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**CHANNEL CHATTER**

**Jan 13**

**Rep. Green hosts Town Hall meetings**

HOUSTON - Congress- man Gene Green invites residents of the 29th Congressional District to attend one of his town hall meetings or events in January and February. In addition to hosting the town hall meetings, Congressman Green will also host a Senior Citizens Issues Forum and a Paying for College Workshop with the Salvation Army.

He added, “We’re looking forward to seeing constituents and discussing policies that affect our District, as well as important issues and recently passed bills in Congress,” Green said.

He added, “Our Paying for College Workshop equips students and parents with the tools they need to get started on a financial plan for college, and connects them with local colleges, universities, and military academies. We hope to see a lot of students and families there.”

The event times and locations are listed below:

- **Town Hall Meeting** Tuesday, January 19, 2016 - 7:00pm. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 7822 Northline Drive, Houston, TX 77049.
- **Town Hall Meeting** Thursday, January 21, 2016 - 6:30pm. North Channel Branch Library, 15741 Wallisville Road, Houston, TX 77011.

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**SunEdison chemical plant planning on shut-down**

GALENA PARK - At the CIP meeting held last week at the Baggett Center, attendees learned about Environmental Controls at a typical Gulf Coast refinery or plant. They also heard from a representative of SunEdison, Erik Pito- niak, that his company was “starting the process of deactivating the facility” with the goal of shutting down soon and able to re- start in the future. Pito- niak indicated that long term plans were being evaluated.

Other speakers who talked about environmental programs, included Roel Munoz of LyondellBasell, and Tony Bundick of Kinder Morgan. A plant safety program was presented from Shell Lubri- cants. Shell has 180 employees at their facility on Clinton Drive in Galena Park.

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**Dog Park opens in City of Galena Park**

The City of Galena Park Dog Park was officially opened this past Saturday morning, Jan. 9th. This was made possible by the City’s Parks and Recreation department and volunteers from LyondellBasell.

Pictured at the dedication are Parks & Recreation Director Ernesto Paredes, Olivia Paredes, Councilpersons Cruz Hinojosa, Marisela Serna, Juan Flores, and representatives of LyondellBasell. The dog park is open to the public daily, on Keene Street.

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**North Shore Rotary helps the VFW**

At their recent lunch meeting, the North Shore Rotary Club made a donation to the VFW of $5000, to renovate their hall in Cloverleaf and bring it up to ADA handicap standard.

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**Sheldon FFA Show Jan. 16**

The Sheldon FFA Livestock Show and Sale is taking place from Thursday, January 14 thru Saturday, January 16, 2016. Sale of Livestock is Saturday, 14 noon at the Ag Center at 17022 Beaumont Highway.

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**Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo 2016**

**March 1**
- The Band Perry
- Chris Young

**March 3**
- Jason Aldean
- Cole Swindell

**March 5**
- Miranda Lambert
- Pitbull

**March 7**
- Jason Derulo
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**March 9**
- Brett Eldredge
- Luke Bryan

**March 11**
- Darius Rucker
- Billy Currington

**March 13**
- Dan + Shay
- Kenny Chesney

**March 15**
- Kid Rock
- Jake Owen

**March 17**
- Florida Georgia Line
- Little Big Town

**March 19**
- Brad Paisley
- Keith Urban

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**Erik Pitionak**

SunEdison representative at the CIP meeting held last week at Baggett Center.
Sheldon ISD presents
Best of 2016
Rodeo Art Show

Every year, Sheldon ISD participation in the Houston Livestock Show Rodeo Art Show. Students from across the district wrangle up their best artwork and compete with other artists across the state. But before the artwork goes on display at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, students compete within the district as part of the 2016 Sheldon ISD Rodeo Art Show. The artwork was on display on Thursday, January 7, 2016 at Bar-B-Cutie Credit Union’s Rodeo Art Show. Here’s a list of winners from the Sheldon ISD Rodeo Art Show:

Best of Show, High School: “Winter Morning” by Joel R., 11th grade
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### Sheldon ISD students participate at “Hour of Code”

Sheldon ISD was lucky to be a part of the “Hour of Code” last month to educate students about computer coding. The Sheldon Education Work 5 is the largest learning event in history: a global movement with more than 150 million learners in 180 countries worldwide. More than 516,472 Hour of Code projects were completed across the world.

To participate, the Sheldon Digital Learning team signed the district up and then worked closely with teachers and members of the school campus to organize activities around unplugged activities and on-plugged activities. The result was many activities sponsored by Code.org.

With themes from Minecraft, Angry Birds, Pong in Space Wars – the digital adventure was a big hit. Children and adults on each campus completed individual and team computer coding activities. These activities help students where and problem-solving skills and prepare students for any future career.

### School Board Recognition Month honors efforts of Channelview ISD Trustees

The month of January is School Board Recognition Month and the Channelview ISD board of trustees honored contributions of these dedicated community leaders.

The board members voted on their own and one another to ensure that all children receive the best education possible. Channelview ISD Board President J. Kyle Campbell, Vice President Steven Dennis, Board Secretary Raquel Dobbins, Board President Keith Campbell, Board Parlimanentarian Patrick Layce and Board member Keith Leggett, Alex Thoras and Greg Johnstone.

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Medical Insurance is expensive

By Glenn Mollette

I felt like my insurance company wanted me out of healthcare when I received my new premium information for 2016. I paid over $3,000 for my wife and I to have insurance in 2015. Last fall I lost my job, so overall policy would increase in 2016 to $1,500 a month. The change would also have significantly reduced my coverage in the process. I learned that just going to the Emergency Room would be an automatic $500 charge on my new policy and any other policy that I chose to stick with my current insurance policy in 2016 my medical insurance will be $22,000. That’s a lot of money.

I see what is coming to me in 2016. I will receive my letter asking that my current insurance will be cancelled and I will have to reselect my policy. This can’t stop that kind of progression and will force me into a plan that will cost $2,500 per month. I will be forced into a plan that I don’t currently have and any other policy is not as good. The name of the game is the insurance companies ability to lose liability. They want your current insurance and then pay as much of your medical expenses as possible.

I know some hospital reports of people dying in the hospital is because they can’t afford to pay for the surgery and the doctor. Many Americans cannot afford to buy health insurance and are being penalized. Studies show that the penalty instead of buying insurance.

We have to simplify our American health insurance insanity.

Keep poor Americans on Medicare. Allow all US citizens with preexisting condition to be on Medicare. If they make over $400,000 the private system should buy into Medicare. Lower priced plans would pay less than these high priced policies.

Make medical insurance competitors over state lines. Allow citizens to shop across the country for the best health insurance deals. Insurance Insurance companies to advertise across the country. Give people a choice. Also, open the door to Canada’s pharmacists. An approved list of pharmacists that Americans can do business with would give us another option.

Finally, we have to slow down government’s involvement in our medical system and conduct business like free market. The government is being filled with billions of dollars by healthcare companies every year. Each year our national debt is growing by billions. This will force our grandchildren will not be able to buy medication involving. The slow growth in the health insurance is a major reason that the government is allowing you and telling you that you can’t get affordable insurance. The government is allowing you to stay at the bottom of the ladder as an appendectomy.

Another in a healthcare crisis that we are facing is too many doctors. We must elect leaders in our state to ensure that the doctors plan or our government is allowing the doctors to go into the healthcare businesses.

The American Medical Association American Syndicated Convene bookkeeper and in all fifty states. Making the insurance does not necessarily reflect the views of any organization, institution or the paper or media source America back to an epitome of the articles of Confederation.

Governor Abbott proposes slate of amendments to U.S. Constitution

AUSTIN — Greg Abbott, candidate for Texas Governor, has proposed a slate of nine constitutional amendments to reduce the blight of illegal immigration and reduce the growth of government. The proposals would "tear apart large chunks of the Obama administration’s regulatory agenda," according to Abbott.

In speaking with the editors of The Texas Register on Jan. 6, Abbott commented that Obama has "left America in a regulatory vacuum." Abbott continued, "The Obama administration's extreme and overreach of legal authority will be made clear in these nine constitutional amendments that I am proposing include:

- Require Congress to balance its budget;
- Prohibit administrative regulations exceeding $100 million in revenue and income remain below state income levels;
- Prohibit administrative agencies from enacting regulations that would infringe on state regulatory powers;
- Allow a three-fifths majority of the legislature to ratify constitutional amendments; and
- Establish a supermajority vote for U.S. Capitol in February of 2015.

The allocations amounted to $617.2 million in local sales purpose taxing districts sending cities, counties, transit systems and special to the state in December was 0.1 percent less than in January. The allocations were based on in November by businesses by 0.8 percent. The latest attempt to undermine Texas families deserve to live in a state free from gun violence. The latest attempt to undermine gun violence should start with a basic understanding of the numbers behind the real issue. We must all acknowledge that gun deaths, then obviously zero mental health counselors, in 2016 I paid approximately 1 in 140,000 in the United States. When looking at the amount of mental health counselors in the United States, there is a very significant reason for the nation experiencing a mental disease crisis. The overall number of people needing mental health treatments. The point about gun laws and police work don’t need to be talked about.

More than 60 percent of people in the country believe that gun laws are too lenient. Slightly more than 30 percent believe that gun laws are too strict. The Huffington Post analyzed data from the University of Virginia and found that a majority of Americans believe that gun laws are not strict enough. A recent Pew Research Center poll found that a majority of Americans support stricter gun laws.

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Elementary school students recognized for high attendance

Lev scored his country and was honorably discharged from the United States Army, was a member of the Knights of Columbus, was a member of the Crosby American Legion and was initiated into the Rice Football Hall of Fame. He was an officer in the Texas Rangers and was a member of the San Francisco police and also played in the Canadian Football League. Lev scored several points and he was honorably discharged from the United States Army.

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By Edward Jones

**Business**

Will the Presidential Election Affect Investment Outlook?

We're just a few weeks away from the first caucus and primary, so now is the time to consider how the election is likely to impact financial markets and your portfolio.

In the past, investors have often been concerned about how an upcoming election might affect their investments. After all, the election is expected to influence certain areas of the market, such as healthcare, energy, and technology. However, it's important to remember that financial markets are influenced by a variety of factors, including economic growth, geopolitical events, and interest rates. While the election may have some influence on the market, it's important to focus on those factors that are more likely to impact your investments in the long run.

As mentioned above, many factors influence the financial markets. It's important to remember that the market's performance, and at this early stage in the year, we just can't predict which of these factors will take precedence.

However, you can't really count on past trends to provide a certain roadmap for the year ahead, in terms of the performance of the financial markets. As mentioned above, many factors influence the market, and at this early stage in the year, we just can't predict which of these factors will take precedence.

So, instead of worrying about things you can't control, focus on those that you can. For starters, review your investment mix. Does it still properly reflect your age, your investment goals, and your risk tolerance?

A recent study showed that investors who had a diversified investment mix were more likely to outperform those who didn't. However, there's no one-size-fits-all approach when it comes to investing. Your investment mix should be tailored to your specific needs and goals.

When you think about your investment mix, remember to consider your age, your goals, and your risk tolerance. Your investment mix should reflect your personal circumstances, so you might want to make changes to it.

Over time, even if you haven't made many changes to your portfolio, it can become "unbalanced." For example, if you have some equities that have increased greatly in value over the years, these stocks may now be taking up a larger percentage of your holdings than you had anticipated, bringing with them a higher degree of risk. Consequently, you might want to consider selling off some of these stocks and using the proceeds to fill in other gaps in your portfolio.

On the other hand, if you think your mix of investments isn't providing enough growth potential, you might need to make changes to your portfolio.

In the end, the most important thing is to keep your goals in mind. Your investment mix should be tailored to your specific needs and goals, so you might want to make changes to it. But if you "vote" for your portfolio, it can be a smart investment move, you won't be sorry.

This article was written by Edward Jones financial advisor, Edward Jones.

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The Barbers Hill Independent School District (BHISD) is soliciting sealed bids from interested parties for the sale of an unimproved parcel of land containing approximately 1.429 acres. The BHISD Administration Building is located at 281-597-2221 to obtain a copy of the bid package. BHISD Assistant Superintendent of Finance at 281-705-9640.

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- Categorical Exclusion No. 31, Category D, Paragraph 3.11, Subsection 3(3) and D(2), which provides for the coordinated implementation of special review requirements for the proposed action.

The TWDB has determined that the proposed action, as described in the proposal and documents accompanying it, is not likely to result in significant environmental impacts. The TWDB is, therefore, not required to conduct any further review or consultation with Federal or State regulatory agencies, and no further NEPA review is required.

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**Two business catch fire**

Investigators say a fire started at a commercial building on Market Street and spread to nearby shops.

Firefighters were called to assist with the fire located in the 15900 block of Market Street last Tuesday morning. The fire caused about $400,000 in damage and was ruled accidental.

No injuries were reported and fire investigators said the cause of the fire is under investigation.

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**Man dies after hitting moving car**

A man died last Wednesday after jumping into the path of a moving car in a parking lot.

The incident happened around 9:10 p.m. in the 900 block of Uvalde when a man threw a rock at a passing car, hitting the windshield. The driver of the car stepped on the brake and the man was thrown into the path of the car. The driver drove through the parking lot, the man jumped onto the roof of the car and the driver remained on the scene and was not charged.

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