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CHANNEL CHATTER

Fathers take children to school day

Fathers are urged by local school districts to take their children to school, on Tuesday September 20th. This is a national observance, to encourage fathers to be involved with their children who benefit in academics, behavior and social skills.

Galena Park ISD asks you to pre-register on their website. See more details on page 8.

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 Freepoint 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.

Cruisin' for the Cause

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

LyondellBasell employees help community with Global Care Day

Hundreds clean up, fix up local public facilities

The 17th annual LyondellBasell Global Care Day is a worldwide community service initiative involving thousands of volunteers where the company has operations. Workers from 69 sites in 23 countries are participating.

Employees from several LyondellBasell facilities in this area participated in Global Care projects. These included North Shore Middle School, Thomas Bell Foster Park, Galena Park sports complex, Sheldon Lake Park, and general clean-up around the Channelview plant site.

NORTH SHORE

Last Saturday approximately 100 volunteers from LyondellBasell's Houston Engineering Center rebuilt an existing walking trail and memorial that was built for James Brown, a North Shore Middle School student who died 10 years ago. There was a rededication with the Brown family, volunteers, students and North Shore Middle School staff.

GALENA PARK

Eric Broussard, Parks and Recreation Commissioner and the Members of the Parks and Recreation Board, Thank LYONDELLBASELL-HOUSTON REFINERY For doing a project at the Cities Sports Complex for the GLOBAL CARE DAY-2016 on Saturday September 10.



LYONDELLBASELL employees from the Channelview plant, including plant manager Todd Monette, at the center, cleaned and rebuilt a walking trail and memorial planting bed to remember and honor student James Brown, who died 10 years ago.



GALENA PARK: left to right: Raul Mejia the President of the Parks and Recreation Board & the Galena Park Baseball Little League, Ernesto Paredes the Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Galena Park, Maria D. Rodriguez Parks and Recreation Board member, Jerome Mauvigney, Houston Refinery Site Manager, Eric Broussard Parks and Recreation Commissioner for the City of Galena Park, Denise Jennings, Houston Refinery Facilities Services Leader, and John Finck, Houston Refinery Development Leader.



Memorial Plaque at North Shore Middle School.

Upgrades to the sport complex with over 200 volunteers included: replacing damage sheet metal and painting chain link fence with silver paint as needed at the two baseball fields, use wood/materials to repair bleachers, and repair baseball dugouts, planted native plants, and spreading of dirt to level the area by the concession stand and trimming trees, and placing new picnic tables and benches. All this at no cost to the city Parks and Recreation Department.

Broussard said that the City of Galena Park, Parks and Recreation Department will strive to continue to improve community resources and develop public/private partnerships with non-profit organizations, local corporations and citizens that contribute to favorable environment and encourage high quality park and recreation facilities development for the benefit of the city's residents, businesses, schools and community alike.
See GLOBAL CARE, p. 8

COMMUNITY UNITY

Channelview honors first responders



The Channelview Independent School District honored area first responders, along with active military and veterans at the Falcon football game against Aldine Davis at Ray Maddry Memorial Stadium on Sept. 9. Cadets from the Aguirre Junior High and Alice Johnson Junior High LOTC greeted the guests of honor as they entered through the gates.



GALENA PARK ISD

Media persons recognized at school board meeting



Dr. Angi Williams and Mr. Joe Stephens with Cathy Hernandez and Gilbert Hoffman

The September Galena Park ISD Board of Trustees meeting took place on September 13, during the board meeting, Dr. Williams and Mr. Joe Stephens made special recognitions to the recipients of the 2016 Media Honor Roll, the family of Riny Pieterse and new GPISD

administrators. Cathy Hernandez of KPRC TV and Gilbert Hoffman of the North Channel Star were named to the 2016 Texas Association of School Boards Media Honor Roll by GPISD.

The Media Honor Roll recognizes media representatives from all over Texas for their fair and balanced reporting of news about public schools. Media representatives from more than 400 Texas newspapers, radio and television stations and online publications were honored by their local school districts.

CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS

Galena Park ISD recognizes new administrators



New administrators top row-Joe Stephens, Dr. Aneka VanCourt, Krystle Breden, James Cline, Wendell Deason, Jaime Rocha and Nato James.
Middle row- Dr. Angi Williams, Lekeisha Washington, Amicha Williams, Harold Fletcher, Kresha Lane, James Husband, Jerid Link.
Bottom row- Jose Trevino, Amy Cole, Terri Moore, Maria Munoz, Dr. Jonathan Sutton, Pat Galvan, Aronda Green, Dr. Wanna Giacona, and Dr. Christopher Pichon

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GPISD also recognized 22 administrators and their new assignment for the 2016-2017 school year. We are so proud and are lucky to have them as a part of the GPISD family.

-Krystle Breden, Assistant Principal at Galena Park High School

-James Cline, Principal
at North Shore Middle
School

-Amy Cole, Executive Director for Federal Programs and Compliance

-Wendell Deason, Prin-

principal at Cobb 6th Grade Campus

-Harold Fletcher, Director for New Facilities and Planning

-Pat Galvan, Executive Director for Compensation and Human Resource Services

-Dr. Wanna Giacona,
Assistant Superintendent
for Human Resources Ser-
vices

- Aronda Green, Principal at Tice Elementary
- James Husband, Assis-

-James Husband, Assistant Principal at North Shore Elementary

-Nato James, Assistant Principal at North Shore Middle School
Kresha Lane, Assistant

-Kresha Lane, Assistant
Principal at Zotz Educa-
tion Center
Jerid Link, Senior Di-

-Jerid Link, Senior Director for Human Resource Services- Elementary
Terri Means, Assistant

-Terri Moore, Assistant Superintendent for Com-

munication Services and Professional Development

-Maria Munoz, Principal at MacArthur Elementary

-Dr. Christopher Pichon, Senior Director for School Administration
-Arnold Ramirez, Asso-

-Jaime Rocha, Principal

-Dr. Jonathan Sutton

-Dr. Jonathan Sutton, Assistant Principal at Green Valley Elementary.

Dr. Anoka VanCourt

-Dr. Aneka VanCourt,
Senior Director for Re-
cruitment and Retention
Lakisha Washington

-Lekeisha Washington,
Assistant Principal at
North Shore Middle School
Amisha Williams, Di

-Amicha Williams, Director for Payroll Services.

A New member at the North Shore Rotary Club



NEW NORTH SHORE ROTARIAN Andrew Davila holds the microphone, as members welcome him to the club. At right is the president, Kim Gonzalez. District 5890 is conducting a new member drive this year, asking all 63 clubs to bring in one new member per quarter. Call Kim at 281-645-4036 for more information.

East Houston Democrats officially named the newest Democratic Club



This past Saturday, East Houston Democrats were officially named the newest Democratic Club by Harris County Democrats. Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee is shown in the picture with Club Members Darnella Wilkerson, Treasurer Charlotte Jackson, President Linda Britten and Tujana Hunter. The East Houston Democrats meet on the third Thursday of each month at Fuddrucker's, 855 Normandy at 6:30 p.m. Annual membership dues are \$20 for currently enrolled college students, \$30 for individuals and \$40 per household.

Previous elected officials who were guest speakers at the meetings include Justice of Peace Mike Parrot, Congressman Gene Green as well as numerous candidates. Kim Ogg, candidate for Harris County District Attorney will be a special guest at the September 21 meeting. All interested Democrats in the area are invited to attend. For additional information, please contact Charlotte at 832-896-1633 or at Charlotte.Jackson@yahoo.com

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SCHOOL NEWS

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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.

Jacinto City Library programs

-Thursday, Sep. 15, Teen Board Games, 4 pm; Tex Mex Music Fiesta, 5:30 pm.
-Friday, Sep. 16, Clases de Inglés Usando Mango, 1 pm.
-Saturday, Sep. 17, Family Movie Theater, 12:30 pm
-Monday, Sep. 19, ESL Discussion Class, 4 pm.
-Tuesday, Sep. 20, Toddler Time, 10:30 am, Children's Storytime, 11:30 am.
-Wednesday, Sep. 21, ESL Class (Clase de Inglés), 12:30 pm.
-Thursday, Sep. 22, Family Nutrition Class, 6 pm.
-**FREE FLUE SHOTS:** Walgreens will be administering free Flue Shors for ages 7 and up in the meeting room on Thursday, September 20 between 1 pm and 4 pm. No need to register.
NOTE: Will be suspending COMPUTER CLASSES at this location until further notice. There are free computer classes at the Galena Park Library, 713-450-0982 and North Channel Library, 281-457-1631.
Jacinto City Branch Library, 921 Akron, Jacinto City, TX. 77029. For more information on other programs, call 713-673-3837.

Galena Park Library Programs

-Thur., Sep. 15, Kid's Creations: Hispanic Heritage-Fiesta, 4 pm.
-Tue., Sep. 20, Teen Zone: Miss Peregrine, 4 pm.
-Wed., Sep. 21, Toddler Time, 10:30 am; Storytime, 11:30 am.
-Thur., Sep. 22, Kid's Creations, 4 pm.
ADULT PROGRAMS:
-Sat., Sep. 17, Ask a Lawyer, 11 am.
-Wed., Sep. 21, Microsoft Word Básico II, 10:15 am; Microsoft Word Basics II, 1 pm; Get Active/Activate, 4 pm.
-Sat., Sep. 24, Family Time Movie, 3 pm.
All children programs require tickets. Tickets are free and available the Moday 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.

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.

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CHANNELVIEW ISD: Players, sponsors sought for 19th Annual B. H. Hamblen Scholarship Golf Tournament

The Channelview ISD Education Foundation is excited to host the 19th Annual B. H. Hamblen Scholarship Golf Tournament on October 10 at the River Terrace Golf Club. The Foundation is seeking teams and sponsors to participate in this year's tournament that provides scholarships to graduating seniors at Channelview High School. The 2015 tournament raised enough funds to award 23 scholarships of \$1,000 each to our seniors. This tremendous accomplishment put the scholarship tournament total at over \$404,000 in the past 18 years. Registration and sponsorship information for the four-player scramble is available on the Foundation website at www.cvisd.org/foundation. The tournament awards cash prizes to the first

through fourth place teams and trophies to fifth through eighth. Opportunities for other prizes are available through the door prize raffle and Silent Auction. All donations are tax deductible as the CISD Education Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. A variety of sponsorship levels available begin with door prize/Silent Auction items, \$100

SAN JACINTO COLLEGE 'The Perm' exhibit features student artwork

40 projects on display through Sept. 23

HOUSTON – San Jacinto College will host "The Perm," an exhibit of artwork by former students of the College through Sept. 23 at the South Campus Gallery. A public reception was held on Sept. 7 from 1 to 4 p.m., during which guests met art and design faculty and students. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

The South Campus is located at 13735 Beamer Road in the South Belt-El-Lington area. The art gallery is located in the Marie Flickinger Fine Arts Center, Building 15, Room 143. "The Perm" includes artwork from alumni are part of the South Campus art and design program's Permanent Collection. Forty art projects representing



PHOTO BY ROB VANDY/SAN JACINTO COLLEGE.

San Jacinto College student Michael Escamilla studies an oil painting entitled "Bubble Gum" by artist Rebecca Perez that is part of "The Perm" exhibit at the South Campus Gallery.

several media will be on display including painting, photography, printmaking and sculpture. Many of the projects have won awards at juried exhibitions. Jeffrey McGee, curator

of the gallery and an art professor at the College, says that art and design remains a high-demand career field even in today's high-tech and digital society.

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OPINION

New book tackles complex questions about Retirement Planning

(NAPSI)—Just as it's never too early to start planning your retirement, it's never too late either, according to Hans Scheil, CFP®, president of Cardinal Retirement Planning, Inc. Many people underprepare for retirement and overlook the critical area of long-term care as part of their retirement plan. 70 percent of people age 65 can expect to use some form of long-term care in their lives, according to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. The sooner you address this, the less likely it is that you will have to make important decisions in the midst of a health care crisis.

The landscape of Social Security, Medicare, insurance, benefits, investments and long-term care presents many choices, challenges and opportunities. To help, Scheil has written a book titled "The Complete Cardinal Guide to Planning for and Living in Retirement" (Tupelo Press). It incorporates his personal experiences caring for his mother, father and grandmother in their later years, as well as his 40-plus years of professional experience in helping other families do the same for their aging loved ones. In the book, he shares not only his wisdom but even the mistakes he made early on in order to help others plan a better retirement while addressing their long-term care needs.

With clear and simple language, Scheil dives into the critical areas of retirement planning, providing stories and examples, insight into little-known strategies,

and a guideline on how to effectively plan for retirement, including long-term care, while avoiding the most common mistakes made before and during one's retirement years.

"A significant part of what I do is crisis planning for families that have a loved one checking into an assisted-living facility for the first time," he says. "Their adult children are desperate for leadership through the financial maze and assisted-living decisions they have to make on behalf of their parents. That's where I've stepped in to help them navigate this course."

Scheil encourages people to have a plan for situations such as this before they happen, and as part of their comprehensive plan for retirement.

In the book, he outlines a clear approach to retirement planning decisions and challenges, including how to maximize Social Security benefits; utilize government programs including Veterans Aid and Attendance; understand Medicare coverage options when paying for health and long-term care expenses; invest during retirement with strategies to consider in order to safeguard your assets; structure an income plan from IRA, 401(k) or pension; minimize income taxes; and more.

The book is designed for people 50 and older, who are either planning their own retirement future or helping an aging family member make important financial and health care decisions.

Connection is Essential

(NAPSI)—There is no doubt that internet access and digital literacy skills are fundamental to success in today's world. These are essential tools that help kids connect to homework and educational resources, assist parents in their search for better jobs, and allow everyone to be more connected to what's going on in the world. And, although according to the Census Bureau, three in four American households subscribe to the internet, the rest, including lower-income families, do not—but that's being remedied.

To help bridge the digital divide, Comcast's Internet Essentials program offers access to low-cost, high-speed internet service, free digital literacy training and affordable options to purchase a computer. In fact, Internet Essentials has helped connect 750,000 families, or 3 million low-income Americans, to the internet.

Closing the digital divide takes nothing short of a movement. It takes a focus on meaningful partnerships to

connect with the communities that need help. In July 2016, Comcast and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) took a historic step to close the digital divide in America by partnering to expand Internet Essentials to residents living in HUD-assisted homes. That's an estimated 2 million households that can now benefit from the power of the internet. No one company or government program can fix the digital divide. It's about working together to make a meaningful impact and bring this essential connection to even more families.

To qualify for Internet Essentials, a household needs to have at least one child who is eligible for the National School Lunch Program or receive HUD housing assistance. For more information, including a list of eligible communities, or to apply or help others apply for the program, visit <https://internetessentials.com/> apply or call (855) 846-8376. Para información en Español, llame al (855) 765-6995.



Paxton says subpoena of corporation's records violated First Amendment

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Sept. 9 announced he had filed a friend-of-the-court brief "in defense of the First Amendment."

The brief, he said, explains that Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Tracy Healey "exceeded her constitutional authority by attempting to shut down a viewpoint on an issue of scientific debate — climate change."

Paxton, in the brief, states constitutional objections to the Civil Investigative Demand that Healey issued to ExxonMobil Corporation for its marketing and sale of fossil fuel-derived products and securities. She demanded more than 40 years of internal company documents. Paxton supports ExxonMobil's effort seeking to block Healey's demand from being enforced.

Paxton was joined by the state attorneys general of Louisiana, South Carolina, Alabama, Michigan, Arizona, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Utah and Nevada in asking a federal court in Fort Worth to grant ExxonMobil's motion for a preliminary injunction against the subpoena.

On the other side, the attorneys general of Maryland, New York, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands joined in an Aug. 8 friend-of-the-court brief in support of Healey's action.

U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, chair of the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology, in July subpoenaed Healey to submit documents and information to the committee pursuant to the Civil Investigative Demand. Healey responded, claiming common law and statutory privileges in her decision not to comply with the committee's subpoena.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling



Hegar distributes revenue

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Sept. 8 announced he would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$629.2 million in local sales tax allocations for September.

The amount, based on sales made in July by businesses that report tax monthly, is 1.4 percent less than the amount distributed in September 2015.

"The cities of Houston, Midland, San Antonio and Frisco saw decreases in sales tax allocation," Hegar said. "The cities of Dallas and Plano saw noticeable increases in sales tax allocations."

Database ready for use
Comptroller Hegar on Sept. 6 announced the debut of a statewide online eminent domain database, a publicly available tool making it possible to identify which governmental and non-governmental entities have reported to the Comptroller's office their authority to exercise eminent domain.

"This is clearly an area in which transparency is absolutely essential," Hegar said. "Knowing who can use eminent domain is the first step to ensuring that this potentially oppressive power is used wisely."

The database was created to comply with Senate Bill 1812, legislation approved during the 2015 legislative session. The bill requires public and private entities with eminent domain authority to report certain information to the Comptroller's office.

Currently, the database contains 5,042 entities, including cities, counties, school districts, special purpose districts, pipeline and energy companies, water supply corporations, telecommunications companies and other public and private entities.

Zika count reaches 174

Texas has had 174 reported cases of Zika virus disease, the Department of State Health Services reported Sept. 9.

Included in the count are 11 pregnant women, two infants infected before birth and one person who had sexual contact with a traveler.

Texas' four most populous counties lead in cases reported, with Harris County at 51 cases; Dallas, 35; Tarrant, 19; and Bexar, 10.

There is no vaccine or treatment for the Zika virus, DSHS says, and the best protection to avoid infection is to prevent mosquito breeding and to avoid getting mosquito bites. DSHS is the lead state agency for preparing for, coordinating and responding to public health and medical incidents involving the virus.

Grid should meet needs

The electrical grid that covers all but 10 percent of Texas should be able to handle the state's projected power needs for the months of October through February, according to the Electric Reliability Council of Texas.

ERCOT, the grid's operating organization, on Sept. 1 released its Seasonal Assessment of Resource Adequacy, a report that examines variables that affect demand. Weather naturally is a major variable.

Warren Lasher, ERCOT director of system planning, said, "We study multiple scenarios, including extreme cases of very cold conditions and outages of significant amounts of generation capacity. Based on the current forecast, we expect to have sufficient generation to carry us through high demand periods during the upcoming seasons."

Four ways to keep the Flu from you and yours

(NAPSI)—It's never convenient to be sick with the flu, but preventing it can be. Here's how.

Four Helpful Hints

To help keep your family safe from the flu and free to focus on important life events, keep these tips top of mind:

- Get your annual flu shot: It's the most effective way to help prevent the spread of influenza. You can quickly and conveniently get the whole family vaccinated at any of the more than 9,600 CVS Pharmacy and 1,100 MinuteClinic locations across the country. The flu shot is available every day with no appointment needed, including evenings and weekends. As a preventive service under the Affordable Care Act, it's fully covered and available at no cost through most insurance plans, including Medicare Part B. The pharmacy can also be a one-stop shop for over-the-counter cold and flu remedies, multivitamins and anti-bacterial cleaning products. Plus, customers get a 20 percent off CVSPharmacy Shopping Pass when they get a flu shot at CVS Pharmacy or MinuteClinic. People who have their flu shot at CVS Pharmacy or MinuteClinic locations inside select Target stores also get a \$5 Target GiftCard.

- The earlier, the better: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that everyone who is eligible and at least 6 months old get a flu shot as soon as the vaccine becomes available, since it can take up to two weeks for the flu vaccine to build immunity.

- Take a sick day: While it may seem obvious, nearly two in three employed Americans would still go to work even if they were feeling ill with flu-like symptoms. It's important to understand the preliminary symptoms of the flu and, if you experience them, to stay home.

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Joyce Ann McDonald Henry

Joyce Ann McDonald Henry, 71, of Baytown, passed away on Friday, September 9, 2016. She was born the fourth of ten children on May 28, 1945, in her beloved Gastonia, North Carolina, to Margaret Walker and Wilbert McDonald. At an early age, she and some of her siblings went to live in Mills Home Baptist Children's Home. She had many happy years there and always had fond memories of her time there. Joyce graduated from Thomasville Senior High School and shortly thereafter, she started her family. She had a total of four children who were her pride and joy. Joyce happily spent her life raising her children and being very active in their lives. With the children grown, she began a career for herself. Joyce worked in the photography industry for several years and then was a data entry processor.

Joyce's hobbies included cooking, taking LOTS of pictures, sewing, reading, listening to music, particularly George Strait, dancing, gardening, and spending time with her grandchildren and family and friends. One of her special hobbies was collecting Angels.

Joyce is preceded in death by her mother, Margaret Walker (Granny); her father, Wilbert McDonald; and her siblings, Linda Watts, Charlie McDonald, Michael McDonald, Cookie McDonald and Bo



Hermes. She is survived by her children, Romuald Paul Henry, Jr (Tinker) and partner, Sheila Vezurk, Melissa Henry, Paulette Cormier and husband, Stephen, and Michelle Key and husband, Michael; grandchildren, Ashley Ann Cormier, Jeanette Leigh Henry, Cody Lee Augustus Cormier, Meghan Renae Key, Camden Henry, Christian Cauy Henry, Morgan Henry, Victoria Henry, and Romauld Paul Henry III; great grandchildren, Wesley Kage Rogers and Olivia Jean Lopez; siblings, Harry Walker, Evelyn Leigh, Susan Bailey and John Thomas McDonald; and numerous nieces and nephews, as well.

Joyce Henry's care is under the direction of Crespo & Jirrels Funeral and Cremation Services, 6123 Garth Road, Baytown 77521, 281.839.0700. To view the obituary or post a tribute to the family, visit www.crespoandjirrels.com



Mildred Rita O'Bier

Mildred Rita O'Bier age, 87 went to be with the Lord on Monday September 5, 2016. She was born in Springfield, Massachusetts on August 4, 1929. She enjoyed playing bingo, cooking, knitting and quilting but most of all, spending time with her family. She was a most loving and caring person who was very religious, faithful to her Lord and she will always be loved and missed by all who knew her. She is preceded in death by her parents and her beloved husband, Mack O'Bier. Mildred is survived by her children, Kathy Rowe (and husband, George), Tim



O'Bier (and wife, Velda), Barry O'Bier (and wife, Gail) and Scott O'Bier; her grandchildren, Alicia Rowe, Kathryn Mahoney (and husband, Michael), Collin, Davin, Kyle and Elizabeth O'Bier; her great-grandchildren, Evee O'Bier, Cameron and

Owen Mahoney. Also survived by other relatives and many friends.

A visitation for family and friends will be held at Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, on Friday evening September 9, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Services will be held in Sterling-White Funeral Home on Saturday morning September 10, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be in Sterling-White Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, Texas 77562. To offer condolences to the family, please visit www.sterlingwhite.com.

LITTLE BIDDY BITS By Danny Biddy

Next of Kin

The older I get the more I look like my dad, who went to be with the Lord a number of years ago. I was reminded of this one day as I visited a relative in the hospital. He was under heavy medication. When he opened his eyes he saw me standing at the foot of the bed. He thought it was my dad. You can imagine the rest! Every monitor attached to him began to sound off. The nurse ran to the room and we were finally able to get him settled back down.

A great minister, named Oswald Chambers, once said, "The resounding evidence of the Holy Spirit in a person's life is the unmistakable family likeness to Jesus Christ."

As a believer, do we resemble our "next of kin?"

Gospel Singing

The Singing McDaniels will be in concert at Northside Baptist Church of Highlands, TX September 25, 2016 at 6pm.

Southern Gospel singers, the group features Harry & Elsie McDaniel, and Sheryl McDaniel Riley. Now retired, Harry McDaniel has previously pastored in Channelview and Devers. A time of Fellowship will follow the concert with sandwiches, chips & dip.

Pastor David R. Brumbe-low invites everyone to attend for a great time of singing and fellowship. Northside is located at 317 Barbers Hill Road, Highlands, TX 77562.

VFW Members Train Banuelos' Pride Guard



VFW Post 912 members (from left) Rick Gutierrez, John Saenz, Homer Thomas and Donnie Messerschmidt show Dr. Antonio Bañuelos Elementary School's new Pride Guard, similar to a color guard, the proper flag etiquette and procedures. Fourth grade Pride Guard members are (front, from left) Michael Rodriguez, Kealy Ricketson, Katelyn Duarte, Sophia Pacheco, (middle row) Matthew Cobb, Kendell Wilcox and Damian Hernandez. Also pictured is Renee Meyer (back, third from left), principal.

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BUSINESS

Diamond Jim: "What can you tell us about the gem Tourmaline?"



ASK DIAMOND JIM

Tourmaline is one of the birthstones for the month of October and has also become a favorite gemstone among jewelry designers and gem collectors the world over. Since it is available in a wide variety of colors, it is ideally suited to almost anyone's taste.

Tourmaline is also known for displaying several colors in the same gemstone. These bi-color or tri-color gems are formed in many combinations; gemstones with clear color distinctions are highly prized.

One multi-color variety is known as watermelon tourmaline, and features green, pink, and white color bands; to resemble its namesake, the gemstone is cut into thin slices having a pink center, white ring, and green edge.

Tourmaline is found in many localities including Brazil, Afghanistan, East Africa, and the USA.

Color

Tourmaline has a variety of colors. Usually, iron-rich tourmalines are black to bluish-black to deep brown, while magnesium-rich varieties are brown to yellow, and lithium-rich tourmalines are almost any color: blue, green, red, yellow, pink, etc. Rarely, it is colorless. Bi-colored and multicolored crystals are common, reflecting variations of fluid chemistry during crystallization. Crystals may be green at one end and pink at the other, or green on the outside and pink inside; this type is called watermelon tourmaline. Some forms of tourmaline are dichroic, in that they change color when viewed from different directions.

The pink color of tourmalines from many fields is the result of prolonged natural irradiation. During their growth, these tourmaline crystals were initially very pale. Due to natural gamma ray exposure from radioactive decay in their granitic environment, gradual formation of ions occurs, which is responsible for the deepening of the pink to red color.

Tourmaline is found in granite and granite pegmatites and in metamor-

phic rocks such as schist and marble. Schorl and lithium-rich tourmalines are usually found in granite and granite pegmatite. Magnesium-rich tourmalines, dravites, are generally restricted to schists and marble. Tourmaline is a durable mineral and can be found in minor amounts as grains in sandstone and conglomerate, and is part of the ZTR index for highly weathered sediments.

United States

Some fine gems and specimen material has been produced in the United States, with the first discoveries in 1822, in the state of Maine. California became a large producer of tourmaline in the early 1900s. The Maine deposits tend to produce crystals in raspberry pink-red as well as minty greens. The California deposits are known for bright pinks, as well as bicolor. During the early 1900s, Maine and California were the world's largest producers of gem tourmalines. The Empress Dowager Cixi of China loved pink tourmaline and bought large quantities for gemstones and carvings from the then new Himalaya Mine, located in San Diego County, California. It is not clear when the first tourmaline was found in California. Native Americans have used pink and green tourmaline as funeral gifts for centuries. The



first documented case was in 1890 when Charles Russell Orcutt found pink tourmaline at what later became the Stewart Mine at Pala, San Diego County.

World's Largest Tourmaline

A large cut tourmaline from Paraiba, measuring 36.44 x 33.75 x 21.85 mm (1.43 x 1.33 x 0.86 in) and weighing 191.87 carats, was included in the Guinness World Records. The large natural gem, owned by Billionaire Business Enterprises, is a bluish-green in color. The flawless oval shaped cut stone was presented in Montreal, Quebec, Canada on 14 October 2009.

If you have questions pertaining to jewelry, watches, diamonds, precious stones, precious metals, and other questions related to the jewelry industry, email jmillis@pineforestjewelry.com.

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Use "Open Enrollment" to Help Improve Your Financial Outlook

ASK THE EXPERT

By Edward Jones

It's Open Enrollment Season, so if you work for a medium- or large-sized company, you will need to make some choices regarding your employee benefits — and these choices can have a big impact on your financial situation.

Depending on your employer, your benefits package may include various types of insurance, plus access to a 401(k) or similar retirement plan. Here are some suggestions for getting the most out of these benefits:

- Health insurance — Companies regularly change plans and providers, so the coverage and premiums you had last year may not be the same this year. In any case, look at all aspects of your coverage options — premiums, deductibles, co-pays and total out-of-pocket limits. A lower premium may seem attractive, but you could end up paying even more if the coverage is not as good. So, choose wisely.

- Life insurance — You may want to take whatever life insurance your employer offers, but it still might not be enough. To determine how much life insurance you need, consider a variety of factors — your age, income, family size, spouse's income, and so on. If

your employer's coverage is insufficient, you may want to supplement it with a separate policy.

- Disability insurance — This could be a valuable employee benefit — but, as is the case with life insurance, your employer's disability coverage may not be enough for your needs, especially if you'd like to protect yourself against an illness or injury that could sideline you from work for a long time. Consequently, you might want to consider purchasing your own disability policy.

Apart from reviewing your insurance options, you may want to examine your 401(k) or similar retirement plan. Of course, your employer may allow you to change your 401(k) throughout the year, but you've got a particularly good opportunity to do so during open enrollment, when you're already looking at all your employee benefits. So look at your contribution level. Are you putting in as much as you can afford? Your 401(k)'s earnings can

grow tax deferred, and you typically contribute pretax dollars, so the more you put in, the lower your taxable income for the year. (Taxes are due upon withdrawal, and withdrawals made before age 59 may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty.)

At a minimum, invest enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered. And increase your own contributions whenever you get a raise.

As far as your investment choices, you'll want to spread your dollars among the different investments within your 401(k) in a way that reflects your risk tolerance and time horizon. During the early stages of your career, when you have many years to go until you retire, you can probably afford to invest more heavily in growth-oriented accounts. These will fluctuate more in value, but you have time to potentially overcome the downturns. When you're nearing retirement, you may want to shift some of your assets into more conservative vehicles — but even at this point, you still need some growth opportunities. After all, you may spend two or three decades in retirement, so you'll need to draw on as many resources as possible.

Open enrollment isn't just a time to fill out a bunch of papers. It's also a chance to reconsider — and maybe even upgrade — many areas of your financial outlook.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The CHANNELVIEW INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2016 in THE JOYCE HENDRIX ESC BOARD ROOM LOCATED AT 828 SHELDON RD, CHANNELVIEW, TX 77530. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax \$ 1.04 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax
Approved by Local Voters \$.356 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	2.4203	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Debt service		% increase	or	2.7814	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	1.7359	% increase	or		% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 3487222768	\$ 3658701096
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 18381672	\$ 29603152
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 2965637521	\$ 3111467770
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 15632318	\$ 25175397

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).
** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.01(2)(7).
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 148,112,041.25

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$.37500*	\$ 1.415	\$ 4596	\$ 5093
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.09648	\$.33371*	\$ 1.43019	\$ 4417	\$ 4935
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$.356*	\$ 1.39600	\$ 4423	\$ 4852

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 99820	\$ 110730
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 74813	\$ 82617
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.415	\$ 1.396
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 1058.60	\$ 1153.33
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 94.73

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.396334. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.396334.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 27,854,565
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 13,639,241

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Water District
Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

Harris County Fresh Water Supply District No. 47 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2016 on October 13, 2016 at 5 p.m., at 210 Brookview, Channelview, Texas. 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:	Dennis Hamala, Jack Dauzat, Alan Wolcik, G W Gunter, Nick Shankle
AGAINST the proposal:	None
PRESENT and not voting:	None
ABSENT:	

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)	\$0.96/\$100 Adopted	\$0.96/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.00/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		0%
Average appraised value	\$73,982	\$82,923
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$7,398	\$8,292
Average taxable value	\$66,584	\$71,376
Tax on average residence homestead	\$639.21	\$685.22
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$46.01 7.25%

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 to 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.

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HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NUMBER ONE

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of the Directors of Harris County Water Control and Improvement District Number One at a meeting held on the 13th day of September, 2016 adopted an Ordinance providing for amended rates and fees for service; providing for the enforcement of the Ordinance, providing for penalties for violations of the Ordinance and providing a severability clause. A copy of the Ordinance is on file at the principal office of the District, 125 San Jacinto Avenue, Highlands, Harris County, Texas, where it may be read in full.

/s/ Ray Mullins
President, Board of Directors

HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NUMBER ONE

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of the Directors of Harris County Water Control and Improvement District Number One at a meeting held on the 13th day of September, 2016 adopted an ordinance regulating certain plumbing work within the boundaries of Harris County Water Control and Improvement District Number One, and outside of said district if such work be connected to either the district's water or sewage systems; providing for the issuance of permits and a method of establishing certain fees; providing for the enforcement of this ordinance; providing penalties for violations of this ordinance; and providing a severability clause. A copy of the Ordinance is on file at the principal office of the District, 125 San Jacinto Avenue, Highlands, Harris County, Texas, where it may be read in full.

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The Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition (the "Coalition") will receive sealed bids at the office of RVi Planning + Landscape Architecture, 19 Briar Hollow Lane, Ste. 145, Houston, Texas 77027 for the construction of a park. Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or a Cashier's Check (the "bid security") drawn for at least two percent (2%) of the total amount of the bid and made payable to the Coalition only. The successful bidder shall forfeit bid security to the Coalition as liquidated damages if it shall fail or refuse to enter into a proper contract for the project, including failure or refusal to furnish the Performance and Payment Bond required by the Contract. Bid security will be returned to all but the three (3) most qualified, lowest responsible bidders within five (5) days after the Bid Opening Time set forth below. Remaining bid security will be returned after execution of the Contract. The BIDS are due in duplicate at **2:00 P.M. (CST) on Wednesday, September 28, 2016. NO BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 2:00 P.M.** The Coalition is exempt from sales and use taxes, so such taxes should be excluded from BIDS.

A **MANDATORY PRE-BID** Conference will be held at 2:00 P.M. (CST) on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at the site of the park at 641 Bradfield Road, Houston, Texas 77060. In case of inclement weather, the alternate location will be at indoor facilities at 16945 Northchase, Suite 1900, Houston, Texas 77060.

Bid Documents are available at RVi Planning + Landscape Architecture, 19 Briar Hollow Lane, Ste. 145, Houston, Texas 77027 during normal working hours Monday through Friday. Alternately, Bidders may obtain online access by contacting RVi Planning + Landscape Architecture, Robert Whittimore, rwhittimore@rviplanning.com. Online access will be provided to prime bidders only. All questions pertaining to this bid shall be directed to Robert Whittimore in writing at rwhittimore@rviplanning.com.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

LyondellBasell Global Care Day,

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THOMAS BELL FOSTER PARK

Volunteers revitalized a local park along Greens Bayou. Employees and friends gave back on the 17th Annual Lyondell-Basell Global Care Day.

The 17th annual LyondellBasell Global Care Day is a worldwide community service initiative involving thousands of volunteers where the company has operations. Workers from 69 sites in 23 countries participated.

LyondellBasell Channelview Complex volunteers partnered with the Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition on various projects benefitting Thomas Bell Park.

Some of the projects include planting trees and shrubs at the park, making improvements to a canoe launch from last year's project along the Greens Bayou and performing



Bob Bartel and Charlie Patout were two volunteers that helped rebuild the canoe launch at Thomas Bell Foster Park, on Greens Bayou.



maintenance on hiking trails within the park.

Other projects included cleaning county roadways of trash and debris along Wallisville and Sheldon Roads that the site adopted from Harris County and cleaning litter at Sheldon Lake, installing benches and boat tie-offs at Sheldon Lake Park.

Over 300 volunteers from LyondellBasell's Channelview Complex including employees, family members and friends, and volunteers were at the two parks.

At Left, volunteers and LyondellBasell employees were kept busy cleaning trails, and planting trees and native shrubs. Workers finished around noon, and took a break for lunch and cooling off under the onsite tents.

Grandparents Day at Early Childhood Center



Sydney Teakell enjoys a visit from her grandmother, Evelyn Teakell, on Grandparents Day at Channelview ISD's Barrett-Lee Early Childhood Center. The event one of several held to honor grandparents throughout the district.

Woman arrested for arson

HARRIS COUNTY — At approximately 8:00 a.m. on Sept. 10, Harris County Fire Marshal's Office investigators responded to a house fire in the 14000 block of Bonham St. "The investigation found Diana Duran set fire to the home after a domestic dispute," said Public Information Officer Rachel Moreno. "One male received first degree burns, but declined medical treatment. Duran was booked into the Harris County Jail."



Diana Duran

SAN JACINTO COLLEGE

Audience invited to join the fun in melodrama

PASADENA, Texas — The San Jacinto College theatre and film department will present "Lorna's Love Lost," an interactive melodrama that invites audience members to join the fun and participate in live theatre action.

Performances will take place in the Powell Arena Theatre (Building 13) on the Central Campus, located at 8060 Spencer Hwy., in Pasadena. Show dates and times are Sept. 21, 22, 23 and 24 with a 7:30 p.m. curtain, and Sept. 25 with a 2:30 p.m. curtain.

"This is an action-packed, entertaining, family-oriented show and it's the type of play that encourages audience partici-

pation," commented Dr. Jerry Ivins, the Central Campus theatre and film department chair.

The setting for the melodrama is 1880. Preston Dove is a rich and ailing landowner trying desperately to protect his only child, the innocent and pure Lorna Dove, the heroine of the show. But in the shadows, the mischievous master of disguise, the villain of all villains, Uriah Blackstone, has other plans. Can the hero, Leroy Prince, save the day? Can the evil villain be stopped? Only the audience knows.

"Melodramas are a great tool to train actors in improvisation, physical expression and vocal vari-

ety," commented Richard Turner, theatre professor at the College and director of the show. "It is a demanding genre to perform. With the audience as active members, you have a living art form than can never be recreated. That is what live theatre is all about. Each performance is different."

General admission is \$10 per person at the door, with a discount price of \$8 per person for all who purchase tickets by Sept. 20 by calling the box office at 281-476-1828.

To find out more about theatre degrees and courses at San Jacinto College, visit sanjac.edu/career/theatre-film.



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September 20, 2016

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Research shows father involvement in schools is associated with improvements by students in academics, behavior and social skills.

All Galena Park ISD campuses invite dads to bring their children to school on September 20, 2016.

Please log on to the GPISD website at www.galenaparkisd.com to pre-register for this great event.