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Turner sworn in as new Houston Mayor



PHOTO BY ALLAN JAMAIL
Sylvester Turner was sworn in by Honorable Vanessa D. Gilmore, United States District Judge of the Southern District of Texas. Turner and daughter Ashley Turner hold the same bible he was sworn in with for his first term as a State Representative in 1988. After Turner took Oath he then swore in entire City Council. His 1st few months will be mostly spent establishing policies and reviewing City Departments. HIS PRIORITIES FIRST 4 YEAR TERM- FLOODING, POLICE & FIRE PROTECTION, CITY BUDGET and CITY'S PENSION RESPONSIBILITY TO EMPLOYEES WORKING TO BRING EMPLOYEES OF FIRE & POLICE DEPARTMENT'S PENSION COMMITMENTS BY THE CITY INTO A AFFORDABLE AMOUNT FOR THE CITY & FIRE & POLICE PERSONNEL.

El Franco Lee Dies



Harris County Pct. 1 Commissioner El Franco Lee died Sunday morning at 10 am from a heart attack, according to county authorities. Lee was 66 years old. He was pronounced dead at LBJ Hospital.

EAST HOUSTON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER First Baby of the New Year!



New parents Romelia Trejo and Alberto Lugo welcome their new baby girl, Emileth, East Houston Regional Medical Center's first baby of 2016.

Houston, Texas, January 1, 2016 – East Houston Regional Medical Center helped Romelia Trejo and Alberto Lugo welcome daughter, Emileth into the world at 6:08 am. Emileth weighs 8 lbs. 2 oz. and is 19 inches long. Trejo and Lugo are from Houston and this is their second daughter. Big sister Adalyn can't wait to meet her new baby sister.

"We are very excited that she is a New Year's baby," said mother Romelia Trejo.

"We are thrilled to welcome the first baby at East

Houston Regional Medical Center for 2016. Each year we help families welcome their newborns into the world," said Alice Adams, Chief Executive Officer at East Houston Regional Medical Center. "It is wonderful to be the only community hospital in the North Channel area dedicated to our resident's needs. It is so exciting to be part of these families' lifetime memories."

The Trejo / Lugo family was presented with a beau-

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Sheldon ISD Board names new Superintendent



King Davis, new Sheldon ISD Superintendent.

King Davis was named the new superintendent of Sheldon I.S.D. at the December 15, 2015 board meeting. He will succeed Interim Superintendent, John Kirchner.

Davis was chosen through a rigorous selection and interview process by the Sheldon Board of Trustees, and ultimately named the lone finalist during the November board meeting.

"First and foremost, I'd like to thank the board again for their vote of confidence," Davis said. "Now it's official and I'm certainly ready to get to work and take Sheldon I.S.D. to the next level."

Davis is coming from Everman I.S.D. in Everman, TX, where he currently serves as the Deputy Superintendent of Operations and Student Services.

"Obviously there are some great things that have taken place prior to me, so I must give credit to the board and the previous administration, but there's always room for improvement," Davis said. "That's what we'll really work closely together on. We'll make some improvements, celebrate the successes we've had and move things forward."

Davis will begin on January 4, 2016.

Year in Review 2015

From the compiled files of the North Channel Star

JANUARY:

- Houston approved special tax deal for Valero.
- Galena Park Mayor Moya attempted to freeze bank checks.
- Galena park Council walked out from special city meeting.
- Bank of America robber at East Freeway threatened to have bomb.
- A Navy father returned from duty and surprised son at Channelview's ISD Pre-K Center.
- San Jacinto College North Campus pioneer Proctor Woodward Brightwell died.
- A fire erupted at trash site in Cloverleaf area.

FEBRUARY:

- San Jacinto College MLB Stars returned to campus for recognition.
- Galena Park and, Mayor agreed to Mediation.
- Two teens arrested in burglary spree in Galena Park.
- Rep. Hernandez filed Legislation to stand up for women veterans.
- County Attorney filed for a new trial in San Jacinto River Waste Pit verdict.

MARCH:


- Galena Park Council accepted Charter Amendments for vote in May election.
- A 6 year-old boy was wounded in shooting by brother.
- A man was arrested and charged in death of woman at Peter Piper pizzeria.
- Galena Park announced Gateway Plaza project.

APRIL:

- A man was rescued at Royalwood Church after struck by high voltage power lines.
- North Channel community had their annual clean-up.
- Police chase ended in shooting, the suspect is killed.
- New Waste Pits study called for removal of toxins.
- County Attorney appealed court ruling in Waste Pits case.
- Galena Park Charter Amendments were debated.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

North Shore Football team, student body gives back



Beyond reading, writing, math, science, social studies, economics, and the other topics studied at school, part of the education process in Galena Park ISD is personal growth. Coach Steve Lewis challenged the North Shore Mustang football team to collect money to raise much-needed funds for the North Channel Assistance Ministries (NCAM) for the holiday season. North Channel Assistance Ministries has helped countless people in our community throughout the years, including the families of our students and athletes. The Mustangs took on this challenge with vigor, collecting \$1,008 from the student body and organizations. Just before the holiday break; Coach Lewis took a group of football players to NCAM to present their benevolent donation. Coach Lewis contends it was, without a doubt, "the proudest moment of this entire football season."

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 five town hall meetings, Congressman Green will also host a Senior Citizens Issues Forum and a Paying for College Workshop with The Sallie Mae Fund. "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 and 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.

Woman struck and killed on East Freeway

A woman was struck by a wrecker on the first Saturday of the new year in east Houston.

According to officials reports, the womna was trying to cross the service road near Calles Street around 9:00 p.m. when a wrecker driver hit her. The driver was unable to avoid her. The woman was walking outside the crosswalk into oncoming traffic.

The woman was transported to Ben Taub Hospital where she died.

The driver stayed at the scene and did not have signs of intoxication, authorities said. He does not face any charges.

Diamond Jim: "What are the jewelry trends for 2016



7 Trends to Watch in 2016
From National Jeweler By Brecken Branstator
January 04, 2016
Mixed metals in bridal, like this 18-karat rose and white gold ring set from LX Antwerp, will continue to be popular next year.

New York--It's going to be an exciting year in jewelry design. Trends have been taking new and innovative turns, and now spread across the country faster than ever, as social media and the Internet allow everyone to see and adapt to them in a short period of time. Because of this, retailers need to adapt to the trends more quickly or even be out ahead of them, said Amanda Gizzi, director of public relations and special events at Jewelers of America. "Here are the trends that the experts think will be popping up, and staying put, in the fine jewelry market in 2016.

1. Stackables/layering. This trend isn't going anywhere, especially for pieces that are personalized or allow for the sentimental. In jewelry, this includes layering delicate necklaces together as well as stacking rings and bracelets. "It's really important (for retailers) to have and buy these pieces to drive in the younger generation," Gizzi said. "It's a buy-one-today, add-one-tomorrow mentality."

2. Mixed metal. As bridal trends continue to evolve to suit today's millennial couples, mixed metals have been and will continue to be a top trend, especially when it comes to rose gold mixing with white gold and platinum. "The juxtaposition of the warm rose against cool platinum makes for a unique and beautiful setting, and there are so many different ways in which you can display the accent, from contrasting prongs to a halo," Amanda Tropila, the

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former public relations manager at the Platinum Guild International (PGI-USA), said in an interview conducted in early December.

3. Open styles. One of the most prevalent variations on this trend is openwork jewelry. This is an ongoing trend likely influenced by high precious metal prices. Openwork cuffs are going to get a little bigger and spread out to keep metal weight down, "letting more skin show through," Gizzi said. She also noted that these types of pieces likely will begin to include fewer opaque stones, as the style moves toward the use of more translucent or transparent gems. Variations on the trend also can include rings and bracelets that wrap around the finger or wrist without meeting in the middle, and collars that remain open in the front of the neck, not completing the circle.

4. Y necklaces. This classic shape already began its comeback in 2015, and Helena Krudel, senior vice president of creative and brand at True-Facet, said she expects Y necklaces to continue their resurgence in 2016, as fashion brands such as Chloe continued to use the style on the runways in their most recent fashion shows.

5. Black and white. This will be especially prevalent given the rising popularity of blackened metals, Gizzi said. Brands like David Yurman, Lagos and Armenta all unveiled lines featuring blackened metals for fall/winter collections and many more are expected to follow in 2015. Gizzi said that she thinks this trend has a lot to do with punk influences

and the impact of rock-and-roll, as well as the popularity of tribal-inspired pieces and traditional Mexican silver jewelry.

6. Unique stones. Also speaking to today's younger consumers are unique gemstone shapes or cuts, both in colored stones and diamonds. "Uniquely shaped stones, as well as colored stones, are still popular as the millennial bride looks to make a statement and stand out from the rest," Tropila said. "Pears and marquise are being set east-west or just slightly askew to give it extra personalization." Heart-shaped stones also are gaining traction as celebrities such as Lady Gaga and Iggy Azalea bring them to light.

7. Fanciful. While the use of animals, wings, and feathers are nothing new in fine jewelry, they will "have some freshness for 2016," Gizzi said. They're not only playing on the fanciful, fantastical imagery, but they're also pulling from symbols of empowerment, such as the use of wings. The added meaning behind these pieces can make the jewelry extra special for a consumer. "Jewelry that pulls on people's emotions will always have a place for customers."

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OPINION PAGE

New ‘open carry’ legislation took effect on Jan. 1

AUSTIN — The coming of the 2016 brings heightened interest statewide in two new laws in particular that were passed by the 84th Texas Legislature in June 2015.

The first is HB 910, a law conditionally allowing the “open carry” of handguns in public places. It will take effect on Jan. 1.

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, the law “authorizes individuals to obtain a license to openly carry a handgun in the same places that allow the licensed carrying of a concealed handgun with some exceptions.”

Furthermore: “Unconcealed handguns, loaded or unloaded, must be carried in a shoulder or belt holster” and “Individuals who hold a valid concealed handgun license may continue to carry with valid existing license.” A separate license will not be required to open carry and no additional fee will be required, the DPS stated.

Training curriculum for new applicants will be updated to reflect the new training requirements related to the use of restraint holsters and methods to ensure the secure carrying of openly carried handguns, the DPS further stated, and the new curriculum will be required for all classes beginning Jan. 1, 2016.

The second new law of special interest currently is SB 11, known as “campus carry.” While this law won’t take effect until Aug. 1, 2016, it is also gaining public awareness.

SB 11, according to the DPS, “authorizes a license holder to carry a concealed handgun on or about the license holder’s person while the license holder is on the campus of an institution of higher education or private or independent institution of higher education in this state.”

But SB 11 also “authorizes an institution of higher education or private or independent institution of higher education in this state to establish rules, regulation, or other provisions concerning the storage of handguns in dormitories or other residential facilities that are owned or leased and operated by the institution and located on the campus of the institution.”

And, the DPS noted, SB 11 “requires the president or other chief executive officer of an institution of higher education in this state to establish reasonable rules, regulations, or other provisions regarding the carrying of concealed handguns by license holders on the campus or on specific premises located on the campus.”

Private or independent institutions of higher education may, after consulting with students, faculty and staff, establish rules or regulations prohibiting concealed handgun licensees from carrying firearms on their campuses.

Patrick announces appointments

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the Texas Senate, appointed Sen. Craig Estes, R-Wichita Falls, as chair of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development, and Sen. Kelly Hancock, R-North Richland Hills, as chair of the Senate Committee on Business and Commerce. Estes

succeeds retiring chairman Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, and Hancock succeeds retiring chairman Sen. Kevin Eltife, R-Tyler.

“The Texas Senate is losing a significant amount of institutional knowledge with the loss of Senators Fraser and Eltife,” said Patrick. “Replacing them is difficult but necessary in order to allow the Texas Senate to prepare for the coming session.”

Patrick also named Sen. Brian Birdwell, R-Granbury, to replace Eltife as a member of the powerful Senate Finance Committee.

In other news, Patrick named the following senators to the Texas Sunset Commission, the agency charged with determining whether state agencies should continue to exist or alter their operations:

Van Taylor, R-Dallas, vice chairman; Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville (fulfilling the unexpired term of Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound); Kirk Watson, D-Austin; Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa, D-McAllen; and Charles Schwertner, R-Georgetown.

Patrick also named former U.S. Rep. Allen West, R-Florida, as a public member of the Sunset Commission. West is a retired U.S. Army officer, a Fox News contributor, and president and chief operating officer of the Dallas-based conservative think tank, The National Center for Policy Analysis.

Teacher equity plan OK’ed

Texas Education Commissioner Michael Williams on Dec. 22 announced the Texas Education Agency has been notified that a federally required state plan to ensure equitable access to excellent educators has been approved by the U.S. Department of Education.

“Regardless of where you attend school, educators who guide student learning remain the key ingredients to assuring a high-quality education and to closing the achievement gap,” Williams said. “With that in mind, our state’s equity plan stresses ongoing support throughout an educator’s career and encourages opportunities for mentoring, campus support, and career advancement.”

Williams resumed from office effective Dec. 31. Gov. Greg Abbott named Mike Morath of Dallas as succeed Williams as education commissioner, effective Jan. 1.

TCEQ shares fuel-saving tips

In mid-December, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality reminded Texans that cooler weather has an impact on motor vehicle fuel economy and posted fuel conservation tips, such as:

- Park in a garage, if possible;
- Limit warm-up idling to about 30 seconds;
- Combine errands to reduce mileage;
- Keep tires properly inflated;
- Use the type of oil recommended by the vehicle’s manufacturer for cold weather driving; and
- Remove rooftop luggage and accessories as soon as possible, as those can reduce fuel economy.



Texas sues EPA over new ozone standards

AUSTIN — The State of Texas and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on Dec. 23 filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency over its new ozone standards rule.

Eight other states have filed separate lawsuits against the new rule: Arizona, Arkansas, Kentucky, New Mexico, Oklahoma, North Dakota, Utah and Wisconsin.

On Dec. 28, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton explained his reasoning for state’s taking legal action, saying the EPA “has lowered the ozone standard placed on states to a level that is inappropriate and unrealistic and is based on flawed science” and the changes to the National Ambient Air Quality Standard would impose a serious financial burden on the Texas economy for dubious public health benefit.

“Areas of the country that fail to comply with these impossible standards will be subject to costly new regulations that will harm our economy and kill jobs,” Paxton said, adding: “Texas has proven that we can reduce ambient ozone concentrations without stifling growth, and my office will continue to defend our state from the EPA’s harmful and over-reaching regulations.”

Disaster is proclaimed

Gov. Greg Abbott on Dec. 27 certified that the severe winter weather and tornadoes that began on Dec. 26 caused a disaster in Collin, Dallas, Ellis and Rockwall counties.

Abbott declared a disaster in those counties, and in doing so, authorized the use of “all available resources of state government and of political

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subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster.”

The National Weather Service reported 12 tornadoes were confirmed within a matter of hours in the North Texas region in the afternoon and evening of Dec. 26, and 11 deaths were attributed to those tornadoes. In calendar year 2015, the NWS reported 76 tornadoes in North and Central Texas, the most on record since the agency began keeping detailed records of tornadoes in 1950.

In other disaster-related news, on Dec. 24, Abbott announced the Federal Emergency Management Agency had granted his request for 16 counties affected by severe weather in October.

Those counties include: Bastrop, Bosque, Caldwell, Comal, Guadalupe, Hays, Hidalgo, Hill, Jasper, Liberty, Navarro, Newton, Travis, Walker, Willacy and Wilson.

AG issues scam warning Attorney General Paxton on Dec. 28 cautioned Texans “to be aware of disaster scams in the wake of a disaster declaration in four North Texas counties.”

“As our communities work to rebuild and recover from the storms, my office will work diligently to protect Texans from scams perpetrated by those who look to take advantage of our citizens in these unfortunate circumstances. The loss of lives as a result of

these deadly storms is a tragedy for our state, and our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families,” Paxton said.

Under state law, once the governor issues a declaration, vendors are prohibited from charging exorbitant prices for necessities such as drinking water, food, batteries, generators, towing, clothing, medicine, lodging, repair work and fuel during and after the crisis, Paxton added.

New TxDOT chief named

The Texas Transportation Commission on Dec. 17 announced its selection of James Bass as the Texas Department of Transportation’s new executive director, effective Jan. 1.

Bass has been serving as the agency’s chief financial officer since 2005. He began his TxDOT career in 1985, working summers in the Fort Worth District and as an engineer aide in the Austin District while earning his bachelor’s degree in accounting at the University of Texas at Austin. In November 1999, Bass was selected as finance division director of TxDOT before becoming chief financial officer.

Agency approves projects

The Texas Transportation Commission, at its December meeting, approved 34 roadway improvement projects using Proposition 1 funding.

Proposition 1, approved last November by Texas voters, dedicates a portion of oil and gas tax revenue to the state highway fund.

Commissioners so far have approved final contract awards on 165 of more than 200 planned Proposition 1 projects across the state. The projects, totaling more than \$520 million worth of roadway construction, rehabilitation and restoration, will enhance the safety, mobility and connectivity in our state, the agency stated in a Dec. 23 news release.

Surprising changes in retail shopping

(NAPSI)—These days, you can search for product information and gain increased knowledge before you even walk into a store.

Smartphones, online stores and detailed comparison sites are helping shoppers be more informed about what they want. Some customers know more than the salesperson about a new car, laptop or dress.

Retail In The Digital Age

So where does that leave the retailer? Is an in-store salesperson even necessary in today’s digital age?

Research by University of Phoenix School of Advanced Studies Senior University Research Chair Fiona Sussan, MBA, Ph.D. may have the answer.

While shoppers have greater access to information than they had in the past, she points out, this does not necessarily mean they have access to accurate information or won’t require human assistance in-store.

In fact, Dr. Sussan’s research shows retailers that customize to meet the information needs of diverse shoppers are more effective than those who present the same information to all buyers. She calls this ability “adaptive selling.” It’s the change in selling techniques required to address the specific needs of an individual based on what he or she may or may not already know. It helps retailers truly offer a customized shopping experience.

How To Succeed In Sales

How can retailers and workers who want to grow in the field meet or exceed ever-evolving customer preferences and expectations?

First, retailers need to train staff to better understand how informed the customer is.

Next, sales associates cannot use the same approach and presentation with every customer. Instead, they must adjust their sales behavior based on how much knowledge that customer already has. How well a salesperson can adapt his or her selling approach can influence a buyer’s final purchase decision.

The Internet can’t replace a salesperson’s skills of persuasion and the “personal touch” that leads to trust.

Finally, the research found that selling techniques such as asking questions and responding to the answers with product recommendations, identifying trends in customer traits and devising strategies that are aligned with these traits are ways salespeople can be effective in a tech-enabled retail environment.

Consumers have high expectations of the salespeople they encounter, and Dr. Sussan suggests bad customer relationships are often due to lack of knowledge on the part of the seller.

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LIFESTYLE

OBITUARIES

Jeannette Anna Denson

Jeannette Anna Denson, age 97, went to be with the Lord on January 1, 2016. She was born in Crosby, Texas on October 1, 1918 to Ida Catherine Nelson Reidland and Oscar Anders Reidland.

She enjoyed painting, gardening, traveling, fishing and camping. She was an avid sports fan, enjoyed her cats, "Precious" and "Penny" but most of all enjoyed spending time with her family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a very faithful Christian lady who always had a smile, a very kind, loving, caring and thoughtful person, always helpful to others, was never judgemental and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Thomas J. Denson; her sisters, Irene Dietrich; Viola Stevens; Bernice Harvard and Natalie Smith and her granddaughter, Laura Rook. Jeannette is survived by her children, Ray A. Denson D.O. (and wife, Melissa); Dee Ann Rook (and husband, Ric) and James Denson (and wife, Gloria); Her grandchildren, Sandi Mullins (and husband, Dexter); Merio Centeno (and wife, Jessica); Lee Ann Rook Lockwood; Nanci Moorhah (and husband, Jay); Steven Denson; Brian Denson; Carol Neugein (and husband, Mitch); Jamie Ramey (and husband, Darrell); Karen Blais (and husband, Darren); Eldis Dulloa (and husband, Luis); Lacy Robinson; Sergio Rodriguez-Centeno (and wife, Jessica) and Ethan Denson; her great-



grandchildren, Emily and Nicholas Lockwood; Abbey Mullins; Randi Denson; Sydney and John Ramey; Cole and Jake Moorhah; Leon and Emelia Blais and Samantha and Daniel Henderson. Also survived by special friends, Helen Foreman and Cheryl Lewellyn, other relatives and many friends.

A visitation for family and friends will be held at Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, on Thursday evening January 7, 2016, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Services will be held at First Baptist Church of Crosby on Friday morning January 8, 2016 at 11 :00 a.m. Interment will be in Evergreen Cemetery, Crosby, Texas. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations may be made to First Baptist Church of Crosby.

Arrangements entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, Texas 77562. To offer condolences to the family, please visit www.sterlingwhite.com.

Frances Irene Silva

Frances Irene Silva, 86, of Houston, Texas, passed peacefully into her heavenly home on January 04, 2016. Irene was born December 18, 1929 in Clayton, Oklahoma to parents, Ollie & Bertie Robertson. Irene was a woman of many talents.

She loved sewing, reading, cooking, painting, writing poetry as well as spoiling her grandchildren. She worked for many years as a cashier for the Sheraton Lincoln Hotel in downtown Houston. She worked also for Typco Painting, D & L Grocery in Channelview, Channel Instrument & Tool and owned her own shop called the Graffiti Shop that she operated from her home; she contributed to her community with various fundraisers and was a long time member of Memorial Baptist Church in Channelview where she and her husband taught Sunday school.

She is preceded in death by her parents by one daughter, Teresa Silva Brinker and sister, Ruby Lee Robertson White and two brothers, Jack "Okie" Robertson and Aubrey Robertson. She is lovingly survived by her husband of 68 years, Joe Richard Silva, Sr.; by children, Joe R. Silva, Jr. & wife, Deborah; Sandra Kay Silva Bird & husband Bobby; by grandchildren & spouses, Kelly & Alf Evans, Caci & Matt Renfro, Molly & Charles Hightower, Cory & Dana Silva, Matthew Sil-



va, Michael Silva, Audrey Silva Moraz, Zachary & Katie Welch, Jered Welch and Jeremy Welch; by great-grandchildren, Trey Evans, Shaefer Kay Evans, Wyatt Renfro, Caitlyn Castro, Cheyenne Hightower, Savanna & Brianna Silva and Micah Silva.

Services to celebrate her life will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 8, 2015 at Memorial Baptist Church, 15720 Proctor St. in Channelview with Rev.C.M. Kelly officiating. She will be laid to rest in San Jacinto Memorial Park under the direction of Carter Funeral Home. The family suggest that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org/ texas or Memorial Baptist Church.

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NEW YEAR

Everyone looks forward to a New Year and the hope it represents. "Well wishers" come at us from every direction wanting us to reap a harvest of joy and happiness, peace and prosperity. A "good new year" is a universal desire that everyone seeks. But how can we assure ourselves of having a Happy New Year? The answer comes from Isaiah 41:10.

First, we must honor the two "nots" - do not be afraid and do not be dismayed. Fear and dismay will disturb our minds, trouble our souls and destroy our health. Only as we place our faith in the goodness and grace of God will our fears evaporate and dismay vanish.

Second, add the two "I ams" - I am with you and I am your God. Our God is

always with us and we are never beyond His reach. When problems arise He wants to solve them. When needs arise He will meet them. When foes would destroy us He will conquer them. When storms appear He will calm them.

Third, we need to mix them with the three "I wills." I will strengthen you. He has all the strength we need with some to spare. I will help you. Here is help that is seeking us and is sufficient for every situation. I will uphold you. With what? The very same hands that hold the universe together!

If we want 2016 to be a Happy New Year we must begin every day of every week of every month of the year reading God's Word and spending time in prayer.


LITTLE BIDDY BITS
By Danny Biddy

A Wrong Turn

I made a trip to Abilene, Texas where my youngest son was attending college. A friend of mine, named Elmo, also had a son in college there and he made this trip with me. I have made that drive many times. Most of the trip is spent on Highway 36. As we were returning home I was paying more attention to our conversation than

my driving and I missed a turn that would have kept me on 36. Twenty-one miles later I realized my mistake. I stopped and asked someone the best way to get back to Hwy 36. There were no short cuts. I had to return to the place where I had departed to get back on the right road.

Have you departed from the ways of the Lord? Return to the point of departure. You will find Him waiting for you there. The Old Testament book of Malachi says, "Return to me and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts."

Danny R. Biddy, Pastor of the Church on Old River since 1977.
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Such a strategy needs to be part of your overall retirement income strategy, but here are five key areas you’ll need to address:

- **Lifestyle** – What do you plan to do during your retirement years? Travel the world? Stay close to home and pursue your hobbies? Volunteer? Open a small business or do some consulting? Your choice of lifestyle will probably affect every aspect of your longevity strategy.
- **Income** – Your biggest threat to an enjoyable retirement is the possibility of running out of money. This fear is apparently widespread; in a survey commissioned by Allianz, a

life insurance company, more than 60% of respondents said they were more scared of outliving their assets than they were of dying. You need to create a retirement income strategy that incorporates, among other elements, a withdrawal rate that allows you to take money from your 401(k), IRA and other investment accounts in such a manner that you don’t run out. You’ll also need to answer other key questions, such as when to take Social Security – as you may know, the longer you wait, the bigger your monthly checks, until they “max out” at age 70.

- **Housing** – Once you retire, you may want to review your housing situation. If you’ve already paid off your mortgage, and you like your house, you may want to stay there. But if you’re thinking downsizing, or moving to a more favorable climate, or even purchasing a vacation home, you need to calculate the costs and include them in your plans.
- **Health care** – As far as health care, consider

these questions: What will the treatment of existing medical conditions cost over the long term? Do you know what costs Medicare will cover? Have you thought of how you might pay for a nursing home or other long-term care? This last item is especially important, because the annual average cost for a private

room in a nursing home is more than \$90,000, according to the 2015 Cost of Care Survey, produced by Genworth, a financial services company. A financial professional can suggest ways of meeting these long-term care costs.

- **Caregiving** – It’s possible, at least early in your retirement years, that you could still be a

caregiver to aging parents. If so, you might need to factor in these costs to your financial strategy. Later on, you may need some caregiving yourself, such as that provided by a home health aide. So you’ll need to consider these potential expenses.

- **Your retirement** years can be filled with activities and accom-

plishments. And you can get even more enjoyment from this time of life if you stick to an appropriate longevity strategy.

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NUMBER 6271

APPLICATION Arkema Inc., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 6271, which would authorize continued operation of a Industrial Organic Chemicals Plant located at 18000 Crosby Eastgate Road, Crosby, Harris County, Texas 77532. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application: <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hib610/index.html?lat=29.949417&lng=-95.022538&zoom=13&type=I>. The existing facility and/or related facilities are authorized to emit the following air contaminants: organic compounds, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less, hazardous air pollutants and sulfuric acid.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on November 9, 2015. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, TCEQ Houston regional office, and the Harris County Public Library, Crosby Branch, 135 Hare Road, Crosby, Harris County, Texas beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Houston regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. In addition to the renewal, this permitting action includes the incorporation of the following authorizations or changes to authorized facilities related to this permit: alterations, amendments, permits by rule and changes to qualified facilities. An amendment application that is not subject to public notice or an opportunity for a contested case hearing is also being reviewed. The reasons for any changes or incorporations, to the extent they are included in the renewed permit, may include the enhancement of operational control at the plant or enforceability of the permit. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. **The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

CHANGE IN LAW The Texas Legislature enacted Senate Bill 709, effective September 1, 2015, amending requirements for comments and contested case hearings. This application is subject to those changes in law.

PUBLIC COMMENT You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 15 day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues submitted during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material air quality concerns submitted during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this application.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Arkema Inc., 18000 Crosby Eastgate Road, Crosby, Texas 77532-3924 or by calling Ms. Carolyn Hervey, Environmental Engineer at (281) 328-9430.

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YEAR IN REVIEW 2015

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MAY:

- EPA report on Waste Pits indicated more studies were needed prior to decision.
- Galena Park Charter vote defeated Amendments.
- Garcia announced candidacy for Houston Mayor.
- Massive flooding paralyzed region.
- San Jacinto College announced plans for new branch at Generation Park.

JUNE:

- Galen Park/Jacinto City Rotary hosted scholarship award ceremony.
- Galena Park Mayor's son was arrested for child porn.
- Jacinto City honored graduates.
- State Cancer study confirmed high number of cases in East Harris County.
- North Shore Rotary installed new officers.

JULY:

- State legislators provided legislative wrap-up to local leaders.
- TASB honored North Channel Star with Media Honor Roll award.
- \$20 million of Waste Pits settlement returned to riverfront areas.
- Galena Park Councilwoman Killough resigned and blamed Mayor.
- Sheldon ISD's Superintendent Giles retired.
- Cruz Hinojosa was appointed new Galena Park Councilman.

AUGUST:

- Environmental concern continued; report said Toxic Waste Pits can stay but with secure cap.
- San Jacinto College Board calls for \$425m bond issue.
- Harris County plans for \$848m bond vote in

November elections.

SEPTEMBER:

- Freeport Street reconstruction was completed.
- Commissioner Morman talked about major expansion of Beltway 8.
- Jacinto City's Police Officer Walker was awarded with "Star of Texas".
- Two teens from Furr High died in a school bus crash.
- Budget and tax rates were announced for Jacinto City and Galena Park.

OCTOBER:


- Worker was rescued from under ship Channel Bridge.
- Three women escaped a house fire in North Shore.

NOVEMBER:

- Heavy rain inundated North Shore and Channelview areas.
- North Shore Mustangs clinched 21-6 A Title.
- Voters passed San Jacinto College bond.
- Port put new SuperMax cranes into service.
- LyondellBasell announced development of world's largest plant in Houston.
- North Shore Mustangs passed into Playoffs run.

DECEMBER:

- North Shore Mustangs advanced to Regional Playoffs round; also team moved to semifinals.
- Mustangs State Champion Football team in 6A Div. 1
- Turner elected new Houston Mayor.



Galena Park City Hall was adorned with Holiday lights during December.

CIP Meeting

Next GP/JC CIP meeting will take place on January 7, 2016 at 5:45 p.m. at Alvin Baggett Recreation Building, 1302 Keene in Galena Park. There will be no December meeting.

Panel will include environmental managers from a refinery (LyondellBasell), a chemical plant (SunEdison), and a terminal (KinderMorgan).

NEW YEAR BABY,

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tiful basket of goodies for baby and mom, including diapers and formula, donated by the EHRMC Volunteer Auxiliary.

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