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## CHANNEL CHATTER

### CHRISTMAS PARADE SCHEDULES:

GALENA PARK - Saturday morning, Dec. 10  
JACINTO CITY - Saturday afternoon, Dec. 10 (rescheduled).  
Weather Permitting.

### Rep. Green to host College and Financial Aid night

HOUSTON –Congressman Gene Green invites Houston-area students and parents to College and Financial Aid Night on Thursday, December 8, 2016 from 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. at North Shore Community Fellowship of Faith, -444 Maxey Rd, Houston, Texas 77013.

During this free event, students and families will receive information about how to apply financial aid and scholarships. Laptops will be available for attendees to complete and ask questions about their FAFSA/TAFA applications. This important opportunity comes after the news that this year's "blank" Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was made available on October 1st, three months earlier than the traditional January 1 date.

Project GRAD Houston's Chandra Gonzalez will give a presentation about financial aid, City of Houston's Director of Education Juliet Stipeche will speak on behalf of Mayor Sylvester Turner, and representatives from the University of Houston, Texas Southern University, San Jacinto College, and Houston Community College Northeast will be in attendance. Over \$2,000 in scholarships will be awarded to students during the event.

"I want to make sure that students have access to as much financial aid information as possible because financial aid makes the cost of higher education affordable," said Rep. Green.



HOUSTON – NRG stadium was the scene last Friday night, as North Shore and Atascocita battled in an epic struggle for victory in the Class 6A Division I and III regional championship.

There were plenty of thrills for the fans in the NRG stands. In the 3rd quarter Eagles QB passed to Lujan Winningham, who ran 60-yards for a 21-20 lead. Then in the 4th quarter, the Mustangs scored with a 17-yard TD pass, with only 1:31 on the clock. The Eagles answered with a 36 yard field goal, to tie the game at 27-

## END ZONE

### Mustangs lose in OT 27-33



Atascocita #2 QB Daveon Boyd eludes the grasp of a Mustang defender and scores the winning TD in overtime.

27 as time expired.

In overtime, North Shore fumbled on their first possession, and the

Eagles took over. Next, their QB Daveon Boyd charged into the end zone with a 6-yard winning

score, ending the game at 27-33. The game was punctuated by thrilling plays on both sides. North Shore scored first, on an interception and then a 72-yard, seven-play drive back to the end zone, to take a 7-0 lead in the first quarter.

This was truly a battle of two outstanding quarterbacks. Eagle Daveon Boyd ended the game with 3 rushing TDs, and 349 yards passing and another TD. Mustang Bryant Badie had 307 yards, with one passing TD and two rushing TDs. North Shore ended the season with a 12-2 record, and Atascocita



North Shore #40 rushes out of an Eagle grasp for a gain.

ta 12-1. The Eagles will play another game, against Lake Travis Saturday in the Alamo Dome.

## Jacinto City replacing aging water distribution system

By Allan Jamail

Jacinto City, TX. November 29, 2016 the current Jacinto City Water Line & Fire Protection rehabilitation project is the latest in a multi-year effort to rebuild the oldest portion of Jacinto City's aging water distribution system.

The current project's base cost is \$ 973,446 with the Harris County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for communities providing 80% of the cost. When completed it'll provide 62 blocks of new water main lines at a fraction of the cost to the city.

The first phase replaced the largest main supply trunk lines down Mercury Drive and Holland Avenue. The second phase is installing new lines to the oldest homes in the Industrial Addition from the 10100 blocks through the 10700 blocks south of Market Street Road.

City Manager Lon Squyres said, "We followed this process for the last several years making adjustments in the scope of work that's allowed us to install longer sections of pipe at a better price."

Roger Ramos, Vice President of DDS (Directional Drilling LLC) one of the

contractor's doing the pipe installation said, "in a 8 to 10 hour day my crew can install 300 linear feet of the water main pipe line which includes the boring under existing driveways preventing costly cemented driveway repairs by digging a open trench."

Squyres stated, "the original system had scattered fire hydrant placement, now we'll have 82 new fire hydrants at every intersection providing a consistent water supply close to every home providing much better fire protection."

Jacinto City's Public Works Director Kyle Reed said, "This is my dream come true, the new lines and more valves means fewer line breaks from the near 70 year old original system." The original system had fewer valves and when a line broke it was difficult to isolate small specific areas causing many residences to be without water.

Water Department Superintendent Bernardo Perez who's watching the project closely said, "My main concern is insuring the new system is installed correctly and before any new drinking water line is connected to a home the water has been tested and meets all state and federal codes.



Photos by Allan Jamail

Advanced technology allows 300 feet of 8" water main pipe installed 6 feet deep by boring without digging a open-trench. Jacinto City Officials observing, Water Superintendent Bernardo Perez (left), Councilman Allen Lee, City Manager Lon Squyres and Public Works Director Kyle Reed.

### GALENA PARK ISD

## Dr. Williams receives leadership award

Dr. Angi Williams, Superintendent of Schools, was selected to receive the John Hoyle Leadership Award from the Texas A&M Administrative Leadership Institute.

This award is given to a Texas school leader who exemplifies the best in school leadership. The Hoyle award recipients hold a vision for the future where success for all is a reality. They possess an ability to lead people to consistently perform at the highest level and use resources in inventive and imaginative ways to support classrooms and increase student learning.

Dr. Williams accepted the award on behalf of the GPISD



pictured left to right: Wilfred J. Broussard, Jr., GPISD Board President; Dr. Angi Williams, Superintendent of Schools; and Jeff Miller, GPISD Board Vice President.

family on Wednesday, November 2.

"Such an honor is only possible because the staff has committed to excellence for our students

and makes no excuses, even when the going gets tough," Dr. Williams said.

Congratulations, Dr. Williams!

### SAN JACINTO RIVER

## Coalition updated on waste pits

HIGHLANDS – At their regular monthly meeting last Tuesday night, the San Jacinto River Coalition was updated on issues related to removing the toxic wastes in the river. Jackie Young reported that the EPA had extended the Comment Period for the public, to Jan. 12, 2017. She urged everyone to write with own personal experiences, and opinion.

Young also said that repairs to the cap were being made, because of a 8 x 60 foot "scour" or scrape on the east side of the site.

Jackie Young reported on studies that have been made over the last decade by UH professor Dr. Hana-di Rifai, showing how free dioxins have been detected in the river water, and how they have flowed from the waste pits site to other areas and the Galveston Bay. Dye tests conducted

by her students confirmed migration downstream and to the Bay.

Attorney Rodrigo Cantu made a presentation on the details of the EPA Superfund process, governed by the federal CERCLA law. He explained that the EPA Proposed Plan would eventually become the Record of Decision, and that would lead to action and a clean-up. However, he cautioned that changes were possible from the PP to the ROD, and this would have to be reported to the public. He also talked about how the EPA can enforce the Final Decision with the PRP, or responsible parties.

Young also reported on activities of the group who want to keep the containment cap as the permanent solution. They have requested financial records of her group, and related groups such as THEA and TexansTogether, as well as



Attorney Rodrigo Cantu

funding source, including the Houston Endowment. They learned that Young's organization, THEA, had received a \$250,000 grant from Houston Endowment, and over the years an additional \$485,000 in grants to TexansTogether for all of the waste pits. After they learned this, they publi-

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Highlands Chamber distributes food baskets



Highlands Chamber members and volunteers donated and help sorting and packing 85 boxes of food to distribute to families for Thanksgiving. Thank you Sampson Lodge, Highlands Rotary Club, Shine Dental and all the others who donated food, money and time to help other at this time of thankfulness.

## Jingle Bell Run Winners,

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Jingle Bell winners in the 5K men are: 1st:BJ Smith, 2nd:Clay Harris and 3rd:Nathan Helburg 5K women winners are: 1st: Wendy Page, 2nd: Avery Allsbrooks and 3rd: Faith Allsbrooks.

## Chevron robbery caps Crosby crime spree

CROSBY – The local Chevron at the curve on Main Street was the victim of an attempted robbery by a masked gunman that shot the attendant.

According to sources, deputies could be seen at night in Crosby after a store operator was shot in the shoulder by a masked desperado on Friday night shortly after 11:00 p.m.

The suspect entered the store demanded money of the operator and when resisted, shot the store operator in the shoulder and

fled the scene.

The operator was taken to Ben Taub Hospital and was said to be in stable condition. His brother indicated he was to have surgery to save the shoulder on Sunday.

It was the worst of a solid two weeks of crime spree in the Crosby village. Crimereports.com has resorted to using numbers to reflect the count of vehicle burglaries from Nov. 19 throughout the Nelson Subdivision and Crosby village.

Local residents have begun to talk of a citizen's patrol to watch especially for three men walking throughout the neighborhood and occasionally opening the door of vehicles and removing purses and anything else of value. Volunteers are beginning to sign up for duty hours.

Property crimes have increased consistently throughout northeast Harris County and northeast Houston since the holidays began.

## GCC ISD High School band students take top honors in new TMEA Region Audition

The beginning of the 2016-2017 school year marked a transition for the GCCISD music programs in fine arts. Goose Creek Memorial, Ross S. Sterling and Robert E. Lee students transitioned under a change by the TMEA state committee to realign the campuses into a new region, which left many of the Beaumont ISD campuses and gained new competitors within the Pearland, Pasadena, Channelview, Deer Park and La Porte school districts.

High school instrumental students from across the new region traveled to Dobie High School in Pasadena to audition for coveted chairs in the All-Region band. Of those auditioning, GCCISD schools captured 15 seats in region bands and boasted 10 individuals advancing to the Area TMEA round of competition. The advancing qualifiers will travel to Alvin ISD for the Area TMEA playoff audition on Saturday, January 7, 2017, where the top instrumentalists will be vying for a seat in the TMEA All-State Bands.

At the 5A Region audition,

Robert E. Lee High School led the way with nine All-Region band students and six Area qualifiers. Madeleine Poulin (French horn) advanced to the Area TMEA Playoff and was selected for the All-Region Top Band as 4th chair in Region. Edna Mendez (tenor saxophone) was an Area TMEA Playoff Advancer and member of the All-Region Second Band. Briana Lopez (flute), Sergio Mendez (clarinet), Carlos Mendoza (bass clarinet) and Orion Munoz (trumpet) advanced to the Area TMEA Playoffs and were selected for the All-Region Third Band. Mariana Rodriguez (alto saxophone), Meagan Springer (tuba) and Hannah Christensen (percussion) earned a spot in the All-Region Third Band.

Goose Creek Memorial High School qualified six students in the 6A division to the All-Region band, three of whom will advance on to the Area round of auditions for All-State. Trenton Carr (French horn), Avery Ferguson (trombone) and Blaire Taylor (clarinet) advanced to

Area TMEA Playoffs as well as earned positions on the All-Region Top Band. Carr was 3rd chair in Region.

Vanessa Mendoza (trumpet) and Faith Obanyi (trombone) both were selected for the All-Region Third Band.

Ross S. Sterling qualified the 6A 1st chair oboe player in the Region, Brannon Bravo, who will participate also as an advancing member to the Area contest for TMEA.

All directors and campuses represented GCCISD with pride and will now move forward to participate in the Region 19 Clinic and Concert, taking place at Barbers Hill High School Performing Arts Center next weekend. The clinic will take place on Friday evening from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and the All-Region 19 Concert will take place at approximately 6 p.m. this Saturday, December 10, at the same location. Admission is free to the concert and all parents and supporters are strongly encouraged to attend and support the musicians from GCCISD high schools.



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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Falcon pitcher signs with Prairie View A&M



Channelview High School's Derrick Curry recently signed a letter of intent to play baseball for Prairie View A&M next fall. Curry is one of the top pitchers for the Falcons and three-year letterman. Curry made his commitment on Friday, Nov. 11, which was National Signing Day for high school seniors in sports other than football.

## Returning CISD Board members take oath of office



Judge Mike Parrott administered the oath of office to returning members of the Channelview ISD Board of Trustees on Nov. 29. Returning to the Board are, from left, Keith Uggett, Alex Ybarra and Steven Dennis. All three Board Members will serve four-year terms.

## Holiday performances scheduled in Channelview ISD

The sounds of the holiday season are in the air in Channelview ISD as many student musical performances will occur over the next two weeks.

Here is a schedule of events to be held on the campuses and around the North Channel area:

**December 6**  
6:30 p.m. – Aguirre Junior High – Sixth Grade Band Holiday Concert

7:30 p.m. – Aguirre Junior High – Seventh and Eighth Grade Band Holiday Concert

**December 8**  
6 p.m. – Hamblen Elementary – “A Happy Hawk Holiday Concert”  
6 p.m. – Cobb Elementary – Holiday Concert

7 p.m. – Channelview High School – Band Holiday Concert

**December 9**  
7 and 8 p.m. – Schochler Elementary Honor Choir performs at Houston Zoo Lights

**December 10**  
10 a.m. – Schochler Elementary Honor Choir per-

forms at Panera Bread Toy Drive (Located on Wallisville Road)

**December 13**  
5:30 p.m. – DeZavala Elementary – Third Grade Holiday Program  
6 p.m. – Schochler Honor Choir performs at Legend Oaks Healthcare and Rehab on Wallisville Road  
6 p.m. – Alice Johnson Junior High – Sixth Grade Band Holiday Concert  
7 p.m. – Alice Johnson Junior High – Seventh and Eighth Grade Band Holiday Concert  
7 p.m. – Channelview High School – Choir Holiday Concert

**December 14**  
1:30 p.m. – Schochler Elementary – Honor Choir and Dance Club Holiday Performance

**December 15**  
10 a.m. – Schochler Elementary Honor Choir performs at Sam’s Wholesale Club  
6 p.m. – Aguirre Junior High & Alice Johnson Junior High Choirs Holiday Concerts at Aguirre

6 p.m. – Harvey Brown Elementary – Holiday Choir Concert.

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## Waste Pits,

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cized it on their Facebook page, in a derogatory manner.

Young and Cantu discussed the 45 day extension of the comment period, and who had requested it. They have

learned that four requestes were made, by the Keep-ItCapped group, Attorney Thomas Knickerbocker, Texas Association of Business, and the Winstead law firm, who represent one of the responsible parties,

McGinnes.

One of the slides that Young showed during the meeting was a quote from the EPA Region 6 Proposed Plan, p. 3:

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

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.

North Channel Area CC Open House

North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce Cordially invites you to their CHAMBER OPEN HOUSE, Tuesday - December 13, Noon - 3pm @ Chamber Office, 13301 I-10 E. Freeway, Suite 100, Houston, Tx. 77015.

JC/GP Metro Go Texan BBQ Cook-Off

The Jacinto City/Galena Park Metro Go Texan Subcommittee of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is once again hosting its annual BBQ Cook-Off. This will take place January 13-14, 2017, at the North Shore Rotary Pavilion located on Wallisville Road. All proceeds raised at this event go toward awarding scholarships to deserving high school senior from Galena Park High School and North Shore Senior High. Our committee is responsible for multiple \$18,000 scholarships.

They are in need of VIP Judges on Saturday, January 14, 2017. Please contact Terri Moore at tmoore@galenaparkisd.com, phone: 832-832-1063 or text: 832-256-5079.

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, 1309 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

-Sat., Dec. 10, Golden Classics, 2 pm.  
-Mon., Dec. 12, Coffe & Coloring, 4 pm.  
-Tue., Dec. 13, Tweens/Teens-Star Wars, 4 pm.  
-Wed., Dec. 14, Raton y Teclado, 10:15 am; Toddler Time, 10:30 am; Story Time, 11:30 am; Mouse & Keyboard, 1 pm; Get Active/ Activate, 4 pm.  
-Thur., Dec. 15, Picture with Santa, 4 pm.  
-Sat., Dec. 17, Ask A Lawyer, 11 am; Family Movie-Frozen Sing-Along, 3 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.

Jacinto City Branch Library

-Sat., Dec. 10, Family Movie Theater, 12:30 pm.  
-Mon., Dec. 12, ESL Discussion Class, 4 pm.  
-Tue., Dec. 13, Toddler Time, 10:30 am; Children's Storytime, 11:30 am.  
-Wed., Dec. 14, ESL Class, 12:30 pm.  
-Thur., Dec. 15, Come and take your picture with Santa, 6-7:30 pm; Coloring Pages All Day Long.  
Jacinto City Branch Library is located at 921 Akron, Jacinto City, TX 77029.

Rep. Gene Green’s: “The Electoral College and the Future of American Democracy”

WASHINGTON, DC — Congressman Gene Green (TX-29) joined Democratic Members of the Judiciary Committee for a forum entitled “The Electoral College and the Future of American Democracy” to discuss with a panel of experts and noted scholars whether the Electoral College is in need of reform. Below are Rep. Green’s remarks:

“Thank you, Ranking Member Conyers, and colleagues on the Judiciary Committee for the opportunity to speak this afternoon on the Electoral College and the future of American Democracy.

“My name is Gene Green. I have the honor of representing the 29th District of Texas, covering Northside and Eastside Houston and Harris County. It is a minority opportunity district that is 76 percent Hispanic.

“A common complaint I hear at home is the feeling that voters are being disenfranchised by our current system for electing the President and Vice President.

“Last month, Secretary Clinton and Senator Kaine received 72 percent of the vote in my district, and 43 percent statewide, making it the closest race for President and Vice President in Texas in 20 years. Nevertheless, 100 percent of Texas’s electoral votes, 38 in all, will go to Mr. Donald Trump and Governor Mike Pence.

“Nationally, Secretary Clinton is currently leading Mr. Trump by nearly 2.7 million votes, but Mr. Trump is expected to receive 306 electoral votes, making him the President-elect. This is due to narrow victories by Mr. Trump and Governor Pence in several battleground states, including Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

“As Members of Congress, we have an obligation to examine our current system for electing the President, and ask if it is fair to all Americans. For the 72 percent of my constituents in Harris County, Texas who voted for Secretary Clinton, and for voters in California and New York who supported Mr. Trump, it is not.

“The 2016 General Election will be the second time in 16 years that the winner of the popular vote lost the Electoral College. In December 2000, I introduced a resolution in Congress to abolish the Electoral College and have the President and Vice President elected by direct popular vote.

“Since 2000, I have introduced this resolution seven times, most recently

on November 17 as H.J.Res. 102, the Every Vote Counts Amendment. It currently has 17 cosponsors and I welcome all the Members here to support it.

“The creation of the Electoral College, like much our Constitution, was a compromise between the 13 original states. Since 1788, Congress and the states have made significant changes to the Constitution to modernize many of these original compromises, including the 17th Amendment, providing for the direct election of U.S. Senators, 15th Amendment, which gave all men the right to vote, regardless of race or color, and the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote.

“These amendments have made our country a more perfect union by expanding the franchise to all Americans and guaranteeing the direct election of all the people’s representatives in Congress.

“I urge my colleagues on the Judiciary Committee and in Congress to strongly consider changes towards how the President and Vice President are elected. As the people’s elected representatives, we have a duty to ensure that all Americans have an equal vote in determining who will be the next leader of our great country.

“Thank you for your time and consideration on this issue vital to the future of our country.”

Super Smile Savers Program



The Channelview ISD Early Childhood Center partnered with Harris County Public Health to improve childrens’ oral health through the Super Smile Savers Program. During this event, every student at the school received dental health education. Students with parental consent forms also received oral health assessment, fluoride varnish applications and referrals for further dental services at no cost to the student. These services are valued at more than \$8,300. HCPH thanks nurse Suzanne Langham and the ECC teachers and staff for their support of the program.

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Carter-Conley Funeral Home, 13701 Corpus Christi St.  
San Jacinto College North, Student Center & Library  
Fontena Court House, Wallisville Rd  
East Houston Hospital, I-10  
Sellers Brothers Market, Uvalde Rd  
YMCA, Wallisville Rd.  
Kroger’s, Woodforest @ Beltway 8  
Sen. Sylvia Garcia office, in Woodforest Bank Bldg  
North Channel Library, Wallisville Rd  
United Comm. Credit Union, Normandy  
United Comm. Credit Union, Wallisville

**CHANNELVIEW**  
K&T Western Wear, Sheldon Rd  
Woodforest Bank, Sheldon Rd  
Channelview Admin Bldg, Sheldon Rd  
Food Fair, Sheldon Rd @ I-10  
Flukinger Comm Ctr, Lorenzo St  
Holiday Inn, I-10 E

**SHELDON**  
Sheldon ISD Admin Bldg.  
Kroger’s, Normandy at Woodforest Parkway Feed, CE King Blvd  
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HC WCID #36, Hollywood St  
Grayson Community Center, Corpus Christi St  
Galena Park Admin Building, Beltway 8 at Woodforest  
CommunityBank of Texas, I-10 E @ Freeport  
North Channel Assistance Ministries, Bonham @ Freeport

**JACINTO CITY**  
City Hall, Main Street  
Community Center/Senior Center, Oates Rd  
Capital Bank, I-10 E  
Jacinto City Branch Library, Akron St  
State Rep Ana Hernandez office, Mercury Drive  
Sellers Brothers Market, Market St  
Market Street Feed Store, Market St

**GALENA PARK**  
Baggett Community Center, Keene St  
Galena Park City Hall, Clinton Drive  
Galena Park Library, Keene St  
United Comm. Credit Union, 16th St.

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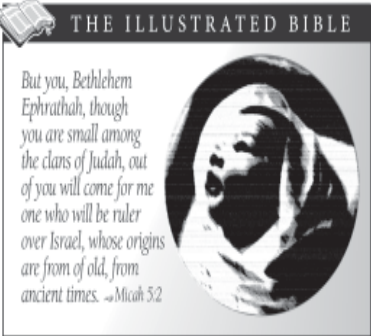
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Students and staff at Goose Creek Memorial High School form a heart in honor of Kyrie Yong, a member of the Class of 2017 who passed away last summer due to a heart condition. The proceeds from the sale of these shirts will be donated to the American Heart Association in Kyrie Yong's name. Last month, more than 100 Goose Creek Memorial High School students, teachers and families walked in the American Heart Walk in Kemah recently in memory of Yong. Both events were sponsored by the National Honor Society and the Key Club at GCM.

Christmas Eve service at Eastgate Church

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Communion at Eastgate Church on Saturday, December 24, 2016, at 6 p.m. with a special Christmas concert by Bill & Renee Morris, TV music ministry legends. Hot chocolate and Christmas cookies will be served following the service.

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By Wilson Casey

- 1. Is the book of Malachi in the Old or New Testament or neither?
  - 2. Which king was stricken with leprosy because he disobeyed God's command and burned incense on a holy altar? Uzziah, Solomon, Joab, Petra
  - 3. Who was the first woman to be ashamed of her lack of clothing? Eve, Anna, Pilate's wife, Miriam
  - 4. From 1 Kings 19, what prophet experienced an earthquake while standing on a mountaintop? Paul, Ahab, Andrew, Elijah
  - 5. Where did Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead? Sinai, Bethany, Tarsus, Smyrna
  - 6. In Acts 9, what dressmaker was restored to life by Peter's prayers? Naomi, Priscilla, Lydia, Dorcas
- ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Uzziah; 3) Eve; 4) Elijah; 5) Bethany; 6) Dorcas

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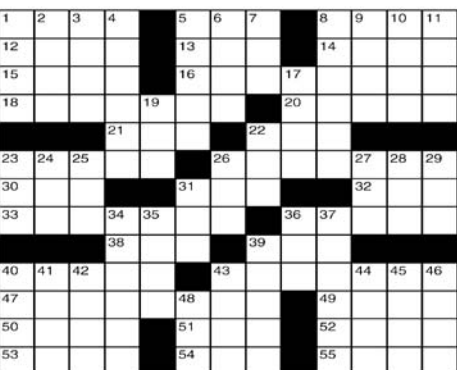
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**ASK PERMISSION, NOT FORGIVENESS**  
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**Spread the News**  
Your partner will most likely handle this for you, but make sure to share the big news with people you know. You might also consider sending out an engagement announcement.  
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Time for a Year-end Investment Review

ASK THE EXPERT  
By Edward Jones

With the holiday season upon us, you may well be busier than usual. However, by spending a few minutes reviewing your investment scenario of this past year, you can see where you've been, where you might be going, and what you need to do to keep moving forward toward your long-term financial goals.

So, as you look back at 2016, pay close attention to these elements of your investment picture:

- **Performance** – Reviewing your investment performance over time is important in helping you determine if you're on track to achieve your financial goals. So, in evaluating how your investments did in 2016, ask yourself some key questions: How did your investments do relative to their performance in past years? If there was a big difference, what might have accounted for it? Were your returns relevant to your long-term goals? In other words, if you have already established a return rate you'll need to reach your goals – and you should indeed set such a rate – were your actual returns "on track" to help you make progress toward your objectives? And, just as importantly, were your return expectations realistic, based on your investment mix and the market environment?
- **Investment mix** – If you are a diligent investor following a well-designed strategy, you probably started out in 2016 with an investment mix that re-

flects your risk tolerance, time horizon, and short- and long-term goals. But over time, your investment mix can change, even without your having done so on purpose. If you owned a certain percentage of an asset, such as growth stocks, and those stocks appreciated in price substantially, they could take up a larger percentage of your portfolio than you had intended, thereby exposing you to a higher risk level than that with which you are comfortable. So now that the year is coming to a close, examine your investment mix to see if it needs "re-balancing."

- **Contribution levels** – Are you taking full advantage of your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan? Specifically, if you got a raise this past year, did you boost your contributions to your plan? The more you invest now, and throughout your working life, the less likely it will be that you have to play "catch up" in the years immediately preceding your retirement.
- **Mistakes** – We all make mistakes in every walk of life – including the

way we invest. In looking back over 2016, can you spot some investment mistakes you might have made? Did you temporarily "bail out" on investing immediately after the "Brexit" vote, only to find, a few weeks later, that the markets had soared to record highs? Did you act on impulse and buy a so-called "hot" stock that turned out to be inappropriate for your needs and risk level? While mistakes like these might be costly in the short term, they can ultimately prove invaluable – if you learn from them.  
We're just about ready to turn the page on the 2016 calendar. So, as you review your investment decisions for the past year, try to determine what worked, what didn't – and what you can do to improve your results in 2017.

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