

COMMUNITY/SCHOOL NEWS

Rep. Hernandez responds to changes in DSHS Birth Certificate Policies

AUSTIN, TX- July 24, 2016 – The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and litigating families of several American-born children have reached a mediated change to rules regarding the issuance of birth certificates as of Sunday, July 24.

DSHS, which oversees Texas's Vital Statistics Unit, had previously refused to recognize the matricula consular ID issued by Mexican consulates as valid personal identification for parents seeking to obtain an official birth certificate for their child. The Department had also refused to permit additional forms of foreign-issued IDs beyond its pre-existing list, making it impossible for many immigrant families to receive birth certificates



Rep. Hernandez

for their US citizen children.

The Department will now modify its existing rules to permit additional forms of personal identification to be used for parents to obtain their child's birth certificate, including election ID cards issued by the Mexican government to Mexican nationals through local consulates in

a similar fashion to the matricula consular.

"The children affected by the Department's previous policies found themselves potentially unable to enroll in school, prove their identity, or receive all rights and privileges due to them under the 14th Amendment," said Representative Hernandez, Legal Counsel for the Mexican American Legislative Caucus. "Now hard-working Texas families and taxpayers will benefit from this rule change, which will prevent further wasteful spending by the State on legal action to defend discriminatory practices, while also ensuring all American-born Texas children receive documentation to which they are legally entitled."

Register now for the 2016 Fall semester at San Jacinto College

Classes begin Aug.22; Weekend College begins Sept. 9

PASADENA, Texas - Registration is open for the fall 2016 semester at San Jacinto College.

Fall classes begin Monday, Aug. 22, 2016, and Weekend College courses begin on Friday, Sept. 9, 2016. Aug. 12, 2016 is the registration payment deadline, but class registration will remain open after the payment deadline passes. All financial obligations incurred after the payment deadline for Fall 2016 that are not covered by financial aid, installment payment plan, third party agreement or scholarship must be paid on day of registration. Students may register and pay for classes in full up to the start of the fall 2016 semester.

"We would like to encourage all students to apply for federal aid by filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) even if they don't think they qualify," said Robert Merino, dean of financial aid services for the College. "They might be surprised by what they could get. Thirty minutes of their time could be worth anywhere from \$300

to \$5,800."

Financial aid information can be found online at sanjac.edu/financial-aid. The San Jacinto College FAFSA Code is 003609.

Assistance choosing a career path, deciding on an area of study, and the application, enrollment and registration process is offered through the enrollment services department at San Jacinto College. Educational planners can be found on all San Jacinto College campuses to help students choose courses that will easily transfer to a four-year college or university, or help them get the skills they need to enter the workforce immediately after graduation.

"Students should register as early as possible because they will have a much wider selection of courses available to them," said Joanna Zimmermann, associate vice chancellor of student services. "We have admissions advisors who are there to assist new students through the process of applying to the College. For returning students, we have educational planners and counselors to help

with registration and laying out their degree plan. Students can come into the student services office in person if they would like, but we also have a call center and an online chat service available to them. We are there to help every step of the way."

Students who cannot attend classes during the workweek should look into Weekend College or online courses. The wide variety of weekend classes that the College offers are taught Friday through Saturday in various academic and technical programs. These class options offer a different way for students who work during the week or cannot take classes in the traditional format to earn their degree. Students who take weekend courses can complete an Associate of Arts and transfer to a university of their choice within two years. Online classes are available for more basic courses, offering full credit and transferability. For more information, visit the San Jacinto College online learning website.

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DPS: Texans stay prepared as hurricane season continues

AUSTIN – With about four months remaining in the 2016 hurricane season, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding residents to evaluate their emergency plans and monitor weather forecasts for potential hurricanes and tropical storms. Hurricane season began June 1 and continues through Nov. 30. Historically, August and September are the more active months during a hurricane season.

"A well-established hurricane plan and complete emergency kit can be lifesavers in the event of a hurricane or tropical storm, and we urge Texans to take precautions now for possible storms," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "As we approach the peak months of hurricane season, residents should remain vigilant and keep a watchful eye on weather reports and conditions in their area."

All Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coastal areas are subject to hurricanes or tropical storms. It is pos-

sible for a storm to severely impact our state, even prior to or without making direct landfall in Texas. Additionally, the rainbands associated with a tropical system have an extremely wide reach, so monitoring changing weather conditions during hurricane season is critically important for all Texans.

Hurricanes can cause catastrophic damage to coastlines, and winds can vary from 74 to 157 miles per hour (or higher). In addition, hurricanes and tropical storms can also spawn tornadoes, create dangerous coastal water conditions including storm surges along the coast, and cause extensive damage from flooding.

Here are several measures residents can take now to prepare for potential storms:

- Assemble an emergency kit that includes essential documents, supplies and provisions.
- Review hurricane evacuation maps, and se-

lect a route for you and your family.

- Plan how all family members and pets will evacuate safely.
- Consider any special needs for individuals with disabilities or the elderly.
- Stay informed about changing weather conditions in and around your area.

If you or someone you know might need assistance during a disaster, please register for the State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR), a free registry that provides local emergency planners and responders with additional information about needs in their communities. To register, contact 2-1-1 Texas, the state's free 24-hour helpline. No matter where you live in Texas, you can dial 2-1-1 or (877) 541-7905 for community resources.

For more ways to prepare for the 2016 hurricane season, we urge Texans to visit: www.texasprepares.org.

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Mobile app games like Pokémon Go present potential physical & cyber security threats

(NAPSI)—Software developer Niantic's new mobile app Pokémon GO has made history as the most played mobile game in the United States to date, according to TechCrunch. SurveyMonkey found that the app boasts more than 21 million actively daily users, who log nearly 35 minutes a day catching augmented reality monsters by visiting real-world location. Nearly all users want to become Pokémon masters, often overlooking the dangers of "catching 'em all" during the process.

With the game's popularity, similar games are expected to be developed in the future. Unfortunately it isn't all fun and games, as there are potential dangers of engaging with others online through these types of games and applications. From muggings to cyberbacking, this augmented reality game poses real-life threats.

As the game loads, players see a warning screen from Niantic, advising them to be aware of their surroundings. Reports of players walking into objects or even traffic have flooded news stations across the country, like Newsweek and Fox, since the launch of the game. There have also been reports of more serious crimes, like muggings and armed robbery. Many of these threats can be avoided by playing with a friend, not venturing out after dark or sticking to familiar places. Most important, players should remain aware of their surroundings while playing.

The potentially most dangerous, and seemingly unknown threat to players may be in the cyber realm, warns Dan Konzen of University of Phoenix. Most players log into the game through Google accounts instead of creating new accounts. This may be more convenient, but can increase the risk for cyberhacks on personal information. With the success of Pokémon GO, similar games are sure to follow. Being aware of physical and cyber threats to personal information will reduce these risks.

Konzen, Phoenix campus college chair, routinely performs live

hacks of colleagues' social media accounts to demonstrate how easy it is for hackers to access personal information like locations visited or photos that are blocked by security settings. Hackers often use this info to send phishing emails or hack bank accounts.

The same hacking principles apply to Pokémon GO.

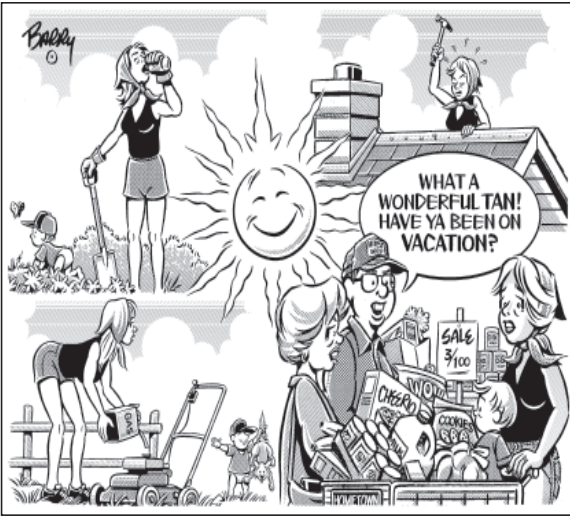
By signing up through one's Google account, Konzen says players are giving Niantic access to modify emails, calendar or Google Docs, and opening doors for hackers to access other accounts.

"People who are determined to play Pokémon GO and any similar future games should be cautious of using passwords they use for emails or social media sites when signing in," Konzen said. "If hackers are able to learn and access one site from a password, they can access multiple sites if the same password is used."

Additionally, players should be aware that anything posted online can be accessed by hackers, even if protected by security settings. If you plan to risk cyber breaches by playing online games, be aware that information can be accessed. This applies to Pokémon GO or any other mobile games.

"Players should recognize the potential physical and cyber dangers associated with geocaching games," he said. "Be conscientious of your surrounds. If an area or the people around you do not seem safe, don't continue."

University of Phoenix College of Information Systems & Technology prepares cyber professionals to combat increasing cybercrimes. The University offers associates, bachelors and master's degrees that teach the risk management and information assurance skills vital to an organization's success. For more information about each of these programs, including on-time completion rates, the median debt incurred by students who completed the program and other important information, please visit www.phoenix.edu/programs/gainful-employment.



Appellate court strikes down Texas voter ID law

AUSTIN — Texas' voter photo identification law is racially discriminatory, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit ruled July 20.

In striking down the law passed by the Texas Legislature in 2011, the Fifth Circuit said it disproportionately and negatively affects African-American and Hispanic citizens' right to vote.

Gov. Greg Abbott decried the ruling in Veasey et al. v. Abbott et al., saying: "The Fifth Circuit ... wrongly concluded the law had a discriminatory effect. Voter fraud is real and it undermines the integrity of the election process."

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton also reacted, saying: "Preventing voter fraud is essential to accurately reflecting the will of Texas voters during elections and it is unfortunate that this common-sense law, providing protections against fraud, was not upheld in its entirety."

SB 14 required voters to present government-issued photo identification when voting at the polls. Acceptable forms of photo ID, as specified in the legislation, included: Texas driver license, Texas election identification certificate, Texas personal ID card, Texas concealed handgun license, U.S. military ID card, U.S. citizenship certificate and U.S. passport. Prior to the implementation of SB 14, a Texas voter could cast a ballot in person by presenting a registration certificate, a document mailed to voters upon registration.

The Fifth Circuit sent the case back to the federal district court in Corpus Christi and ordered the court to find an "appropriate remedy" to the discriminatory effects of SB 14 in time for the impending general election in November.

Abbott proposes legislation

Gov. Abbott on July 18 asked the Texas Legislature to pass the Police Protection Act in the 2017 session commencing in January.

"At a time when law en-

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling



forcement officers increasingly come under assault simply because of the job they hold, Texas must send a resolute message that the state will stand by the men and women who serve and protect our communities," Abbott said in proposing the legislation.

Abbott said that if enacted, the Police Protection Act would:

- Extend hate crime protections to law enforcement officers;
- Increase criminal penalties for any crime in which the victim is a law enforcement officer, whether or not the crime qualifies as a hate crime; and
- Create a culture of respect for law enforcement by organizing a campaign to educate young Texans on the value law enforcement officers bring to their communities.

"The recent (July 7) shooting in Dallas is not the first time law enforcement officers in Texas have been targeted. Our goal is to do everything possible to make it the last," added Abbott.

Court blocks haze rule

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit on July 19 ruled against the Environmental Protection Agency's "regional haze" air pollution abatement rule.

The rule, Attorney General Paxton said, would

have imposed \$2 billion in costs "without achieving any visibility changes in the time period included in the Federal Implementation Plan." Those costs, Paxton added, included "costly, unnecessary upgrades."

Sales tax holiday is set

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on July 18 promoted the state's Aug. 5-7 sales tax holiday, during which shoppers will save an estimated \$92 million in state and local sales taxes.

The law providing for the annual tax holiday exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced below \$100 from sales tax, saving shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend over that weekend. Lists of apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax-free can be found at TexasTaxHoliday.org.

Texas adds jobs in June

Texas added an estimated 171,100 seasonally adjusted jobs over the past year with the addition of 7,200 nonfarm jobs in June, the Texas Workforce Commission announced on July 22.

Also, Texas has added jobs in 14 of the last 15 months, and, while the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 4.5 percent in June, up slightly from 4.4 percent in May, it remained below the national average of 4.9 percent.

The Amarillo and Austin-Round Rock Metropolitan Statistical Areas recorded the month's lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 3.3 percent, followed by the Sherman-Denison and Lubbock MSAs each with rates of 3.9 percent in June.

Correctly Moving Yourself

(NAPSI)—Many people these days are taking things into their own hands when it comes to moving to a new home. If you're ever among them and you need to rent and drive the moving truck, there are a few facts and figures that can help you save time, trouble and money:

- The tall story. "Trucks are taller, wider and may weigh up to 10 times more than the average car," explained Don Mikes, senior vice president-
rental, Penske. "You have to be extra vigilant."

- Don't be blindsided. Trucks also have big blind spots, what the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration calls the "No-Zone." You should know where these areas are, especially when changing lanes or coming to a stop.

- Don't pack problems. Most truck rental agreements say something like the language from the U.S. Department of Transportation that prohibits the "carrying or hauling of explosives and other dangerous articles." That means you can't pack paint, chemicals and cleaning materials, flammable solvents, propane, gasoline and the like. Check with your rental agent if you're not sure about a particular item.

- Plan ahead. When planning your trip, take into account the time of day you intend to travel and likely traffic patterns. Always leave lots of extra time and be aware of possible bottlenecks along the way.

- Familiarize yourself with the vehicle. Make sure you can find and understand the use of all the truck's switches and gauges. Adjust the seat and side mirrors so they match your height and comfort zone.

- Insure yourself. "Most insurance and credit card companies won't cover truck rentals under existing policies," Mikes added. If your insurance company is among them, consider signing up for additional coverage options to protect yourself and your belongings. You may feel more confident knowing that his company offers free 24/7 emergency roadside assistance.

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Cecil Ray Dunn Jr.

Cecil Ray Dunn Jr., 64, of Crosby, Texas passed away July 20th, 2016. He was born on January 12th, 1952 in Baytown, Texas to Cecil Dunn Sr. and Barbara Ulrich. He was the business owner of Cecil's Backyard Water Park.

Cecil was known to be a happy guy who loved his family and helping people. He enjoyed telling stories to others and also dancing.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and son, Apollo Dunn Sr., Cecil is survived by his beloved wife, Leonida "Lanie" Dunn; daughter, Amaris Rouse; sisters, Cheryl Buck and husband Allan, and Donna Shaw and husband Trent; grandchildren, Colby Rouse, Payden Greer, Kayla Rouse, Cody Rouse, McKenna Dunn, McKlauren Dunn and Apollo Dunn Jr.; special friends, Johnny Baumbach, Gary Weselka Sr., and Gary Wallace and a host of extended family



and friends. Cecil will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. A Celebration of Life will be held at 2 pm, Saturday July 30th, 2016 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1508 Crosby Dayton Rd., Crosby, Texas. Arrangements have been entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd., Highlands, Texas. To offer condolences to the family please visit www.sterlingwhite.com.

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Donald Wayne Johnson



Donald Wayne Johnson, age 53, of Trinity passed away Monday, July 18, 2016 at his residence.

Donald was born April 3, 1963 in Brazoria County to parents, Leo Wilburn Johnson and Pauline Sue Stone Johnson. He is survived by father, Leo Johnson of Weldon; sister, Penny McMillian and husband, Sonny of Weldon; niece, Victoria Bunnell and husband, Bryan of Weldon; great-niece and great-nephew, Peyton and Andy Bunnell. Donald was preceded in death by mother, Pauline Sue Johnson and grandmothers, Annie Johnson of Highlands and Helen Whitmire of Crosby.

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Darlene Burgess



Darlene Burgess, known to her dearest friends and coworkers as Mrs. B, died in her home on Thursday July 21st, at 10:37am, just three days shy of her 79th birthday. Darlene lived a life that should serve as an inspiration to us all.

Darlene was never known to complain or even feel the least bit sorry for herself, even her dearest friends and closest family really had no idea of the challenges Darlene faced as a young child. As a very young girl, she along with her two sisters Betty and Wanda were left abandoned and forced to spend her early childhood in an orphanage. In the seventh grade, Darlene unselfishly quit school and went to work in order to provide food for her siblings and herself.

At 18 she met a handsome young soldier named John and her life began to change. Their romance blossomed and in no time she married the love of her life. Over the next sixty years they built a wonderful life together in Crosby, TX. Darlene went back to school and earned her GED with the support and encouragement of Crosby Independent School District. She later went to school to earn a certification in Nutrition. Through her hard work and tenaci-

ty she received one promotion after another culminating in her successfully managing multiple cafeterias for Crosby Independent School System. Darlene was known as a wonderful and caring worker and boss by her colleagues.

Darlene is survived by her husband John Burgess; her three children, John Burgess, Melanie Yackel and Darla Bumgardner; her four grandchildren; Jason and Matthew Burgess, Tiffany Felderhoff and Bailey Bumgardner and her great grandchildren; Jake, Tyler, Luke, Noah, Hailey, Caleb, and Ava Felderhoff.

Darlene loved her family with all her heart and proved to be a wonderful example for all of them. Darlene's love for others did not stop at her family. Her grandkids will tell you that she was so adored, that a ten-minute trip to the grocery store could take up to two hours because so many people would stop to her to say hello.

The Lord gave Darlene a beautiful singing voice which and even in her last days she could be heard singing her favorite hymns. Darlene loved well, and will be missed by many and she was truly excited to meet her Father in heaven.

A visitation will be held on Friday July 22, 2016 from 5pm-7pm at Sterling-White Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held on Saturday, July 23, 2016, at 3pm in Sterling-White Cemetery. 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

LITTLE BIDDY BITS By Danny Biddy

Creatures with a Creator

It was children's sermon time during one of our worship services. As I was asking them how they were doing, a young boy named Travis spoke up and asked, "Creature, how are you doing?"

I said, "That's 'Preacher' not 'Creature'!" Of course the congregation loved it.

Seriously, I am a creature, a creation be to exact, with a Creator. When I know and believe that, it changes my point of view about everything.

I do not just believe that "In the beginning God created." I believe "In the beginning God."

BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Is the Book of 1 Thessalonians in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. To keep Adam and Eve away after the Fall, what did God place around the Tree of Life? Smoking pits, Deep moat, Cherubim with flaming swords, Walking vipers
 3. From 2 Samuel 12, what personality did God name Jehidiah? David, Amos, Solomon, Joab
 4. What type water did Jesus offer the Samaritan woman at the well? Fresh, Cool, Living, Clean
 5. From John 10, to what type of animals are Christians compared? Camels, Sheep, Lions, Serpents
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BUSINESS



Diamond Jim: "How is Natural Yellow Gold made into White Gold or Rose Gold?"

ASK DIAMOND JIM

Gold is a chemical element with the symbol Au (from Latin: aurum) and the atomic number 79. In its purest form, it is a bright, slightly reddish yellow, dense, soft, malleable and ductile metal. Chemically, gold is a transition metal and a group 11 element. It is one of the least reactive chemical elements, and is solid under standard conditions. The metal therefore occurs often in free elemental (native) form, as nuggets or grains, in rocks, in veins and in alluvial deposits. It occurs in a solid solution series with the native element silver (as electrum) and also naturally alloyed with copper and palladium. Less commonly, it occurs in minerals as gold compounds, often with tellurium (gold tellurides).

Gold's atomic number of 79 makes it one of the higher atomic number elements that occur naturally in the universe. It is thought to have been produced in supernova nucleosynthesis and from the collision of neutron stars and to have been present in the dust from which the Solar System formed. Because the Earth was molten when it was just formed, almost all of the gold present in the early Earth probably sank into the planetary core. Therefore, most of the gold that is present today in the Earth's crust and mantle is thought to have been delivered to Earth later, by asteroid impacts during the Late Heavy Bombardment, about 4 billion years ago.

Gold is commonly formed into bars or coin for use in monetary exchange.

Gold is the most malleable of all metals; a single gram can be beaten into a sheet of 1 square meter, and an ounce into 300 square feet. Gold leaf can be beaten thin enough to become transparent. The transmitted light appears greenish

blue, because gold strongly reflects yellow and red. Such semi-transparent sheets also strongly reflect infrared light, making them useful as infrared (radiant heat) shields in visors of heat-resistant suits, and in sun-visors for spacesuits. Gold is a good conductor of heat and electricity and reflects infrared radiation strongly.

White gold is an alloy of gold and at least one white metal, usually nickel, manganese or palladium. Like yellow gold, the purity of white gold is given in karats.

White gold's properties vary depending on the metals and proportions used. As a result, white gold alloys can be used for many different purposes; while a nickel alloy is hard and strong and therefore good for rings and pins, gold-palladium alloys are soft, pliable and good for white gold gemstone settings, sometimes with other metals like copper, silver, and platinum for weight and durability, although this often requires specialized goldsmiths. The term white gold is used very loosely in the industry to describe karat gold alloys with a whitish hue. It is a common misconception that the color of the rhodium plating, which is seen on many commercial pieces, is actually the color of white gold. The term "white" covers a large spectrum of colors that borders or overlaps pale yellow, tinted brown, and even very pale rose. The jewelry industry often conceals these off-white colors by rhodium plating.

A common white gold formulation consists of 90 wt.% gold and 10 wt.% nickel. Copper can be added to increase malleability.

The strength of gold–nickel–copper alloys is caused by formation of two phases, a gold-rich Au–Cu, and a nickel-rich Ni–Cu, and the resulting hardening of the material.

The alloys used in jewelry industry are gold–palladium–silver and gold–nickel–copper–zinc. Palladium and nickel act as primary bleaching agents for gold; zinc acts as a secondary bleaching agent to attenuate the color of copper.

The nickel used in some white gold alloys can cause an allergic reaction when worn over long periods (also notably on some wrist-watch casings). This reaction, typically a minor skin rash, occurs in about one out of eight people and because of this, many countries do not use nickel in their white gold formulations.

Rose, red, and pink gold

Rose gold is a gold and copper alloy widely used for specialized jewelry. Rose gold, also known as pink gold and red gold, was popular in Russia at the beginning of the nineteenth century, and was also known as Russian gold although this term is now obsolete. Rose gold jewelry is becoming more popular in the 21st century and is commonly used for wedding rings, bracelets, and other jewelry.

Although the names are often used interchangeably, the difference between red, rose, and pink gold is the copper content: the higher the copper content, the stronger the red coloration. Pink gold uses the least copper, followed by rose gold, with red gold having the highest copper content. Examples of the common al-

loys for 18K rose gold, 18K red gold, and 18K pink gold: 18K Red gold: 75% gold, 25% copper

18K Rose gold: 75% gold, 22.25% copper, 2.75% silver 18K Pink gold: 75% gold, 20% copper, 5% silver

12K Red gold: 50% gold and 50% copper.

Up to 15% zinc can be added to copper-rich alloys to change their color to reddish yellow or dark yellow.

During ancient times, due to impurities in the smelting process, gold frequently turned a reddish color. This is why many Greco-Roman texts, and even many texts from the Middle Ages, describe gold as "red".

Rose gold

Also known as "Crown Gold".

The highest karat version of rose gold is also known as crown gold, which is 22 karat. Eighteen karat red gold may be made of 25% copper and 75% gold. For 18 karat rose gold, typically about 4% silver is added to 75% gold and 21% copper to give a rose color. 14 karat red gold is often found in the Middle East and contains 41.67% copper.

High-end musical flutes are very commonly made of solid rose gold, the most common alloy being 14K.

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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ASK THE EXPERT

By Edward Jones

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; they're 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 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 "refuel" 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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PROPOSED AIR QUALITY PERMIT NUMBER 137433

APPLICATION G & C Coatings & Industrial Services, LLC, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Air Quality Permit Number 137433, which would authorize construction of a Surface Coating Facility located at 7450 Miller Road 2, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77049. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice.
<http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.832777&lng=-95.142222&zoom=13&type=r> For exact location, refer to application. The facility will emit the following contaminants: organic compounds, particulate matter including particular matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less, and hazardous air pollutants.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on July 6, 2016. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Houston regional office, and the Harris County Public Library - North Channel Branch - 15741 Wallisville Road, Houston, Harris County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Houston regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

The executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments. If a hearing request is timely filed in Response to this Notice of Receipt of Application and Intent to Obtain Air Permit, the time period for requesting a contested case hearing will be extended to thirty days after the mailing of the executive director's response to comments.

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Congresswoman Lee's office facilitated the important meetings between Jacinto City officials and officials of the USDA which brought forth funding for the two departments.

USDA Rural Development Texas State Director Paco Valentin thanked Congresswoman Lee for her proactive role in securing the much needed funds to ensure improved public safety and emergency services become a reality for the city.

The Fire Department will receive \$90,000 in grant funds towards purchasing a Type I Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU) capable of delivering Medical Intensive and Critical Levels

of care. Congresswoman Lee said, "this new ambulance will provide Jacinto City with some of the tools necessary and required to provide quality emergency preparedness. A prepared community is a strong resilient community."

The City's only ambulance is reaching a tier 2 status; soon it will no longer have the rating needed to be reliable as a primary 911 unit and will be useful for reserve or back-up calls. The city has a 15 year old ambulance that's permanently out of service.

The Police Department grant of \$12,300 is to purchase 25 body-worn cameras for the city's police officers. Effective last September the Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 158 which added subchapter N to the Occupations Code related to police officers' body-worn cameras. The new law's provision makes confidential any video or audio recording made whereby deadly force was used or is related to Administrative or criminal investigation of an officer until all criminal matters are finally adjudicated and all investigations are completed.

Police Chief Joe Ayala stated the body cameras will increase the trust of the community towards his officers and will help protect both

officers and citizens from unwarranted accusations. Officers are required to turn on their camera for all traffic violation stops or during all investigations whenever interacting with anyone in the performance of official duties, the Chief said. Currently the department has a few cameras for the police officers on duty, as they go off-duty they pass them on to officers coming on duty. The grant will provide enough cameras for all the department's officers to be assigned a camera so the recordings made will prevent any chance of confusing who made the recordings.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) issued the following policy statement about body-worn cameras by law enforcement personnel:

The challenge of on-officer body cameras is the tension between their potential to invade privacy and their strong benefit in promoting police accountability. Overall, we think they can be a win-win—but only if they are deployed within a framework of strong policies to ensure they protect the public without becoming yet another system for routine surveillance of the public, and maintain public confidence in the integrity of those privacy protections.

Without such a framework, their accountability benefits would not exceed their privacy risks.

Policies should require that an officer activate his or her camera when responding to a call for service or at the initiation of any other law enforcement or investigative encounter between a police officer and a member of the public. That would include stops, frisks, searches, arrests, consensual interviews and searches, enforcement actions of all kinds. This should cover any encounter that becomes in any way hostile or confrontational.

The City's body-worn camera policy requires the Chief and the police officers to be trained in the use of the cameras to insure citizens Privacy Rights isn't violated. Copies of the policy can be obtained from the police department at 10429 Market St. Rd. at the rate set by city ordinance.

Citizens can obtain copies of any audio or video digital recordings made of them as provided in the state's Public Records Act. However no recording will be released if the recording is being used in an on-going investigation. The City's police department must keep the recordings in accordance provided in the state's public records retention laws.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Galena Park Library Programs

-Monday, Aug. 1, Adult Program Craft, 4 pm.
-Tuesday, Aug. 2, Family Movie, 4 pm.
-Wed., Aug. 3, Baby Time, 10 am; Storytime: Peter Piper Pizza, 11 am; Get active, 4 pm.
-Thur., Aug. 4, Water Ballon Fun, 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

-Mon., Aug. 1, Kids Café Lunch, 1 pm.
-Tue., Aug. 2, Excel, 11 am; Kids Café Lunch, 1 pm.
-Wed., Aug. 3, Baby Time, 10:30 am; ESL Class (clase de Inglés), 12:30 pm; Sphero Hero (Teens), 2 pm.
-Thur., Aug. 4, Kids Café Lunch, 1 pm; Happy the Clown (all ages) End of summer Reading Party, 3 pm.
-Frid., Aug. 5, Clases de Inglés Usando Mango, 1 pm.
Jacinto City Branch Library, 921 Akron, Jacinto City, TX. 77029. For more information please call 713-673-3237.

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Items that are tax-free Aug. 5-7

The following is an all-inclusive list of qualifying school supplies (if priced less than \$100):

- * Binders
- * Backpacks for use by elementary and secondary students
- * Book bags
- * Calculators
- * Cellophane tape
- * Blackboard chalk
- * Compasses
- * Composition books
- * Crayons
- * Erasers
- * Folders; expandable, pocket, and manila
- * Glue, paste and paste sticks
- * Highlighters
- * Index cards
- * Index card boxes
- * Legal pads
- * Lunch boxes
- * Markers
- * Notebooks
- * Paper; loose leaf ruled notebook paper, copy paper, graph paper,

tracing paper, manila paper, colored paper, poster board, and construction paper

- * Pencil boxes and other school supply boxes
- * Pencil sharpeners
- * Pencils
- * Pens
- * Protractors
- * Rulers
- * Scissors
- * Writing tablets

Clothing Items

- * Baby clothes
- * Belts (with attached buckles)
- * Blouses
- * Boots - cowboy, hiking
- * Caps/hats - baseball, fishing, golf, knitted
- * Coats and wraps
- * Diapers - adult and baby
- * Dresses
- * Gloves (generally)
- * Gym suits and uniforms
- * Hooded shirts and hooded sweatshirts

- * Hosiery
- * Jackets
- * Jeans
- * Jerseys - baseball and football
- * Jogging apparel
- * Leg warmers/Tights
- * Neckwear and ties
- * Pajamas
- * Pants and trousers
- * Raincoats and ponchos
- * Robes
- * Shirts
- * Skirts
- * Shoes - sandals, slippers, sneakers, tennis, walking
- * Socks (including athletic)
- * Shorts
- * Suits, slacks, and jackets
- * Sweatshirts
- * Sweat suits
- * Sweaters
- * Swimsuits
- * Ties
- * Underclothes
- * Vests
- * Work clothes and uniforms

The exemption does not include luggage, briefcases, athletic/duffle/gym bags, computer bags, purses or framed backpacks.

This list does NOT include all items that qualify for exemption during the sales tax holiday. It provides examples only.

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