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DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENE GANSS, standing behind President Obama with other Congressman and women, watches as the Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act is signed into law at the beginning of June. The bill simplifies standards and regulations for the chemical industry nationwide.

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San Jacinto College police officer shows it’s never too late to follow your dreams

PASADENA, Texas — Eric Lister was a child when his dad passed away, and though driving commercial vehicles for a living, he has never forgotten his desire to follow his dreams.

“Driving trucks just didn’t give me the satisfaction I needed anymore,” said Lister. “I needed a more rewarding career, one filled with opportunities.” So he enrolled at the Lone Star Academy of the age of 28. After graduating, Lister worked as a deputy at the Harris County’s Corrections Pretrial Office. But eventually gave up on being a police officer because he found himself wanting more.

In 2014 Lister discovered that San Jacinto College could give him what he was looking for. “The college gave me the opportunity to work full time as a police officer,” he said. That same year he enrolled in classes at the College and began pursuing an associate degree in social and behavioral sciences.

“Lister’s success has not come without its struggles,” he said. “This time I had more responsibility.” In September 2012 Lister lost his father, leaving a big void in his life. “I have been chasing my dreams, no matter how old they get,” he said. Lister got married and started a family early in his career. When he finally received his bachelor’s degree in 2015 he was motivated by the loss of a loved one.

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School News

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Independence Day of the United States is one of the most memorable days in the history of America. It is celebrated on the fourth of July in honor of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress. The signing of the document was a milestone in the history of the United States, and it has since become a national holiday.

The night before the July 4th celebration in 1776, the Continental Congress held a special meeting to discuss the declaration of independence from Great Britain. The meeting was attended by the representatives of the 13 original colonies, including Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Ben Franklin, and Robert Benson. The meeting lasted from June 28 to July 2, and on the evening of July 4, the members of the Congress signed the document, marking the birth of the United States.

After the declaration was signed, the members of the Congress held a celebration in the Library of the Congress. The celebration included music, speeches, and a large bonfire. The bonfire was the first of its kind in America, and it was lit to commemorate the birth of the United States.

Independence Day is a time for Americans to reflect on their country's history and to celebrate their freedom. It is a time for families to gather together and to enjoy the company of friends. It is a time for Americans to remember the sacrifices made by those who fought for their country.

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The United States of America is a country that is built on the foundation of freedom. It is a country where people are free to express their opinions, to pursue their dreams, and to live their lives as they see fit. Independence Day is a day to celebrate all of these freedoms, and to remember the sacrifices made by those who fought to protect them.

On this day, we remember the past, and we look to the future. We remember the sacrifices made by those who fought for our freedom, and we look forward to a brighter tomorrow. Independence Day is a day to honor the memory of those who gave their lives for our country, and it is a day to celebrate the freedoms that they fought to protect.
Manage Mosquitoes

Gardening

Drain freely. Store spouts so water can drain through hose clothing.

Further protect yourself from disease-carrying mosquitoes by using a personal repellent. For these looking to avoid DEET, for Disease Control and Prevention has also approved products with active ingredient picaridin, IR3535, and DEET. The mosquito bite quickly knock down the mos-quito larval population, while the mosquito Dunke provide 30 days of control. They re- spond well for pet, fish, wildlife and children.

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Be Aware of Challenges to Managing Retirement Income

When you retire, will your cost of living suddenly sink? Some of your expenses may indeed drop, but others won’t. Plus, you may have some new ones to consider. So, all in all, it’s a good idea to think about ways to boost your retirement savings now, before you’re retired. And once you do retire, you’ll need to be adept at managing your income. But whether saving today or planning for tomorrow, you should familiarize yourself with the key financial challenges you will face during your retirement years.

Specifically, consider these threats:

- Longevity — Obviously, the longer your retirement, the more money you’ll need. And you could be retired for quite some time. A 65-year-old man, on average, is expected to live another 17.9 years, while a 65-year-old woman can anticipate another 20.5 years, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. With this type of potential longevity in mind, you’ll want to contribute as much as you can afford to your retirement plans, such as your IRA and 401(k), while you’re working.

Then, when you are retired and start tapping into your investment portfolio, you will need to create a sustainable withdrawal rate — one that doesn’t push you into the “danger zone” of possibly exhausting your resources.

- Health care costs — According to the Employee Benefit Research Institute, the annual average cost for a nursing home is more than $92,000, according to the 2016 Cost of Care Survey produced by Genworth, a financial services company. Medicare typically pays only about 20% of these costs, which means you’ll need to cover the rest. One way to do this is by maintaining enough income-producing investments when your price is down.

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