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CHANNEL CHATTER

Land's Cycles closes July 29

CHANNELVIEW— An icon for the mechanically inclined closes next week and with it an era of do it yourself savings.

For the past 39 years Land's Cycles has offered motorcycle salvage at reasonable prices to those that work on their own motorcycles or just trying to locate a part to help rebuild a motorcycle.

According to Ross Land, "I have been able to watch fathers bring in their children for their first bike or buy parts to fix one, now I see those kids bring their children in, your support of the motorcycle industry is priceless."

Land says that he is hosting a going out of business sale until he closes and now is the best time to purchase your motorcycle needs for pennies on a dollar including giant savings on motorcycle parts.

According to Land, "This whole motorcycle thing for me has been a God thing. God answered a prayer and got me into this business in 1978 on Uvalde Street in Northshore when ARCO Steel shut down in 1983, my hobby became my living. We moved to a much larger building on Freepoint Street and stayed there until 1989 when we built this place on Bayou Drive in Channelview, where we will finish our work in August 2017."

The Vietnam Veteran operates out of 204 Bayou Drive in Channelview from Tuesday through Friday 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and is closed on Sundays and Mondays. The location is on the eastbound feeder road of Interstate 10.

"To all my customers and friends, I thank you with every fiber of my being," said Land.

ZIKA VIRUS CONCERNS IN JACINTO CITY

By Allan Jamail

Jacinto City, TX. — Thursday, July 10, 2017 at the City Council meeting former Mayor and Keep Jacinto City Clean Committee founder Allan Jamail was on the agenda. He said, "I'm bringing citizens concerns about some dishonorable property owners. They're taking advantage of the city's law of issuing a 10 day warning letter, for public health violations of high grass before taking corrective actions".

Jamail said, "records prove 97 percent of the violations are on vacant lots and vacant rent houses from repeat consciencless

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PHOTO BY LINDA JAMAIL

Keep Jacinto Clean Committee founder Allan Jamail in yellow shirt in 4 feet high weeds in a Jacinto City property. Jamail addressed City Council during a recent meeting about mosquito breeding places.

Galena Park starts rehab on Churchill Center

By Allan Jamail

GALENA PARK— Mayor Esmeralda Moya called the meeting to order and the council approved the minutes of the previous meeting of July 5, 2017.

The Accounts Payable for July 18, 2017 on the agenda narrowly passed on a 3-2 vote. Commissioners Chersky, Ponder and Mayor Moya voted to approve with Silva and Broussard voting no.

Commissioners unanimously approved the second reading of ordinance 2017- 05 - an ordinance establishing city food consumption business city permits and related application, renewal process and penalties.

BID APPROVED FOR CHURCHILL CENTER WORK

Commissioners unanimously approved the bid from AAR Incorporated in the amount of \$13,330.00 for the Phase 1 Evelyn Churchill Community Center for the partial mold remediation project.



EVELYN CHURCHILL COMMUNITY CENTER in Galena Manor is now closed for remediation work.

Approved unanimously the lease agreement between the city of Galena Park and Bevenco for 5 fusion in car system cameras for a 4 year term in the amount of \$6,325.00 per year.

The quarterly investment report ending June 30, 2017 was unanimously approved. Commissioner Eric Broussard was unanimously approved as Mayor Pro Tem for a 6 month period. Felipe Villarreal received unanimous approval as a reserve police

officer. At the close of the meeting citizens are allowed three minutes to make comments or ask questions to the Mayor and Commissioners. Cheryl Ponder a member of the Committee For A Better Galena Park announced they entered into a lease agreement with the city to remodel the Galena Park Food Bank building and will reopen the food pantry to qualifying citizens on

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Legislature starts Special Session

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on July 10 issued a formal proclamation for the special session that begins July 18, directing the Texas Legislature to extend expiration dates for the Texas Medical Board and other state boards that regulate psychologists, marriage and family therapists, professional counselors and social workers.

Abbott said he plans to issue a supplemental proclamation further directing lawmakers to pass another list of items he previously announced. The areas of legislation would:

- Reform laws governing ad valorem property taxes;
- Increase average salary and benefits of Texas teachers;
- Establish a statewide commission to study and recommend improvements to the current public school finance system;
- Preempt local regulation of the use of hand-held mobile communication devices while driving; and
- Deal with the use of multi-occupancy showers,

locker rooms, restrooms and changing rooms (also known as the "bathroom" bill).

On July 13, Gov. Abbott applauded Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the Senate, for holding a press conference to express his support for the special session agenda. "My office," Abbott said, "has been working with lawmakers in both the Senate and House these past six weeks, and if these items do not get passed, it will be for lack of will, not for lack of time."

One of the ideas laid out by Patrick is a tiered salary increase schedule for active and retired teachers. Patrick suggested that pay increases would rely on the reallocation of funding by local school districts, because the state already spends 53 percent of its budget on public education.

The Austin-based Center for Public Policy Priorities reacted to Patrick's suggestion, saying, "If state leaders are really concerned about property taxes, they should increase the state's share of public school funding."

COMMUNITY SECURITY

Jacinto City hires new Patrolman



BY ALLAN JAMAIL:

Thursday, July 10, 2017 Jacinto City's Council approved hiring Terry Wayne Hodges as a new patrolman.

L-R: Officer Terry Hodges takes oath of office, Police Chief Joey Ayala and Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Robinson giving the oath.

BUSINESS NEWS

Jewelry store gives away Diamond & slot machine

During the past few weeks Pineforest Jewelry on Uvalde Road held their 'VIP Event' offering customers the chance to win a 1 carat diamond or a casino quality slot machine.

On Friday July 14th, Diamond Jim and Linda Mills, owners of Pineforest Jewelry, presented two lucky customers with their prizes.

Congratulations to Marian W. for winning the 1 Carat Diamond and Pedro D. for winning the Slot Machine!

Diamond Jim said "I want to assure our customers that similar events are already being planned for the future". He further stated "Who knows, maybe next time we might even give away a brand new car!"



Marian W., center, receives the 1 Carat Diamond from Jim, left, and Linda Mills.



Pedro D. smiles as he receives the Slot Machine.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Go Big or Go Home announces fundraiser event

Scott and Melody Stephens of The Cody Stephens Go Big or Go Home Memorial Foundation wish to express their gratitude to their past donors. Because of the community's generosity and belief in the mission of the foundation, it has been able to heart screen about 75,000 student athletes in Texas over the past four years.

School districts across the state of Texas are buying into the ideal that the logistics work and screening kids' hearts is practical. The generosity of donors has given resources to pursue the passion to push ECG screenings statewide, and one day nationally.

This past school year the Go Big or Go Home foundation paid for 7,177 students to be screened across Texas in districts that had never screened before at a cost of about \$101,000. So, 145 (2%) students were found to have an abnormal ECG and 4 were to be at high risk for sudden cardiac arrest at any moment. These 4 students have all sought medical guidance and had their issue resolved or are currently undergoing treatment. Four kids lives! How huge is that?

As you may have heard, Scott Stephens continued asking our state legislature to make this test a part of the current sports physicals. With that



Screening supporters at the State Capital with Scott Stephens 5th from right beside Dan Huberty (R.127th), Dr. Keith Moore of Crosby ISD, and Meldoy Stephens, Scott's wife. During regular session both bills were caught up in the "Mother's Day Massacre." IN LATE SESSION, Huberty filed HB 204 in honor of the late Cody Stephens, mandating that first year high school athletes have heart screenings before participating in U.I.L. athletics barring religious objection or parental refusal to participate. Briscoe Cain (R.128) has texted that his group will support the bill this time.

St. Senator Hinojosa filed SB 155 and St. Representative Dan Huberty filed HB 3476. Both bills got out passed of their committees, but neither made it to the floor for a vote as there was much turmoil this session and the bill got caught up in the "mother's day massacre" that killed many good bills. Scott says he feels good about the bill's chances in 2019, but time will tell.

The opposition is becoming less vocal; as they see it can work and is cost effective. A recent study out of Stanford University

says that for every 1,000 kids screened, 2 lives are saved!

The grassroots effort of screening students continues statewide and that is where donations help. The foundation's program is to pay for the first screening at a district that has not begun to screen their student athletes. After that, the hope is that the district will find a way to continue the program. By providing the funds for first year screenings the ISD sees how easy it is and nearly every time students that have issues are discovered that should be ad-

ressed through medical intervention. All of these students should now go on to live normal heart healthy lives. But we also continue to lose students to Sudden Cardiac Arrest. It continues to be the number 1 cause of non-traumatic death in our youth. This simply is unacceptable.

At the time of Cody's death in May 2012 about 5% of the state's school districts were screening, that number is now closer to 30% of the state's 1,072 school districts. The goal is that every district at least offers the opportunity to their students to be heart screened, whether the student decides to get one should be the students or parent's choice.

The Cody Stephens Go Big or Go Home Memorial Foundation fundraising event will be August 26, 2017. Individual tickets are \$50.00 or tables of 8 seats can be bought for \$400. The event will include dinner, victory stories, a live and silent auction, and will begin at 7 pm at the American Legion Hall in Crosby, TX on FM 2100. Auction items donations are needed as well. The past 4 annual events have sold out, so please let the foundation know if you need a table or ticket soon.

Various levels of corporate donations are also available and sponsors are needed:

Platinum	\$6,000
Gold	\$4,500
Silver	\$3,000
Bronze	\$1,500
Team 76	\$1,000

Each level will come with recognition at the banquet including the now popular foundation belt buckle and knowledge that you are helping to find those that may need life-saving intervention. If the percentages are correct, based on what has been seen so far, there are 1,000 students in Texas that need heart surgery TODAY. Let's find them! Go BIG or Go Home AND "screen 'em all".

Scott may be contacted at 713-451-3600 or scottstephens@gmail.com. Your donations are greatly appreciated. The GBOGH foundation has no overhead, all proceeds go toward screening young hearts. In fact, Scott's own company Scott Stephens and Associates, Inc. is a platinum sponsor of the foundation.

Aug. 12 local Heart Screening for community

CROSBY-The Crosby Community Center is to be the stage for a free Go Big or Go Home ECG screening offered to the public over the age of 13 on August 12.

The Cody Stephens Go Big or Go Home Memorial Foundation is hosting its annual community heart screening between 8:00 a.m. through Noon that Saturday. This screening is

important to identify heart problems and the foundation wants the community to participate to discover the importance of the test and to notify of the "Silent Killer" around us.

This is a free heart screening, however donations will be accepted the day of the event.

Crosby Community Center is located at 409 Hare Road, Crosby.

Chairman Huberty files Special Session bills on principles

Austin, TX - Chairman Dan Huberty today filed several bills, reflecting his legislative priorities for the special session. Each of these bills was a priority for Huberty during the regular session, and he is grateful to have the opportunity to file this legislation again.

First, Huberty filed HB 21, relating to the public school finance system. This bill is similar to the plan for school finance from the regular session; however, this bill has small changes that will positively affect a wider range of the public school system.

Second, he filed HB 6, relating to municipal annexation. During the regular session, Huberty authored HB 424 and sponsored SB 715 relating to the same topic. SB 715 was killed by way of a filibuster in the last few hours of the regular session. Huberty applauds Governor Abbott in recognizing annexation policy as a priority for property owners in Texas.

Third, Huberty filed HB 207 in order to ensure that those Texans who have previously experienced municipal limited purpose annexation have a right to vote in municipal elections.

Fourth, he filed HB 204,

in honor of the late Cody Stephens, a Crosby High School football player. This bill would require high school athletes to undergo heart screening before participation in University Interscholastic League (UIL) athletics.

Finally, Huberty filed HB 23, establishing a grant program for students with autism. This bill is identical to the version filed during the regular session that failed to pass the Senate. This would provide new funding to create and bolster innovative and research-based programs for vulnerable students.

"This special session is an opportunity to pass meaningful legislation that was killed by obstructionism during the regular session," said Huberty. "This is a true chance for the legislature to come together to improve the lives of all Texans. We need to capitalize on that."

Huberty was sworn in to serve District 127 in the Texas House of Representatives on January 11, 2011. He has been re-elected to this seat three times and has served in four legislative sessions. In the most recent 85th Legislature, he was named the Chairman of House Committee on Public Education.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Channelview Little League ends quest for state title

The Channelview Little League Allstars played this week in the State Tournament representing District 17 Section 2 Little League.

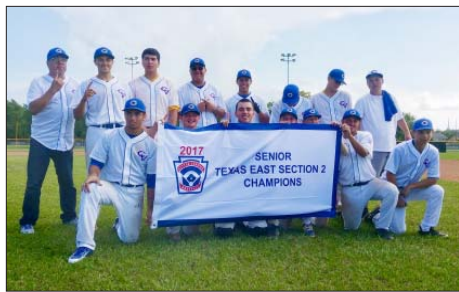
Games were played at the West University sports complex.

In the first game, West University beat Channelview LL by a score of 12-1.

In the second round on Tuesday, Channelview LL beat Victoria West LL 12-1.

In the final game that day, a double header played at 10pm, West University beat Channelview LL by a score of 9-0.

At that point Channelview was officially out of the tournament.



CHANNELVIEW LITTLE LEAGUE ALLSTARS

Team players: Thomas Barrios, Brandon Cardenas, Jason Cardenas, Nathan Cardenas, Henry Diaz, Christopher Doss, Angel Galicia, William Garcia, Hugo Nuñez, Matthew Perez, Adrian Reyna, Nelson Suarez, Brandon Sheffield, Ivan Villanueva.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE PLAYERS, THE COACHES, AND THE PARENTS THAT SUPPORT THE TEAM.

DPS urges Texans to use caution in summer heat

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

"Summertime heat is a fact of life in Texas, but the dangers from high temperatures are real and should not be taken lightly," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Heat-related deaths and injuries are often preventable if residents take the necessary steps to educate and protect themselves – and their loved ones."

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 unnoticed. 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 pet safety. Animals are also susceptible to heat-related injury or death – don't put your pets in these dangerous conditions.

Galena Park ISD returning student verification

Galena Park ISD is gearing up for the 2017-2018 school year with the Returning Student Verification process! All currently enrolled students who attended a GPISD school last year will be required to complete the annual Returning Student Verification (RSV). The RSV window is July 24 - July 27 at Cobb 6th Grade Center, North Shore 9th Grade Center, North Shore Senior High School, Galena Park Middle School or Woodland Acres Middle School.

On Monday, July 24 - Wednesday, July 26, the registration times will be from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

GP Council Meeting,

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the Grand Opening of Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 10 AM. They'll be open on the first and third Thursday from 10 AM to 1 PM., the second Saturday from 11 AM to 2 PM and the fourth Wednesday from 11 AM to 2 PM.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Leslie Herbst, Community Relations Manager from the Port of Houston reported that mosquito repellent chemicals have been placed in the water on the levee between Galena Park and Jacinto City.

Citizen Willis Cotton complained about the underground sewer line at his neighbor's house having raw sewage coming up in the yard and wanted to have the city get it fixed.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

East Houston Democrats monthly meeting

East Houston Democrats will hold their monthly on Thursday, July 20 at 6:30 p.m.

The meetings are held at the Milton Lusk Youth Activity Center, located at 1022 Mercury Drive, Jacinto City, TX 77029.

This month's guest speaker is Lillie Schechter is the Harris County Democratic Party. Should have any questions, please contact Charlotte at 832-896-1633.

Safety Meeting

Safety meeting for this coming Monday, July 24, 2017 at 8:30am at the East Freeway HPD Storefront, 12001-A East Freeway, Houston, Texas. Thank you so much and have a great day!

Galena Park/Jacinto City CIP Meeting

Next meeting has been set for Thursday, August 3, 2017. 5:45 p.m. – light dinner. 6:15 p.m. - business starts. Meeting adjourns by 8:15 p.m. The meeting will take place at Alvin Baggett Recreation Building, 1302 Keene in Galena Park. Topics to talk about: Recycling of CIP Plant Products and other recycling by plants.

Houston Metro Go Texan Committee meeting

Jacinto City/Galena Park. Friday, Aug. 4. Buckles and Birdies Classic. Time: 7 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Location: Stonebridge at Newport 16401 Country Club Drive, Crosby, Texas 77532
Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jacinto-city-galena-park-buckles-birdies-classic-tickets-34755154603>.

North Channel Ed. Foundation Casino Night Aug. 11

As a fund raiser, the North Channel Area Education Foundation will hold its annual "Casino Night" on Friday, August 11 from 7:00 pm to 11:00, at the Jacinto City Town Center, 1025 Oates Road. Entitled "Gamble the Night Away, Deep in the Heart of Texas!" this promises to be the event of the year, with attendees experiencing Las Vegas in the North Channel.

The Foundation is looking for corporate sponsors, at \$600. Individual tickets are \$75, contact the Chamber for either.

Evening San Jacinto Pilot Club Meeting

This newly chartered club meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Woodforest Presbyterian Church. For more information, see the Facebook page entitled Evening San Jacinto Pilot Club or call 832-264-1565 / 832-289-4762.

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.

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.

San Jacinto Pilot Club meeting

The Club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at LyndellBasell on Sheldon Road at noon. For more information, please visit www.SanJacintoPilot.com.

Sen. Garcia files Bills to protect rights of all Texans

AUSTIN, TX –July 18, 2017 - Senator Sylvia Garcia (D-Houston) filed legislation that will ensure that Texas is an inclusive state that works for all people, regardless of gender identity. "All Texans want to go to the bathroom in peace, including transgender people."

"We need to focus on classrooms not bathrooms. The Texas Legislature should focus on growing our economy, not political grandstanding that will kill jobs and cost our state billions." According to Chambers of Commerce from across the state and the Texas Association of Business, legislation similar to SB 6 could flush billions of dollars and tens of thousands of jobs down the toilet.

"Since the Governor and Lieutenant Governor insist that the legislature continue to focus on bathrooms, I feel it is important to file bills that solve the real problems, namely,

transgender individuals being marginalized. My legislation will protect the freedoms of all Texans."

SB 65 would require certain governmental entities (including charter schools, political subdivisions, public hospitals, school districts, and state agencies) to allow individuals to use a public restroom or changing facility located in their designated area consistent to the individual's gender identity or gender expression.

SB 66, the Gender Marker bill, creates a state-wide consistent administrative process for Texans to change their birth certificates, and will reduce timely and costly legal bureaucracy along with the politicization of the judicial branch.

State Senator Sylvia R. Garcia represents Senate District 6 and serves as Chair of the Texas Senate Hispanic Caucus



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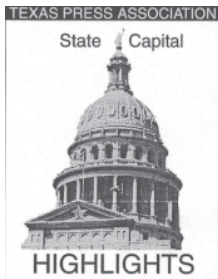
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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Gov. Abbott to seek 2nd term

Abbott to seek 2nd term
With sights trained on the 2018 general election, Gov. Abbott announced his candidacy for a second term as the state's chief executive on July 14 in San Antonio. His current term expires in January 2019.



In January, Lt. Gov. Patrick announced he would seek a second term at his current post. Mike Collier, a Houston businessman and a Democrat, announced his candidacy for lieutenant governor on March 2. In 2014, Collier challenged incumbent Glenn Hegar in the race for state comptroller, receiving 37 percent of the vote to Hegar's 58 percent.

Revenue is distributed
Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on July 12 announced his office would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts almost \$680 million in local sales tax allocations for the month of July, an amount 9 percent more than in July 2016.

The cities of Houston, San Antonio, Dallas, Austin, Fort Worth, Midland and Odessa saw noticeable increases in sales tax allocations, Hegar said.

Paxton praises decision
Attorney General Ken Paxton on July 7 lauded a federal court decision to dismiss a complaint lodged by three University of Texas at Austin faculty members regarding Senate Bill 11, the state's 2015 law that allows firearms to be carried on campus.

In their lawsuit, Paxton said, plaintiffs claimed the law would

stifle class discussion in their courses.

The U.S. District Court of the Western District of Texas granted Paxton's motion to dismiss the case. "The fact that a small group of professors dislike a law and speculate about a 'chilling effect' is hardly a valid basis to set the law aside," Paxton said.

Agency names finalist
The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission on July 12 named Bryan attorney Adrian Bentley Nettles as the lone finalist to serve as the agency's executive director.

Nettles, if confirmed by the state Senate, would succeed Sherry Cook, who retired in late May. In April, Cook and other agency officials underwent robust questioning by the House Committee on General Investigating and Ethics, after news of their out-of-state travel and meetings expenses was made public.

"This selection is the first step in restoring the public's trust and making TABC a model of public service, transparency, and accountability," said TABC Chair Kevin J. Lilly.

Trump names Combs
President Donald Trump on July 10 announced his intent to nominate Susan Combs as assistant secretary of the Office of Policy, Management and Budget in the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Combs, who owns and operates a ranch in Brewster County, served as Texas comptroller from 2007 to 2015, commissioner of the Texas Department of Agriculture from 1999 to 2007, and as a state representative, 1993 to 1996.



Governor Greg Abbott announces Texas Public Elementary School Reading Initiative

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott and Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath today announced a comprehensive reading initiative - Texas Readers - to strengthen the reading skills of students across the state.

"While Texas has some of the best public schools in the country, there is still more we can do to provide our children with the best education possible," said Governor Abbott. "Texas Readers tackles the important issue of student literacy and will give parents, teachers, and students invaluable tools to make reading and literacy one of the highest education priorities. I am proud that this initiative is providing students in our public elementary schools the best possible chance to succeed and to continue making Texas great for generations to come."

"Reading will always be the foundation that determines success in the classroom for every child at every grade level," said Commissioner Morath. "The Texas Readers initiative provides our teachers with needed educational supports to ensure our children will be equipped to read from the earliest grades through high school graduation and beyond."

Texas Readers is designed to assist public elementary schools enhance their reading instruction by providing enriched teacher-development opportunities and additional innovative classroom tools. In addition, the initiative will include a public awareness campaign, called Raising Texas Readers, which will focus on ways to build our children's literacy and reading skills at home.

The Texas Readers initiative is composed of three major components - Parental and Public Awareness, High-Quality Professional Development Opportunities, and Innovative Classroom Tools. Each component will include the following resources:

Parental and Public Awareness

- Raising Texas Readers - a new collaborative effort between TEA, PBS, the United Way, and Univision - will provide public service announcements and

advertisements that will be broadcast in 11 media markets covering the state. In addition to the PSA campaign, Raising Texas Readers includes local family events, free online apps, a text messaging campaign and comprehensive website.

- Earlier this year, TEA launched the new STAAR Report Card to drastically improve communication and transparency with educators and families on how students are performing on the STAAR exam. TEA is currently working on additional literacy resources and helpful tips for working with children at home.

High-Quality Professional Development Opportunities

- The updated Texas Literacy Academies will provide new systematic instruction through ready-to-use materials paired with a series of ongoing, year-round continuing education opportunities, such as a lesson study, micro-credentials, and live coaching, as well as focused instruction targeted toward special education students and English Language Learners.

- Striving Readers - a brand new tool - will build directly upon the Texas Literacy Academy experiences and provide literacy coaches, professional development, strategic planning, sustainability support and the ability for districts to pilot programs and models that can be disseminated across the state.

- Texas' second phase of the Reading Excellence Teams will contin-

ue to focus on improving educator practices in reading by providing teams of coaches around the state to support our teachers while enhancing the overall effectiveness for educators and students and maximizing the efficiency of resources.

Innovative Classroom Tools

- Teaching the TEKS will provide educators with a clear and concise break down of state's instructional expectations of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and will provide sample lessons, differentiation strategies and sample State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) test questions. Teaching the TEKS will also help educators and families understand the student expectation and what all children should know and be able to do at the end of each school year.

- TEA is developing a set of free online instructional materials to assist elementary school English-Language Arts teachers with improving reading instruction, including intensive supports, technology, and adaptive programs.

- A new collection of optional content mastery tools will provide school districts with optional, free classroom tools to regularly monitor students' reading comprehension and skills throughout the school year to assist teachers in their decision-making about future instruction and provide immediate feedback to students to steadily improve their classroom performance.

Simple steps that can help you achieve Financial Goals

(StatePoint) Americans have mixed emotions around financial planning, a new study suggests. But setting specific goals can help you achieve the financial outcomes you want. Forty-eight percent of individuals with specific financial goals say they expect to be in a much better place in the next four years, versus only 12 percent of those without goals.

The study, "2017 Financial Focus: Goals and Reflections of Today's Consumer", conducted by Lincoln Financial Group, found that while Americans have a desire to retire comfortably and support loved ones, there is a fear factor involved in actually saving for these financial needs. Staying grounded and focused is a good first step, say experts.

"Those individuals who are progressing with their goals are first and foremost working to ensure they have a solid foundation to build upon," said Dick Mucci, President of Group Benefits at Lincoln Financial Group. "While it might not be exciting, putting extra money toward things like debt, savings or insurance coverage certainly pays off in the long run, particularly if something unexpected happens."

The study also looked at progress in achieving New Year's Resolutions -- and 72 percent of Americans are doing pretty well. Those who say they are progressing with their 2017 resolutions in some way are those who are most likely to leverage financial products, such as retirement plans, life insurance and investment accounts. This group also tends to make reducing debt a priority and avoids sacrificing savings when money is tight -- instead they sacrifice the extras, such as vacations.

Here are some effective goal-setting strategies to help you plan for your financial future.

- Be specific. When you make vague goals, it can be difficult to measure progress. When goal-setting, get as specific as possible, both with the goals themselves and the steps you will take to succeed.
- Prioritize your goals. Once you set a goal, make it the last thing you compromise in your budget, whether that is paying down debt, saving for a rainy day or retirement planning. Money tight this month? Skip a luxury item that's not working toward your goals.
- Take a breath. Thinking about your financial situation and potential circumstances that could arise can be emotional. But taking practical steps to improve your situation can offer peace of mind as you face the future. "Putting the right financial plans and protections in place can help alleviate some financial fears," says Mucci. "An employer-sponsored retirement plan is a great place to build savings, and insurance coverages offered through the workplace can help protect against the financial challenges that could come with an unexpected injury or illness."

More financial planning tips and information can be found at LincolnFinancial.com.

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Frances Jane Snider Stringer, 76, passed away on Friday, June 23, 2017 in Houston, Texas. She was born September 03, 1940 to Vivian Nipper Snider and John Travis Snider in Magnolia, Arkansas. She wed Gerald "Jerry" Stringer on October 10, 1958 in Magnolia, Arkansas.

Frances enjoyed reading, sewing, watching Jeopardy and was a vibrant church member all of her life. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with a large family of which she was the proud matriarch.

Frances was known to be a bossy, opinionated, and wickedly funny lady; she was well-loved by many.

Frances is survived by her husband, Jerry, two daughters, Anne Eaves and husband Tim of Baytown and Beth Gambill of Crosby; six grandchildren, Josh Gambill and wife Tiffany of New Braunfels, Holli Bailes and husband Michael of Houston, Kayleigh Temple and husband Zach of Tyler, Brett Eaves and wife Ashley of Conroe, Bryan Eaves of Houston and Jodi Bonds and husband Sawyer of Crosby; three great grandchildren, Parker, Bryce and Braedynn; her brother John Snider and wife



Christine of Springhill, Louisiana; nieces Donna Iverson and Martha Edens; and numerous other extended family members. Frances is preceded in death by her parents, grandparents and in-laws.

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, July 29, 2017 at Holy Trinity Methodist Church at 13207 Orleans St. Houston, Texas at 9:00 a.m. Memorial donations may be made to the general church fund at Holy Trinity UMC or to the Harmony Cemetery Fund in Magnolia, Arkansas, P.O. Box 381, Taylor, Arkansas, 71861.

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Jimmy "Pop" Davis

Jimmy "Pop" Davis, 87, of Highlands, Texas, passed away, Friday, July 14, 2017.

A visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 and a celebration of life service on Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at 2 p.m. at Sterling-White Funeral Home in Highlands, Texas. Mike Haley will offer the eulogy and a prayer. Burial will follow the service at Sterling-White Cemetery.

Jimmy was born May 10th, 1930 in Dallas, Texas to Margaret and Alton Davis. He started school in the 3rd grade because he didn't want to go before that! After he did start school, he excelled. He attended Dawson High School and Baylor University. Jimmy served in the Army during the Korean Conflict and was awarded the Bronze Service Star as well as the Silver Star. He was very proud that he served his country and protected our freedom. In 1951, he married Maudice Grimes and had four children, Darrell, Terry, Raye Dean and Dixon. He retired from Armo Steel in 1983 after many years of employment. Jimmy enjoyed giving to his community and along with his wife Maudice, other friends and community members founded the Highlands Youth Booster Club. They provided scholarships to local youth, crowned a Miss Highlands each year and formed the Highlands Girls Softball League. He was a lifetime member of the Houston Livestock



Show and Rodeo where he served on the Safety Committee, the Baytown Youth Fair, and an FFA Honorary Lonestar Farmer. His latest endeavor to brighten the lives of others was to bake and give away pies. After his wife of 58 years died in 2010, he needed something to fill his days so he used one of her recipes to bake a pie. He baked more pies and gave some away and then it got around that Pop made great pies. The pies brought in much needed money at fundraisers around Highlands, Crosby and Baytown and graced many holiday tables. If you ate one of his famous pies you remembered it forever and wanted more. He gave children gold dollars and tipped waitresses with \$2 bills - he en-

joyed his last years in this way. Most precious to him was his family - he will be missed. Just for Pop, one last time - what do you need Pop? A little time and few kind words.

Jimmy is survived by his four children, Darrell (Nancy), Terry (Sharon), Raye Dean (Bill) and Dixon; eight grandchildren, Trisha (Bryan), Chris (Amy), Cody (Jack), Aaron (Lauren), Jamie (Ryan), Lauren (Spencer), Kelsie (Joel), and Morgan (Niki); five great-grandchildren, Brandon, Alicia, Madelynn, Calvin, and Remington and niece, Edna Love and husband Jim. He was preceded in death by his parents, Margaret Martin Davis and Teddy Alton Davis, his wife Maudice Grimes Davis and his brothers, Teddy Joe and Bobby Ray Davis.

Honoring Jimmy as pall bearers are Aaron Davis, Morgan Harbison, Ryan Stippel, Brandon Franta, Spencer Black, and Joel Bustamante.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the TSRA Foundation 4-H Whiz Bang Program c/o Angela Gerlich, 5937 Republic of Texas Blvd., Austin, TX 78735; Crosby Youth Fair Association Scholarship Fund, PO Box 1546, Crosby, TX 77532 or Dawson Ex-Student Association, 199 N School Ave, Dawson, Texas 76639.

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St. Vincent de Porres honors Five Year Reinstatement Service Award



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- 38,000 BC - Beads made from bone and animal teeth found in France.
- 28,000 BC - Fossilized shells and ivory beads found in the East Gravettian culture, located in modern Czech Republic.
- 4400 BC - Around the time of first domesticated animals and invention of wheel, ancient Thracian civilization produced oldest known objects made from gold.
- 5000-30 BC - Use of copper starts a new era in jewelry production, and secrets of alluvial gold gathering arrives in Egypt around 4000 BC. They quickly start producing glazed steatite beads and countless jewelry designs based on scarab beetles, scrolls, winged birds, tigers, jackals and antelopes. Popular gemstones of that time were carnelian, feldspar, amethyst, chalcedony, lapis lazuli and turquoise.
- 2750 - 1200 BC - Ancient Mesopotamia produced wide range of jewelry based on the design of lives, grapes, cones

and spirals. Gemstones that they used were agate, lapis, jasper and carnelian.

- 1400 - 30BC - Greek jewelry was made in the style of animals and shells and was infused with the amethysts, pearls, chalcedony, cornelian, garnet and emeralds.
- 500 BC - 400 AD - Ancient Roma preferred seal rings, brooches, amulets and talismans that were infused with the designs of animals and coiling snakes. Most popular gemstones were sapphires, emeralds, pearls, amber, garnets, jet and diamonds.
- 400 - 1000 AD - In European Dark Ages use of jewelry was not common, except among higher nobility and royalty.
- 1066 - 1485 - Medieval jewelry finally become widespread by the help of religion. The most famous designs of that time were hair and cloth jewelry that was worn during religious ceremonies. They were adorned with gemstones such as rubies, sapphires, pearls, emeralds, semi-precious stones and diamonds.
- 1500 - 1830 - Arrival of Renaissance and Georgian time period brought rise of jewelry use

in entire Europe. Necklaces (single or multi strand), earrings (ordinary or with chandeliers), and many other designs were decorated with the images of animals. Intricately designed gemstones became very popular to the point that diamond jewelry became commonly used as a part of evening attire.

- 1835 - 1900 - Reign of English Queen Victoria had a profound effect of fashion and jewelry tastes in Europe.
- Early 1900s - These years were remembered for the Art Nouveau and Edwardian styles.
- 1920 - 1935 - Roaring Twenties brought the rise of the Art Deco, which introduced jewelry of vibrant colors, filled with geometrical shapes, abstract designs, cubism, modernism and oriental art. It also popularized wearing of wristwatches.
- 1939 - 1949 - Because of influence of World War II and widespread embargoes on gemstones, popular jewelry shifted to the more metal based designs adorned with patriotic motifs and semi-precious and synthetic gemstones.
- 1950s - Post war years saw the return of brightly colored jewelry, heavy use of rhinestones and big beads. Diamonds solidified its spot as the most popular gemstone. And the rest, as they say, is history...

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.

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Senate Leadership Flaunts Open Government

AUSTIN, TX – July 18, 2017 – Senator Garcia resisted against efforts by Senate leadership to hear legislation without sufficient notice or a public hearing.

"We are here in service of the people of Texas. To vote to do the people's business without the people's input is wrong and un-Texan. By not giving the general public time to study, comment and testify on legislation, we are saying that their opinions don't matter. This is a bad har-

binger of what is to come over the next 30 days," Garcia stated.

It appears that despite the efforts of Senator Garcia, legislation that was referred less than 2 hours ago will be debated and decided on today.

"It is a sad day when the great State of Texas is governed under a shroud of secrecy by legislators who are attempting to fast track dangerous legislation. We aren't exactly doing same-day cleaning

here, the people of Texas need to know they are being taken to the cleaners.

I will continue to resist the efforts of the leadership to railroad through bad legislation that failed during the 85th legislature and is out-of-step with the priorities of everyday Texans."

State Senator Sylvia R. Garcia represents Senate District 6 and serves as Chair of the Texas Senate Hispanic Caucus.

Barbara Fayne Montroy

Barbara Fayne Montroy, 76, of Houston, Texas, passed into her heavenly home on July 17, 2017. Barbara was born January 14, 1941 in Freeport, Texas to parents, Thomas Floyd Richardson and Maude Emma (Gilliam) Richardson. She is preceded in death by her parents and by her beloved husband of 45 years, Ronald J. Montroy and by her son, Robert Allan Montroy, Sr. She is survived by children, Jim Montroy and wife, Jamie; Rick Montroy and wife, Patty and Tanya Maddox and husband, Rick. By grandchildren, Robert Jr. and wife, Ashley, Lydia, Amanda and husband Austin, Ricky Jr. and wife, Hollie, Tyler, Josh and wife Meghan, Erika, Jennifer and husband Cody, Roman and Madison; by great-grandchildren,

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Madeleine, Kaitlyn, Kolton, Josslyn, Mason, Rhett, Hayes, Henry, Ella and Ember; by sister, Linda Joy Thompson and brother, Chopper Richardson; and close friends, Mike and Debbie; as well as by other extended family and dear friends. A visitation will be held Wednesday, July 19, 2017 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Carter Conley Funeral Home with services to celebrate her life and homegoing at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, July 20 2017 in the Carter Conley Chapel. Interment will follow in San Jacinto Memorial Park, under the direction of Carter Conley Funeral Home.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



North Shore Rotary supports Mexican clinic; welcomes new member



NORTH SHORE ROTARIAN Dr. Donald Nino presents a check to GP/JC Rotarian Maria Rodriguez for \$1500. The Houston District 5890 provided matching funds, and the total support for the A.P.I.N. Clinic in Torean, Mexico totalled \$48,000. The monies are to be used for treatment of children with Spinal Bifida.



NORTH SHORE ROTARIAN and Assistant Governor Derrill Painter welcomes new member Eric Evans, after completing his "Red Badge" exercise, an orientation for new members. The club is currently in a membership drive, and if you are interested, call president Adam Lund for more information, at 713-672-3715.



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Zika Concerns,

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violators. Tall grass and weeds provide a breeding place for the deadly ZIKA virus type of mosquitoes which thrives in Harris County".

There are six pregnant women in Harris County with the Zika virus which deforms the baby's brain.

"Where is the conscious of someone who has little regard for another's life or health," Jamail asks.

From the city's first receipt of the initial complaint until corrective action is taken it's usually a month or more. This means 9 inch tall weeds can reach 4 feet in height before the mosquito laden weeds are cut. The problem is some of the repeat offenders know their property isn't in compliance but will not do anything until they get the city's warning letter which they know gives them a grace period.

Jamail suggested the current high grass law start being enforced by issuing a citation soon after the 10 days expires unless rain made it impossible to cut. Or revise it so that if after the same property owner gets three warnings in a 12 month period then it's mandatory for an immediate citation to be given without a fourth warning.

Jamail said that City Manager Lon Squyres and Mayor Diaz have the responsibility and authority to protect the citizen's health and have public works spray to kill mosquitoes as often as needed without anyone calling to complain about a mosquito nuisance.

On other Council action they approved hiring Terry Wayne Hodges as a police officer and approved the annual Mutual Aid Fire Protection agreement with Harris County.

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