## Community Profile

### San Jac profiles a role in three generations of Hovsepian family

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The Hovsepian family

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PASADENA, Texas — The Hovsepian family happily say that San Jacinto College has had an impact on three generations of their family. Nersi Hovsepian, his mother, her wife, Cassandra, and his daughter, Christina, all attended and were later employed by the College. When Hovsepian finished his time in the military, he was ready to start his career. He enrolled at San Jacinto College and started working toward an associate degree of applied sciences. While earning his degree, Hovsepian worked at University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB). Eventually his mother, Nersi Hovsepian, and Cassandra Hovsepian have made San Jacinto College a part of their family.

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Large crowds at Waste Pits meetings discuss well water.

**WASHINGTON** — Congressmen Gene Green continues to press the government for action on the contaminants found at the San Jacinto Waste Pits, a site on the San Jacinto River.

**CHANNELVIEW ISD**

Channelview FFA members receive Lone Star Degree.

**HCC Fall Classes**

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**EAST HARRIS COUNTY** — Andy Young, president of the new organization, TRBA, heads the San Jacinto River Clean-up Task Force, which was established to discuss the status of work on the San Jacinto Waste Pits.

Last Thursday she not only met with interested parties at the J. D. Walker Community Center in Mahan, but she also addressed the San Jacinto Community Center in Highlands meeting had about 150 attendees, with only a few at both.

Young said that attendees were evenly divided from affected neighborhood around the Waste Pits, the people who live near the Waste Pits, and those who have been affected by the nearby sites.

Young spent a lot of time on technical and chemical information explaining the technical information.

Harris County has now discovered possible contaminants, even from the well water samples taken from the site. She said that the Harris County Pollution Control had completed a net of 1000 tests that had shown to be contaminated, and the well water samples had received letters from HCPC telling them that they shouldn't drink the water.

Harris County's tests had eventually ruled on the methods of remediation in the Waste Pits. Green urged complete remediation of the dirt waste.

"These waste pits contain many health threats, particularly for children in Harris County and along the River. Residents have been advised to stop drinking water and eat food that may have come from the area because dioxin can be reabsorbed in a person's immune system, and can also cause cancer and reproductive and developmental problems, Green said.

Green has been working on the San Jacinto Waste Pits for years, but he still wants to see more action from the EPA to clean up the site.

"Currently the San Jacinto Waste Pits are partially remediated, and contained under a temporary cap near the powerhouse of the San Jacinto River power plant. The EPA has been working with the state of Texas to remediate the site.

Harris County has some money from the lawsuit, but there is only a million dollars, and that will be spent, but there is another study to be done to determine if the site is a threat or well water contamination. This situation must be settled in private lawsuits against the responsible parties, he said.

"It seemed that a settlement was reached in the lawsuit involving the local plant, but the lawsuits are still going on.

"I asked for a meeting with EPA chair Linda指南, and she has agreed to meet with EPA chair Linda指南.

"The residents in and around the affected area in San Jacinto River are concerned about their health and the health of their children.

"The EPA has removed some of the contaminants, but there is still more work to be done, and the residents want to see more action from the EPA.

"The residents want to see the EPA take responsibility and clean up the site, and they want to see more money put into the settlement to help the residents who have been affected by the contamination.
HOUSTON — Galena Park School Nutrition was many honors in June at the Texas Association of School Nutrition Annual Conference in Austin. The awards received were the TASN Silver Certification Award, TASN Partnership in Nutrition Award and the TASN School Nutrition Specialist of the Year Award.

The TASN Partnership in Nutrition award is presented to local chapters that are comprised of more than 10 members of the Galena Park Nutrition and promote non-profit efforts that boost schools nutrition.

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Tips help residents beat the summer heat, stay safe

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) urges Texans to be prepared for extreme heat and extreme temperature shifts and to take precautions to stay safe and to avoid preventable injuries and deaths.

“Although hot conditions are expected during Texas summers, we want to remind Texans that heat-related injuries are preventable, and DPS urges residents to take the necessary steps to protect themselves and others from extreme heat and high temperatures,” said DPS Director Steven McCraw.

In many cases heat-related deaths and injuries are preventable, and DPS urges Texans to be prepared for extreme heat events or heat indices that may hit 100 degrees, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Licking windows partially rolled down does not help. Young children are particularly at risk since their bodies heat up faster than an adult.

Younger motorists place children at greater risk of injury or death if left unattended in a vehicle. Even if windows are only slightly rolled down does not prevent children being left in a vehicle for even a short time, especially if they don’t have air conditioning.

Prevention (CDC), emphasized. A child should never be left unattended in a vehicle or by community facilities. Malls, the library or other indoor activities this summer to the sun. Consider indoor options during prolonged summer exposure. Start consuming water before you head outdoors, you may not realize you’re dehydrated until it’s too late. Pay attention to your body. Heat exhaustion and heat stroke can develop quickly. If you start feeling ill, immediately find a shaded or cooler area and seek medical attention if necessary.

Check on the elderly, sick or very young, especially if they don’t have air conditioning.

Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated until it’s too late. You may not realize you’re dehydrated until it’s too late. Pay attention to your body. Heat exhaustion and heat stroke can develop quickly. If you start feeling ill, immediately find a shaded or cooler area and seek medical attention if necessary.

Monitor weather radio and environmental forecasts on current conditions and weather alerts in your area.

Stay informed as much as possible, and limit exposure to the sun. Consider indoor activities this summer – places like shopping malls, the library or other community facilities.

Light-colored, loose-fitting clothing and a hat are recommended during outdoor exposure.

• If possible, avoid strenuous outdoor activity during the hottest part of the day.

• Be extra careful when cooking outdoors, building fires or driving off-road in areas with dry vegetation. Also, stay aware of smoke in your area and always abide by restrictions on outdoor burning.

• Don’t forget animals are also susceptible to heat-related injury or death. Make sure pets are protected in these dangerous conditions. For more information on pet safety, visit wwwconnectionsintexas.com/pets. For more information about heat alerts, heat safety and tips for staying safe, visit www.dps.texas.gov/heat/.

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DPS urges Texans to use caution in extreme heat

• Keep an eye on the shade. If it’s too hot for you, it’s too hot for your pets.

• Keep your car’s air conditioner on while you’re parked in the sun.

• Keep your car’s windows open to allow for fresh air circulation.

• Keep your car’s windows closed to prevent the inside temperature from rising too high.

• Keep your car’s tires inflated to their recommended pressure.

• Keep your car’s fuel tank filled to prevent the engine from overheating.

• Keep your car’s interior clean to reduce the amount of heat that enters the vehicle.

• Keep your car’s battery charged to reduce the amount of energy that is being used.

• Keep your car’s interior cool by using shades or a tinted window film.

• Keep your car’s interior comfortable by using air conditioning or a fan.

• Keep your car’s interior clean by using a vacuum cleaner or a air duster.
A Win For Millions Of Small-Business Workers

Small-business owners now have an easier way to choose among plans for their employees. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) could make a substantial difference to some 60 million workers and their families, as well as to the businesses they and their employees could benefit.

According to a January 5, 2016, the rules for small-business groups have changed. Now defined as employers with one to 100 employees, the market once dominated by independent agents, startup insurance brokers, lead gen agencies, and other small businesses and corporations has come to include much larger firms such as finite service providers, co-businesses and consulting players, looking to provide a wider range of options and flexibility.

A big win for employees and their families who are part of this market with benefits experts, technology platforms and online services are now in direct touch.

For small businesses, the concept of “health literacy” of Wharton School study of Pennsylvania altogether.

To make a choice works best when you work closely with your broker or health insurance professional.

The bottom line is that the expansion of the ACA and more employees means better access to health insurance coverage and the variety of benefits available.

“Today’s marketplace is more about the virtues of variety, but the best providers seek to win your business and benefit professionals who plan the best for their clients.”

More employees now own smartphones and can access to small business plans through mobile apps.

Employers now have a variety of resources for their employees.

Employers are also making more and more use of health and wellness programs to offer even more to their employees.

The key is to choose the right plan that makes sense for the needs of your business. Your broker or insurance professional can help guide you through the process.

Texas baby is born with Zika-related microcephaly

The first confirmed case of microcephaly in Texas associated with the Zika virus was reported last week.

The infant, a boy born in July 13, was confirmed to have microcephaly, or small head circumference, earlier this month.

The case is being investigated by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

According to the DSHS, the infant was born to a woman who traveled to the Americas during her pregnancy.

Zika virus can cause serious birth defects, including microcephaly, which is associated with small head circumference.

Mesquite, health officials urge all women who are pregnant or thinking about getting pregnant to consider delaying their travel plans.

“While there is no cure for microcephaly, it is important to be aware of the risks associated with Zika virus exposure during pregnancy,” said DSHS director Dr. David Lakey.

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Learning new things keeps the mind active and healthy. When you’re putting in long hours, that sudden break is a good time to relax and sharpen your focus.

Plan something fun, go on a short walk, meditate or simply step away a new solution, or at least a different way of looking at things.
market downturns, you less time to recover from investment sidelines, stay market volatility. So in-you have time to overcome again, compete and possibly fall and – providing he or they simply not enough time to recover, so they typically finish for the race; stumble or fall, they are obstacles – When sprinters all losses.)

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moissanite, also known as the Kinetic brand of gemstone. and stones unlike any other. With more brilliance and fire than diamond, this stone has been the subject of intense interest ever since its discovery. Moissanite’s unique nature has captured the attention of jewelers and collectors alike, and has led to a captivating allure to jewelry making. It is a unique, distinctive and elegant gemstone. And that’s just what makes it so valuable. It’s not just a gemstone, it’s a “fashion statement” at a fraction of the cost of the real thing.

Moissanite stones are cut with a heart and arrow profile, and are available in a variety of colors, including blue, green, purple, and pink. They are also available in a variety of shapes, including round, princess, and marquise. The moissanite’s transparency is what makes it so attractive, and it has been used in jewelry for many years.

Moissanite is named after Henri Moissan, a French chemist who discovered it in 1895. He was trying to create a synthetic diamond, and discovered Moissanite instead. It was later patented by Dr. Moissan's company, and has since become a popular alternative to diamonds in jewelry. Moissanite is also known for its durability, and can last a lifetime with proper care.

Moissanite has a higher refractive index than diamond, which gives it a brighter, more sparkling appearance. It is also known for its high thermal conductivity, which makes it perfect for use in high-temperature applications such as in the aerospace and electronics industries. Moissanite is also known for its low cost, which makes it a popular choice for those looking to save money on their gemstone purchases.

Moissanite is a great alternative to diamonds, and is a popular choice for those looking for something unique and special. It is a durable, beautiful, and affordable gemstone that is sure to make any piece of jewelry stand out.
Alice Meanor (Wigant) Coble

Alice Meanor (Wigant) Coble of Liberty, Texas went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, July 19, 2016.

Alice was born on March 30, 1926 in High Island, Texas. She was the daughter of Wilbur “Joe” Rosewood and Mildred Graham. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her brothers, her sisters and her sister-in-law.

Alice attended church services held at Rosewood Estates in that became family at of her life with friends. She enjoyed the last two years with her husband would the many animals that she loved. She attended church services held by their sponsors. FFA sponsors are Hailey Haberman, Kami Johnston and Devon George and decision-making with the students, who participated in leadership and bonding activities lead by their sponsors. FFA sponsors are Hailey Haberman, Kami Johnston and Devon George.

The body was described as that of a Hispanic male and had been traumatized. Anyone with information concerning this find is asked to call the Harris County Sheriff’s Homicide Division at (713) 967-5710.

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GCCCSD FFA students attend a Leadership Conference at Robert E. Lee High School. FFA students are (front, from left) Gabby Villafranco and Perla Garcia from Robert E. Lee High School, Alia Stephens from GCHS; (middle row) Brittany Sligh from Boss v. Sterling High School, Alia Stephens from GCHS; Alex House from Sterling High School, Mikayla Williams from Robert E. Lee High School, Once McGhee from Robert E. Lee High School, and Annika Crocker from Robert E. Lee High School.

This was the first time Lee High School hosted a leadership conference for students at the college level, as well as for the community at large. The conference was held at the university on the campus of Texas A&M University-Commerce.

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A bronzed young presented the facts about the Waste Pit to the audience, with historical and environmental data. He ended the slides with this humorous cartoon by Nick Hasler, and the Mithoff firm firms such as Smith & Hasler, and the Mithoff.

A key proposal that some people had asked for a test method to use filtration to make the water safe. She said that process cannot work, and the most filtering systems are not satisfactory. Although they could not recognize the potential danger, the audience agreed that it客户端 Catalytic High Activated Carbon filters, which are not satisfactory. She explained about not knowing if the water is safe; and Ms. Hodge, who complained about not knowing if the water is clean. The next regular meeting of the San Jacinto River Coalition is scheduled for August.

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COMING UP

Galena Park Library Programs

Monday, July 25, Teen Program-Just Dance, 4 p.m.

July 25, 6:30 p.m., Rose, 4 p.m., Santuary, 11 a.m., Get Active, 4 p.m.

Thursday, July 28, Black Tie Tues, 6 p.m.

All children’s programs require tickets. Tickets are free and available in the library before the program at the front desk.

Galena Park Branch Library, 1300 Devereaux St., Galena Park, TX. For more information on other programs, please call 713-203-3362.

The Buckshot Jamboree

Trumpet Band from Galena Park High School performs tonight from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. With The Buckshot Jamboree on Thursday night, light refreshments will be available. For more information, call 713-864-3821 or 713-464-5500.

Galena Park Senior Center

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North Shore Senior Dance

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