart is. Specifically, you might be pondering which groups you should support with charitable gifts. And as long as you choose groups that meet the right criteria, your generosity can also be rewarding to you, in the form of tax benefits.

To begin with, you'll want to make sure you are giving to a reputable charity. That means you'll need to ask some questions. How does a group measure its effectiveness? Is it devoting as much of its contributions as possible to the actual work of the organization, or is it spending too much money on administrative costs? Generally, a worthwhile charity should spend at least 75% of its income on programs. You may be able to find this type of information on a charitable group's annual report and its website. You can also go to the website of one of the agencies that evaluates charitable groups. On these sites, you can get a lot of information dealing with a charity's effectiveness, income, spending and other topics.

After you've identified a charity, or charities, you can decide how much you want to give and how you want to give it. If the charity has 501(c)(3) status (named after the section of the Internal Revenue Code that gov-

erns such groups), your gift can offer you a tax deduction. So, for example, if you are in the 25% tax bracket, and you give \$1,000 to a qualified charity, you can subtract the \$1,000 from your adjusted gross income, which will result in tax savings of \$250. Upon making your gift, make sure you get a receipt that lists the name of the organization and the date and amount of your contribution. (Your maximum deduction will be limited to a percentage of your adjusted gross income.)

You can do more than simply write a check, however. If you have stocks that have grown significantly in value, you may want to donate them to a charitable group. You will be allowed a charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the gift on the date of the transfer, even if your original cost was only a fraction of today's value. Furthermore, you will avoid the capital gains taxes you'd have to pay if you sold the stock, provided you've held the stock for at least a year.

If you do contribute appreciated stocks, you will

want to be cognizant of the effect of your donation on your portfolio. If you were to give a sizable amount of growth-oriented stocks, would it affect your overall growth potential? Conversely, if you are primarily giving away relatively conservative, income-producing stocks, would it end up moving your portfolio in a riskier direction? When donating stocks, if at all possible try to do so in a way that does not harm your portfolio's balance.

In any case, whether you give cash or appreciated assets, you'll need to make your gift by Dec. 31 if you're going to deduct it on your 2016 taxes. So be as generous as you can afford, think about the effect of your gift on your own financial situation — and be prepared to act soon.

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37 Vexing situation
39 By way of
41 Use scissors
42 Offering a nice view
45 Illegal steroid use, e.g.
49 Vertical space
51 Birthright barrier
52 Not working
53 Genetic stuff (Abbr.)

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1 Trails behind
2 Shrek is one
3 Life stories, for short
4 Ahead
5 Huge monster
6 Spelling contest
7 Rugged cliff
8 Digestive aid
9 Widespread illness
10 Kelly or Hackman
11 Rhyming tributes
17 Payable
19 Venus de —
22 Old daggers
24 Bounce
25 Blunder
26 Especially
27 Baby-sitters, often
29 Partner of aah
30 Take to court
33 Personal (Pref.)
36 Paid heed to
38 Attraction
40 Atmosphere
42 Thin wedge
43 Relinquish
44 Buffalo Bill's last name
46 Capri, e.g.
47 Siestas
48 Sudden rush of wind
50 Individual

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