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  - 3 Large boxes of tissue
  - 6 Large glue sticks (Elmer's)
  - 4 Composition notebooks (wide-ruled, no spirals)
  - 12 #2 Pencils (wooden)
  - 4 boxes of Crayons (24 ct-Crayola)
  - 1 pkg. Dry erase markers (Expo2-bullet tip-4 set-blue, black, green, red)
  - 2 Erasers (pink bevel bar)
  - 1 pkg. Baby wipes (80ct)
  - 1 pkg. 9x12 Assort. Colored construction paper (50ct)
  - 1 pkg. 12x18 White construction paper (50ct)
  - 1 box Reclosable bags (sandwich size 50ct)
  - 1 box Reclosable bags (gallon size 20ct)

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  - 1 Plastic school box (small)
  - 2 boxes of Crayons (24 ct-Crayola)
  - 1 pair of Scissors (pointed-Fiskars or Colorations)
  - 2 bottles of Glue (4 oz. Elmer's)
  - 4 Large glue sticks (Elmer's)
  - 3 Large boxes of tissue
  - 1 pkg. 12x18 White construction paper (50ct)
  - 1 pkg. 9x12 Assorted Colored construction paper (50ct)
  - 4 Thick plastic pocket folders w/ brads (1 red, 10 blue, 1 green and 1 yellow)
  - 1 pkg. Dry erase markers (expo2-bullet tip-4 set-blue, black, green, red)
  - 1 box Reclosable bags (sandwich size 50ct)
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  - 2 Highlighter Markers
  - 1 pair of Scissors (pointed-Fiskars or Colorations)
  - 1 bottle of Glue (4 oz. Elmer's)
  - 4 Large glue sticks (Elmer's)
  - 3 Large boxes of tissue
  - 2 boxes of Crayons (24 ct-Crayola)
  - 1 Pencil pouch (nylon or mesh) or Box (small)
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See SCHOOL SUPPLIES, page 2

Large crowds at Waste Pits meetings discuss well water

EAST HARRIS COUNTY – Jackie Young, president of the new organization THEA and the San Jacinto River Coalition, held two meetings to update the public on the status of work on the Superfund Waste Pits.

Last Thursday she met with interested parties at the J. D. Walker Community Center in McNair, and this week on Tuesday night she met with the public at the Highlands/San Jacinto Community Center. Each meeting had about 150 attendees, with only a few at both.

Young said that attendees were evenly divided from affected neighborhoods around the Waste Pits, including Channelview, Lynchburg, Highlands, McNair, and Baytown.

Young spent a lot of time on technical and chemical information, explaining to the interested crowd how Harris County tests had discovered possible con-



OVER 150 residents who live near the San Jacinto Superfund Waste Pits, packed the Highlands/San Jacinto Community Center last Tuesday night, to hear an update on facts about the Waste Pits, and to get more information on the testing of their well water by the Harris County Pollution Control department. Jackie Young, at right, speaks.

tamination, even dioxin, in the well water samples it drew in June. She said that Harris County Pollution Control had sampled and tested 100 wells. Of these, 28 had shown to be contaminated, and the well

owners had received letters from HCPC telling them "Don't Drink the Water" until retesting had been completed. Young explained that she understands when the samples were tested, other samples

were open nearby, and may have compromised the well water samples.

Harris County is using money from the lawsuit settlement to pay for the testing. Each test, if searched for all contam-

nants, costs \$2000 and therefore the whole testing program cost \$200,000. This was paid for out of the \$10 million dollars that the county received from the lawsuit. Precinct 2 has said that all the money will be spent on environmental projects within 5 miles of the Waste Pit site. They have not currently decided how the rest of the money will be spent, but there is under study a proposal to provide water and sewer lines in some of the affected areas.

Young explained that even though the lawsuit awarded \$29.2 million to the plaintiffs, including the county, this money cannot be used for individual relief from health problems or well water contamination. These situations must be settled in private lawsuits against the responsible parties, she said.

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See WASTE PITS, Page 8

Rep. Green calls for Cleanup of the Waste Pits

WASHINGTON – Congressman Gene Green continues to press the government for action on environmental issues, including the removal of the Waste Pits from the San Jacinto River, and funding to eliminate the Zika virus.

In a letter to EPA chair of the National Remedy Review Board, who will eventually rule on the method of remediation of the Waste Pits, Green urged complete removal of the dioxin waste.

"These waste pits continue to be a public health threat, particularly for communities in Harris County and along the River. Residents have been advised not to drink water or eat seafood that may

have come from the area because dioxin can do serious damage to a person's immune system, and can also cause cancer and reproductive and developmental problems," Green said. "This is no way to live. We need to take the strongest measure available to clean up the site."

Currently, the San Jacinto Waste Pits are partially submerged, and contained under a temporary cap near the western bank of the San Jacinto River, immediately north of the I-10 bridge. The pits were created in the mid-60s by Champion Paper and McGinnes Industrial Maintenance, who filled the ponds with waste paper sludge from a local pa-



REP. GENE GREEN SPEAKS on the floor of the House of Representatives, urging Congressional action on the ZIKA virus, and the removal of the Waste Pits from the San Jacinto River.

per mill until 1968, when they were abandoned.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed six possible cleanup solutions ranging from no further action to full removal of the pits and chemical cleanup. Congressman Gene Green's letter to the NRRB calls for the strongest mediation proposal, which would permanently remove the dioxin waste from the site and protect local communities from the potential and actual threat that the waste pits pose.

GREEN'S QUOTES: "The residents in and around the affected area in See GREEN ON WASTE PITS, p8

COMMUNITY PROFILE

San Jac plays a role in three generations of Hovsepian family

San Jac Certified: All in the family

PASADENA, Texas – The Hovsepian family can happily say that San Jacinto College has had an impact on three generations of their family. Nico Hovsepian, his mother, his wife, Cassandra, and his daughter, Christian, 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) in Galveston for two years. Eventually his mother, a San Jacinto College employee, came to him with a suggestion.

"My mom mentioned that San Jac was hiring



Nico and Cassandra Hovsepian have made San Jacinto College a part of their family.

and that I should apply," says Hovsepian. "She told me that she really enjoyed working here and that the people were great. She said

it was like family," he quickly applied for the job

See SAN JAC FAMILY, page 8

CHANNELVIEW ISD

Channelview FFA members receive Lone Star Degree



Four members of the Channelview FFA received their Lone Star Degree at the Texas FFA Convention. The Lone Star Degree is the highest level of membership awarded by the state association. Degree recipients, wearing their FFA jackets, from left, are Hunter Bell, Clayton Hutchins and Trever Thompson. Not pictured is the fourth honoree, Yvette Leos. Channelview FFA sponsors, at far left and right, are Wesley Hutchins and Dominic Mazoch.

# COMMUNITY/SCHOOL NEWS

## GPISD student nutrition department wins several awards at TASN annual conference

HOUSTON---- Galena Park Association for School Nutrition won 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 Silver Membership Award, TASN Partnership in Nutrition Award and the TASN School Nutrition Specialist of the Year Award.

The Texas Association of School Nutrition provides resources that boost and promote non-profit child nutrition programs to benefit the school children. At the TASN conference, awards were given to Ternika Hunter, Paul Drexler and Deborah Glover also in attendance

was Dorinda Eubanks, Renee Babers and Dolores Garza.

Hunter, student nutrition specialist 2 at Green Valley Elementary, received the TASN School Nutrition Specialist of the Year Award. The award is aimed to recognize the valuable program contribution of a person who works with the school food and nutrition managers to prepare and serve appetizing meals.

Glover, current president of the Galena Park Association for School Nutrition, received the Silver Certification Award. This award is presented to local chapters that are comprised of more than 70 percent of members who have attained TASN Certification.



Picture shows, from left, Dorinda Eubanks, Deborah Glover, Paul Drexler, Renee Babers, and Dolores Garza at the TASN Annual Conference in Austin.

The TASN Partnership in Nutrition Award was presented to Drexler. This award is designed to recognize the valuable program

contribution of a person whom supports the school food and nutrition department.

## San Jac Family

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in the IT department and focused on finishing his degree.

"You become a part of a community inside of a community when you come to San Jacinto College," said Hovsepian. During both his time working and studying at the College, he felt that he had become a part of the family. That family grew to include his wife, who holds an associate degree of arts and behavioral sciences from San Jacinto College, when she started working at the College just two weeks after Hovsepian started his own job here.

"When my wife started her job here we were able to make our work a part of our lives," Hovsepian added. "If you work with your friends and family, you always have each other's back. You can count on the person next to you."

When his daughter, Christian, began working at the College, Hovsepian saw yet another one of his family members become a

part of the community. Christian earned her associate degree of interior design from the College while she was still enrolled in high school. "We provided the inspiration for her and she provided the will to succeed," said Hovsepian.

Sixteen years later Hovsepian and his family have no regrets. "Everyone has their own idea of success; we define success by how happy you are," he noted, adding that he and his family are very happy.

"San Jacinto College put us where we are today," he concluded. "No matter what you are enrolling at San Jacinto College to study, bring your passion with you and the staff and faculty here will help shape your destination. There are many choices to further your education, but very few have the dynamism we have here. Three generations of my family are proof that when an institution genuinely cares about their students, it does make a difference in their success."

## School Supplies,

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### Third Grade

- 1 White binder 1" or 1" width, 3-ring with clear plastic front cover
- 6 Thick plastic pocket folders w/ brads (red, blue, yellow, green, purple, orange)
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- 1 pkg. 12x18 White construction paper (50ct)
- 2 pkg. Notebook paper (wide-rule)
- 1 Bx. Crayons (24 ct-Crayola)
- 36 #2 Pencils (wooden)
- 2 Red pens
- 2 Highlighter Markers
- 1 pair of Scissors (pointed-Fiskars or Colorations)
- 3 Large boxes of tissue
- 4 Large glue sticks (Elmer's)
- 1 bottle of Glue (4 oz. Elmer's)

- 1 box of colored pencils (12ct)
- 1 Pencil pouch (nylon or mesh)
- 2 Spiral notebooks (single subject, wide rule)
- 1 pkg. Dry erase markers (expo2-4-set-blue, black, green, red)
- 1 pkg. 3x5 Index Cards (100ct)
- 4 Composition Notebooks (wide-ruled, marble)
- 2 pkg. Post-it notes (3x3 square)

### Fourth Grade

- 1 White binder 1" or 1" width, 3-ring with clear plastic front cover
- 3 pkg. Notebook paper (wide-rule)
- 36 #2 Pencils (wooden)
- 2 Red pens
- 2 Highlighter Markers
- 1 pair of Scissors (pointed-Fiskars or Colorations)
- 3 Large boxes of tissue
- 4 Large glue sticks (Elmer's)
- 1 bottle of Glue (4 oz. Elmer's)

- 1 pkg. 5x12 Assorted Colored construction paper (50ct)
- 1 pkg. 12x18 White construction paper (50ct)
- 3 Large boxes of tissue
- 4 Large glue sticks (Elmer's)
- 4 Thick plastic pocket folders w/ brads (red, blue, green, yellow)
- 4 Composition books (wide-ruled, marble)
- 1 Pencil pouch (nylon or mesh)
- 2 pkg. Post-it notes (3x3 square)
- 1 pkg. 3x5 Index Cards (100ct)
- 1 pkg. Dry erase markers (expo2-4-color set-blue, black, green, red)
- 1 box of colored pencils (12ct)
- 2 Spiral notebooks (single subject, wide rule)
- 1 Protractor

- 2 Pkg. colored pencils (12ct)
- 2 Blue pens/2 Red pens
- 1 Pencil pouch (nylon or mesh)
- 4 Thick plastic pocket folders w/ brads (red, blue, green, yellow)
- 1 pkg. 5x12 Assorted Colored construction paper (50ct)
- 1 pkg. 3x5 Index Cards (100ct)
- 4 Large glue sticks (Elmer's)
- 1 bottle of Glue (4 oz. Elmer's)
- 1 pair of Scissors (pointed-Fiskars or Colorations)
- 2 Spiral notebooks (single subject, wide rule)
- 4 Composition notebooks (wide-ruled, marble)
- 1 pkg. Dry erase markers (expo2-4-color set-blue, black, green, red)
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DPS urges Texans to use caution in extreme heat

Tips help residents beat the summer heat, stay safe

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety is warning Texas residents to be prepared for hotter than normal temperatures and to take precautions to stay safe as temperatures and heat indices may hit 100 degrees and above in many parts of the state. Extreme temperatures increase the risk of heat-related injuries or deaths.

“Although hot conditions are expected during Texas summers, we want to remind Texans that high temperatures can be deadly and should not be taken lightly,” said DPS Director Steven McCraw. “In many cases heat-related deaths and injuries are preventable, and DPS urges residents to take the necessary steps to protect themselves and others against extreme temperatures – whether they plan to be outside or indoors.”

Warmer weather places children at greater risk of injury or death if left unattended in a vehicle. Every year children die from heat-related injuries after

being left in a vehicle or by entering a vehicle unattended. A child should never be left unattended in a vehicle.

Temperatures inside a car can rise more than 20 degrees in only 10 minutes; and even with an outside temperature of 60 degrees, the temperature inside a car can reach 110 degrees, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Leaving windows partially rolled down does not help. Young children are particularly at risk since their bodies heat up faster than an adult.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), extreme heat events or heat waves are one of the leading causes of extreme weather-related deaths in the United States. Periods of severe heat and high humidity tax the body’s ability to cool itself and can lead to heat exhaustion and heat stroke, which can be fatal.

DPS offers the following tips for staying safe and managing the heat:

- Check on the elderly, sick or very young, especially if they don’t have air conditioning.
- Drink plenty of water and avoid caffeine and alcohol during prolonged outdoor 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 slowly drink fluids. Seek medical attention if necessary.
- Monitor weather radios and newscasts for information on current conditions and weather alerts in your area.
- Stay indoors as much as possible, and limit exposure to the sun. Consider indoor activities this summer at 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 campfires or driving off road to avoid igniting dry vegetation. Also, stay aware of burn bans in your area and always abide by restrictions on outside burning.

- Don’t forget animals are also susceptible to heat-related injury or death – don’t put your pets in these dangerous conditions. For more information on pet safety, visit [goo.gl/xi6A8o](http://goo.gl/xi6A8o).

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OPINION PAGE

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OPINION

A Win For Millions  
Of Small-Business  
Workers

(NAPSI)—Changes in the way small and mid-sized companies are regulated by the Affordable Care Act (ACA) could make a substantial difference to some 60 million workers and their families—and both they and their employers could benefit.

As of January 1, 2016, the rules for small-business groups have changed. Now defined as companies with one to 100 employees, the market that once consisted of independent grocers, auto repair garages, local restaurants, dry cleaners and beauty salons has grown to encompass larger small companies such as financial services firms, car dealerships and more. Meanwhile, employers are looking to provide a wider range of options and flexible plans to remain competitive. That's a big win for employees and their families who are now in direct touch with benefits experts, new technology platforms and online services that help optimize their choices.

Health care reform and government-sponsored exchanges have accelerated consumers' appetite for choosing the best coverage via a federal or private exchange. An abundance of unstructured plan options are simply overwhelming for small businesses. This can prove costly if either ends up making random decisions about selecting a plan, or worse, not picking one at all. The results are consumers who may be confused, frustrated, unhappy and—perhaps most importantly—improperly covered for their needs. Actually, making the best decision without professional counsel or experienced customer service is another thing altogether.

A recent University of Pennsylvania Wharton School study demonstrates that the "health literacy" of Americans is actually quite low. The report found that only about 14 percent of respondents could correctly answer multiple-choice questions about the four basic components of health insurance plans: deductibles, co-pays, co-insurance and maximum out-of-pocket costs. Additionally, just 11 percent

could navigate the features of a traditional plan to calculate the estimated cost of a four-day stay in the hospital.

For a company of any size, choosing insurance for its employees can be complex. It tends to be even more so for businesses with limited resources that must be aware of all the different tax laws related to employer coverage and then factor in the needs of all workers and dependents. As David Chase, health care policy director for the Small Business Majority, a national small-business advocacy group, summed it up, "If you're a small-business owner, you know how to provide your product or service. But when it comes to health insurance, it's a very foreign concept."

As small businesses seek to identify, select and manage health benefits for a diverse workforce and meet ACA requirements, they work closely with professional advisers, such as brokers, to streamline and simplify the entire process.

"The bottom line is that the expansion of the small-group market has more options, flexibility and opportunity than ever," said Ron Goldstein, president and CEO of CHOICE Administrators, which provides health insurance options and provider access to small businesses and their employees. "Today's marketplace trumpets the virtues of variety, but the reality is that choice works best when it is smartly optimized and benefits professionals can help."

More employees now gain year-round from professional advisers who routinely serve as de facto human resources, personnel or payroll departments. This is particularly true as smaller firms tend to have fewer staff and resources to research, manage and administer plans.

In the end, small-business owners are well positioned for a win-win situation when it comes to competitive, personalized health insurance. Whether it's through federal or private exchanges, options are abundant and both employers and employees stand to benefit.



Texas baby is born with  
Zika-related microcephaly

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of State Health Services has confirmed a Zika virus infection in a baby recently born with microcephaly in Harris County.

The July 13 report is the first official confirmation of a Zika-related microcephaly case in Texas. According to the agency, the mother traveled from Latin America, where she was likely infected and the baby acquired the infection in utero.

"It's heartbreaking," said Texas Department of State Health Services Commissioner John Hellerstedt. "This underscores the damage Zika can have on unborn babies. Our state's war against Zika has never been more vital."

DSHS is coordinating with Harris County Public Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to follow the case.

So far, 59 cases of Zika virus disease have been reported in Texas, including three confirmed cases of Zika in pregnant women. All three are related to travel abroad to areas with active Zika transmission. So far there have been no reported cases of Zika virus transmitted by mosquitoes in Texas.

Nevertheless, health officials are urging all citizens to protect themselves from mosquito bites by applying EPA-approved insect repellent, wearing pants and shirts that cover exposed skin, and using screens or closing windows and doors to keep mosquitoes out of the home.

Also, health officials suggest removing standing water in and around the home, such as water in cans, toys, tires, plant saucers and any container that can hold water. Trash cans or containers where water can collect should be kept covered.

Abbott treated for  
burns

Gov. Greg Abbott suffered second- and third-degree burns caused by scalding water on his legs and feet while vacationing with his wife in Wyoming last week.

Abbott was transported to the burn unit at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, where on July 12 he underwent a successful skin graft procedure. He was discharged from the facility on July 15.

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AG warns of email  
scams

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on July 13 posted a warning about "suspicious e-mails containing malicious software seemingly coming from the Office of the Attorney General."

The e-mail claims to come from the AG's Consumer Protection Division to inform business owners that a complaint has been filed against their organization. A link to the complaint is provided and once clicked on, it downloads harmful software onto the computer.

Business growth  
continues

Texas Secretary of State Carlos Cascos on July 13 released numbers showing double-digit growth for new Texas business creations for the first half of 2016 compared to the first half of 2015.

"I am proud to announce that despite economic challenges facing the nation, the Texas economy remains resilient with continued double-digit growth in new business creations," Cascos said.

From Jan. 1 through June 30, some 91,578 new business entities were created to form new for-profit corporations, professional corporations, professional associations, limited liability companies and limited partnerships. This represents a 10 percent increase from 2015, which saw the formation of 83,235 entities in the same time period.

Bus retro-fit funds  
available

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

announced July 14 that applications are now being accepted for the Texas Clean School Bus Program.

More than \$5.9 million in grant funds are available to cover the cost of retrofitting diesel-powered school buses with emission-reduction devices. This will reduce children's exposure to diesel exhaust, and will help reduce air pollution.

Eligible applicants must be public school districts or charter schools in the state of Texas that operate diesel-powered school buses on daily routes to and from schools.

Governor offers  
assistance

Gov. Greg Abbott on July 17 spoke with Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards following the shooting deaths of three Louisiana peace officers. They discussed their shared grief about the back-to-back similar tragedies in the two neighboring states.

Abbott offered any assistance needed for Louisiana to respond to the ongoing law enforcement needs as well the healing needs of the affected families, the police force, and the entire State of Louisiana. Edwards said he was thankful and was appreciative of the outreach he had already received from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The two governors concluded their call by expressing a strengthened joint commitment to protect law enforcement officers and asking for all to pray for Baton Rouge and our nation.

Three ways  
to be more  
efficient and  
get the job  
done right

(NAPSI)—When it comes to work and performing tough jobs, efficiency is key. Regardless of your profession or hobbies, here are ways to ensure you get the job done right.

Put an End to  
Multitasking

Because our brains are hardwired to focus on only one task at a time, humans are inherently bad multitaskers. In fact, studies have shown that multitasking often kills productivity and can cause poor short-term memory.

Instead of tackling a painting project at the same time you're redoing your master bathroom, focus on one activity at a time. With less distraction, you'll get more done.

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Your Routine

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## Investing: A Marathon, Not a Sprint

Next week, the 2016 Summer Olympics begin in Rio de Janeiro. One of the most compelling events is the marathon, a 26.2-mile endurance contest with roots dating back to ancient Greece. It may be that we've kept our interest in the marathon because it can teach us much about life – and it certainly has lessons for investors.

In fact, if you were to compare investing to an Olympic sport, it would be much closer to a marathon than a sprint. Here's why:

- Long-term perspective – Sprinters are unquestionably great athletes, and they work hard to get better. Yet their events are over with quickly. But marathoners know they have a long way to go before their race is done, so they have to visualize the end point. And successful investors, too, know that investing is a long-term endeavor, and that they must picture their end results – such as a comfortable retirement – to keep themselves motivated.

- Steady pacing – Sprinters go all out, every second and every stride. But marathoners have to pace themselves – too many spurts of speed could tire them out and doom their performance. As an investor, you, too, should strive for steady, consistent progress. Rather than attempting to rush success and achieve big gains by chasing after supposedly “hot” stocks – which may already have cooled off by the time you hear about them – try to follow a long-term strategy that emphasizes diversification among many different investments. (Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can reduce the impact of market downturns that primarily affect one type of asset, it can't guarantee success or prevent all losses.)

- Ability to overcome obstacles – When sprinters stumble or fall, they are finished for the race; there's simply not enough time to recover, so they typically just stop. But over 26 miles, a marathoner can fall and – providing he or she is not injured – get up again, compete and possibly even win. When you're investing for the long term, you have time to overcome “mishaps” in the form of market volatility. So instead of dropping out of the “race” and heading to the investment sidelines, stay invested in all types of markets. As you near retirement, and you have less time to recover from market downturns, you may need to adjust your

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By Edward Jones

portfolio to lower your risk level – but even then, you don't need to call it quits as an investor.

- Proper fueling – Sprinters have to watch what they eat. But world-class marathoners have to be ultra-diligent about their diets, especially in the period immediately preceding a race. Because they must maximize the oxygen their bodies can use while running, they need a high percentage of their calories to come from carbohydrates, so they “carbo-load” when needed. When you invest, you also need to periodically “refu-

el” your portfolio so it has the energy and stamina needed to keep you moving forward toward your goals. And that means you must add dollars to those areas of your portfolio that need beefing up. Regular reviews with a financial professional can reveal where these gaps exist.

As an investor, you can learn a lot from Olympic marathoners – so put this knowledge to good use.

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birefringence of Moissanite may alert a buyer to fraud. In addition, thermoluminescence is exhibited in Moissanite, such that heating it gradually will cause it to change color starting at around 150 degrees Fahrenheit. This color change can be diagnostic for distinguishing diamond and Moissanite, although birefringence and electrical conductivity differential are more practical diagnostic differentiators. On the Mohs scale of mineral hardness it is a 9.5, with a diamond being a 10. In many developed countries, the use of Moissanite in jewelry has been patented; these patents expired in August 2015 for the United States, and will expire in 2016 in most other countries except Mexico, where it will remain under patent until 2018. Moissanite gemstones are sometimes marketed as amora gems, as well as under the trademark Berzelian.

If you have questions pertaining to jewelry, watches, diamonds, precious stones, precious metals, and other questions related to the jewelry industry, email [jmills@pineforestjewelry.com](mailto:jmills@pineforestjewelry.com).

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Patricia Ann Bowers

Patricia Ann Bowers, 73, passed away July 15, 2016 in Tyler, Texas. She was born September 27, 1942 to parents Joseph and Ola Mae Spellman in Kingsville, Texas.

Patricia was a lifelong resident of Houston, where she enjoyed being a part of the city that she loved. She dedicated many of her years to University of Houston Downtown, where she worked in the Financial Aid department. Patricia truly loved the students she helped and became close friends with many of them as well as her co-workers that became "family" to her. She also enjoyed eating at Richey's restaurant in Houston with her friends. She attended the Pentecostals of Pasadena Church.

Patricia had a loving heart and would care for the many animals that her husband would bring home. She enjoyed the last two years of her life with friends that became family at Rosewood Estates in Tyler. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Wilbur "Joe" Bowers; brother, Joseph E. Spellman; sister, Mary Frances Chambers; nephews, John Edward Spellman and



Billy David Spellman. Patricia is lovingly survived by her sister, Margaret Willene Spellman; niece, Lori Westmoreland; nephews, Randy and Chris Chambers and their family, Dennis and Donna Chambers and their family, Donald and Kathy Henley, Micky and Melodie Henley; as well as numerous extended family and dear friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 20, 2016 in the chapel of Carter Funeral Home; friends are welcome to join the family at 10:00 a.m. for visitation before services. Graveside services will follow at 1:00 p.m. at Brookside Memorial Park in Houston, Texas, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

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LITTLE BIDDY BITS By Danny Biddy

...and be glad

My mother-in-law is in her late 80's. She does not get around well these days and does not remember things like she used to. We took her and my father-in-law to lunch the other day for his birthday. I was in a hurry to get back to the car, but Mom stopped her walker by a flower and pulled it to her face. She smiled big and said, "Thank you, Lord, that I got to see that."

The Lord convicted my heart in more ways than one in that simple moment. Her smile and those nine words caused me to remember, "This is the day the Lord has made. I will rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24)

Alice Mearl (Wingate) Coble

Alice Mearl (Wingate) Coble 82, of Liberty, Texas formerly of Highlands, Texas went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, July 19, 2016.

Alice was born on March 16, 1934 in Highlands, Texas to Reese and Audrey (Hill) Wingate. For many years Alice assisted her husband by managing the office at their family business Highlands Tractor. In her free time she enjoyed reading, cooking, taking care of people and most of all spending time with her family.

Alice was a very kind, loving and caring woman who will be deeply missed by all who knew her. She is preceded in death by her parents Reese & Audrey Wingate and brother Roy Wingate. Alice is survived by her husband RC Coble of Hardin, son Keith Coble of Cleveland, daughter



Kayla Cooper and husband John Cooper of Dayton, daughter Kelly Melancon of Houston, daughter Kim Muldrow and husband Andy Muldrow of Hardin, grandchildren Kaci and Adam Albright, Staci Coble, Johnathan Cooper, Cory and Lindsey Cooper, Kaylan Cooper, Marisa and Shawn Medlin, Travis Melancon, Breanne and Josh Gorbitt, Drew and Sarah Muldrow, and great grandchildren Jace Cooper and Cannon & Kendall

Medlin, siblings Reese (Bubby) & Margie Wingate, Rachel & Peavey Monroe, Joanne & Raymond Ashley, and Wayne & Emma Wingate.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Thursday, July 21, 2016 from 6pm-8pm at Sterling-White Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Friday, July 22, 2016 10am at Sterling-White Funeral Home with Pastor Tony Hines Officiating and interment will follow at Sterling-White Cemetery. Honoring the family as Pallbearers will be Keith Coble, Johnathan Cooper, Cory Cooper, Travis Melancon, Drew Muldrow, Josh Gorbitt, Shawn Medlin and Adam Albright.

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

Trauma victim discovered

CROSBY – No less than half a dozen Harris County Sheriff's vehicles with Forensic Specialists and detectives were in the 1900 block of Crosby-Dayton Rd. on Sunday, July 17, following a call concerning a deceased man lying on the ground.

According to Media Relations Specialist Thomas Gilliland, a call for assistance was made that day shortly after 11:00 a.m.

A man's body was discovered to have been a victim of some type of trauma and the Forensics Specialist will have to determine the cause of death, time and identity of the man.

Deputies were seen working various areas of the scene.



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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GCCISD FFA students attend Lee High leadership conference



Goose Creek CISD FFA students attended a Leadership Conference at Robert E. Lee High School. FFA students are (front, from left) Gabby Villafranco and Perla Garcia from Robert E. High School; Ally Stephenson from GCM; (middle row) Brittany Shipp from Ross S. Sterling High School; Allie Broussard from Goose Creek Memorial; Brittani Leggett and Jennifer Shinek from RSS; (top row, from left) Ethan Hernandez from REL, Lane Holman from GCM and Jose Orozco from REL. Kandi O'Brien, Goose Creek CISD superintendent, discussed leadership and decision-making with the students, who participated in leadership and bonding activities led by their sponsors. FFA sponsors are Hailey Haberman, Kami Johnston and Devon George from Goose Creek Memorial High School; Patricia Hollis and Solomon Butler from Robert E. Lee High School and Rebecca Banks, Lawrence Richard and Kenneth Rogers from Ross S. Sterling High School. Kurt Marek splits his time between Lee and Sterling.

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1 Corinthians 16:13

Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God.  
Leviticus 19:32



# COMMUNITY

## Waste Pits Meetings,

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ber of attorneys were present at the meeting, to talk with interested residents that had a claim. These included high-profile firms such as Smith & Hasler, and the Mithoff Law Office.

### CONGRESSMAN GREEN CALLS FOR REMOVAL

In a speech on the floor of the House in Washington, Congressman Green called attention to the health problems created by the Waste Pits, and told Congress the only acceptable solution was to remove the contaminated material completely. In part he said "This is no way to live. We need to take the strongest measure available to clean up the site."

### BAYTOWN VOTES FOR REMOVAL

City Council in Baytown last week passed a resolution calling for the full removal of the material in the Waste Pits. They directed their Parks Department to work on this.

Young said that many people had asked her for a method to use filtration to make the water safe. She said that reverse osmosis, and most filtration systems, are not satisfactory. Although she could not recommend one, she advised the audience to look into Catalytic High Activated Carbon filters, which have shown some success.

The audience had a number of questions, concerns and opinions.

These included why the letter from the county said bathing in this well water was okay;

What affect hurricanes and floods might have on the integrity of the temporary cap;

Would a large strike release dioxins;

Why is money allocated for a park north of Lake Houston, so far away;



Jackie Young presented the facts about the Waste Pits in a slide show, with historical and environmental data. She ended the slides with this humorous cartoon by Nick Anderson of the Houston Chronicle, showing how the Pokemon Go craze could extend to the Waste Pits being a site to search for Pokemon.

What is an acceptable level of dioxin in the water (30 picograms per liter).

### COMPETING PROPOSALS

Young mentioned that another organization, San Jacinto Citizens Against Pollution, has a website keepitcapped.org, and is against the plan to remove all the contaminated material. Their theory is that the so-called "dig and haul" method exposes and spreads more dioxin than a cap would ever disperse.

However, Young says the technique should be cofferdams, drainage of the fill site, and then dry removal of the contaminated material in a safe and proven method.

### BUY-OUTS POSSIBLE?

The federal government has used a buy-out program in Banana Bend and Rio Villa to eliminate potential flood properties. The question is whether some type of Buy-Out program would compensate well owners

for their potential losses, and health risks.

Young had a sign-up

## Green on Waste Pits,

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east Harris County are calling for a timely and permanent solution to the San Jacinto River Waste Pits," said Congressman Gene Green. "Just last week, the Harris County Health Department announced that dioxin from the waste pits may have contaminated residents' private water wells. This only serves to exacerbate the public health risk posed to residents and increases the urgency for action."

Earlier this year, EPA held community meetings in Channelview and Highlands to update residents on the latest develop-

ment at the meeting, to learn who might be interested in this type of program. However, she cautioned that no money is currently available for any type of relief in a buy-out program.

She did note that "I've heard that property values are dropping" in affected areas, such as Lynchburg.

Audience comments included Sean Matula, who advised well owners to file Freedom Of Information requests with the County to learn what the tests show is in their water;

Sam Sledge, who complained about not knowing if his water is safe;

and Mr. Hunt, who said that in his opinion the dioxin could never be totally eliminated and would always pose a threat, even if most was removed.

The next regular meeting of the San Jacinto River Coalition is scheduled for August 2.

ments. The EPA is in the process of writing a final version of its own plan for the site, which the agency plans to release in December 2016. A period of public comment on the EPA's plan will then begin and the agency anticipates it will make a final decision about the site in the spring of 2017.

Congressman Gene Green again called for the strongest mediation proposal, which would permanently remove the dioxin waste from the site and protect local communities from the threat that the waste pits pose.

WHAT: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing entitled "Oversight of CERCLA Implementation."

WHEN: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at 10:00 p.m.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Galena Park Library Programs

-Monday, July 25, Teen Program-Just Dance, 4 pm.  
-Tuesday, July 26, Family Board Games, 4 pm.  
-Wednesday, July 27, Baby Time, 10 am; Storytime, 11 am; Get Active, 4 pm.  
-Thursday, July 28, Craft Time, 4 pm.  
All children programs require tickets. Tickets are free and available the Monday before the program at the front desk.  
Galena Park Branch Library, 1500 Keene St., Galena Park, TX. For information on other programs, please call 713-450-0982.

### The Buckshot Jamboree

Enjoy Classic Country music every Saturday night from 7 pm - 10 pm with The Buckshot Jamboree at 7414 Hartman near Old Beaumont Highway. More info, call 281-458-0729 or 832-444-5000.

### Galena Park Senior Dance

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

### North Shore Senior Dance

North Shore Seniors holds a dance every Thursday from 1 - 4 pm at the Grayson/Baldree Building, Corpus Christi street. Live bands and refreshments. Cost is \$ 5/per person. For more information call 713-455-3660.

### San Jacinto Pilot Club meeting

The Club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Mr. Gatti's on Uvalde at noon.

### Jacinto City Library programs

-Saturday, July 23, Family Movie Theater, 12:30 pm.  
-Wednesday, July 27, Baby Time, 10:30 am.  
-Thursday, July 28, Mad about Hoops, 2 pm; Children's Story Time, 3 pm.  
Jacinto City Branch Library, 921 Akron, Jacinto City, TX. 77029. For more information please call 713-673-3237.

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