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COMMUNITY PROFILE

Channelview HS student successful at Houston Rodeo

COMMUNITY AWARD: Longtime district partner earns award from GPISD

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Because of their continuing commitment to cultivating college and career ready graduates, the Galena Park ISD Career & Technical Education (CTE) program hosted its second semi-annual District Advisory Committee meeting on February 24, 2016. Participants included business and industry members, CTE instructors, and student and parent representatives.

Partnerships with local businesses and industry are an important part of the Galena Park ISD CTE program’s success. Through these partnerships, students receive access to valuable sights and services such as feedback regarding current and changing business and industry needs; guest speakers and demonstrations; facility tours; and donated materials for project-based learning.

Instructors, parents and business and industry partners need to discuss how best to produce students who are college and career ready.

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Congratulations to Woodland Acres Middle School Principal Lee Ramirez on his selection to serve as a member of one of the three Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP) Strategic Plan Action Teams. He was recommended for this assignment by one of the members of the TASSP Board of Directors.

As a member of one of the three Action Teams, Lee will be asked to develop Action Plans for the TASSP Strategic Plan that was adopted by the TASSP Board of Directors at the January 2016 Board of Directors meeting. His input into the Action Plans is vital to the future of the association.
In the Harris County Sheriff’s Office Citrus Bureau, we have learned that Lively, a child.

The Harris County Sheriff’s Office Crimes Against Children unit is requesting information on wanted man

Lee Lively, 54, was last known residence in the Channelview area. Lively is a nomadic type male, and gray eyes. He is 5’5 inches tall and weighs 180lbs. He is known to operate a black 1997 GMC Yukon SUV, bearing State of Texas license plate FYK9513. The vehicle is described as a black 1997 GMC Yukon SUV, with a hood and sides of the vehicle, orange or red decals on the hood and sides of the vehicle, which may be consistent with a “flame job”. Anyone with information who stays with friends or families as a house guest.

The efforts of Channelview FFA members made quite an impression on others as the organization won the Good Herdsman Award at the 2016 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo for the fourth consecutive year. The channelview FFA officers made top honors for having the cleanest and neatest display of their stalls out of the hundreds of 4-H and FFA chapters entered from throughout the state of Texas.

Lively is charged with two counts of molesting two different victims while staying with their families as a house guest.

The effects of Channelview FFA members was recorded on video at the livestock show by 6 a.m. was the norm for the livestock show for the first time.

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On Wednesday, March 30 the Galena Park ISD hosted an ACT/SAT luncheon in honor of the district’s seniors with the top ACT/SAT scores. In order to be invited to this special luncheon, students must be on track to graduate in June. The ACT/SAT scores from the students’ 11th and 12th grade years are examined, and students are to request their scores be reported back to the district to be eligible. Those recognized this year scored a 25 or higher, out of a possible 36, on their SAT. The students received certificates for their academic achievement along with a $25 gift card.

KUSH BATTLE, Free tax help at the library

"This office is committed to fighting the illegal marketing and sale of these powerful and dangerous drugs to our kids," said District Attorney John Healey. "We will continue to send the message that law enforcement will not tolerate violations that are being committed by a small number of retailers who choose to sell these substances. We will continue to send the message that businesses that sell these substances will face the consequences, including shutting down their business if necessary." The filing is one of a series of civil actions taken by County Attorney Vince Ryan, in partnership with the state’s consumer protection agencies, using the law allowing businesses that sell marijuana to be shut down if necessary.

Services will begin on Tuesday, February 2nd and conclude on Thursday, April 7th. Average filers can expect a tax refund of four to six weeks. If you purchased your insurance through the healthcare.gov marketplace, you will need to bring the following items on the day you file:

-All forms indicating federal income tax paid
-SSA-1099 form if you were paid Social Security benefits
-Unemployment compensation statements
-W-2 forms from each employer
-A copy of last year's tax return

Additional information can be obtained by calling 1-888-539-7386 or www.irs.gov/taxaide. The Tax-Aide program sponsored by the IRS and AARP Foundation is open for providing free basic tax return prepara-
tion free of charge. You can make an appointment by calling 713-555-3660.

GALENA PARK ISD
Student places 2nd in Champions Challenge

Congratulations to Cloverleaf Elementary’s Jose Avilez for placing 2nd in the Champions Challenge at the Baytown Jamboree. This event is comprised of approximately 350 students in grades four and five from 21 area school districts! Jose is pictured with his coach, Jonathan Garza.

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Which IRA Is Better for Younger Workers?

If you’re at the beginning of your career, you might not be thinking too much about the end of it. But even younger workers should be aware of—and earning for—their eventual retirement. And since for many years un-til you do retire, you’re go-ing a lot of years to earn money, or until it’s median income, it may be for you. So you’ll likely be especially for younger workers. You can only contribute to a traditional IRA, which should you choose?

There’s no right an-swer for everyone, but as a younger worker, you can contribute to either a traditional or a Roth IRA, which should you choose?

A Roth IRA has the advantage of not being taxable upon withdrawal. So you can grow tax free, as long as you do not take withdrawals until you’re 59 and you’ve had your account at least five years. Assuming you can con-tribute to either a tradi-tional or a Roth IRA, which should you choose?

With a traditional IRA, you contribute “pre-tax” dollars, so your current tax rates generally tax deductible, depending on your income levels and whether you also have 401(k) or other retirement plan at work. In 2016, you can contribute up to $5,500 to your traditional IRA. With a traditional IRA, you can grow your money tax free, as long as you do not take withdrawals until you’re 59 and you’ve had your account at least five years.

Assuming you can con-tribute to either a tradi-tional or a Roth IRA, which should you choose?

By contribution to a traditional IRA, you can only contribute to a Roth IRA if your income is below a certain threshold, but that threshold is quite high, especially for younger workers still starting their careers. However, your contributions are currently tax-deductible, as you’re basically funding your IRA with money on which you’ve already been taxed. But your earnings can grow tax free, as long as you do not take withdrawals until you’re 59 and you’ve had your account at least five years. Assuming you can con-tribute to either a tradi-tional or a Roth IRA, which should you choose?

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HOUSTON: Tax— The ‘Angel Flight South Central, an organization that helps breast cancer patients, is raising money for a double-header starting at 3 p.m., at John Ball Morgan Park & Pettit Park in the North Campus.

At the midpoint in protest of property tax appraisals, Mike Sullivan helped remind property owners to protest their property tax appraisals from the Harris County Appraisal District (HCAD). “Harris County residents can be protesting their annual appraisals until the end of this month,” said Tax Assessor-Collector Mike Sullivan. “We want to remind taxpayers, especially new homeowners of ways to save money on their upcoming tax bill by applying some of the taxpayer defenses to protecting their value.

Exemptions are the easiest way property owners can lower their tax burden. “When your appraisal comes or makes you unsure of receiving the proper exemptions,” said Sullivan, “we recommend that you call the HCA’s Tax Assistance line at 274-8000. We can determine the value of your medical and disability. Veterans Exemptions – 100% disability, partial disability and many others.

Sullivan told the audience that the first step to properly protest is to determine your household’s exemption.

Most common exemptions:

- Residential Homestead - Taxpayer must own and live in the home on January 1st.
- Over 65 – Taxpayer is over the age of 65 and lives in the home on January 1st.
- Disability Homestead – Taxpayer has a qualify