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### Constable candidates hold forum at North Shore church



Five of the Candidates for the Pct. 3 Constable position are seen on stage at the North Shore Community Fellowship of Faith church, last Saturday afternoon. From left, Michel Pappillion, Ken Melancon, James Stewart, Sherman Eagleton, and Bill Norman listen to a question from the Pastor, Robert Dixon II. Not present at the forum were Jasen Rabalais, David "Bubba" Jones, Isaac Villarreal, and Eric Reed.

EAST HARRIS COUN-TY – The crowded field of candidates for the Position of Harris County Pct. 3 Constable had some light Send on it last Satuday, when five of the candidates met at the North Shore Community Fellowship of Faith church on Maxey SEE CONSTABLES RACE, p. 6

## Woman shoots at Police after chase from Jacinto City

EAST HOUSTON – Houston Police Officer Lance Calloway had an ex-citing first day on the

citing first day on the street as an officer, as he was involved in a car chase and a shoot-out.

On Tuesday morning, at 11:30 a.m. officers saw a possible stolen Chevrolet Silverado piek-up truck on Mercury Drive in Jacinto City. They pulled over the truck, but the driver reversed and struck the HPD police car, and then sped away.

away. The chase continued west along the I-10 East Freeway, ending up in a private driveway in the 900 block of Woolworth, in  $\begin{array}{c} \text{ing to HPD spokesperson} \\ \text{Victor Senties.} \end{array}$ 

Victor Senties.

At that point, the worman driver exited the pickup truck, and police told her to show her hands, Instead, she pulled out a gun, and fired at least one shot at the officers. Officer Calloway and Officer James Black returned fire. After this exchange, the woman gave up and was arrested. There were no injuries, and none of the shots struck anyone. The womstruck anyone. The wom-an had another gun in the truck, too. Charges are pending against the wom-an driver at this time.

#### The Positive Side TV Show



TV host John Thompson, right, invites you to watch 'The Positive Side' TV Show with Joe Stephens, left, as a guest this Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. You can watch the program at the following channels: Comcast/Xfinity 17, AT&T U-Verse 99, Phonoscope 75, Sudden Link 99 . Streamed live on the internet at: http://www.hmstv.org/HMSLive.asy/

on the Internet at: http:// www.hmstv.org/HMSLive.aspx If you would like to be in the show, please contact Exec-utive Producer J.T. Thompson at culorinc1999@gmail.com or by phone at 281-415-6577.

#### **FREE TAX HELP**

The Tax-Aide program sponsored by the IRS and AARP Foundation is again providing free federal income tax assistance this year. The program is designed to assist taxpayers age 60 and over but will also assist low and moderate income filers.

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Location supported by the local volunteers:

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Social Security cards for yourself and all dependents

A copy of last year's tax return

### Stitch and Stuff -- Hug-A-Heart



MEMBERS OF THE SAN JACINTO PILOT CLUB were busy last week, making "Hug-A-Heart" pillows for patients at Texas Childrens Hospital. They make over 200 hearts twice a year as one of their community projects. Working on the pillows are, L to R, Kasi Schultz, Kim Schultz, Genevieve Pierson, Joan Van Fleet, Karen Westbrooks, Jillian Fallin, Julie Fallin.

### **Candidates in Galena** Park prepare campaigns for May 7th Election

GALENA PARK – Can-didates are beginning their

didates are beginning their fund raising, and posting signs for the upcoming municipal election, which is scheduled for May 7th.

A complete slate of candidates is not available, since prospective office seekers have until Febuary 19th to sign up, according to city secretary Mayra Gonzales.

The citizens will be voting for a mayor, and couning for a mayor, and coun-

ing for a mayor, and council persons on this ballot.
A coalition of candidates recently held a chili dinner and silent auction at the

Baggett Center to raise money for their cam-

money for their campaigns.
Included in the slate of candidates were Dawn Thompson Fisher for Mayor, Danny P. Simms for Council position #1, Cruz Hinojosa Jr. for Council position #2, Marisela Serna for Council position #3, and Juan Flores for Council position #4.

position #4. About one hundred peo attended the event. ple attended the event which included interchange between the candidates and the public, in a

## Rep. Green hosts Town Hall at North Shore Library

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W-2 forms from each employer

Unemployment compensation statements:

SSEA 1099 form if you were paid Social Security benefits

See TAXES, page 8



CONGRESSMAN GENE GREEN met with the public last Thursday night, in the community room of the North Shore Branch Library. He reported or legislation in Congress, and answered questions on local issues.

tive Session, he worked on Health Care, Energy, Environmental, and Manufac-

the Session, he writed to the reach the session, he writed had an ufacturing issues.

Green maintains a local office at 11811
1-10 East in the North Shore area. He is currently holding five Town Hall meetings in District 29, and also sponsoring a Senior Issues Forum and a Paying for College Workshop. The Senior Issues forum is at the Ripley House on Navigation Blvd, on January 28 at 10 a.m., with representatives from Social Security, Agency on Aging, and Center for Medicare and Medicaid. The College Workshop, in conjunction with Sallie Mae, is on February 8 at 7 p.m. in the Addine Senior High on Airlilne Drive.

Other events Green sponsors include a Children's Immunization Day, Citizenship Day for new citizens, Job Fairs on the North and Eastside, and a health fair.

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We would like to thank the Honorable Judge Mike Parrott's wife, Deby Parrott for her endorsement!

We really appreciate their families support for me to serve you as your next Harris County Pct. 3 Constable!



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**VOTE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTION** EARLY VOTING: February 16 - February 26, 2016 ELECTION DAY: March 1, 2016

### **SCHOOL NEWS**

**GALENA PARK ISD:** 

# Board of Trustees recognize outstanding volunteers a school holiday, Mr. Netherly will be found at his post—the North Wing Entrance. If [we] lost the Mustang as a mascot, we would consider Mr. Netherly for the job! He is faithful and dependable. He assists from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each and every day Mr. Netherly also assisted with summer school this past summer, and he loves to attend the senior field trip, project graduation, prom and many other student activities."



Jay Netherly (left) and Kenneth Wimbley (right) make a positive impact on students and faculty at North Shore Senior High School.

At the Galena Park ISD January meeting of the Board of Trustees, Kenneth Wimbley and Jay Netherly were recognized for their outstanding service at North Shore Senior High School (NSSHS). These two gentlemen can be seen regularly at the school, greeting and setting a fine example for students. "Come rain or shine, Mr. Wimbley can be counted on to provide a warm greeting At the Galena Park ISD

to all students as they come in the front entrance (of the school). He volunteers many hours to the Scarlets with fundraising activities and has built several portable stages for our theatre arts department. He not only encourages our students, but faculty and staff are inspired by his kind words as well," Dr. Coleman, NSSHS Principal said. When asked about Jay Netherly, Dr. Coleman replied, "If it's not

## **ASK DIAMOND JIM**

# Diamond Jim: "What is the birthstone for January?"

JANUARY BIRTHSTONE
Garnet
Garnet, the birthstone
for January, signifies eternal friendship and trust
and is the perfect gift for a
friend. Garnet, derived
from the word granatum,
means seed, and is called
so because of the gemstone's resemblance to a
pomegranate seed. References to the gemstone
dates back to 3100 B.C.
when the Egyptians use,
day a succession of the general seed and the service of the
group of minerals that
comes in a rainbow of colors, from the deep red of
the pyrope garnet to the
vibrant green of tsavorites.
Today, the most important



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#### Channelview ISD's January Students of the Month

Channelview ISD recently honored their January Students of the Month by hosting a recognition luncheon in the top level of the press box at Ray Maddy Memorial Stadium. Students were treated to lunch, along with a tour of the press box and field. The Students of the Month include, back row, from left, Micah Micarandayo (Kolarik Ninth Grade Center), Lizette Yeac (Aguirre Junior High), Rabol Diaz (Channelwiew High School), Nury Villatia (Los Frank Campbell Learning Center), Isalah Mottu (Alice Johnson Junor Biernettany), And Litzy Morales (Crenshaw Elementary). Returned in front row, from left, are Trenton Crews (Schochier Benentary), January (Schoel Benentary), January (Nathan Sommers (Cobb Elementary)) and Gisselle Recio (McMullan Elementary).

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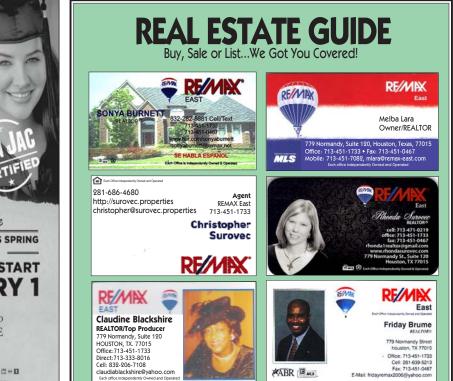
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### COMMUNITY NEWS

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

#### Raffle for Scholarships

Beta Sigma Phi is having a raffle for scholarships to area San Jacinto College North. The raffle will consist of diamond earrings, rifle, gift cards for \$500, 400 and 300, sterling silver tennis bracelet, handmade quilt, painting, honey baked ham and baby afghan. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$ 25. Call 713-453-1106 to purchase your tickets. Drawing will be 9 the Sweetheart Banquet, Saturday, Feb 13, 2016.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MEETING

Monday, February 8, 2016 at 8:30 a.m., East Freeway HPD Storefront, 12001-A East Free-way.

#### Heritage Hall Senior Center

-Exercise class: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays at 9 am. -Strenght and Balance class: Tuesdays at 9 am. Heritage Hall Senior Center is located at 1025 Oates Road,

Jacinto City, TX. 77029. 713-675-4487.

#### The Buckshot Jamboree

Enjoy Classic Country music every Satutday night from 7 pm 10 pm with The Buckshot Jam-boree at 7414 Hartman near Old Beaumont Highway. More info, call 281-458-0799 or 832-444-5000.

#### Galena Park Senior Dance

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

### North Channel Library events

-Mon., Feb. 1, 4:30 pm, Monday Movie Madness. -Tue., Feb., 2, 10:30 am, Toodler Time; 1:30 pm, Preschool Story Time. -Wed., Feb., 3, 4:30 pm, Strings Attached.

Attached.
-Thur, Feb., 4, 10:30 am, Baby Imme; 12 pm, AARPTax Help, 4:30 pm, MeeTeen Grid Painting.
Library is located at 15741 Wallisville Rd., Houston, TX.
77049. Call 281-457-1631 for more information on other programs.

#### FEBRUARY

### Jacinto City Library

-Frid., Jan. 29, Clases de Inglés Usando Mango, 1pm. Sat., Jan. 30, Internet, 10:30 am; Children's Movie Theater, 12 pm; Clase de la Diabetes Nutrición, 2pm. Jacinto City Branch Library, 92 Marcon, Jacinto City, TX. 77029. For more information on these

and other programs at the library, please call 713-673-3237.

### Chase awards \$70,000 for student recruitment into high demand job training

PASADENA, Texas—San Jacinto College and Chase are entering the third year of the Great Jobs=Great Careers=Your Future grant program, having already served 187 students and 28 graduates in the training programs of welding, pro-cess technology, health sci-ences, engineering, and business. This year, Chase has

cess technology, health sciences, engineering, and business.

This year, Chase has awarded the College \$70,000 to allow recruitment of high school students into college training programs for high-wage/high demand jobs. This brings the total amount of Chase funds over the course of three years to \$245,000 for the Great Jobs-Great Careers=Your Future program. The grant funds industry consultants; family and student workshops; stipends for students in capstone courses and internships; and scholarships for students in the program to help cover tuition, fees, and books.

Participating high school, Participating high School, Galena Park High School, Galena Park High School, and Sam Rayburn High School, and Sa

**CHANNELVIEW ISD:** 



(from left) Dr. Brenda Hellyer, San Jacinto College Chancellor; Dr. Allatia Harris, Vice Chancellor of Strategic Initiatives – Workforce Development, Community Relations and Diversity; Carolyn Watson, vice president of corporate responsibility with Chase; and Ludith González, San Jacinto College grant project coordinator and counselor.

Photo by Amanda Fenwick.

said Carolyn Watson, vice president of corporate responsibility with Chase. "This requires partnerships between groups that have often been working in silos. It also requires a high-touch approach in order for students to persist to completion. That's where the Great Jobs program comes in." The Great Jobs=Great Careers=Your Future program also provides videos that feature young professionals in their careers and presentations delivered by Chase volunteers who provide financial education for college planning and infor-

mation about how to manage finances once employed.

"We are grateful for the financial and organization-al resources that Chase has invested in assisting us to ensure the program includes a high-touch support system," said Ludith González, San Jacinto College grant project coordinator and counselor.

With promotion of high-wage/high demand jobs at the core of the Great Jobs=Great Careers=Your Future mission, Chase has already featured this message on 400 ATM locations across the Houston region.

### SHELDON ISD

### FOX 26 Meteorologist Stops by Null Middle School



FOX 26 Meteorologist Mike Iscovitz talks to Sheldon ISD

The students of Null Middle School were in for

Middle School were in for a special treat on Tuesday, January 12, 2016. Mike Iscovitz, the weekday morning meteorologist for Houston's FOX 26, stopped by the school to chat with the kids.

His visit started in Mrs. Ngala's 7th grade science glass, where students got to ask Iscovitz questions about science, his career and more. Iscovitz even gave the students a small science lesson using dry ice.

ice.

After visiting with those students, Iscovitz went to the cafeteria where he gave a presentation to the entire 6th grade class. He gave students a small behind the scenes look at what it's like working in TV news, how he comes up with his weather forecasts,

and how he got to where he is today. Iscovitz even stressed the importance of math and science in school.

"One of the things you have to do is pay attention in middle school and high school. Don't let yourself wander. Then when you get to college, make sure you know what classes you need to take and do the best that you can," Iscovitz told the students. "You know what I always tell people, is that if you feel like you need help, ask for help."

Iscovitz's visit to the

like you need help, ask for help."
Iscovitz's visit to the school was used an opportunity to show students about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) careers and how they too can pursue a career down that path.

### Reading to Early Childhood students New program hosted by

helps create stories of success

When the children at Channelview ISD's Barrett-Lee Early Childhood Center see the students from Joe Frank Campbell Learning Center's New Arrival Pro-gram walk in the classroom with a book in hand, it brings a bright smile to their faces.

The New Arrival pro-The New Arrival program serves high school age students that are transitioning into education in the United States. During the first semester, Campbell teachers thought that second-year New Arrival students could enhance their literacy skills and prepare for the English II End-of-Course reading and writing exams by reading to children at the Early Childhood Center. "Watching these students

"Watching these students "Watching these students have been such a wonderful adventure," Campbell teacher Jennifer Thurik said. "We've seen the read-ing skills of New Arrival stu-dents grow, as well as their fluency of the English lan-guage."

fluency of the English language."
Early Childhood Center Principal Judy Lee said the Campbell students have built a great relationship with their students.
"Our Pre-K students love it when the older students read to them," she said. "It's something they look for-



student at the district's Early Childhood Center

ward to every week."

Thurik said the Campbell students plan to resume the reading program in February. In addition, they have donated 100 books to the Early Childhood Center.

Channelview ISD's Director of Bilingual/ESL Magdalena Garcia applauds the progress students have made through the New Arrival program.

made through the New Arrival program.

"To see the progress that they are making is very rewarding," Garcia said. "Programs such as reading to the Pre-Kindergarten kids are also an excellent idea. It's not only beneficial for our English Language learners, but helps develop

# the North Channel Library

Harris County Public Library is partnering with the Harris County Department of Education, Adult Education to present a free online distance learning program for area residents who want to earn their GED. Distance education programs allow you to learn at your own pace and to work on any computer with an internet connection. The North Channel branch will host Registration and Orientation for the program on the following days: February 1, 15



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### **OPINION PAGE**

### A. **MEDICARE** Information

### Explore what's happening with Medicare's prescription drug costs

By Bob Moos, Southwest public affairs officer for the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

You only have to look at the latest receipt from your pharmacist to know that prescription drug costs are rising.

Nationwide, spendin medications grew 13 medications grew 13 percent in 2014, far outstripping +1 percent in 2014, far outstripping the 5 percent overall increase for health care spending. Prescrip-tion drug costs haven't gone up that fast since 2001.

Sometimes, the increase was due to a breakthrough medicine whose cure comes at a high price. Other times, it was the result of an was the result of an overnight tripling of the cost of a generic drug that has been around for

Millions of Americans Millions of Americand depend on prescription medications to manage chronic illnesses or treat acute conditions. But surveys suggest that as many as 25 percent of us don't fill a prescription because we can't afford it.

because we can't afford it.

As people stop filling their scripts, they not only jeopardize their health, they also run the risk of costing themselves and the health care system even more when they fall sick from conditions that could have been prevented. have been prevented.

Naturally, rising drug osts have prompted onsumers to ask ques-

What medications in particular are driving up prices? Are brand-name or generic drug costs growing faster? And, most important, what can be done to make needed medications affordable?

The U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Medicare and Medicaid Services, the federal agency that oversees the Medicare and Medicaid programs, has a vested interest in encouraging this public discussion. It spent \$140 billion on drugs for seniors, the poor, children and people with disabilities in 2014.

The agency recently ated an online datacreated an online data-base – at www.cms.gov – that allows anyone to dive into Medicare's prescrip-tion drug data and examine some of the clearest examples of the increased costs.

After you arrive at www.cms.gov, type "Medicare drug spending dashboard" in the search

The new database lists 80 medications that were chosen because they triggered the highest

overall spending or the greatest per-patient expenditures or the largest percentage price increases.

increases.

For each drug listed, you'll see the total amount that Medicare and its beneficiaries spent on it in 2014, recent trends in its price and the number of older Americans who depend on it.

Here are a few of the findings:

- The hepatitis C drug The hepatitis C drug Sovaldi accounted for the highest expenditure at \$3.1 billion. Used by about 33,000 Medicare beneficiaries, it had a \$1,000-per-pill price when it entered the market in 2014.
- Remodulin, which treats high blood pressure in the lungs, had the largest per-user spend at \$133,845. A total of 1,235 beneficiaries used the drug, whose cost amounted to \$165.3
- The pain reliever Vimovo had the biggest increase in its per-unit cost between 2013 and 2014, rising 543 percent

2014, rising 543 percent after one company purchased rights to the drug from another.

By putting such data in the hands of consumers, providers and researchers, Medicare hopes the public will gain a better understanding of what's going on with prescription drug costs. A similar database for Medicaid's drug spending will be unveiled later this year.

The Medicare data-

unveiled later this year.

The Medicare database comes on the heels of a recent forum in Washington that brought together consumer advocates, pharmaceutical company executives, insurance industry representatives and government officials to discuss how we can continue to procurate a continue to encourage drug discoveries and still ensure that those new medicines are accessible.

medicines are accessible.

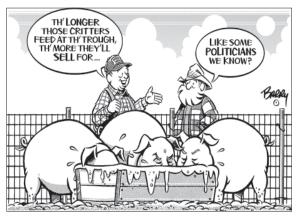
Developing groundbreaking drugs requires significant investment, and there's no disputing that this nation needs to support that important work. Without such innovation, we won't have the drugs that will better manage diabetes and heart disease and maybe even cure cancer.

But, as CMS' leaders

But, as CMS' leaders affordability. We deserve

both.

Shedding new light on drug spending may help offer some clues in our search for an effective strategy that makes sure as many people as possible can benefit from today's, and tomorrow's, wonder drugs.



### Governor meets with Prime Minister Netanyahu

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on Jan. 18 met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu dur-ing a business develop-

Benjamin Netanyahu during a business development tour in Israel.

Abbott said in a news
release that the meeting
was "to discuss Texas and
how he can further solidify their relationship.

Abbott informed Netanyahu that Texas would
"maintain its Iran divestiture policy" and that he
would "seek new laws to
strengthen Texas' prohibitions on the investment of
public funds in Iran."

Abbott said the legislation he plans to promote
would:

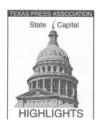
- Require local govern-

uon ne plans to promote would:
Require local governmental entities to divest investments in Iran;
Require all Texas state entities that invest money to divest Iran investments, not just Texas' various retirement funds; and
Close loopholes in Texas' Iran divestment law after examining them to determine where and how any exceptions can be minimized or eliminated altogether.

abboth reminded readers that in September 2015, he sent a letter to the Texas congressional delegation stating his opposition President Obama's Iran nuclear deal. On July 14, 2015, the president signed what the White House called "a comprehensive, long-term deal that will verifiably prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon."

Court to review
Texas case
The U.S. Supreme Court
on Jan. 19 announced it
would review an immigration case that originated in

STATE CAPITAL **HIGHLIGHTS** By Ed Sterling



ministration's Novemb fecting the deportation pol-icy for undocumented iey for undocumented immigrants. The case is scheduled be argued before the court in April, with a decision expected in June. Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton reacted to the Supreme Court's decision

Supreme Court's decision to hear the case, saying that the court "recognizes the importance of the separation of powers."

Texas leads a 26-state coalition against the president's immigration plan. Federal courts have ruled in the states' favor three times, most recently in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Paxton noted.

AG opines on online gaming
Texas Attorney General
Ken Paxton on Jan. 19 issued an opinion in response to a legislative
inquiry regarding the legality of online gaming.
State Rep. Myra
Crownover, R-Denton,
chair of the House Com-

mittee on Public Health, asked Paxton whether "daily fantasy sports leagues" are permissible under Texas law, and if it

indegrees are permissione under Texas law, and if it is legal to participate in fantasy sports leagues where the house does not take a "rake" and the participants only wager among themselves.

Paxton said, "Paid daily 'fantasy sports' operators claim they can legally operate as an unregulated house, but none of their arguments square with existing Texas law. Simply put, it is prohibited gambling in Texas if you bet on the performance of a participant in a sporting event.

the performance of a par-ticipant in a sporting event and the house takes a cut." Paxton said that unlike some other states, Texas law only requires "partial chance" for something to be gambling; it does not re-quire that chance predom-inate.

The opinion makes clear, Paxton added, that "traditional fantasy sports laggues are, as a general traditional fantasy sports leagues are, as a general rule, legal under Texas law. In those leagues, partici-pants generally split any pot amongst themselves, so there is no house that takes a cut."

### Job statistics are

Job statistics are posted
The Texas Workforce Commission on Jan. 22 announced the state ended calendar year 2015 with another month of growth in employment, adding 24,900 jobs.
"Texas finished 2015 on a strong note in December with employers adding 166,900 jobs over the year across a diverse range of industries," said Texas Workforce Commission Chair Andres Alcantar.
Texas' seasonally ad-

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 4.7 percent in December, up from 4.6 percent in November. It remained below the national average of 5.0 percent. The Workforce Commission, citing figures compiled by the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics, pointed out these statistics:

- Professional and business services employment surged in December with the addition of 12,500 positions, the industry's largest over-the-month gain Texas' seasonally ad-

the addition of 12,500 positions, the industry's largest over-the-month gain since November 2014; and

The education and health services industry recorded the second-largest employment gain over the month in Texas with 7,400 jobs added, marking 21 consecutive months of growth and a total of 66,700 jobs added since January 2015.
Furthermore, said Ruth R. Hughs, TWC's commissioner representing employers, "Private-sector employers, "Private-sector employment was strong over the year with the overall job growth of 141,300 jobs in December."

### EPArecognizes Houston as top user of 'Green Power'

The City of Houston is in the top spot on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Top 30 Local Government list of the largest green power users from the Green Power Partnership. The City is using nearly one billion kilowatt-hours (kWh) of green power annually, which represents over 75% percent of its total power needs. In addition, the City of Houston, is generating green power from an onsite solar and wind energy systems. The energy systems. The City's choice to use green power is helping to advance the green power market and support clean reprovable progrey.

alternatives.

Houston has signed an agreement with Reliant Energy, an NRG Energy company, to increase its purchase of Green-E certified renewable energy credits. The City will be using more than 950,000 MWh of green power per year, which, according to U.S. EPA, is equivalent to the amount of kilowatt-hours needed to supply more than 87,000 homes each year.

Green power is zero-

Green power is zero-emissions electricity that is generated from envi-ronmentally preferable ronmentally preferable renewable resources, such as wind, solar, geothermal, biogas, eligible biomass, and low-impact hydro. Using green power helps build demand for the development of new renewable energy capacity nation-wide and helps users reduce their carbon footprints.

"We are proud to be

footprints.

"We are proud to be recognized by the U.S. —
Environmental Protection Agency for our green power use," said Mayor Sylvester Turner. "By making the choice to use clean, renewable energy, our organization becomes more sustainable, while also sending a message to others across the United States that using green power is a sound business decision and an important tool in reducing one's carbon footprint in the fight against climate change."

In addition to the City of Houston's spot on the Top 30 Local Government list, the City of Houston, TX also appears as No. 6 on the National Top 100 list. This green power commitment also qualifies City of Houston, TX for EPA's Green Power Leadership Club, a distinction organizations earn by significantly exceeding EPA's minimum green power use requirements.

"The EPA is pleased to

requirements.

"The EPA is pleased to recognize the City of Houston, TX as a leading Green Power Partner and applauds its purchase of green power, leadership among local governments, and support of the voluntary renewable energy market," said James Critchfield, program director of EPA's James Untchfield, program director of EPA's Green Power Partner-

Recent sustainability initiatives that the City has approved include:

- Adopting an anti-idling ordinance for motor vehicles with a gross vehicle rating of more than 14,000 lbs;
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### Six Goose Creek Memorial HS musicians qualify for 2016 TMEA



Six Goose Creek CISD high school musicians qualified for All-State at the close of the 2016 Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) audition process. Pictured are (back, from left) Trenton Carr, Goose Creek Memorial High School French horn player, TMEA All-State 5A Band; Ja'Lon Douglas, GCM Choir, TMEA All-State Men's Choir; Tomas de la Rosa, Ross S. Sterling High School violist, TMEA All-State Morehestra; (front, from left) Erica Erwin, RSS Choir, TMEA All-State Mixed Choir, TMEA All-State Mixed Choir and Zoey Henderson, RSS Choir, TMEA All-State Women's Choir.

Six Goose Creek CISD high school musicians qualified for the 2016 Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) All-State competition, distinguishing them as in the top three percent of all high school musicians in the state of Texas.

From the Goose Creek Memorial High School Band, sophomore Trenton Carr, second-year All-State (State Memorial High School Band, sophomore Trenton Carr, second-year All-State (State Memorial High School Band, sophomore Trenton Carr, second-year All-State (State Memorial High School Band, sophomore Trenton Carr, second-year All-State (State Memorial High School Wocalists in the state of Texas.

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"Thousands of Students from across all TMEA regions and conferences auditioned through multiple levels of competition and cuts to become the elite in their respective vocal and instrumental fields," said Phillip Morgan, GCCISD Department of Fine Arts is extremely from a condition of Nicholas McMurrey.

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### Put Your Financial "Puzzle" together

January 29 is National Puzzle Day, with puzzle celebrations and events taking place at museums, libraries and other venues across the country. Why across the country. Why
this date was chosen – or
why National Puzzle Day
even exists – is something
of a mystery. But as an investor, you can find value
in the concept of a puzzle
– specifically, in putting
together the pieces of your
financial puzzle.

What are these pieces?
Here are the essential

Here are the essential

ones:

• Growth – At different times in your life, you will have various goals – purchasing a first or second home, sending your children to college, enjoying a comfortable retirement, and so on. While these goals are diverse, they all have one thing in common:
To achieve them, you'll need some growth poten-

have one thing in common:
To achieve them, you'll
need some growth potential in your investment
portfolio. The nature and
the extent of the growthoriented vehicles, such as
stocks and stock based instruments, in your holdings will depend on your
specific goals, risk tolerance and time horizon –
but growth opportunities
you must have.

• Income – Income-producing investments, such
as bonds and dividendpaying stocks, can help
supplement your earned
income during your working years and provide you
with a valuable income
stream when you're retired. Plus, bonds and other income-producers can
help balance a portfolio
that might otherwise be
too heavy in growth vehicles – which, as you know,
are typically higher in risk.

• Taxes – Taxes will always be part of the investment equation. Whenever

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possible, you'll want to take advantage of those actake advantage of those ac-counts that let you make tax-deductible contributions and that provide the opportunity for tax-de-ferred growth, such as a traditional IRA and your

traditional InA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. You may also find that you can benefit from tax-free investments, such as some types of municipal bonds

Retirement

may be far off, but the April 15 deadline for IRA contributions isn't. You have only so many years to prepare for retirement. That's why contributing to your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) is so important. Fortunately, you still have time to maximize your 2015 IRA contribution before the April 15 deadline.

By contributing now, your retirement savings can have more opportunity to grow. Even if you already have an IRA elsewhere, it's easy to transfer it to an Edward Jones IRA and begin receiving the face-to-face guidance you deserve.

and a Roth IRA. (Your Roth IRA contributions are not tax-deductible, but your earnings grow tax free, provided you've had your account at least five years and you don't start taking withdrawals, while you

and you don't start taking withdrawals until you reach 59\_.)
• Protection – You can't just invest for your future – you also have to protect it. If something were to happen to you, would your

family be able to remain in your home? Would your children still be able to go to college? To help ensure continuity and security in your family's lives, you'll need to maintain adequate life and disability insurance. Also, you will need to protect your independence in your retirement years, as you no doubt would want to avoid burdening your grown children with any financial burden. To attain this type of freedom, you may have to guard against the potentially catastrophic costs of long-term care, such as an extended nursing home stay. A financial professional can suggest ways of meeting these expenses.

• Legacy – After working hard your whole life, you'd probably like to leave something behind to your children, grandchildren, other family members and possibly even charitable institutions. To create the legacy you desire, you will need to create a comprehensive estate plan. Because such a plan may involve a will, living trust and other complex legal documents, you will need to work with your legal and tax advisors.

• Try to put these pieces together to help complete your financial "puzzle" – when you do, you may well like the picture that emerges.

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### Two men die in a roll-over accident

Houston police are investigating a fatal crash at 12900 East Freeway (East Interstate Highway 10) about 11 p.m. last Thursday, January 21, 2016.
Houston Police said with the Ford F-150 pickup truck traveling westbound on the East Freeway at a high rate of speed when, for unknown reasons, for unknown reasons, the driver and two passengers of the pickup were ejected and the pick-

### CONSTABLES RACE,

Continued from page 1

The forum, or panel, was hosted by the church and Pastor Robert Dixon II.

The forum itself was moderated by Ayana Mack, a radio personality heard on NGEN radio 89.3, and previously on KSBJ.

Sponsoring the forum were the African Amrican Sheriff's Association, and the Concerned Citizens of North Shore.

The candidates made opening and closing state-

The candidates made opening and closing statements on their positions, and most of the time was spent answering specific questions from a panel made up of law enforcement personnel and a lawyer.

Each candidate presented their qualifications and their experience, as well as a short statement about how they would run the Constable department if elected.

elected.

Constante department of elected. Questions related to youth and community initiatives, profiling of minorities, interaction of police and the community, how to involve senior citizens in community needs, how to reduce the crime rate, how to deal with the drug prob-

lem, how to be safer when gun laws encourage arms, how each feels about body

gun laws encourage arms, how each feels about body cameras, diversity of the constable's department, what training each has to deal with terrorism, how proposals including more training will be paid for, and what programs should be available to rehabilitate inmates.

Candidates made the following points:

Michel Pappillion said that he was a retired HPD sergeant with 32 years experience, 8 years in the Northeast area, wanted psychiatric evalutation for officers on a regular basis, should increase supervision, meet with civic clubs every 3 months, coordinate closer with the Sheriff's office.

James Stewart said his

James Stewart said his platform was investing in youth, providing safety for seniors, and using community oriented policing. He is a lieutenant in the Sheriff's office with 25 years experience. He said drug enforcement needs to have a medical solution rather than a police solution. He will work to increase money for the department. James Stewart said his

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Notice is hereby given that applications for a place on the EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #14 Board of Directors General Election ballot may be filed during the followed the control of the Se notifica por le presente que las solicitudes para un lugar en la boleta de la Eleccion General de la Junta de Directores del DISTRICTO de SERVICIO EMERGENCIA #14 (ESD #14)

Start Date: January 20, 2016 End Date: February 19, 2016
Primer dia: 20 de enero de 2016 Ultimo Dia: 19 de febrero de 2015

Physical Address for filing application in person for a place on the ballot: Direccion fisca para presentar las solicitudes de un lugar en la poleta en pe

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by WESTON COTTEN Attorney for the Estate

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#### CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES AND PUBLIC GROUPS:

In accordance with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) environmental review process establishs at 31 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 371, Subchapter E, for projects to be funded through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSR) Program and consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S. Code §4321, et seq., the Executive Administrator of the TWDB has determined that the proposed action identified below may be exempted from formal environmental review requirements:

Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 50, Harris County, Texas Water Systems Improvements Water Systems Improvements
DWSRF Project No. 62683
Total Estimated TWDB Commitment: \$2,470,0
Total Amount of Loan Forgiveness: \$1,034,40

Total Amount of Loan Forgiveness: \$1,034,409

Harris County Municipal Utility District #50 (District) is proposing to use funding from a \$2,470,000 DWSRF
Program loan for the acquisition, design, and construction required to implement improvements to the District's water system. The proposed project is eligible for additional subsidy (principal forgiveness) in an
amount not to exceed \$1,034,409. Specifically, the District pans to (1) evaluate the Crosby-Lynchbrug well
by performing a video survey of the well, clearing the well if necessary, installing a test pump, and conducting a pumping test to determine the maximum capacity of the well, (2) inspect existing facilities, including all
ground storage trains, piping, booster pumps, electrical systems, and disintection systems; (3) replace 6inch water lines in Crosby-Lynchbrug Road and 4-inch water lines in Magnolia Avenue with larger lines to
maintain Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCECs) minimum pressure requirements through
out the entire system; (4) construct a new booster pump building with bour 500 gallon per minute (gpm)
booster pumps at the Crosby-Lynchbrug Water Plant in order to comply with TCEC and Texas State Board
of Insurance Regulations. The booster pump building will be constructed on an existing site; and (5) construct a new 80.000 gallon ground storage tank, a pump building to house three 200 gpm booster pumps and electrical equipment, a 15,000 gallon hydro-pneumatic tank, and all associated
piping at the St. Charles Water Plant All construction will occur on the existing St. Charles Water Plant site.
In addition, the project will require adequate isolation valves, fittings and all necessary appurtenances.

Existing lines will be replaced by new lines in the same locations. The existing lines will be removed. Environmental impacts should be similar to rehabilitation activities and limited to those associated with excavation, pipe installation, and road repair. Board staff has reviewed the Texas Historical Commissions (THC) Archeological Sites Atlas. Three contenteries and one historical marker were identified within 1 mile of the proposed project area; therefore, formal coordination with the THC was required. The THC provided concirence that no historic properties will be affected by the proposed project on December 14, 2015. The construction of the new booster pump station will require clearing of vegetation within the project area therefore, formal coordination with the Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPM) was required. TPMV provided a response on December 15, 2015. Based on the project description, the Wildlife Habitat Assessment Progran does not antilipate significant adverse impacts to rare, threatened or endangered species, or other fish and wildlife resources.

The project will not adversely impact wellands or waters of the U.S. that are under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In addition, construction within existing rights-of-ways and easements is not expected to impact threatened or endangered species habitat.

This decision is allowed because the specified project elements should not entail significant adverse impacts to the quality of the human environment. Documentation supporting this determination is on file at the TWDB.

This determination may be rescinded if it is found that:

(1) The project no longer meets the requirements for a CE as a result of changes in the project;

(2) The project involves extraordinary circumstances as defined in 31 TAC Section 371.41; or

(3) The project may violate or has violated federal, state, local, or ribal laws.

Comments regarding this determination may be submitted to the Director of Regional Water Planning and Development, Texas Water Development Board, P.O. Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231.

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开始日期:2016年1月20日

裁止日期: 2016年2月19日 周一到周五, 上午7:30到下午 4:30

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### **CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS**

### Galena Park ISD hosts annual Rodeo Art Show

The Galena Park Independent School District's annual Rodeo Art Show was held on Thursday, January 14th in the North Shore Senior High School auditorium. This event featured artwork event featured artwork by approximately 450 students in grades K-12 from each elementary, middle and high school

middle and high school campus in the district.—
The Houston Livestock Show and RodeoTM School Art Committee judged the 2016 GPISD Rodeo Art Show and bestowed special recognition on eight pieces of stowed special recognition on eight pieces of artwork selected as "Best Cimarron Elementary, received an in Show", "Gold Medal" Award of Excellence from the and "Special Merit" win judges. ners. Those winning pieces will be prominently displayed in the Hayloft Gallery at the NRG Center throughout the duration of this year's-Houston Livestock Show and RodeoTM.

Approximately 50 pieces of Show president, and a blue, red or white ribbon between the store of the store of

Approximately 50 pieces of art, as determined by the final round of Grand Prix



judging, will be auctioned. Every participant in the School Art Program is a winner, receiving a certificate of merit signed by the Show president, and a blue, red or white ribbon for achievement.

## Man killed during robbery on Market St.

A man was killed and another wounded in a shooting last Sunday, January 24, 2016 in Jacinto City area.

The shooting happend at 12400 Market Street about 2:15 a.m., when Houston Police officers arrived to the place they

Houston Police officers arrived to the place, they found a man who had died and another wounded. According to police reports, subsequent investigation determined both victims had been shot during an apparent robbery. The identity of the deceased man is pending ver-

ification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences. The second victim suffered a gunshot wound and was transported to an area hospital in an unknown condition.

The suspect of the robbery is described only as a Hispanic male, about 5 feet tall and weighing 160 pounds. He is clean shaven and reported to be bilingual. Anyone with information on this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

308-3600 or Crime S pers at 713-222-TIPS.

# Chief Academic Officer

Patsy P. Cavazos was officially named the new Chief Academic Officer at the January board meet-

Chief Academic Officer at the January board meeting.
Cavazos is coming to Sheldon from the Houston Independent School District, where she has worked for the past 30 years. During her time at HISD, she has held several different leadership positions which have allowed her to coach and mentor principals. She is currently serving as HISD's School Support Officer, where she works very closely with ten principals to ensure effective instructional school programs, monitor campus budgets, and much more.

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As the new Chief Academic Officer for Sheldon ISD, Ms. Cavazos will be responsible for planning,



Patsy P. Cavazos

directing and reviewing all efforts dealing with teaching and learning, school performance, and school improvement. She will also work closely with central office personnel, campus/department administrators, district personnel and the Sheldon community.

Cavazos is scheduled to start on February 1, 2016.

### Sheldon ISD appoints new GPISD holds District Wide Spanish Spelling Bee



GPISD Spanish Spelling Bee winners (I/r): Yaimarys Lambert Sanchez, Alenny's Davila and Juan Isaac Gomez Garza.

Galena Park ISD held its annual Spanish Spelling Bee on Friday, January 22 at the GPISD Administration Building. The tration Building. The tration Building. The tration competitors from each of the high schools (Early College, Galena Park, North Shore Ninth Grade and North Shore Seniory gathered to see who would

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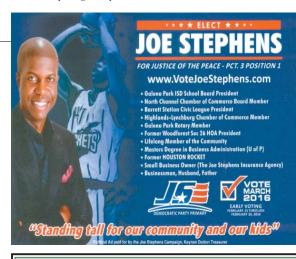
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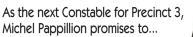


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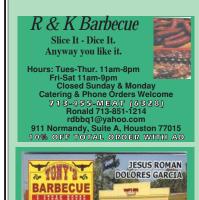
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