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## CHANNEL CHATTER

### Rep. Ana Hernandez comments on Pope Francis' visit to the United States

HOUSTON, TX- Last Tuesday, Pope Francis arrived in Washington, DC, to begin his first official visit to the United States.

"John 15:13 reads 'Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.' This was Christ's call for selfless service," Hernandez said.

"During his tenure, Pope Francis has sought to show people of all faiths that there are many ways to work for the betterment of others. As our nation struggles to build an immigration system based on justice and invest in working families, I welcome his arrival in our nation's capital, and hope that leaders at all levels of government listen to his advice and counsel as he addresses Congress this week."

### North Channel Chamber Luncheon

North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce will host its monthly luncheon on Friday, October 3, 2015, 11:30 a.m. at San Jacinto College N. (inside the Monument Room of the Student Center), 5800 Uvalde Rd. Guest speaker: Shane Williams with the Port of Houston. Cost \$25 per person. Reserve at 713-450-3600.

### Health Screening

On Saturday, September 26, the First Baptist Church of Jacinto City will host a Stroke and Vascular Disease Screening Event. Through Texas Mobile Imaging a mobile medical ultrasound team will be offering three painless, potentially life-saving vascular ultrasound screening for \$50 each or a total of \$125 for all three tests. These tests include a scan of the carotid arteries of the neck, a scan of the abdominal aorta and a scan of the arteries of the legs.

Additionally, and without further charge, complimentary ultrasounds of the thyroid, gall bladder, liver, and kidneys will be offered.

Pre-registration for an appointment is necessary. Call 281-392-5675 to register. First Baptist Church of Jacinto City is located at 10701 Wiggins St. Jacinto City, TX.

## Time Capsule burial marks Galena Park's 80th birthday

GALENA PARK – On September 21, 1935 the city was chartered. Originally named Clinton in 1833, it was changed in 1928 at the request of the post office, who had another city in Texas with that name.

The city marked its 80th birthday on Monday, with a noon ceremony at City Hall. Councilman Juan Flores acted as master of ceremonies, and city officials, students from Galena Park high school and the public joined in the celebration.

Other birthday events during the past week included a soccer tournament, a one mile walk-a-thon, historic displays and senior luncheons at Baggett Center and Galena Manor, and LyondellBasell's Global Care Day.



PARTICIPATING IN THE TIME CAPSULE CEREMONY last Monday, in front of City Hall, were the Galena Park High band, principal Juan Ramirez, Mayor Moya, Councilmen Juan Flores, Danny Simms, Cruz Hinojosa, and Ernesto Paredes. The Time Capsule is the blue pipe at center.

What do You put into a TIME CAPSULE?

- Narrative to next generation who opens it
- Citizens photos
- History of Galena Park
- Cards of all Officials and Department Heads
- Yellow Jacket schedule
- 1990 Phone Directory
- Police Patches
- Fire Dept. Patch
- Rotary Interact coin, & 4 way test coin
- GPHS National Honor Society
- North Channel Star newspaper
- GPHS cap
- GPHS Football program

The plan is to open the capsule in 50 years, according to Councilman Juan Flores.

### Originally named Jacinto City Bank in 1965

## Capital Bank observes 50th Anniversary

JACINTO CITY – Capital Bank proudly but quietly celebrated its 50th anniversary on Thursday, September 10th with an Open House reception for its customers, employees, and shareholders.

The bank history dates back to April 10, 1965 when it first opened on Palestine Street with 285 accounts. A year later it needed a new building, which was built at the corner of Palestine and Mercury, and eventually became Jacinto City's City Hall. In 1976 the bank moved to its present building on I-10, with a large drive-thru the next year.

The current president of the bank is Linden Goehring, an 11 year veteran of Capital Bank after many years with South Trust and Bayshore Bank.

In 1979 the FDIC moved to recapitalize the original bank, and asked Jeff Austin Jr. of Jacksonville to be chairman of the board of directors. In 1985 the bank name was changed to Capital Bank. At that time the president was Earl Votaw.

President Goehring pointed out to the North Channel Star that the



JACINTO CITY issued a Proclamation congratulating Capital Bank on its 50th Anniversary. Pictured at the presentation are bank president Linden Goehring, Mayor Ana Diaz, City Manager Lon Squyres, and other city officials.



BANK OFFICERS on hand for an Open House reception recently were Board Chairman Jeff Austin Jr., Consultant Paul Maaz, and President/CEO Linden Goehring.

bank is one of Houston's oldest independent banks. It now has over \$300 million in total assets, and has six full service locations in surrounding cities. Customers also can access over 1200 ATM's throughout the state of Texas.

Goehring said that his goal is to add value to the relationship with each of the groups he serves: customers, employees, and shareholders.

Because of its size and structure, Capital Bank has the unique opportuni-

ty to make decisions in-house by its board. Locally owned and operated, the bank offers personal, responsive service that can be hard to find at other institutions, Goehring said. And yet, he noted, the bank has a comprehensive line of competitive products and services for businesses and individuals.

At the reception, the bank was presented with proclamations honoring



CAPITAL BANK'S main office is on I-10 East in Jacinto City, with branches in Pearland, Pasadena, Deer Park, and Baytown.

### LYONDELLBASELL GLOBAL CARE DAY

## Volunteers work on Foster Park planting, clean up, canoe ramp



VOLUNTEERS AND LYONDELLBASELL employees gather for a photo after the work session, during Global Care Day at Thomas Bell Foster Park, near I-10 and Normandy Road.

CHANNELVIEW – LyondellBasell Channelview Complex volunteers partnered with the Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition and the Houston Parks Board on various projects benefiting Thomas Bell Foster Park. Some of the projects included planting trees and shrubs at the park, making improve-

ments to a canoe launch and performing maintenance on hiking trails within the park.

"We're honored to be selected for a third year as a LyondellBasell Global Care Day partner. The selection of our Thomas Bell Foster Park project is significant because it validates the work we are do-

ing there for the community," said Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition Executive Director Jill Bouillion. "These improvements have enabled us to have our Kayaking for Kids program at the park, which teaches students sustainable environmental prac-

See FOSTER PARK, p. 3

### HUNTING BAYOU

## Trail system proposed for Jacinto City and Galena Park

At a Jacinto City Council meeting on September 10, the city was advised of a plan for a new trail system, that has been developed by the Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition.

The purpose of the presentation was to advise council, and get their approval to proceed with planning and grant applications to pay for the trails. Council voted affirmatively for the trails.

The walking/hiking trails would start at Hermann Brown Park, north of I-10, and proceed south under I-10 and follow a path along the side of Hunting Bayou on the east side of Jacinto City.

It would pass close to Tinseltown, Market Street, have a side loop around Mercury, Main, Holland, and end near 19th Street. It would incorporate or supplement the FFA barn, the GP ballfields, and the



A PROPOSED TRAIL SYSTEM, including walking trails and canoe/kayak trails, is displayed to the Jacinto City Council at a recent meeting, by Charlie Patout of LJA Engineering, at left, and Jill Bouillion of Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition, at right.

new sidewalk system along Holland Avenue.

An additional feature would be a canoe/kayak trail, starting at Market

Street and continuing 3 miles south, passing Pyburn Elementary, and ending near the fresh water canal on Federal Street.



# Highlands Rotary Washer Tournament

## PHOTO ALBUM



FIRST PLACE TEAM "EHS" with John Shrader and Sean Stephenson. President Larry White looks on.



YOUNGEST PLAYER was Robert Carter Jr., with his father.



Rotary President Larry White congratulates SECOND PLACE TEAM "DOUBLE TROUBLE" with Bryan Teel and Bo Cotten.



THIRD PLACE TEAM "OLD HIGHLAND BOYS" with Andy Scott and Bill Creel.



John Shrader and Sean Stephenson couldn't resist a "SELFIE" with a friend.



Charlie Ward and Tricia Scott with the Trophy for the 5890 Rotarian that lasted the longest in the Tournament rounds.



The RAFFLE was very popular, with Denise Smith pulling a Party Wagon full of liquors. Also pictured, the wine basket wrapped on the table, and the TV that was auctioned off.



Washer Throwers get very intense as they compete to throw 4 washers into the 5, 10, or 15 value holes.

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## 2015 Property Tax Rates in City of Jacinto City

This notice concerns the 2015 property tax rates for City of Jacinto City. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual tax rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers start rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$2,287,918
Last year's debt taxes	\$530,607
Last year's total taxes	\$2,818,525
Last year's tax base	\$352,356,586
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.799907/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes	\$2,818,365
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)	
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$377,147,315
(after subtracting value of new property)	
= This year's effective tax rate	\$0.747284/\$100
(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes	\$2,287,788
(after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any	
transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice	
mandate, and/or enhanced indigent healthcare expenditures)	
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$377,147,315
= This year's effective operating rate	\$0.606603/\$100
x 1.08= this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.655131/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0.128554/\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$0.783685/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease  
If City of Jacinto City adopts a 2015 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.747284 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2014 taxes by \$19,370.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balance	
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.	
Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	9,672,584
Debt Service	521,768

Schedule B - 2015 Debt Service	
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).	
Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes
Debt Schedule	405,000

	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Debt Schedule	83,200	0	488,200
Total required for 2015 debt service			
			\$488,200
- Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A			\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources			\$0
- Excess collections last year			\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2015			\$488,200
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2015			\$0
= Total debt levy			\$488,200

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 1001 Preston, Houston, TX 77002.

Name of person preparing this notice: Mike Sullivan  
Title: Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector  
Date Prepared: 09/08/2015

## CITY OF JACINTO CITY BUDGET SUMMARY 2015-2016 GENERAL & WATER FUNDS

Income From General Fund	\$9,066,054
Tax Income Dedicated to Debt (I&S Fund)	488,500
Total Income (Includes Operating & Debt)	\$9,554,554
Expenditures - General Fund	
Department 11 - General Administration	628,887
Department 12 - Emergency Management	51,839
Department 13 - Code Enforcement - Health	88,002
Department 14 - Fire Department	66,216
Department 15 - Parks & Recreation	752,745
Department 16 - Police Department	1,953,173
Department 17 - Municipal Court	306,775
Department 18 - Traffic	16,000
Department 19 - Street Department	689,076
Department 20 - Garage Department	59,812
Department 21 - Sanitation	106,407
Department 22 - Heritage Hall	173,325
Department 23 - Mayor and City Council	38,720
Department 24 - Emergency Medical Service	523,427
Capital Improvements From Cash Reserves	3,595,000
Total Expenditures - General Fund	\$ 9,049,402
Income Less Expenditures - General Fund	16,652
Income From Water Fund	\$ 2,817,492
Expenditures - Water Fund	
Department 31 - General Administration	\$ 701,866
Department 32 - Water Systems Department	\$ 1,396,898
Department 33 - Waste Water Systems Department	\$ 707,359
Department 34 - Mayor and City Council	\$ 11,340
Total Expenditures - Water Fund	\$ 2,817,463
Income Less Expenditures - Water Fund	\$ 29

## CITY OF JACINTO CITY BUDGET SUMMARY - DEBT SERVICE 2015-2016

Income		
Current Taxes	\$ 488,500	
Transfer from Water Fund	0	
Total Income	\$ 488,500	
Expenditures		
2014 General Obligation Refunding Bonds	\$ 488,200	
Bond Agent Fees	\$ 300	
Total Debt Expenditures	\$ 488,500	
Income Less Expenditures	0	



SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CIP Meeting Oct. 3rd  
Subject: Trucks and Local Truck Traffic and Roads. 5:45 Light Dinner; 6:15 Business meeting starts. Meeting adjourns by 8:15 p.m. Baggett Center, 1302 Keene St., Galena Park. Please RSVP by noon, Monday Sept. 28. Contact Diane Sheridan at 281-326-5253 or dsfacilitator@gmail.com for more information.

Conference to empower East Harris County women & girls  
East Harris County Empowerment Council is proud to announce the 2015 Mpower! Women's & Girl Power Conference on September 25th & 26th at San Jacinto College located at 5800 Uvalde Rd, Houston, TX 77049.  
Registration is now open at [www.mpowerm2015.eventbrite.com](http://www.mpowerm2015.eventbrite.com).

2nd & 4th THURSDAY  
San Jacinto Pilot Club  
San Jacinto Pilot Club meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays at noon at the Galena Park ISD Administration Building.  
SATURDAY NIGHTS  
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.

MONDAYS  
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.

SEPTEMBER  
Jacinto City Library  
-Sat., Sep. 26, 12:30 pm, Children's Movie Theater.  
-Tue., Sep. 29, 10:30 am, E-mail; 2pm, indoor exercise; 4:30 p, Internet Básico.  
-Wed., Sep. 30, 12:30 pm, ESL Class.  
Jacinto City Branch Library, 921 Akron, Jacinto City, TX. 77029. For more information on these and other programs at the library, please call 713-673-3237.

SEPTEMBER  
Galena Park Library events  
-Mon., Sep. 28, 4:00 pm, Teen Time.  
-Wed., Sep. 30, 10:15 am, Internet Básico I; 11 am, Children's Story Time; 1:30 pm, Internet Basics I; 4 pm, Get Active.  
Please call the library at 713-450-0982 for more details.  
The library is located at 1500 Keene St. Galena Park, TX. 77547.

SEPTEMBER  
North Channel Library events  
-Sat., Sep. 26, 3 pm, Pokemon Club.  
-Mon., Sep. 28, 6 pm, STEAM Camp: 3D Printer Demo.  
-Tue., Sep. 29, 10:30 am, Toddler Time; 1:30 pm, Preschool Story Time.  
Library is located at 15741 Wallisville Rd., Houston, TX. 77049. Call 281-457-1631 for more information.

Heritage Hall Senior Center  
-Frid., Sep. 25, Birthday Ptry Noon Meal.  
-Mon., Sep. 28, Kitchen class, 10 am.  
-Tue., Sep. 29, Game night, 4-7pm - Covered dish.  
-Wed., Sep. 30, Bridge, 1 - 4 pm.  
-Exercise class: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays at 9 am.  
-Strenght and Balance class: Tuesdays at 9 am.  
Heritage Hall Senior Center is located at 1025 Oates Road, Jacinto City, TX. 77029. 713-675-4487.

Sheldon ISD Homecoming Parade



"There's No Place Like...Sheldon!"

HOUSTON – Hundreds took to the streets of Sheldon on Saturday, September 19, 2015 to show their pride for the community. It was all part of the Community Day Extravaganza, kicking off Homecoming 2015 for the Sheldon Independent School District.  
The annual homecom-

ing parade started at Stephanie Cravens Early Childhood Academy on Tidwell Road, and ended in front of Crenshaw Stadium on Crenshaw Road.  
The parade featured trucks and floats from each school, decorated in banners, posters, balloons and more. Other community members, students and staff simply chose to walk the nearly one and a half mile parade route.

"The Wizard of Oz" was a common theme seen throughout the parade; that's because the homecoming theme this year is "There's No Place Like Home."  
The annual parade kicks off the week-long homecoming festivities for the Sheldon community. It all comes to an end on September 25, 2015, when the C.E. King Panthers host the Porter Spartans.



Foster Park,

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DRONE VIEW OF FOSTER PARK shows the new planting, center, and the Volunteer workers tents at upper right. Drone View courtesy of LyondellBasell.

tices and a recreational skill."  
The Company's 16th annual Global Care Day encourages LyondellBasell employees around the world to collectively participate in community service projects on the same day. This year, approximately 2,600 volunteers are investing their time and talents on projects in the areas of education, health and the environment – the core focuses of our Elements of Engagement community philanthropy strategy.

"Today is an opportunity for us to show our community that LyondellBasell cares about everyone today, tomorrow, and in the future. Together we can continue building a great community," said Ronnie Antley, LyondellBasell environmental specialist. "Helping hands working together can make a difference."  
Volunteers also participated in other projects including cleaning county roadways of trash and debris along Wallisville and Sheldon Roads, which the plant adopted from Harris

County, and expanding the plant scape at the Channelview High School atrium.  
"LyondellBasell volunteers don't just show up and expect us to have projects ready," said GBCC executive director Jill Bouillion. "They work alongside our volunteers and staff over the months and weeks before the project to ensure that we can accomplish a lot in the amount of time available. For an organization with a small staff, this type of partnership is truly invaluable."

CAPITAL BANK 50th,

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them on this 50th Anniversary. Presentations were made by Jacinto City Mayor Ana Diaz, Federal Reserve official Cindy Pena, and Linda Jamail representing State Representative Ana Hernandez.  
Goehring said that the bank plans to continue celebrating it anniversary with activities based on the 50th theme. These include a Pumpkin decorating contest and other events through the rest of the year.

Attending the reception were all the bank managers and employees, and shareholders, but Goehring took special pleasure in introducing Rose Marie Leveritt, noting that for many years when someone calls the bank they first talk with her, and she is truly the "Voice of Capital Bank."  
On a more serious note, Goehring said that he views the present staff as caretakers of a 50 year old tradition, and they have a responsibility to lead the bank, and the community, into the next 50 years.

Capital Bank is related through its board of directors to Austin Bank in Jacksonville. Austin Bank has assets of approximately \$1.5 billion dollars. It has over 32 banking locations, in 22 cities through East Texas. Its directors include Jeff Austin, Jr., Jeff Austin III, and a number of other members of the family, which covers four generations in banking, back to a bank in Frank-



A PROCLAMATION FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE ANA HERNANDEZ, congratulating Capital Bank on their 50th Anniversary is presented to President Linden Goehring, center, by Linda Jamail of Hernandez' office, with Banking Center Manager AI Gutierrez at the left.



THE CURRENT CITY HALL FOR JACINTO CITY was originally the second location for Jacinto City Bank, at the corner of Mercury Drive and Palestine Street. It was built in 1966, and used until a new building on I-10 was built in 1976.

ston founded by Jeff's grandfather.  
Jeff Austin, Jr. is well known in Texas Banking

circles, having been president of the TBA Texas Banking Association in 1988.

GALENA PARK ISD:  
Shell Houston lubricants donates school supplies

This past summer, Jamie Helmly, Plant Administrative Assistant at Shell Houston Lubricants Plant on Clinton Drive, worked with her supervisors to challenge their employees to 'give back' to the community in which they operate. Team members were challenged to meet a site-wide goal of donating 1,500 packaged school supplies. When the final count was calculated, the team far exceeded their goal, collecting over 2,000 packaged school supplies.  
Helmly, along with intern Mehreen Haider, de-

livered the school supplies to the GPISD Warehouse on Monday, August 10th. The school supplies were sorted and will be distributed to students and teachers throughout the year. "What a blessing," exclaimed Dr. Williams, Superintendent of Schools, upon receiving word of the donation. "It's so heartwarming to see the generosity of these individuals in action. The interesting thing is, some of the very children who receive these school supplies will likely be their co-workers one day," She added.



Sherrhonda Johnson, GPISD Senior Director for Communications, left; Mehreen Haider; Jamie Helmly; and Johnnie Taylor, right.

SAN JACINTO COLLEGE:  
Concerts to feature music from around the world

PASADENA, Texas – San Jacinto College will host concerts in September and October that feature music from around the world, with a highlight being a performance of the internationally acclaimed European Guitar Quartet.  
All concerts are free and open to the public. The North Campus concerts will take place in the Dr. Charles Grant Fine Arts Center, 5800 Uvalde Road in Houston.  
North Campus concerts  
On Friday, Sept. 25 at 12 p.m., a concert by Houston-based Solero Flamenco will feature lively and expressive Flamenco music and singing. Solero Flamenco includes San Jacinto College music professor and skilled guitarist Jeremy

Garcia, acclaimed singer and dancer Irma La Paloma, and versatile percussionist Chris Howard. The group performs traditional Spanish folk songs, Flamenco classics, as well as original compositions.  
On Friday, Oct. 30 at 12 p.m., Brant Croucher and Friends will appear in concert. Houston native Croucher is a songwriter and musician acclaimed for lyrical craftsmanship in his guitar-driven country and folk songs. His debut CD "Blanco County Lights" received positive acclaim by music reviewers.  
San Jacinto College offers music degrees and courses, as well as private music lessons at the North and Central campuses.

Beaumont Place Baptist Church  
60th Homecoming

Date: Sunday, September 27, 2015  
Time: Services at 10:30 a.m.  
Bring covered dish or dessert and join us for a day of preaching, singing and eating. Church will provide ham and turkey.  
Come one, come all!

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OPINION PAGE

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

American Community Survey updates poverty statistics

AUSTIN — Texas' poverty rate improved to 17.2 percent in 2014, according to U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey released Sept. 17.

Embedded in that statistic is this: more than 4.5 million Texans — 1.7 million of whom are children — still live in poverty. In 2014, the poverty line for a family of three was about \$19,000 per year.

Austin-based Center for Public Policy Priorities, a non-partisan research and advocacy organization, said the poverty rate for Texas children of 24.6 percent remained unchanged from the previous year.

"Although the state is growing, too many Texans struggle every day to make ends meet," Jennifer Lee of the Center for Public Policy Priorities said. "High levels of child poverty continue to undermine our state economy and affect the future prosperity of our state," she added.

Other points made by the Center, based on the Census Bureau data:

- Rapid economic growth in Texas cities and reflected in population growth, new construction, and increasing home values, has outpaced growth in Texans' pay-checks.

- Median household income rose only slightly to \$53,035. Income inequality is persistent in Texas. If Texas were made up of five people collectively earning \$100, the highest-earning person would earn more than \$51 while the lowest-earner would make \$3.14 and the Texan in the middle earns \$14.

- Education levels and poverty are closely connected, underscoring the importance of educating the next generation of Texans for the state's future prosperity. Some 28.5 percent of Texans without a high school diploma lived in poverty, compared to 10 percent of those with some college education and only 4.5 percent for those with a bachelor's degree.

No one need go hungry

Texas Department of Agriculture is encouraging Texans in need to apply for assistance through the U.S. Department of Agriculture-funded Child and Adult Care Food Program.

About 13,000 adult and child care centers and home-based day cares in Texas are serving free or reduced-price meals through the program.

Helpful information can be found at [www.squaremeals.org](http://www.squaremeals.org).

Unemployment rate drops

Texas Workforce Commission on Sept. 18 announced Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.1 percent in August, the lowest rate of unemployment for Texas since January of 2001. The national unemployment rate was at 5.1 percent in August, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Leisure and Hospitality led all major industries in Texas with an expansion of 5,900 jobs in August. The Professional and Business Services industry added 4,000 positions over the month, and Construction gained 3,200 jobs in August. Other Services, which includes religious and civic organizations, personal services and repair businesses, added 600 jobs in August.

Texas Workforce Commission Chair Andres Alcantar said the state's low unemployment rate "demonstrates the resilience and strength of the Texas economy."

Texas earns top rating

A 2015 Global Location Trends Facts & Figures report by IBM ranks Texas the No. 1 state in the U.S. for foreign and domestic investment, based on number of jobs.

Released last week, the report examines what drives companies to relocate or locate new operations and facilities around the world.

Gov. Greg Abbott on Sept. 15 commented on the report, saying: "Texas is a state best characterized by its competitive advantage in diversity of talent, market and economic resources and it's no surprise we've again been named a top state for investment."

Child seats emphasized

Texas Department of Transportation last week reported that in 2014, crashes on Texas roads killed 81 children younger than 8 years of age. In 2013 the death toll for children in the same age bracket was 67.

Texas law requires all children under 8 years old, unless they are taller than 4 feet 9 inches, to be in a child safety seat whenever they ride in a passenger vehicle. Failure to properly restrain a child can result in a ticket up to \$250.

TxDOT conducted free child safety seat checks at the agency's 25 statewide district offices as part of national Child Passenger Safety Week, Sept. 13-19.

Houston is added to list

U.S. Department of Homeland Security on Sept. 15 announced the adding of Houston and Chicago to the federal agency's Domestic Nuclear Detection Office's Securing the Cities program. The program reportedly is designed to help detect radiological and nuclear threats and protect major metropolitan areas against terrorist attacks.

According to Census Bureau 2014 estimates, Houston, at 2.24 million people, is the nation's fourth-largest city. Chicago, rated third largest, had a population of 2.72 million in 2014.

On Sept. 15 Texas Department of Public Safety Director Steven McCraw said the program "offers state and local agencies vital resources to help prepare in protecting against radiological or nuclear terrorist attacks."



Babin recognizes Constitution Day

On September 17, 1787, thirty-nine American visionaries applied their signatures to one of the greatest documents in human history, the United States Constitution. In doing so they risked everything, including their very lives. On this day, each year, Americans pause to recognize Constitution Day — which provides us time to reflect on our nation's founding document.

As we celebrate this tremendous achievement 228 years later, Constitution Day serves as a reminder that so many of our bedrock freedoms are under attack. With such critical issues facing our nation and an uncertain and perilous future, we must recommit ourselves to preserving the Constitutional liberties for which so many American patriots have selflessly given their lives to defend.

During the deliberations of the Constitutional Convention in 1787, it is reported that when asked whether we had a republic or a monarchy as he emerged from the deliberations, Benjamin Franklin responded, "A republic, if you can keep it."

Those words included a warning—that we must remain vigilant to protect our republic. As the power of the federal government and the courts has grown, Benjamin Franklin's warning is very relevant to us today.

We must ensure all three branches of government are held accountable to the American people and the U.S. Constitution. No one is above the law, including the President and his Administration, which has shown a blatant disregard for the Constitution-

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MESSAGE FROM

REP. BRIAN BABIN

al principles of limited government and individual responsibility.

In an effort to defend the Constitution and restore the separation of powers, the House of Representatives filed a federal lawsuit against the President in 2014 in response to one of his unconstitutional executive orders to spend money on the 36th Congressional District of Texas, I am steadfastly committed to defending our nation's founding document at all costs, as well as fighting tirelessly for the principles of limited government, freedom and liberty.

We received welcome news a couple of weeks ago when a federal court ruled that the House of Representatives has a legitimate case against the President. Only Congress can write laws. The House of Representatives must protect its Constitutional rights over federal spending and reject President Obama's executive overreach.

I have also been leading the charge against the President's unconstitutional executive amnesty at every turn, as well his constant refusal to faithfully execute our nation's laws. However, more must be done and we must fight harder.

We must also work to overcome Senate "traditions" and "supermajorities" that have put up a wall against the good legislation we have passed in the House to curtail this President's bad policies. The American people deserve better and our Constitution demands it.

As the representative of the 36th Congressional District of Texas, I am steadfastly committed to defending our nation's founding document at all costs, as well as fighting tirelessly for the principles of limited government, freedom and liberty.

With our Constitutional republic threatened at home and abroad, we must remain tireless in our pursuit to defend the Constitution and the rule of law. Indeed, we are a nation governed by law not personalities.

With each vote I take on behalf of the people of the 36th Congressional District of Texas, I am reminded of my oath to defend the Constitution, and I will continue to use the Constitution as my guide.

Study Drugs

By Rachel N. Lipari, Ph.D., and Rachel Rush, M.A.

(NAPSI)—A myth on many college campuses is that "study drugs" help students succeed in preparing for and taking exams. Study drugs are typically prescription stimulants that people take to lose weight, to stay awake or to combat attention deficit disorders. However, research has shown that no drug can make a student smarter or help ace an exam.

The National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), produced by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), collects information on substance use among civilian, noninstitutionalized adults in the United States. In 2013, 1.7 percent of full-time college students aged 18 to 22 had misused prescription stimulants in the month prior to being surveyed. Prescription stimulant misuse is when someone uses a drug without a prescription or simply for the feeling the drug caused.

Based on 2002-2013 NSDUH data, an annual average of 137,000 full-time college students misused prescription stimulants for the first time in the past 12 months. This means that over 12 months, an average of 400 students start misusing stimulants each day.

College students start misusing prescription stimulants mostly during the academic year, especially in April, November and December. In contrast, first use of alcohol, cigarettes and marijuana for college students peaked during summer break.

Parents, prevention specialists and college staff can help by being aware of how students may be misusing prescription stimulants for academic gain, particularly during the peak months that coincide with fall midterms and finals. For information about stimulant use, go to [www.samhsa.gov](http://www.samhsa.gov).

Prevention information for students can be found at [www.samhsa.gov/school-campus-health](http://www.samhsa.gov/school-campus-health).

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Edward Allen Hauerland

Edward Allen Hauerland, known by his family and friends as "Ed", peacefully went to be with his Lord on Monday evening, August 31, 2015, with his wife and children surrounding his bedside in a Houston hospital.

He was born in Sealy, Texas on December 31, 1947 as the fourth child of Anton and Henrietta Hauerland, and younger brother of Beatrice Wormeli, of Brenham, Texas, Anthony Hauerland, of Columbus, Texas, and Leroy Hauerland, of Sealy, Texas. He was a 1965 graduate of Sealy High School where he played football and ran track. He spent the next 9 years working and attending college part-time.

In 1971, he married Paulette Thielemann, also of Sealy. They resided in San Antonio, Texas several years, and then moved to Huntsville where, in 1974, he graduated from Sam Houston State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration. Ed was a member of the Texas National Guard &

Army Reserves, serving in the Military Occupation specialties unit as a Military Policeman in both San Antonio and Huntsville, Texas during the years of 1969-1976. He was an expert marksman, received Most Outstanding Service awards 2 years in a row, and was honorably discharged in 1976.

Following college he began a career, which spanned 20 years, as an insurance agent with Farmer's Insurance, and relocated to Crosby, Texas to start "Ed Hauerland Insurance Agency" in 1976. He served on the CISD School Board for 2 terms, was Crosby Sports Association President, and coached his son's baseball teams for many years. He was a member of Lakewood



church where he served as a prayer partner. Around 1995, Ed began helping his children with raising and showing Californian rabbits and developed an award-winning headline which became nationally known. In 1997, he started a new career as a Senior Welding Inspector, and for the next 12 years travelled to China, Iraq, India, and many of the U.S. states to inspect pipelines. He retired in 2008 after assuring that all 3 of his children had college degrees.

Ed is preceded in death by his parents and his first daughter, Christa Amber Hauerland. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Paulette Hauerland, and children, Mark Edward Hauerland and wife Staci, Cans Elizabeth Odom and husband Jeremy, Marianna Joy Garcia and husband John. He was blessed with five granddaughters, Liv Grace Hauerland, Ali Kate Hauerland, Ivy Claire Hauerland, Blaise Channing Odom, and Sydni Kriss Lurie Garcia. A celebration of Ed's life was held at Knesek Funeral Chapel on September 4, 2015 in Sealy, Texas, his hometown, where many family members and friends gathered to honor him.

The service was officiated by his long-time friend,

Rev. Jack Pidgeon, of West Houston Christian Center in Houston, Texas. He was laid to rest beside his beloved little girl, Christa Amber in the Sealy Cemetery following a graveside service with military honors.

Pallbearers were his son-in-laws John Garcia and Jeremy Odom, nephews Kevin Kubricht, Scott Hauerland, Brad Hauerland, and Todd Thielemann, and honorary bearers, Troy Thielemann and Todd Hauerland. His 5 granddaughters, "Paw-Paw's angels", were honorary pallbearers also.

Ed's faith in God, love of his country, love for his family, loyalty to his friends, and generosity to others will be remembered always. The family expresses a heartfelt thank you for the many expressions of sympathy through flowers, cards, and memorials in Ed's name, and for the prayers and love extended to them.

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Glennis Estelle Plocheck



Glennis Estelle Plocheck, 93, beloved mother, grandmother and friend; born Friday, July 21, 1922 in Livingston, Texas to Charles Milton Tilton and Leola Amanda Dugat Tilton; passed from her earthly life

on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 in Baytown, Texas. A resident of the Crosby area since 1954, Glennis and her husband T.G. (Tedo) raised nine children, together with her making that and her role in their family business (Plocheck Meat Processing) her life's work.

Her many interest and hobbies included sewing, quilting, oil painting, flea markets, garage sales and traveling. Her children remember wearing only clothes that their mother made when they were young. She was a very loved and will be missed by so many. Glennis is preceded in death by her husband, T.G. (Ted) Plocheck; sons, Peter, David, Eddie and Stephen Plocheck and her grandson, Jake Plocheck. She is survived by her sons, Ronnie Plocheck and Nancy Weld, Charles "Skip" Plocheck and wife Recie, Dennis Plocheck, Cary Plocheck and wife Dana and John Plocheck; daughters Carol "Missy" Fredrickson and husband Tim, Kay Peddy and husband Elmo; grandchildren, David, Joe, Nick, Amanda, Katie, Erica Miller Barbour, Brian Fredrickson, Emily Fredrickson and Jennifer Johnson; several great-grandchildren and many other family and friends.

A visitation will be held Thursday, September 17, 2015 from 5-7 pm at Sterling-White Funeral Home; with a funeral Mass in the Sterling-White Funeral Home Chapel with Deacon Archie Benham officiating. Services will be held on Friday, September 18 at 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Gary Rickles officiating; burial will follow at Sterling-White Cemetery.

Services have been entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Road, Highlands, Texas, 77562. To send the family condolences please visit www.sterlingwhite.com.

Marveline and Duane Pira

"Chains do not hold a marriage together. It is threads, hundreds of tiny threads which sew people together through the years."

Duane Travis Pira and Marveline Martha Pira (also lovingly known as Doodle and Sis), both 92 years of age, passed away this summer in Canyon Lake, TX surrounded by friends and family. Duane Pira passed on July 4th, 2015 and was soon followed by his wife of nearly 70 years, Marveline Pira, on September 15, 2015.

Duane was born in Houston, TX to David and Edith (Ehrlund) Pira on February 9th, 1923 and a mere five months later his wife Marveline was born to Martin and Josephine (Gegersen) Delano in Notowa, TX. Duane enlisted in the Marine Corps at the age of 19 and dutifully served his country in the Pacific during World War II. Fate would eventually unite Duane and Marveline in Highlands, TX where they met and soon married on November 16, 1945, shortly after Duane's return from his tour of duty.

Duane and Marveline lived with their two children in Highlands, TX where he worked as a carpenter at the Baytown Exxon refinery and she kept the home. After Duane's retirement from Exxon in 1978, the couple moved to Coldspring, TX where they built their own home and settled into an active lifestyle that included daily gardening as well as regular hunting, and fishing. The pair remained in Coldspring for several years until they moved one final time to Canyon Lake, TX in 2012.

Duane and Marveline were preceded in death by their parents and siblings and are survived by their



son, Larry Pira of Livingston, TX, their daughter and son-in-law, Lavois and Jody Guffey of Canyon Lake, TX as well as three grandchildren (Katie Pira of Kingwood, TX, Randy Lofton of San Antonio, TX and Ryan Wilson of Bryan, TX) and three great-grandchildren (Lukas Lofton, Felicia Wilson and Atticus Wilson).

Because Duane and Marveline so loved the outdoors, a graveside service was held on Friday September 18th, 2015 at Earthman Memory Gardens Cemetery, 8624 Garth Rd., Baytown, TX 77521. Per their last wishes, Duane was cremated and his ashes were laid to rest with his beloved wife. An open casket viewing for Marveline was held graveside at 1:30pm with the service which followed at 2:00pm. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Donations can be made online at support.woundedwarriorproject.org. To view the online obituary and post a tribute for the family, visit www.earthmanbaytown.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Earthman Funeral Home, 3919 Garth Rd., Baytown, TX 77521; (281) 422-8181.



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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 compares on or out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.2433/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.2701/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

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	4.15 % increase
Debt Service	2.23 % increase
Total expenditures	3.97 % increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value

(as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year	
Total appraised value* of all property	\$9,715,893,956	\$9,798,407,682
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$475,290,180	\$481,971,936
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$7,466,820,118	\$7,530,233,238
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$365,275,032	\$370,403,192

\*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(9), Tax Code.  
\*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.01(2)(7), Tax Code.  
\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$177,169,349

\*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	\$1.2433	\$0.2701*	\$1.5134	\$5.265	\$5.066
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.3144	\$0.2550*	\$1.5694	\$6.040	\$4.491
Proposed Rate	\$1.2433	\$0.2701*	\$1.5134	\$5.895	\$4.542

\*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	\$73,358	\$81,926
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$49,267	\$53,801
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.5134	\$1.5134
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$745.61	\$814.22
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$68.61

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 65 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 \$1.5134. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.5134.

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)	\$117,000,000
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Diamond Jim...  
“What is the lawsuit between Tiffany & Costco about?”

“In a week of big stories, the outcome of Tiffany v. Costco was certainly the biggest, as a federal court in New York handed down a decision that answered the question: Has the term “Tiffany” become genericized, making it OK for anybody who’s selling a certain style of ring to refer to it as a “Tiffany setting?”

Tiffany & Co. first filed suit against Costco Wholesale Corp. on Valentine’s Day 2013, accusing the membership-only warehouse club of selling rings with signs designating them as “Tiffany” when they were not, in fact, rings made by Tiffany & Co. According to Tiffany, Costco even went so far as to remove the Tiffany descriptor when it advertised these same rings online so as to avoid detection. Shortly thereafter, Costco fired back with a counterclaim insisting that the term “Tiffany” had become genericized and that the phrase “Tiffany setting” could be used to describe any engagement ring of a certain style.

Now, when most people think of generic, what comes to mind is non-brand-name products, like those black-and-white bags of potato chips my mom used to buy in Foodland because they were cheaper than Ruffles. I always wanted to experience the thrill of eating those ridged potato chips in my own home but, alas, it was not meant to be. As it relates to trademarks, however, what generic means more specifically is a trademark or brand name that has become synonymous with a more general class of product or service. This can happen organically—laundromat was once a trademarked term but its trademark expired—or against the wishes of the company or brand. Aspirin, for example, actually was trademarked by Bayer but deemed in court many years ago to have become genericized in the United States. The same is true for Murphy bed, the name for a type of bed that folds up into the wall in order to save space, and originally was the concept of William Lawrence Murphy.

In filing its lawsuit, Costco asserted that the Tiffany name had gone the way of aspirin or the Murphy bed and therefore all retailers could use the term “Tiffany setting”

to describe any ring with multiple slender prongs extending upward from a base to hold a single gemstone. (The actual Tiffany Setting, which was created by Charles Lewis Tiffany in 1868, has six prongs.) The judge disagreed, ruling that the term Tiffany has not become generic and, thereby, is still protected by trademark.

The JVC’s Cecilia Gardner, who actually was deposed in this case because of her knowledge of both the law and the jewelry industry, says what this means for the jewelry industry is simple. Retailers, manufacturers, etc. should not use the term “Tiffany setting” unless they are selling a ring manufactured by Tiffany & Co. “This decision is authoritative that that phrase is an infringement on Tiffany’s intellectual property and cannot be used without real risk,” she said. “Everybody is exposed to liability if they use that term to connote something else other than a ring manufactured by Tiffany.” Tiffany definitely is a company that takes protecting its 178-year-old name very seriously. It’s what companies have to do in order to prevent their brand or brands from becoming genericized. Gardner told me that Xerox prominently and regularly publishes notices pointing out that Xerox is the name of a company, not the name for any photocopied pieces of paper or the action of copying them. Kimberly-Clark does the same thing in order to remind people that Kleenex is a trademarked brand, not a generic term for facial tissue. “Tiffany (in this case) needed to do the same to protect its intellectual property and to prevent the term (Tiffany from) gathering or acquiring a secondary meaning,” she says.

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North Shore Rotary Club recently awarded \$8,600 to Galena Park ISD.

## Channelview crushes Aldine in 83-14 rout

HOUSTON - The Channelview Falcon offense was unstoppable in an 83-14 rout of Aldine last Friday at Thorne Stadium.

Channelview raced to a 35-14 lead after the first quarter and added 21 points in the second quarter to boost their advantage to 56-14 at halftime. The Falcons had 722 yards of total offense.

Channelview now takes their 4-0 record into District 21-6A play when the Falcons host Port Arthur Memorial at 7 p.m. Friday at Ray Madry Memorial Stadium.

More than 400 of Channelview’s total yards came on the ground, as three players had over 100 yards rushing. Quarterback Jalen Hurts ran for 166 yards and three touchdowns. Running back Cristian Ramirez ran for 144 yards and two touchdowns, while Demontre Tuggle rushed for 134 yards and three touchdowns.

The Falcon passing game was also effective, as Hurts threw for 226 yards and two touchdowns to Anthony Means. Means also had a 76-yard kickoff return.

## OBITUARIES

### Barbara Alice Baer

Barbara Alice Baer, 76, of Houston, Texas, passed from this life on September 20, 2015.

Barbara was born December 31, 1938 in Houston, Texas to parents, William D. Slay and Alice Coats.

She was preceded in death by father & stepmother, William D. & Juanita Slay and by mother Alice Coats; by son, Scott Allen Baer and sister, Joyce Slay; and by brothers, Ronnie Slay and Gary Slay.

She is survived by son & daughter-in-law, David & Julie Baer; by sisters, Sandra Stone, Joan Bue, Judy King and Phyllis Dudley; and by grandchildren, Desirae Baer and Rachelle



Baer. No Memorial Services are scheduled at this time.

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## ASK THE EXPERT

By Edward Jones

## Farmers' skills can pay off for investors, too

In many parts of the country, it’s harvest season. As a consumer, you will certainly be affected by the labors of farmers — and their particular skill set can also teach you a lot in your role as investor.

Here are a few suggestions for putting farmers’ behaviors to work for you:

- Keep a cool head. Farmers have to cope with all sorts of challenges — bad weather, changing crop prices, availability and cost of land, global trade policies, etc. But the most successful farmers don’t panic, follow sound agricultural practices and adapt their work habits as necessary. As an investor, you, too, need to keep a cool head, especially in the face of volatile markets, political turmoil and changes in the economy. Don’t overreact to today’s headlines; instead, constantly plan for tomorrow, and follow an investment strategy designed to help you achieve your goals.

- Keep learning. Farmers are constantly learning new techniques from agricultural extension services and other sources. When you invest, you can also benefit from educating yourself on the various factors — corporate earnings, changing interest rates, and so on — affecting the financial markets.

- Control your expenses. Farming isn’t cheap. The cost of farm equipment is daunting, land is expensive, water usage can be enormous — the list goes on and on. The most successful farmers work hard to manage their costs, and it’s an ongoing challenge. As an investor, you also can incur plenty of costs — especially if you’re constantly buying and selling securities, which can lead to heavy commissions and fees, along with higher-than-necessary capital gains taxes. Following a long-term, “buy-and-hold” investment strategy can help you control your in-

vestment costs while also helping you build and preserve your long-term financial security.

- Be flexible. The ups and downs of growing commodity crops have become more frequent, forcing farmers to become more flexible and resourceful in their business. For example, many farmers have started producing specific products for specific markets, thus giving them an “all-weather” income stream. As an investor, you may also need to look for new opportunities as they arise, provided these moves are still within the overall context of your long-term strategy. To be able to make such moves, you’ll want to keep a reasonable amount of “cash” in your investment portfolio.

- Be patient. Farmers plant crops and nurture them carefully for months before it’s harvest time. In fact, it’s possible that no other occupation requires such a willingness to wait for results — and payouts. Similarly, when you invest, you simply can’t expect to instantly turn huge profits; no matter what you may hear, investing is not a “get rich quick” type of endeavor. The best investors work toward growth slowly, over a period of many decades, and only by diligently pursuing a strategy that’s appropriate for their individual needs, goals and risk tolerance. In short, when it comes to investing, patience isn’t just a virtue — it’s a necessity.

Farmers work long hours, but they don’t just work hard — they work smart. Emulating their work habits and patterns can help as you cultivate the investment fields.

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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 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015 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.

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2015 Property Tax Rates in San Jacinto Community College District

This notice concerns the 2015 property tax rates for San Jacinto Community College District. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual tax rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers start rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$56,502,084
Last year's debt taxes	\$26,042,682
Last year's total taxes	\$82,544,766
Last year's tax base	\$44,474,071,400
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.185602/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$82,493,741
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$46,929,277,613
= This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	\$0.175783/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent healthcare expenditures)	\$56,467,130
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$46,929,277,613
= This year's effective operating rate	\$0.120324/\$100
x 1.08--this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.129949/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0.046589/\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$0.176538/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If San Jacinto Community College District adopts a 2015 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.175783 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2014 taxes by \$1,911,434.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balance

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Interest and Sinking	1,200,000

Schedule B - 2015 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
2007 Series GO Bonds	1,145,000	607,769	750	1,753,519
2008 Refunding Series GO Bonds	145,000	28,513	750	174,263
2008A Series GO Bonds	1,035,000	1,569,618	1,000	2,605,618
2009 Series GO Bonds	5,000,000	4,813,975	500	9,814,475
2011 Series GO Bonds	1,607,230	3,723,758	500	5,331,488
2012 Series GO Bonds	400,000	500,519	500	901,019
2015 Refunding Series GO	330,000	1,967,105	500	2,297,605
Total required for 2015 debt service			\$22,877,987	
- Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A			\$0	
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources			\$0	
- Excess collections last year			\$578,590	
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2015			\$22,299,397	
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 99.62% of its taxes in 2015			\$85,061	
= Total debt levy			\$22,384,458	

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 4624 Fairmont Parkway, Suite 202, Pasadena, TX 77504. Name of person preparing this notice: Kenneth D. Lynn, CPA Title: Vice Chancellor of Fiscal Affairs Date Prepared: 09/15/2015

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CITY OF GALENA PARK BUDGET SUMMARY ALL ACCOUNTS

TOTAL WATER, GENERAL AND DEBT REVENUE INCOME

\$12,501,750.00

DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (GENERAL FUND)	\$2,977,617.20
HUMANE	\$83,344.20
FIRE	\$508,833.83
E.M.S.	\$681,782.00
RECREATION	\$792,559.92
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$17,650.00
POLICE	\$1,781,916.60
COURT	\$107,106.00
TRAFFIC	\$86,000.00
STREET & DRAINAGE	\$468,079.98
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	\$356,630.60
GARAGE	\$152,914.20
SANITATION	\$440,520.00
MAYOR & COUNCIL (GENERAL FUND)	\$21,319.10
FIRE MARSHAL	\$64,629.86
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (WATER FUND)	\$787,665.50
WATER	\$1,622,758.25
WASTEWATER	\$1,243,489.75
MAYOR & COUNCIL (WATER FUND)	\$8,736.60
BOND RETIREMENT (DEBT SERVICE)	\$189,750.00

TOTAL WATER, GENERAL AND DEBT SERVICE EXPENDITURES

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