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CHANNEL CHATTER

Chamber Luncheon: "State of the Schools"

Friday, October 7, 2016, 11:30 am at San Jacinto College N., Monument Room, 5800 Uvalde Rd., Houston, TX, 77049, hearing from local Superintendents: Galena Park ISD, Channelview ISD and Sheldon ISD.

Cruisin' for the Cause

Benefitting the North Channel Assistance Ministries Food Pantry. October 8, 2016, 7 am - 3 pm, 6603 Uvalde Road, Houston. Classic cars, awards, live DJ, door prizes, kids games, food & drinks. To register your car, call 713-829-4601.

Communications Center Groundbreaking

The East Side Joint Power Group would like to invite you to the groundbreaking ceremony of the East Side Emergency Communications Center on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 11:00 am at 16010 Ridlon, Channelview, Texas 77530. Once open, this will be the 911 dispatch center for 5 East Harris County Fire and EMS Departments:

- Channelview Fire-ESD 50
- South Lake EMS-ESD 2
- Cloverleaf Fire-ESD 12
- Sheldon Comm.Fire-ESD 60
- North Channel EMS-ESD 6

Crosby Street Dance Oct. 15

Crosby Antique Mall invites you to "Crosby Street Dance", Saturday, October 15, 2016, noon -7 pm. Live music, entertainment, vendor booths and much more, 5600 S. Main in Old Town Crosby, TX.

Pilot Club Spaghetti Oct. 8

The San Jacinto Pilot Club will hold their 29th Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Auction on Saturday, Oct. 8 at the Baldree Community Center on Corpus Christi Street. Dinner is \$10, Raffle \$25. Top raffle prize is a one week stay at a beach house in Crystal Beach. Call 281-221-1616 to join the fun.

GP Lawsuit dismissed

The North Channel Star has learned that the EEOC lawsuit filed by former city employee Robert Pruett against the City of Galena Park and Mayor Moya, for unfair labor practices including issues on severance pay and age bias, has been dismissed by a federal judge. Pruett told the Star he intends to appeal the action. No further information was available at press time.

Gun displayed at C. E. King High

A student was removed from the C. E. King campus on Wednesday, after it was discovered he had brought a hand gun to the school. Officials sent a letter home, saying that no intent to shoot anyone was evident, but the student felt threatened by others.

Galena Park neighbors get together at National Night Out



Galena Park Police Department, Deputies from Precinct 2 and Port of Houston Officers at NNO (National Night Out).



Galena Park ISD at National Night Out.

The American's National Night Out (NNO) Against Crime took place last Tuesday, October 4, 2016. Neighbors of Galena Park met at the Galena Park High School Parking Lot on Keene Street. There was food, music, giveaways as well as free tacos and hot dogs. This year, Galena Park National Night Out also hosted its second annual salsa tasting contest. Among the clubs and organizations who participated were the Police Department, Galena Park ISD, Galena Park-Jacinto City Rotary, Galena Park Interact, LULAC Council 4703, GPHS LULAC Youth Council, King Pen Kookers/Catering, Air Alliance Houston, Voter Registration and much more.

See more pictures of NNO, page 8

Jacinto City Police make felony drug raid

By Allan Jamail

Jacinto City, Tx. September 21, 2016 / Jacinto City's Police Chief Joe Ayala says his officers obtained information of illegal drug activity in an apartment complex located in the city.

Upon investigating and determining there was illegal drug activity a search warrant was issued for the apartment involved.

Jacinto City police executed the search warrant and found both meth and marijuana packaged for selling along with visible signs that illegal drugs were being consumed there too.

Subjects taken into custody and charged for Felony Possession of a Controlled Substance (meth) are identified as; Douglas L. Dodson, Leslie Staton and Robert A. Addison. Others arrested and



Jacinto City Police confiscated these drugs and drug paraphernalia at the raid at an apartment complex in the city. Also confiscated was a motorcycle and auto used in the transport of drugs, according to Chief Ayala.

charged for Possession Drug Paraphernalia in connection with the raid was Kelly Stringfellow, Rasalyn Davis and Shelley Steward. A motorcycle and vehicle were seized which were used in the delivery and transfer of narcotics.

Methamphetamine – also known as 'Meth' – is a chemical-based drug that can be created from a variety of toxic chemicals that are considered to be deadly upon human ingestion. Meth has been held responsible for a variety of crimes, changes in behavior, injuries, and deaths resulting from its usage; Meth is considered to be one of the most addictive drugs currently in circulation.

Meth is a psychostimulant of the phenethylamine and amphetamine class of psychoactive substances; when ingested or taken, Meth increases alertness,

concentration, energy levels, and in high doses, can induce euphoric feelings and enhance self-esteem.

As a result of its use the side effects meth has is a high potential for abuse and addiction; the drug activates the psychological reward system by triggering a cascading release of dopamine in the brain.

Chief Ayala says he wants citizens to provide him with suspicions of illegal drug activity in their neighborhood and says their identity will be kept strictly confidential.

Ayala says he encourages citizens to come out on National Night Out October 4th and meet their neighbors so they can work together in the prevention of crime. Citizens can come by the police station or city hall for a list of the addresses where formal events and free food will be provided.

COMMUNITY PROFILE GPISD "Hero for Children" recognized

Fifteen school volunteers were recognized on Friday, September 16 by the State Board of Education for their volunteer services and contributions to Texas Public Schools.

Mr. Alfred Youens, North Shore Elementary volunteer, was a recipient of the 2016 Heroes for Children award. For the past 8 years, Mr. Youens dedicated his time to helping first graders learn to read.

For the past year and a half, Mr. Youens had been battling cancer but he never let it get in the way of going to NSE on Mondays and Wednesdays to help students. The only time he would miss is if he would have to go into treatment. He always put students first



Mrs. Carol Youen displays husband's award.

and diligently worked to make a positive impact in their lives.

Unfortunately Mr. Youens lost his battle to cancer a few months ago. Three days before he passed away, he received a letter from the SBOE

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NORTH SHORE HOMECOMING Senior High crowns 2016 Homecoming King & Queen

On Friday night, September 30, North Shore Senior High School announced Miguel Chavez and Denise Villafranco as the 2016 Homecoming King and Queen. Chavez has been the girls' basketball and volleyball manager and Spirit Squad captain. In the community, he helps mentor middle school students and families in need. Chavez plans to enlist in the armed forces after graduation then attend Lamar University. Villafranco is an active member of the girls' cross country team. Outside of school, she has her own clothing line with her brothers. After graduation, Villafranco plans on attending college to become a physical therapist. Congratulations, Miguel and Denise!



Miguel Chavez and Denise Villafranco North Shore 2016 Homecoming King and Queen.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Harris County breaks ground for new 9-1-1 Call Center

EAST ALDINE - The new state-of-the-art Harris County 9-1-1 Call Center will begin construction in the near future. The groundbreaking ceremony for this project took place last Thursday morning, September 22, 2016 at the Harris County Sheriff's Office Aldine Community Storefront, located at 5202 Aldine Mail Route Road, 77039.

Master of Ceremonies was Harris County Judge Ed Emmett, who in his remarks praised the East Aldine District for their revitalization efforts in the area.

Also speaking were Gerald Overturff, chairman of the East Aldine District, and Russell Rau, chairman of the Greater Harris County 9-1-1 Emergency Network.

Overturff, who grew up in the Aldine neighborhood, noted how it had changed from his early years "running pig trails" in a rural environment, to an urban suburb today.

The new Call Center is expected to create over 100 construction jobs, and several hundred permanent dispatch positions.

### EMERGENCY CALLS

As if to emphasize the necessity for a call center for Emergency responses, the audience noted that in front of the ceremony, on Aldine Mail Route, there were two real Haz-mat operations, one a fuel spill from a dump truck, another a spill at a nearby gas station.

Sheriff Hickman noted in his remarks that "this new call center is of significance because it will be a brand new-state-of-the-art facility which will enable emergency communications employees to work more efficiently with Next Generation 9-1-1 emergency communications technology. The call center



PARTICIPATING IN THE GROUNDBREAKING FOR THE NEW 9-1-1 CALL CENTER were East Aldine chairman Gerald Overturff, Sheriff Ron Hickman, and 911 Emergency Network chairman Russell Rau.



THE NEW 9-1-1 CALL CENTER BUILDING will be built on a 5 acre portion of the new East Aldine Town Center on Aldine Mail Route. The two story 43,000 square foot building will withstand a Category IV hurricane.

will service the unincorporated area of Harris County which answers approximately 1 million 9-1-1 and 500,000 nonemergency calls a year. It will also provide for a facility that will influence the way in which Public Safety Operations are supported for many years to come, as well as how we coordinate with nearby agencies, by sharing data and resources and solving problems together."

This site will not only provide state-of-the-art technology, but also an on-site training module for all new employees. The facility will also be self-sustaining and will accommodate 24/7 operations during any crisis situation, such as a hurricane, flood, or terrorism event. Once online, the new call center will allow Harris County to keep up with the

ever growing population in its territory.

The 9-1-1 call taking equipment is supported by Greater Harris County 9-1-1 Emergency Network (GHC 9-1-1), which administers the 9-1-1 infrastructure for 49 cities wholly or partially within Harris and Fort Bend Counties. This is the largest regional 9-1-1 system in the Texas and one of the largest in the nation.

## ★ COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### St. Philip Golf Tournament

St. Philip the Apostle - Knights of Columbus 9794 - Sylvester Leonards Memorial charity golf tournament, Saturday, October 8, 2016 at Red Wolf Run Golf Club - Huffman, Contact - Bruce Meyer at 281-831-2072 for more information.

### White Cane Days

The Crosby Lions Club will be participating in White Cane Day on Saturday, October 8th by holding a "can shake" at several locations around Crosby. The funds raised from this event will be split between the Crosby Lions Club eyeglasses fund and the Crosby Lions Club Scholarship Fund. The Crosby Lions Club members will be easy to spot in their yellow and purple vests.

**R A Smith Gifts**  
**20th Anniversary Party**  
Refreshments & Prizes all Day  
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**New Crosby Street Dance**  
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LEGAL NOTICE

### Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The **HARRIS COUNTY WCID #36** will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2016 on **October 19, 2016 at 9:00 am** at **903 Hollywood, Houston, TX 77015**. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

**FOR** the proposal: Gerardo Parra, Ronald S. Holder, Maria E. Koukoulakis, Felix Eddy, Ola Mae Watts

**AGAINST** the proposal: None

**PRESENT** and not voting: None

**ABSENT:** None

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$ .35000/\$100 Adopted	\$ .35000/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ .00000/\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		.00%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 54,431	\$ 63,420
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 10,886	\$ 12,684
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 43,545	\$ 50,736
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 152.40	\$ 177.57
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$ 25.17
and percentage of increase (+/-)		16.51%

### NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

Harris County Water Control & Improvement District No. 36 proposes to use the tax increase for the purpose of making the payments for debt service on their outstanding bonds.

**Bob Leared, Tax Assessor-Collector**  
**713-932-9011**

LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE OF TAX REVENUE INCREASE

The Harris County Emergency Services District No. 12 conducted public hearings on September 29, 2016 and October 4, 2016 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the Harris County Emergency Services District No. 12 from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 68.92 percent.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$0.0300 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$838,922.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.0500 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$1,411,669.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.0500 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$1,425,275.

The Commissioners of Harris County Emergency Services District No. 12 is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on October 18, 2016 at Cloverleaf Fire Station No.1, 911 Hollywood Street, Houston, Texas 77015 at 6:00 PM.

The Commissioners of Harris County Emergency Services District No. 12 proposes to use the increase in total tax revenue for the purpose of providing emergency services to areas within the boundaries of Harris County Emergency Services District No. 12.



SCHOOL NEWS

College sets open auditions for ‘Santa’s Christmas Magic’

PASADENA, Texas — The San Jacinto College theatre and film department will hold open public auditions for adults and children to be cast in the annual holiday production “Santa’s Christmas Magic: The Musical.”

The production is a holiday tradition for many families, both for the viewing audiences and for community families in the production itself. For years, children have been returning to appear in the fast-paced holiday favorite.

The first auditions for ages 12 and older will be held Saturday, Oct. 8, and on Sunday, Oct. 9 at 6 p.m. on both dates. Auditions will be held at the Central Campus Powell Arena Theatre

(Building 13), 8060 Spencer Hwy. in Pasadena. Thirty to 60 actors are needed, females and males, ages 12 to 83. Enrollment at San Jacinto College is not required, and acting experience is not necessary for those interested in auditioning.

Rehearsals will begin on Nov. 1 and will continue Monday through Friday from 6 to 10 p.m. until the first performance. The show opens Dec. 1 and will run until Dec. 11. Some roles will be double-cast. Auditions for children ages 4 and older will be held Nov. 16 and 17 at 6 p.m. on both dates.

“Santa’s Christmas Magic: The Musical” is a fantasy about a sinister plot to steal Santa’s magic. Highlights of the show include toys that

come alive and dance and sing, and singing children elves. Children in the audience can visit Santa Claus at intermission.

“It’s a high-energy musical that includes acting, singing, a lot of dancing, and there are even chase scenes,” commented Dr. Jerry Ivins, Central Campus theatre and film department chair. “This will be our 20th year to present a Christmas show, which has developed into a holiday tradition for the community. Nearly every performance has sold out since we introduced the production.”

To learn more about San Jacinto College theatre and film programs, please visit [sanjac.edu/career/theatre-film](http://sanjac.edu/career/theatre-film).

GPISD set to host Super Family Literacy Day

Galena Park ISD is hosting a Parent Family Engagement event for all enrolled Galena Park ISD Pre-K students and their parents on Saturday, October 15, 2016. The “Super Family Literacy Day” will provide parents the opportunity to attend several interactive sessions to help them understand the importance of reading to

children at home, how to make reading fun and meaningful, and how to access parent videos for additional strategies. Parents who attend will receive a free parents’ guide, a free App and a backpack full of books to take home and share the love of reading with their child.

The event will take place at the Joyce Zolt

Education Center—13801 Holly Park, Houston, Texas 77015. Parents may choose to attend the English session from 8:30-11:30 a.m. or the Spanish session from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Parents must register via internet: [tinyurl.com/GPISD-prek](http://tinyurl.com/GPISD-prek) or via phone at 832-386-1338.

Galena Park ISD hosts first Robotics Build It event

In Galena Park ISD, the first Robotics Build It event of the year was held on September 24, 2016 at North Shore Middle School. Students from nine elementary robotic clubs spent time building and programming EV3 Lego robots, as well as researching and problem solving to master a variety of tasks.

Throughout the school year, district science leaders host in-district robotic exploration days for campuses to bring their teams of students to network, collaborate and practice robotic challenges. Students work together and must learn to function as a team. The goal is for students to gain confidence and experience in their exploration of math and science. They are also preparing for an area-wide robotic competition, the All-Earth Ecobot Challenge, to be held in April 2017. This innovative engineering competition engages students in complex problem-solving while developing critical thinking skills and elevating their confidence in formulating solutions to real-world missions.

“It is truly an incredible encounter to see students’ amazement once they real-



Two students from Galena Park Elementary Robotic Club at the Robotics Build event.

ize they can make a robot move all by itself. This experience engages them in figuring out just how it works and keeps them wanting to learn more,” Jacqueline Moreno, Program Director of Elementary Math and Science said. “Just by placing commands in the computer and linking it to a robot, a student’s world is forever changed. The experience will always be a part of their learning.”

This year, the district team has been selected to host an area-wide Ecobot Practice Day in Galena Park ISD. Many local districts will visit Galena Park to practice a variety of challenges. This event is scheduled for January 28, 2017. GPISD is looking forward to offering our learning community the opportunity to discover new possibilities through the world of robotics.

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BUSINESS

Diamond Jim: "How did the internet begin?"



ASK DIAMOND JIM

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a healthy young wife by the name of Dorothy (Dot for short). Dot Com was a charming woman, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she was often called Amazon Dot Com.

And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?" And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, dear?"

And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price. The sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."

Abraham thought long

and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And the drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever having to move from his tent.

To prevent neighboring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying, Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew. It was known as Must Send Drum Over Sound (MSDOS), and she also developed a language to transmit ideas and pictures - Hebrew to The People (HTTP).

And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Sybarites, or NERDS. And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising

drum dealer, Brother William of Gates, who bought off every drum maker in the land.

Indeed, he did insist on drums to be made that would work only with Brother Gates' drumheads and drumsticks. And Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others."

And Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or eBay as it came to be known, and he said, "We need a name that reflects what we are." And Dot replied, "How about Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators?"

"YAHOO," said Abraham. And because it was Dot's idea, they named it YAHOO Dot Com.

Abraham's cousin, Joshua, being the young Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (GEEK) that he was, soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside. It soon became known as God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything (GOOGLE).

That is how it all began. And that's the truth!

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

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Are You On Track to Meet Your Financial Goals?

ASK THE EXPERT

By Edward Jones

October is Financial Planning Month. And now that you know it's Financial Planning Month (just in case you didn't know before), why not take the opportunity to determine if you're on the right path toward meeting your financial goals?

Consider taking these steps:

- Identify your goals. To know if you're making progress toward your goals, you first have to identify them. Of course, you'll have a variety of goals in life, such as helping pay for your children's college educations. More than likely, though, your most important long-term financial goal is to build enough resources to enjoy the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned. But we all have different ideas for how we want to spend our retirement years. Some of us may want to stay close to home, volunteering and pursuing our hobbies, while others want to visit the vineyards of Bordeaux or explore the pyramids of Egypt. So, name your goals and, as much as possible, put a price tag on them. Once you know about how much your retirement is going to cost, you can create an investment strategy that may ultimately provide you with the income you will need.
- Don't underestimate your cost of living. Even after you've identified some of your retirement goals, and estimated their costs, you still haven't developed a complete picture of your future cost of living. You also need to take into account other potential major expenses, such

as health care. Once you're 65, you'll get Medicare, but that won't cover all your medical costs - and it might cover only a tiny portion of those expenses connected with long-term care, such as a nursing home stay or services provided by a home health aide. A financial professional can help you explore specific methods of dealing with these types of long-term care costs.

- Locate "gaps" - and work to fill them. After you've had your investment strategy in place for a while, you may see that some "gaps" exist. Is your portfolio not growing as fast as it should to help you reach your goals? If not, you may need to review your asset allocation to make sure it is aligned with your risk tolerance and portfolio objective. Do you find that you own too many of the same types of investments? This over-concentration could be harmful to you if a downturn affects one particular asset class, and you own too much of that asset. To help prevent this from happening, be sure to diversify your dollars across a range of investment vehicles. Keep in mind, though, that diversifica-

tion can't guarantee a profit or protect against all losses.

- Protect yourself - and your family. Saving for your ideal retirement is certainly a worthy goal, but you have other ones - such as providing for your family in case you aren't around, or if you become ill or incapacitated and can't work for a while. That's why you will need adequate life insurance, and possibly disability insurance, too. Your employer may offer you both these types of coverage as an employee benefit, but it might not be enough - so you may want to explore private coverage as well.

Financial Planning Month will come and go. But by following the above suggestions, you can create some strategies that will bring you a lifetime of benefits.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

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Homecoming Court shows Crosby's sweethearts



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OBITUARIES

Walter Edward Thomas

Walter Edward Thomas 69, of Crosby, Texas went to be with the Lord on September 30, 2016.

Walter was born on November 25, 1946 in Center, Texas to Walter A.J. Thomas and Altha Jean (Baggett) Thomas.

Walter served his country and was honorably discharged from the United States Airforce and graduated from Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. Walter worked as a finance director for the Cities of Beaumont, Port Arthur and he retired from City of West University Place.

Walter loved his church and his community; he served on the First Baptist Church finance committee, the New Port Homeowner's Association; he was also a Sunday school teacher and a board member for the Emergency Services District #5 which serves the Crosby area.

In his free time he enjoyed genealogy, road trips, traveling, going on cruises and spending time with his family and friends.

Walter was a very outgoing, strong and patriotic man who never met a stranger, he will be missed by all who knew him. He is preceded in death by his parents. Walter is survived by his loving wife, Patricia Thomas; son, Jerold Thomas and wife Denise; son, Brian Thomas and wife Suzan; grandson, Dalton Thomas and wife Nikki; grandson, Trevor Thomas; sister, Linda Oliver and husband Joe; sister, Carla Anne Walker and husband, Gregg and his nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, October 8, 2016 at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Crosby. Services have been entrusted to Sterling White

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LITTLE BIDDY BITS  
By Danny Biddy

Strange Noises

I was on a trail ride while in high school. I was leaning forward on my saddle reading a letter from a friend. I did not realize my horse was not appreciating the strange noise going on behind her head. Suddenly, she took off. I lost my letter as I hung on for dear life. I finally got her stopped, went back and found my letter, put it in my pocket, and paid attention to my riding.

While in the saddle of life; pay attention. This world has enough distractions and strange noises to get it off course as it is, and it can take you with it.

"Incline your ear to wisdom and apply your heart to understanding." (Proverbs 2:2)

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## New technical writing course could lead to job opportunities

Venture a collaboration between San Jacinto College and LyondellBasell

HOUSTON — Responding to industry demand, San Jacinto College will launch a special technical writing course that could provide students with pathways to high-demand, high-paying jobs.

Typically, a new course is launched at the beginning of a semester, but the new technical writing course will launch at the San Jacinto College North Campus on Oct. 17. Interested students should apply and register right away.

Mark Johnson, North Campus English and modern language department chair, explained why the course is launching over a month after the start of a semester. "We're responding to a need presented to us by the LyondellBasell petrochemical company," he commented. "They came to us and asked what we could do to help them. We offer second eight-week courses, and we were able to put this course together and tailor it to their needs."

Students who complete the class successfully will be interviewed by LyondellBasell for internship opportunities that could lead to full-time employment. "It's an excellent pathway for qualifying students to get their foot in the door with one of Houston's most successful chemical companies,"



From left, LyondellBasell technical writer Wayne Nix, San Jacinto College English professor Dr. Karen Hattaway, LyondellBasell operations lead technician Chuck Ziegler and [AF1] Mark Johnson, North Campus English and modern language department chair, examine a process technology schematic during a recent tour of the Channelview LyondellBasell petrochemical site. Submitted photo.

Johnson said. "This is a special opportunity that can lead to an immediate technical writing connection at LyondellBasell, an established, multinational chemical company."

Students who successfully complete the eight-week course earn three transferable credits. The class satisfies the communication requirement for many San Jacinto College degree plans.

The format for the new

technical writing course is "hybrid," meaning that it incorporates online as well as traditional classroom instruction. "Lecture, video viewing and discussion boards will be presented online, and then students will attend class for hands-on technical writing activities," Johnson said. "Students will also visit a LyondellBasell plant and meet some of the technical writers and plant operators."

Technical writers are in high demand and annual salaries can range from \$52,000 to \$90,240, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Technical writers explain technologies, processes, and products in many formats, including print, online and other electronic means.

To learn more about applying and registering at San Jacinto College, please visit [sanjac.edu/apply-register](http://sanjac.edu/apply-register).

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Pilot Club Spaghetti Dinner

The San Jacinto Pilot Club will hold their 29th Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Auction on Saturday, October 8, 2016 at the Baldree Building on Corpus Christi Street, off Freeport Street.

Dinner is \$10, and a raffle ticket is \$25. Top prize for the raffle is a one week stay for 8 in a beach house on Crystal Beach. Call 281-221-1616 to join the fun.

### Annual B.H. Hamblen Scholarship Golf Tournament

Presented by Channelview ISD Education Foundation, Monday, October 10, 2016 at River Terrace Golf Club, 16777 Wallisville, Houston, TX. 77049. 10:45 am: Registration, Practice & Lunch. Call 281-960-3714 for more information.

### San Jacinto College Foundation Annual Golf Tournament

The 21st Annual San Jacinto College Foundation Golf Tournament will be Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at the Gold Club of Houston-Home of the Shell Houston Open located at 5860 Wilson Road, Humble, Texas, 77396.

Registration & Lunch: 10:30 a.m.; Shotgun starts at 12:30 p.m.; Reception: 6:00 p.m. Featuring special guest appearance by Jake Worthington, Season 6 Runner-Up of NBC'S "The Voice".

For additional information, please call 281-998-6104 or visit [SANJAC.EDU/FOUNDATION](http://SANJAC.EDU/FOUNDATION).

### Free Overtime Rule Workshop

The North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to a FREE Overtime Rule Workshop, Wed., October 26, 2016, 11:30 am at Woodforest National Bank, 80 Uvalde Rd

### 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 LyondellBasell on Sheldon Road at noon.

### Galena Park Library Programs

- Thursday, Oct. 6, Kid's Creations, 4 pm.
- Friday, Oct. 7, Nutrition Classes, 4 pm.
- Saturday, Oct. 8, Family Games, 3 pm.
- Monday, Oct. 10, Free Flue Shots-Vacunas Gratis contra la gripe, 1-4 pm.
- Tuesday, Oct. 11, Tween Squad-WWII Baking Recipe, 3:30 pm.
- Wednesday, Oct. 12, Ratón y Teclado, 10:15 am; Toddler Time, 10:30 am; Story Time, 11:30 am; Mouse & Keyboard, 1 pm; Get Active/Activate, 4 pm.
- Thursday, Oct. 13, Kid's Creations-Día de la Raza, 4 pm.
- Friday, Oct. 14, Nutrition Classes (Clases de Nutrición), 4 pm.
- Saturday, Oct. 15, Ask A Lawyer (Hable con un Abogado), 11 am.

### Galena Park Library's Nutrition Class

Nutrition Classes for Adults every Friday afternoon from 4-5 pm starting October 7th through December 2nd. These classes are completely free and participants will receive a certificate of completion at the end of the program if they attend at least six sessions.

Walgreen will come to the library on October 10th from 1-4 pm and give free flu shots to customers 7 years and older.

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**FAMILY COURT OF BERKELEY, WEST VIRGINIA**

Katherine M. Macias-Beltran (Petitioner)  
Francisco J. Macias-Beltran (Respondent)

1.The Object of this Suit is to obtain a divorce from the bonds of matrimony.

To the above named respondent:  
It appearing by filed in this action that Francisco J. Macias-Beltran is a (non) resident of the State of West Virginia, it is hereby ordered that Francisco J. Macias-Beltran serve upon Katherine M. Macias-Beltran.  
Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is, 32 Wilson Street, Martinsburg, WV 25401, an answer, including any related counter claim or defense you may have to the complain filed in this action on or before 30 DAYS FROM October 6, 2016. If you fail to do so, thereafter judgment, upon proper hearing and trial, may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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# COMMUNITY PAGE

## Falcon Marching Band creating the sounds of SUCCESS



The Channelview High School Falcon Marching Band performs during halftime of a recent football game. Channelview will be hosting the Region 19 University Interscholastic League Marching Band Contest on October 22 and the Pre-UIL Marching Festival on October 15 at Ray Maddry Memorial Stadium.

This year is shaping up to be a special one for the Channelview High School Falcon Marching Band. Channelview ISD and the 280-member CHS Band will host the Region 19 University Interscholastic League Marching Band Contest on October 22 and the Pre-UIL Marching Festival on October 15 at Ray Maddry Memorial Stadium.

Falcon Band Director Aaron Allison said the students have put forth a great deal of time and effort in preparing their contest routine. This year's show, titled "Dia de los Muertos," is a celebration of the Hispanic culture and the remembrance of friends and family members that have passed.

"Our students have worked extremely hard to make sure this routine is perfect," Allison said. "It is a complex routine that has many moving parts. It is coming together well and

it will be a very exciting show."

In addition to the Spanish-themed music, the color guard will be in traditional cultural attire featuring colors of gold, red and purple to tie in the color aspect of the show. The show will feature a dance section in the second movement, including some band soloists and guard dancers brought to the front of the field.

The Falcon Band has received superior ratings at Region contest for the past five years and are excited to have the opportunity to achieve top ratings once again, while playing their routine in the friendly confines of their home stadium.

"Of course, it is great for us to be so comfortable with our own stadium, because that will help ease any nerves the students might have," Allison said. "We try to encourage our

students to be their best. Part of our jobs as band directors is to teach these students lifelong goals. Dedication and hard work are among the attributes that we stress to our students and they always respond in a positive manner."

Allison attributes the Falcon Band's success to the close relationships with the Aguirre and Alice Johnson junior high programs.

"I believe as a band staff, we have nurtured the growth of the program," he said. "Every band director in the district works with grades 6-12 at some point during the year. We spend a lot of time together and treat the program as a family."

Allison is assisted at CHS by Tyler Worley and Alexa Thibodeaux, while Ashley Newitt and Jessica Wiley work with the Color Guard. Aguirre Junior

## Galena Park National Night Out Photo Album

Maria D. Rodriguez, Oscar Silva, Eric Broussard, Juan Flores and Cruz Hinojosa at Galena Park National Night Out.



LULAC doing registration for voting.

## GP ISD HERO RECOGNIZED,

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announcing that he was a recipient of the Heroes for Children award.

His wife, Carol Youens, and their daughter, Sheryl, accepted his award in Austin on his behalf. Also in attendance were Mrs. Perez, NSE principal, Ms. Carmela Garcia, NSE counselor, and Mrs. Mathews, program director for grants and community relations, to show their admiration, love and support.

NSE and Galena Park ISD are so blessed to have been part of his life. Mr. Youens' spirit and legacy will live on at NSE for many years to come.

## Channelview: ATTEMPTED ABDUCTION OF SCHOOLGIRL

A teenage girl, walking to Channelview High School at 7 a.m. on Tuesday morning, reported to authorities that a man tried to grab her and kidnap her as she walked past him.

The man, described as a clean-shaven Hispanic male, middle-aged, wearing a black shirt and jeans, was repairing his truck as she passed. He tried to grab her, getting her backpack and hair, but she escaped and ran.

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