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CHANNEL CHATTER

GALENA PARK LAWSUITS CONTINUE

Rancor and legal action continue in Galena Park, between former employees and the Mayor's administration. The North Channel Star has learned that two lawsuits against the city by former City Administrator Robert Pruett, and one lawsuit by former police chief Jonathan Rader, are still scheduled for federal court in the future. These are EEOC unfair labor complaints. Judge Werlein ruled on another case, that Pruett's complaint against the Mayor and Sheriff be dropped.

In addition Pruett's action to recover his severance pay will be heard by a District Court during the month of October.

Galena Park/Jacinto City CIP

Thursday, October 6, 2016. Need to arrive by 5:30 p.m. Boat leaves dock at 5:45 p.m. Meet at Port of Houston, Gate 8 off Clinton Drive. Enter Gate 8 and stay right.Tour of Houston Ship Channel on MV Sam Houston. Delicious dinner and great door prizes.

Chamber Luncheon: "State of the Schools"

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

Crosby Street Dance

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

EPA announces cleanup plan for San Jacinto River Waste Pits

Proposal is for complete removal of toxic material

DALLAS – Sept. 28, 2016 Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the proposed plan to address contamination at the San Jacinto waste pits Superfund site in Harris County, Texas. After careful review of all available information, EPA's preferred remedy proposes removing a total of about 202,000 cubic yards of con-



IN THE EPA PROPOSED PLAN, the North and South compounds would be remediated by dry excavation of the toxic wastes. There would be no wet dredging. This method contains the toxic wastes.

taminated material from the northern and southern impoundments at a cost of nearly \$96.9 million.

"Based on the recommendation of EPA site managers and the on-going maintenance and repairs of the temporary cap, we are proposing to remove contaminated material and provide the community with the most protective cleanup plan for the San Jacinto waste pits site," said regional administrator Ron Curry. "We encourage everyone to review our plan and provide us com-

ments so we can reach the best decision to protect San Jacinto-area communities and the river itself."

The plan will be open for public comment for 60 days, beginning Thursday, September 29, and ending Monday, November 28. EPA will also host a public meeting at the Highlands Community Center in Highlands, Texas on October 20, 2016, where members of the community will be invited to offer comment. EPA will share further details closer to the

See WASTE PITS, page 8

New Police Station planned for Jacinto City

JACINTO CITY – A major new building is set to be built, as groundbreaking ceremonies last Friday marked the start of construction for a new 2-story police station.

The new building is to be built immediately behind the existing station, and when completed the old facility will be torn down, and replaced with parking and landscaping.

City Manager Lon Squyres said that "while the city recognized the need to replace the police station years ago, a fire in the attic in September of last year reinforced the commitment to hasten this project. The damages were over \$100,000 and severely impacted the ability of the officers to do their jobs.

The new station will meet modern life safety codes and will be very energy efficient. In addition to areas for general police work, there will be several holding cells, offices, a workout room, fingerprint lab and a large conference room that will also serve as the Emergency Operations Center during disasters." In addition there will be 9 holding cells, 6 for men and 3 for women.

Architect Ed Gant stated that the building will be



ARCHITECT'S RENDERING OF THE NEW JACINTO CITY POLICE STATION.



GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES FOR THE NEW POLICE STATION took place last Friday morning, in front of the old Police Station. At center, Mayor Ana Diaz and Police Chief Joe Ayala, with City Council persons, City Manager Lon Squyres, Constable Chris Diaz, and Architects Ed and Chris Gant.

a two story brick design with aluminum framed windows, and a metal standing seam roof. Area of the first floor is 10,710 square feet, with a "Sally port" of an additional 1830 s.f. The second floor is 8,966 s.f., and total building size is 21,506. The second story will allow expansion for future needs. Cost is budgeted at just over \$2 million.

In the parking lot will be space for a "Safe Trade Zone" where security cameras will focus on individuals as they trade items bought or sold online.

Participating in last Friday's ceremonies were Mayor Ana Diaz, Police Chief Joe Ayala, City Manager Lon Squyres, Council persons Mario Gonzales, Carmela Garcia, Allen Lee, Jimmy JJ Rivas, Gregg Robinson, Constable Chris Diaz, Architects Ed and Chris Gant, and Linda J. Jaramila representing Rep. Ana Hernandez.

City Manager Squyres said he expects the building to host regional training activities, and support several local law enforcement initiatives.

Construction is set to start immediately, and be completed in about 8 months.

KISS A PIG MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Forty for Forty in Four

The Chamber announces an exciting and fun membership drive, headed by Dr. Charles Grant.

In January, the North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce will celebrate their 40th Anniversary. To start the celebration off, we aim to bring in 40 new members in four weeks. We plan to kickoff the drive on September 27 and end October 21. October 17 – 21 is Texas Chamber of Commerce Week.

Dr. Charles Grant has graciously volunteered to chair the drive. In his twenty plus years as a volunteer, he has received two life memberships. A life membership is given to an individual when he/she brings in \$2,500 in memberships in a twelve month period. Grant knows the value of Chamber membership and believes, "If you live, work, do business, or want to do business in the North Channel Area, you should be a member."

Charles Grant is relying



Dr. Charles Grant, chairman of the membership drive, has issued a challenge to the Chamber. Bring in 40 new members in 4 weeks, and he will "Kiss-A-Pig."

on his Membership Team Captains, essentially the board members and officers, to each bring in two new members to reach the Chamber goal of 40. You can help by contacting a team captain, as listed on page 8.

Aaron Cox, CEO of the Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives said "Shapiro Group, an Atlanta based research firm sur-

veyed 2,000 Americans and found that chamber membership causes consumers to see a business in a more positive light and increases the likelihood that they will shop or purchase services from chamber member businesses. Although these figures vary slightly amongst size of organization and indus-

See 40 for 40, page 8

NORTH CHANNEL Assistance Ministries opens new building

NORTH CHANNEL – The Assistance Ministries extended their ability to serve needy families in the North Channel and adjacent communities, with the opening of an addition to their building on Freepoint Street.

A ribbon cutting was held on September 22 to officially inaugurate the new building. NCAM serves hundreds of families each week, with food and other necessities.

At present the interior work has not been completed. When done, the new building will house offices, a public reception and waiting area, a counseling and interview office, and some additional work areas and storage.

New paved parking and handicap parking also complement the building.

NCAM director Rodney Redford emphasized that fund raising for this building continues. Contact him at 713-453-8028.



The new metal building on Freepoint Street is an addition to the North Channel Assistance Ministries main building. It still needs work to finish the interior offices and work areas.



The North Channel Chamber held a ribbon cutting for the new facility, on September 22, Cutting the ribbon is Gayle Redford, with NCAM director Rodney Redford directly behind her.

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NOTICE OF TAX REVENUE INCREASE

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

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

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

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

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

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Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The HARRIS COUNTY F.W.S.D. 51 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2016 on October 12, 2016 at 12:00 pm at 367 Queenstown, Houston, Texas 77015. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Jerry Dominy, William Bowes, Roger Bate, Dr. B.J. Westbrook, Cary Stephens

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

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

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$.28200/\$100	\$.25700/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$.02500/\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)	-8.86%	
Average appraised/residence homestead value	\$ 111,874	\$ 122,686
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 22,375	\$ 24,537
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 89,499	\$ 98,149
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 252.38	\$ 252.24
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	\$	-.14
and percentage of increase (+/-)		-.05%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

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

Bob Leared, Tax Assessor-Collector
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Foundation gala draws funds for innovations



Mandi Riordan paraded items before prospective buyers during the Live Auction portion of the Crosby Education Foundation.

CROSBY – The gala reception last week was Crosby Education Foundation at Stonebridge in Newport, as they put on Lights, Camera, Action on Sept. 24.

This event raises funds to pay for innovative educational programs within Crosby ISD that are generally more costly than the regular curriculum or outside capacity for regular tax payer funded curriculum.

Teachers are bestowed a wish list of classes or programs they would like to

put on and benefactors pay for them either directly by sponsorship or by purchase of auction items during the gala event.

Dr. Moore said, “The gala was a great success. The beauty of CEF is that it is simply a bunch of great people volunteering to fund classroom grants. The impact of CEF can be felt at every campus, every day.”

Guests, of 18 years old or older enjoyed a great evening of food, fun and fellowship with friends and neighbors. There was a Silent and Live Auction with

a variety of items available.

Bill Busby was auctioneer, Dixon Davis and Gary “Strawberry” Clifton spotted bids and Mandi Riordan displayed the auction items.

CEF partners with Crosby ISD and the local business community to enrich teaching, inspire learning and maximize opportunities for all Crosby ISD students. The Grants Gala and Annual Golf Tournament serve as CEF's primary fundraising events.

Since its existence, CEF has awarded 134 grants totaling \$262,739.00! Together We GRANT The Future.

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2016 Property Tax Rates in Harris County Emergency Service District 2

This notice concerns the 2016 property tax rates for Harris County Emergency Service District 2. 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	\$1,393,360
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$1,393,360
Last year's tax base	\$4,974,153,934
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.028012/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$1,391,994
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$4,481,937,864
=This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	\$0.031057/\$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)	\$1,391,994
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$4,481,937,864
=This year's effective operating rate	\$0.031057/\$100
x 1.08=this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.033541/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0/\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$0.033541/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Harris County Emergency Service District 2 adopts a 2016 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.031057 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2015 taxes by \$87,405.

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
Maintenance and Operations Fund	8,435,000

Schedule B - 2016 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
	0	0	0	0
Total required for 2016 debt service				\$0
- 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 2016				\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2016				\$0
= Total debt levy				\$0

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.

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SCHOOL NEWS

GALENA PARK ISD

Sam Houston Elementary Students Visit City Council



Sam Houston Elementary 4th and 5th grade student council members were invited by Mr. Bill Kelly from the Mayor's office to visit City Hall and attend a city council session on September 7. The student council went to downtown Houston for an exciting day full of activities. They explored City Hall, got to meet Mr. Kelly and their city council representative, Dave Martin. While they were at City Hall, they were able to attend a city council meeting where citizens of Houston were discussing traffic and buildings around the Houston area. At the end of the day, each of the students were given a certificate of appreciate from Mayor Turner.

GALENA PARK ISD

Students selected to participate at Lone Star Leadership Academy

Five GPISD students were selected during the 2015- 2016 school year to participate in the Lone Star Leadership Academy this past summer. Students traveled to Dallas/ Fort Worth or Austin/ San Antonio depending on their grade for a weeklong camp, which focused on developing leadership skills while learning about the great state of Texas.

During their time at the academy, participants completed problem solving and decision-making simulations and exercised their creativity and presentation skills. Students were selected to attend based on their academic success, leadership ability, educator recommendation and involvement in school and community activities.

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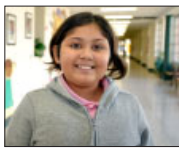
Walter Knowles



William Knowles



Roberto Macias



Jayla Gonzales



Kaylana Schoola

so proud of Jayla Gonzales (Green Valley Elementary), William Knowles (James B. Harvard Elementary), Walter Knowles (North Shore Middle School), Roberto Macias (Sam Houston Elementary) and Kaylana Schoola (Sam Houston Elementary) for their academic success.

Galena Park celebrates National Fathers Day

On Tuesday, September 22, hundreds of Galena Park ISD dads participated in National Fathers Take Your Children to School Day.

All of the GPISD's schools treated dads to breakfast, a brief presentation and an opportunity to walk their child to their classroom.

While taking their children to school, the dads and their children got the opportunity to enjoy breakfast together and talk with other dads and children. During breakfast, a brief presentation was given by school principals on ways they can volunteer at school events or be a chaperone on upcoming field trips. The fathers were also encouraged to take their children to school at least once a month.

National Fathers Take Your Children to School Day was established to encourage fathers to take a more active role in their children's lives and introduce them to their children's school community.

GPISD would like to thank all the dads who participated in National Fathers Take Your Children to School Day.



Fathers celebrating "Fathers National Day" by taking their kids to school at Galena Park ISD.

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BUSINESS

Diamond Jim: "What subject would you like to share with us?"



ASK DIAMOND JIM

In today's world, we face adversity, negative attitudes, and many pressures nearly every day. I personally enjoy positive experiences, people with positive "can do" attitudes, and those who conduct themselves with good manners.

To that end, here's a story that starts out a little rough but ends with a very "positive" message. I hope you enjoy it!

The Wooden Bowl

I guarantee you will remember the tale of the Wooden Bowl tomorrow, a week from now, a month from now, a year from now.

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year-old grandson.

The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered.

The family ate together at the table. But the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor.

When he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth.

The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess.

"We must do something about father," said the son. "I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor."

So the husband and wife set a small table in the corner.

There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner.

Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl.

When the family glanced in Grandfather's direction, sometimes he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone.

Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food.

The four-year-old watched it all in silence.

One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor.

He asked the child sweetly, "What are you making?" Just as sweetly, the boy responded, "Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food in when I grow up."

The four-year-old smiled and went back to work.

The words so struck the parents so that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done.

That evening the husband took Grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table.

For the remainder of his days he ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled.

On a positive note, I've learned that, no matter what happens, how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.

I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles four things: a rainy day, the elderly, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.

I've learned that making a 'living' is not the same thing as making a 'life.'

I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance.

I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be

able to throw something back sometimes.

I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you.

But, if you focus on your family, your friends, the needs of others, your work and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you.

I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision.

I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.

I've learned that every day, you should reach out and touch someone.

People love that human touch -- holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.

I've learned...that I still have a lot to learn.

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Diamond Jim is a diamond dealer and precious metals broker of NTR Metals. See more at: www.pineforestjewelry.com.

Vote for Smart Investment Moves

The presidential election is little more than a month away. Like all elections, this one has generated considerable interest, and, as a citizen, you may well be following it closely. But as an investor, how much should you be concerned about the outcome?

Probably not as much as you might think. Historically, the financial markets have done well -- and done poorly -- under both Democratic and Republican administrations. Also, many factors affecting investment performance have little or nothing to do with the occupant of the White House. Consequently, no one can claim, with any certainty, that one candidate is going to be "better for the markets" than another one.

Still, this isn't to say that any given presidential administration will have no effect at all on investors. For example, a president could propose changes to the laws governing investments, and if Congress passes those laws, investors could be affected.

But in looking at the broader picture, there's not much evidence that a particular president is going to affect the overall return of your investment portfolio. As mentioned

ASK THE EXPERT

By Edward Jones

above, many factors -- corporate earnings, interest rates, foreign affairs, even natural disasters -- can and will influence the financial markets. But in evaluating a president's potential effect on your investments, you also need to consider something else: Our political system does not readily accommodate radical restructuring of any kind. So it's difficult for any president to implement huge policy shifts -- and that's actually good for the financial markets, which, by their nature, dislike uncertainty, chaos and big changes.

The bottom line? From your viewpoint as an investor, don't worry too much about what happens in November. Instead, follow these investment strategies:

- Stay invested. If you stop investing when the market is down in an effort to cut your losses, you may miss the opportunity to participate in the next rally -- and the

early stages of a rally are typically when the biggest gains occur.

- Diversify. By spreading your dollars among an array of investments, such as stocks, bonds and other investments, you can help reduce the possibility of your portfolio taking a big hit if a market downturn primarily affected just one type of financial asset. Keep in mind though, that diversification can't guarantee profits or protect against all losses.

- Stay within your risk tolerance. Investing always involves risk, but you'll probably be more successful (and less stressed out) if you don't stray beyond your individual risk tolerance. At the same time, if you invest too conservatively, you might not achieve the growth potential you need to reach your goals. So you will need to strike an appropriate balance.

- Forget about chasing "hot" stocks. Many so-called "experts" encourage people to invest in today's "hot" stocks. But by the time you hear about them, these stocks -- if they were ever "hot" to begin with -- have probably already cooled off. More importantly, they might not have been suitable for your needs, anyway. In any case, there's really no "short cut" to investment success.

Elections -- and even presidents -- come and go. But when you "vote" for solid investment moves, you can help yourself make progress toward your financial goals.

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For 15 years, Lake Houston United Methodist Church in Huffman has been home to a large Pumpkin Patch throughout the month of October. Each year, LHUMC members and friends volunteer to unload over one thousand pumpkins from the arriving truck. It is a fun, church-wide event that young and old can participate in setting up the Patch. Once the Patch opens, folks come from all over to pick out their perfect holiday pumpkins of all sizes and varieties. The Pumpkin Patch will open Monday, October 3, and stay open through Monday, October 31. The patch is open daily (M-F 3pm-dusk/7pm, Sat. 9am-dusk/7pm, Sun. noon-dusk/7pm). Patrons are invited to bring their cameras for fun fall photo opportunities. Lake Houston UMC is located at 23606 FM 2100 in Huffman. For more information, contact the church office at 281-324-1541 or visit online at www.lakehoustonumc.com.



Church member, Les Gardner, helps move the pumpkins to their place in the patch.



Frank Coats, Pastor of LHUMC, and wife, Brenda, display their favorite pumpkins.

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BIDDY BITS
By Danny Biddy

Auto Reply

I email my sermon points and scripture to our tech team so it can be put on the screens while I am preaching. There have been times the email failed to go through and I would not know it until I got to the church. To make sure it was received, tech team member Jeff set up an auto reply back to my email. Now, I always know.

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Danny R. Biddy,
Pastor of the Church on
Old River since 1977.

OBITUARIES

Ruby Loraine Fain



Ruby Loraine Fain, 69, of Shepherd, Texas passed away on Tuesday, August 9, 2016. She was born on Sunday, September 1, 1946 in Channelview, Texas to Jesse Cecil Soffes and Velma Irene Simmons, both of whom have preceded her in death. Ruby was also preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, Donald Fain.

Left to cherish her memory are her loving daughters, Laura Salyer and husband Clint, Charlotte A. Hood and husband Mike; brother, Jimmy Soffes and wife Maxine; sister, Rinnie Richey and husband Willard; grandchildren, Christopher Forrest, Monika Forrest and Brendan Hood; great-grandchild, Alex Nathaniel Forrest and her "furry angels"; numerous other loving family and treasured friends.

Funeral Services were held at Neal Funeral

Home on Saturday, August 13, 2016 at Neal Funeral Home in Cleveland, TX with interment at San Jacinto Memorial Park Cemetery in Channelview, TX. Services were officiated by Brother Troy Moore. The family has asked that memorials be made to Habitat for Humanity (San Jacinto County), the American Liver Foundation, or your local animal rescue organization.

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2016 Property Tax Rates in Harris County Emergency Service District No. 60

This notice concerns the 2016 property tax rates for Harris County Emergency Service District No. 60. 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	\$2,445,766			
Last year's debt taxes	\$0			
Last year's total taxes	\$2,445,766			
Last year's tax base	\$4,891,532,000			
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.050000/\$100			
This year's effective tax rate:				
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$2,443,386			
+This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$4,545,039,396			
=This year's effective tax rate	\$0.053759/\$100			
(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)				
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)	\$2,443,386			
+This year's adjusted tax base	\$4,545,039,396			
=This year's effective operating rate	\$0.053759/\$100			
x 1.08=this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.058059/\$100			
+ This year's debt rate	\$0/\$100			
= This year's total rollback rate	\$0.058059/\$100			
Statement of Increase/Decrease				
If Harris County Emergency Service District No. 60 adopts a 2016 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.053759 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2015 taxes by \$156,014.				
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			
Maintenance and Operations Fund	\$8,110,000			
Schedule B - 2016 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
	0	0	0	0
Total required for 2016 debt service				\$0
- 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 2016				\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2016				\$0
= Total debt levy				\$0
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: 09/13/2016				

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Leviticus 19:32

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LETTER

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

On May 21, 2017, the staff and parents of North Shore Senior High School will sponsor its Annual Project Graduation. Due to the alarming number of alcohol and drug-related deaths that occur following commencement ceremonies nationwide, Project Graduation has become a vital tradition at our school. The Objective of Project Graduation is to promote a safe, substance-free environment on graduation night.

Students will experience a fun-filled, well supervised all-night celebration. A highlight of the evening will be the continual drawing of door prizes and a drawing of (2) \$500.00 Educational Scholarships provided by the project committee.

Because school funds cannot be used for this after graduation party, the substantial cost must come from private and corporate donations. To be able to offer this incentive, we are asking all merchants, service

organizations, food establishments, churches, and corporations, etc. to help us by donating to our worthy cause.

We have a lot to work to do before then. We know you will want to be involved in this great Graduation gift. If you wish to support their worthy cause, please make your tax deductible check Payable to North Shore Senior High School Project Graduation, and mail to:

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Thank you for your interest and concern for the well-being of today's youth. After-all, "It Takes a Village" to raise a child!

Sincerely,
Joe Coleman, Ed. D.
Principal, North Shore Senior High School

Family Learning Space opening at North Channel Library on October 1st

The North Channel Library will be unveiling their new Family Learning Space this Saturday at 11 am.

Thanks to generous funding by the North Shore Rotary Club, the North Channel Library Family Learning Space will be an area in the children's department focused on encouraging early literacy through play. The development of language and literacy skills begins at birth and children develop much of their capacity for learning in the first three years of life. During this time, we can stimulate a young child's brain not only through reading with them, but also by providing opportunities for unstructured and dramatic play with materials such as blocks, puppets and more.

The Family Learning Space will provide an inviting area in the library to focus on these early literacy steps with children and their caregivers.

The community to join the library on Saturday for the unveiling or any time the library is open to enjoy the new area. The North Channel Library is located at 15741 Wallisville Rd, Houston, TX 77059 and their phone number is 281-457-1631.

B. H. Hamblen Scholarship Golf Tournament

The Channelview ISD Education Foundation is still seeking teams and sponsors to participate in the 19th Annual B. H. Hamblen Scholarship Golf Tournament on October 10 at the River Terrace Golf Club.

Through the event, the Foundation 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.

Registration and sponsorship information for the four-player scramble is available on the Foundation website at www.cvisd.org/foundation.

For additional information about playing in the tournament, or to become a sponsor, please contact Fred Hubbard, 281-960-3714, Jimmy Smith, 281-960-3714 or William Jennings, 281-860-3803 or Darcy Blackstock, 281-452-8008.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Revival

The Bible Missionary Church in Jacinto City will be conducting Revival Services beginning: September 23 through October 2, 2016 nightly at 7:00 pm nightly. Sunday at 10:45 am and 6:00 pm. Evangelist will be Rev. Don Egbert Jr. of Austin, Arkansas. Rev. Egbert is a Elder and Pastor on the Bible Missionary Church. All are welcome!!

Cruisin' for the Cause

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

Pilot Club Spaghetti Dinner

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

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

Annual B.H. Hamblen Scholarship Golf Tournament

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

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

-Friday, Sep. 30, Clases de Inglés Usando Mango, 1 pm.

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 713-673-3237.

Galena Park Library Programs

-Saturday, Oct. 1, Golden Classics Movies, 2 pm.
-Wednesday, Oct. 5, Computación Basica, 10:15 am; Computer Basics, 1 pm; Get Active, 4 pm.
-Wednesday, Oct. 5, Toddler Time, 10:30 am; Story Time, 11:30 am.
-Thursday, Oct. 6, Kid's Creations, 4 pm.
-Friday, Oct. 7, Nutrition Classes, 4 pm.
-Saturday, Oct. 8, Family Games, 3 pm.

Galena Park Library's Nutrition Class

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

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

If you have any questions please call 713-450-0982.

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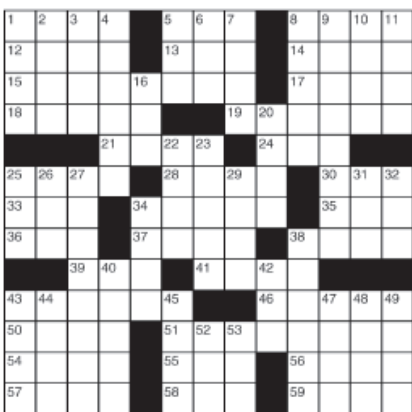
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- 34 Memoranda
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- 46 Say
- 50 Tosses in
- 51 Too young
- 54 Mob scene



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COMMUNITY PAGE

Oct. 11 deadline to register to vote for the Nov. 8th Election

Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector Mike Sullivan reminds citizens that October 11, 2016 is the last day to register to vote for the November 8th General Election.

"Registering to vote is easy and it ensures your voice is heard in the community," said Tax Assessor-Collector Mike Sullivan. "You can register to vote at any local library, post office or Tax Assessor-Collector office branch location. Voter registration applications must be received by my office or postmarked by October 11, 2016 for the applicant to be eligible to vote in the 2016 General Election."

If a registered voter has

moved within Harris County or had their name changed, they can update their voter registration information by visiting www.hctax.net and clicking on the Name/Address Change button under the Voter Registration tab.

"Since I took office, we expanded our voter registration outreach efforts in Harris County," said Sullivan. "We hosted numerous voter registration drives at local high schools, the monthly US Naturalization Ceremonies and even local businesses whose employees have relocated. In addition, we work with multiple community organizations to host volunteer deputy voter registrar trainings. These

volunteers are incredibly important, as they help register voters and submit applications to our office."

Currently, Harris County has more than 2.1 million registered voters. Residents may check their voter registration status at www.hctax.net or they can call 713-274-8200 or email voters@hctx.net if they have questions.

Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector Mike Sullivan also serves as the Harris County Voter Registrar, which conducts voter registration activities and maintains a certified list of registered voters. Learn more about voter registration and the requirements by visiting www.hctax.net.

Harris County Commissioners authorize Astrodome revitalization

Approve \$105 Million Plan To Raise Floor, Add Parking and Save Iconic Structure

Harris County Commissioners Court voted unanimously today to preserve and revitalize one of the most famous buildings in the United States, agreeing on a \$105 million plan to raise the Astrodome floor, provide two levels of underground parking and convert the building's 550,000 square feet into useable public space.

Court members unanimously authorized the Office of the County Engineer to spend \$10.5 million on the plan's initial engineering and architectural phase.

The vote was a landmark step in preserving the Astrodome, the first ever indoor baseball stadium and home to some of the nation's most memorable sports and entertainment events. The next step will be to present the plan to the Texas Historical Commission, which must approve any substantive alterations to the 51-year-old county-owned structure.

Under the plan approved today, the county will spend \$105 million to



raise the Astrodome floor 30 feet to ground level and install 1,400 underground parking spaces. Numerous studies and recommendations have shown that elevating the floor to ground level vastly improves accessibility and the ability to redevelop and use the Dome's interior, and the increased parking will generate more revenue for that redevelopment.

The county will spend a maximum of \$35 million from the general fund on the development. The remaining \$70 million will come from hotel occupancy tax and parking revenue. The taxpayers' share may be lowered even further through tax incre-

ment reinvestment zone (TIRZ) and lease revenue, as well as historical tax credits - meaning their cost to save the Astrodome would be even less than the \$35 million estimated demolition cost.

"The Astrodome's days of sitting idle and abandoned are over," said County Judge Ed Emmett. "Instead, Harris County's most recognized building will again be proud and useful - as host to thousands of area residents attending a variety of business and community events. Hundreds of people worked very hard to see that happen, and I'm proud that this day has finally arrived."

San Jacinto River Clean Up,

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date of the public meeting. After the public comment period has ended, EPA will carefully consider and prepare a response to the comments, and announce the selection of the final remedy. EPA may select a different alternative or a modified version of the preferred remedy based on new information or public comments.

The proposed plan presents a summary of the risks associated with the hazardous substances at the site, including dioxins and furans; a summary of remedial alternatives; and the preferred remedy to address the contamination at the site. EPA has also released its administrative record, which consists of all the 800-900 documents used to support its pre-

ferred remedy.

Specifically, the preferred remedy calls for a \$87 million cleanup to remove an estimated 152,000 cubic yards of materials exceeding EPA's public health-based cleanup levels, install institutional controls, and monitor the natural recovery for the northern impoundment; and a \$9.9 million cleanup to remove an additional 50,000 cubic yards of materials for off-site disposal of waste materials from the southern impoundment.

The San Jacinto waste pits site consists of impoundments dug near the San Jacinto River in the 1960s to hold toxic waste from a paper mill. EPA added the site to the National Priorities List of Su-

perfund sites in 2008, after testing revealed contamination from dioxins and furans near the waste pits. EPA is the lead agency for addressing the site and cleaning up the contamination, with support from several state partners and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

More information about the proposed plan is available at <https://www.epa.gov/tx/sjrw>

Public Comments can be presented at the public meeting or submitted during the public comment period from September 29, 2016, through November 28, 2016 by online form, email or USPS. Online: www.epa.gov/tx/forms/sjrw-p-comments Email: R6_San_Jacinto_Waste_Pits_Comments@epa.gov.

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try sector, the fact remains that businesses that are members of their local chamber garner greater consumer credibility, trust, and loyalty than those that are not affiliated with the local chamber of commerce.

Taking this notion a step further, the study found that the greater the level of involvement of the company in the local chamber (i.e. serving on the

board, sponsoring events, etc.) the greater the benefits. A company that is highly involved with its local chamber sees that consumers are 10 percent more likely to think that its products stack up better against its competition and 19 percent are more likely to think favorably of the company in general.

Businesses large and small are always on the watch to ensure they are

investing wisely and engaging in organizations and activities that are both productive and yield a good return. In short, membership in the chamber is not a luxury item; it is an absolute necessity for all businesses seeking to navigate highly competitive marketplace and sometimes difficult economic waters. Chamber membership gives business a competitive edge in their daily work." You can help us reach our goal by referring a new member. Help us grow a bigger and better Chamber!

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